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Ludacris tickets available for purchase online today

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Starting today, tickets for the 2010 Homecoming performance featuring hip-hop artists Ludacris, Big Sean and Rudy Currence will be available for purchase online.

Student tickets are priced at \$15 apiece, allowing one guest ticket per person, and general public/guest tickets are \$30. The lower level of the Minges Coliseum is permitted for ECU students only, restricting the general public/guests to sit anywhere above.

Tickets are still being sold from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Central Ticket Office, which is located in the Mendenhall Student Center.

College freshmen looking for career advice now

Associated Press

As college freshmen nationwide continue exploring their campuses — finding dining halls, laundry rooms, bookstores and gyms — officials at many schools say the newbies are increasingly finding their way to career centers.

Once considered the place for panicked seniors to look for jobs ahead of graduation, college career offices are reporting dramatic hikes in use by first-year students looking for the earliest possible jump on the employment market.

“College is expensive and difficult ... probably the largest single investment that our students will ever make,” said John Kniering, career services director at the University of Hartford. “It seems natural that freshman year is not too early to start.”

Hartford has seen a 37 percent increase in freshman career counseling appointments since 2006, Kniering said.

Freshmen who are concerned by the nation's 9.6 percent unemployment rate and the prospect of repaying college loans don't want to squander tuition money on irrelevant coursework.

The so-called Millennial cohort is also filled with go-getters, said Nancy Dudak, director of the career center at Villanova University near Philadelphia.

“This generation of college students is used to being busy and having it all,” Dudak said. “They had really packed careers in high school. They just look to continue that intensity when they come to college.”

Career centers are also making a concerted effort to target first-years to ensure more relevant guidance and increase student retention. Duke University has seen a 33 percent increase over previous years in freshmen attendance at career center programs, due in part to outreach, said spokesman Chris Heltne.

Outreach is “a matter of self-defense” for career counselors, Kniering said.

Knowing students' skills and passions is important in an age where some professions can appear — think social media consultant — or disappear — think of the financial collapse — in the course of a college career. Encouraging early internships and coursework can help students find the right path without requiring extra classes and tuition money.

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The Pope family enjoys the Pirate football game on Saturday during the family weekend.

Pirate families enjoy CRW Family Weekend

Matt McLaughlin
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend, students and faculty may have seen even more purple and gold around campus than usual, as parents and siblings came to Greenville to take part in ECU's Family Weekend. ECU's Family Weekend, hosted by Campus Recreation and Wellness, is centered around bringing students and parents closer as the Pirate community continues to grow. This event gives students a chance to share ECU's community with their family members by participating in a wide variety of activities around campus.

Kicking the weekend off with “Paint it Purple Friday” the first day was packed with many different activities for Pirates of all ages. ECU held an open house for all who had come to attend the event. After that, the festivities began as Uptown Greenville hosted Freeboot Friday, where families could eat, relax and listen to live music. To add to the entertainment, ECU's College of Fine Arts and Communication organized an art exhibit called “Sight and Sounds of the Arts” to celebrate the arts. Then to wrap up the evening, parents and students were invited to come to a drive-in



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Chad Staradumsky and his parents after watching another Pirate football victory.

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Students and families 'drive-in' for outdoor movie

Olivia Krukowski
STAFF WRITER

Cars filled the parking lot at the bottom of College Hill Friday night as students and their parents gathered for a family weekend event to enjoy the classic American tradition of a drive-in movie.

Friday's feature was Tim Burton's rendition of Lewis Carroll's “Alice in Wonderland,” starring Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter and Anne Hathaway as the White Queen.

Not only were moviegoers arriving in their vehicles, students from all over campus brought blankets and chairs to relax in while enjoying the film.

Students were seen with their parents and younger siblings, reunited for a weekend filled with events coordinated especially for them. Music blasted from large speakers in anticipation of the event, and the crowd gathered, taking advantage of the close-by food and beverages on College Hill while the large blow-up screen was filled.

Alex Davis, the assistant director of Student Activities who coordinated the event, said, “It was something we thought would

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appeal to students and their families during family weekend. It is an outdoor event for participants to enjoy the time of the year. You don't see drive-ins much anymore, so it also gives students an opportunity to experience an original tradition, something their parents will remember from their younger days.”

Students whose parents were not attending the event came accompanied by their friends, including Chelsea Carlson, a junior majoring in special education, who said, “I think it is great that the Student Activity Board gives the option to students to go and do something with friends to stay out of trouble. Also, outdoor theatres are great because you can talk to your friends and make comments without disrupting the whole theatre. Although, if the event was at a better location, it may have been more successful because it appeals mainly to freshman who don't have cars nearby.”

New Pirate Danielle Kreh, a freshman majoring in nursing, thought the event was great for parents and students to enjoy together.

“It's cool to bring together the families in one place to watch a movie in a different setting other than the movie theatre with friends I just met,” Kreh said.

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SAT scores static, more students seek college

Associated Press

The average SAT score for college-bound North Carolina students was almost unchanged this year even though more took the most common entrance test, according to a report released Monday.

North Carolina's average total score on the SAT was 1485, just

one point off the total for the three-part exam of 1486 last year and four points below the 2008 mark of 1489.

The national average for students was 1509 on the test that combines separate scores for critical reading, mathematics and writing.

A writing section added to the test five years ago made the

maximum total score 2400.

Officials with the College Board, which administers the test, warned against reading too much into slight year-to-year movement. While there remains areas for improvement, more students are preparing to continue their educa-

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Popular legal herbal 'Spice' grows as pot alternative

Jamie Harper
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

K2, or “Spice,” the legal herb that mimics pot, is becoming increasingly popular with college crowds. Though still legal in many states, there are risks associated with its use that everyone should be aware of.

Many of its potential users think because it is currently legal that there are no problems to be concerned about. Besides the euphoric feeling that is experienced, there are also other side effects.

The compound used in K2 was invented in 1995 by Dr. John Huffman of Clemson University. Also known as Genie, Blaze, Red X Dawn and Zohai, the product is labeled and sold as incense but is not intended for human consumption.

The lab-made product has been sprayed or sprinkled with a synthetic compound that is similar to THC and therefore creates the same euphoric effects as pot when smoked.

People are confused by the fact that it is legal while marijuana is not. Seema Patel, a junior biology major, said, “If they both give you the same effects, then why isn't marijuana legal, too? If it gives the same euphoria, the legality should be the same.” Additionally, many are unaware of the harmful side effect of the herbal substance.

Reports of negative side effects associated with K2 are occurring and are possibly under-reported. According to USA Today, over 352 cases of negative side effects from use of the product nationwide have been reported. Those are only the reported cases requiring medical attention and do not include unreported cases or those where medical attention was not provided. Side effects reported include hallucinations, elevated heart rates, vomiting and seizures.

These side effects are not normal reactions to marijuana and at this time there is not enough data collected to determine the cardiovascular and central ner-

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Increasing tuition burdens many of ECU's students

Jennifer Soares
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students will pay a higher tuition for the 2010-2011 school year and should expect more increases for the years following. Educational costs have gone up \$390 and are expected to be even higher for next year.

Drastic budget cuts over the summer caused an 8 percent cut in funding for ECU and other state universities.

The North Carolina Senate met in June to discuss budget cuts and approved the plan to allow Universities to raise tuition. Out-of-State students' tuition has risen \$1,630 and next year, residents will see another \$263 increase in tuition.

“Out-of-state tuition is already extremely expensive for me and they're raising it even more,” said senior Alexis Headley. “Although this is my last year, my tuition has really hurt me financially.”

ECU's budget was cut by \$25 million this year in response to Gov. Bev Perdue's budget that was released in April. This was the same budget that cut UNC schools' budget. UNC Chapel Hill and NC State cut \$67 million and \$57 million respectively.

Over the past three years, ECU has faced \$90 million in total budget cuts. These cuts have come in non-academic areas according to Chancellor Steve Ballard.

Ballard stated in an address to the university, “The simple and compelling reason is that we will not sacrifice academic quality.”

Tuition has gone up about 2.5% in the past three years, and even though the increase seems drastic to most students, other schools in North Carolina who have had a 9% increase. ECU also has the lowest cost of attendance in the state and is considered significantly cheaper than NC State and Carolina.

“In the University of North Carolina system, tuition has increased on average 9% over this three-year period. Nationally, many public universities have seen much higher tuition increases. Tuition at California state universities will be 39% higher than just two years ago. In the Wisconsin system, increases over the last four years exceed 20%. Florida's state universities are allowed to increase tuition by 15% this year,” said Ballard.

“I pay in-state tuition and I did notice that my tuition went up this year,” said senior Angelica Nicholls. “If they were going to raise tuition they should have told students well ahead of time instead of during the start of the school year.”

