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Three injured after downtown shooting

Staff Reports

Three people were injured during the early morning hours on Oct. 31 after a shooting occurred during a fight on East Third Street and Jarvis Street.

Two victims, 29-year-old Irene Rohrer and 19-year-old Alexander Laray, were both shot after getting into an argument with another group of people. A third victim, 32-year-old Nathaniel Jacob, was struck in the head with an unknown object. None of the victims were students at the university.

Jacob was treated for his injuries and released; however, the condition of the remaining victims has not been released. Police described the suspects as one black male and three white males who were wearing orange reflector vests.

If anyone has any information on this crime, please call the Greenville Police Department at 252-329-4315.

ECU asks that all students, faculty and staff travel in groups at night, stay in well-lit areas and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

Four flooded NC counties declared disaster area

Associated Press

Four North Carolina counties flooded by rains from Tropical Storm Nicole now have a disaster declaration from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Gov. Beverly Perdue's office announced Monday that Camden, Martin, New Hanover and Washington counties received the declaration.

Federal officials initially denied the request for the four counties on Oct. 19, saying those areas did not meet the minimal damage threshold. At Perdue's request, state emergency management officials worked with FEMA and local officials prior to submitting an appeal on Oct. 25.

The latest declaration means that residents in 14 eastern counties may now be eligible for federal financial assistance.

Zebulon man charged with 'wearing a mask in public' on Halloween

Associated Press

A North Carolina man faces charges of wearing a mask or hood in public after police arrested him on Halloween night and charged him under a rarely used old law designed to combat the Ku Klux Klan.

The News & Observer of Raleigh reports that 20-year-old Lawrence Marquell Rogers was cited for wearing a red bandanna that police say concealed everything but his eyes. He was then arrested when he donned the garment again. The Zebulon man was being held Monday in the Wake County jail on a \$7,500 bond.

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Water wall undergoes much needed maintenance to eliminate algae and other problems.

Water wall woes

Cameron Gupton
STAFF WRITER

The fountain in Sonic Plaza began to undergo some major cleaning last Tuesday.

According to Ricky Hill of Facilities Services, the water wall attached to the Joyner East building is plagued with algae and is in need of maintenance. ECU's Buildings Department is overseeing the completion of the project.

When asked about the efforts in Sonic Plaza, R.V. Parker with the Buildings Department stated, "It was more of a maintenance project rather than a cleaning." Parker said the water wall will receive all new polyurethane joints and sealer so the algae and other substances will remain dormant. "They are cleaning the wall with a special product since there is a lot of atmospheric growth such as mildew," he said.

The cleaning efforts had little effect on students coming to and from the School of Communication; most students didn't even realize that the wall was off limits. Kelsey Jones, a sophomore in the School of Communication said, "I didn't even know that anything was going on with the water wall

and it definitely didn't affect class or getting to class."

Pam Hopkins, a professor in the School of Communication, was unaware of the work that was going on as well. Hopkins said that she was too focused on instruction to pay any attention to anything going on outside of her classroom. "I teach four classes, and in each we listen to speeches. I was focusing on the students, not outside."

The fountain contains 64 water jets that display a multitude of patterns when the fountain is actually turned on, but lately the fountain has remained off. Sonic Plaza is an icon on the ECU campus, and students are often dismayed at the fact that the water wall is rarely operating. "I think that the wall is pointless when the water is off and I would like to see it on," stated Kelsey Jones. "I believe that other students would like to see it on for once as well."

Sophomore Victoria Palermo agrees. "I really don't understand why the water wall is off, especially since they have cleaned it."

However, because of the fact that the water wall is susceptible to mold and other substances when it is functioning, it is more convenient to not let it run.

The maintenance on the Sonic Plaza water wall is expected to be completed by the middle of this week and the Buildings Department has intentions of turning the water jets on, as long as the temperature does not get below freezing.

The water wall is not the only portion of Sonic Plaza that is occasionally turned off due to issues it creates; the ground cloud in front of the clock tower does not always operate. The ground cloud only runs when weather permits since its pipes are subject to cold temperatures and may burst.

With the recent string of vandalism on Wright fountain, turning off the water supply to the water wall does not seem unreasonable. Earlier this month, someone put detergent in the fountain, forcing the university to clean it out. A few days after the detergent was placed in the fountain, someone filled it with red dye and Wright fountain had to be drained. This is not the case with the Sonic Plaza water wall, however; it is just a hard structure to keep clean.

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Board of Visitors' goal to maintain, enhance ECU

The Board of Visitors strives to improve the community and ECU

Jimmy Youn
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Board of Visitors' next meeting is Friday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. in Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms and will be open to the public.

Reid Overcash, president of the ECU Board of Visitors, explains, "This meeting is very important for us to receive updates from ECU, especially from academic departments and athletics. We will also give updates on committee projects to the members and to discuss any special projects."

The ECU BOV gathers to advise and assist the Board of Trustees and the chancellor on a wide array of issues and helps convey to the people of North Carolina their mission, program and accomplishments, with respect to the developmental activities of ECU. The board plays an important role in solving particular challenges and working on special projects, and its members serve as goodwill ambassadors, informing members of their communities about ECU and acting as a resource in determining the university's future goals. "The BOV is responsible for delivering information from the community to ECU," said Overcash.

For this purpose, the 60 members composing the Board of Visitors are directly appointed by the Board of Trustees, including the

president of the Alumni Association, the president of the Parents Council, the chairman of the ECU Foundation, the president of the Educational Foundation, the chairman of the Medical Foundation, the mayor of the City of Greenville or his/her designee, the chairman of the Pitt County Commissioners or his/her designee and a member of the Board of Trustees and the chancellor or his designee. The members are eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms.

