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BRIEFS

University officials seek lifetime ban for streaker

Staff Reports

University police say they are planning on obtaining a Lifetime Trespass Warning against John Sieglinger.

Sieglinger ran onto the field at Dowdy-Ficklen stadium naked during a military tribute at the game against Southern Miss on November 5.

According to WITN, university officials say their investigation revealed that Sieglinger was initially in another part of the stadium before streaking.

He was charged with a misdemeanor indecent exposure for the incident and was released on a \$1,500 bond.

Peace Corps speaker comes to campus

Staff Reports

Peace Corps Recruiter, Marques Anderson, will speak on campus today about why today's Peace Corps is more vital than ever.

The speech will be held in the International House on East Ninth St. from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For over forty years, 200,000 Americans have served in the Peace Corps in 139 countries. As of today, there are more than 9,095 volunteers in 75 countries.

Volunteers assist communities by teaching English as a second language, working with HIV/AIDS prevention and care programs, and providing advice and instruction on nutrition and food availability.

Benefits of the two-year program include medical and dental care, a living allowance, 24 days of paid vacation annually and student loan deferment opportunities.

After completing the program, volunteers receive non-competitive eligibility for most government jobs.

Southern Circuit Tour offers free screening

Staff Reports

The School of Art and Design and the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series is to present "Welcome to Shelbyville."

Tonight there will be a free screening at the Greenville Museum of Art. A meet and greet with the filmmaker will follow the screening.

The film is part of The Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers. This is a program that brings independent filmmakers and their films throughout a nine state region, served by South Arts.

For more information or advanced tickets, call the Central Ticket Office, Mendenhall Student Center, at 252-328-4788.

To view a trailer of the movie, visit southarts.org/southerncircuit.

Former quarterback arrested for stealing

Staff Reports

Patrick Pinkney has been charged by police on eight counts of larceny as an employee.

Pinkney was the assistant manager at the Belk Department Store in Roanoke Rapids and has been accused of stealing nearly \$4,200 from the company, reported WITN.

Police began the investigation of possible embezzlement back in September.

Pinkney was the starting quarterback for the university from 2007 to 2009.

His court date has been set for Dec. 14.

College of Business sails to the top

Lauren Keranakis
STAFF WRITER

The College of Business was ranked by The Princeton Review as one of the "Best Business Schools in the Southeast in 2012."

According to ECU News, this marks the fifth year the college has

been ranked. The Princeton Review primarily focuses on the graduate programs, but does not discredit the undergraduate programs.

The Princeton Review said the flexibility of the programs offered allows the student body to be diverse. "Though people may be

different, one student said, 'Everybody is here to learn,'" reported The Princeton Review.

"The MBA program is unique, compared to many full-time programs, because we have a mixture of online and full-time students," said Tina Williams, director of Graduate

Programs. The total enrollment for the MBA program is 799. Full-time students make up 28 percent, while 72 percent are part-time students.

"Two-thirds to three-fourths of

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Buses now have voice announcements that allow the university to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Transit implements new automatic voice system

Caitlin Hunnicutt
STAFF WRITER

ECU Student Transit Authority has implemented an automatic voice announcing system on all university buses as part of the GPS system installation project.

The \$500,000 dollar project, funded equally by ECUSTA and SGA, is one that allows students to locate a bus at any time through a GPS system on their smart phones. The newest addition to the project, the automatic voice announcing, announces each stop to passengers of the bus.

"(Automatic voice announcing) allows you to be compliant with the Americans' with Disabilities Act, so that all passengers who are visually or hearing impaired can use the system like any other able person can," said Wood Davidson, director of ECUSTA.

The new system announces the stop that the bus is presently at for passengers, as well as the upcoming stop. While the bus is announcing the stop, it also presents the information internally on a screen for hearing-impaired

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Students injured in shooting at party



LACEY SCHWAB | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Wilson gives an interview to WNCT.

Staff Reports

Three people were shot outside of an apartment at The Bellamy early Sunday morning after a fight broke out at a party. Witnesses say several men were asked to leave the party just before 1 a.m. and when they refused, they started a fight. Shortly after, one of the suspects pulled a gun and began shooting into a crowd of people outside the apartment building.

ECU student Tyler Nicholson, 19, was struck three times, twice in the leg and once in the

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Occupy Greenville group demonstrates

Melanie Jock
STAFF WRITER

The Occupy Greenville group demonstrated last Friday on the corner of Charles Blvd. and Greenville Blvd. to raise awareness about the Occupy movement in the community.

"The main purpose is to get word out about Occupy Greenville," said William Strathern, a graduate of the university and a member of the group. "We want everyone to know about it, and we would like to draw support from the local area."

The demonstrators participated in a silent protest, sporting various signs with messages reading "Wake-up," "The 99 percent" and "If I can learn to share, you can too." A large turnout of demonstrators came from the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greenville, where members showed up to support the cause. Also in attendance were students from the university.

"We decided to demonstrate on 11/11/11 because it is a global day of solidarity," said Laura Lama, a Pitt Community College student that is active with the group. Lama said groups all over the world, including nations like Brazil, Asia and the Caribbean, were all protesting on Friday.

The group started to draw a crowd around noon that reached 25 people by 1 p.m.

Greenville residents of all ages showed up for the demonstration, ranging from young children to older adults. Lama said the group is open to people of any age, culture, race and political party.

"We want to emphasize that we are not pro or against any candidate," said Lama.

The reasoning behind this is that they want all political sides to join the movement. Also, they believe both political parties helped with corporations gaining all of their power, which they abuse.

The group united together at the intersection as they held signs and received mixed support from those driving by.

"We have the right to have a voice and be heard," said Strathern. "If we want changes in government, we need to mass up."

The Occupy movement in other cities often has a negative connotation, with groups having run-ins with the law, resulting in violence and arrests.

CNN reports that the cities such as Portland, Ore. and Denver, Colo. have arrested Occupy members. Philadelphia, Pa. has also faced problems, and Mayor Michael Nutter has had to increase security

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DOUG MACKENZIE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Demonstrators line Charles and Greenville Boulevards for a silent protest.

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Local BMX rider landed a double flip in Greenville's downtown competition Saturday. Turn to Lifestyles to read more! **A4**

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Basketball tipped off inside Minges Coliseum this weekend. Turn to Sports to see how the Pirate men and women fared against Milligan and St. Andrews. **A6**

WEATHER

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Partly Cloudy



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Experimental financial aid not so popular in NC

Cameron Gupton
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Many UNC system schools have chosen not to take part in the Experimental Sites Initiative, which would implement a new system for financial aid.