According to the Chancellor, the money will replace the 10.8 million dollars that was cut by the legislature this past year. It will also help to keep normal class sizes, keep extra faculty, and maintain necessary academic services provided by the school.

This year, 75 students who

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Calendar Events

Tuesday, Sept. 14

"Dive!" 2010-11 Southern Circuit tour of Independent Filmmakers
8 p.m. at Jenkins Fine Arts Center – Speight Auditorium
Every year, Americans throw away 96 billion pounds of food. That's 263 million pounds a day ... 11 million pounds an hour ... 3,000 pounds per second. Inspired by a curiosity about our country's careless habit of sending food straight to landfills, the multi award-winning documentary "DIVE!" follows filmmaker Jeremy Seifert and friends as they dumpster dive in the back alleys and gated garbage receptacles of Los Angeles' supermarkets. Tickets are \$5.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

SAB's Laugh Out Loud Series Presents Derek Hughes
8 p.m. at Mendenhall's Hendrix Theatre.

SAB presents "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time"
9:30 p.m. at Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall

Uptown Umbrella Market
5 p.m. at Five Points Plaza.

Enjoy fresh produce, meats, homemade items, antiques, unique handcrafted artwork, live music and more.

English Country Dance classes

6 to 8 p.m. at ECU Student Recreation Center, room 238

English Country Dancing has been enjoyed by men and women of all ages for more than 300 years, and these classes will allow the ECU community to learn the steps.

Classes will be Sept. 15 through Oct. 13 and Oct. 27 through Dec. 1 in the ECU Student Recreation Center, room 238. Free to ECU students and Rec Center members; \$10 for others. No partners are necessary.

Thursday, Sept. 16

SAB presents "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time"
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall

CRW presents King & Queen of the Hall
4 p.m. at the bottom of College Hill

Friday, Sept. 17

Spacetalking with Astronauts Steve Nagel and Linda Godwin.
10 a.m. at Harvey Hall in the Murphy Center.
Free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Free refreshments at 9 a.m. Talk begins at 10 a.m. with Q&A to follow. Reserve free tickets online.

Jazz at Christine's

8 to 10 p.m. at The Hilton.

This School of Music event will feature jazz presented by university students and faculty members.

SAB presents "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time"

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall

7th Eastern N.C. Literary Homecoming

Homecoming theme "Contrasting Cultural Expressions: Perceptions of Place and Self" explores the impact of shared values and traditions on perceptions both of self and one's place in the larger global context. The schedule includes Pamela Duncan, Jim Grimsley, Josephine Humphreys, Alice Eley Jones, Michael Malone, Jill McCorkle, Margaret O'Connor, Carole Boston Weatherford and Michael White. Events are free (except the \$15 author luncheon) and open to the public.

ENEMY OF MINE (Band performance)

8 p.m. at Topsy Teapot

Cancer Benefit Concert

10 p.m. at Topsy Teapot.

Lonnie Walker, Gospel Years, Everyone! Together, Rebekah Todd and Anna Vaughn will be performing. Donations will be taken at the event.

Saturday, Sept. 18

"Nuclear Tipping Point" documentary screening

9 a.m. at Rivers West 105.

The World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina and the Security Studies Program in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences will be holding a free two-part event about nuclear weapons on Sept. 18 and 21.

SAB presents "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time"

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall

3rd Annual Run, Walk and Roll for Rehab

8:30 a.m. at Saint James Methodist Church

Cancer Benefit Concert Part II

10 p.m. at Topsy Teapot.

The Ethnographers, Every Single Lie, 2.5, Maf Maddix and the Fiends will be performing. Donations will be taken at the event.

Sunday, Sept. 19

Open Mic Night - Presented by Student Activities and Orgs and ENT

7 to 9 p.m. at the Underground in Mendenhall.

Acoustic & a capella music, poetry and spoken word performances welcome at this event. Walk-up performances are allowed.

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movie at the bottom of College Hill, where the CRW showed the newest "Alice in Wonderland" movie.

On Saturday and Sunday, ECU's Adventure Program coordinated morning paddling trips down the Tar River for families, launching their kayaks at the dock behind Town Commons. Kayakers spent about two to three hours out on the water, taking in the natural beauty of the river.

Brad Beggs, head of ECU's Adventure Program, was in charge of organizing the paddling trips. "We like to give the students, faculty and staff activities they can do with their families coming from out of town. We try to show them the natural areas around Greenville and the Tar River is a surprisingly beautiful place," said Beggs.

Although there were many different activities for parents and students over the weekend, the main event was the football game. In the hours before kickoff, both parents and students gathered in parking lots around campus to tailgate and prepare for the game. Some families from around the Greenville area came out to see their children and watch the game, while others like the Willard family came all the way from Massachusetts to visit their daughter Katie, who is starting her first year at ECU.

As the weekend came to a close, Sunday's activities included a brunch at the dining halls and ended with the 6th Annual Greenway Fun Day on North Ash Street. Parents and students were invited to come out to this event where the volunteer organizations like Friends of Greenville Greenways (FROGG) were out promoting the expansion of Greenville's Greenways. People browsed the booths set up in the fields and played cornhole, while others beat in rhythm with a drum circle.

Father and son Bob and R.J. Martin were just two of the many parents and students tailgating on Saturday. When asked what they thought about ECU's school spirit, Bob Martin replied, "It's like the whole town turns purple. These are real ECU fans. The grandparents and parents and students here put everything into supporting the Pirates."

R.J., a senior finance major, said, "We may not be the biggest school or the most well known, but we definitely have some of the most loyal fans around. It really shows when parents come back to go to a football game with their kids."

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vous system effects of the herbal drug's use.

As for the legality, that may change soon. Kansas was the first to ban the drug earlier this year, followed by Kentucky. Although the product is still legal in North Carolina and sold in many head shops in the area and online, six states have already outlawed the drug and six other states are considering making the drug illegal.

In addition to the physical repercussions, users of K2 need to be aware of the legal problems associated with the drug. Major Kevin Smeltzer of the Greenville Police Department explained that

"an officer can't tell the difference" between the legal synthetic pot and the real thing.

This can cause problems and confusion for officers. Since there is no way to tell the difference between the two drugs, a person may be charged with possession of marijuana.

These charges could have a legal impact for an extended period of time since results determining the origin of the substance would not come back from labs for "several months."

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cannot afford to pay tuition without any kind of help will receive \$5,000 dollars in scholarships from the university. The rest of the money will go to financial aid and help students who cannot afford to pay tuition.

"It is better to raise tuition, even by amounts that are too high and too rapid, than to compromise our

commitment to student success. That success requires great faculty, academic programs that are relevant and strong, and opportunities for students to be who they want to be," said Ballard.

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tion after high school, state schools superintendent June Atkinson said.

"We're hovering for the past couple of years in the same place, even with an increase in the number of people taking the SAT," Atkinson said.

The report showed 57,841 graduating seniors in North Carolina public and private schools took the SAT this year, more than any other

class in the state's history and an increase of 1,399 over two years ago.

Almost two out of three North Carolina students took the SAT this year, compared to almost half nationally.

The state's students averaged 511 on the math section of the SAT this year, unchanged from last year. The composite writing score of 477 was three points down from 2009,

while the average critical reading score rose two points to 497.

The state's combined score for math and critical reading has narrowed to 9 points from what was a 53-point gap with the rest of the country a decade ago. Only Colorado improved more over the decade among states in which the percentage of SAT-takers was more than 10 percent.

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graduation, often it's too late to make a significant difference," Kniering said.

The career center at Temple University in Philadelphia, which saw a 22 percent increase in use by freshmen last year, held its first event specifically for first-years in late August. Director Rachel Brown was expecting 50 students but got more than 300.

Some students came looking for immediate part-time jobs. But many curious freshmen crowded an area offering handouts, listed alphabetically by major, that were titled, "What can I do with this degree?"

Liz Decker, 18, of Lebanon, Pa., said she was a declared economics major but picked up sheets discussing possible careers in economics, law and business.

"I think there's more pressure now to find a job because there are so few," Decker said.

A survey by the Pennsylvania-based National Association of

Colleges and Employers showed 24.4 percent of 2010 graduates who applied for jobs actually had them. That's up from last year's figure of 19.7 percent, but way below the 2007 level of 51 percent.

Businesses are also interested in establishing relationships with freshmen to help identify top job and internship candidates as early as possible.

Jim Tutelman, a partner at the accounting firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers, will be recruiting at a career fair for new students at Temple's Fox School of Business last week.

Reaching out to freshmen builds a company's name recognition and familiarizes them with the variety of jobs available. PriceWaterhouseCoopers does more than audits and tax preparation, he said.

"There are many more opportunities in the public accounting profession," Tutelman said. "You don't necessarily have to be an

accounting major."

Temple's recent freshman event, which featured food and raffles, was also designed to get freshmen in the habit of coming to the career center, Brown said.

