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Skate park possibly endangered by government

Staff Report

An independently built skate park located on the corner of Jarvis and Willow Streets may be torn down by the City of Greenville, because the land is owned by the Federal Government.

The lot being used for the skate park was purchased with federal mitigation funds after Hurricane Floyd; therefore, only the federal government can authorize and changes made to the land. Zachary Parkerson hoped to build the park and does not want to see it torn down. According to Public Works, if the city cannot get any authorization from the government then the park will have to be torn down.

Dustin Lineback 'kidnapped' by ECU's Relay for Life

Staff Reports

ECU's Relay for Life has "kidnapped" senior linebacker Dustin Lineback in effort to raise a \$10,000 donation by Nov. 26.

Relay for Life has posted flyers around campus to encourage Pirate fans to pay Lineback's "ransom" by Nov. 26, the night of the senior football game. The fundraiser claims Lineback will not play in the senior night football game unless his "ransom" of \$10,000 is paid. Although this was an effective way to capture the attention of students, Lineback's eligibility will not be affected for the game, regardless of the amount of money raised for the American Cancer Society.

ECU's Relay for Life goal is \$100,000 for the entire event, which will take place on April 15, 2011. Elizabeth Gurkin, ECU's Relay for Life PR committee chairperson and a team captain, said inspiration for this goal came from Virginia Tech, who raised a total of over \$500,000 last year and has a goal of \$750,000 set for this year. ECU has about the same number of students enrolled, but has only been able to raise about a fifth of the amount that Virginia Tech has raised in the past.

Donations made for the American Cancer Society are used to help fight every type of cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, 72 percent of all funds raised go to research grants and programs, prevention programs, patient support programs and detection and treatment programs.

Gurkin, a junior secondary English education and Hispanic studies major, said this was a new fundraising technique used to reach a group of people that haven't been as involved in previous fundraisers. Dustin Lineback had previously expressed interest in becoming involved with ECU's Relay for Life, so the fundraising campaign came together easily, said Gurkin.

"This is really exciting, and something new. Hopefully more people will be able to get involved," said Gurkin, who has donated money for the American Cancer Society previously but has not personally participated in the event and fundraising efforts before this year.

Fans and students are encouraged to donate to the American Cancer Society for ECU's Relay for Life at piraterelay.com. There will be Relay for Life representatives at Wright Place once a week and students can get information and make donations. There will also be an informational meeting on Dec. 1 in Flanagan for anyone interested in learning more about Relay for Life or becoming a team captain.

WEB POLL

Are you upset about possible Four Loko ban?

Yes

No

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Accident causes student deaths

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NEWS EDITOR

ECU students, faculty and staff are mourning the loss of two students killed over the weekend in a car accident that left two others in the hospital. A memorial service was held at Wright Auditorium Monday evening to remember those who lost their lives and those still recovering.

Victoria Carter, 20, of Raleigh, died at the scene of the accident, and 20-year-old Briana Gather of Kernersville died Sunday in Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Both girls were seated in the back of the vehicle. According to the Greenville Police Department, 20-year-old Kamil Arrington of Nashville, N.C., was driving near the corner Greenville Boulevard and Rosewood Drive at around 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning when her car ran off the road and hit a tree. Taylor King, 19, of Greenville was also a passenger in the front of the car.

King is currently listed in fair condition in PCMH and the condition of Arrington is still unknown. Police do not believe alcohol was a factor in the accident. They are still investigating the cause.

Keith Tingley, director of Greek Life, said the girls were aspirants of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority Inc. and were on their way to get their hair done in anticipation of an induction ceremony being held later that day. Another car was following them at the time of the accident, which also had other aspirants in it. The girls were supposed to partake in a neophyte presentation on Sunday evening



Jowi Igwe and Dominique Love pay tribute to Victoria Carter and Briana Gather at a candle light vigil.

following induction that day.

"It was supposed to be a happy day and turned tragic," said Tingley. "They were going to be inducted as part of the 17 new members at a ceremony around

3:30 on Saturday."

Carter was a junior double majoring in business and marketing with a minor in communication. She was a member of the Black Student Union, president of

ICON modeling troupe and had been an ad representative for The East Carolinian for over two years. Carter has three siblings, an older sister named Tiffany, a younger sister Chan'tl and a younger brother named Jamar.

"If I can say anything about Victoria it is that unlike most people, her goal was not to do all she could in order to live her life to

the fullest. Vicki did all she could in order to live her afterlife to the fullest," said senior mathematics major Johnny Alfredo. "She was a true believer in her Christian faith who didn't make that a stranger to anyone and that is definitely something I can truly admire about her."

Gather was a junior majoring in chemistry and wanted to



Friends and Family honor both victims by lighting candles in their honor.

be a pediatrician. She also was a member of the Black Student Union and inducted into Golden Key. She was an only child and is survived by her mother.

Comments of prayers and condolences have been pouring in to various news sites like WITN. "My thoughts and prayers go out to the families of both of these beautiful young ladies. I also extend my prayers to the ECU family and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. family at ECU. You all are in my thoughts and

prayers," said one comment.

Another comment also stated, "I am a member of Delta Sigma Theta and just happen to hear about this tragic story. My heart goes out to the families and all others affected by the horrible loss. I will continue to pray for the other girls fighting for their lives. I say to the classmates keep your heads on straight and carry on as it seems these girls would have

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Students will soon be able to track the location of their bus as well as know how long it will be until it arrives.

New GPS system to help bus route times

Tyler Kitchens
STAFF WRITER

Student Government Association President Tremayne Smith recently announced during his "State of the Student Government Address" that SGA would be undertaking a joint project with the ECU Student Transit Authority to install GPS units in all buses.

To assist with the installation of the equipment needed in each bus, SGA agreed to donate \$250,000 to ECUSTA. Once completed, this system will allow students to effectively maximize their time by knowing exactly when buses will arrive at each stop.

Students will be able to access the system using their computers or cell phones. They will also be able to receive alerts regarding how soon buses will arrive and look at maps of the bus routes online to see if there are any delays.

According to Wood Davidson, the head of ECUSTA, this idea has been in the planning stages for years but financial constraints forced them to table it until they were able to complete other important projects.

"I knew that SGA had funds that were available and they were looking for projects where they could impact a large majority of students," said Davidson. "It only

made good sense to approach (them) with this project to see if they would like to be a partner, because this was not something that they would have to fund 100 percent and it wasn't something that we would have to fund 100 percent either."

After thoroughly discussing the matter with SGA representatives, Smith informed Davidson that SGA would be more than willing to partner with ECUSTA. "We held talks and meetings over the summer and into the fall semester," said Smith. "We had the money to help and I believed that we needed to spend it on something that was going to be good for the student body."

Because none of the buses operated by ECUSTA had the capability to support the tracking system, they are currently working to install the necessary technology on each bus.

Davidson expressed confidence that the system will be ready for use no later than fall 2011.

"We're hoping to have it in place so we can test it during the spring semester," he said. "Depending on how our testing goes, it could drag out through the spring, then we would have it ready during the fall. If things go well then we could have some routes or even all of it that we could roll out after spring break."

