



BRIEFS

Arrest made in drive-by

Staff Reports

An arrest has been made in the drive-by shooting of Peddlin' Pirates' driver Damien Lovett.

Marcus Harris, a Greenville resident, has been charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, assault by pointing a weapon and felony possession of a firearm.

According to Martin Tanski, the owner of Peddlin' Pirates, Lovett was shot through both of his legs by one bullet during the incident at the corner of East Third Street and Rotary Avenue, a little over two weeks ago.

Harris, 18, fired bullets from a truck and shot Lovett after an attempted robbery of Lovett, only a few streets away from the Peddlin' Pirates garage at around 1:40 a.m. on Oct. 15, reported WITN.

Initial reports and Tanski's eyewitness account listed a second suspect as being involved in the shooting and the robbery.

A release stated that additional charges against Harris and a second suspect are possible.

Anyone who can offer any information is asked to call the police at 329-4315 or Pitt-Greenville CrimeStoppers at 758-7777.

Campus Dining and Kellogg's team up

Staff Reports

Campus Dining and Kellogg's Food Away from Home are teaming up for just one month to donate cereal to help fight hunger.

One bowl of Kellogg's cereal will be donated to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina for every two bowls eaten by students.

They even started yesterday and will run through Dec. 7. Officials anticipate approximately 6,400 servings to be donated.

More than 500,000 people in eastern and central North Carolina counties struggle to provide food for their families.

About 29 percent of people served by the food bank are children and another eight percent are elderly.

More than 41 million pounds of food was donated last year.

Court finds doctor guilty in murder of Michael Jackson

Dr. Conrad Murray was found guilty yesterday for involuntary manslaughter in the death of Michael Jackson.

Sentencing for the doctor was set for Nov. 29 reported CNN. He is facing up to four years in prison.

Murray was Jackson's personal physician; he gave Jackson propofol, the anesthesia to help him sleep every night for two months.

Jackson's death was attributed to "acute propofol intoxication."

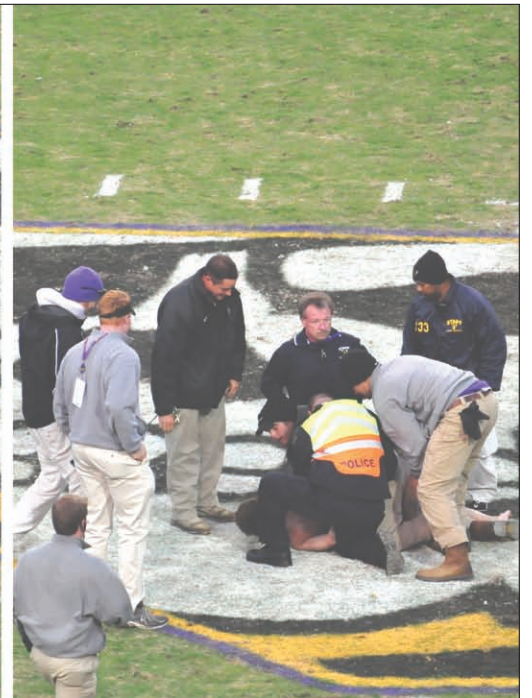
The verdict came after nine hours of jury deliberations, which began on Friday in a Los Angeles County courthouse.

Rooftop repairman arrested for flashing

Staff Reports

Jim Bembridge has been charged with five counts of indecent exposure after he flashed several people.

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John Sieglinger ran across the field during halftime at a football game against Southern Mississippi University, where he was tackled by university officials.

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Streaker takes field

Cameron Gupton
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The streaker at Saturday's football game against Southern Mississippi University has been arrested for the incident.

John Sieglinger, 21, was arrested for misdemeanor indecent exposure and first-degree trespass for running naked across Bagwell Field at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, stated a Pitt County Detention Center booking.

Sieglinger was a student at Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh where he lives. He pulled the stunt in the middle of the military

appreciation ceremony that was taking place on the field during halftime.

He was tackled at the 50-yard line by stadium staff before he could finish his naked run. His bond was set at \$1,500 and he was released from jail after paying the fine.

According to Sieglinger, his decision to streak was pre-planned; he had given his friends money to bail him out of jail beforehand.

"It was something that I wanted to do before I died," said Sieglinger.

Kevin Mercer, one of Sieglinger's friends who bailed him out said that he wasn't watching the game when it happened.

"We are a pretty close group of friends," said Mercer. "We all went and bailed him out."

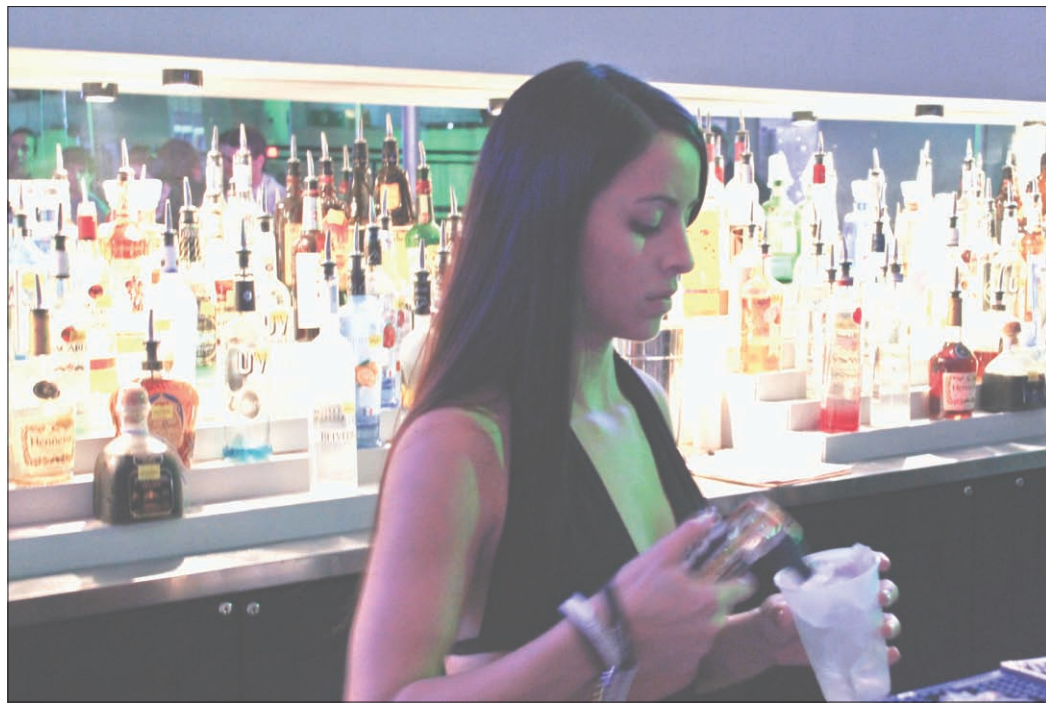
Sieglinger chose to run during the ceremony due to the fact that security was much lower, but he says looking back, it was bad timing.