"Career stuff tends to feel heavy," Brown said. "What we're trying to do is demystify it, make it less heavy, make it fun. Then the conversations will continue."

Decker said she was surprised at how many students showed up. It made her think college might be more serious than she was anticipating.

"Freshman year is supposed to be fun," Decker said.

Her friend Lauren Faust, 18, also from Lebanon, expressed optimism about future job prospects. A lot can change by the time she graduates, said Faust.

"I think the economy will be better by then," she said.

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Ruffin McNeill 2-0, Skip Holtz 1-1...Go Pirates!!!

Your "boyfriend" is a jerk who uses you for money and sex. Can't you see that you deserve so much better?

This psycho b**** flipped out over something that happened on Facebook? Talk about not having a life...

Just because some girls take pride in the way they look doesn't mean they're dressing up for class or that they're freshmen.

Just because you have a boyfriend two hours away doesn't mean you should go home EVERY weekend.

To the guy in my history class: how obvious do I have to be? I would study with you any day!

To girls that wear skirts and dresses: please make sure they are long enough, I don't want to see your butt...I'm sure no one else does either!

To the guy that crushed my toes on the bus: I hate you! To the random guy that laid his head on my shoulder: I don't know who you are but you sure did smell good!

I love seeing all these hot girls with pink, purple, and blue hair.

To the girl in Wright Place Wednesday: how am I supposed to understand you when you mumble? I mean I could have answered your question had you not gotten an attitude over some caramelized onions. What are you...five-years-old? Hope you get food poisoning.

Dear Mr. Guy in my English class: having gauged ears, numerous/meaningless tattoos, and a smart a** mouth does not mean you are a bad a**! Get a life.

To the girl that "snuck" a single beer can into the game and sipped on it for over an hour: you're real cool. NOT!!!!

Smoking cigarettes in the bleachers at football games is cool...you must pick up so many girls that way.

To the guy and girl assigned to sit behind me during class: I would rather cut my own ears off than listen to you two flirt during the whole entire class. I'm glad the teacher freaked out on you.

I swear I saw Secret Agent 00 Squirrel outside 360 the other day. We have squirrels trying to take us down from the inside!

To anyone who I have scared by talking to myself and laughing maniacally and twitching: don't worry, I'm eccentric...not crazy. There's a difference.

I laugh when I see macho men going to see Twilight. Guess your girlfriend won that round.

I want to cover myself in glitter and run through the sunlight on campus screaming "I'm a vampire" just to see how many girls chase me.

I'm sorry about the bleachers falling. I totally called it and my friends now think I have voodoo powers of the skull.

So we are allowed to have fish, but we aren't allowed to have hermit crabs!

That's two nights in a row and no clown at midnight...that's the last time I pay my tuition!

I was sitting in chemistry today and saw the chemical formula PBr and immediately thought of Pabst Blue Ribbon... WEEKEND COME FASTER!!

I saw this girl get kicked off two different Pcove buses in 15 minutes because there were too many people...this is an issue.

Oh the joys of public speaking



Abby Brockmeyer
OPINION COLUMNIST

What beautiful days we are having here on campus when the sun is almost always shining and the football games have begun. The campus looks beautiful... but don't forget the "preacher" on the mall likes to shout that people are condemned to hell. A couple of days ago, this man decided to call me out (yet again) on campus for being a sinful person and decided to tell me that I am heading straight downhill in life.

If you haven't already met this sweet man, he sets up his hate-fest right in front of the cupola in the center of the mall on the main grounds of campus. If you haven't heard his frequent diatribes, they revolve around harassment of any person walking past him on their way to class. He centers his "sermons" around explaining to anyone that will listen that they are sinful beings and should be ashamed of themselves.

This man is not even demonstrating the ideals that he is shouting and is probably embarrassing the real Christians that hear him. While basic Christianity teaches anyone the Ten Commandments and exemplifies such ideals such as, "love your neighbor," this man betrays those thoughts.

Although I believe he does call out anyone who happens to be walking past him, he seems to have a particular fondness for calling out girls; in particular, sorority girls. Instead of the constant ridicule this man brings to our campus, why don't we have people come to our campus that are there to teach people calmly, rationally and only if someone asks about God. Any other religions as well can be taught better to students if they want to hear it.

I understand that this man is just out here to use his freedom of speech to stir any kind of reaction among the student body. I've seen him since my first year at ECU. What I don't understand is why I have to be called out at 10 o'clock in the morning because I'm wearing my sorority letters, and for participating in activities that "would make God shudder with inner turmoil."

If the reason to make comments to me is to cause a reaction, then he has succeeded. Not only do I feel his sermons are hateful, distasteful and rude, but I am perplexed as to why ECU continues to allow this horrible person to continue his "sermons" on this campus. I don't think that anyone who is heading to class to continue their education every morning should have to worry about getting called out for doing things that he has no idea if they even participate in.

Yes, freedom of speech is a wonderful thing to have in America; all people should be able to speak their minds any time that they want to. But has harassment been put on the back burner for this man? I think that at all of our ages, we should be able to act according to how we want to and not have to listen to what another random man has to say about our lives. Everywhere, people believe in different things, whether it be religion or not. But I don't see them screaming out what they believe in to anyone who's walking past them. Causing scenes every day on campus should not be considered a religious job. I think this man should preach what he wants at a real church where people can choose to go if they want to and not have to listen to it day after day on campus. In the meantime, he should follow his own advice and live a life that is free of judgment.

A Christian church located in Greenville, for instance, uses its public speaking law to embrace the diversities of every different culture and reach out to different cities and locations everywhere. Their mission is to help people learn about God in a way that doesn't force or single out a person for his or her own beliefs, but instead lends information easily to any person seeking it. This way of voicing a religion and one's opinions is opposite of this man who preaches on campus and the other people who are seen lurking downtown screaming at students who walk out of the bars.

This is not a way to get through to people, and while some might understand and even like the way that these people are choosing to push their beliefs, I would like to see a new way of reaching out.

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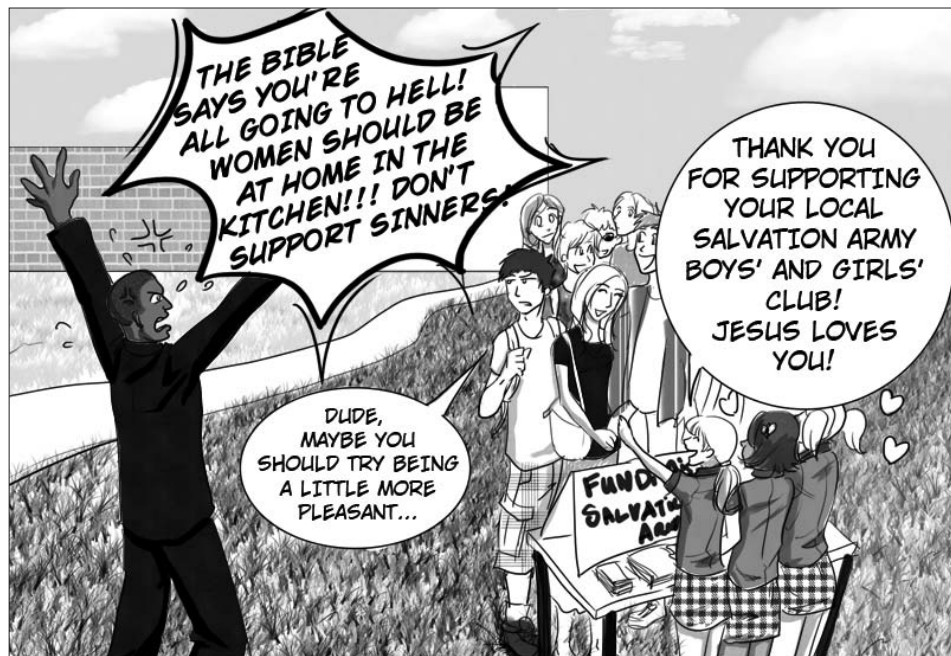
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Taking back Sunday



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

Sunday is an oft-overlooked day. And for good reason; not much can really be said about it. For most of us, it's a great day to sleep in after a long night of raucous partying. For a lot of us, it's a great day to go to a church and repent for the long night of raucous partying. I know I should be in that category, but in the words of the great musician Corey Smith, "Maybe next year." And for a good many of us, Sunday is a day to catch up on procrastinated studying.

With my course load, there is absolutely no way I can avoid studying on Sunday. And if you're anything like me, there's no way you can study in your apartment or dorm room. So Sunday becomes the day when I make my weekly pilgrimage to Joyner and pray to the gods of academia for concentration, focus and mercy on my upcoming tests.

