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BRIEFS

Pirate Express modifies schedule for weekend

Staff Reports

Services for the Pirate Express bus service will operate on a special schedule for Saturday, Oct. 29 and Monday, Oct. 31.

On Saturday, all 900-series Pirate Express shuttles will run out of the Mendenhall/West End bus stop. These buses, along with the 850 Pirate Ride, will attempt to operate as closely to schedule as possible but may be delayed.

All routes on Sunday will operate on normal schedule.

On Monday, the late night service will operate from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., with the last rounds departing at 3 a.m.

The 400 and 500-series routes, and the 850 Pirate Ride, will operate continuously to the Mendenhall/West End bus stop.

Students are reminded that no alcohol, regardless of container, is allowed onboard. Weapons, fighting, smoking, backpacks and other large carry-on items are also prohibited.

Anyone getting sick onboard will be assessed a \$50 cleanup fee.

SafeRide will run on an extended schedule from 7 p.m. until 3 a.m. to serve on-campus locations only. Pick-up and drop-off will be in the parking lot just south of Mendenhall Student Center.

University to celebrate alumni this weekend

Staff Reports

The university will host several events that will recognize alumni this weekend during Homecoming.

Homecoming events will be held on Friday and Saturday, with the theme "PeeDee Goes to Hollywood."

A luncheon featuring John Tucker, a university historian, will speak on "Leo Jenkins' First Year: Reflections on a Decisive Presidency" at 11:30 a.m. on Friday in Mendenhall Student Center.

"Classes Without Quizzes" will be presented Friday afternoon. Alumni will be able to learn about which stars are most visible in the fall night sky, experience a culinary lesson about pairing wines with foods, or try out new classroom technology.

Six alumni will be honored during the weekend celebrations. Sen. Robert Morgan '47, William "Kel" Normann '85, Ralph Finch Jr. '67, Marsha Moore Lewis '76 and '85, Emilie Tilley '60 and Steven Wright '78, will be recognized at The Alumni Awards Ceremony and Dinner, which will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at the Greenville Hilton.

Freeboot Friday returns

Staff Reports

Freeboot Friday will return this Friday with a special Homecoming celebration.

The Freeboot Friday series is presented by Wells Fargo and will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Five Points Plaza on Fifth and Evans Streets.

Coach Ruffin McNeill will speak at 5:15 p.m., followed by live music by Old Man Whickutt and Jupiter Jones.

The event will include inflatables, free crafts and balloon creations for kids, along with free giveaways from event sponsors.

There will also be free food samples from Dale's Indian Cuisine, Jimmy John's and Sup Dogs.

The Greenville Jolly Trolley will be offering free rides throughout the Uptown District to event participants.

University gives award to biology professor

Staff Reports

Biology professor, Kyle Summers has been named the first-ever recipient of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Advancement Council Distinguished Professorship in the Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

The professorship was established through generous funding by the Harriot College's Advancement Council.



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Blackbeard's Cannon was pulled up after being discovered last August. It will now be put on display at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

Officials raise Blackbeard's cannon

Jamie Harper
STAFF WRITER

A 2,000 pound cannon, once aboard the Queen Anne's Revenge, captained by pirate Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard, was recovered yesterday from the Beaufort Inlet.

Brought ashore Wednesday morning, the cannon is part of the Queen Anne's Revenge salvage and recovery project. Onlookers and members of the Queen Anne's Revenge Project cheered as the eight-foot cannon was raised from the water.

Queen Anne's Revenge, Blackbeard's flagship, ran aground along the Beaufort shoreline in 1718. The shipwreck was discovered in 1996 by a private company and this is the 13th cannon salvaged from the wreck. Historians believe the ship carried 330 to 400 pirates and the wreck was possibly purposeful.

All of the artifacts that have been found are a part of the Queen Anne's Revenge exhibit and the cannon will be the newest addition. The exhibit,

which has already attracted over 100,000 visitors, will remain on display permanently at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort, N.C.

The recovery of this cannon, as well as the other artifacts discovered, will help historians and researchers differentiate between fact and fiction when studying the famous pirate, Blackbeard. Lynn Harris, assistant professor of maritime studies, explained the discovered artifacts confirm this was a pirate ship from the colonial period. The collection of artifacts found will give researchers and archeologists clues and comparative material to use while examining other ships of that time period from around the world.

The recovery of the Queen Anne Revenge Project involves collaboration between agencies like the state departments of Cultural Resources and Environmental and Natural Resources and East Carolina University.

"Our students are interested in everything from the conservation, the actual chemical treatment of the artifacts once they come out, to the history and how it relates to N.C. They are

interested in more symbolic themes too... We also look at the life history of the ship," said Harris.

Lynda Carlisle, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, said, "It is important and relevant on a number of levels. First of all, it is an international archeological find. It is one of the top sites in the world. We have the opportunity to bring it and conserve it and to use that in a very important way as it relates to particularly the university and the students. We have faculty and students who aren't just reading about doing this, but they're experiencing it."

The cannon was displayed to the public for only about two hours, in order to avoid oxidation, before it was taken to ECU. After arriving at to university, the cannon was placed in a large tank and the conservation process began. The recovery process takes a minimum of three to five years, according to Carlisle.

Alan White, the dean of the College of Arts

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Seven car pile-up stalls traffic



LUKE RAYSON | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A seven car pile-up occurred around 5:15 p.m. yesterday on Arlington Boulevard, between Charles Street and Evans Street. Witnesses say the driver of the silver Mercury, pictured above, was rear ended by another driver, who was on his cell phone and speeding. The Mercury then spun into oncoming traffic, where it was hit by another vehicle on the right side and ended up on the curb.

The back windshield of the car was shattered, and back seat passenger Andy Southward, pictured right, suffered cuts from the accident. Southward was heading home from the hospital and was riding with a couple sitting in the front seat of the car. One person was sent to the hospital, and police have not yet released information on the accident.

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Forum discusses 2012-2013 tuition

Megan Stalls
STAFF WRITER

SGA and the Inter-Fraternal Council hosted an open forum last Tuesday night to discuss the proposal of a tuition and fees increase for the 2012-2013 academic year. The meeting was held in order to create awareness and insight to the Campus Based Tuition and Fee Policy.

The projected increase is \$101 and a majority of the increase will go to the athletics department and technology and education fees.

"We're here to discuss the proposal," said SGA President Josh Martinkovic. "And what we discuss, our thoughts, will be brought to the December Board of Trustees meeting."

Over the past 20 years, the percentage of tuition paid by the state has decreased, and the percentage paid by students and/or their parents has increased. Students are currently paying 20 to 30 cents for every dollar paid by the state for tuition. That translates to approximately 16 percent of a student's tuition being paid by the state. The increase could raise tuition and fees approximately 15 percent for in-state students and almost 10 percent for out-of-state students.

Rick Niswander went on to emphasize that these increases are strictly a possibility and they are not definite at this time.

"None of us would like to raise tuition just to raise tuition," said Niswander. "We want to continue to give a high quality education, and we need to think how to pay for it."

The tuition and fees increase made by the university would allow for certain projects to be pursued and completed, but students who depend on grants and loans would also be kept safe from the increase.

"Not only will we try - we will," Niswander said about using some of the money for students who rely on financial aid. "We will commit to that."

A large portion of the increase will benefit the athletics department. It will serve to complete the Olympic Sports Complex and fund the student support groups, which include the band, the cheerleading team and the dance team.

Education and technology will use their amount to

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'Critter Trick or Treat' event to promote pet adoptions

Persida Montanez
STAFF WRITER

The Pitt County Animal Shelter will hold a "Critters Trick or Treat" event on Halloween for pets and their owners in order to promote pet adoption.

The Pitt County Animal Shelter, in partnership with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, hopes to reach over 600 pet adoptions by Halloween day for a chance to win a \$100,000 grant.

The ASPCA competition is in its third year, with the grand prize going to the shelter that saves the most animals above the 300-pet minimum. This year, the ASPCA added a second-place category and other competitions, for a total of \$300,000 in prize money.

"We will have animal treats and candy. You don't have to have a kid to come. There will be four contests for the best kid-pet look-alike, the cutest pet, the scariest pet, and the most creative costume. The contests start at 5:30 p.m.," said Pitt County Animal Shelter volunteer and foster home coordinator Erica Hughes.

On Monday, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the shelter will hold a Critters Trick or Treat event intended to get people to visit the shelter.

The Critters Trick or Treat event will have contests and activities for animals, as well as for children. The Pitt County Animal Shelter will have a different activity every month to promote pet adoption.