"As far as the controversy, it was definitely bad timing," he said. "(But) It kind of represents freedom, and what's more free than running down the stadium in the crisp Greenville air?"

Sieglinger's Facebook page contains multiple images of him running across the field, with graphic areas censored.

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Some bars exempt from inspections



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Club Still Life is not exempt from health inspections, so employees regularly keep their bar clean.

Megan Stalls
STAFF WRITER

Sanitation scores are displayed prominently in most food establishments, and that sometimes determines whether a person patronizes that establishment. For many bars in downtown Greenville, however, a sanitation score is not displayed, due to a certain law provision that keeps them exempt from health inspections.

In the North Carolina law document, "Rules Governing the Sanitation of Food Service Establishments," No. 8 under section 130A-250 states, "Establishments that put together, portion, set out or hand out only beverages that do not include those made from raw apples or potentially hazardous beverages made from raw fruits or vegetables, using single service containers that are not reused on the premises," are exempt from health inspections.

That means that as long as an establishment

only serves "non-potentially hazardous" beverages in non-reusable cups, and no food of any kind, it is not subject to health inspections like regular restaurants do.

Having to not undergo a regular health inspection is, according to political science major Thomas Godley, "disgusting."

"The floors are so dirty," he said about the floor of bars. "You don't know what kind of mess is down there, and that gets on my shoes, which gets on my hands. I don't know. It's pretty bad."

At Club Still Life in downtown Greenville, the managers said they try to run a sanitary establishment, and they have put rules in place to ensure a safe environment for their patrons.

"We use plasticware and we don't serve food," General Manager Mike Hazel explained. "If we

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Calculators now appear on college websites

Melanie Jock
STAFF WRITER

A new requirement for Title IV publicly-funded schools implements a net price calculator on university/college websites, which gives families a real idea of what school will cost for their future college student.

The calculator is part of the Higher Education Opportunity Act that was put into place in 2008. As part of the act, any school participating in Title IV federal student aid is required to place the calculators on its website as of Oct. 29.

Since the university falls into this category, it is required to place the calculator on its website. "Ours has been up since last April," said Julie Poorman, director of financial aid.

The calculator can be accessed through the Cashier's Office section of the university's website. Once on the site, the prospective student will answer a series of questions in order to establish the amount of aid he or she might receive. The calculator takes into account dependency status, the student's estimated cost of attendance and the student's expected family contribution.

According to College Board, the national average for cost of attendance per year has reached \$28,500 a year. This calculator was put into place to see how affordable the cost will become with aid included.

"I think it will give people a realistic idea of what it costs," said Poorman.

The realistic cost is found after the student plugs in his or her personal information into the calculator. The estimated net price for the student is given after the estimated grant money, based on this information, is subtracted from the price of attendance. The calculated price will not be exact, but it will provide a close total of what an incoming

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used glassware, we'd have to use a dishwasher and then that's where the health inspection stuff comes in."

Even though they do not have to endure regular health inspections, "We try to keep it clean enough to where it'd get at least a 90 or a 95 on an inspection," Hazel said.

"I've always thought, 'Cleanliness is next to godliness,'" Hazel said. He also said that this personal belief is one of the reasons why he has the employees constantly cleaning.

"We have a little motto here: 'If you have time to lean, you have time to clean,'" said Still Life Manager Travis Hixon.

"We're all about sanitation here," said Hixon. "I mean, we have all the employees clean before and after their shifts,

and then we have a cleaning crew come in after then and clean after them. We keep all the employees either pouring drinks or cleaning."

The managers have had less than favorable experiences with other establishments that were also exempt from health inspections.

"I used to work at another establishment that didn't even have sinks in the bathrooms," said Hixon. "And it's not only the people that go to the bars that are dealing with that; it's the employees too. And those employees are the ones cutting the fruit and serving the drinks. We have sinks in our bathrooms, working soap dispensers and paper towels."

Hazel said that other bars not having sinks in their bathrooms is not just a sanitation issue, it's a city code issue.

"I went to another bar while we were doing the remodel and I had some time off," said Hazel. "The bathroom door fell in on me, so the whole bar was exposed to the bathroom. Yeah, that won't happen here."

This document that determines which establishments must undergo health inspections is a result of the collaboration of the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, the Division of Environmental Health and the Environmental Health Services Section.

It was deemed effective as of Feb. 1, 1976, and was amended effective on Sept. 1, 2010.

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Judge reduces bond for student

Staff Reports

Bond for Christopher W. Brauer, a student charged in the stabbing death of Fort Bragg paratrooper Keyonn Parkin, was reduced last week.

The \$500,000 reduction came shortly after new information in the case was released. Initially, Brauer's bond was set at \$1,000,000.

In a press conference last week, authorities said that Brauer stabbed Parkin after an altercation in the Pirate's Place Apartment Complex.

It was reported that one of Parkin's friends and fellow paratrooper stole a wallet

that initiated the altercation. Parkin went to the aid of Pfc. Robert Michael Perry who supposedly took the wallet and was then stabbed by Brauer.

Parkin and Perry traveled to Greenville to attend a party at the complex on Friday, Oct. 28.

Reports first surfaced suggesting that Brauer was 19 years old, but it was later discovered that he was 21 and had been at student at the university since 2008.

Brauer also left the scene of the crime after the stabbing but returned almost an hour later.

The bond reduction that

was signed by Brauer allowed for him to travel to Durham where he is from and where his parents live. Brauer is expected to return upon the request of the Greenville Police Department, reported WITN.

Brauer turned himself in quite some time after he was expected to show up at the police station. It was thought that he would be there at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday but he did not arrive until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

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student can expect to pay.

"Based on the student's family size, the number of family members in college, in-state or out-of state, they should be able to get a cost of attendance and an average award amount, not an actual award amount," said Poorman.

The student can see the total broken down in order to see what makes up the cost. This includes aspects such as tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and personal expenses that the student might face.

Poorman also said there are parts of the total that may be negotiable, such as books and supplies. She added that some majors, such as fine arts and accounting, require students to spend more on supplies than the average total given on the website.

Poorman advises prospective students to apply to at least three different schools and list them on the FAFSA, get an offer from the schools and then choose a college wisely. She said students need to assess the cost of attendance with aid, and be aware of the amount of debt they are being asked to take on.

As far as whether the calculators will help or hurt the university, Poorman says she is unsure, since it is the first year it has gone into effect.

"I think parents probably look at the cost more than the students do," she said. "I think parents want their kids to have their dream school, and if ECU is that dream school, then they are going to do everything they can."

Despite the negative aspects the online calculator poses, some students like

the ease it provides when comparing the prices side by side in order to pick the right school.