The initiative is being administered through the Office of Postsecondary Education, an office within the U.S. Department of Education.

The government has published several announcements regarding the experiment since March of 2011.

According to the Federal Student Aid website, the initiative will allow for "different ways to meet program requirements." Experiences gained from the initiative in regulatory and legislative proposals will "enhance program integrity and

reduce administrative burden."

The tests would essentially hone in on the administration of the Title IV programs and how it can be improved.

Schools considering applying have until Dec. 12 to do so. Schools that do apply by the deadline will have priority to be considered for involvement in an experiment. Those who miss the deadline, but still apply, will be considered at a later date.

According to the most recent release from the government, applications must be submitted electronically to an email address associated with the initiative.

If any experiments were to be employed, they would include waivers of regulations under section 487A(b) of the Higher Education

Act.

According to the Federal Register, there are eight experiments under the initiative, including Federal Pell Grant experiments affecting eligibility of students with bachelor's degrees who enroll in vocational or career programs and eligibility of students enrolled in certain short-term training programs. Direct loan experiments affecting single disbursement of a one-term loan for study abroad students, early disbursement for study abroad students and for students enrolled in foreign schools, unequal disbursements and limiting unsubsidized loan amounts are also included under the initiative.

Other experiments would change the format of PLUS loans for parents of students with intellectual

disabilities and the eligibility of high school students with intellectual disabilities.

Some students are unaware of the initiative and what it would mean for students at the university if utilized.

"I'm not really sure what it would mean for students, I haven't heard about it," said junior Sarah Young. "I don't think a lot of students even know about it."

However, ECU and other universities have opted out of the program and have no intentions to apply. UNC-Chapel Hill, Appalachian and NC State are among the others who will not participate in any of the experiments, reported The Daily Tarheel.

Attempts to reach a representative in the Office of Financial Aid

were unsuccessful, but in the same article, Julie Poorman, director of financial aid for ECU, spoke on the initiative.

"Really and truly, we have done all we can do to keep up with the regulations that they've changed, so we'd rather just do what's asked," said Poorman.

Art education major Anna Hajjar agrees with Poorman.

"There isn't really a need to apply if the university is already using proper regulations," she said. "If they wanted to in the end, there is still time."

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Protestors at Friday's demonstration hold homemade signs in hopes to draw attention to their support for small businesses.

in the area as a result. He said Occupy Philly's intentions have changed, which he said is not good for Philadelphia.

However, the group in Greenville hopes to change the negative outlook they believe some people have.

"We want to change the face of the group," said Lama.

The group tries to help the community by collecting

canned goods to donate to various food pantries and collecting books to donate to Occupy Charlotte's People's Library.

They also hope to draw positive attention by showing their support for small businesses. Lama and Strathern both believe that these businesses have taken the biggest hit from corporate greed.

According to the group's Facebook page, this is its main issue. The group's page said it's against "Corporations who have irresponsibly used the taxpayers' money received through bailouts and the folks in government who not only gave away that money but poorly regulated its use."

The group considers itself part of "the 99 percent" and is against the few controlling the wealth.

Junior psychology and anthropology major Jake Deaton said he came to show support for the group and protest the 1 percent control.

"It's not fair that they get away with anything," Deaton said.

Strathern said he feels the

same way.

"Saying we're the 99 percent means we're emphasizing that the 1 percent has the majority of the wealth," he said. "They need to share some of the pie, the 'money pie.'"

This demonstration was the second one the group has participated in, but the first one they organized.

The group felt that the demonstration went well and plans to continue the demonstrations. Its Facebook page has just posted that the group will be having weekly demonstrations starting this upcoming Saturday.

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riders.

"To be honest as I can be, a lot of people say 'Why does the bus have to talk? I ride the bus to the same place every day. If you are an abled-bodied person that uses the system, you probably know exactly where you're getting on and you don't need the talking,'" said Davidson. "But for our passengers that are subject to the ADA, this has been a very welcomed addition."

In addition to announcing the stop the bus is presently at, the system will also announce the last stop, on both day and night routes.

"I feel like that (announcing system) would be helpful, especially if they announce the next stop," said Lyndsay Lee, sophomore nursing major. "Sometimes, if I arrive at Joyner, I'm not sure if it will stop at West End next, and I don't want to take that chance of it not going there. If it says 'Next stop College Hill,' that would be helpful."

The buses had all of the hardware installed for this process in the spring of 2011, and has been doing testing on the announcing system to insure that it would run smoothly. ECUSTA implemented the announcing system to students on Nov. 3.

"It helps the people riding the bus more than the driver. That way they know what stop they're at, especially people who have impaired hearing or vision," said Dante Rose, junior finance and marketing major, and a bus driver for ECUSTA.

Other new additions have been made for the drivers of university buses as well. ECUSTA has worked together with Digital Recorders Inc., a company who provided the hardware for this project, to

install passenger counters on all the buses, according to Davidson.

The passenger counter is still in testing phase, so drivers of the buses are still manually counting every passenger that comes onto the bus.

"We're making sure the automatic counter is getting relatively close with the manual counter, and what we're seeing is really good. The data has been about 97 percent accurate," said Davidson. "It's hard to say if the manual or automatic system were more accurate because there are rooms for error with both."


Davidson and ECUSTA are discussing relying fully on the passenger counters in the Spring 2012 semester.

"We're trying to make sure that the drivers are focused on driving," said Davidson. "Not only that we're providing good service to the riders, but that the drivers can make sure they're focused on actually driving the bus. This should be a very positive thing in terms of the driver's ability."

ECUSTA hopes to have the final phase of the GPS system underway in the Spring 2012 semester, with students being able to beta-test the system. They will be able to pull the information of where their bus is at, who's driving it and if it is on time up on their smart phones.

"I think the GPS system will be effective for students trying to catch the buses to and from their destination, and it will help them manage their time better by taking all the guessing out of when the buses will arrive," said Stephen Johnson, senior sports studies major.

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the online students already have jobs," said Williams. However, Williams added that the MBA program would be updated in the future. "We want to make sure our students are what the employer's are looking for."

College of Business Career Services reported that after three months of graduating, 35 to 40 percent of undergraduates have jobs. The average

salary for an undergraduate business student is about \$38,000.

"It is hard to stay in touch with students after they graduate because they lose their e-mail addresses three months after graduation," said John P. Andrews, director of Career Services.

According to Career Services, companies that have recruited students include BB&T, Coca-Cola, Target, Aflac, IBM, Lenovo, Disney, Carolina Hurricanes and Geico.