Alex Bryan plays with adoptee Sonny at the Pitt County Animal Shelter off Home County Road.

around 300 additional animals from August to October, which is more than the previous year. According to Hughes, the shelter has to have over 200 adoptions by Monday in order to stay in the competition.

"During this competition our adoptions have been up by 35 percent from last year," said Whaley. Alaina McMaho, a junior nursing major adopted a cat through the Pitt County shelter.

"They were nice people and the adoption was a short and smooth process," said McMaho. The Pitt County Animal

Shelter is one of the 50 shelters that qualified to compete due to the large amount of online votes from the community. It's also their first year competing in the ASPCA challenge. Two other North Carolina shelters in Asheville and Burlington are in the competition.

Christine Jankowsky, a sophomore majoring in communication, said, "Adopting an animal through a shelter is so much cheaper than buying a full breed dog. It's worth it because the animal wouldn't have a home."

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students how to facilitate a recreational programming event so that they are in charge of not only designing the event but also implementing and facilitating the event.

There is one programming class for fall semester, and the class is split into two different programming lab classes. There are a total of 38 students working on the Winterville Trail of Terror.

"The have done a lot," said Reidl. "They have worked from the very beginning planning everything for the event."

The students have been in charge of finding donations and sponsors, designing flyers and banners, developing a website and YouTube video for the event, designing and planning eight different scenes for the event, purchasing supplies, building structures and designing and following the budget approved by Winterville, according to Reidl.

"I've done the risk management plan for the event, so I had to look at all the possible things that could go wrong so that we can prevent them," said Shelby Culbreth, junior recreational therapy major. "I've had to come up with an emergency action plan and safety checklist, because we want to go through and check each scene before we start the event."

One of the most important things the students have been working on have been putting together a series of

Students help create 'Trail of Terror'

Caitlin Hunnicutt
STAFF WRITER

Students taking the programming lab and class for the Department of Recreation Leisure Studies have spent the better part of their semester preparing for "The Winterville Trail of Terror."

The programming lab class, part of the College of Health and Human Performance, plans to organize an event or another activity that the students have to facilitate and see through every semester. This is the first year for The Winterville Trail of Terror.

"I worked with the same program when I was in grad school and ever since becoming the director of Winterville Parks and Rec, we have a wooded area that I've always wanted to do something like this with, and we came up with the idea together," said Eric Lucas, director of Winterville Parks and Recreation and ECU graduate of the RCLS program.

The Winterville Town Council approved a \$3,000 budget for the event and is facilitating giving the department the money to spend on the event.

"Eric Lucas and I decided to partner up to provide The Winterville Trail of Terror so that not only the students could participate in experiential learning, but they could give back to the community as well," said Rebecca Reidl, who is teaching the programming lab class.

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Residence halls add extra security for Halloween



Public health major Colleen Murray and undecided major Brittany Harrel look at a rules sign.

Melanie Jock
STAFF WRITER

Residence halls are implementing special policies for residents during the upcoming weekend to help provide safety to the students living on campus.

Different policies and procedures put in place for the weekend were created for the safety of students, in order to cut back on theft, crime and vandalism.

One such measure includes reducing options for entry into the dorms.

"We're going to have limited [key] fob access for halls," said Waz Miller, assistant vice chancellor and director of residence life. "There will be a certain door identified that they are supposed to use to go in and go out of, so that it is all centralized."

Beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday, students will only be allowed to access the main entrance of their halls. All of the curfew doors will be locked and will not be key fob accessible, except in the case of an emergency. The main entry will be the only means for entering and exiting the hall. The limited access will remain in effect until 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Although raising security is for the safety of students, some feel the added measures are inconvenient and taking away from the usual ease of accessing most outside doors of residence halls.

"I've heard people say it's dumb," said Morgan Cribb, a freshman exercise physiology major living in a residence hall on campus. "It's inconvenient. They could at least leave two side doors open."

Although students are left only using designated areas to get in and out of residence halls, Miller reassures students that it is for their safety on such a busy weekend.

"It helps people feel a little bit safer that they can't just get in anywhere," said Miller.

"It's a pain not having back doors," said Kevin Whitley, a sophomore biology major living in a residence hall, "but I guess it's better for safety."

Along with limiting access, residence halls also plan on having added security on Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights.

"We have extra coverage," said Miller. "We're going to have the staff around doing extra rounds."

Starting at 11:30 p.m. on Halloween night, students will be required to sign-in when arriving to residence halls and must check in guests with the staff in the lobby of their hall. Due to the popularity of Halloween and with Homecoming falling on the same weekend, visitors to campus are inevitable.

Students may have guests, but are required to sign them in on Monday night.

"When someone comes in with a guest, we'll have that person sign in and then we'll have staff go around at the end of visitation at 2 a.m. and make sure that those folks depart," said Miller.

Students are also reminded that their guests are their responsibility and that all usual policies will be enforced. If a student's residence hall does not allow him or her to

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five notebooks that document everything they have done with the process so far. When the notebook is completed it will be published and a copy will be given to the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, as well as one to the town of Winterville.

"I've worked most heavily with the notebook," said Caitlin Williams, senior recreational therapy major. "Everyone in the class has a certain amount of paper duties that they are signed up to do, and all of that is describing what is going to happen prior to and after the event. It includes every single detail."

The students have designed and constructed a total of eight different scenes for guests to talk through. There will be swamp, voodoo, autopsy, clown and torture scenes, as well as a haunted graveyard and an asylum, at the event.

RCLS students are facilitating every aspect of the Trail of Terror, including being the actors, tour guides, working the admissions booth and security. There are anywhere of 50-100 volunteers expected to come out and help the students with the event, according to Reidl.

There will be a mock run for the students to test the Trail of Terror, which will be open to a group of invited guests. The students will critique the event based on Thursday night, and will be open to the public starting Friday, Oct. 28th.

The Trail of Terror will only be running one night, with anywhere from 500-800 guests expected to be in attendance. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

"The community is really looking forward to it, and is hoping that it can become an annual event and the class can recreate (it) year to year," said Lucas.

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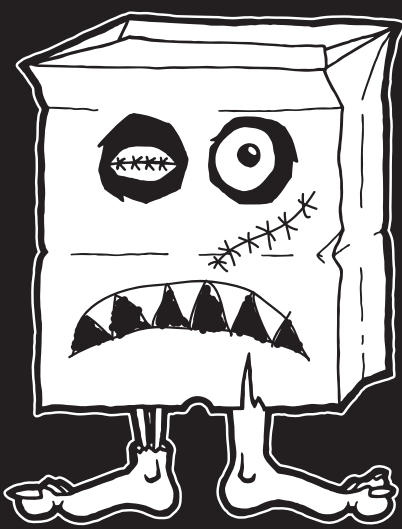


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host guests overnight, he or she must abide by this rule, and escort the guest out when visitation hours are over.

Along with visitation and escort policies, students should also follow the zero tolerance policy, as well as the alcohol policy. Campus Living also encourages students to follow usual safety measures, such as locking his or her rooms to prevent theft, as well as refraining from propping open outside doors, in order to keep out unwanted visitors.

For safety purposes, Greenville Police will be scattered all over the downtown area, while campus police will be patrolling on different parts of campus as well. Students are encouraged to behave responsibly, watch out for their friends and roommates, and keep an eye on guests at all times.

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ALLISON ZAUCHA | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
The canon was taken to the museum after its recovery yesterday.

and Sciences, said, "For students to be directly involved with an event like this is really incredible."

Lynda Carlisle, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Cultural resources, said, "What we are finding through the archeologists and all the scientists who are involved is now to take these facts and to interpret and learn from them. They are learning about life on the ship, they are learning about so much as it relates to that life of that time. These are

inanimate objects but they are telling about the circumstances and the culture of the life that was taking place at that time and that is incredibly important."

Wendy Welsh, the field conservator and lab manager for the Queen Anne's Revenge Project, said, "This is just another clue to the puzzle. There could be marking on this cannon that could give us a date."

"When you start cleaning these guns they can reveal marks that would tell us the

nationality of the gun or the maker of the gun. With a site like this, being a pirate ship, what we have already seen and what we continue to see are guns of various nations," said David Moore, the nautical archaeologist for the North Carolina Maritime Museum, where he has worked for 15 years.

Moore, an East Carolina University Alumni, explained that the cannons and an array of materials were found and visible beginning in 1996.

"The opportunity to experience this, to really be there and be in that lab is a remarkable opportunity... East Carolina has one of the top marine science programs and this is going to contribute to making it, I think, one of the best in the world. The dive is just the beginning. Bringing these artifacts up is the start of the process and the work that is being done and the science being developed is going to inform the work that goes forward in the future. It's vitally important," said Carlisle.