"I think it would be convenient, rather than having to Google all the prices," said freshman biology major Kendall Roseman.

However, Poorman believes that students should have the financial aid offer in their hand before they make a decision, rather than trust what the calculator says.

"I think families will feel that they can do this before they even apply, by using the net price calculator. But I don't know that that's really a great idea," said Poorman. "I like to see an actual offer."

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WITN reported that Bembridge is a roofer for EC Roofing and had been working on the Pitt County Courthouse.

While he was on his way home to Bertie County, he stopped and exposed himself to people along Brown Road and Highway 903.

He is currently in jail under a \$5,000 bond.

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Words of praise from many people were posted on his Facebook page, along with other photos and videos captured by spectators.

Shortly after the event, he posted a status stating, "Just ran across the ECU football game naked. Anyone watch it live?"

In another post later that night, Sieglinger boasted that he had received 100 friend requests overnight thanks to his act.

Some students may have learned about the episode through social media.

Jordan Brown, a junior recreational therapy major, was one of these students.

"I started watching the game on TV, but we started losing so horribly that I turned it off," said Brown.

Afterward, Brown logged onto Twitter, where she found out about the streaking and saw mixed opinions on the topic.

"I saw people on Twitter and they were mad about it," said Brown. "You always see stuff like that on TV and then it actually happens."

Sieglinger was only charged with a misdemeanor indecent exposure charge, but if the police had viewed it as a felony case, he would have been required to register as a sex offender, according to the state's registry website.

There are several Youtube videos that were posted after the game, which captured

Sieglinger sprinting across the field. One of these videos has over 3,000 views.

One video in particular shows Sieglinger running down the steps of the Boneyard, jumping one barrier, and then another, making his way to the field.

As the video begins, he is clothed in a black tank top, shorts and hat, and as he makes his way onto the field, he begins to strip.

By Sunday, one of the videos had made it to Comedy Central comedian Daniel Tosh's website. Along with the video, a mug shot of Sieglinger was included.

Cory Pochon, a sophomore undecided major, said he didn't see the streaker, but plans on watching the video on the Tosh.0 website.

"I think it was entertaining and funny," said Pochon. "I'll probably watch it on Tosh.0."

Since his naked appearance, Sieglinger has apologized via a Facebook status saying, "My apologies to anyone who was offended by my actions."

Sieglinger said that his actions were not for attention and he wanted to make others aware of that.

"I didn't do it for any attention," he said. "I didn't really think about it before I did it."

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Dear TEC: If this rant appears in print, my wife and I have agreed to name our baby PeeDee.

I would like to use this space to honor the veterans robbed of their recognition during the game due to drunken ignorance at its worst. Streaker: You disgusted me in more ways than one.

So there was a streaker at the ECU game. He doesn't even go here, he just has a lot of feelings.

I think the streaker got more yardage than ECU did.

I leave at halftime 'cause I'm sick of watching "college" football players throw away another game away like they don't care.

We had sex while watching the ECU vs. USM game. Try to say I'm a fake fan now for leaving early!

To the announcer of the football game: You get paid to say "Pirates, Arrrrgh." Do NOT just say "Pirates." It's annoying.

Cheerleaders: Whatever happened to the "Stick it in" cheer? That was my favorite one.

Can this week start back over with Sunday because I don't want to have to do everything on my to-do list for this week?

"Pirants: The almanac of unpublished rants from Fall 2012." If that were a book, I'd buy five.

HEY PIRATE RANT LADY, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

TEC doesn't care about anyone.

It's "NOSHAVEMBER." You're doing it wrong!

I proofread my rants better than I do my papers.

Only at Cookout do they say, "Sorry about your wait" and they really mean "weight."

I still wish I could have been a Spice Girl.

If you're at a club and she has X's on her hands, she's too young for you, bro.

I don't always drink beer, but when I do I drink a lot.

To the professor that talks about my attendance to the class when I am not there: You are unprofessional.

Yeah, I farted in class. Come at me, bro.

Is the term "geed" supposed to be offensive or something?

Way to go Ambassadors! You guys do such a great job winning events put on by the Alumni Association, who supervises your organization. I'm just saying.

To whoever scratched off and ruined my atheist bumper sticker: Love thy neighbor, right?

I used to submit Pirate Rants. Then I turned — Oh, wait. I still do.

Almost stepped on a dirty thong in the middle of campus. I wonder how that "restoring ECU's image" thing is going?

ELECTION DAY

Issues facing our City Council



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Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

Senior nursing major

Calvin Mercer is seeking reelection to City Council in the 4th district. The election is today. It doesn't matter whether you're a republican or a democrat; Mercer is a nonpartisan candidate. Many of you despise unaffiliated politicians because that means you have to evaluate them based on your own standards and exercise independent thought, such as you're able to do.

Ultimately, Mercer is a good man. He's tall, sports a beard and is even on Facebook, which is hip and cool for us younger voters.

What I'm not so keen about, however, is his attempt to meddle in other council members' districts. Mercer is in District Four, which means his district does not include the section of Fifth Street with all the bars and clubs.

In his bimonthly newsletter, he scorned mayoral candidate Allen

Thomas for voting against a 500-ft. rule that would require new bars/clubs to locate themselves at least 500 ft. away from existing bars/clubs.

It seems like an arbitrary enough figure, but when you do the math, 500 ft. is kind of far. That's almost a tenth of a mile. If you park at one bar, walk to another that's 500 ft. away, then retrace your steps to get back to your car, you've essentially walked almost an entire loop around an Olympic-sized track.

Don't get me wrong — I'm all for exercise and maintaining one's physical health. So is Mercer. On his webpage, he talks about how he is involved in creating more and improving existing city greenways. However, while a lot of things mix well with alcohol, physically rigorous cardio burns is not one of them.

Mercer's argument for the 500-foot law actually has nothing to do with burning calories. Instead, he cites safety and monetary reasons for wanting to space the bars out. He says that the current situation is costing Greenville

taxpayers anywhere from \$400,000 to \$500,000 per annum to cover the cost of policing the current downtown area.

If it costs that much to enforce the law under the current area, wouldn't requiring new bars to locate 500 feet from existing bars increase the area that needs monitoring, thereby increasing the amount of officers needed to patrol the area? It seems that endorsing the 500-foot law would actually increase taxpayer money.

Of course it costs the taxpayer's money to have police officers doing their job. That's how policemen get paid — through taxes. It is a cheap parlor trick or politician's rhetoric, to assign a dollar value to a non-negotiable and then present it to the public as if it were, somehow, negotiable.

According to the 2010-2011 budget, the five district council members, an at-large council member and the mayor were paid a total of \$56,800. That's all well and good. City servants should be compensated for the work they do for us. But what else were they doing when they were on the

taxpayer's dollar?