Although the size of the contribution might leave some students wondering how it will affect SGA financially, Smith was positive that this collaboration would not be detrimental to SGA's ability to get involved in other projects.

"I'm a fiscal conservative, so if I felt that it was going to hinder SGA then we wouldn't have gotten involved as much as we did," he said.

Senior communication major Cameron Jukes believes the student body will appreciate the features once they are finally operational.

"I think the initial reaction across campus might be to ask why we need GPS in our buses, but after considering the advantages of having this technology at our fingertips, I think we'll be glad that SGA signed off on it," he said.

Students who rely on the buses will not be the only beneficiaries of this new system. The data garnered from the GPS will also provide more accurate performance feedback for ECUSTA.

In addition to this, the GPS system will provide each bus with automatic passenger counters, which will eliminate the need for drivers to manually calculate this information after every stop.

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Formula changes for Four Loko's



Four Lokos have the potential to cause people to become violently ill after consumption.

Jack Powell
STAFF WRITER

Four Loko alcoholic beverages face the possibility of being banned in North Carolina due to the dangers associated with consuming the beverage. This beverage is putting many people in danger because of the mix of alcohol and caffeine. It has gotten the attention of young people and adults, who are worried that if it is not banned, there could continue to be harmful results to people. The creators of Four Loko, Chris Hunter, Jeff Wright and Jaisen Freeman, own the company Phusion Projects, which makes the drink, and they are trying to find ways to keep their popular product in circulation. This means that they will have to make some changes in the formula to keep the drink legal.

Remember hearing about how Coca-Cola used to mix cocaine with cola? Or maybe mixing Red Bull and vodka? There's not much difference here with the mixing of alcohol and caffeine in Four Loko. The difference is that in North Carolina, a Four Loko can be purchased at your local gas station at any time, excluding Sunday mornings. The name Four Loko comes from the four main ingredients in the formula: alcohol, caffeine, taurine and guarana. Loko is just a clever marketing word derived from the Spanish word "loco," meaning "crazy." Four Loko is a malt liquor that comes in eight flavors and the alcohol per beverage is 12 percent.

Four Lokos mainly gained attention when students from universities across the nation reported black outs and injuries due to this drink. One of the schools that has been negatively affected by this product is Central Washington University, where nine students fell victim to the drink. One of these students had a .30 alcohol level. The high level of alcohol in his system was due to the effect of mixing caffeine (which makes you hyper) and alcohol (which slows you down), and of course partying too much. The loss of motor skills and the excessive caffeine a person consumes when drinking this beverage makes the person unaware of how drunk they actually are. Sophomore elementary education major Ashley Griffin said,

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Calendar Events

Nov. 23 - Nov. 29

Tuesday, Nov. 23

Fall String Chamber Concert
7:30 p.m.

Brigadoon

8-10 p.m.

"Brigadoon," with book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe, will be presented six times in November by the ECU School of Theatre and Dance.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving holiday break

Thanksgiving holiday break for students will be Nov. 24-28 with no classes scheduled. University offices will be open Nov. 24.

Women's Volleyball vs Marshall

4 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs Lenior-Rhyne

7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 25

Thanksgiving

Friday November 26

Football vs SMU
2 p.m. Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

Women's Basketball vs Maryland
6:30 p.m.

Saturday November 27

Men's Basketball vs UNC Greensboro
5 p.m.

Sunday November 28

Women's Basketball vs Massachusetts
1 p.m.

Monday November 29

Medical History Interest Group lecture
4:30 p.m.

The Resurfacing Debate: Historical Perspectives of Multiple Entry Levels to RN Practice

Adapted sports day held at SRC

Abbey Way
STAFF WRITER

Campus Recreation and Wellness was host to the 14th Annual Adapted Recreation and Wellness Day on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Each year, this event gives people with and without disabilities an opportunity to participate in adapted sports. The term adapted means that the sport has been modified so that someone with a disability can participate. The event formerly known as Adapted Sports Day made several changes from the previous years.

David Gaskins, associate director of ECU's Campus Recreation and Wellness, said they thought the word "sports" scared people away in the previous years. The name was changed to show the event was about more than just sports.

"This year, we had things like shuffle board, armchair fitness and a nutrition station," Gaskins said.

About 125 people came together on Saturday as participants and volunteers to take part in the activities.

The schedule included events such as hand cycling, sitting volleyball, an obstacle course, wheelchair rugby and corn hole, just to name a few.

Wheelchair rugby drew a big crowd and many participants tried it out. Kayla Pizer, an ECU senior, was there for the action. "It's scary because they are very intense, they knocked that one kid right of his chair," Pizer said. "You have to be in shape to do rugby regardless of your disabilities. I think I was struggling more than they were."

Ron Frederick, 40, has played wheelchair rugby for three years and is a member of the United States Quad Rugby Association. He has been involved in adapted sports for 10 years and is not a first time visitor of Adapted Sports Day at the CRW. He said he thinks that this program is important because it allows people who don't realize wheel chair sports are out there an opportunity to try. "I think that everyone who is in a wheel chair should participate in a sport. It's good for them and helps them stay in shape," Frederick said.

Frederick held the fastest time of the day in the Slalom obstacle course with a time of one minute and 20 seconds.

Terrance Davis was a volunteer who spent some of his time working the obstacle course. He said that it teaches someone who is in a wheel



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Adapted Recreation and Wellness Day was held this past Saturday.

chair balance and how to stay on the course. Many participants who are not usually in wheel chairs also tried to complete the course. Most of their times were not even close to Frederick's; the average was around three to four minutes.

"It teaches someone who is not in a wheel chair how much harder it is for someone who is," Davis said. "It is really hard. It's not a cake walk for sure."

Roger Streeter, 48, was a first-time participant at the event. He came with his wife, who is in a wheel chair. He said he was surprised at how many different activities are available for people in wheel chairs. "I really enjoyed it. I thought it would be something where we just sit back and watch and didn't get to participate."

The day finished with the presentation of awards and the keynote speaker, ECU alumna Rachelle Friedman.

The outstanding participant award was given to 11-year-old Phillip Kostecky, who is a member of the Carolina Fury Hockey Team. This was his fifth year attending the event. His parents said that if it was up to him, it would be every weekend. One of his favorite activities is hand cycling. Although he had an accident riding one last year, it hasn't stopped him from wanting more. "I was riding the hand cycle and I knocked my teeth out, but I kept going," Kostecky said. "I am planning on getting myself a hand cycle."

The Outstanding Contributor award went to Heather Erickson, a senior at Jack Britt High School. Erickson is a four-year member of the U.S. National Sit Volleyball Team and won a silver medal in

China. Erickson volunteered at the sit volleyball station. "I think it helps that people who are disabled realize that they can go out and do other stuff," Erickson said. "They don't have to be immobile."

Friedman, who appeared on "The Today Show" yesterday, ended the event by sharing her compelling story with everyone in attendance. On the night of her bachelorette party this May, Friedman broke her C6 vertebrae and is now paralyzed from the chest down, after an accident where she was playfully pushed into a swimming pool. Friedman was an ECU graduate in 2008, with a degree in recreation management. She said that because of her knowledge from ECU, she knew that her life was not over after the accident.