I'm a bit of an early riser; I generally like to get my day started before noon. But if you

have any intentions of going to Joyner on a Sunday morning, you better plan to read a book outside by the wall that suffers from chronic seepage until the doors open. I'm not sure what that wall is supposed to be, but I think the artist has perfectly captured what the levees in New Orleans must have looked like during Katrina. Joyner's Sunday hours are from 12 p.m. to 2 a.m. Frankly, I find these hours to be limited. Don't get me wrong; Joyner is a great resource. But having such an amazing yet underutilized tool would be like having Ron Jeremy take a vow of celibacy.

The reason why I like to study on Sunday mornings is because it's quiet. I can actually accomplish a lot. This is in stark contrast to the rest of the week. Have you ever tried to study in the library on any given week-night? It's absolutely packed. The main floor is a veritable cacophony of kerfuffles. Sure, I could use one of the group study rooms to drown out the drone of my pathetic surroundings. But it's generally frowned upon to occupy group study rooms for individual use. Besides, there are only 35 rooms available. This means that at any given time, only 280 students can use group study rooms. Said differently: at any given time, 19,487 undergraduates cannot use group study rooms. Our

student population is grossly underserved by this figure. The last time I was this aware of such a glaring inadequacy was when my girlfriend mentioned something about my inability to return the favor. Whatever that means.

Granted, the other floors are not usually as noisy as the main floor. But Joyner isn't that big to begin with. According to the building information page that can be found from the ECU website, Joyner only has 66,347 square feet of assignable space. This might seem like a lot at first glance, but not when you compare it to the main libraries on other university campuses. D.H. Hill Library at N.C. State has almost 120,000 square feet. The Davis Library at UNC Chapel Hill has over 400,000 square feet. And, what's more, both N.C. State and UNC have at least half a dozen different libraries apiece. ECU has three.

ECU is the fastest-growing school within the UNC system. If we have any interest in retaining the talented students we work so hard to recruit, then we have to increase our library space. Until we do, ECU will continue to be regarded as the school more famous for its Playboy ranking than its Princeton Review standings.

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The Pirates are in good hands

With two Pirate victories, Pirate Nation can proudly say, Holtz who? There is no ill will toward Holtz here; it is clear that ECU is in good hands under McNeill.

It was a big drama on Jan. 14 when Head Coach Skip Holtz officially left his successful five-year rule and moved to the University of South Florida, leaving behind many disgruntled and worried Pirate fans. And who could blame them? Holtz was responsible for the 38-27 game record and helping the Pirates become Conference USA Champions twice consecutively.

In January, Holtz's replacement, Ruffin McNeill, a former defensive back (and assistant coach) for the Pirates and Texas Tech's defensive coordinator for 10 years, was announced as the new head coach. McNeill's resume was impressive, especially how he led ECU to the Southern Conference Championship in 1976 and the Independence Bowl in 1978. But changes

almost always bring skepticism. However, the Pirates seem to be doing just fine without Skip Holtz. Two wins, a Hail Mary play winning the attention of ESPN and new quarterback Dominique Davis have Pirate fans itching for more.

The fact that the Pirates are undefeated is just a bonus because the team seems united. McNeill has kicked off or tamed troublemakers, which proves that he is serious about working on the image of the team inside and out. Although we would have loved to believe that Holtz wanted to make a career out of ECU, new personal career paths can influence the importance of Pirate pride.

McNeill plans on being at ECU as long as the program wants him.

"This is my destination job. Let's get that out front right now and make sure that's very clear. This is not a stepping-stone hop for Ruff. This is where I want to

be until you all take me away from here. You'll have to drag me away," said McNeill at his first press conference.

McNeill puts a lot of time into working with the media, the fans and primarily his players. If asked about any of the players, McNeill describes them as individuals who happen to make up a team.

The real test starts this coming week, when the Pirates hit the road for four weeks with games against Virginia Tech, UNC and Southern Miss. All three of these teams will be a much bigger challenge for ECU than the previous two teams.

Despite the odds and possible reality that ECU will drop at least one of these road games, McNeill whole-heartedly believes "his boys" can beat anybody.

For right now, McNeill and the Pirates are on the rise! Ruff'em up, Pirates.

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DID YOU KNOW?

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The cheetah can reach a speed of up to 45 miles per hour in only two seconds.

Running in short bursts, the cheetah can reach a speed of 62 miles per hour.

There is no single cat called the panther. The name is commonly applied to the leopard, but it is also used to refer to the puma and the jaguar. A black panther is really a black leopard.

Belize is the only country in the world with a jaguar reserve.

Jaguars are scared of dogs.

Cats have more than 100 vocal sounds, while dogs only have about 10.

The domestic cat is the only species able to hold its tail vertically while walking. Wild cats hold their tails horizontally or tucked between their legs while walking.

Despite its reputation for being finicky, the average cat consumes about 130,000 calories a year, nearly 20 times its own weight in food and the same amount again in liquids.

Cats cannot survive on a vegetarian diet.

Kittens are born both blind and deaf, but the vibration of their mother's purring is a physical signal that the kittens can feel – it acts like a homing device, signaling them to nurse.

Kittens can clock an amazing 31 miles per hour at full speed and can cover about three times their body length per leap.

Tigers have stripes to help them hide in the rain forest undergrowth. The black and gold stripes break up the outline of the tiger's body, making it very hard to see.

Tiger cubs are born blind and weigh only about two to three pounds, depending on the subspecies. They live on milk for six to eight weeks before the female begins taking them to hunt to feed.

Tigers have fully developed canines by 16 months of age, but they do not begin making their own kills until about 18 months of age.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

Between 1902 and 1907, the same tiger killed 436 people in India.

Due to a retinal adaptation that reflects light to the retina, the night vision of tigers is six times better than that of humans.

The two best-known cat noises are roaring and purring. Only four species can roar, but they don't purr: lions, leopards, tigers and jaguars.

Lions are the only truly social cat species, and usually every female in a pride, ranging from five to 30 individuals, is closely related.

Lions sleep up to 20 hours a day.

It is the female lion who does more than 90 percent of the hunting, while the male is afraid to risk his life, or simply prefers to rest.

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Purple and gold outfits are on display in many local boutiques, such as Whimsy.

Lynsey Horn
STAFF WRITER

Every year, Pirate fans wait in excitement and anticipation for football season to start. They just cannot get enough of the fight song, purple haze, tailgating, that football atmosphere and... purple and gold football fashion.

Fans plan what they're going to wear to football games sometimes weeks or even months in advance. Finding the perfect dress, T-shirt or body paint is a big deal.

One very popular game-day item is purple and gold Jack Rogers sandals. Jacks, as they are lovingly referred to by wearers, are popular for everyday attire, but on game days those specially ordered, Pirate-colored, ECU fashionista must-haves show up all over the tailgating fields.

"Purple and Gold Jack Rogers are in, come get yours before your size is gone!" tweeted Monkee's of Greenville clothing boutique on June 3, almost three months before school started.

To go with those purple and gold Jacks, true Pirate fans and fashion fans must have the perfect outfit to match.

Purple dresses are all the rage among female fans. Local boutiques put their Pirate colored dresses in the front window early in the summer in anticipation of Pirate fans buying them all. Whimsy is another clothing boutique with an item that sells out fast. They sold

a purple one-shoulder dress with a yellow bow on the shoulder that needed to be reordered before most people even knew they had them.

"I went to Whimsy because my friend showed me her adorable tailgating dress that I just had to have and they were completely sold out, but I will definitely be checking regularly for the next shipment," said Michelle Pirovato, a sophomore health promotion major and Pirate fan.

Dresses are not the only game-day attire seen in the Boneyard. One trend that is very popular, but maybe should not be, is the cut-up T-shirt. It can get pretty rowdy at games and pretty hot, depending on the weather, so a T-shirt is a great choice for staying comfortable and showing spirit. However, it's not such a great choice when the shirt is falling off, and instead of seeing Pirate spirit, you see Pirate bras and beer bellies.

Not that a T-shirt cannot be cut and tied into a whole new creative piece of attire. "Generation T: 108 Ways to Transform a T-Shirt," a book by Megan Nicolay, is proof of that. But a T-shirt turned tank top, halter, headband or even mini skirt is completely different than a ripped-up piece of fabric that will not stay on without constantly being pulled up. Just because the Boneyard is falling apart doesn't mean your outfit should.

As the weather gets cooler, the T-shirts and short dresses turn to

jackets and pants. How do fans keep that Pirate spirit showing in cool weather? The perfect Pirate accessory with the jacket that covers a transformed tee is a scarf. A purple and/or yellow scarf or even a scarf printed with ECU logos is a great way to show spirit. When all the right colored scarves have flown off the shelves, do not worry. Find a white scarf and tie-dye it ECU colors. Jewelry can be another great accessory for game days. Dowdy Student Stores, U.B.E. and some local stores sell adorable Pirate necklaces, earrings and bracelets.