If we assume that the average person spends approximately five minutes per day using the restroom, then we can say that the taxpayers can save almost two hundred dollars per year if we can just get the city council members to stop going to the loo.

Having a 4-block "entertainment zone" as proposed by mayoral candidate Allen Thomas makes a lot of sense. The bar area is consolidated; no additional officers are needed to patrol a larger area. It would actually make it less crowded.

As it stands, students and other downtown patrons have to cram into a dozen or so bars/clubs. If more establishments were open, then the crowd could dilute itself. In this way, the downtown scene would be safer and keep the cost to the taxpayer at a minimum. So you can either vote for Allen Thomas or you can start picketing to keep the city council members from pooping.

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Greenville bridging out to nowhere



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OPINION COLUMNIST

Graduate maritime studies major

A first time visitor to the university, coming from the West, is often disconcerted to find him or herself winding through the crumbling neighborhood of West Greenville. The City of Greenville and the N.C. Department of Transportation have plans to create a wide avenue, lined with crepe myrtles, which will quickly convey visitors uptown.

The 10th Street connector project is scheduled to begin construction in 2014. The street will be extended through to Farmville Boulevard, which will be widened to support more traffic, and a bridge will carry the road over the railroad crossing at Dickenson Avenue. Public workshops have been held to prepare the neighborhood for the coming construction, for in order to build, the properties that lie in the way must be acquired and the buildings razed.

ECU and Pitt County Memorial Hospital have already footed \$6 million of the estimated \$48 million project. The university is hoping to gain a quicker route between main campus and the medical buildings, and the hospital wants a route that allows its ambulances to roam the city without being inconvenienced by the CSX trains that periodically halt traffic.

But what will this project mean for the inhabitants of West Greenville? And what will it mean for the small businesses that line the proposed route?

The City of Greenville has said that it will help local residents find new homes. The city owns several properties on Fleming, Bancroft and Vanderbilt Streets that it has in mind for this purpose. Moving there is hardly a consolation: The neighborhood is notorious for crime. The houses themselves are boarded up with plywood; a city official has tacked a sign on each door warning that the building "DOES NOT MEET CITY OF GREENVILLE

HOUSING CODE"

How will local businesses survive the project? Greenville has offered to help businesses relocate, but a barbershop is not something that can be simply uprooted and planted elsewhere. Many of these enterprises rely on low-rent locations, word-of-mouth and being accessible to their customers.

In a neighborhood where many citizens do not own cars, moving a business out of walking-distance could destroy its clientele. And there can be no guarantees about how much rent a new landlord will demand. The project bodes especially badly for the various welding shops and motor repair companies that will be forced to move to an industrial park due to zoning restrictions.

The NCDOT and the city both plan to pay moving costs, but there is no fund to cover all the wages lost while the businesses relocate. Some stores, like Nostalgia Comics, will try to keep going in a new location, but many will simply accept the payout and fold.

But the aspect of the project that worries me the most is the intended bridge over the railway. The earthen mounds that must be built to support the bridge will require that 10th Street no longer connect with Dickenson. The struggling business district along Dickenson will be isolated from east-west traffic, essentially condemning it to failure.

West Greenville has been stagnating for decades, and it is the shame of Greenville that a neighborhood, which bears so much of the city's culture and history, is now crime-ridden and impoverished. Outside businesses will not invest in its development or locate there and property owners are reluctant to pay for the repair of buildings that cannot return the cost in rent.

If West Greenville is ever to succeed, it will do so through the endeavors of small businessmen within the community. Driving them out with a wrecking ball and a paycheck will finish their ability to bring about change in the neighborhood and make West Greenville forever dependent on city funds to sustain it.

And by undermining Dickenson, the city is destroying West Greenville's greatest asset. The Dickenson business district has superb potential for growth: The storefronts already exist, and the rent is so low that practically anyone can open a shop with little more than some gumption and a dream. But who will dare open their new store on Dickenson once the connector diverts all the potential customers?

I ask that ECU and the City of Greenville reconsider this project. True, the 10th street connector will create a faster route for ambulances and it will make it easier for students to travel between classes. But I suggest that most people will use the connector to escape from Greenville, a city that has sacrificed its uniqueness to the dreary monotony of chain restaurants and strip malls. And maybe as they pass over the bridge they will glance down Dickenson and see a broken, abandoned vision of what the city could have been.

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Dear Editor,

Since 2007, I have been a student at ECU who has grown to deeply love everything about this community. During my time involved on campus, now serving as student body president, I have had many interactions with the City Council. While we have always enjoyed an open dialogue about the issues, ultimately, the decisions that have been made by the council in recent years have been to the detriment of our student body.

We stand at a crossroad in this community, choosing between "staying the course" on many policies, such as the 500 ft. downtown club separation ordinance, for example, and choosing to find out if the grass may actually be greener on the other side this election season.

In the immortal words of Bob Dylan, "The times, they are a-changin'" The issues of today require a person with a unique perspective who can push this community forward, bringing together ECU's administration, the City of Greenville and the student body. I believe Allen Thomas can be that leader we are seeking to guide us into what looks to be a potential period of vast expansion for both ECU and Greenville.

We students need a voice on City Council, who will advocate for realistic policy initiatives that better integrate the students into the community. We cannot collectively move forward without a leader who can bring all constituencies together in support of citywide goals, such as revitalizing downtown or discussing future growth that is good for both the community and the university. No matter who you support, I encourage all students to get active and engaged in this election and cast your vote on Nov. 8. We are impacted by these decisions just like everyone else in Greenville, so let's stand up and start contributing to the discussion.

Joshua A. Martinkovic
Student Body President

Dear Editor,

I wish to say that I find it ironic that Ben Cochran, a nursing major, would write the article about No Shave November. I feel this way because cancer awareness, specifically men's cancer awareness, is low. Most men do not know to check themselves, or how. Why then would a person claiming to want a degree in providing healthcare want to diminish the spread of this knowledge? If November wasn't No Shave November, then I would think that fewer people would know about men's health. I don't see the relevance of technology or our time of "sophistication" as a need to diminish men's health awareness. Considering that, for years the beard and mustache was something that was natural for a man to have. Why then would we want to remove ourselves such sensible traditions? When beards were appreciated, men were workers, doers, the kind of guys that weren't afraid to get dirty, who didn't care that their nails got a little filth under them. Now by no means am I saying that personal hygiene should be abandoned this month, but letting your beard grow to show that you care about your own health if you are a man, and the awareness in other men seems a noble cause, not a childish one. Of course, this was an article written by a baby-faced male nurse. I wouldn't expect him to know what being a "man" really is anyways.

Phillip Perry Allen
ECU Student

PIRATE RANTS CONT.

Why are the busses talking to me? I know where I am going.

All I could think about during Halloween was shouting, "SHE DOESNT EVEN GO HERE!"

WHY ARE RANTS POSTED IN ALL CAPS SO POPULAR?!