Although Friedman is now paralyzed, she has been working hard to gain strength through physical therapy and has joined an adapted rugby team that she says helps her physically, socially and mentally.

"When you come out of an injury like this, you don't exactly know a bunch of people in wheel chairs," Friedman said. "My support system has helped me to be strong, knowing that they are there for me helps so much."

Friedman, who volunteered at the event when she was a student, said that she wants to get the message across that people should try new things and reach out of their comfort zones. "I am a big advocate for being active and getting out of the house. It makes you a better person both physically and mentally," Friedman said.

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"I think they are safe if you drink them in moderation. But if people are getting medically injured and cannot handle them they should be banned."

North Carolina's governor, Beverly Perdue, has asked that all stores selling the drink voluntarily take it off their shelves. Gov. Perdue's plea for help on the matter was only stalling until the FDA declared the caffeinated alcoholic beverages a "public health concern." As of Nov. 12, the FDA sent warnings to over 14 companies, including Phusion Projects. The FDA declared that

each of these companies has 15 days to write steps and procedures that the company will take to resolve this problem. Four Loko founders stated in a Phusion Projects press release that they will take out the caffeine, gaurana and taurine nationwide to keep Four Loko on the shelves.

Emily Gibbings, junior accounting major, commented, "To be honest, I believe Four Lokos being banned (or possibly banned) is a good thing. They are extremely dangerous with all the caffeine, as well as how easily accessible they are to anyone."

Although talk of banning Four Loko is circulating, it is just temporary until they change the ingredients. With the change in formula, it is possible that some flavor may be sacrificed, or even improved for the consumer. The future of Four Loko flavor is unknown, but it's clear that there will have to be some changes made to protect the safety of the customers and encourage people to continue to buy the product.

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wanted this for you. Hang in there and keep God first."

Greenville Mayor Pat Dunn held a moment of silence for Carter and Gather during an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service held Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church.

ECU held a "Celebration of Life" to remember the lives of Carter and Gather. Various people spoke on behalf of both girls including Student Affairs Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Marilyn Sheerer, SGA President Tremayne Smith, Vice Provost of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy, president of the

Black Student Union Brandon Sanders, Alisha Dowdy of Delta Sigma Theta, a representative of Golden Key International Honors Society, Editor-In-Chief of The East Carolinian Katelyn Crouse and President of Word of Mouth Terrence Howard.

Smith spoke about Carter and Gather, stating, "We as a Pirate Nation should come together ... and celebrate their lives."

The ECU Gospel Choir also performed songs in honor of Carter and Gather. Greek Life, Voices for Victims, Residence Hall Asso-

ciation, Icon Modeling Troup, Makeda Parker, Brittney Myers, Jenna Christie-Tabron and Marcelle Vielot all spoke about the girls at the ceremony and reflected on memories they shared together.

If anyone would like to make donations on behalf of the families of Carter and Gather, please contact the president of Delta Sigma Theta, Chadaya Hicks, at hicksc07@students.ecu.edu.

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I really don't want to spend Thanksgiving with my boyfriend's overbearing and uptight family. I'd rather sit at home alone with a bottle of wine.

I thought I lost my keys... Nope just forgot I had pockets.

Can I just fast forward to my retirement in the Keys?

To the girl in my 12:30 Calculus class who doesn't shower, doesn't wear a bra, and looks like she just got out of bed with a hobo: you are gross... bathe yourself. You are disturbing to look at.

Hey, I've got an idea to lower the skin cancer rate: STOP TANNING! Orange is not a natural color.

I swear that sometimes bus drivers slam on their brakes just to watch all of us that are standing fall on top of each other.

To my heroic friend: When an apartment at Riverwalk caught fire this past weekend, you ran in and saved the cooler. Wish I could have been there. Cheers!

Four Lokos suck! Grow up and drink a grown up drink like beer or whiskey and not some drink that looks like it's marketed at 16 year-olds.

Is it bad that I dread Christmas break because that's when grades come out?

I wish the balding guy in my Managerial Accounting class would SHUT UP. He really needs to shave his neck and put that hair on the top of his head.

To West End Dining Hall: Thanks for letting in 300 middle schoolers while I waited in line for twenty minutes! Sincerely, Hungry Student.

I was sitting on the couch yesterday watching NCIS and this total stranger walked into my apartment. Turns out it was my third roommate. I never see her so I forgot she existed.

To my roommate who always brags about "getting with" the hottest chicks: It's a little thing called beer goggles... you Crypt Keeper.

Dear Biology Professor: it's almost been a week since we took our exam AND it's a scantron! Post our grades already!

To the girl in Todd who cut in front of me to get the last piece of Oreo cheesecake: I hope you choked on it!

Dear Girl with the scrunchy face in Intro to Chemistry class: stop flirting with our teacher!

I sent in a pirate rant about how hot you were, then I found out you had a girlfriend. Never been so happy not to see my rant in the paper, thanks TEC!

To "Stoney Baloney" (my upstairs neighbor): stop stomping back and forth ALL over your apartment at all times of day/night. Stop using your balcony as a restroom... it dribbles down!

That "thing" you date shouldn't be allowed outside the zoo...Sorry, but you can do sooo much better! :)

Dear Boy: I am tired of trying to figure you out. I hope you find a pair of balls over Thanksgiving, come back, and actually tell me how you feel. Sincerely, Frustrated.

Goodbye Four Loko...I'll miss you, or at least what I remember of you!

More Pirate Rants on the website!