Male Pirate fans do not have to worry about finding accessories for the cooler game days. They can keep rocking two of the most popular things for guys to wear to games: hats and critter pants. Ball caps work in any season and can be found in book stores, grocery stores, drug stores and the Pirate Stuff store on Evans Street. For those of you who don't know what critter pants are, they are the pants with logos all over them that are perfect for game days and can be found at Coffman's Menswear on Red Banks Road.

When getting dressed to impress for those Pirate game days, be sure to find a purple and gold outfit that shows off your spirit and your fashion sense.

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Art by Eddie Dominguez, Jose Galvez, and Peter Eversoll, who will be featured at the Art Without Borders show.

A new art exhibition highlights Hispanic culture

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Art without Borders is a new art exhibition designed to highlight Hispanic artists for Hispanic Heritage Month with several events free to ECU students. The exhibition will last from Sept. 20 to Nov. 5. Many different types of artists are participating in this exhibition, including sculptor Eddie Dominguez, photographer José Galvez, photographer and painter Peter Eversoll and the bands Tiempo Libre and Spam Allstars.

Jennifer Valko, an associate professor of Hispanic studies at ECU and one of the heads of the program, is proud to be able to bring an exhibition like this to ECU and the Greenville community.

She commented that in light of recent immigration debates in the U.S. it was "the perfect opportunity to showcase and celebrate the positive contributions made by members of the diverse Latino community at the local and national levels."

Valko went on to explain that it was a good opportunity to bring some Latino artists to campus

because it seemed that not much work was shown by them.

Our initial contacts were Eddie Dominguez and José Galvez, Valko said. From there we designed a series of activities we thought would be fun, involve the ECU community and engage the general public.

Lisa Beth Robinson, who is the administrative assistant to the director of the School of Art and Design and one of the heads of "Art without Borders," noted that there was a definite need for the contact with these artists and the program as a whole.

"I've lived in cities all of my life and I'm used to a heterogeneous community," she said. "I noticed that this community was more homogeneous and it ("Art without Borders") enriches the community."

Robinson went on to explain that she believes the exhibition can enhance people's cultural education.

"It should be part of an education," she said. "You [students] are here to learn and learning also happens outside of the classroom."

These events, which encourage learning in different settings, take place at various places on and off campus. "Art without Borders" has a partnership with the Greenville Museum of Art, where

both Eddie Dominguez and José Galvez's work will be displayed. However, Peter Eversoll's work will be featured in Joyner Library and the concerts will take place in Wright Auditorium on ECU's campus.

Though their work will be displayed at the Greenville Museum of Art, both Eddie Dominguez and José Galvez will come to campus to talk about their work during the time that the exhibition takes place.

Valko also noted that storytelling with take place in Joyner Library.

"ECU art education and Hispanic studies students will facilitate a bilingual storytime and art workshop for children; the books selected feature childhoods of Latino role models," she said.

Both Valko and Robinson are excited for this exhibition to take place, and Valko noted, "This is the first time such an ambitious program has taken place, so we're hoping we'll get a great response."

To learn more about "Art without Borders," visit blog.ecu.edu/sites/artwithoutborders and read about the various artists and events taking place throughout the next couple of months.

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ECU's FoodMASTER hopes to win Pepsi Refresh Project



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ECU's FoodMASTER program provides workbooks to local students.

Text 102642 to Pepsi to vote

Katey Warren
STAFF WRITER

The Pepsi Refresh Project is currently giving away millions of dollars in grants to ideas that will change the world, and ECU's FoodMASTER project is currently in the running.

Since the FoodMASTER project is among 1,140 ideas competing for the Pepsi grants, the director of the program is seeking the support and votes of ECU students.

"We need a big boost from people in the community," said Melani Duffrin, associate professor of nutrition at ECU and creator of the FoodMASTER program. "And we need people to actively get out there and vote."

The FoodMASTER project aims to teach math, science and nutrition to elementary students by using food as the main learning tool. Ever since Duffrin began the program in 1999, FoodMASTER has attained several achievements, including winning multiple grants and producing a workbook for both students and teachers.

Though previous grants that FoodMASTER has won have allowed Duffrin to hire a staff of ECU students, mainly nutrition and education majors, to help expand and develop the project, they have a different plan for the grant money they may win through the Pepsi Refresh Project.

The grant would allow the FoodMASTER program to work in affiliation with A Time for Science, a nature and science-learning center located in Ayden, N.C. This learning center, which was developed by Dr. John Bray and Nancy Bray, offers hands-on science activities based on agriculture, horticulture, astronomy, entomology, garden-to-table cooking, biology, soil and water conservation and more. "Our main goal is to be able to provide more science education in Eastern North Carolina," Duffrin said. "In a rural community, kids don't have access to science resources like they do in other areas."

Winning a grant from the Pepsi Refresh Project would also help Duffrin's program provide

a speaker's bureau of scientists at ECU to local elementary schools. According to Duffrin, this would allow elementary teachers to use scientists that are staff members at ECU as learning tools or guest speakers in their classrooms. Teachers would simply have to call ECU's campus and FoodMASTER would work with that teacher to provide a knowledgeable speaker when needed.

Currently, Duffrin's program is in its first funding phase, which is focusing on development of the multimedia FoodMASTER Intermediate curriculum and investigation of its impact. This year, it is implemented in 10 schools in North Carolina and Ohio. FoodMASTER's partner teachers are currently running the program in their classrooms, basing their lesson plans on activities provided by the FoodMASTER workbooks and CD-ROMs. The first activity book produced by the FoodMASTER program engages students in grades 3-5 in activities centered on math, science and nutrition curriculums. These activities include exploring foods, cooking, eating and problem solving.

"We've received great comments and feedback not only from teachers, but also from nutritionists, health dietitians and students," Duffrin said. "The fact that we're getting more well known and teachers are using our resources shows the progression our program is making."

The FoodMASTER program has the opportunity to win one of two \$250,000 grants offered by Pepsi, depending on the number of votes it receives before Sep. 30. Pepsi is also offering 10 \$50,000 grants, 10 \$25,000 grants and 10 \$5,000 grants.

To help the program's chances of winning the Pepsi Refresh Project grant, Duffrin is encouraging students and others in the Greenville community to vote online through the Pepsi Refresh Project website or by texting 102642 to Pepsi (73774). Votes may be submitted once a day per each phone or e-mail account.

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The Shortwave Society brings a new sound to Greenville

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STAFF WRITER

Playing for the first time in Greenville, The Shortwave Society, a Tennessee band that fuses elements from orchestral and electronic sounds, hopes to give fans a unique sound that they will enjoy.

This Thursday, the Shortwave Society will be performing live at The Topsy Teapot at 9:30 p.m. to continue their summer 2010 tour. They completed their first self-titled EP in spring 2009, and released their first LP, "Voyeur," in spring 2010.

The band was formed by brothers Grant and Curtis Geren along with Jason Day about six or seven years ago. "While my brother was going to school at University of Tennessee, he and I both found ourselves living in a communal house with several other music-minded students," explained Grant Geren, guitarist. "This environment eventually led to the three of us to begin a collaboration."

The three began writing material and playing together; however, "something always felt like it was missing," said Geren. They eventually met Sarah Hurd and Alexia Pantanizopoulos, who also attended the University of Tennessee. "Their playing brought certain qualities out of the music that we didn't even know were there," stated Geren.

All of the members of the Shortwave Society sing, and their vocal harmony is comparable to the Beatles and Brian Wilson. In combination with their tra-

ditional musical elements of the piano and guitar, the band uses the classical elements of the cello, flute and violin. Grant Geren plays acoustic and electric guitars; Curtis Geren plays an assortment of drums including the snare drum, Djembe, Pandeiro and other assorted percussion; Jason Day plays the keys; Sarah Hurd plays the violin, flute and Glockenspiel; and finally Alexia Pantanizopoulos plays the cello.

Although the band has been to North Carolina numerous times, this is their first visit to Greenville. "Being from Tennessee, it's hard not to feel a kinship with North Carolina," explained Geren. "Not only is it a beautiful and hospitable state, but we also have so many friends that we get to see when we come through. It's a part of the country that always feels like home to us." The band has played in Raleigh, Asheville, Durham, and New Bern, and they will continue their tour in Charlotte after they play in Greenville.

The Shortwave Society has not been signed, but their main priority is to just have fun doing what they love. "We always want it to be fun," explains Geren. "But we also take what we do very seriously. I don't think it should be about trying to be some huge famous band. The focus should always be on innovating the art form, and hopefully in the process make a decent living. That is really all I could hope for."

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Men's tennis begins 2010 play

The ECU men's tennis team opened the 2010 fall season over the weekend at the UNC-Wilmington Collegiate Tennis Invitational held at the Country Club of Landfall. The Pirates posted seven singles victories highlighted by a trip to the semifinals by freshman Mario Martinez and the quarterfinals by sophomore Massimo Mannino.