The Princeton Review adds that the campus has a "friendly atmosphere." The Princeton Review goes on to praise the bond between faculty and students.

When asked what makes the College of Business a top business school, Len Rhodes, director of Institutional Research, answered with the "leadership from the dean and faculty."

"There is not a more caring faculty for our students wellbeing, both inside and outside the classroom, than our College of Business faculty," said Rhodes.

Although the graduate program has about 900 MBA

and MSA students, the faculty still tries to maintain a personal relationship with the students, Williams said. "They focus on providing students with the best experience while still maintaining a rigorous program."

In 2009, the College of Business mandated that every undergraduate student participate in the Leadership and Professional Development Program. According to the College of Business, students are required to take specialized courses that provide important insight into today's business world and the necessary skills to be competitive.

"What makes ECU's program different from any other leadership programs is the scale," said Rhodes. "The College of Business' philosophy is that everyone will be a leader at sometime."

The program requires the students to complete a portfolio that documents leadership and professional development requirements set forth by the College of Business as well as other leadership activities.

"The program is looking to make a significant difference in every business

student," Rhodes added.

Students also value the additional programs the College of Business provides. Freshman business major, Tripp Watkins said, "The College of Business has a solid success rate. It provides students with internships and other opportunities to succeed."

This past summer, Meredith Little, a junior accounting major, visited the Netherlands with the College of Business and said she received real-world business experience.

"I've always wanted to travel abroad, and the College of Business provided that opportunity for me this summer. I not only received real-world experience but obtained six credit hours," Little said.

Stanley G. Eakins, interim dean of the College of Business, said, "We take pride in our quality, value, flexibility and focus on leadership, and we greatly value this distinction as one of the best institutions where students can earn a solid business education," reported ECU News.

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back. The second victim, Johnnie Wilson, 21, was shot in the hip and the third victim, Jalen Bynum, 19, also a student was shot in the leg. All of the victims have non-

life-threatening injuries and are expected to survive.

According to several eyewitnesses, they saw several men, in, leaving the scene in white and grey colored cars

shortly after the shooting.

Anyone with any information to call Pitt-Greenville Crime Stoppers at 252-758-7777.

PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to Kelly Nurge at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

I've always called it "Christian-burly" but now the bus yells out "NOW APPROACHING KRISTEN-BRR-REE." I'm a senior and that bus just learned how to talk. Who is saying it correctly?

If you guys knew what I made on my exams, you wouldn't be impressed that I finished first.

Instant Pirate: Just add rum.

Judge me all you want, I'd rather have a great story about going downtown than sitting at home doing nothing. Live a little then talk to me.

Bro, if you're a senior and you picked her up at Rumors, she's too young for you.

If he ends his sentences with bro, he's too douchebag for you, girl.

Why even wear shower shoes to the bathroom if you TAKE THEM OFF in the shower? It's still nasty.

I signed up for English 1200 in the spring because the girl's Rate My Professor said that she (currently a student) is "very hot". Internet, please do not disappoint.

I kissed a squirrel and I liked it. A LOT.

My favorite Random Drunk Person quote from this weekend: "If you don't like Yuengling, then get out of America."

Even as a senior, I wonder if I'll make it out of Greenville without getting shot.

I judge guys by how they treat my dog.

If someone tells you they have no regrets, they probably don't have a great past.

You can't say "Pirate" without saying "Irate." LEARN TO PARK, FRESHMEN!

I was going to read the "Too Busy for Busywork" opinion article, then saw it was written by a comm. major, AKA someone who doesn't know sh*t about being busy.

YOU'RE means YOU ARE. YOUR means your.

Pirate Rant Lady: I was serious about that proposal.

How do they pick the Pirate Rants? Do they just have a giant party and see which ones they laugh at the most? I want that job.

I am definitely putting "published author" on my resume due to getting a Rant printed last week.

I wish there was a major in Pirate Ranting.

The awkward moment when you're sexy and you don't know it.

You can't join the mathletes, that's social suicide!

Why doesn't anyone ever talk about Jesus or God on these Rants?

I took your V-Card. #sorryimnotsorry

WHO THE HELL IS A SOPHOMORE IN COLLEGE AND STILL A VIRGIN?!

What's the difference between saying soda or pop? They're all chasers to us.



Morgan Logan
OPINION COLUMNIST

Senior public health major

On Nov. 1, TEC

encountered what has to be the most controversial Pirate Rant on record. The rants from this day shared a common theme most may find unreal: discrimination against white people.

Someone ranted, "TEC doesn't care about white people." Another rant proclaimed his thanks to O.A.R. for, "catering to my needs as a white man for good music." However, it was neither one of these rants that provoked 36 comments on our website.

Whoever ranted "If ECU were to have a 'White Student Union,' we'd get sued" sparked an online war of words. Pirates were angry, exclaiming that whoever composed that rant was ignorant, racist and a possible supremacist.

But can we really get mad at the alleged neo-Nazi when other ethnic groups have their own organizations? I mean, a group whose name explicitly lists an ethnic group in an organization ... where have I seen this before? Oh yes...

Black Student Union, founded at ECU in 1998, could be seen by non-black individuals in the same light. President Joshua Burney exclaims that this is an "organization which unifies and brings together black people," and it has a "want to educate a black community." Most importantly, BSU is not discriminatory in membership.

There have always been organizations that promoted the collaboration of colored individuals. In an era when black students were new to campus and may have faced injustice based on their skin color, it was necessary for some sort of support system for their community.

"S.O.U.L." or Society of United Liberal Students was originally designed in 1975 to unite black students for the betterment of the school and community. This is similar to the promises made by the Black Student Union today. Burney made the point that we needed BSU since, we as blacks, are the minority on campus. He stated that he "wouldn't mind if there were a White Student Union N.C. A&T."

So, in other words, why is there a need for a White Student Union at East Carolina University? I cannot answer that. But no, I do not believe that there would be a racist intent for condoning one. BSU hosts an annual "Welcome

What's black, white and read all over?



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Black Week" in which "the goal is to let black people know that other black people exist," Burney said.

While I appreciate this act of brotherhood, I can see how other races could view this as kind of racist. Sure, white students are more than welcome to attend the week-long festivities, but it's promoting the idea of causing them to think "Ehh ... this might not be for me." I mean, how many of African Americans would feel comfortable with attending a White Student Union "We'll Be White Back Week" or a "Get Right, Get White Celebration?" Who's to say what is and what is not racist? If all other ethnic groups

have the chance to fraternize and receive empowerment, why aren't white people entitled to this same right? True, most organizations on campus are predominately white. Hell, I am the only opinion columnist of color.