Thanksgiving: America's genocide



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

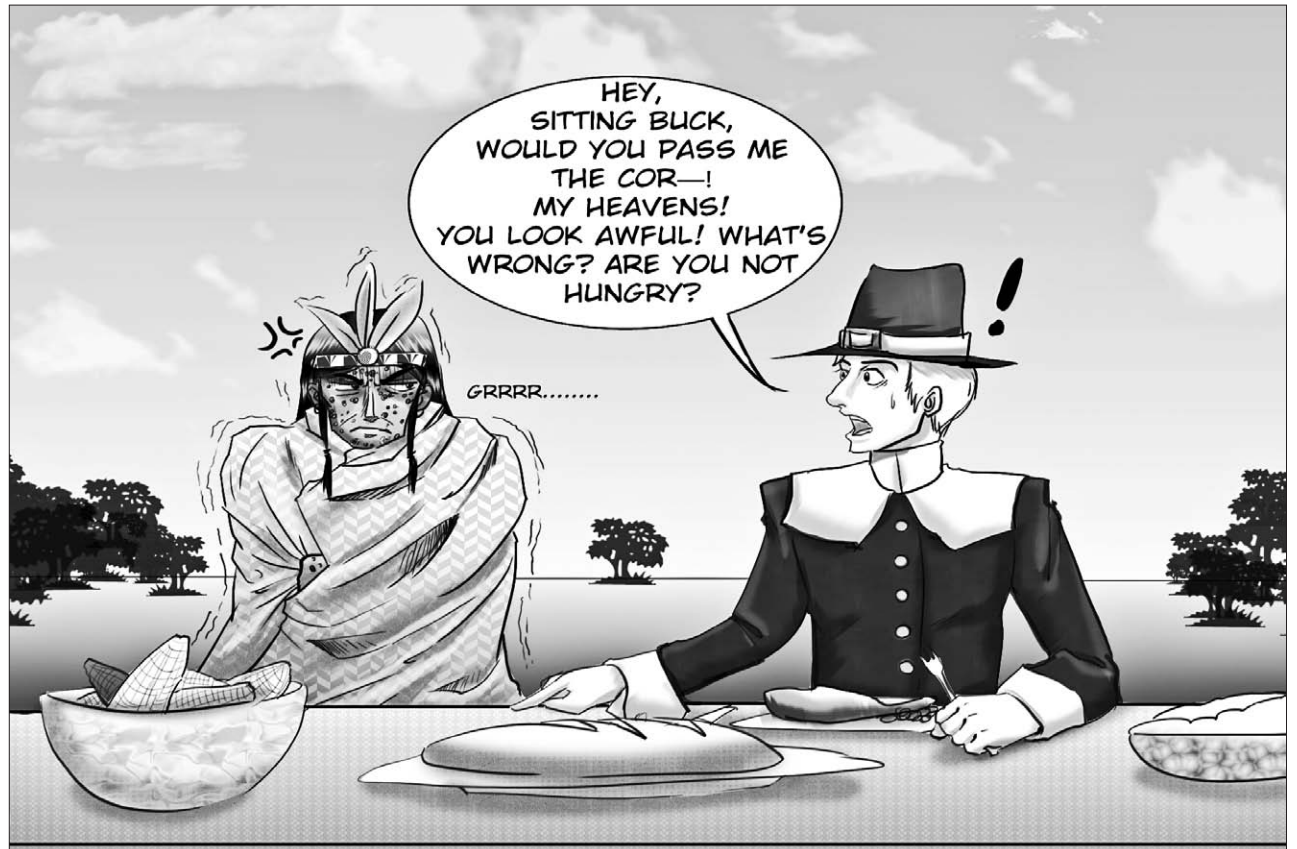
Thanksgiving is a special time. There is a plethora of turkey, sweet potatoes, corned ham, macaroni and cheese and so on and so forth. There are even plenty of cranberries and in every form possible — which is extremely beneficial if you want to cure that pesky UTI that you're too embarrassed to get medically treated.

It is a time for all of us to gather with family and friends, eat way too much and watch all the football we can handle. That is, of course, if you're white.

With all the traditions that we've come to know and love, we forget sometimes that Thanksgiving is the ultimate in propaganda con jobs. Pilgrims and Indians sitting down together in perfect harmony is a lovely thought. It makes me sick that that is how we've romanticized our past.

Here's the real version: When our ancestors were sitting around a table of brotherhood, perhaps as we passed the turkey we should have asked the natives if they'd like a side of smallpox with it? Or maybe we can rustle up some typhoid fever for dessert?

The white man doesn't exactly have a track record for



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tolerance and celebration of diversity, so there can be little doubt that the introduction of such epidemics was an intentional and deliberate offensive to eradicate the natives.

What we couldn't kill through biological warfare, we duped into giving us their land through the introduction of such foreign concepts as "property" and "mine." If they didn't understand our language, we just made them sign Xs on a legal document enforced by a government whose authority they didn't recognize.

For the particularly stubborn, we got them so rip-roaring drunk that they would put most ECU parties to shame. If ECU was ranked as the fifth best party school, then the Native Americans would have been the Chuck Norris of party schools. We even gave them the equivalent of our "drunk bus" by instituting the Trail of Tears. Andrew Jackson was a dick.

Despite all of these atrocities, we still celebrate Thanksgiving and pretend like the white man and the Native Americans have coexisted in a beautiful hippie commune.

That's just not the case, and I won't delude myself by believing anything to the contrary.

So even though I love Thanksgiving and all our modern traditions, I'm not going to pretend like it's the happy pilgrim party we were taught as kids. Don't get me wrong, I love going home to see my family. I love doing my part to reinforce the stereotype that Americans are a fat and lazy race by eating way more than I should.

And I love going Christmas shopping on Black Friday. All of these traditions are

wonderful. But this holiday originated from a blatant and flagrant mistreatment of this country's rightful inhabitants — and I prefer not to forget that.

So go home, enjoy your time with your family. Eat as if you were in the king's banquet hall. As for me, I'll spend my break watching "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee," "Dances with Wolves," "Geronimo" and "Cherokee: Flesh on Fire" while I drink fire water and feel ashamed to call myself white.

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POLL RESULTS

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CDs	12%

Cohabitation...wrong?



Ryan Chandler
OPINION COLUMNIST

When you become involved in a relationship, things are fun, fresh and new. You dive in headfirst and see what it has to offer, not knowing where it may lead. If things go well and happiness is evident throughout the relationship, talk may begin of maybe living together before marriage. Is this a good idea?

There are many reasons why couples may decide to cohabitate before marriage, such as financial reasons, test runs before marriage or it may just be that two people are deeply in love and can't spend a moment apart. Whatever the reason may be, there are risks and factors that can contribute to the success of a healthy marriage when deciding to cohabitate before vows are made.

I have been involved in several conversations in recent months where friends and coworkers of mine have brought up the idea of living with their significant other. As someone these people trust enough to ask my opinions on cohabitating, I felt the need to

know the facts and philosophy on cohabitation before I just gave away reckless advice.

Times have changed over the years and our generations handle a lot of situations differently than how they have been handled in decades past.

Today, a lot more couples are cohabitating when involved in a close romantic relationship. For instance, in the 1970's 500,000 partners were cohabitating, this has dramatically increased as generations have passed. Today, around 50 million partners are cohabitating according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This shows that we as a people are much more comfortable with cohabitation before marriage.

Society tells us that a relationship will be in ruins from the start if cohabitation takes place. I don't believe this to be true.

I feel that all relationships either decline or elevate at the same rate. It is up to the couple to make the experience positive or negative. Those who are considering cohabitation would be smart to consider their own commitment to the relationship as well as their expectations about what cohabitation will (or will not) lead to.

Open discussion between partners about the meaning of living together, duties of each person and what each person's expectations are can be crucial to coming to a mutual understanding of the experience and making it work for the better. If this does not

happen, partners are likely to become part of the statistic of why cohabitation is viewed in such a negative light.

When people shoot down cohabitation before marriage because its morally disgusting, I never could fully comprehend their reasoning. Why commit to doing something with someone forever before I've even tried it out? I would never buy a car without test-driving it. You never know what could be wrong under the hood.

Everyone talks about the divorce rates these days and how many marriages fail; cohabitation seems like the perfect solution to me. It's an opportunity to feel each other out and experience living with that person before you commit for life. In summary, it can stop a marriage that could potentially end in divorce.

We are looked down upon for our so-called recklessness when it comes to relationships and cohabitation. Maybe we are actually making smart choices, though.

Our generation witnessed highs in divorce rates from decades past, so now we got intelligent and decided to give things a trial before making them permanent, which is the reason for the rise in cohabitation. Five years ago, divorce rates were at their lowest since the 1970s while cohabitation rates were near their highest.