The BOV is composed of three committees -- Engagement Committee, Fundraising and Development Committee and Legislative Advocacy Committee -- each of which is a significant component to the function of the board to support ECU.

The Engagement Committee continuously drives the current BOV members to get involved and helps them to serve in the area where they feel most passionate.

The Fundraising and Development Committee raises funds to support the Access Scholarship Program, which "provides scholarships for undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need," said North Carolina Senator Don Davis, a member of the BOV. The BOV currently sponsors three Access Scholars in hopes of sponsoring four scholars in the near future. Overcash continued pointing out that the BOV members make generous donations at each meeting, noting that they raised as much as \$4,000



DOUG MACKENZIE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The SGA senate meeting was held in the Mendenhall Great room on Monday.

SGA approves budget

Jennifer Soares
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association senate approved an education and technology fee increase, as well as an athletics fee increase for the 2011-2012 school year. The increase for education and technology will be \$60, and the athletic fee increase will be \$40.

The education and technology increase will go to support classrooms in advancing their resources through technology. Wireless academic features will also be added for students who access the school website via their mobile devices. More features and upgrades can be added to Blackboard and Moodle for students to keep in contact with their professors and receive up-to-date information on their courses.

"ECU remains the second lowest in the state out of UNC, NCSU and UNC Pembroke, when it comes to technology fees," said Wendy Creasey, assistant director of Academic Computing Informa-

tion Technology & Computing.

Global classrooms will also become more prominent for those who partake in the distance education program offered through ECU. There will also be learning tools and software that will be specific to various departments around campus to help students further their knowledge in their majors.

The athletic fee increase will help to maintain various athletic facilities around campus as well as support the growing popularity of different sports. There will also be recommended increases of \$35 for 2010-2013, \$30 for 2013-2014 and \$25 for the 2014-2015 school years.

"We want to get the budget up so that we can compete with other institutions," said Director of Athletics Terry Holland. "There is the possibility of joining a different conference such as the ACC, SEC and having a chance of one day being in the BCS bowl."

The benefits of the increase will help to manage the \$1.2 million lost every year to the out-

of-state waiver that is given to full-scholarship student athletes. Rising costs of maintaining a Division I athletic program will be curtailed by this minimal increase. Athletics helps the university to grow, because it is one of the biggest marketing tools when drawing in future students. This year alone, 75 percent of incoming freshmen joined the Student Pirate Club, and there were 9,600 members this past year.

Next year ECU has the potential to see a significant increase in tuition for all undergraduate and graduate students. In total, undergraduate residents could have an increase of \$363 to \$950 next year, and non-residents could pay \$300 to \$1,472. Graduate students will also see an increase for residents at \$427 to \$927, and non-residents will pay \$534 to \$1,034. Although these figures are only being speculated, students must be aware that these prices can affect next year.

The Board of Governors must

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Calendar Events

Nov. 2 - Nov. 7

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Lecture: "Frankenstein: Engendering a Text, Embodying a Text"

7 p.m. at Wright Auditorium.

Dr. Temma Berg, Whichard Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities, and professor of women's studies, will present this free, public discussion. This "wellness passport" event is sponsored by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts Women's Studies Program.

World AIDS Game Night Bingo & Jeopardy

Come to Mendenhall Student Center from 7 to 8 p.m.

to test your knowledge about HIV/AIDS. Free T-shirts and prizes will be given. This is a campus wellness event.

Big Booty Bingo – Student Activities Late Night

7 p.m. in Mendenhall Social Room

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Safe Zone Program

1 to 3 p.m. at Mendenhall Student Center.

This training is designed to create opportunities for our gay, lesbian and bisexual students and their allies to contact volunteers from the ECU faculty and staff that have attended an additional training session on GLBT issues.

SAB presents "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse"

7 and 9:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre

Thursday, Nov. 4

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7 and 9:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre

Friday, Nov. 5

Spam Allstars

8 p.m. at Wright Auditorium.

Straight from Miami's Little Havana, DJ Le Spam and the Spam Allstars perform an innovative new style of music that can be described as a mix of latin, funk, hip hop and dub. ECU students free with valid student ID. General admission tickets are \$10, available in advance from the Central Ticket Office (ECU Campus, Mendenhall Student Center) at 1-800-ECU-ARTS (252-328-4788), and at the door in Wright Auditorium.

Men's basketball vs. Montreat

7 p.m.

SAB presents "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse"

7 and 9:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre

Freeboot Friday

5 p.m. at Five Points Plaza (5th and Evans street).

Alive-at-five style event filled with food, exhibits, arts and crafts, children's activities, beer & wine garden and live musical entertainment with The Artimus Pyle Band.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Football vs. Navy

3:30 p.m. at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

Women's basketball vs. Mount Olive

7:30 p.m.

SAB presents "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse"

7 and 9:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre

Sunday, Nov. 7

Open Mic Night

7 to 9 p.m. at MSC Pirate Underground.

Acoustic & a capella music, poetry and spoken word performances welcome at this event sponsored by the Student Activities and Organizations and ENT. Walk up performances are allowed.

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approve the increase, so no final numbers may be known until as late as July. The most significant in fee increases will be the possible \$500 increase proposed by the Board of Governors, which will be applied to all undergraduate and graduate students.

For the fall of 2011, the dental school at ECU will start and fees for students are expected to be approximately \$21,000 a year.

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at the previous meeting.