If a Pirate Rant has you "mad at ALL white people right now," I think you're pretty ignorant to think that all white people think that way!

Are there any fine, mature, intelligent females that have the complete package at ECU? The answer is simply NO.

To all the boys that go to ECU: Act like the men that you would want your future daughters to date.

My boyfriend wants to marry me, but I still have trust issues. Help!

Curse words in public aren't illegal anymore, but the school wants to ban the word "boobies?" I don't want to live on this planet anymore.

After one raindrop, people feel the need to whip out the umbrellas.

Overheard at the gym: "That chick I took home last night peed on me while I was sleeping. It wasn't so bad though."

I want to know how my friend was hit by a car, almost died and it didn't make the news ANYWHERE!

My friend is the Mayor of 519.

I just saved 100 percent on my car insurance by not paying it.


That awkward moment when you know a Pirate Rant was about you.

The difference between you and me is that I know my Uggs Boots are ugly.

To the person who stole my lab book: What are you going to do with it?

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MOVIE COLUMN

Impressive performance goes unnoticed



Rachel Kozy
COLUMNIST

For this month's column, I wanted to dust off an oldie but goodie, "Chaos Theory." This column is a tribute to one of my favorite young actors, Ryan Reynolds. Simmer down ladies. I know he's hot (and shirtless in "Amityville Horror"), charming ("The Proposal"), sensitive ("Just Friends") and funny ("Van Wilder"). Yet what I love the most about Canada's hottest export is that he has amazing range as an actor. That is why I decided to open up my movie vault to discuss this highly unpublicized gem.

The film opens with Frank Allen (Ryan Reynolds) and his soon to be son-in-law Ed (Mike Erwin) who is trying to escape from his own wedding ceremony. Frank corners Ed, forces him to drink, and begins to tell him his life story. Frank is a time efficiency expert who plans every minute of every day and refuses to take chances. One day his wife Susan (Emily Mortimer) decides to set his alarm clock back 10 minutes, and thus the chaos ensues. The viewer then follows Frank and Susan through a series of outrageous scenarios that transpire because Frank was 10 minutes late for a single day in his life.

Frank's perfectly planned life is suddenly turned upside down as he is thrown into a world of misunderstanding and miscommunication. Over time, Frank loses his strict belief system and we watch as his character develops into a depressed borderline-psycho. The viewer sees the transition as Frank goes from a sane cautious man that teaches people the importance of tact and time management to a crazed lunatic who decides to live his life based on chance.

This film was written by Daniel Taplitz and Kathy Gori (who is best known for her voiceovers in Hannah-Barbera cartoons). According to IMDB.com, the film opened on 11 screens and grossed \$33,880. I couldn't find out how many weeks the movie remained at these few screens, but it couldn't have been much longer because the movie closed with a final gross of \$237,958. Critics were brutal on the film, which could explain its limited release, but the general public had a much more favorable review.

Now for the fun part, why was this movie not a success? In my opinion, this movie was never written or produced to be a box-office masterpiece. I think it was a good opportunity for Gori and Taplitz to show that they could write a Hollywood worthy script. It was also a chance for Emily Mortimer ("Shutter Island" and "Lars and the Real Girl") and Stuart Townsend (who is best known as Charlize Theron's love interest) to show off their acting chops.

Finally, there is the star of the movie, Ryan Reynolds. I think it is a shame that he is not always recognized for his acting abilities. I do appreciate his gumption and confidence as an actor to occasionally step out of his comfort zone, as he did in movies like "The Nines and Buried." In my opinion, there is nothing better than a movie that makes you take a long hard look at your own life, and that is exactly why you should check this one out.

My opinion: Try to forget about the Ryan Reynolds in "Waiting" and try to see him as a serious actor in "Chaos Theory."

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Look for Rachel's next column in December!

EXTRA BALLS found on football field

Mike Davis
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR



The stage was set. The sun had washed away the rain from days before, and members of the armed services accompanied the always faithful Purple and Gold on this special occasion. All the while, ECU cheered full force to try and give the fighting Pirates an edge over conference foe SMU.

But anyone that attended the Military Appreciation Day game left the stadium not thinking about how ECU was now three and two in Conference USA, or how they might respond to next week's game to save a topsy-turvy season.

Instead, the people that attended the game, which included members, community and Pirate fans from all over, remembering one play that will forever be engraved in their memories.

On Nov. 5, John Sieglinger woke up and pre-gamed like many other football-goers in Pirate Nation. However, during the halftime show of the ECU versus SMU football game, Sieglinger dropped his pants and shook what his mama gave him, to all 40,000 people in attendance.

Stripped down to just his underwear, Sieglinger stormed down the Boneyard steps, proceeded to "ninja jump" the fence onto the field, and stripped to just his birthday suit, beginning the party of a lifetime. As mixed reactions filled the stadium, Sieglinger took the show away from those in uniform, and put the spotlight on his goose chase around Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

"The crisp Greenville air caressing your nut sack as you run, there's nothing like it," said Sieglinger, as he described the feeling of true freedom of expression.

"I wanted to do it before it happened, and it felt so right at the time," Sieglinger said. "I didn't do it for attention, I did it because I just wanted to do it."

Sieglinger said that before he attempted this feat of remembrance, he paid his friends in advance to bail him out after he got caught and escorted out of the stadium and into holding. But despite knowing his inevitable fate, Sieglinger knew that the only way to cross "streaking at a football game" off the bucket list hanging in his room was to actually streak at a football game. "Jumping into the bull pit, knowing you are going to get caught," said Sieglinger. "Who gets away from that?"

"I was stunned because it was during the military ceremony, and then a naked man came running out," said Dalton Bradford, junior criminal justice major. "It was something out of a movie, him running out and then the cops chasing him."

Many people in the Greenville community have expressed their outraged opinions about Sieglinger's streaking, not only because it was inappropriate and scarring for children, but also that it was during the middle of appreciating those military members in attendance. "The military, they fight for freedom, and what's more free than running down the field buck naked," said Sieglinger. "We're on the same side."

The way that Sieglinger lives his life is by his self-proclaimed motto, "You just got to do what you want to do and put your shoes on and go out and do it."

Despite running across the field, doing the helicopter on the emblem in the middle of the field, and getting laid out by multiple security guards, Sieglinger looked back on the footrace and said, "I just did what everybody wants to do, but nobody has the balls to do."

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John Sieglinger streaked across the football field on Saturday during halftime.

Award winning author to speak to students

Colum McCann comes to campus this week

Mike Davis
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Like most major universities, ECU has recently followed suit and taken a greater responsibility of providing its students, faculty and community with world-renowned writers to come and lecture about the art of writing. And with this fairly recent surge in lectures of literature, the Division of Research and Graduate Studies, along with the Department of English, have created the Contemporary Writers Series, which will host award winner Colum McCann this week.