In his first collegiate match, Martinez defeated Charlotte's Hector Linares 6-2, 6-3 to advance into the semifinals before being beaten in straight sets. Mannino also opened the fall season with a straight sets victory, defeating David Calavera of Campbell 6-1, 6-2. He too was knocked out of the tournament in straight sets the next round.

After being defeated in the opening round of competition, freshman Joran Vliegen advanced to the consolation finals of Flight A with a pair of straight set wins. The consolation final was not contested as Vliegen compiled a 2-1 record over the weekend.

Fellow freshman Simon Escourrou also reached the consolation final of Flight B, where he defeated Jake Bowling of South Carolina 6-4, 4-6, 12-10. Escourrou posted a 2-1 mark during the three-day event.

ECU posted victories in the consolation doubles final of Flight A and B. The doubles tandem of Escourrou-Mannino defeated the ECU duo of Vliegen-Jaroslav Horvath in Flight A, while the team of Martinez-David Masciorini defeated the South Carolina combo of Bowling-Henry Walker in Flight B.

The Pirates will host the ECU Fall Shootout beginning Sept. 24.

They said it...

"My goal and purpose going into the game was to be professional, go about it in a business-like manner and take care of business. I wanted to focus on us, like we always will. It's never about the opponent, but to get the players to focus on themselves, our football team and make sure we get better. We can control that. We can control how hard we work, practice and prepare. We can do those kinds of things, and the kids did. I was very pleased with the win." — ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill

This week in Pirate sports

Thursday, Sept. 16
Soccer at UNC-Wilmington
7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17
Volleyball vs. Furman
7 p.m.

Cross-country at Wolfpack
Invite
All day

Saturday, Sept. 18
Football at Virginia Tech
1:30 p.m.

Volleyball at Georgetown
1 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Binghamton
4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 19
Soccer at William & Mary
2 p.m.

Men's golf vs. GolfWeek's
Conference Challenge
All day

SPORTS

Memphis leaves Greenville seeing Purple



Running back Jon Williams (left) breaks for the end zone, with Memphis defender Todd Washington (right) in hot pursuit. Williams rushed for a career-best 109 yards and one touchdown in ECU's 49-27 win.

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Dominique Davis threw for 244 yards and Jon Williams rushed for 109 to lead the Pirates to a 49-27 victory over the Memphis Tigers Saturday afternoon.

The typical spread offensive system is a scheme that relies heavily on a quarterback and his passing game, but what you're seeing through two games this season is not your typical spread offense. For the second-straight week, the Pirates were able to employ a balanced spread offense using both the run and the pass to light up a second-straight Conference USA opponent.

ECU used a balanced offensive attack and a swarming ball-hungry defense to overwhelm the Tigers from the start.

"I liked our rushing, offensively," ECU Coach Ruffin McNeill said. "We were able to pound the rock a little bit and have a good mixture for this offense."

Davis capped off his strong performance with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Michael Bowman with six minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, giving Davis his third passing touchdown on the day to go along with a pair of rushing scores.

While Davis played well for a second-straight game, the Pirates' running game continues to be the surprise of the first two contests.

Williams and Giavanni Ruffin combined for 132 yards on just 21 carries, giving ECU its second-straight game with over 170 yards rushing as a team. Coming into the season, many Pirate fans were under the impression that with a spread offense taking over that the running game would no longer be a focal point. But this coaching staff has realized the potential of these two running backs and their importance to the team is not missed by others.

"Jon Williams and Giavanni Ruffin are probably the two best players on the team right now," Davis said. "They are opening up the passing game right now."

ECU dominated early and often, scoring 28 points and forcing three Memphis turnovers in the first quarter. On the Pirates' first possession, Ruffin caught a pass from Davis on the right side, broke through numerous tackles and found his way into the end zone for his first touchdown of the season, giving the Pirates the early lead.

The Tigers were unable to get much going offensively throughout the ball game. Even though they gained over 400 yards of offense, most of those

yards came after the game was already decided, but Coach McNeill expressed frustration with his team for letting up on the throttle.

"I was disappointed with the second half and I think they were too," McNeill said. "Lincoln and I weren't pleased with that at all."

The ECU defense, which was destroyed by Tulsa's offense last week, played much better against Memphis, forcing three turnovers, all coming in the first quarter and all three resulting in touchdowns.

Defensive lineman Josh Smith recovered a fumble in the first. After the game, he spoke of the defensive improvements while also not being complacent.

"We played much better this week; we just couldn't be satisfied with 49 points," Smith said. "And we still can't be satisfied with 27 points."

Memphis, in an attempt to disrupt the Pirates' defense, used a version of a two-quarterback system. Smith started the game, but left after just two series and was replaced by Ryan Williams, who played the remainder of the first half and the majority of the second half.

Williams was able to create

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Bleacher blunder

OPINION



Lorianna Whitford
STAFF WRITER

ECU's first football game of 2010 was fueled by incredible energy from diehard Pirate fans. The scream of the crowd, the beauty of an upgraded stadium and the excitement of the game was so thrilling that even some of the bleachers in the Boneyard were inspired to join in on the fun and play their own game of dominos: not so nice for the spectators standing on them.

Bleachers can cause a ruckus.

It troubles me to know that my fellow Pirates went to Dowdy-Ficklen to enjoy a football game and ended up concrete diving. They could have stayed home and played ring around the rosy with the same outcome. Instead of singing, "Ring around the rosy, pocket full of posies, ashes to ashes, we all fall down!" we could remix it to the same rhythm, "Jumpin' on the bleachers, cheerin' for the Pirates, bleachers to bruises, we all fall down!" Different situation, similar outcome.

There is a brand of bleachers called the "tip and roll bleachers." We must have used that kind!

In all seriousness, safety of the students should be ECU and their affiliates' number one priority when preparing for an event. We all know that mistakes are often made, but it is a guarantee that people of all shapes and sizes will be standing and cheering on the bleachers. Shouldn't we be positive that they are capable of withstanding colossal amounts of impact? That should be the first thing you think of when installing bleachers for thousands of Pirate fans.

The bleachers were the buzz all around ECU last week. Stories of scratches and bruises acquired during the bleacher blunder floated around campus. As startling as the accident was, no one

seemed so scarred from the experience that they had to stay away from the games. After all, we're Pirates! We can handle it.

Senior business management major and bleacher victim Eric Billing took a tumble during the bleacher blunder and hurt his shoulder in the process. Nothing says fun like watching the game with your shoulder throbbing and arm in a sling.

He described what happened. "It was completely unexpected. We noticed the bleacher in front of ours coming loose so we told the people on it to be careful because it didn't look safe. Seconds after that we scored a touchdown and were jumping in excitement and the next thing I know, I'm three rows down, laying on my back and my shoulder was killing me. The bleacher completely ripped out of the concrete and everyone fell (about 10 people). The staff helped me out and brought me to the first aid tent."

Although Billing is still experiencing shoulder pain and is scheduled for an MRI this week, he is not bitter. "I'm not mad at all. I'm just glad no one got seriously injured. The designers of the new section just didn't take into account how much school spirit ECU has and how crazy we go at football games. I just hope it gets fixed soon and it can take the wear and tear of the purple and gold Pirates!"

The Boneyard was bleacher-free on Saturday during the game against Memphis. There was not enough time to ensure all of the bleachers would be safe for the Pirates to get rowdy in Dowdy so T.A. Loving contractors and ECU removed the bleachers.

Problem solved. I think they should leave the Boneyard without bleachers. It would be one less obstacle to fall off of, and you wouldn't have to worry about the bleachers playing dominos with the fans again. The large concrete steps provide a seat just as suitable as the bleachers and in the student section you stand the majority of the time anyway, so why would a bleacher be necessary? I suggest ECU save the money that would have been spent on safer bleachers

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Pirates defeat Wolfpack by 1-0 decision

Gratz scores third game-winner of the season

Chase Kroll
STAFF WRITER

A precious victory came for the ECU soccer team with the defeat of rival squad N.C. State 1-0. In the 62nd minute of the matchup, Chrissy Gratz made sure that the Pirates tasted that victory.

Gratz received the ball off of a pass into the box from Amanda Malkiewicz and handled the ball quickly about five yards out from goalkeeper Kim Kern, placing her shot above Kern's head and ultimately finding the back of the net, settling the game at 1-0.

Gratz's third game-winning goal of the season proved to be enough of an advantage to keep the Wolfpack at bay, in what was a back and forth battle all night.

N.C. State made a surge, possessing the ball and attacking aggressively for most of the final 10 minutes, but goalkeeper Christiane Cordero saved the two shots on target, totaling 11 saves in the contest.