The Legislative Advocacy Committee provides ECU with legislative support by promoting the university's budget and policy agenda before the North Carolina General Assembly. Phil Rogers, the executive assistant to the chancellor, says the "top priority is to build relationships and to maintain strong connection with the members in the NCGA. For

example, when ECU was pursuing funds, the key group of the BOV volunteers provided tremendous help."

Rogers said there is an orientation meeting in the summer for the new members, and the BOV meets three times per year.

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Go sell it somewhere else



Abby Brockmeyer
OPINION COLUMNIST

My adviser's office disconnected their phone during registration. Nice to know that my tuition pays for such helpful people. Was it really necessary for the cops to break out the tear gas on Saturday night?

Nobody cares that you feel like s***. Now shut up so I can hear the teacher.

I was excited to see my pirate rant posted, but then realized that it was only posted on the web and not in the print version! FML

Sometimes I want to find the previous owners of my books and slap the h*** out of them for highlighting the most irrelevant parts of the text.

It is NOT okay to stop in the middle of a huge flow of walking traffic to shake hands and engage in small talk. PLEASE move off of the sidewalk before holding your group gathering. Some of us have places to go and no time to navigate through your social gathering. THANKS!

I think obese people have an intense fear of starvation deep down.

To the girl in the computer lab with the Snuggie: I'll keep you warm next time. ;)

Your constant scarf wearing is becoming rather pretentious. Just sayin'...

Hello older woman in Joyner library walking up to every individual who is talking and asking them to be quiet: you can't conquer the whole library so please STFU you're distracting me by walking to every person who opens their mouth I want to punch you, go somewhere!!!

To the girl in my 12:30 OMTG class: For the love of God, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE stop tanning and bleaching your hair. It's not a good look for you and the smell of your tanning lotion is nauseating.

To the kid who tripped over the curb and then ate the gravel while his food went flying and then acted like he was going to beat up the curb for tripping him: Thank you!

Just registered for my last semester at ECU before I graduate... thank you, Banner Self-Service for once again making it a miserable experience.

Halloween should be considered an East Carolina holiday and all classes should be canceled.

I went to a Halloween party to intentionally get freshmen drunk so they will throw up, pass out, or just simply embarrass themselves! Muhahaha I love Halloween!

To the people who locked the Starbucks door last Wednesday: Thank you so much for providing me entertainment, watching people try to open that door was priceless.

More Pirate Rants on the website!

get to class.

He then proceeded to tell me that he was doing a survey and needed to ask me questions. After answering weird questions about what activities and hobbies that I enjoy, he gets out a pen and receipt, tells me that he needs my money for a trip to Amsterdam that he is saving for and that I need to buy a magazine subscription.

I was amazed; not only was this phony guy wasting my time, but I was under the impression that soliciting inside school campuses was prohibited.

But it gets better. After explaining to this rude fellow that I had left my wallet at home (I always lie in these instances). He turned from an overly quizzical young man into a horrible excuse for a human being. His embarrassing loud behavior turned into general yelling at me and saying that I was a "little slut that wasted my f**** time."

All of this resulted in me literally running away in fear and embarrassment over what happened. Not only did I feel unsecured by this solicitors attack, but also I don't really appreciate that I was standing literally feet away from my building enjoying a phone

conversation, obviously not wanting to be bothered, and I had to get solicited.

Are we not even allowed to chill out for a minute before our classes without the fear of being solicited now?

I understand the times when we are in a city or in front of businesses and people solicit because it is their jobs and, let's face it, times are tough. What I refuse to understand, however, is why there need to be solicitors walking around our school campus

when many of us are just trying to get through our busy days and most certainly don't have the money for a \$20-a-month magazine subscription.

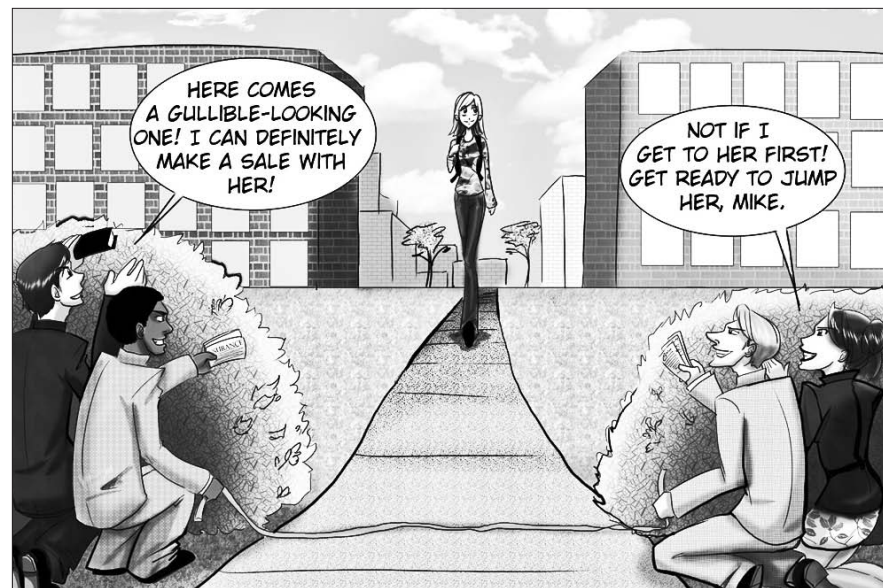
This little experience has made me now walk through campus always with a watchful eye, anticipating that someone is going to walk up to me and try to force me to buy something as I head to class.