The winner of the 2009 National Book Award for fiction for his novel "Let The Great World Spin," along with countless other awards such as "Esquire's" Writer of the Year and Pushcart Prize, this Irish-born writer will give three free lectures during his time in Greenville. McCann will speak at an event titled "The Art of Fiction" on Wednesday night in Bate 1031 and a public reading on Thursday night at the Greenville Museum of Art.

"He speaks to what our concerns are right now, our recent American history, even though he's an Irishman," said Tom Douglass, co-creator of the Contemporary Writers Series and professor in the Department of English. "He writes about America very well and seems to write about what the concerns of your generation, the recent past since 9/11, and what the challenges are growing up."

The goal of the Contemporary Writers Series is not just to bring writers to the university, but also to bring accomplished, award winning, internationally recognized writers that are true to the craft of literature that can come and inspire the next generation of writers. "It is

a very rare experience for students who are studying literature to be in the presence of a living, breathing writer," said Liza Wieland, co-creator of the Contemporary Writers Series and professor in the Department of English. "I really think it is eye-opening and encouraging for young writers to see that people practicing their craft are walking around."

And for Wieland, this experience is extra exciting, considering McCann's "Let the Great World Spin" is the best, most inspiring book she has ever read. "The way he weaves characters together in this one day in August in New York in 1974 is nothing short of miraculous," said Wieland. "This has only happened to me with a handful of books, but when I read the last sentence, I did not want it to be over."

Last February, the Contemporary Writers Series brought author, journalist and poet Colm Toibin, another Irish writer, to campus to kick off the creation of the series. "I thought that we'd want to have some writers with a pretty good reputation come and establish the series," said Douglass, "a world reputation."

Just like last year's packed events for Toibin's lecture and readings, Douglass hopes that this year's turnout will be much the same, as he believes that having writers of this caliber coming to speak with undergraduate and graduate students is a special opportunity that shouldn't be passed up. "I remember my undergraduate education and that happened several times, and it really stayed with me," said Douglass. "It really inspired me to keep going to school and do something. I hope it has the same effect on my students."

Douglass, who has been teaching McCann's work for the past three years, believes that "if you have the author of the book you just read come to class, it's a different kind of experience," he said. "Even rubbing shoulders with people that create



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Colum McCann wrote the award winning novel "Let the Great World Spin."

art and literature gives you your empowered feeling like, 'He's just a guy, I could do that. I hope it inspires students to a more personal relationship with their education.'

McCann is the author of five novels and two collections of short

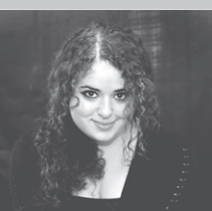
stories, most recently selling the film rights to his book "Let the Great World Spin" to J.J. Abrams, creator of ABC's "Lost."

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PIRATE EATS



The all American eatery brings a diner vibe to Greenville



Leila Falls
COLUMNIST

Grade: A

Pop's Old Fashioned Cheeseburgers opened three weeks ago, combining simplicity and delectability.

Before my chance to imitate an Iron Chef judge, I met with owner David Finelli, who treated me like an old pal (got to love that Italian hospitality).

Finelli explained that his restaurants (Finelli's Café and Atlantic Grill) are fancier dinner places that serve steak. By opening a burger spot, more beef could be utilized from the cows of Coastal Cattle Co. which is located in Ayden. I kept thinking about Charlotte's Web compliments ... those must be some cows!

He wanted to use the name "Pop" after

his dad's nickname and to keep everything local, including his choice of New Bern's Pepsi products, a check plus in my book.

Old timey Pepsi décor styles the restaurant that is located in the plaza behind Krispy Kreme. It incorporates the good parts of an old diner/gas station, from the functioning jukebox to the bottles of soda available, in addition to fountain drinks. The bottle choices are: root beer, cream soda, Sunkist, Pepsi and Mountain Dew. When I twisted off the top of the root beer, the cold mist escaped from the top just like a soda commercial.

The "Pop in the Box" combo includes a 6 oz. burger, fries and a 24 oz. large drink for only \$5.95. The Facebook page has deals, with a recent one stating that if you buy a "double pop" (burger), you get a free apple pie.

I brought my two sisters to help me critique the food, since it has a family environment. Finelli had college kids in mind though when he created the late night hours. The hours are currently 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays ... which will be adjusted if the nightlife picks up.

Ordering involves going up to the counter, where there is a basic menu of burgers, hot dogs, garden salad, baked beans, hand cut potato fries and milk shakes. The cooking area is visible to customers so there is no wondering if there's a creepzilla making the food.

We ordered three Pop in the Box's with our own preference of toppings and it took just a few minutes until our food was ready. The paper boxes that held the food were red, white and blue, which added to the Pepsi theme. My burger had lettuce, tomato, cheese, mustard, slaw and chili ... it was phenomenal. Where was the "Hallelujah" chorus? There really was some great cow that was in that burger. The homemade chili and sloppy joe-ish slaw was not overpowering. I could tell that careful planning went into the recipes.

I wanted to have a little sass in this review

and I figured that I would have a complaint about the fries, since I usually smother fries in ketchup to hide the taste. Fail. Those thin, hand-cut Idaho potatoes cooked in peanut oil were perfect. I didn't mask them with ketchup. I scarfed them down. I looked at my sisters, and they were experiencing the same "yum, don't talk to me" feeling. One of them was not a burger fan, but her burger disappeared.

I was full, but not to the point where I vowed to never eat again. Now, if the funnel cakes that Finelli is adding to the menu soon were available, I would probably need to switch to comfy pants.

Finelli hopes to soon add a drive-thru or pick-up window and for this model to expand just like Hardees, which originated in Greenville. What do I say to that? Yes, please!

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Pop's Old Fashioned Cheeseburgers gives off a diner feel with its plethora of Pepsi advertisements, bottled sodas and jukebox. The popular meal "Pop in a Box" comes with a cheeseburger, french fries and a drink at an affordable price. The beef comes from local cows, which means that it is fresh and organic.

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Throughout the week, there will be an opportunity for "Global Citizenship" as the ILLTA will be making Churros.



Club wrestling splits first home meet

Staff Reports

The ECU club wrestling team hosted its first intercollegiate dual meet against Longwood University on Saturday. The Pirates fielded four wrestlers and won two of the four matches. Nick Caffrey won by a major decision in the 141-pound weight class. ECU will host Radford for a dual meet next Saturday at the Student Recreation Center at 2 p.m.