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improve and complete some projects that Joe Norris, associate vice chancellor and chief information officer, said were important for students and teachers.

"There's hardly a course here at ECU that doesn't have a technological component to it," Norris said.

Norris also said that numerous computer labs need to be refreshed, and

that there is a push for new printing technology.

"If they are going to increase tuition, they should at least give us free parking or something. It's ridiculous," said junior Rachel Williams.

The transit system for the university is requesting to receive \$6 of the increase.

This will help pay for fuel costs, repair and replacement of older buses, and also put

a bus route in place to the North Recreational Complex.

The process to accept this increase will take until next year to complete. On Nov. 7, the proposal will be recommended to the chancellor and the Board of Trustees. If it passes, it will be recommended to the Board of Governors in December, and finally, to the General Assembly in February 2012.

The increase would then be put in place for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Other areas that will be requesting fee increases are Student Health, the Career Center, the Office of Student Transitions and First Year Programs, while the graduation fee will increase \$3.

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I always think of good Pirate Rants after I read the ones in the paper and then forget them by the time I get to the website to type them in.

I think people submit Pirate Rants because they enjoy seeing that they are successful at something.

I still have feelings for you: hatred, anger, disappointment, stuff like that.

Panties in front of the Brewster Building on a Tuesday? Wow ECU.

Dear girl whose underwear was on West End: Really? You couldn't make it back to your dorm. Get some self-control.

Listen up, here's a story about a guy who lives in a blue world.

With the fifteen other doors in front of Bate, I would love for you to walk out the one I'm trying to go in.

To the mistaken ranter who thinks smoking a black and mild is classy: Take your beer and your wannabe smoker attitude back to whatever gas station you're used to loitering in front of.

Greenville PD really needs to get their priorities together. Stop giving out drinking tickets and start doing something about crime in the downtown area.

My adviser was poopin' in the stall next to mine today. Then she proceeded to have a long conversation with me about budget cuts.

Honey, Adam clearly blocked you on Facebook because you're a stalker. Please move your conversation somewhere other than the library. Sincerely, People trying to study.

I WANT MY PINK SHIRT BACK!

Stop trying to be a linebacker. It's just a bus stop.

To the guys that have been staring at me all day: Yes, I grinded up on you at the club. No, I don't want to talk to you about it.

Thanks for posting pictures of your freshly-birthed blue baby covered in goop. It reminded me I need to take my birth control.

You desperately need a quick slap to the face, followed abruptly by a pointing finger and a "no."

I FREAKING HATE THE GREENVILLE TRAIN!

Making fun of a girl's laugh? I used to do that too. Then I turned 12.

The same stupid feeling you get when you see me in shorts in the cold mornings is the same STUPID feeling I get when I see you in jeans, sweatshirts, and Uggs in the hot afternoons!

Maybe your boyfriend doesn't want to be with you because you haven't had sex in two years.

If he likes it in the butt, girl he ain't into you!

Just lost my asshole virginity to a seatbelt on the 803 Night Drop-Off bus. It could have at least taken me to dinner first.

HALLOWEEN



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Going back to the good ol' days



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Is the trick-or-treater becoming extinct? I seldom hear my door ring on Halloween anymore and my bowl of candy leftovers gets larger with each passing year. In fact, the number of Christmas carolers I saw last year far outnumbered the one green-pasted hobgoblin that showed up on my doorstep, nervously holding out a plastic bag before me.

Maybe parents are wary of letting their kids scamper off into the dark anymore. Never mind the danger of getting hit by a driver returning from a Halloween bash, when far more sinister things lurk

in the bushes.

Clown-costumed pedophiles wander unnoticed on the streets. Satanists abduct black cats in order to carry out unspeakable rituals. Innocent-looking old ladies hand out apples with razor blades and pixie stix filled with cyanide.

Who knows what secret lives our neighbors lead, especially now that we don't even know their names? We are living among strangers.

No wonder, then, that when many shopping malls in the 80s offered to do trick-or-treating, parents leapt at the offer. A generation of kids grew up wandering from counter to counter begging for sweets, occasionally having to linger while their mother perused the markdowns. Leave it to Americans to feel safer in their commercial districts than in their own neighborhoods.

And the candy! Most parents chose to ignore the offers made by hospitals to x-ray bags of candy, relying on their own can-do spirits to sniff out poisoners. My father would set aside a pile of suspicious candy, making me wait several minutes while he salivated and slobbered through a mess of nougat and toffee bits before gravely informing me that the rest was safe to eat.

I confess that we children were often happy to feed the paranoia. I decided that any health-happy hippy who was cruel enough to give me an apple on Halloween was surely a witch, so I wouldn't touch the damn thing. And you never had to fear Brach's or Hershey's or any of the real candy manufacturers, but instead, the octogenarians who thought they could give you a brownie in lieu of a chocolate bar.

All this parental control—

escorting kids on their candy-hunting expeditions, placing limits on the number of sweets they can devour and steering them to safe (upper-class) neighborhoods or malls—has ended up robbing children of the very thing that Halloween once offered: the right to take revenge upon adults.

Let us remember that "trick-or-treat" is not merely a standard phrase but a threat. It was once understood that if you did not pay off the imps and ghouls that came knocking at your door, you were sure to find your plants uprooted, your gates unhinged and your outhouse overturned. And beware if you were a tyrannous schoolmaster, for nothing could save you from the vandalism, which would come as repayment for your abuse.

Try asking one of our sugar-

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Pirates can be excused for a night



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College students have a rare gift. Their four or five, or maybe six, year stint in an atmosphere where seriousness and anxiety is a frowned upon and quality of living leads to certain holidays, like All Hallows' Eve, being an overdone celebration of craziness.

We can be whoever we want to be on this night, which is the gift that we college comrades share and bond over every single year. We can act like the 4-year-old selves we once were a long time ago, before responsibility and maturity took over our beings, and that feeling is a great one.

When we were young, our parents stuffed us in plump, overheated pumpkin suits, gripped our hands as tight as they could out of fear of abduction. They walked us slowly in our radio flyers around a neighborhood for two hours, where we inevitably would only

be allowed to eat two pieces of the candy we earned and deserved.

Now, candy is no longer the central focus of the night. Instead, we ponder for weeks, have intense discussions and comparisons with our friends over the ever-important and consuming decision of who we are going to pretend to be.

Generally speaking, the journey through our college years and the costumes we choose tend to go the same way for every girl. During our first year, we want to start out with a bang, and nine times out of ten, we choose the

more promiscuous of costumes because we think this is the only time we're going to get away with wearing this in public.

In our second year, we more or less choose the same route, although sometimes we stray away from the 7-inch heels, remembering our bloody-nubs-for-feet experience the year before. But in our third and fourth years, we want to show more of our creative side. It becomes more competitive because the feeling

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stuffed children for a trick now, and you will find they don't even have the willpower to soap your windows. It is a shameful state of affairs.

If Halloween has become the nation's most lucrative holiday after Christmas, it has little to do with the children. Take a walk down Fifth Street this Oct. 31 if you want to know why.

The pumpkin-spice brew, the sparkling she-devils in high-heels and the tacky spook music all combine to make Halloween the youth festival par excellence. And don't fret if the police have to take away your plastic pitchfork because you never know which Derek Jeter or Gandhi, complete with his walking staff, could be a basher.

But there is a part of me that still itches for rebellion. This Halloween, I intend to clear my fridge of stale eggs and rotten onions. And if my professors wake to find their trees streaming with toilet paper, I hope they take it as a friendly reminder that on Halloween, anarchy reigns.

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And whO.A.R.e you?



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It's the most wonderful time of the year! No, it's not Christmas just yet, but heck, to Pirate Nation it might as well be. This week shall be deemed the craziest week of the school year, being that students will not only be celebrating Halloween, but homecoming as well!

"HomeCUMing," as it is spelled on Pirates' Twitter timelines, is chock full of week-long festivities, including banner, lawn and skit competitions, float contests, a parade and an O.A.R. concert. Wait, wait... what? Who?

That was the reaction that roared through social networking sites on Aug. 15, when the announcement was made regarding who would be performing at this year's concert. "Who's O.A.R.?" was one of the most frequently-typed tweets, or, my favorite, "How do you go from Ludacris last year to this? ECU is 'effing' up."

Honestly, I don't know who O.A.R. is and the majority of the people I have asked around campus are unsure of the group as well. Apparently, the band has been in existence since 1996 and is noted for their song, "Love is Worth the Fall," which was featured on the Twilight soundtrack. But for them to perform at our Homecoming concert this year? Apparently unacceptable.