After checking in with the university regulations online, I have noticed that it directly states that no solicitation is

allowed on school campus unless the organization is university registered.

That's why it still baffles me that with these absolute set rules, we still have people thinking that they can walk around campus interrogating students, yelling at them and awkwardly trying to force them to buy something as stupid and insignificant as a magazine subscription.

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POLL RESULTS

Do you plan to go to class on the Monday after Halloween?

Yes 65%
No 35%

Our View

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Bad timing for dressing up like a pirate

This Saturday will be a combination of military and Pirate pride. ECU is hosting the Navy for the annual Military Appreciation Day football game, and pirates are being summoned to participate in "Blackbeard's Challenge" for an attempt at breaking the Guinness World Records Largest Gathering of Costumed Pirates.

The game is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m., and those who want to participate in breaking the record have been asked to gather in Clark-LeClair Stadium by 12:30 p.m.

Of course, students, alumni and fans should be pumped to dress up as pirates, particularly because it is right after Halloween weekend – like a Halloween extension and an attempt to break the world record for the largest gathering of pirates! It is, after all, Pirate Country!

However, when you think about it, it could be perceived as disrespectful to hold the pirate challenge right before the Military Appreciation Day football game, considering the purpose of the Navy game (besides playing football) is to honor our armed forces. This year is especially meaningful for the parents of the late Sgt. David Smith of the United States Marine Corps, an ECU student, who will be participating in the coin toss.

The many Pirates who are in the military or have family members in the armed services shouldn't have their day overshadowed by this pirate costume sensation.

The possibility of overly rowdy costumed pirates seems all too real, especially after the poor behavior displayed by Pirate fans during the singing of the national anthem at the game against N.C. State. If there was going to be a game where Pirate fans took it easy and acted respectfully, it would be this one; perhaps "Blackbeard's Challenge" would be better suited for a different game.

Breaking the pirate record is something to be proud of, but it seems to us that these events have been poorly scheduled – a day for thanking our servicemen and women should be treated with respect and reverence and not seized by decorated swashbucklers.

Maybe the bigger challenge will be breaking the Guinness World Record followed by a victory against Navy without too much cross-contamination. Pirates, can you handle it?

Scribbles to the Captain

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Dear Editor,

I just wanted to write Lynsey Horn and tell her THANK YOU for writing the article about "Creative ways to keep it classy on Halloween." It's so refreshing to hear that someone else is sick and tired of the scantily clad women running around in freezing cold weather on Halloween. Ever since we've attended ECU, each year we decide not to go out on Halloween because we know so many women will be wearing next to nothing on their bodies as a "costume." It'd be nice if we could get back to the basics of Halloween: candy, games, and decent/fun costumes! Thanks again, Lynsey, for speaking the truth and trying to make a difference!

Jessica Harrison

An apology for beards



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

The start of November is a most welcome occasion. The weather finally feels like fall, Thanksgiving is near and, if your football team's performance has been more tragic than a back-alley abortion, then you can look forward to basketball starting up this month as well. The beginning of November is also significant because of menacing lunatics like Guy Fawkes. You know the saying, "remember, remember the fifth of November," but perhaps the greatest event to come of this month is No-Shave November.

Originally, the concept was driven from a need to embrace one's manliness. With a culture seemingly dominated by causes for everything but men, we need to remind ourselves that yes, we are a special sub-set of the population — and we didn't get to be that way by scraping our flesh with cold steel every morning.

No, we're not NHL players on a quest for Lord Stanley's Cup. Nor do we give credence to Cosmopolitan's findings

that most women find well-groomed men more attractive. We are simply reclaiming our masculinity and staking out a month for awareness of men's issues: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, erectile dysfunction and the like!

Men are notorious for not monitoring their health. It's the same reason we don't ask for directions; we are a stubborn breed. We're not supposed to have health complications, so if we don't acknowledge them, then we don't have them. It's an ugly and dangerous sense of denial that guys are just now breaking free from. It's a celebratory thing!

Yes, some men will view it as an opportunity to engage in a hare-brained, misinformed "he-man woman-hater's club." They will view it as an outlet for their misdirected anger and grow a beard to spite what our culture has set forth as acceptable grooming standards.

But the majority of men who participate in No-Shave November are good and worthy people. Ladies, you know how you get all stealthy on us and list your bra color as your Facebook status in order to draw awareness to breast cancer? Well, this is a lot like that. Rather, we haven't got any bras to flaunt, but we sure do have a face that can sprout testosterone fur.

There are women out there who don't get it. Be it a lack of knowledge or a refusal to acknowledge our cause, they think it is just another silly stunt pulled by silly men for reasons of immaturity. These are the type of women who frustrate me most — the type who think the only people who are allowed to have a cause are women and minorities. They demonstrate their hypocrisy in that, according to the UN Statistics Division, men actually are a minority, comprising only 49 percent of the total world population.

Because some women think that No-Shave November is nothing more than the antics of a few childish men, they might counter with a "No-Sex November." I urge any woman out there considering such a heist to cease and desist. We are not prostitutes; we cannot be bought with or for sex. Please don't debase us in thinking that we would give up something that we know to be right for something as mundane as sex. Besides, you might lend your actions as fodder for one contributor at urbandictionary.com who says that "the real men among us will not only not shave but will have sex anyway, once again proving the theory that women are always wrong."

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Learn to be a 'professional' Pirate

Do students know what type of dress is acceptable today?

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With graduation for seniors inching closer and other students looking to get a boost for their future careers, do students really know how to dress for success? We are all told we should dress conservatively and at the same time we should know how to stand out to potential employers, but where is the balance, how do we achieve it and how do we know what clothing is acceptable?