The color of my, their or your skin should not impede you from joining any club at ECU. The argument that, "Well, all groups on campus are for white people..." is invalid. The way I see it, membership to any organization is not discriminatingly based on race ... GPA maybe, but that's your fault.

Race is still one of the underlying determinants of

our society, even today. It was interesting to see the response of students in light of a proposed White Student Union. It lets us know that people are still uncomfortable with the congregation of blacks and whites separately, that this is still an issue that concerns us.

Would anyone care if Latino, Asian or Native American students banded? The world unfortunately is still in black and white and there is little that any of us can do about it.

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Becoming a fan of reality



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OPINION COLUMNIST

Sophomore English major

Sometimes, I am quietly astounded by the amount of students busily friending, de-friending and posting daily grievances to Facebook as I pass through the Joyner computer section.

What entirely blows my mind, however, are the statuses I occasionally glimpse being typed: "So much work to do," one status reads — it's from the girl who's been scrolling through a photo album of some drunken party for the last 45 minutes, making sure to "tag" each of the horribly embarrassing face being made by her each one of her friends.

Later, the kid across from me in the quiet study area politely breaks off his phone conversation before finding a cubical: "I have to study all night," he says, his voice heavy with dread. "I've got two exams this week." It's quiet, almost silent, but the faint, ceaseless, jazzy tune that played over the next hour and a half through his headphones was unmistakably the theme to "Farmville."

It isn't just the Facebook users: I fear for the walking texters at every crosswalk, multitasking like there wasn't enough time left in their short lives to even glance for more than a millisecond up at the real world, let alone look at you for an entire sentence worth of conversation. The students here are so "plugged in" that they have to tell somebody about each and every Reddit post that they eagerly consumed the night before.

These technologies began on college campuses, so it should come to no great surprise that they've managed to thrive here; but somehow this preoccupation with social

media and networking is alien to me. I never imagined that saying "I don't have a Facebook anymore" would elicit so many gasps of disbelief from close friends.

In the few months that I had an account, I can't actually recall any meaningful connection with any of these friends being made on the Internet, as opposed to in-person. What am I missing now that when I talk to them, I do it in person or over the phone? Did the loss of the social currency regarding what is "liked" suddenly remove something crucial from the equation?

And before you start on that Letter to the Editor, good sir or madam, I understand that these processes help you keep up with your friends. I do not object to being in the know on social gatherings and such. But if one person who's had an account can tell me that they've regretted any less than half of the time they've spent on such a networking medium, they can then tell me that their account is simply for communication, and not creeping into becoming a part of their every waking thought.

It is as if we need things concise, consumable and tangible at all times: Those slightly hazy memories of last night aren't quite real unless we see a picture of it from a friend's page (who must have spent more time with a camera-phone than enjoying themselves, by the looks of things).

We have only as many friends as we can count each day when we log in; too few, and we'd best invite more, if only for the sake of keeping up appearances. Too many, and we might be taking things too far; only when our friends have to see 20 daily messages about our pointless "Mafia Wars" progress is there a stigma.

It's not that I have better things to do with my life; I waste about as much time as a human being possibly can. My assignments are

monuments to procrastination I have carefully sculpted in the wee hours of the morning before each class.

But some of these daily diversions are a different animal altogether. I pray that as our predecessors have fondly remembered real social experiences (the treasured moments, including but not specifically limited to, drinking beer out of trashcans and experimenting with various substances) between exams and term papers, so shall we.

I pray that in 10 years our collective remembrance of ECU will not be through the statuses we wrote, or the tweets we tweeted, or whatever monstrous blight on the human species that comes next. Memories will suffice, and our friendships won't be mediated entirely by Mark Zuckerberg.

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21 -April 19)

You're still not feeling your best, though that is sure to change in the near future. Just rest if you can and try to recharge your batteries as much as possible — other folks can lead the charge for once!



Taurus (April 20 -May 20)

Speak up today — someone really needs to hear from you! Your feelings might be all over the map, but you should be able to put them into words without making any special effort now.



Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

Your financial situation is improving — though you might not feel that way quite yet! See if you can wrap your mind around what needs to happen in order for you to move forward with your plans.



Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

You've got two sides today — and they are both positive! There's no evil twin in this scenario, so you should be able to get twice as much done and have twice as much fun doing it.



Leo (July 23 -Aug 22)

You are feeling a deeper sense of control over yourself and your situation — so make sure that you're putting yourself out there and showing the world what you've got to offer. Someone likes what they see!



Virgo (Aug 23 -Sept 22)

Get yourself organized today! It's easier for you than it is for others, and it's even simpler on a day like today. Your energy just helps everything click into place with an elegant simplicity.



Libra (Sept 23 -Oct 22)

You can't avoid disruptions to your routine today — things just aren't going your way, and there's not much you can do about it. See if you can just keep flexible and adjust to outside influences



Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

Now is the time to run with your ambitions. You should be able to get people to see your point of view in almost any argument, and you should find that luck is on your side, at least somewhat.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

This is not the right time for you to work with a partner — even someone quite close to you. The odds are really good that you are out of sync, and that could actually set you back pretty far.



Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

You know what's important today — there shouldn't be any big secrets revealed quite yet. Focus on what you know and worry less about what you don't know, at least for the time being.



Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

You're noted for your big brain and lateral thinking — but you need to shut that down for now! It could be that you've got to make a move romantically or take care of a pressing family need, but action comes first.



Pisces (Feb 19 -March 20)

Try not to worry too much about those around you — except your romantic partner. If you're single, now is the time to remedy that, and if you're together, let them know how much you care!



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Greenville local flips for BMX



Mike Davis
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

There were only three riders left to go in Saturday night's Trans Jam BMX Park Pro competition. The transformer lights beamed, the crowd of anxious fans waited and the moment that would soon become a lasting memory was yet to happen. For 20-year-old Greenville local, Austin Hardee, his last run of the competition couldn't have been any better.

Hardee failed his first attempt at the infamous double back flip; however, on his second attempt, he landed it, in front of a crowded group of ecstatic and jaw-dropped fans.

"The double back flip is one of the most dangerous tricks in our sport, and only a handful of riders do them," said Hardee. "It was a dream come true for me to be able to pull that in the setting we had."

But for Hardee's spectators and friends, seeing him attempt the double back flip a second time was nerve-racking till the moment he landed it. "To be honest, it was a relief," said long time friend Keith King, promoter of the Trans Jam events and King BMX. "It was an overwhelming joy after he did it to be there and see it."