Just a little food for thought.

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Infamously bad movie 'The Room' comes to ECU

Hunter Ingram
STAFF WRITER

Very few films reach the level of notoriety that is associated with classics such as "The Godfather," "Star Wars" and "Citizen Kane." But for some of those that don't, word of mouth propels them to a completely different level of infamy that sets them apart from the rest. On Monday, Nov. 29, the ECU Film Studies Minor is bringing one such film to campus.

"The Room," a 2003 independent film, is widely considered to be one of the worst movies ever made. Written, produced and directed by Tommy Wiseau, "The Room" tells the story of a love triangle between Johnny (also played by Wiseau), Johnny's fiancée Lisa and his best friend Mark. Since its very limited release in 2003, "The Room" has reached cult status for its over-the-top acting, frequently out-of-focus scenes and horrible music, to name a few.

Film Studies coordinator and professor Amanda Klein says this is exactly the reason why people enjoy watching it. "You can see the passion Wiseau put into this movie, but when it all goes very wrong, it's hard not to watch." Klein began the event last year after she showed the movie to her Film Aesthetics class and required them to put together a screening of the film as a class project. Held in a small room in Mendenhall, the event was attended by more than 200 people. Because of last year's bigger-than-expected turnout, this year's event is being moved to a bigger venue, Hendrix Theatre.

Senior Tanner Kidd, who participated in last year's screening, says he always enjoys watching the movie. "It really is a chance to bear witness to the greatest worst movie of all time," said Kidd.

Students who come to the event will also receive a prop bag that they can use during the film. The prop bag will play into one of the most popular aspects of "The Room" craze, which is its active audience screenings. This is where fans of the movie get to, among other things, throw plastic spoons and yell phrases in relation to some of the most famous scenes in the film. "Normally, audiences are told to 'sssh!' when in a movie theater, but with 'The Room,' the audience is encouraged to be active participants, which is really fun," said Kidd.

Wiseau, who's known to be incredibly secretive about his life, has invested millions in the film, even though its only claim to fame is being a bad movie. The film itself carried a \$6 million price tag, an amount Wiseau mysteriously came up with himself. During its initial two-week run in two Los Angeles theatres, the film only brought in \$1,900. Production of the film was plagued by dozens of cast and crew departures, which resulted in some of the characters being played by different actors; something fans of the film love to make fun of.

Over the years

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since its release, "The Room"

Make the most of



DOUG MACKENZIE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Stores in the Greenville Mall have started putting up signs in preparation for the Black Friday sale, coming up after Thanksgiving.

Katey Warren
STAFF WRITER

The day after Thanksgiving marks the biggest shopping day of the year: Black Friday. It's a day for only the most ambitious and elite shoppers, prepared to take on the early morning start, crazy mobs, long lines and possibly even the famed "tug-of-war" scene over the hot-ticket items.

Though the phrase "Black Friday" is now used to describe a day hosting some of the best sales of the year, history shows a slightly different explanation for its origin. According to Time magazine, the term Black Friday was originally a descrip-

tion of the stock-market panic on Sept. 24, 1864. The term was later reappropriated to describe the overwhelming crowds that flocked to stores. Time magazine stated, "The justification came later, tied to accounting balance sheets where black ink would represent a profit."

For those who wish to embark upon this daring shopping feat, there are a few things they should keep in mind to take the best advantage of Black Friday.

First, it is important to be prepared. Check stores' websites for the best deals, then make a list of each desired item at each store, from most

wanted to least wanted. Also, make sure to compare prices online the day before, and print out any advertisements of items you wish to buy.

Next, get a good night's rest the day before to endure the long, exhausting day of shopping ahead that will most likely start early in the morning. Also, remember that you will likely be on your feet all day, so wear something comfortable and shoes that are easy to walk in.

Finally, on the day of, remember — it's just shopping. Don't let the chaos and crowds get your holiday spirits down. Stay calm, remain focused and

bring a friend to help you get through the day.

Though many students will leave Greenville and return home for Thanksgiving and Black Friday, those who stay in town can take advantage of the local specials on the big shopping day. In addition to sales and early opening hours at major retailers such as Best Buy, Walmart and Office Depot, the local mall will also be filled with Black Friday deals.

According to Cindy Beach, marketing manager at Greenville Mall, both JCPenney and Hudson Belk will be opening their doors at 4 a.m., while

the other mall vendors will open by 6 a.m. In addition to offering coffee, donuts and goodie bags to the early risers, the Greenville Mall staff will also be giving away a flip video camera to one lucky customer. Shoppers may check the mall's website for sales and specials before Black Friday.

If you're worried you will still be in a food coma after Thanksgiving, there's a way you can still make the most of Black Friday while still in bed. Whether traveling home or staying in Greenville for the holiday break, everyone can take advantage of this growing Black Friday trend by shopping online. For example, Target is having a "four-day pre-Black Friday sale," with large discounts on big-ticket items, including televisions, digital cameras and blu-ray players. So, make sure to check your favorite stores' websites for Black Friday specials offered online.

But remember — even the most experienced shopper usually can't score every discounted item they want. However, if you keep these tips in mind, you should be able to make the most of this highly anticipated shopping day!

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The beginning of the end



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Ticket stubs from the new "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1."

'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows' marks part one of the final Harry Potter movies

★★★★★
Hunter Ingram
STAFF WRITER

"The Motion Picture Event of a Generation" is one of the many taglines featured in the "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" movie trailer. While most movies don't have the right to claim a generation as their own, when it comes to Harry Potter, no one would question it. For nine years, the world has watched as Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson took the beloved Harry, Ron and Hermione from pint-sized wizards to the mature adults who, in this final installment, are tasked with facing their biggest challenge yet: saving their world from the darkest of evils.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" chronicles the three heroes as they search for the remaining Horcruxes, objects that contain pieces of Lord Voldemort's soul. While this film may not be as action-packed as some of the previous installments, it is still a truly amazing film and my personal favorite of the franchise.

During its opening weekend, the film brought in over \$125 million, a record for the series, which has already

grossed \$5.4 billion worldwide.

When going into "Part 1," audiences must keep in mind that this film is only part of the final book and therefore doesn't work to tie up loose ends but rather build up to the sure-to-be amazing finale, which opens in theaters on July 15, 2011.

There has been a lot of talk about splitting the final book into two movies since it was announced in March 2008. With any book adaptation, scenes are going to be cut, but "Deathly Hallows" has the advantage of having two movies-worth of time to fit in all the important events of the riveting final book.

Senior Erin Roberts believes that having a two-part finale is a good thing, saying, "(Part 1) was great! It followed the book better than all the (previous) movies. I would go see it again."

Throughout this film, there are several moments that remind us just how far this franchise has come and how close we are to the end. From an early scene where Harry reflects on the now-empty Dursley house he grew up in, to the deaths of several beloved characters, it's hard not to feel the sadness of what a final chapter means for an established story like this.

Just like every Harry Potter movie since "The Prisoner of Azkaban," this film is extremely dark and has a very

serious tone, as it should, considering its subject matter. But also like the previous films, it does make sure to throw in comical moments, most of which involve the three Weasley brothers. It's that ability to balance pure darkness and quirky one-liners that makes this film and its predecessors very entertaining.