I spoke with Emily McLamb, Associate Director for Student Involvement, as to what goes into selection for the performer. "We do reach out (to the student body) in spring semester for genre. In terms of Student Activities Board, we cannot have the same genre every year," says McLamb.

That makes sense. ECU is composed of a variety of individuals who have different tastes in music and it's unfair to have hip-hop at every function on campus. McLamb

agreed, saying, "If we could have hip-hop all the time, we would because that's the most popular on campus. But there's that percentage on campus who don't want to see it and it's the mission of SAB to provide programming for the entire student body. You're never going to bring one entertainer on campus that's going to please everybody."

I completely agree with her. And besides, the university has seen its fair share of hip-hop entertainers. I have been here since 2008, and since then, we've had Lupe Fiasco and Ludacris for Homecoming concerts, the rap group The Cool Kids, Shwayze and Jason Derulo for Barefoot on the Mall and who on Earth can forget Wiz Khalifa?

It is completely selfish of students who are dissing O.A.R. as performers this year. The hip-hop presence has been satisfied at this institution. I love hip-hop as much as most of my fellow students do, but if you feel as if you have to have a hip-hop artist perform at every event, why don't you transfer to an HBCU?

ECU is a diverse establishment, and I don't know about you, but I came here to obtain a cultural experience. While I don't know who the hell O.A.R. is, I won't slander their presence. You shouldn't either.

If you are that much concerned as to what goes on on-campus, why not get involved? Join Student Activities Board so that you have a say. Don't gripe about it on a social networking site. Who are you to sit back and degrade the hard work of an organization? When there is a chance for you to vote, why not take advantage of that opportunity?

This is a poor practice for the real world, my friend. But regardless of how you feel, HomeCUMing is among us and O.A.R. will be performing. So let's not let the unfamiliarity of the concert group distract us from the true reason for the season.

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starts sinking in that we might not be able to do this once college is behind us.

So we rack our brains and carefully scour the Goodwill and Walmart aisles and online stores until we come up with the wackiest, most clever costume that is bound to trump all of our friends.

This year, the votes are in. Get ready to see numerous Charlie Sheens, Snookis, Lady Gagas and pregnant Victoria Beckham's roaming the frat houses, downtown bars and walking up Fifth Street. Every year, the spectacle of Halloween is something to be a part of and the

tradition lives on among college students all around the country.

Maybe the reason we love this holiday so much is because dressing up like someone else symbolizes the process of college life and how we are ever-changing, just waiting and wanting to become the person we are going to be the rest of our lives. Or perhaps we just enjoy putting on a ridiculous outfit and not receiving any judgment as we act like fools, prancing around Greenville as Super Mario Brothers.

Either way, Halloween evolves with age, as we are

now more likely to bob for jello shots then bob for apples, receive glow sticks rather than Baby Ruths, and stumble downtown at 2 a.m. rather than slowly get wheeled home by mom and dad at 9:30 p.m.

But what hasn't changed is the feeling of joy we all get when Halloween is here. We are ready for a fun-filled evening of stumbling laughter, and we don't care if we act like our 7-year-old selves in the process because this night only comes once a year.

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POLL RESULTS

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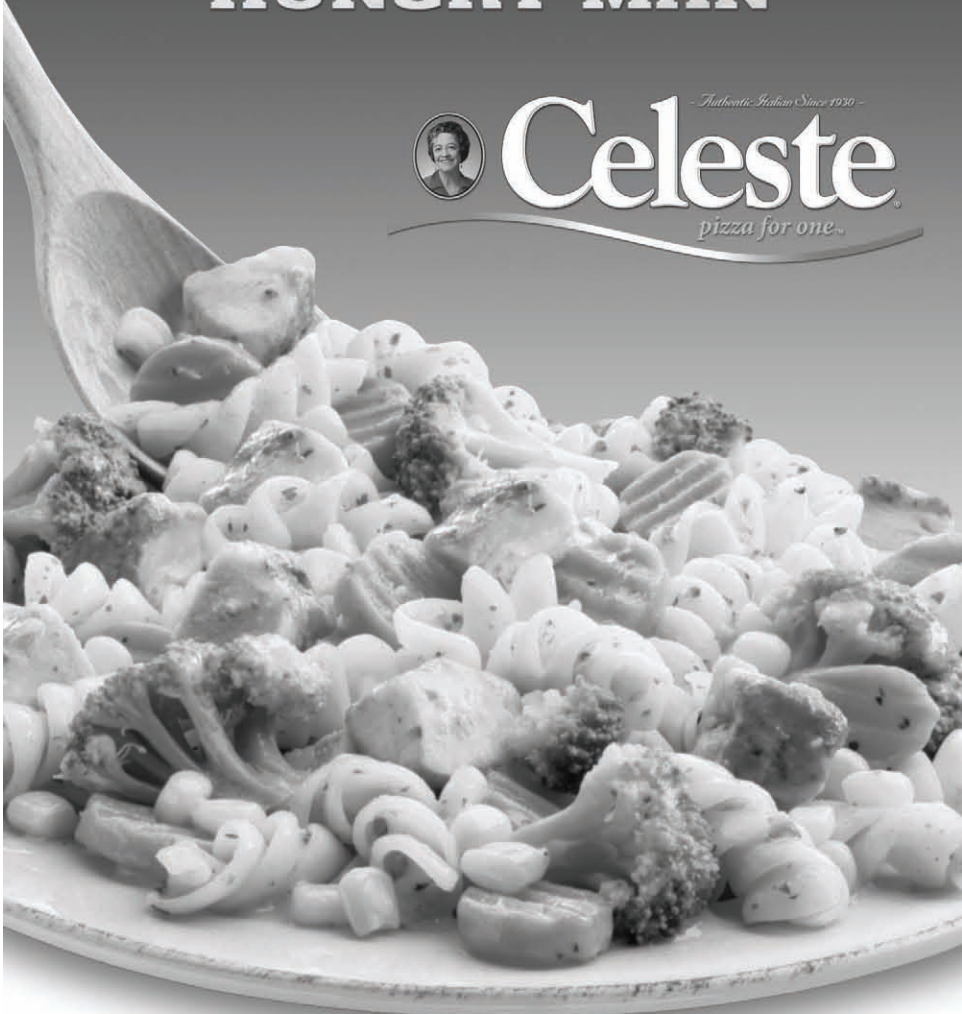
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HOMECOMING

ECU Homecoming TIMELINE

1941: The first Homecoming parade took place on March 18, 1941. Led by Coach John Christenbury, the football team celebrated its only undefeated season when it beat Bergen College 13-7.

1946: Leon Meadows, president of the college suspended Homecoming during World War II; therefore, no Homecoming celebration took place between 1941-1946. The first Homecoming since 1941 was celebrated on May 4 of this year. This Homecoming was called the Veterans' Homecoming and May Day and honored all of the veterans who fought in the war.

1947: Homecoming moved to fall and the Homecoming Parade became a beloved Homecoming tradition.

1950: On Oct. 14 of this year, the towering paper maché Pirate Captain Teco, a symbol of ECU's school spirit, first appeared in the parade.

1953: Kitty Gerringer Brinson from Draper, N.C., was crowned ECU's first Homecoming Queen.

1957: The 50th Anniversary of the school was celebrated during Homecoming on Oct. 12 of this year.

Pi Omega Pi and FLBLA designed a float for the Homecoming parade that looked like an anniversary cake for the university's 50th anniversary celebration.

1958: The first mascot at ECU, Buc, a Great Dane, was introduced.

1959: The Homecoming game this year appeared on WNCT and it was East Carolina University's first televised athletic event.

1961: This weekend, ECU allowed the first "Rock and Roll" concert on campus. Also, this year at Homecoming recognized the centennial observance of the Civil War.

1964: During this weekend, for the first time, the Homecoming Queen was crowned during halftime, not the night before.

Also, 21 of the 35 members of the undefeated football team from 1941, the Christenbury team, returned to be honored at halftime.

1976: Jeri Barnes, the first African American Homecoming Queen, was crowned.

1983: This was the year the Pee Dee the Pirate became the university's official mascot. Elementary school students chose Pee Dee's name in a contest.

1997: ECU became a member of Conference USA.

1998: The theme for 1998 was "Purple Pride Through the Years ... Retro '70s, '80s, & '90s."

2007: This year, ECU celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Also this year, the tradition of raising Jolly Roger and No Quarter flags was created. Now, the Jolly Roger flag is raised before kickoff, and the No Quarter flag is raised at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

2008: For the first time ever, ECU's football team won the Conference USA Championship let by Coach Skip Holtz.

2009: ECU was the first team to win back-to-back Conference USA titles when it beat the University of Houston this year.