Club golf grabs Championship

Staff Reports

The ECU men's club golf team secured back-to-back National Championships in team play at the Pinehurst Resort and Country Club on Sunday, winning the tournament by five strokes. On Saturday, senior Trey Harris led the field with a 71 and was backed by Jonathan Hockaday who managed a 75 on the day. After the first day of action, the Pirates lead the entire field of 12 universities by just one shot. On Sunday, ECU finished the job with a weekend best 71 by Tom Duty. Harris continued to play a strong game and tied for the best individual score of the weekend. Corey Davis and Faheem Amod rounded out the day for the Pirates, with each scoring an 80. Also making the championship possible were teammates Cole Suttle, Charlie Morahan and Scott Tarcy. Finishing behind the Champion ECU squad was Dayton and UNC Wilmington. Hockaday was named Most Valuable Player for the season.

Soccer season ends in C-USA Semifinals

Staff Reports

Lizzy Hildebrandt, Lizzy Simonin and Rasheeda Ansari each scored goals to help top seed Memphis (20-0-1) advance to its fifth-consecutive Conference USA Tournament Championship game with a 3-0 win over East Carolina (11-8-1) Friday night at the Mike Rose Soccer Complex.

Hildebrandt provided the early spark as she scored her first goal of the season to give Memphis an early 1-0 lead in the eighth minute. Melissa Smith played a ball on the right side, fed it to Hildebrandt at the top of the 18-yard box and Hildebrandt finished with a strike to the right post. It was Smith's team-leading ninth assist of the season. Hildebrandt's goal marked the earliest score of the season for Memphis. A Memphis foul 5 yards outside the box in the 27th minute set up the Pirates with an equalizer opportunity. Chrissy Gratz directed the free kick on frame, but Elise Kuhar-Pitters made the save. The Lady Tigers finished the first half with a 6-4 edge in shots attempted.

Leah Bagonis had a one-versus-one scoring chance in the 66th minute, but Kuhar-Pitters dove to her right to make the save on the shot toward the left post. Just a moment later, Kimmy Cummings had a free kick 25 yards away in the center of the pitch, but Kuhar-Pitters came up with a big save once again.

Memphis broke through with its second goal on a free kick in the 70th minute. Lizzy Simonin stood over the ball on the left side about 25 yards away and fired a rocket to the back 90 for her sixth goal of the season. It was Simonin's fourth goal via penalty or free kick on the year.

Rasheeda Ansari added a goal in the 89th minute to set the final margin at 3-0. Kaitlyn Atkins found some space along the left flank, served the ball across the box. The ECU keeper came out to snare the ball, but couldn't reach it in time and Ansari put it away for the goal. It was Ansari's sixth goal of the season and Atkins' fifth assist.

Kuhar-Pitters finished with five saves on the night and completed her 37th-career shut-out, claiming sole possession of third-place all-time in the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer record book. It was Kuhar-Pitters 14th shutout of the season, a single-season school record.

Golden Eagles swoop in, ravage Dowdy Ficklen



Southern Miss defensive back Tray Becton-Martin (13) runs the ball up the field during the Pirates' 28-48 loss on Saturday at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium.

Chase Kroll STAFF WRITER

The ECU football team failed to take control of the Conference USA East standings as they watched 25th-ranked Southern Miss score four defensive and special teams touchdowns to run away with a 48-28 victory.

The Pirates (4-5, 3-2) now hold a dismal 3-16 record against the Golden Eagles (8-1, 4-1) in Greenville, and a 10-27 overall series mark.

Statistically, ECU's offense gained 121 more yards than Southern Miss, and added seven more first downs while holding the ball for an additional 11 minutes and 30 seconds, but the Pirates couldn't

stop shooting themselves in the foot. "We were beating ourselves," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said after the game. "It wasn't anything Southern Miss was doing, no disrespect to them. It was more things that we were not doing."

The mistakes culminated with three and a half minutes to go in the second quarter. Dominique Davis' pass was intercepted by Southern Miss' Deron Wilson and returned the ball 79 yards for a touchdown that put the Golden Eagles up 38-14, to later go into halftime with a 24-point lead.

"We committed those turnovers and the momentum died down a little bit," Dominique Davis said. "We dug ourselves in a hole and we

couldn't get back out." The third quarter began well for the Pirates, as the offense took over on the opponent's 40-yard line and orchestrated an 11-play scoring drive that included two fourth down conversions.

On fourth and 1, just 3 yards away from the end zone, Dominique Davis found wide receiver Justin Hardy open for his second passing touchdown of the afternoon. The 3-yard touchdown pass cut the score to 38-21 and ECU seemed to be making a bit of a comeback.

After the next possession for both teams ended in punts, Southern Miss got the ball near midfield with three minutes to play. Quarterback Austin Davis led an eight-play

drive, capped by a 3-yard Desmond Johnson touchdown run with just 25 seconds remaining in the quarter.

With the score 45-21 at the start of the fourth quarter, the game had all but been decided. Golden Eagle Danny Hrapmann's 38-yard field goal helped solidify and extended the lead to 27 points, the largest lead of the game.

A hit by linebacker Cliff Perryman forced Southern Miss running back Jamal Woodyard to fumble as ECU's Kyle Tudor recovered. The Pirate offense, led by backup quarterback Rio Johnson, took over at the Pirates' 41-yard line.

Johnson went 5 for 6 on the

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All for one, one for all

Senior forward looks to dominate low post

Jordan Anders STAFF WRITER

For three years, Darrius Morrow has stepped on the court at Minges Coliseum as No. 1 for ECU.

But this year, that No. 1 on his jersey takes on a different meaning. When the Pirates kick off their season Friday night hosting Milligan, Morrow will not just be No. 1 on the court; he'll be the No. 1 option.

"I feel I'm very skilled and I can take on anything I need to do to help my team," said the senior forward, who is the only one of ECU's top-four scorers from last season still on the squad. "But (being the go-to guy) is no different. I still prepare the same way, and I'm going to continue doing the same things I've been doing to lead my team."

Morrow wound up at ECU by way of Atlanta, Ga., where he said he didn't pick up basketball until he was in the eighth grade. But, as he put it, "Once I developed that love of the game, that was it. I was hooked."

Morrow originally signed to play at the University of South Carolina under former Gamecocks' Head Coach Dave Odom. But when Odom retired, Morrow was granted a release and free to play elsewhere. After weighing his options, which included a chance to play at Auburn, he decided to play at ECU.

Much has changed in Morrow's three seasons in Greenville. In an ironic twist, Jeff Lebo, who was the head coach at Auburn when Morrow chose ECU over the Tigers, now coaches him. Gone are the snickers and scoffs that used to accompany the mention of ECU basketball, mostly due to the Pirates' 18-16 record posted last year in Lebo's first season.

Morrow shined as a junior, averaging a career-high 13.0 points per game and adding 6.3 rebounds per contest. He converted two game-winning three point plays: one at home against in-state rival Charlotte and one at Marshall in a game in which he scored a career-high 33 points.

But Morrow struggled early in the year with weight problems, leaving some to wonder just how dominant he could have been had he been at his peak from the start.