However, this film also differs from its predecessors in one big way: Hogwarts. The famous School of Witchcraft and Wizardry doesn't make an appearance in this film, but rest assured, it plays a big part in the finale.

Something that has always been a staple of the Harry Potter craze is its followers. Hundreds of people in Greenville alone came out for the midnight showings on Thursday, some of the viewers dressed up in their favorite Harry Potter costumes. Before the midnight showing that I attended began, two guys even came down to the front of the theater and dueled with wands — something that the crowd loved.

Sophomore Sydney Houghton, who is a die-hard Harry Potter fan, attended the midnight screening and loves the excitement that surrounds the Harry Potter franchise. "It's so fun to see people our age getting excited for something we have all grown up



LUKE RAYSON | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A student crams books into a book bag at Joyner Library.

E-books get cool reception

Most students still prefer hardcopy over online version

Marlana Sifter
STAFF WRITER

Easily the greenest option out there, e-textbooks still lag far behind their printed counterparts since becoming widely available in the 1990s.

An alternative to just 20 percent of traditional textbooks, it is no wonder that e-books comprises less than 3 percent of all college textbook sales. As bookstore prices increase and more texts are offered on cyber space, the percentage of sales is expected to grow.

In the past few years, textbook prices rose four times the inflation rate — a source of increasing concern not only for students, but also for school and state officials. The board of governors, headed by Erskine Bowles, is undertaking a huge money-saving initiative in an effort to cut the cost of textbooks this year. Dowdy Student Stores is building up a collection of e-books just like every other university in the state is doing.

"We know that it's an option out there and we don't want to be left out of the loop," said Katherine Burney, textbook manager of Dowdy Student Stores.

The Dowdy website has a link to e-book options at the bottom of the page. If students buy through Dowdy, they can save up to 60 percent on their purchase. So far, about 10 e-books are available each semester.

E-books are usually cheaper than used books, but more expensive than rentals. Borrowing and renting textbooks are methods students use to save money in a number of scenarios. Students can rent most books at Dowdy and get a discount at the same time when they follow the Cengage link at the bottom of the webpage. Renting books there cuts 70 percent off an already decreased textbook price.

When it is unnecessary to keep the book or if students consider reading a screen for long periods of time difficult, rentals are the best option. Even young adults (the age group closest to digital fluency) express overwhelming dislike for the e-book. Nearly 75 percent of students would rather use a bound book according to the Student Public Interest Research Group.

"You can take them with you and read them on your lunch break," said Samantha Terrell, a junior majoring in art, who had the option to use an e-book in one of her classes but chose to buy a used hardcopy instead.

"I usually keep my books anyway, especially if they're art

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related.”
 Apart from e-books, rentals and used books, another money-saving solution is the loose-leaf text. The only downside here is the inability to sell the books back.

One of the most cited downsides of online texts is the inconvenience of reading a screen -- a task that for most people still involves a computer.

“People don’t want to read off a screen. Your eyes get tired,” Burney said.

“But e-books will be more and more of a presence in the next 10 years, I predict. Hopefully the system interface will be better than what we’re on now.” She went on to say that students over the next decade are likely to be more at ease with virtual textbooks as they are introduced to them from grade school.

Having grown up learning from physical books, students tend

to remain with that format into college. The ease of use and reliability of a hardcopy opposed to the fickleness of a computer that may freeze or lose Internet connection encourages students to bypass the e-book or else know where to find the local computer lab. The temptation to check Facebook is one other turnoff that the traditional textbook lacks.

It is also impossible to flip between chapters in a timely manner, or to write in margins while using an e-book. However, companies are working on overcoming these drawbacks in the near future.

At Florida’s Daytona State College, the 35,000-strong student body is transitioning to fully online textbook services. Every course, from English to computer science, has an e-book available. The college hopes to serve as an example for other schools of higher education that want to cut student cost while being environmentally friendly. Students

unhappy with online reading are encouraged to print the books and place them in a three-ring binder. Undoubtedly this leads to a rush on campus computer labs, so in order not to cause a paper shortage, campuses should probably have the majority of student opinion on their side before taking such a measure.

The bookselling industry is offering the latest in e-book technology in an effort to draw reluctant users. Barnes and Noble College Booksellers released a new software application, and Nook Study offers e-books readable on Macs and PCs.

Though unlikely that ECU will remove the traditional textbook from course requirements, students can expect far more options headed their way. With competition coming from loose-leafs and the e-book, demand for the old-fashioned text may be outstripped for no reason other than cost.

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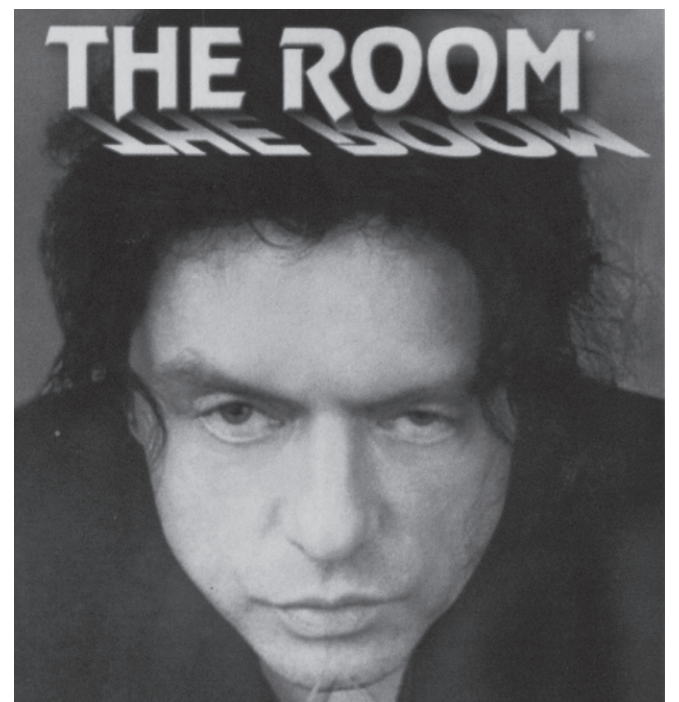
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has gained some very famous admirers. Jonah Hill of “Superbad,” Paul Rudd of “Role Models,” Kristen Bell of “Forgetting Sarah Marshall” and David Cross of “Arrested Development” all count themselves as fans of the film and Bell is even known to host viewing parties at her house.

From the fan-made YouTube parodies to the continuous midnight showings, movies can’t buy the kind of publicity that “The Room” has received. While it may not be a masterpiece, it has gained the title of “the ‘Citizen Kane’ of bad movies,” which compared to what it could have been called, is pretty darn good.

The Film Studies Minor event will be held on Monday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre.

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On Monday, Nov. 29, the ECU Film Studies Minor is bringing “The Room” to campus.

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with. Harry Potter has been a part of our lives for a long time and it’s gonna be sad when it’s all over,” says Houghton.