2010: End zone expansion in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium was completed.

Student's life is far from a drag

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The line of eagerly awaiting students extended through the double doors and around the corner Tuesday night. The ones fortunate enough to get a seat made small talk with the people next to them as they waited for the ticking time bomb to explode. The lights then went out, leaving hundreds of pairs of eyes glued to the dark, empty stage.

Without missing a beat or a cue, all of the eyes in the audience became glued to the black leotard and highlighted pink hair of what appeared to be Nicki Minaj.

On Monday night, Chante Elise Cassidy, better known as Gary Gatling, stormed the stage and aisles of Hendrix Theater in his high-heeled Nicki Minaj getup as he performed in GLBTSU's annual fall "Drag Show," where he took his love for performing and shared it with everyone in a wild night of good old fashioned raunchy college fun.

Along with Coco Peru, Michelle "B***h of Greenville" Michaels, and North Carolina's living drag legend, Purina Chow, Gatling and crew seduced the crowd in a high energy, high enthusiasm performance.

But for Gatling, dancing is something much more than just a hobby or schedule elective. It's his passion. "I just love performing and being able to express myself without words," said Gatling. "I just like being able to escape to a different place and become anything I want to through movement and my body."

Growing up in Raleigh, N.C., Gatling shined throughout his childhood and high school years, as he always performed in his school's drama productions and musicals. While at Wakefield High School, Gatling was the president, vice president and secretary of the school's drama club.

In addition to his school's productions, Gatling also took classes at the North Carolina Dance Institute, where he performed in the

program's 2009 Summer Showcase.

After falling in love with ECU's dance program, Gatling took his performing talents to Pirate Nation where he has showcased not only his contemporary dance style, but also his recently inspired drag talents.

"I've always been a performer and then when I got here it was something extra to do with my time to make money," said Gatling. "It was just another opportunity to perform and be on stage."

Along with dancing every day in class, Gatling also performs every Wednesday night at The Phoenix, where the double-levelled club goes diva from 12:30 a.m. until close. He also performs at Paradise, Legends and Flex which are back in Raleigh. "I don't get stage fright, but there is always that little bit of nervousness before you go out," said Gatling. "Then you go out and it all goes away with me performing."

But the preparation for a show is maybe more complex than the show itself, as it takes hours to choose the song mixes, learn the song, find a theme and an outfit to match, put the makeup and accessories on, and finally, put on a dazzling performance.

"I don't feel like Gary is ever really performing because he is always performing," said Zak Schwartz, a senior professional acting and music theater major. "He is so graceful and is more of a lady than any lady I've met."

Gatling recalled his first performance, which was at last year's amateur drag show, as something extremely special. "Not having anything like makeup, costumes, things of that nature, first starting out you realize how much time it takes to get ready," said Gatling. "It takes a lot of time and money, and you have to be dedicated."

With future aspirations of dancing for a company in California after graduation, Gatling looks to take these experiences and further grow as an artistic musician of movement. "I get an amazing amount of support



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Gary Gatling stormed the stage at GLBTSU's fall drag show Monday night.

from my friends," said Gatling as he credits his friends for the confidence they provide him. "There is always at least a handful of friends at each

show."

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O.A.R. talks about their roots, new album 'King' and love for Bojangles



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O.A.R. will be performing tonight at the homecoming concert in Minges.

Talking with band member Jerry DePizzo

TJ Weaver
STAFF WRITER

"Music is as important in your life, as it will ever be in college," said an enthusiastic Jerry DePizzo of O.A.R. "Music defines who you are at that point in life."

DePizzo plays the saxophone, guitar and percussions, in addition to singing backing vocals for the band, whose name stands for "Of a Revolution." He recently spoke about the band's history, its evolution in sound, the members' love for North Carolina and the process of recording their latest album, "King."

Playing for universities and crazed college kids across the nation

holds a special place in O.A.R.'s history. Their experimental days occurred at Ohio State University, where the band members attended college and played for local fraternities and sororities. Soon after, their music caught wind and the band's name spread across the nation.

"Columbus considers us a piece of their own. They see us as a success story," said DePizzo. "It's a place that breathed a band. We like to put it like this: O.A.R. was born in Maryland and raised in Ohio."

There's no doubt that, over the years, the band's sound has changed. Ask any fan and they'll tell you the difference between "old O.A.R." and "new O.A.R." However, for the band, they're the same guys - it's life that's

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Supernatural stories spook students

Tales unveiled by ECU's folklore professors

Leila Falls
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Tales of bloody handprints mysteriously appearing, the shadow of a body that bizarrely pendulums years after a suicide, spooky moments that "Goosebumps" and "Are You Afraid of the Dark's" Midnight Society address, these are some of the ways Halloween season unleashes spine-chilling folklore.

Longer nights and the craving to reach a state of fear vicariously through horror film marathons or by direct contact make this holiday full of terror. "People tend to go legend tripping because of the atmosphere," believes Andrea Kitta, assistant folklore professor.

The recent film "Paranormal Activity 3" incorporates the legend of Bloody Mary. Kitta recalled a sleepover game she once played involving this topic. "I was in charge of turning on the lights when everyone screamed," laughed Kitta. In her version, a group stood around a mirror, calling out to Bloody Mary three times, while someone in the middle held out their arms to enter the mirror, instead of the more common version of calling out for Mary to appear.

"Everything happens in threes, but 'Candyman' [the movie] changed the three name calls to five to build suspense," added James Kirkland, folklore professor.

Thrilling stories have different versions, but parts are reinforced—just like the Pactolus lights story in Pitt County, that's a haunted location at the end of 10th St. "It's about a jilted lover; he searches for his lost love after she runs off with someone else," said Kitta.

The wandering man transforms into a ghost after being hit by the train at the lights, but variations change his cause of death. Another version says the wanderer was killed by someone, while the supernatural version pins the murderer as the headless

conductor of the train, recalled Kirkland.

Several of Kirkland's and Kitta's students have ventured to those lights even after part of the road was closed off. "Many have returned with frustrated stories, one took a video camera and came back with a blank tape," said Kirkland. "Others had strange light stories, which are usually connected to railroad tracks."

Some sorority houses claim to have ghosts— Alpha Omicron Pi's Victoria was supposed to get married then committed suicide when the relationship failed, but she's not a malicious ghost, believes Kirkland.

"Girls will hang up things and then those items will keep going missing or rearranged," added Kitta.

The sinister tale that haunts Christenbury Gym is the suicide hanging of a housekeeping staff member after domestic problems with his wife. "If any building should be haunted, it should be that one. It's dark when the lights are on, high and thick walls, and the basement really is like a dungeon," said Kirkland.

Messik Theatre also has its tales of the supernatural. In the 1960s a female student who was supposed to play the lead role in the school musical died in a car crash before

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Our campus has several ghost legends.

'American Horror Story': A haunting TV series

Show brings scares to living rooms



Hunter Ingram
COLUMNIST

Grade: A

Over the years, Hollywood has brought some of the most chilling haunted houses to the big screen. But the most interesting and eccentric story of the past few years, and possibly few decades, isn't playing in theaters. In fact, it's invading houses across the country in the form of FX's infectious and downright spooky new TV show, "American Horror Story."

Since its premiere on Oct. 5, "AHS" has captivated audiences with its impressive narrative that blends the scary moments of a horror movie with the expertly developed story of a family caught in the worst kind of nightmare.

"AHS" chronicles the saga of the Harmon family, led by Ben (Dylan McDermott), a psychiatrist who was caught in an affair by his wife Vivian (Connie Britton), who, herself, is still struggling with the still-birth she recently had to go through. To cope with these issues, and hopefully start anew, the two move themselves and their troubled teenage daughter, Violet (Taissa Farmiga), out to Los Angeles, where they buy a cheap Victorian-style mansion that they are told comes with a rather checkered history. Little do they know, this history is more complex than they could have ever



The new thrilling TV show 'American Horror Story' premiered to over 3 million viewers, making it one of the most watched series premieres in FX history.

imagined.

This show truly has so much going for it. Its creators, Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk, are two-thirds of the brains behind "Glee," while Murphy also has "Nip/Tuck," one of FX's most successful shows ever, under his belt as well. Its stars, including Britton, McDermott, two-time Academy Award winner Jessica Lange (in her first TV role) and Denis O'Hare (of "True Blood" fame), are at the top of the game in roles none have ever tackled before. And not to mention, it has one heck of a twisted story to boot.