Growing up when BMX was just starting to grow as a sport, in the city where BMX is most popular in the world, it didn't take much for Hardee to put down the baseball bat and football helmet to start riding his way into the future. Living across the street from BMX legend Dave Mira, Hardee spent his youth learning from the guru and all the other pros that lived in the Mecca of BMX riding.

Being able to ride and take inspiration from professionals from the age of nine, Hardee was surrounded by his idols, learning the ins-and-outs of being a professional rider at an early age.

But without the confidence and support Hardee's family has given him throughout his BMX career, he said he wouldn't be where he is today. "Both my mom and my dad, they have always supported me with where I've gone," said Hardee. "When I was younger, I

wasn't able to travel by myself, so they took me everywhere I needed to go."

One of the things that drew Hardee into BMX is the fact that it is such an independent sport, where skill and persistence go hand-in-hand with artistic style while doing tricks. "You can see two people do the same kind of trick,

but you can pick out so many different things between them because everyone has a different style and form," said Hardee. "Some of the crazier tricks going on now-a-days, it's like looking at artwork."

As Hardee progressed through his training in BMX, so did his skills, as he spent hours learning difficult tricks into foam pits in BMX warehouses around Greenville.

Hardee has spent the past eight years doing stunt shows with King BMX, graduating from his blue GT90 bike he got for Christmas years ago to his custom-made bike by Dave Mira that he now rides. He and his group have performed at professional football and basketball games, as well as in smaller venues like state fairs and other similar entertainment events.

"Shows are relaxed because there is no stress; contests are stressful, that is why I'm not into them," said Hardee. "But shows ... you can have a good time because no matter what, the crowd is going to be pumped about it. They aren't going to be judgmental."

But even though biking is his passion right now, Hardee has other plans for the future in case something happens. He has an architecture degree from Pitt Community College and passions for photo and video editing and design, music, cars and construction.

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Michael Regnier hangs up posters on campus for this Thursday's 'Cover Your Booty' event.

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STAFF WRITER

Drug and alcohol abuse present a major problem in the United States, especially among college campuses, whether it's the abuse of marijuana, cocaine or "smart drugs," such as Adderall. That's why Michael Regnier, the director of Cover Your Booty, and his colleagues of ECU's Graduate Rehabilitation Program designed an expo to provide information about substance abuse and awareness.

According to Regnier, Cover Your Booty is not your average "Above the Influence" campaign. An ex-drug abuser himself, Regnier knows what works and what doesn't in terms of getting people to reduce

and eventually quit drug abuse. Therefore, the event will provide figures for the amount of money spent on drugs and alcohol as an angle against addiction and abuse.

"In high school, we always used to joke that D.A.R.E. stood for 'Drugs Are Really Expensive,' and they are," said Regnier. "We said that as a joke, but it's the truth. A lot of people don't realize that they're signing up for that."

According to a recent study completed by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University, nearly half of America's 5.4 million fulltime college students abuse drugs or drink alcohol on binges at least once a month.

"Students already know enough about drugs, alcohol, abuse and addiction," said Regnier. "Earlier this year, an article in The East Carolinian stated that there's been a 29 percent increase in marijuana arrest in and around campus. Do you think that's the only drug that's increased? No. It's not."

Gwen Gilbert, one of the four colleagues in charge of the expo, believes that education is key to recovery. To tell someone to "rise above" or "stop all together" will not help.

"It's important to educate college students on the different type of things that are out there," said Gilbert. "We can't make them stop using, but we can educate them on

what they're doing and the consequences."

For Regnier, the road to zero abuse hasn't been the most traditional one. He didn't go to therapy, and he didn't join help groups. He just got a bit older and came to the realization that there is more to life.

"I was a wild kid," said Regnier. "I was never strung out on anything but I was addicted to alcohol and marijuana. I used cocaine and went to parties and didn't carefully consider every moment in my life."

Regnier is the same person he was before, just without the drug abuse. He still enjoys parties and hanging out with friends. His hair

Cover Your Booty from drug and alcohol abuse

PIRATE EATS



Skylight Inn perfects pulled pork

RYAN HARPER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Chase Cayson (right), a worker at Skylight Inn, helps a customer. The restaurant is famous for its barbecue and will be featured on Travel Channel's show 'Man vs. Food' on Wednesday.

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ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

For anyone that craves the smell and taste of barbecue, coleslaw, homemade cornbread and southern comfort at it's finest, look no further. Skylight Inn, located just 15 minutes from campus in Ayden, is a restaurant that not only brings power-packed flavors in each of their items, but also encompasses an atmosphere unmatched by any other.

Just like the old fan slowly spinning in the main dining area, the atmosphere that accompanied the legendary barbecue pit stop matched perfectly to the people and the surroundings it homed for lunch and dinner Saturday. The restaurant embodied the carefree, slow paced, country feel that a local, homegrown, hometown restaurant should have.

The line of people that came for lunch was scattered through the tables and just out the door. Most of the folks in line and already seated seemed to know one another, giving the impression that they were barbecue faithfuls, as they slapped each others backs with one hand and poured barbecue sauce on their pulled pork with the other.

The menu itself looked as

though it had come straight from a ballpark, hanging over the counter and the pulled pork pit. The small menu included a barbecue sandwich, a small, medium or large tray, which came with coleslaw, pulled pork and a slab of homemade cornbread, with a Pepsi fountain drink for just a \$1.50 more. It was so simple, but perfectly acceptable.

Along with the tray and sandwich items, options for individual servings of coleslaw and cornbread were also available, just as different sized buckets of pulled pork were. A sign next to the door of the kitchen said that chicken was only available on Thursdays and Fridays, so even though only a few items on the menu were served on the other days, the lines of people still poured in because the restaurant's reputation of southern barbecue done right proceeded them.

The reputation of Skylight Inn is so recognizable that "Man vs. Food," a popular eating show on the Travel Channel, will air an episode this Wednesday at 9 p.m., where Adam Richmond, the host, traveled to four destinations across the United States to have Thanksgiving feasts at regional favorites.

But the Travel Channel isn't the only recogniz-

able figure to enter the gates of barbecue heaven. Photographs signed by celebrities and former presidents filled one of the walls next to the counter. Spread throughout the rest of the restaurant were old newspaper articles and awards that frame the woodwork, subtly showing off its popular reputation.

But the barbecue lovers don't come to the Skylight Inn just to marvel over the famous people who have eaten there, or stand around just to stare at old articles. The people of Ayden, and all around for that matter, come because the food is as close to a religious experience as someone might get.