It’s been 13 years since the Harry Potter books launched

and since then, more than 400 million copies have been sold. With that many fans in the world, all eyes will be on movie screens come July 2011. And if “Deathly Hallows: Part 1” is any

indication of what’s to come, the world is in for one heck of a finale.

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Keys to the game:

For ECU:

Control the ball:

The Pirates have had the most success this year when they have put together constant offensive play and controlled the tempo of the game. With a 1,000-yard back on the other side of the field, ball control will be extremely important.

Limit turnovers:

Over the last three games, quarterback Dominique Davis has thrown 13 touchdown passes to just two picks, and with the ECU defense struggling, the Pirates can't afford to give the Mustangs a short field.

Try to play defense:

The Pirates' defense ranks 120th in the country in total defense, which is good for dead last. If the Pirates can put together the effort shown against N.C. State, then the Pirates have a good chance of winning.

For SMU:

Run the ball:

The Mustangs boast a back that has gained over 1,000 yards this season, and the biggest issue for the Pirate defense this year has been stopping the run, so expect the Mustangs to try to run the ball down the Pirates' throats.

Limit the big play:

The Pirates have lived on big pass plays this year to set up scoring chances. If the Mustangs can stop those plays, they can stop ECU.

Get ahead early:

Rice got up on ECU 34-14 early, and despite a comeback attempt by ECU, the game was over at that point. If the Mustangs can get ahead big early, they could spell the end for ECU.

Men's hoops defeats USC-Upstate, 75-67

Jontae Sherrod scored 15 of his 17 points from the foul line. Jamar Abrams added 16 points and ECU closed its Charleston Classic with a 75-67 victory over USC Upstate on Sunday.

The Pirates (3-2) trailed 27-21 with five minutes left in the opening period, then took off on a 26-10 run to take control of the tournament's seventh-place game and defeat former coach Eddie Payne, now heading the Spartans (0-5).

Abrams had a basket and a 3-pointer during the surge. Sherrod was 12 of 13 from the foul line in the second half to keep the Pirates out front.

USC Upstate had no answer for ECU's inside duo of Darrius Morrow and Darius Morales. The two combined for 12 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks.

Torrey Craig had 19 points to lead USC Upstate, which missed its first 20 3-pointers before finishing 4 for 25 from behind the arc.

Swimming and diving signs six for 2011-12

The ECU swimming and diving program has inked six student-athletes to a National Letter-of-Intent for the 2011-12 season announced head coach Rick Kobe on Monday.

The Pirates landed four lady swimmers: Lauren Gray (Roanoke, Va.), Danielle Morrin (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.), Paige Moorhead (Winter Springs, Fla.) and Megan Rossi (Clearwater, Fla.) and a pair of men's swimmers: Andre Smedstad (Slidell, La.) and Nick Wylie (South Field, Mich.). All-America honors.

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Owls dismantle Pirates

Chances for a third conference championship ruined

Adam Bunn
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ECU's hopes of back-to-back-to-back conference titles disappeared Saturday afternoon as the Rice Owls ran over the Pirates 62-38 in Houston.

On the day, Rice ran through, around and past the Pirates to the tune of 410 yards rushing with a pair of backs going for over a 100 and a third falling just seven yards short of that mark. The Owls led the game by just six at the half-time break but seized control with two third-quarter touchdowns while the Pirates managed just a single field goal in the third quarter. "Offensively, they did a good job of moving the football all day long," ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said of the Rice offense. "They out-executed us." The Owls, who picked up only their third win of the season and just their second in Conference USA this year, didn't use regular starting quarterback Nick Fanuzzi at all in the game, but instead used back-up Taylor McHargue in the typical pro-style offense while also using running back Jeremy Eddington in the Wildcat formation. Obviously relying on the Pirates' inability to stop the run, the Owls handed the ball off 60 times. As with the option attack ECU saw against Navy a couple weeks ago, stopping the Wildcat all comes down to execution. "Early in the game, they had some different plays with it, but for the most part, the Wildcat stuff we knew," McNeill said. "We had worked on it, prepared for it. It comes down to execution. It comes down sometimes to making a play, getting off a block and making a play. There's no magic defense."



Wide receiver Lance Lewis shakes away from a Tar Heel defender in action earlier this season. Lewis set the single season touchdown catch record with his 11th against Rice.

With Rice holding a 34-14 lead midway through the second quarter, the Pirate offense began to show signs of life. With over seven minutes remaining in the half, quarterback Dominique Davis, who finished 21-of-39 for 308 yards with three touchdowns and two picks, found Lance Lewis on a crossing route for 48 yards down to the Rice 6-yard line where he would find freshman Justin Jones for the touchdown moments later. On the ensuing Rice drive, the Owls would fumble and the ball would fall into the hands of Pirate defender Matt

Milner, who would take the ball back to the Owl 19-yard line where running back Jonathan Williams would score on a 2-yard touchdown run with just 33 seconds left in the first half. Lewis led the Pirates' offense on the day, catching seven passes for 126 yards with a touchdown giving him a new ECU single-season record for receiving touchdowns in a season with 11. Rice would add two fourth-quarter touchdowns, and ECU's Davis would run it in from 1 yard out to end the scoring and result in the final margin of 62-38.

With the conference title completely out of the picture, the Pirates return home to close out the regular season the day after Thanksgiving, welcoming SMU into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The Pirates offense got off to a slow start against the Owls on Saturday, but was able to pick up some of the slack generated by a lackluster defensive effort totaling 454 yards of offense and rolling up 38 points in what should

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Brittany Roper leaps to slam home the kill against Tulane as Kelly Derby (4) and Kasey Kavanaugh (3) look on. The Pirates dropped three close sets to the Green Wave.

Volleyball washed out by Green Wave

Chase Kroll
 STAFF WRITER

Three sets were all that was needed for the Tulane Green Wave to come out of Mingos Coliseum with a victory. The ECU Pirates made things very difficult for the Green Wave, contesting every point, before losing in three very close sets by scores of 18-25, 20-25 and 20-25.

In the third set alone of Sunday's action, there were seven ties and three lead changes between the two teams. Redshirt junior Britney Roper was able to put down four kills in the third set to push her total to six for the match.

The set was tied at 14 before Tulane registered a quick point, which caused ECU to take a timeout. The Green Wave came out of the timeout playing extremely well,

pushing their lead to 18-23 before the Pirates' final timeout and eventually the end of the match, with a score of 20-25.

The second set started off favorably for the Pirates, who came out to a quick 4-1 lead. The set was eventually tied at 11, one of three ties in the set, before the momentum of the match swayed to Tulane's favor. ECU stayed close throughout the set, with the score 19-22 late in the set, but couldn't find the points needed to come out of the set with a win. Coach Pati Rolf seemed to know the reason.

"It's experience and I think as we are getting more experience we are getting stronger and stronger," Rolf said. "The challenges of getting over that hump and winning those sets, however, are issues of offense and elements like

blocking."

The Pirates were out-blocked 9-5 in the match, and offensively had a hard time getting around Tulane's blocks, which was a crucial element in why they couldn't register the final points late in each set.