There have been some changes in acceptable attire for professional jobs over the years, allowing women additional options, but also leaving them confused about what they should really wear. Men have also encountered some difficulties, learning that in some settings they may not need to wear a suit jacket and in some they must, but not necessarily knowing when each option is appropriate. Some of these changes also seem to lead to confusion about what to wear in an interview.

Carol Woodruff, assistant director for The Career Center, who is also the liaison to the College of Human Ecology and College of Fine Arts and

Communication, spends time visiting classrooms and teaching students how to behave and look to get a job.

"Interviews are a little different from daily office wear," she said, explaining that she believes the dress that might be required to do the job might be different from what would be best to wear in an interview.

"You can't go wrong with a suit," she said. She went on to give some tips that she thinks are helpful for both men and women in an interview.

She explained that generally, women should wear conservative attire when dressing for an interview, making sure to wear a suit in a neutral color. Women can choose between pants, skirts and dresses, but the suit jacket is key, and if women wear skirts, they should make sure the skirt is not too short and that they only wear neutral-colored stockings. The traditional style of shoe is a 2-to-3 inch heel, but Woodruff noted that in this day in age, a nice flat might suffice.

She said that for men the concept is similar. A neutral suit and tie, and neutral, polished shoes can complete an interview look. She emphasized that groomed hair and minimal jewelry are important for both men and women, and facial piercings should not be worn in an interview.

Though these guidelines stick to the conservative idea

of dress, Woodruff noted that where she sees the most change is with business casual. "It didn't exist before; it was just business," she said, and explained that for business casual events, not interviews, men could wear something like a polo shirt and khakis, and women could wear a skirt with a sweater or blouse.

However, even with that information, people, particularly women, still struggle with knowing how to dress in the professional world. In October, The New York Times published an article that commented on the dress styles of Sarah Palin and Hillary Clinton. The article posed the question of which is better, Palin's womanly and fashionable style, or Clinton's conservative style? The article also commented that some of what is difficult for women is the desire to change the image of what they should look like, but concluded that Clinton's conservative look might be more acceptable, though Palin's fashion sense has made an impact.

So for now, it seems the professional style of dress is still very conservative, but with the continued acceptance of business casual attire and people like Sarah Palin mixing it up, the norms may be different in the future.

"We need to remember that it's evolving," Woodruff said. "When I was in ninth



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Junior journalism major **Jasmine MacDonald** dresses appropriately for the job.

grade, they only just allowed women to wear pants."

Men and women may continue to have some difficulty knowing what to wear in interviews and professional jobs, but Woodruff believes that if for now the standard model is followed, people will have success.

With shows like Lifetime's

"The Fairy Jobmother," which premiered on Oct. 28, and the criticism given to people in positions of power, like political candidates, there will continue to be changes throughout the years with what kind of dress is acceptable.

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A Day To Remember

House of Blues Myrtle Beach
Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Tonight at 6 p.m.

MGMT

Progress Energy Center
Raleigh Memorial Auditorium
Raleigh, N.C.
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Face to Face - Tribute to Billy Joel & Elton John

House of Blues Myrtle Beach
Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Friday at 8:30 p.m.

Spam Allstars

Wright Auditorium
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Friday at 8 p.m.

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Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Saturday at 8 p.m.

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Mendenhall Student Center - Pirate Underground
Greenville, N.C.
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House of Blues Myrtle Beach
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Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

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Nov. 19 at 8 p.m.

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Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

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Carolina Theatre
Durham, N.C.
Nov. 21 at 8 p.m.

The wild boys behind the film: 'Jackass 3D'



'Jackass 3D' star Steve-O poses at the movie's premiere.

Katey Warren
STAFF WRITER

The legendary boys of Jackass hit another milestone with the release of their newest film on Oct. 17, and it's safe to say their journey has been an undoubtedly crazy one.

The cast of "Jackass 3D," including Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Ryan Dunn, Stephen "Steve-O" Glover, Jason "Wee Man" Acuña and several others each have a unique story of exactly how they came to be a part of the wild, over-the-top "Jackass" television and film series.

The "Jackass" television series began after MTV snatched up an idea that Knoxville helped pitch to the company. This idea combined various stunts, ranging between hilarious and painful to grotesque and absurd, which MTV critics believed would be a hit.

Knoxville's vision was a success, because after its debut on the MTV network, the skyrocket of ratings showed that "Jackass" had become a network sensation. According to a recent interview for Maxim magazine with the entire Jackass crew, the whirlwind of fame that came their way led to mixed reactions from the crew members as well as the public.

While some of the Jackass boys remained detached from the fame and fortune that quickly flew their way, others indulged in a glamorous new lifestyle, and one in particular, Steve-O, spiraled out of control. Though many of the members of the Jackass family admit in interviews and documentaries that they were collectively notorious for their "party-boy" ways, the slow destruction of fellow castmate Steve-O due to a combination

of drugs, alcohol and depression scared the crew. A documentary of Steve-O's self-destructing lifestyle, titled "Steve-O: Demise and Rise," debuted to the public on MTV in 2009. This eye-opening documentary gave viewers a look into the dark and frightening life of a drug-addicted celebrity, but also inspired viewers as they watched Steve-O, especially with the help of his Jackass family, begin to take gradual steps toward recovery and sobriety. "I'm completely blown away by how well he's doing now," Knoxville said in the recent Maxim interview. "So honestly proud of him and how healthy he is and how he's helping other people get sober."