For \$7.00, my medium tray and drink were well worth the price, if not more. The pork, which was pulled straight from the bone in front of my own eyes by James Howell, a long time employee, towered high in the red and white-checked tray. The coleslaw and cornbread, all stacked one on top of the other, was handed over not on a plate, but on a sheet of parchment paper.

The restaurant appeared small from the outside but actually had two rooms filled with tables, each accompanied with "Texas Pete Original Hot Sauce," and the Inn's house barbecue sauce and pepper vinegar sauce.

Looking around the room, it seemed as though everyone had a slightly different method and style of how to properly eat the flavorful food. Some ate each item individually with no sauce, while others soaked their meals in in different combinations of sauces. Taking advice from my environment of what seemed to be barbecue addicts, I drenched, dipped, triple-stacked and mixed in my attempt to find barbecue nirvana. And no matter the style of food that entered my mouth, the result of satisfaction in its purest form was always the same.

The pepper vinegar

sauce, which was a container of vinegar filled with different types of peppers, was balanced perfectly with the sweet coleslaw. The house barbecue sauce, which was sweet and tangy, yet had a little after-kick, enhanced the pulled pork, cornbread combination to something close to orgasmic.

Though the meat itself was perfectly cooked, seasoned and prepared, not needing anything to make a pleasurable feast, the addition of the house cornbread, coleslaw and sauces brought an element of home that isn't seen often in restaurants.

Maybe it was the fact that

the restaurant was across the street from a few houses and just off the side of a road, or the fields next to it, or maybe it was the lack of parking spots, just gravel and space, that gave the business an extra sense of home.

But what I do know for sure is that if the Travel Channel had any experience in the same ballpark as I had, they left Ayden with not only full stomachs and smiles on their faces, but a true sense of how southern barbecue is supposed to taste.

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James Howell, a chef at Skylight Inn, cuts up pork on Saturday. The kitchen is visible to customers.

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is still at shoulder length. He still loves to kick back and have fun.

"I just realized through undergrad and the first couple years of my professional life that the drugs weren't for me," said Regnier. "I think that over time I matured a lot. I'm a lot more organized and collected. I have a goal. I have a desire and a dream now. Where as, then, I was aimlessly wondering."

Regnier also had a bit of advice for those with friends who abuse drugs or drink heavily.

"There's no right or wrong

way to confront a friend or family member about their substance use and abuse," said Regnier. "The thing you don't want to do is to lash out at your friend sarcastically or give them any type of negative connotation in light of their disorder. Talk to them about it. State your observations, state your concerns and approach them empathetically and concerned."

Cover Your Booty will be held this Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the mall on campus, next to the cupola. There will be free food and water for those that stop by

the tent. Students can also pick up information for free counseling services available through ECU.

"If you or someone you know abuses drugs, they should be referred to see someone on campus," said Regnier. "It took me years to do it, but it really is a great thing to do. Counseling can even help people who may not have any problems with drugs and alcohol. But people need to know that it's ok to talk with someone."

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Volleyball drops final road trip of season

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Despite winning the first set Sunday, ECU could not sustain the momentum as the Pirates dropped a four-set decision to the Knights at the Venue at UCF. ECU falls to 2-24 overall and 0-17 in Conference USA play, while UCF is now 18-10 and 10-7.

Sophomore Kasey Kavanaugh posted a career-best 11 digs in the contest and was joined in defensive double figures by sophomore Shelby Beasley and senior Amanda Lutzow, who racked up 19 and 12, respectively. Redshirt junior Kelly Derby was a force at the net, amassing six total blocks, while senior Britney Roper and sophomore Whitney Campbell paced East Carolina offensively with nine kills apiece.

The Knights held the upper hand in most statistical categories, including kills (62-37), service aces (5-2) and digs (75-58), but the teams ended up even in blocking with 12 total stuffs each. UCF also sided out at 67 percent, as compared to a 45-percent mark for the Pirates.

ECU took firm control at the outset of the match, establishing an 11-5 lead when Derby recorded an ace. The advantage stretched to 19-14 with a Lutzow kill, forcing the Knights to call a timeout. A kill by Evija Vilde completed an 8-3 run by the home side, which knotted the score at 22. But two kills and a pair of attack errors enabled the Pirates to capture a 25-23 victory in the frame.

The second interval was close at the beginning as UCF clung to a 9-7 advantage. But a 10-2 run allowed the Knights to build a 19-9 cushion they would not relinquish as they tied the match 25-12.

ECU called a timeout when UCF scored eight of the first 11 points of the third set. The Pirates would rally late, pulling to within 20-17 on a Lutzow ace, but they would score just once more and lost the frame by seven at 25-18.

The Knights raced to a 12-3 lead in the fourth set on a Tory McCutcheon ace, prompting a timeout from the visitor bench. It would prove ineffective, however, as UCF clinched the match with a 25-12 win in the frame.

With its road schedule now complete, ECU returns home for the final three matches of the campaign. The Pirates next host UAB Friday, Nov. 18 at Minges Coliseum with first serve set for 7 p.m.

Softball adds player for Fall 2012 season

Staff Reports

Two-time defending Conference USA Tournament champion ECU added another piece to its program Sunday as middle infielder Casey Alcorn signed a national letter-of-intent to attend ECU and play softball with the Pirates, beginning in the fall of 2012.

Alcorn, a native of Hummelstown, Pa., batted .604 as a junior en route to earning Pennsylvania Softball Coaches Association (PSBCA) AAAA All-State First Team honors. The three-year starter has guided Lower Dauphin High School to a trio of Mid-Penn Keystone Division championships and has been selected as an All-Keystone Division First-Team All-Star every year of her career.

At the end of her standout junior season, Alcorn was named a Patriot-News All-Star. She struck out only twice during the campaign, while hitting five home runs and driving in 27 runs. Also serving as a pitcher for the Falcons, she posted a 5-2 mark in the circle with a 2.05 earned-run average and tossed a perfect game versus Middletown in April.

As a freshman and sophomore, Alcorn received PSBCA Honorable Mention AAAA All-State honors. Her freshman year, she was also named to the Patriot-News' Big 11 All-Underclass team.

Alcorn gained additional softball experience by playing for the Central PA Krunch and Wagner's Gold travel programs.

Off the field, Alcorn has been on the honor roll every marking period of her high school career. In addition to serving as the vice president for her senior class, she is involved in student council and has participated in a pair of science fairs.