As a fan of horror, I was immediately drawn to this show for a multitude of reasons. One reason being that I have adored Connie Britton since her "Spin City" days and, most recently, in the critically-underappreci-

ated, yet absolutely fantastic "Friday Night Lights." In this role, Britton really shows how much of an expert she truly is, crafting a complex and relatable wife and mother, who is very much in a vulnerable state of mind, but also in a place in her life where she is taking charge and making sure she isn't blindsided by anyone ever again, including her unfaithful husband. Needless to say, her new house throws some curveballs into this plan.

McDermott is also good in the ironic role of a husband who is internally battling his desires for sex and the pressure he feels to control them, while also working as a professional who gives others advice on how to live their lives. And Lange harnesses a beyond-creepy persona as the neighbor who is very invested in the Harmons' new home.

But ultimately, the most fascinating aspect of this show may just be its quickly-expanding mythology. Not since "LOST" has a show set the foundation for such a vast and detailed story, with each episode answering one question by adding more. This setup, in addition to the show's graphic nature, may turn some people off, but there is no reason to look away. This show is truly a shining star of creative development and artistic imagination. Plus, being set in L.A. gives it a whole platter of infamous horror stories to feed off of.

Each episode begins with a traumatic event in the house's disturbing past (usually a murder), only to return the viewer back to the present day, where the Harmons are dealing with all of the house's "quirks" (if you will).

So far, some of those quirks have been downright deadly. For instance, in the show's second episode, Vivian and Violet are held hostage by the disturbed fans of one of the house's most infamous murderers, who seeks to recreate his brutal killings.

But all the while, "AHS" is establishing this overall arc that positions the house as an entity that controls all who come in contact with it. Everyone has a part to play, it seems, with Lange's character Constance always around to make sure that the Harmons never stray far from the yet-to-be-revealed plan that she, and others, have set in motion.

And while I haven't even touched on Vivian's possible impregnation by an unknown man in a full-body rubber suit, Ben's young (and possible ghost)

patient who has taken an unhealthy liking to Violet, and how everyone but the Harmons may be sinisterly working together, it's safe to say that "AHS" covers just about every base imaginable.

I'm not going to pretend to know where this show is going and how it plans on sorting out its many mysteries, but that's the fun part. I do know one thing, though; I have never, in all my years as a TV fanatic, encountered any show quite like "AHS." It has an amazing cast who are willing to push the boundaries of the expected and position this enthralling and legitimately scary story as one of the most compelling narratives on TV in some time, and I can't wait to see what they cook up next.

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the show. When lights fall down or someone hears a piano playing when no one is around, students get spooked that it might be her ghost.

However, the dorm ghosts are the creepiest—especially since the Cotten Hall ghost likes to creep over to Fletcher. The alleged resident ghost committed suicide by hanging herself, which is the rumored reasoning behind the lowered showerheads. In an alternate version, she answered the phone where the caller said to be careful going back up the stairs—then she was murdered on the stairs, recollected Kirkland.

“Universities have a lot of people living together, so strange things do happen,” said Kitta as she brought up a case where a student at the university she attended committed suicide by jumping off the library roof.

Real life cases, such as people losing scholarships then committing suicide, reinforce legend plausibility. Since these stories are believable, people are intrigued to explore them but don't necessarily believe in the specific story, according to Kitta.

There's reasoning—odd experiences that lead people to believe in the grimly unexplainable. Kitta experienced sleep paralysis ironically while reading David Hufford's "The Terror That Comes in the Night," addressing such phenomena where one's mind is awake but body sleeps. "My eyes were open and I felt a distinct presence standing in the doorway, I remember thinking you're experiencing five of the seven symptoms," laughed Kitta.

Kirkland has had a strange experience that occurred in Greenville (before the

bypass was built around Wilson) when he unknowingly stopped during a green light near a railroad track. "I would have been dead if I didn't stop because a car came out of nowhere at 80 miles per hour," said Kirkland.

While researching nightmares, Kirkland discovered studies that reveal 75 percent of people believe that the power of evil manifests itself—perhaps that's why a Ouija board made a student uneasy after discovering one in the English Department.

Stairs, bathrooms and mirrors are liminal, don't hide in the closet, never say "I'll be right back," the witching hour is midnight, these are all motifs that Hollywood has made common knowledge ... cue the scary music.

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changed.

"The sound evolves, every band evolves, except for one - the great AC/DC," said DePizzo. "You can't help but evolve and change and grow. When we started, we were 16 years old, playing in our parents' houses. Now, I'm 32 and I live in my own house and I have my own child. We try to become better songwriters and better musicians. That's what's important."

Many students, including long-time fan, Stephanie Hawkins, a sophomore nursing major, are excited to see O.A.R. perform live at the 2011 Homecoming Concert.

"I enjoy the band for their music and their lyrics," said Hawkins. "They actually sing about stuff that matters."

Thursday night will be Danny Fourre's first time seeing the band live, said the freshman communication major.

"It's their style. It's unique," said Fourre. "I also like the variety of instruments played throughout their songs."

O.A.R. will play 18 to 20 songs from albums, both old

and new, which will include smash hits "Love and Memories," "Shattered" and "That Was a Crazy Game of Poker."

"A third is new stuff, a third is classic O.A.R. and the other third is stuff most people haven't heard of," said DePizzo, commenting on Thursday night's lineup. "The songs will be played a different way and the set will be different. For O.A.R., nothing stays exactly the same."

The indie rock band from Chicago, Ill., Company of Thieves, led by front-woman Genevieve Schatz, will open for O.A.R.

"They're an amazing band, and we're happy to have them opening," said DePizzo. "Plus, I'm a sucker for a sultry lead female vocalist."

The band dropped its latest album, "King", on Aug. 2. The album hit the shelves with great reviews and reached the No. 2 position on the U.S. Billboard Rock Albums chart.

DePizzo said that the recording process for "King" was a bit more organized than their previously recorded

albums.

"Being back in the studio was great," said DePizzo. "Most of the success came in the time put in before we pushed the record. The final step is not settling. The process took a while, about a year or a year and a half. We tweaked one song and then waited for the next song to come. I'm very proud of this record and so are the other guys."

O.A.R. enjoys playing all over the Carolinas, and according to DePizzo, there's one "southern delicacy" he enjoys every time he visits North Carolina.

"Personally, I love the Carolinas," said DePizzo. "The people are great and the weather is amazing. My favorite city is Charlotte. It's one of my favorite places to visit in the summer. The access to several Bojangles is always a plus. (Their) cajun chicken sandwich is one of the finest ever created."

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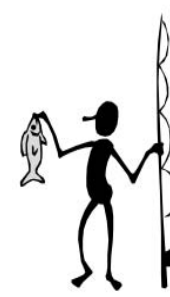
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Monday

October 24

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Mendenhall Student Center 244
8:00am-11:30am Banner Drop-Off
12:00pm-2:00pm Judging

Tuesday

October 25

Skit Practice

Hendrix Theatre
6:00pm-10:00pm

Wednesday

October 26

Lawn Competition

3:00 Judging

Skit Competition

Wright Auditorium
9:00pm-10:00pm

Thursday

October 27

Canned Food Drive Drop Off

Food Bank
10:00pm-3:00pm

O.A.R. Concert

Minges Coliseum
7:00pm

Friday

October 28

Pep-Rally (Freeboot Friday)

*Top 3 Skit Performances, Cheer, Dance and Marching Band
Live Music by Jupiter Jones
5:00pm-8:00pm

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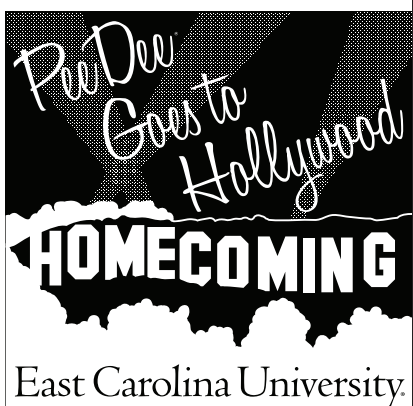
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Women's golfer posts top 20 score

Staff Reports

Sophomore Faith Hardison carded an even round 72 (39-33) and currently sits in a tie for 20th place after 36-holes at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown. The three-day, 54-hole event is being held at the par 72, 6,329-yard Boulder Creek Golf Club.

Hardison, who posted an opening round of 73, started off on the back nine Tuesday morning, shooting a 3-under par 33 that included four birdies. On the front nine, she drew back to even on the day after double-bogeying No. 4 and carding bogey's on the third and ninth holes. With 18 holes remaining, Hardison sits just five shots out of fifth place and will tee off on the 10th hole at 11 a.m. (ET) on Wednesday.

Sophomore Fanny Wolte also posted an even round 72 (35-37) on day two, carding five birdies, five bogeys and eight pars, moving up 21 spots to a share of 55th place with a score of 151.