In the first half of play, each team came out explosively, and the significance of the rivalry showed in each team's play.

"We wanted to try to go at them right away and I thought we did that," ECU Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth said. "I thought they settled down, too, and in that game there was a lot of momentum changes."

In the 29th minute, a yellow card was given to Pirate forward Kimmy Cummings, and she immediately responded with multiple scoring chances for ECU. The Wolfpack took quality shots of their own, but were handled skillfully by Cordero, which ended the first half tied



Forward Chrissy Gratz notched her third game-winning goal of the year with a close-range shot at the 62nd minute against N.C. State. The lone goal and solid defense proved enough in the Pirates' 1-0 win over the Wolfpack.

at zero.

"I think it was a true blood battle, and it always is versus them, and we came out with the win," Chrissy Gratz commented. "We have always tied them, last year in the fall and the spring, and it's great to finally get ahead."

Due to the win, the Pirates' all-time series record against N.C. State rose to 3-1-1.

ECU came into the contest following an overtime win over Niagara.

The Pirates didn't hold a single corner kick all night, to N.C. State's 11, and were outshot 19-11, but outstanding saves from Cordero and a remarkable defense allowed ECU to overcome those statistics.

Coach Donnenwirth clearly showed the same enthusiasm about ECU's defense.

"They (N.C. State) sent a lot of balls into the box and we knew that was coming," Donnenwirth said. "They have some pretty

dangerous players, especially Kara Blosser in the box, and Hali Oughton and Amanda Broz. I don't know how many balls they cleared out of the box for us. They were amazing today."

Coach Donnenwirth kept the win in perspective but applauded his team for their persistence.

"I think it was just a typical Pirate game for us. We're gonna battle. That's something I think we're known for. Those girls

really battled today. I thought they did a really good job," Donnenwirth said.

ECU leaves the game with a 4-2 record, while the Wolfpack fall to 4-3. The Pirates' next match is on the road against other in-state rival, UNC-Wilmington on Thursday, Sept. 16.

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SID

Volleyball remains winless after trip to Wake Forest

Staff Reports

The ECU volleyball team fell twice by 3-0 scores to West Virginia (11-25, 14-25, 26-28) and Wake Forest (10-25, 18-25, 22-25) to close out play at the Wake Forest Black/Gold Invitational. The Pirates dip to 0-9 overall with three non-conference matches remaining on the docket.

Against the Mountaineers, junior Amanda Lutzow recorded a team-high 11 kills to go along with one of ECU's two service aces. Senior Marina Gusman-Brown paced the defense with a match-best 16 digs as she owns 34 in her last two matches after picking up 18 in Friday's affair. Additionally, freshman Kasey Kavanaugh handed out 25 assists while redshirt sophomore Kelly Derby and Jackie Varnum racked up three blocks each.

The first set began with the Pirates and West Virginia trading points. However, the Mountaineers reeled off 13-straight points to take a 14-1 advantage, despite two timeouts from the ECU sideline. The Pirates closed the advantage slightly with a 10-6 run, which made the score 21-11, but two kills and two ECU attack errors helped West Virginia clinch the frame.

The Mountaineers raced ahead again in the second interval, scoring eight of the first 10 points. An 8-4 Pirate run, capped off by a Lutzow kill, brought ECU within four points at 14-10, but West Virginia regained a healthy lead by taking the next four rallies. The Pirates scored just three more

times in the set as the Mountaineers cruised to intermission up two sets to none.

ECU kept it close to begin the final set and with the score tied at eight, the Pirates went on a 4-1 run to establish a 12-9 advantage. The teams traded points until West Virginia called a timeout down 17-14. ECU led by two as late as 23-21, but the Mountaineers scored three-straight and took their first match point on a bad set by Kavanaugh. The Pirates fought off four match points but could not sustain the rally as a West Virginia block ended the match.

The Mountaineers held the advantage in hitting .273 to .080 and also bested ECU in digs 45-40. The Pirates did, however, out-block West Virginia 7.0-6.0.

The host Demon Deacons established a 10-3 lead at the beginning of the nightcap and did not look back, cruising to the 15-point margin of victory and taking a 1-0 match lead.

ECU edged ahead in the second set 7-6, but Wake Forest went on a 15-8 run to force the Pirates to take two timeouts. ECU would come no closer than six points the rest of the frame as the Deacons went into intermission ahead two sets to none.

An 8-2 run at the beginning of the third frame gave the Pirates a quick advantage, but Wake Forest rallied and tied the set at nine. ECU took a 15-13 lead on an ace from Shelby Beasley and kept in front as late as 22-21. However, the Deacons managed to capture the last four rallies and ended the match on a kill from Kadija



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ECU hitters Brittany Roper and Jackie Varnum stretch to make the double block on Liberty. The two juniors will aid the Pirates in their hunt for a win at the Georgetown Classic this weekend.

Fornah.

Britney Roper paced the offense with seven kills while Kavanaugh handed out 15 assists. Additionally, Nicole Jones picked up a team-best seven digs and

Varnum racked up five blocks.

Wake Forest ended up with the advantage offensively, outhitting the Pirates .237 to .032 and also had the better of things defensively, recording 45 digs to ECU's 29. The

Pirates did have the better of the blocking, owning the net with 8.5 as compared to 4.0 for the home team.

ECU will now travel to Washington, D.C., for its last nonconference tournament, taking part in the

Georgetown Classic. The Pirates open the event Friday, Sept. 17, against Furman at 7 p.m.

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Hard knocks: NFL week 1 in review

OPINION



Alex Serkes
STAFF WRITER

Pandemonium in the air, animosity in the crowd, a wall of smoke, a sea of black and gold jerseys — this is the sight of Drew Brees and the defending world champion New Orleans Saints rushing out of the tunnel in the Superdome on Thursday and the 2010 NFL season had finally commenced.

However, like the sound of an off-tune saxophone in a New Orleans jazz band, it didn't start so hot.

Despite the highlighted event of players on both sides coming out before the game and showing positive unity on the idea of a lockout in 2011, sloppy play and a low-scoring battle summed up the NFL's opening night in a rematch of last year's NFC championship game between the Saints and Vikings.

While the defenses clicked on all cylinders, two of 2010's most prolific quarterbacks, Favre and Brees, failed to deliver. The Saints ran away with it at the end, 14-9, but the game itself failed at its attempt of getting fans pumped up for the beginning of the season.

That failed attempt, however, was clearly negated on Sunday. A bevy of highlights, stories and last-minute nail biters, the NFL season got back on its feet and reminded all of us fans why we love the game.

The Indianapolis Colts got off to a rough start, hinting signs of becoming the eighth team in the past 10 years to fail to make the playoffs after having lost the Super Bowl the previous year. It also seemed as if old follies on defense had returned for the "boys in Indy," as Houston's Arian Foster had a field day going off for a team record 231 yards. The Colts' defense is looking like the Colts' defense circa 2005, which any Colt fan will tell you is not a



Washington Redskins' quarterback Donovan McNabb hands off to Clinton Portis in the second quarter as the Dallas Cowboys faced the Washington Redskins on Sunday. Washington went on to win 13-7 over Dallas.

pleasant thing.

If you're a casual onlooker watching a last-minute nail biter, you are filled with enthusiasm and excitement for having witnessed such an event.

If you are a diehard fan of one of the teams playing, you're ripping your hair out. Cowboys fans and Lions fans were most likely ripping their hair out, and then some. Detroit's Calvin Johnson hauled in a last-minute touchdown pass one-handed in a 19-14 contest against the Bears, but it was negated by officials who said Johnson never had control of the ball.

Replays would go on to show that the call was a mistake and the Lions should have won. Can the Lions just get a break?

The same cannot be said about the Cowboys as late game miscues by the offensive line and running backs plagued Dallas. With time expiring in the final

seconds of the fourth quarter, Dallas's right tackle Alex Barron, who coincidentally was in for the injured pro bowler Mark Colombo, put a neck hold on the Redskins' Brian Orakpo, negating Tony Romo's last-minute touchdown, resulting in a 13-7 win for the Redskins.

The loss was a tough pill to swallow, no matter what team you root for.

Light that shined on the bright beginnings for the Eagles, 49ers and Bengals was either quickly dimmed or completely put out Sunday.

The emergence of Philadelphia's Kevin Kolb was a complete disaster. However, the always-entertaining Michael Vick stepped in and almost single-handedly rallied the Eagles back before falling to the Packers 27-20.

Despite the preseason hype about the Bengals and Ochocinco's 159 receiving yards, the

Patriots put them down hard by a score of 38-24.

The 49ers also ran into a similar situation, being labeled as a shoe-in to take the NFC West with ease, but Pete Carroll and the Seahawks routed San Francisco 31-6.

The Titans' Chris Johnson quickly silenced his critics, who said he would come nowhere near putting up the numbers he did in 2010 with a 142-yard rushing day and a pair of touchdowns.