Throughout the development of the series, further glimpses like these into the lives of the Jackass boys allowed some viewers to become further attached to the show and the outrageous crew behind it. For ECU student Caitlin Almeida, a slightly different, more personal connection to the group heightened her interest in the series. "They had to do their crazy stunts right behind where I live," Almeida said, reminiscing on when she saw the boys filming on a bridge in her hometown in Delaware. Almeida even had the opportunity to meet a few of the Jackass boys. "Getting to meet them made me want to watch them more," she said.

While popularity of "Jackass" continued to climb, media outbreaks concerning teens attempting to imitate dangerous behavior seen on the show led many to protest the new series. "We were supposedly the cause of the crumbling of society," Knoxville stated in the Maxim interview, "and MTV got very, very scared."

The network's fear was put

to rest when the perfect solution to the political banter over the "Jackass" series arised. MTV Films would pick the idea up as a movie rather than a television show, since an "R" rating would allow the crew more leeway with the types of stunts they could perform. Thus came the box-office sensations of the now three "Jackass" movies. Both "Jackass: The Movie" and "Jackass Number Two" debuted at number one, and as the movie budgets increased, so did the profits. According to the Internet Movie Database, the third film, "Jackass 3D," has grossed over \$86 million.

"Jackass 3D" combined the use of new technology with the original quirky ideas of the crew to create scenes that attempt to make viewers feel as if they are in on the action. With the help of phantom high-speed cameras and 3D equipment, producers were able to incorporate several impeccably defined, slow-motion shots. "The slow-motion made the movie," Almeida said. Though some viewers enjoy the way the updated technology hosts the in-your-face actions in the film, others felt too close for comfort. "It made me feel uncomfortable because it was vulgar, and I thought it was just gross," said ECU student Jennifer Zagiba, who recently viewed the movie. "It made my stomach turn."

Though the outrageous antics of the entire Jackass crew have always sparked and will continue to spark contradicting opinions and reactions among the public, their large following of die-hard fans will always enjoy the way this crazy clan of off-the-wall stuntmen make them laugh.

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Alumnus questions President Obama

ECU graduate with an interest for politics gets answers on MTV

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Just days after a federal judge ruled against the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, Bridget Todd, an audience member of the MTV forum "A Conversation With President Obama," challenged the president on his justice department's intention to appeal the decision.

"It's always great to question politicians, to hold them to these things they claim they will do," said Todd, who was one of seven chosen to speak to the president out of the 250 attendees.

The television program, held in BET studios in Washington, D.C., aired Oct. 14.

The inquiry was preceded by initial interviews by production staff. Todd said she was asked about her political ideas and general understanding of political policy. However, she did not

anticipate being chosen to speak on the show. It wasn't until after she talked with some of the other attendees 10 minutes before the show that she realized she had been through a more intensive interview process.

"I never thought I'd be able to ask an actual question, but there we were," she said. "The producer came over and said, 'OK, stand up, it's your turn. I was really nervous.'"

Though she had only a moment's notice to phrase her question, the loquacious Todd said she was simply excited to talk to the president.

Obama's response after Todd asked specifically how committed he was to ending "don't ask, don't tell" was that while he was still dedicated to ending it, he wanted to end it "the right way." It could not be overturned with the "stroke of a pen." This was a roundabout answer according to Todd, who saw an unpleasant contradiction between Obama's campaign promise where he guaranteed to "end it under my watch," and the recent move made by Obama's justice department

to appeal a federal court's ruling that the policy should be banned. Todd sees the flip-flopping as a possible pre-campaign maneuver to try and make everyone happy and appeal to the political middle before the 2012 elections.

Despite this, Todd is still "really happy that I was able to have this opportunity," and

thanks her experience in political writing for providing her with the right training.

Before graduating from ECU in 2007 with a double major in English and women's studies, Todd was also an opinion columnist for The East Carolinian, where she commented almost exclusively on

political issues.

She is now working as a full-time instructor of English at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and completing graduate work at the University of Maryland.

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ECU alumnus Bridget Todd asks President Obama about the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.



Runners place sixth at C-USA Championship

The ECU men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Conference USA Championship Monday morning at the Indian Springs Country Club and turned in solid outings. The men's team placed fifth out of eight squads while the women finished sixth of 12.

The Pirate men tied the 2004 and 2008 runners for the program's best finish at the C-USA Championship. The women were one slot behind their best-ever place of fifth from the 2001 meet, and tied the 2008 squad for the second-best performance. Additionally, both units came in one place ahead of the finishes from the 2009 league meet.

Individually, junior Zack Montijo earned All-Conference USA Third-Team honors for the men while juniors Brittany Copeland (second team) and Tara Wilson (third team) received accolades for the women's side. It was the first time in program history the women had two All-C-USA selections in the same season. The league honors for Montijo and Copeland were the second of their careers.

The men's team had five of their seven runners set personal-best times and the women's top-six finishers all turned in career-best performances. Two men had program top-20 times while Copeland and Wilson had the second and third-fastest 5Ks ever recorded by a Pirate.

Montijo led the men for the fourth time this season, completing the 8K in a career-best 24:36, good for 18th place overall. His time was also the seventh fastest in East Carolina history.

On the women's side, Copeland and Wilson finished first and second on the squad as they have in every meet they have run this season. Copeland completed the race in 17:28, the second-fastest mark in program history, for 14th place overall.

Wilson turned in her best-ever C-USA finish, claiming 16th by finishing in 17:33, good for third on the program's all-time list. She lowered her career-best time by more than 30 seconds.