Senior Amy Otteson shot a 5-over par 77 (40-37) during the second round, dropping from a share of 11th to 31st with a score of 147. After opening the day with a 1-over on the back nine holes, Otteson dropped four strokes bogeying the first, third, seventh and eighth holes.

Rounding out the Pirates roster are true freshman Katie Kirk (74-77=151) and senior Julia Strandberg (79-77=156), who are tied for 55th and 76th heading into final round action.

Coach speak...



"I have so much pride in East Carolina University. I never get tired of saying this, but it's an honor for me to be here and a small part of things. For 29 years, I was not able to attend Homecoming because I was coaching somewhere else. Last year was the first one I was able to be at. To be a part of it now is an honor." — Ruffin McNeill, head football coach

Ranking the Carolinas



1.) Clemson (8-0)
Next: Georgia Tech.



2.) South Carolina (6-1)
Next: Tennessee



3.) Wake Forest (5-2)
Next: North Carolina



4.) North Carolina (5-3)
Next: Wake Forest



5.) N.C. State (4-3)
Next: Florida State

Green Wave rolls in for Homecoming



Pirate defenders Daniel Drake (59), Jeremy Grove (53), Cliff Perryman (40) and Kristopher Sykes (13) dogpile on Blazer tailback Pat Shed (26).

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU returns home looking to run its winning streak to three straight, when they welcome Tulane to Dowdy-Ficklen stadium on homecoming weekend.

The Pirates are coming off back-to-back wins over Memphis and Navy that have erased the painful memories of the Houston debacle. Now, the Pirates turn their attention back to Conference USA play as they head down the home stretch.

Last Time Out:
Last Saturday, the Pirates avenged last year's embarrassing 41-point home loss to Navy by defeating the Midshipmen 38-35.

Navy had a chance to win or force overtime, but a dropped potential touchdown and missed

42-yard field goal gave the Pirates the victory.

For Tulane, they dropped a home contest with Memphis 33-17. With the loss, the Green Wave has now lost five straight games, with all but one of those games being decided by more than 14 points.

Series History:
The game on Saturday will be the first time these two teams have faced each other since a 28-24 Pirate victory in New Orleans on Sept. 13, 2008. The Pirates hold a 8-2 advantage in the series.

Tulane last beat ECU on Nov. 22, 2003 in New Orleans by a score of 28-18.

ECU Offense:
It seems as if the Houston game has been a turning point for the Pirates offensive unit. Since being shut out of the end zone against

the Cougars, ECU has averaged 36 points per game and well over 400 yards of total offense.

Quarterback Dominique Davis has looked like his old self in the last two games as well. Against Navy, Davis was as efficient as any quarterback in history, when he set two NCAA records for consecutive completions. On the year, Davis has completed 214 of 299 passes for 2,013 yards with 14 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

Running back Reggie Bullock had a breakout game against the Midshipmen, but sadly Bullock injured his leg in the game and will not be available on Saturday. The running back duties will be left to Torrance Hunt, who did a nice job of filling the void left by Bullock against Memphis two weeks ago. Hunt has carried the ball 37 times

for 189 yards with one touchdown this season.

The receiving core will also be short-staffed on Saturday as freshman standout Justin Hardy will also be out with an injury. On the season, Hardy had caught 41 passes for 436 yards and three touchdowns.

ECU Defense:
The Pirates defense executed well in the first half of the Navy game, but the second half was a totally different story. ECU's defensive unit gave up 28 points and looked generally lost in defending the triple option, allowing the Navy receivers to get behind the secondary for easy scores.

ECU ranks 71st in total defense, giving up an average of 394 yards per game, a vast improvement

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Checking in for the first time

Transfer player Miguel Paul ready to contribute on the hardwood

Jordan Anders
STAFF WRITER

Miguel Paul spent the summer of 2010 working extremely hard on his game.

The point guard spent countless hours practicing, lifting weights and learning the system of then-new ECU head basketball coach Jeff Lebo.

There was only one problem. When the 2010 season started, Paul couldn't play.

"It was really tough," he said, shaking his head. "It didn't really hit me at first, when we were just practicing. But once the games came around, boom! It hit me."

Paul transferred here in May 2010 after playing two seasons at the University of Missouri. Under NCAA rules, he was allowed to practice and be a part of every facet of Pirate basketball—until game time, that is.

"Everybody else was getting ready to play, and here I was, dressed in a suit having to sit out," he said. "That was the worst part."

A self-proclaimed "Boys and Girls Club kid," Paul grew up in Lakeland, Fla. His father and brother both played football in college, but Paul fell in love with basketball at an early age and decided to pursue success on the hardwood rather than the gridiron.

After a decorated high school career, Paul weighed scholarship offers from high-ranking schools such as Clemson and Memphis before deciding to play at Missouri.

But after averaging 3.25 points per game over two years, and averaging just 12.1 minutes per game as a sophomore, Paul decided it was time for a change.

"I knew they played fast, and I'm pretty quick with the ball, so I thought I was going to be able to showcase my skills," he said of choosing Missouri out of high

school. "But it wasn't what I was looking for. I had some good games there and played a lot of minutes, but I was just looking for a bigger role than what I had there," said Paul.

So Paul sought a transfer. He said that he considered some bigger programs, but didn't want to go somewhere where he would be buried on the bench.

All he wanted was a chance to contribute. Enter ECU.

"Coach Lebo brought me in and there was just this family feeling," Paul recalled. "He told me that if I came in and worked hard, I would be able to showcase my skills and we would have a chance of winning a lot."

Paul was sold and came to Greenville. But before he could contribute, there was the transfer rule that required him to sit out last year.

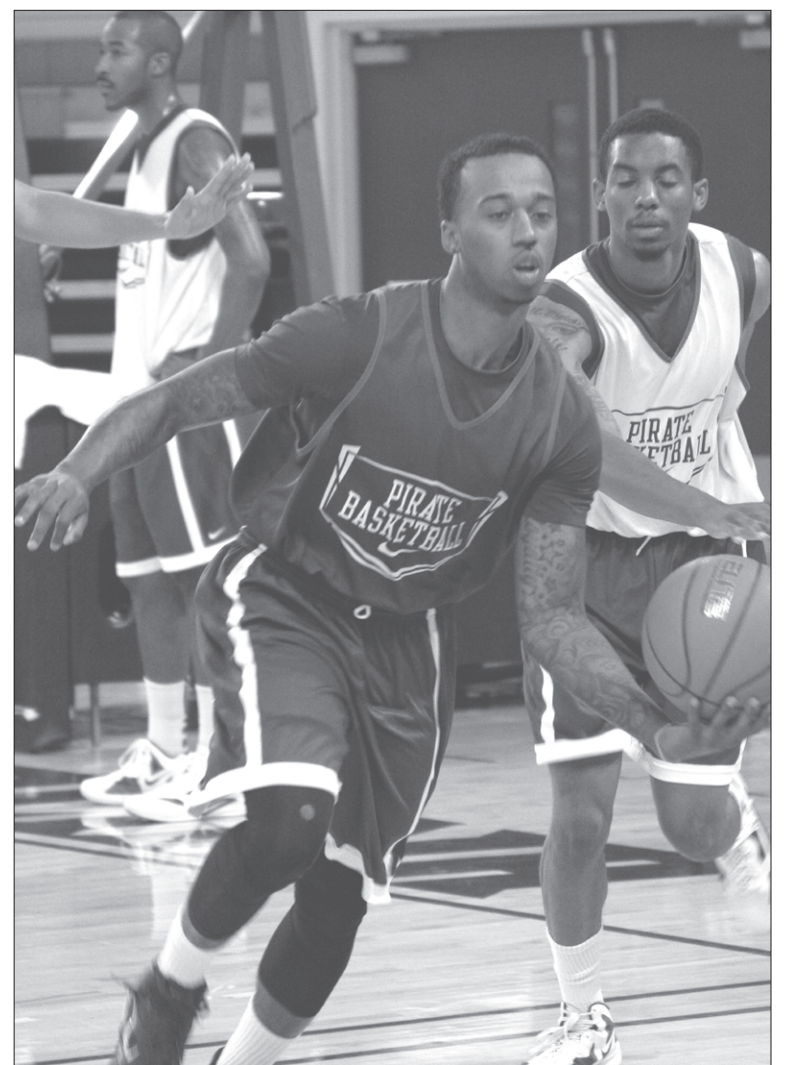
For a man who has played basketball since age three, it was an understandably difficult period. But Paul took the opportunity to not only learn from former Pirate point guard Brock Young, but also to take a good look at himself and his situation.