Pirates break loose in season opener

Jordan Anders
STAFF WRITER

With less than five seconds remaining in ECU's home opener against Milligan Friday night, Erin Straughn hoisted a crucial three pointer from the left corner.

Pirate newcomer Yasin Kolo collected the board and made a layup with 2.5 seconds left that ignited the ECU faithful. The Pirates had won by 56 points.

Kolo's put-back put ECU over the 100-point mark for the first time since 2003. The Pirates walked away with a 101-45 victory over the Buffaloes inside Minges Coliseum. The 56-point drubbing tied the fifth-largest margin of victory in ECU history.

"It's nice to get the first one under our belt," said ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo. "I didn't know really what to expect because we have so many new guys, a lot of them that didn't play Division I basketball last year."

Despite that fact, Lebo's squad showed cohesiveness far beyond what would be expected for a team playing its first game together. At multiple points during the night, the Pirates had lineups on the floor that contained three or four players who weren't on the squad a season ago.

But the newcomers had no problem dispatching a Milligan team that saw its already-slim chances of victory evaporate in the first four minutes.

Guard Miguel Paul was sensational for the Pirates. Paul, who sat out last season after transferring from Missouri, dropped 19 points on the Buffaloes with an even blend of jumpshots and fast-break layups. He finished 7-7 from the floor, adding seven assists and four steals while committing no turnovers.

"I've found a place where I can play and show my full talents and what I can give," Paul said. "I told Coach Lebo that if he had faith in me, I'll get the job done for him."

Paul was one of six Pirates to score in double-figures. Outside of Straughn, who had 10 points, every

one of those double-figure scorers was playing their first game for ECU.

Paul and Straughn were joined in double-digit figures by Maurice Kemp (15 points), Paris Campbell-Roberts (12), Shamarr Bowden (11) and Austin Steed (11).

Paul and Steed said that while there were initial nerves, all those were lost in the flow of the game.

"We just came out with intensity, and once we break a sweat, all the nerves and jitters go and we get to playing basketball," Paul said.

"It felt great just being out there," Steed added. "Just that feeling of getting the jitters out, like Miguel said, and getting that first sweat and that first bucket and just getting rolling again, it felt good."

There wasn't much about this night that didn't feel good for ECU. A Bowden three pointer gave the Pirates their first lead just 37 seconds into the game, and they never looked back. By the first media timeout with 15:20 remaining, Milligan had five turnovers, just one basket and trailed 14-2.

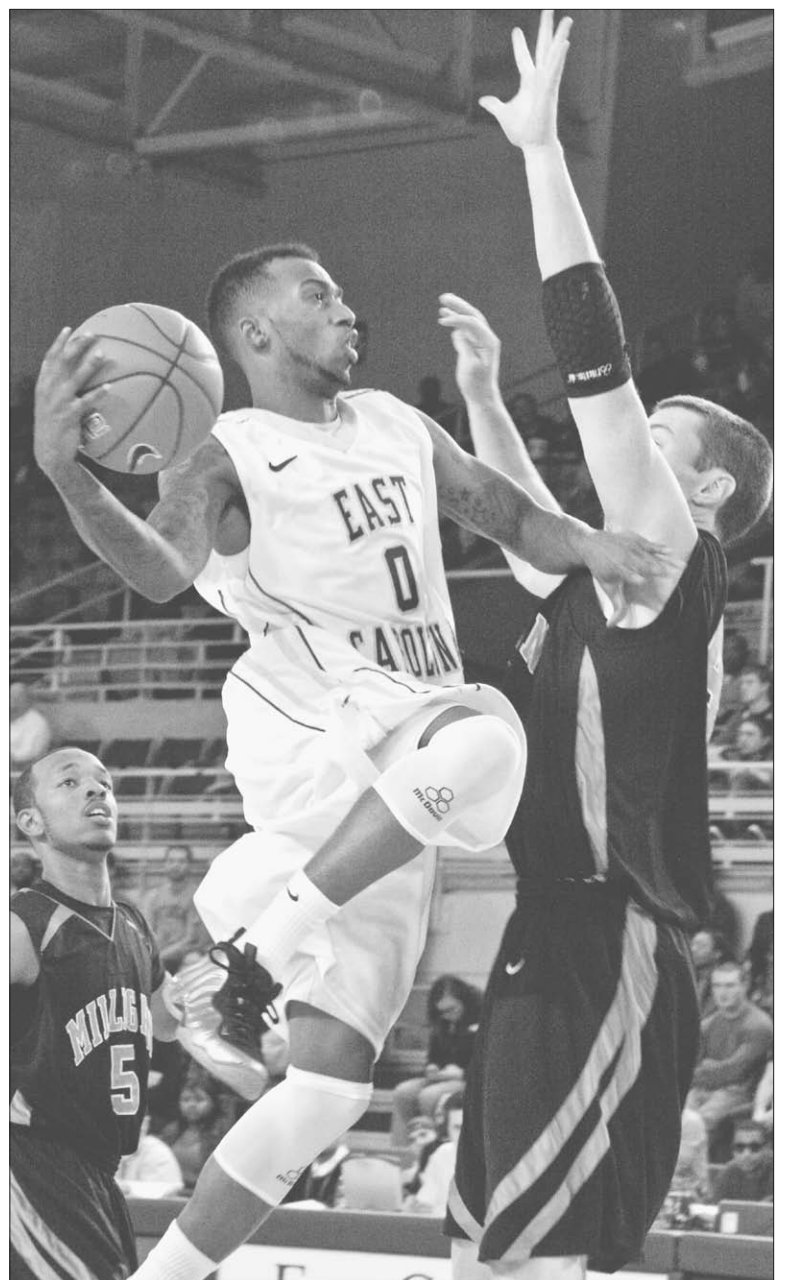
That was only the beginning.

ECU dominated in every facet from there on out. An alley-oop from Paul to Kemp drew a big roar from the 4,678 at Minges, with 13 minutes remaining in the first half. By the end of the half, the Pirate fans were entertaining themselves with a dueling "Purple! Gold!" chant, knowing that the game was well in hand, with ECU heading to the locker room with a 49-18 lead.

The Pirates dominated the second half in much the same fashion. The most substantial cheers of the second stanza came when ECU cleared the 75-point mark to illicit a "Thanks for the tacos" chant from the student section, and the big roar when they eclipsed the 100-point mark.

At the end of the night, ECU won every statistical category, with heavily lopsided advantages in rebounds (54-27), points off turnovers (33-6), second-chance points (31-4) and bench points (51-10).

"I thought we did a nice job, especially defensively, most of the



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Guard Miguel Paul (0) drives to the bucket for two of his team-high 19 points.

night," Lebo said. "We had some guys make some shots. We moved the ball really nicely and got some open looks."