"The first half of the year, I was a bit out of shape," he said. "The second half, I began losing weight and it showed on the court. As long as I keep my weight down, I can be the best player I can be."

Assuming that means he can maintain his play from late last season, ECU's opponents probably want no part of the best player Morrow can be. He went on a tear during the Pirates' last four games of last year, earning double-doubles in all and averaging 20.3 points and 13.8 rebounds per contest.

Morrow said he was in the gym all summer working on his conditioning — as well as his jumpshot — and Lebo and the Pirates expect to have the dominant Morrow on the floor all season long.

"We're didn't see the true Darrius Morrow until late last year," Lebo said. "He has to be good from the beginning ... but I think that he's ready as a senior to



Forward Darrius Morrow attempts to drive past a Memphis defender during play last season at Williams Arena.

shoulder some of that."

If Morrow's senior season remotely resembles his junior campaign, he stands to cement his legacy as one of the best to ever step foot on the hardwood for ECU. He enters this season ranked 19th on ECU's all-time scoring list and 15th on the all-time rebounding list. If he matches his numbers from last year, he would wind up fifth and sixth, respectively, on those lists.

But Morrow said there is no nostalgia in this, his final season as a Pirate. His main focus is, and has always been, performing and winning basketball games for ECU.

"I'm definitely going to miss playing at Minges," he said of his impending departure. "But we've got a great group this year and the sky is the limit for us. Hopefully we can win all 17 home games this year. That would be an amazing way to go out."

So Pirates fans should keep an eye on Morrow this season. He isn't hard to find.

After all, he's No. 1.

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Football fails to take top spot



Adam Bunn
OPINION COLUMNIST

Saturday afternoon around 4 p.m., the mood inside

Dowdy-Ficklen stadium was jovial. The crowd was fired up, the players were jumping up and down on the sideline and there was optimism in the air.

Fast forward one hour and the stadium was half empty, the players had their heads down and that optimism was reduced to nothing more than a sigh amid thoughts of what could have been.

With a win against No. 25 Southern Miss on Saturday, the Pirates would have controlled their own destiny in the eastern division of Conference-USA.

With a victory, they would have only had to win two of their last three regular season games to set up a game against either Tulsa or Houston for the conference title. Instead, ECU allowed the Golden Eagles to score 21 unanswered points during a four minute, 11 second span that never saw the USM offense ever take the field.

A 97-yard interception return for touchdown, a 60-yard punt return for touchdown and a 15-yard blocked punt return for touchdown was all USM would need to put the presumptive nail in the Pirates' coffin.

So who is to blame for the constant issues that have plagued the Pirates every single time they play a decent football team?

One month ago, I wrote a column that laid the blame for the embarrassing play on the

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Linebacker Jeremy Grove (53) and Kristopher Sykes (13) wrap up USM tail back Jamal Woodyard.

drive and redshirt freshman Alex Owah capitalized on an 8-yard touchdown run to score the game's final points.

Dominique Davis finished the game going 22 for 36 with 262 yards and three total touchdowns as well as a pair of interceptions.

Linebacker Jeremy Grove continued to put up great tackling numbers, accumulating 13 in the game for a season total of 95.

However, all the action in the game, including a military appreciation fly-over and a surprise streaker, happened in the first half.

Things started quickly for ECU as Reese Wiggins caught a 72-yard screen pass for a touchdown on the game's second play.

The Pirates looked to score again just 8 yards from the end zone when Davis targeted Hardy, but the pass was deflected by USM's Marquese Wheaton and intercepted by Jamie Collins, who returned the pick 97 yards for the game-tying touchdown. The interception not only

stole the game's momentum, but also broke the Golden Eagles' school record for longest interception return for a touchdown.

ECU did nothing to help itself in the following plays, as the offense failed to gain a first down and was forced to punt.

Punter Phillip McNaughton kicked a short line drive punt that was fielded by Southern Miss' Tracy Lampley, who then returned the kick 60 yards for a touchdown.

"We tried landing it at about 30 yards and letting it roll," McNaughton said. "But (Lampley) was up short on that and he caught the ball and obviously that's not a good situation. You don't want that ball fielded."

The Pirates' very next punt was blocked by Reggie Hunt and returned by Emmanuel Johnson 15 yards for the score. At the end of the first quarter, the score was 21-7 in favor of USM, with the Golden Eagles holding the ball for just three minutes and

58 seconds.

The second quarter began with an 8-yard touchdown pass from Austin Davis to Woodyard to widen USM's lead even further.

ECU responded with a touchdown drive of its own ending with a 3-yard run by Dominique Davis to pull within two scores. That would be the closest they would get to gaining the lead as Hrapmann connected on a 23-yard field goal, before Wilson's interception return.

All in all, the game never seemed to be in the Pirates' hands. The defense play proved effective, the offense produced statistically, but at the end of the day Southern Miss came up with the decisive plays that won the game. "We can't get it back," Dominique Davis said. "We just have to forget about it and just move on. Just stay the course and get ready to go to UTEP and try to beat those guys."

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shoulders of the players, not the coaching staff. But after witnessing the debacle that was Saturday's game, I've come to the realization that this coaching staff is a chicken running around with its head cut off.

The offense under Lincoln Riley that was so productive last season has become a shell of its former self. Quarterback Dominique Davis has looked terrible against above average opponents and I put the blame for that squarely on the shoulders of the offensive play calling.

A year ago, the Pirates were one of the national leaders in big plays. But this year, those big plays have been missing and have been replaced by short throws that are intended to protect Davis. Through nine games, it has become clear that Davis isn't capable of hitting those throws on a consistent basis.

Only one time against Southern Miss did the

Pirates throw the ball more than 20 yards down the field. On that same play, Davis missed a wide-open Justin Hardy on what would have been an easy touch-down.

Riley knows Davis' tendencies better than anyone else so he should know that Davis has always been most effective when he throws deep to open up those short underneath routes. Riley's refusal to throw the ball deep has directly resulted in the Pirates per game scoring average to plummet this season.

While Riley is to blame for the offense's issues, this team is more than just an offense. Ruffin McNeill has been the head coach at ECU for almost two full years now. In that time, he has completely destroyed everything that was built under former Head Coach Skip Holtz. Holtz took this team to two straight C-USA titles and a victory over Boise State, while McNeill

has struggled to keep his team .500.

The common refrain from any McNeill supporter is how nice of a guy he is and how much love he has for the university. But at some point, being a nice guy has to stop being a qualification for the head coaching position. Being a nice guy doesn't motivate a team, being a nice guy doesn't show everyone who is in charge.

If McNeill wants to right his ship, he is going to have to make a decision on whether or not he wants to be the nice guy everyone loves who doesn't win football games or the cutthroat, hard-nosed coach who scares his teams into giving their all.

McNeill needs to make that choice soon because if he waits too much longer he will be the nice guy who is unemployed.

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