"It was a really humbling experience," he said. "Growing up playing basketball, I never had to sit out. Last year was the first time I was without basketball, and it makes you think about how much you have to enjoy this time that you have basketball."

Paul has basketball back this year, and ECU will need him as they are tasked with replacing guards Young, Jontae Sherrod and Jamar Abrams. The mass back-court exodus means Lebo will look to Paul's experience, as well as his blazing speed, to help recoup some of that lost productivity.

He will be jostling for playing time with the other new faces on the squad, but he welcomes that challenge with open arms.

"I work every day like I don't



Miguel Paul drives past teammate Paris Roberts-Campbell during practice.

know what's going on or who's going to start," he said. "Coach Lebo always tells us that it's not about who starts the game; it's about what you do with the minutes that you get. I realize that my shot may not come on the first possession, or even in the first five minutes. But I just have to relax and let it come to me."

As for what Pirate fans can

expect from Paul on the court, the task is simple: keep up.

"If the guys can run with me, they're going to get the ball and they're going to score," he said bluntly. "All they have to do is run with me."

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compared to last season's dead-last ranking in which the Pirates routinely surrendered over 420 yards a game.

While the Pirates rank 32nd in passing defense, allowing 200 yards a game, the defense against the rush has been abysmal. The Pirates have allowed an average of 194 yards a game that ranks 98th in the country.

Tulane Offense:

The Green Wave offense has been decent through the first half of the season. Put that together with an average defense and its curious that Tulane only has two wins at the midway point.

The Green Wave are lead on offense by quarterback Ryan Griffen, who, on the season, has completed 141 of 231 passes for 1,754 yards with 10 touchdowns and six

interceptions.

"Their offense will be led by Ryan Griffen. He is one of the most experienced quarterbacks in our league. He's very efficient," said Head Coach Ruffin McNeill. "Like with Case Keenum, Griffen is not a guy who you will be able to fool with coverage. He has seen just about all of it. He does a really good job throwing the football. When

you watch the film, he's their leader."

Tulane Defense:

The Green Wave defense has been very effective in terms of total yards allowed so far this season, but not in points scored. On the season, Tulane is giving up an average of 35 points a game, which ranks near the bottom of the FBS at 111th.

Despite the scoring num-

bers allowed, the Green Wave boasts a bevy of solid talent on the defensive side of the football.

"Defensively their best player, and one of the best in the league, is linebacker Trent Mackey. He's the leading tackler with 100. The next closest guys have 44," McNeill said during his weekly press conference. "Mackey is the team leader. He's a really good

football player. He reminds me a lot of Jeremy Grove. They're both physical, understand the game, and are very in touch with what's going on with the other team's offense. They don't miss many reads."

The Pirates and the Green Wave will kick off Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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Not so super merger

C-USA and Mountain West hope merger brings AQ bid



Daniel Brockman
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Lost in the shuffle of conference realignment, Conference USA and the Mountain West Conference merged their respective football programs to

create what is currently a 20-team football super-conference.

Super, only solely based on the size of the conference. There is really nothing all that outstanding about this merger. Here is how the situation breaks down: the Mountain West contains eight Division-1 FBS football teams. The darlings of the Mountain West include highly-recognizable names such as Texas Christian University and Boise State. Behind these two annual top-25 regulars stand Wyoming, San Diego State, Colorado State, University of Nevada Las Vegas, New Mexico and Air Force.

Not a bad lineup right? Not so fast. TCU initially joined the Big East earlier this year, only to recently leave for the Big 12. Boise State, currently ranked No. 4 in the BCS standings, has been reportedly invited to the Big East, along with Air Force.

Given these schools decide to leave, C-USA will be realigning with only Wyoming, San Diego State, Colorado State, UNLV and New Mexico. So C-USA would be realigning with five teams to become a 17-team conference? At least C-USA still has the current BCS No. 17 Houston Cougars and on-the-rise football teams Southern Mississippi, SMU and UCF.

Wait, hold that thought.

Central Florida, Houston and SMU have all been reportedly invited to the Big East just days after ECU stated that the Pirates would like to join the historically New England-based conference. This changes

everything.

Why did the Mountain West and C-USA merge? Neither conference is an AQ conference. AQ stands for BCS automatic-qualifying conference. In today's college football, being in an AQ conference is necessary for any team to have a prayer at playing for the BCS national championship. Yes, one could argue the fact that Boise State is No. 4 and has a legitimate shot at the national championship game this year. However, it is not hard for a non-AQ school to crack the BCS top five, but it is extremely difficult for a non-AQ team to become No. 1 or No. 2.

Back to the realigning for an AQ berth, this merger does nothing on that front. With the loss of TCU and the potential loss of Boise State, Houston, SMU, Air Force and UCF, this conference looks a lot like the island of misfit toys. Fourteen teams are all hoping that the likes of Southern Miss, Colorado State, UAB and Tulsa could garner enough attention from the BCS that they would be granted an automatic berth into the BCS bowls.

If you support the Pirates, this merger has done little more than given ECU new venues to showcase their football. Want to see the Pirates in a BCS bowl? Well then hope that TCU will be the only team leaving these two conferences in the near future.

The only way this merger will give any hope to these two conferences becoming an AQ football conference will be if Boise State and Houston stay. Boise State alone cannot carry a conference to an automatic BCS berth. It has been proven before and it will continue this way as long as the Broncos from Boise, Idaho are left with FBS floor mats as their conference foes.

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Pirate Alumni clash on gridiron



Justin Ackley
OPINION COLUMNIST

Week 7 of the NFL season has come and gone. However, some confusion has certainly stayed with most after this past week. Chris

Johnson's struggles continue to baffle people, while stand-out rookie performances have become the norm this year. ECU alumni posted a win/loss record of 3-2 for the second consecutive week.

C.J. Wilson, Green Bay Packers. The Packers defeated Minnesota 33-27 in Christian Ponder's starting debut for the Vikings. Wilson recorded one tackle on the afternoon for a defensive front that struggled to get pressure on Ponder for much of the day. The defense gave up 218 yards on the ground and recorded two sacks, as well as three quarterback hits. Green Bay was able to stay undefeated on the year and will carry that record with them for at least one more week as they have a bye this week.

Linval Joseph, New York Giants. Joseph and the Giants stayed atop the NFC East, while resting up over the weekend. The Giants had a bye and will play a struggling Miami team this week.

Guy Whimper, Jacksonville Jaguars. Jacksonville pulled off the less-than-exciting upset on Monday night, beating Baltimore 12-7. The lack of offense turned into an advantage for the Jaguars. Whimper helped lead the way, as Jacksonville ran for 132 yards but managed to control the clock winning the time of possession 36:15 to 23:45. The Jaguars offensive line struggled to protect Blaine Gabbert, once again giving up four sacks and seven tackles for loss in the backfield. They also went 0-3 on red zone possessions. Jacksonville will look to put together another upset as they travel to Houston on Sunday.

Vonta Leach, Baltimore Ravens. Leach and the Ravens hit a major setback this past week losing to Jacksonville 12-7. Leach recorded one rush for one yard and

one reception for two yards. The rushing game managed only 34 yards in the game. The Ravens offense, as a whole, struggled the entire night, totaling just 146 yards of offense and went 2-12 on third downs. Baltimore will host Arizona this week, which may be without its starting running back Beanie Wells.

Chris Johnson, Tennessee Titans. Johnson's struggles continued this week, as Tennessee fell to Houston 41-7. Johnson had 10 carries for 18 yards and six receptions for 27 yards, which led the team. He was trumped in comparison by Houston running back Arian Foster, who rushed for 115 yards and had 119 receiving yards. This performance has left many people questioning what is going on with Johnson this year. Tennessee will play Indianapolis this week, but it wouldn't be a big surprise to see Javon Ringer get some more touches for the Titans, who are looking to reverse their fortunes.

Terrance Copper, Kansas City Chiefs. Kansas City ran away with the victory on Sunday, defeating Oakland by the score of 28-0. Copper did not record a catch in the game. The victory was led by the Kansas City defense that had six interceptions, returning two for touchdowns. Matt Cassel had a tough time getting the ball to any receiver, as he had just 161 yards passing and a quarterback rating of 38.3 for the game. Kansas City will play San Diego this week on Monday Night Football.

Transactions: The Cowboys released sixth-round pick Dwayne Harris last week to make room for offensive lineman Daniel Loper. The Cowboys' offensive line has been hit with an array of injuries and needed some extra support. Harris cleared waivers and was placed on the Dallas practice squad. Defensive tackle Jay Ross was also signed this week. He was picked up by the Buffalo Bills and added to their practice squad.

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