Classmate Amanda Lapp was ECU's next finisher, timing in at 17:59, good for 30th. She broke into the top-20 list for the first time in her career, tying for 18th.

Soccer season ends in double-overtime

Megan Marsh Tabler scored in the 106th minute of the game in double-overtime to give Marshall a 1-0 win over ECU Thursday night in Conference USA action at Sam Hood Field.

With the win, The Herd (7-8-3, 5-5-1) grabbed the final playoff spot in the C-USA Tournament, while the Pirates' (9-9-1, 4-6-1) season came to an end.

Tabler scored the unassisted game-winning goal at the 105:43 mark when she crossed midfield and dribbled through a pair of defenders before lacing a shot from outside the 18-yard box into the top left corner of the net for her third goal of the season.

The two were evenly matched throughout the first half and it looked as though ECU was going to jump on the board first as Chrissy Gratz drilled a shot from inside the 18-yard box, but a diving Lexa Hughes snagged one of her six saves on the night to keep the match tied at one going into the break.

Marshall controlled the pace of the second with plenty of opportunities to put itself on top. The first of which came from Sarah Vinson, whose shot from inside the 18 blasted into the post with 32:27 left in the second stanza.

Less than a minute later, Angela DeSumma set up a Kristen Berquist header, but a Pirate defender kick save kept the match scoreless.

Hughes made another great play in goal, stopping an Amanda Malkiewicz shot with 13 seconds remaining in regulation.

ECU keeper Christiane Cordero logged six saves on the night.

During the overtime periods, Marshall outshot the Pirates 4-2 (2-1 on goal) and recorded 24 total shots to ECU's 13. The Pirates aggressive play led to 14 offside penalties.

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SPORTS

Knights dethrone Pirates 49-35

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU's hopes for a third straight conference title took a huge blow as the Pirates fell to Central Florida 49-35 on Saturday afternoon. With the loss, the Pirates fall to 4-1 in the East Division while UCF improves to 4-0. While both teams have four conference victories on the season and ECU trails by just one in the loss column, since that loss came to UCF, the Pirates will need to not only win out, but also have UCF drop two of its final four games for ECU to get a spot in the conference title game. "It's not in our hands anymore," quarterback Dominique Davis said after the game. "We've got to depend on some other teams to help us out, but we're just going to finish the season out and see what happens." The Pirates were unable to contain the Knights' running game and allowed running back Ronnie Weaver to have a field day, carrying the ball 30 times for 180 yards to go along with two rushing scores.

Though ECU trailed the entire game, the effort was clearly there. The Pirates were able to cut the UCF lead down to 14 on six separate occasions, as well as cut it down to seven points midway through the second quarter. Trailing 49-28 in the fourth and final quarter, the Pirates put together a four-play, 79-yard drive highlighted by a Davis-to-Harris 76-yard pass play down to the UCF 3-yard line. One play later, Davis would connect with Justin Jones for the touchdown to pull the Pirates back within 14 with 5:42 remaining in the game. After recovering an outside kick by Ben Ryan, the Pirates moved quickly into Knights territory, driving down to the UCF 17-yard line, but after a 6-yard run by Davis, receiver Mike Price was called for a 15-yard, unnecessary-roughness penalty that halted the momentum of the drive and ECU failed to convert on fourth down a short time later to end the game. The Pirates' defense, which had made huge strides in the past two weeks, seemed to take two gigantic steps back against the Knights, allowing 424 yards of total offense, over 200 of that coming on the ground.



Wide receiver Dwayne Harris breaks away from two Wolfpack defenders in action earlier this season. Despite the loss to UCF Harris made nine catches for 146 yards against Knights on Saturday.

The staple of this newfound defense for the Pirates was the ability to get off the field in crucial situations, forcing field goals instead of touchdowns and not allowing third down conversions. UCF got all of their points from touchdowns, scoring seven touchdowns on the day tied for the most points allowed by ECU this season. The Pirates failed to execute on third down as they allowed the Knights to convert 9-of-11 on third down. UCF started early, scoring a pair of touchdowns in the first 12 minutes of play, both coming on touchdown passes from Jeffrey Godfrey, who, despite only throwing the ball 12 times, threw for 159 yards with those two scores. UCF scored four touchdowns before the half, taking a 28-14 lead into the third quarter. After the break, UCF's offense didn't slow down, adding three more touchdowns to finish off their day. Even with the lackluster defensive effort, linebacker Dustin Lineback was confident his unit would rebound. "We're going to bounce back from this," Lineback said. "No one back there in that locker room

is holding their heads down. We believe in these coaches and in each other as players." Offensively, ECU delivered another status quo game, totaling 421 yards of total offense. Davis had one of his best games as a Pirate, efficiently completing 39-of-54 passes for 310 yards with three touchdowns while also rushing for two scores.

The running game couldn't quite get the big runs that were so effective against the Herd two weeks ago, but it got a decent effort from Giovanni Ruffin, who carried the ball 11 times for 63 yards, continuing to bolster his case to become the Pirates' new featured back, while Dwayne Harris continued to be the Pirates' go-to guy, throwing him nine balls for 146 yards. With the loss, ECU now has to hope that they get some help, or the dream of playing for a third straight conference title will go up in smoke. "We've still got a lot of season left," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said. "I know the guys are a little down, but the season's not over."

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ECU loses control of C-USA East Division

King James tops the list of best players in the NBA

OPINION



Stephen McNulty
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Prediction of the top 5 NBA players of the 2010-11 season

The 2010-2011 NBA season may be one of the most anticipated seasons of all-time.