The first set was much of the usual for ECU: they came out strong before losing the lead in the middle of the match and failing to regain the lead within the final points. The Pirates established a 5-1 lead but later had to call a timeout with the score 16-18. ECU couldn't make up any ground, losing the set 18-25.

"We just need to know what it feels like to win," Britney Roper

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ECU passed up by Wilmington

"UNC Wilmington played with a lot of emotion and made absolutely huge buckets."

-Heather Macy
 ECU Head Coach

Jordan Anders
 FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The ECU Lady Pirates basketball team dropped to 1-2 on Friday night after losing a hard-fought, up-and-down battle with UNC-Wilmington, 84-73, at Mingos Coliseum.

Senior forward Kim Gay notched her fifth career double-double, tallying 12 points and 11 rebounds. She was joined by four other Pirates who scored in double figures. Forward Chareya Smith finished with 11 points. Ashley Clarke, Ariana Jackson and Celeste Stewart each added 10 points.

ECU controlled the opening tip, but that was about the only good thing to happen for the Lady Pirates in the first four minutes of the game, as UNCW scored the first seven points of the game on their way to an early 13-3 lead. The Lady Pirates did nothing to help their cause over that stretch, committing five turnovers in those four minutes that led to seven points for the Seahawks.

ECU battled back over the next 10 minutes, chipping the lead down to six at 32-26 before UNCW went on a 15-6 run to take a commanding 15-point advantage as the last seconds of the first half ticked away. But Stewart connected on a long 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer to cut the Seahawk lead to 12 and give the Lady Pirates a little confidence heading into the locker room.

The Pirates came out for the second half with renewed energy and opened the half on a 16-4 run that was highlighted by big 3-point baskets by Allison Spivey and Kim Gay. That run tied the game at 51 with 15:50 remaining. The teams traded baskets for the next several minutes, until Ariana Jackson's layup with 12:26 remaining put the Lady Pirates up 61-57.

But things began to unravel for ECU. They turned the basketball over repeatedly, which helped UNCW go on a decisive stretch in which they outscored ECU 21-5, holding the Pirates without a basket from the field



Junior guard Crystal Wilson drives around an American defender. Wilson contributed 10 points against the Seahawks.

for over nine minutes. By the time Ashley Clarke ended the stretch with a layup with three minutes remaining, UNCW had already checked out to a 10-point lead at 78-68, and the Seahawks made their free throws down the stretch to end any potential threat by the Lady Pirates.

ECU outshot UNCW, hitting 48 percent of their shots compared to 43 percent by the Seahawks. But the Lady Pirates were again beaten on the boards, as they were outrebounded 43-32.

UNCW guard Kristen Hanzer led all scorers with 26 points, followed by teammate Martha White, who added

22. Seahawk forward Britany Blackwell added a double-double with 12 points and 15 rebounds.

For Head Coach Heather Macy and the Lady Pirates, it was a case of what might have been.

"We showed a lot of fight coming out in that second half after getting down like we did, to go ahead and take the lead," coach Macy said. "So I'm really proud of them for that."

Still, the problem of turnovers that took her team out of a chance to win was not lost on the first-year head coach of the Lady Pirates.

"I think our decision-making has to be better," Macy said.

"When we're not turning people over, every possession is incredibly valuable, and we've obviously got to do a much better job of flowing with one another and playing off of one another."

At the time of deadline ECU lead Virginia Union 48-18 at halftime.

The Lady Pirates take to the hardwood again for the third of four consecutive home games on Friday, Nov. 26, when they host the Maryland Terrapins at Mingos Coliseum. Tipoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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have been enough to beat a Rice team that had only been averaging just 25 points a game before Saturday. Davis took his season numbers to completing 355-of-553 passes for 3,693 yards with 37 touchdowns and 14 interceptions. On the ground for the Pirates, Williams once again carried for over 100 yards, carrying the ball 17 times for exactly 100 yards. Williams' season numbers now stand at 139 carries for 759 yards with eight rushing touchdowns. Leading the Pirates' receiving group is, of course, star receiver Dwayne Harris, who on the season has caught 83 passes for 998 yards with 10 touchdowns. Harris is

followed by newcomer Lewis, who has caught 70 passes for 825 yards with a single-season record 11 touchdown catches. The defensive side of the ball was a complete and utter embarrassment on Saturday against the Owls, giving up over 60 points and 600 yards of total offense. On the year, the Pirates' defense now ranks 120th in the nation, which is dead last, so according to the rankings, there is not one defensive unit that is worse than the unit that calls Greenville home. The Southern Methodist Mustangs comes to Pirate Nation boasting a 6-5 overall record, while also being 5-2 in C-USA needing a win to clinch a spot

in the conference championship game. The Mustangs are led by sophomore quarterback Kyle Padron, who on the season has completed 240-of-406 passes for 2,975 yards with 25 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

"Kyle Padron is a good quarterback who we have known about for a while," McNeill said. "He's one of the top quarterbacks in the league. He is throwing the ball well and really has a handle on (head coach) June Jones' offense." On the ground, the Mustangs are led by sophomore running back Zach Line, who has rushed 179 times for 1,174 yards with eight rushing touchdowns.

Receiving the Mustangs are led by senior wide-out Aldrick Robinson, who has caught 52 passes for 1,053 yards with 11 touchdown catches. This is the second time Robinson has gone over 1,000 yards receiving, the first being in 2008 when he caught 59 passes for 1,047 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Mustangs rank 65th nationally in points against, allowing just 26 points a game. The SMU defense hasn't had the same issues on their unit that the Pirates have had. The Mustangs returned the majority of the defense that they played with last year and they have lived up to their billing as one of the best defenses in an

offense-heavy conference.

"Linebackers are really the strength of the defense with Taylor Reed and Ja'Gared Davis," McNeill said. "They're both young kids who are solid players."

As the season comes to a close on Friday, the Pirates will look back on what this season has been and what could have been. The Pirates and the Mustangs will kick off Friday at 2 p.m. and will be televised by CBS College Sports.

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Dominique Davis drops back to pass against Tulsa. Davis completed 21 of 39 passes for three touchdowns and two interceptions against Rice on Saturday.

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said. "I think winning is an attitude and if we start believing in ourselves then I think our play will get a lot better."

"I see the potential that we have," Rolf said. "It's a challenge. It's the little things."

The Pirates ended the match on the losing end of kills (31-44), assists (29-40) and digs (39-52). Jackie Varnum led the team with nine kills, closely followed by freshman Whitney Campbell who had eight. Kasey Kavanaugh paced ECU with 24 assists and Nicole Jones led the defense with 13 digs. This was her 14th match of the season where she recorded double-digit digs.

The enthusiasm on the court for the Pirates remains high.

"We are best friends actually off the court, and on the court too," Roper said. "I think that helps. I

mean, we know what people can do and what our weaknesses are, and I think we can step in and help each other out." These are good signs for the future of ECU volleyball.

In earlier action, the Pirates lost to Southern Miss in three sets, falling by scores of 24-26, 21-25 and 16-25. These past two losses have brought their conference game record to 0-18 with their final two conference games against Marshall to be played on Wednesday, Nov. 24, and the following Saturday, Nov. 27, to finish out their season.

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