With week one in the books, the top dog awards go to Arian Foster of the Texans and Head Coach Pete Carroll of the Seahawks. A stellar rushing performance against a Super Bowl team and an amazing head coaching debut against a playoff-caliber team rounds out the first week of football.

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FOOTBALL continued from A5

some offense for his Tigers, throwing for 293 yards and three scores, including a 35-yard touchdown pass to Jerrell Rhodes that momentarily put the Tigers back within three scores of ECU.

The secondary for the Pirates continued to have its issues, but the defensive front hassled both quarterbacks, sacking them a total of five times.

"We got a lot more pressure with 4; we didn't have to bring 5 or 6 to get pressure," Smith said.

The Pirates notched their first defensive touchdown of the season on Memphis's first drive

of the game. Tiger quarterback Cannon Smith overthrew his intended target and safety Derek Blacknall returned it 46 yards down the right side for a touchdown interception.

ECU will go on the road for the first time next weekend when they travel to Blacksburg, Va., to take on a Virginia Tech team that will most definitely be hungry for a victory after starting the season 0-2.

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BLEACHERS continued from A5

and do something more beneficial with it like provide a cushion for the concrete or give students in need scholarships.

We should be thankful that there weren't any serious injuries when the bleachers unhinged. ECU and T.A. Loving contractors are working long and hard hours to solve the issue before the next home game. Hopefully, as fans, we will have all learned a lesson

from this situation. If the bleacher is 'a rockin'... Don't jump on it. I will admit that I feel a sense of pride knowing that the Pirates have school spirit strong enough to break bleachers. Keep up the enthusiasm, my fellow Pirates, but let's try to keep the rest of the season injury-free.

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Women's basketball releases schedule

Staff Reports

A rematch with the University of Maryland at Minges Coliseum, 15 home contests and a trip to Hawai'i help constitute the ECU women's basketball schedule, released by school officials Monday.

The Pirates play six of their first seven contests at home, beginning with an exhibition contest against Division II foe Mount Olive Nov. 6. ECU then opens the regular season Nov. 12 when American travels to Greenville. The Pirates defeated the Eagles in Washington, D.C., last year in a

tight 70-65 decision.

A road game at Western Carolina precedes a four-game home-stand in which ECU faces UNC Wilmington, Virginia Union, Maryland and Massachusetts. The latter two squads round out the field for the Pirates' annual Thanksgiving tournament as the contest against the Terrapins will be the second in as many seasons - the two programs met in the second round of the 2010 WNIT.

ECU hits the road for a pair of tilts Dec. 2 and 5 at Virginia Commonwealth and Charlotte, respectively, before returning to Greenville Dec. 8 to face defend-

ing MEAC champion Hampton. Non-conference play then comes to an end as ECU travels to Hawai'i for the Chevron Rainbow Wahine Classic (Dec. 20-21) and the Iowa State Cyclone Challenge (Dec. 29-30). In Hilo, the Pirates battle UCLA and the host Rainbow Wahine before squaring off against Florida A&M and Prairie View A&M at Iowa State's Hilton Coliseum just over a week later. ECU commences its 10th season of Conference USA play Jan. 6 at UTEP. The game marks the first time the Pirates play at the Don Haskins Center since the 2007-08 season. The league


eliminated a travel partner based schedule for the 2010-11 campaign, but ECU will still contest home-and-home series with East Division opponents while traveling to Tulane and Houston as well as hosting Rice, SMU and Tulsa.

The Pirates will make another trip to El Paso for the 2011 Conference USA Women's Basketball Championship March 9-12 at which the winner will receive the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. ECU last won the event in 2007, defeating SMU, UAB and Rice at the Reynolds Center in Tulsa, Okla.


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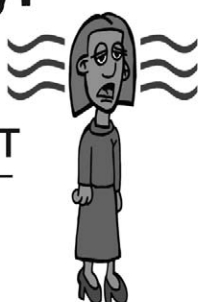
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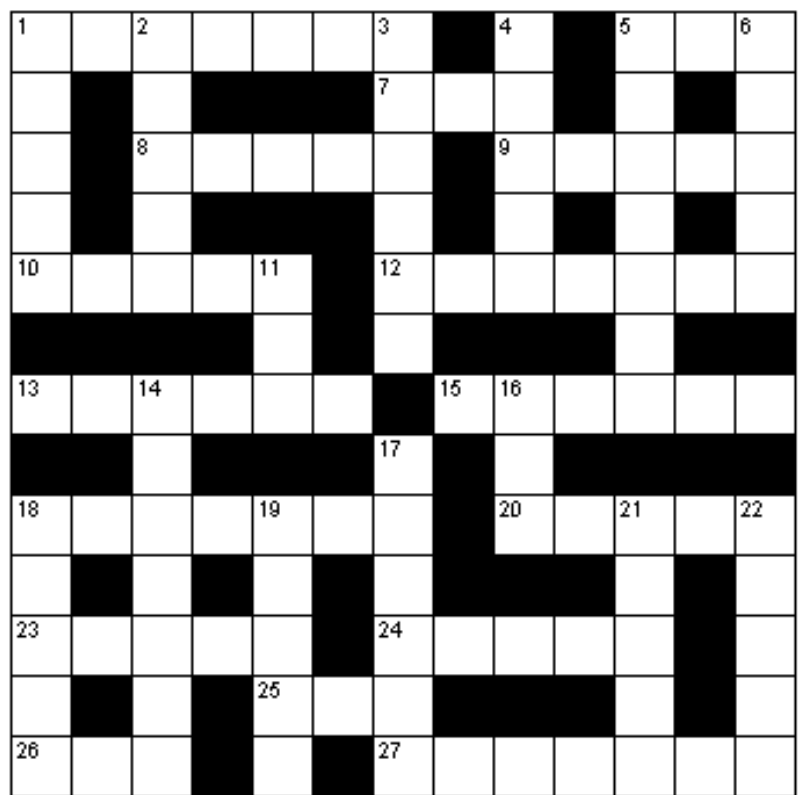
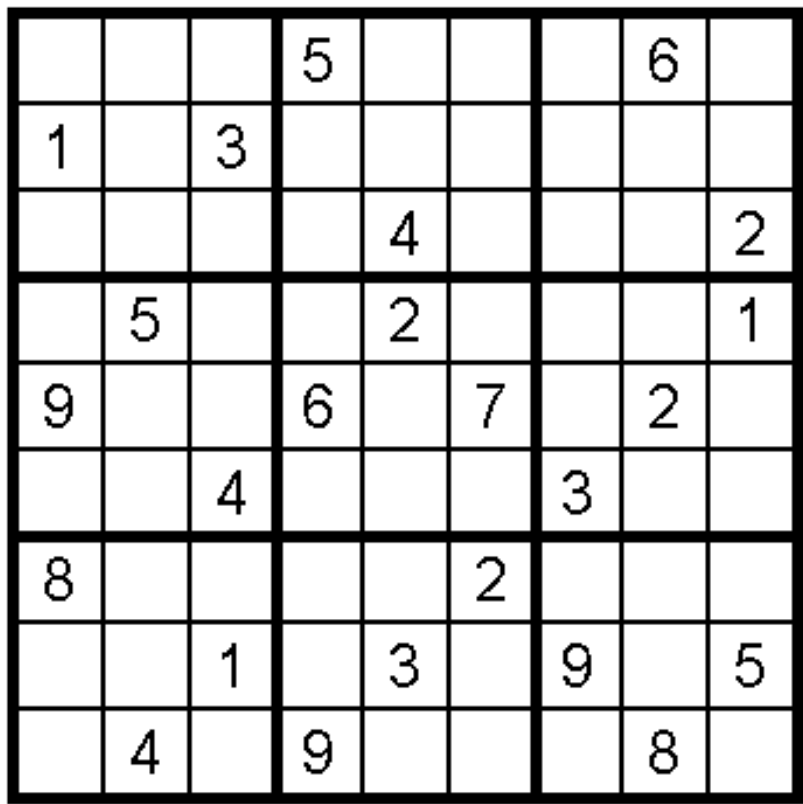
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- 10. ___ side up (5)
- 12. Lead by ___ (7)
- 13. Hands ___ the water (6)
- 15. One-armed ___ (6)
- 18. Like a well oiled ___ (7)
- 20. Heavy ___ (5)
- 23. ___ and effect (5)
- 24. ___ and Stripes (5)
- 25. ___ before beauty (3)
- 26. Are we there ___? (3)
- 27. Snakes and ___ (7)

Down

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- 2. A drop in the ___ (5)
- 3. Everything in the ___ is lovely (6)
- 4. ___ and fauna (5)
- 5. Hopped, ___ and jumped (7)
- 6. Variation on a ___ (5)
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- 16. We ___ to please (3)
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