The big three have a chance to be the greatest NBA team of all-time. Kobe and the Lakers are going for their third straight NBA title. Kevin Durant is coming off of a dominant FIBA World Championships. John Wall, Evan Turner and Blake Griffin headline a stellar rookie class and nobody is sure where Carmelo Anthony will finish the season.

With that said, here are your top five NBA players for the 2010-2011 NBA season.

Lebron James: Miami Heat

Listen, I hate James as much as the next guy. I firmly believe he ruined his chance at ever being in the conversation with Michael Jordan by joining the Heat. But the fact of the matter is he is the most dominant player in the Association at this time. James is an amazing 6-foot-8, 250 pounds and moves better than most guards. He has the ability to score at will and from anywhere on the floor. Sure his leadership is in question and he has yet to prove himself as an assassin like Kobe or Michael, but right now Lebron James is better than any player in the league.

Kobe Bryant: Los Angeles Lakers

I would take Kobe Bryant over any player in the league come playoffs. However, his 32-year-old body has taken a lot of beating, especially over the last three years, which included deep post-season runs and the Olympics. I think it will really help that he skipped the FIBA World Championships, but an 82-game schedule will still take a toll. There is no player in the league like Kobe Bryant. If Kobe can repeat as NBA Champions and NBA Finals MVP, it will be his sixth title and third MVP. Only Jordan has a comparable trophy shelf, but coming down from his prime, Kobe is still the second-best player in the league.

Kevin Durant: Oklahoma City Thunder

Durant took the NBA by storm in 2009 and followed it up by taking the world by storm in the FIBA World Championships in 2010. Durant's 30 points per game in 2009 were enough to earn him the scoring title in just his third year. Some still believe he is undersized and that he is still a bit raw. But when it comes down to it, Durant can score with any player in the league and he is not afraid to make the play when called upon. Durant looks to bring the Thunder back to the playoffs with a weaker Western Conference this season and possibly make it past the first round.

Dwayne Wade: Miami Heat

With Lebron James and Chris Bosh at his side, Dwayne Wade has a chance to return to the NBA Finals. I expect his numbers will dip a bit, as he has to share the ball a little more. But Dwayne Wade is still one of the most skillful players in the league. I am sure Wade will have his fair share of highlight reel dunks between him and James, but when the smoke is settled, he is still a top-five talent in the NBA.

Carmelo Anthony: Denver Nuggets

Being out in Denver has really hurt the exposure of how good Carmelo really is. The typical complaints about him surround his effort, ability to win in the postseason and his latest drama with the Nuggets organization. "Melo" is one of the best scorers in the league and when he really wants to, he can drop points on any team. If Anthony gets his wish and joins a Chris Paul or Derrick Rose alongside a quality big-man like Stoudemire or Boozer, he could easily make his way to the finals.

Honorable Mention: **Chris Paul: New Orleans Hornets; Dwight Howard: Orlando Magic; Deron Williams: Utah Jazz; Derrick Rose: Chicago Bulls.**

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ECU volleyball falls to Houston 3-0

Chase Kroll
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's volleyball team lost again in Conference USA play, falling to the Houston Tigers in three straight sets by scores of 18-25, 22-25 and 11-25. The Pirates are now 0-12 in conference, with an overall record of just 1-23. Coach Patty Rolf described it as such:

"The problem is that we have a lot of talent, but we're not always on the same page."

Her comment proved true with ECU's game against Houston. In the final set, already trailing two sets to none, the Pirates were flat out not on the same page. Houston owned the court and got out to a quick 8-15 lead, forcing ECU to use their second timeout of the set. After the break, the Tigers started where they left off and only allowed three more points en route to an 11-25 decision.

But Coach Rolf's comment also attested to the Pirates' possession of raw talent. Junior Nicole Jones recorded a game-high 24 digs, while freshman Andrea Queck set a career high with 11.

In the second set of the match, the nerves were lost and ECU was flat on all cylinders. It was a back-and-forth affair, most of the points coming off of long volleys and tough clutch plays. Houston grabbed the momentum with a few quick points that invoked another Pirate timeout with the score 8-14 in the Tigers' favor.

ECU came out proving their coach right and showing their talent, eventually scoring eight out of the game's final 10 points before losing a crucial second set 22-25.

It has become habit for the Pirates to begin the first set of a match with nerves that are



Defensive specialist Nicole Jones recorded 24 digs against Houston in ECU's 3-0 loss on Sunday.

visible from the stands. They quickly went down 2-7, but when they got comfortable, were able to come back to within a point (11-12). Houston was able to maintain their lead for their first of three straight match victories.

ECU was at a disadvantage in kills (26-50), blocks (3-1) and digs (64-58) throughout the contest. Freshman Whitney Campbell had eight kills, the best on the team for this match.

"We decided that our team is a little bit like the economy," Rolf said. "We're struggling. But you either keep your head up and go to work every day, or you feel sorry for yourself. And we aren't going to feel sorry for ourselves."

They don't expect anyone else to feel sorry for them either. Collegiate sports truly offer one

of the biggest clichés: Anything is possible.

"We are choosing to know that every weekend is a new weekend. And I think that's the beauty of the sport; every weekend we could upset a great team," Rolf said.

Three freshman lady Pirates, Andrea Queck, Kasey Kavenaugh and Whitney Campbell, all started today's game for ECU and have been a part of the team's starting rotation throughout the season.

In earlier action, ECU lost a four-set match at home on Thursday against the Rice Owls. The Pirates' next match is Friday, Nov. 5, at Tulsa. Game time is set for 8 p.m.

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