ECU's next home game is Thurs-

day night against Coker. Tip off is at 7:30.

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Good 'Knight,' St. Andrews

Women's basketball destroys DII opponent



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Britny Edwards (42) drives to the hoop on a fast break against St. Andrews.

Stephen McNulty
STAFF WRITER

It was clear early on in the Pirates' 109-30 lashing of St. Andrews University that the Division II squad did not belong in the same arena as ECU.

With the win in their home opener, the Pirates moved to 1-1, with the first loss coming from the College of Charleston Friday night.

Transfer Britny Edwards' 22 points and 10 rebounds led all Pirates in scoring. Freshman Tatiana Chapple also tallied a double-double with 11 points and 11 boards.

Returning starter Chareya Smith added 17 points and eight rebounds of her own.

The game got off to an ugly start with some of the Pirates' struggles from Friday evening showing up again. Against the College of Charleston, the Pirates shot a dreadful 25-percent from the field. Early on, versus St. Andrews, they were missing high percentage shots once again.

"There were maybe some butterflies," said Head Coach Heather Macy. "But I told them, 'Look you've been playing basketball since

seventh grade. There's nothing new about that."

Once the jitters were out, and the up-tempo pace of the Pirate defense and offense took charge, the Knights stood no chance.

A flurry of turnovers and quick transition buckets from the Pirates gradually increased the lead. The Pirates pushed the lead from 7-6 to 35-8, and all the way to 55-11 at the half.

The game was over before it began.

With continued pressure from ECU's defense and consistency in the transition game, the Pirates stretched the lead even greater. The 79-point victory shattered the previous program record of 66, which dates all the way back to the 1979-80 season.

The Pirates also marked up the record books in several other categories as well. The 47 field goals made and the 93 taken were both good for second all-time in Pirate history.

"Coach Macy wants us to play fast all the time," Chapple said following the win. "That's what we take pride in with our offense and we want at least 70 to 80 shots a game."

But the Pirates can't get that many shots up without a stellar defense. Against St. Andrews, the Pirates tied the school record in steals (33), which dated all the way back to the 1973 season.

Coach Macy is known for her fast-paced offense and high-pressure defense. From 2007-2009, while at Francis Marion, Macy's teams led the nation in scoring offense and steals per game.

With such an up-tempo style of play, it helps that Macy is able to use all 10 of her dressed players. In fact, in both games this season each player has recorded at least 12 minutes, and in most cases more.

"Everybody has a specific role that they must play each game in order for us to be successful," Macy said. "Ten can be enough if all 10 are acting as one and that's really what

Miners frustrate Pirates in must win

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For the second straight week, mistakes doomed ECU as they dropped their second consecutive game, 22-17, to UTEP Saturday night.

After fighting back from a nine-point halftime deficit, the Pirates allowed Miner running back Joe Banyard to burst through the line and go all the way for a 77-yard game winning touchdown midway through the fourth quarter.

ECU got one final chance to stage a dramatic comeback when the offense retook the field with just over three minutes to play. But on third and 10 from their own 28-yard line, quarterback Dominique Davis threw his second interception of the game, ending any hope of a Pirate comeback.

"Mistakes again. They've been our nemesis all year, and understanding situations," ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill said following the game. "It's understanding situations in the game, within the game, and we didn't take advantage of those tonight."

Once again, the ECU offense was unable to get the job done, pounding a total of just 254 yards. The Pirates offensive unit, which did not have one game less than 300 yards of total offense in 2010, has now had three games in which less than 300 yards have been produced.

Coming out of the half being down just nine points, the Pirates struck first in the third quarter. After forcing UTEP to punt to open the quarter, ECU drove down to the Miners 10-yard line, aided by a 23-yard scamper by Michael Dobson. Davis would find freshman Justin Hardy for the diving 10-yard

BMX Fest brings large crowd



RYAN HARPER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Greenville hosted the first ever Greenville BMX Fest on Saturday to honor the professional BMX culture of the town that includes 34 local professional riders. The first year festival partnered with Atlantic Bike Stunt Alliance to put on a leg

of the Trans Jam BMX Contest. The event included several levels of competition including beginner, amateur, and professional. Professional rider Keith Schmidt (pictured here) pulls off a one-handed tabletop X-up maneuver on a

spine transfer in the pro park competition. Mike Fede, Jared Ward, and Chris Hughes all made the podium in the pro park event, respectively.

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we've been preaching." The Pirates return just four players from last season's squad, making chemistry a primary concern.

"It starts with chemistry in practice. Passing, saying each other's names and just to get that little feel for each other," Smith said. "It's coming along very well and there's going to be more to come."

Also leading the Pirates with double-digit scoring performances were Kristine Mial, who hit three of four from beyond the arc for

16 total points and returning guards Celeste Stewart and Shala Hodges who both scored 11.

Transfer Bryelle Smith paced the Pirates with seven assists, many to Edwards in transition, who moved up and down the floor very well for someone at the postposition.

The Pirates scored a whopping 73 points off of turnovers, and 43 points came on the fast break.

It was all smiles leaving Minges Coliseum on Sunday, something the Pirates hope to

achieve Thursday when they host Virginia Intermont. Tip off is set for 5:30 p.m. as part of a doubleheader with the men's team.

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Justin Hardy (2) receives a pass and attempts to run down the sideline against Southern Miss.

touchdown catch, to pull the Pirates within two points of the Miners.

As the offense has done many times this year, the Pirates put pressure on their defense to keep them in the game. The ECU defense answered that call, shutting UTEP out on a fourth down play inside the ECU 30-yard line.

On the ensuing Pirate drive, Davis led his team all the way down to the UTEP 2-yard line, but was unable to cash it in, leaving it up to Michael Barbour to kick a 19-yard field goal, giving the Pirates a slim one-point lead.

The key moment in the game accrued a few possessions later when the Pirates were unable to convert a third-and-three situation near mid-field, resulting in a Ben Ryan punt. Two plays later, Banyard would bust his 77-yard game-winning touchdown run.

"Our defense played solid, but that one run, I think we lost some gap integrity there. But (UTE) did a good job on

offense and Banyard's great running back," McNeill said.

As Davis battled interception problems, the UTEP Miners battled injury issues. Early in the first quarter, starting quarterback Nick Lamaison was hit along the sideline by Pirate Kyle Tudor, knocking him out of the game. Replacing Lamaison was back-up Carson Meger, who led two touchdown-scoring drives.

In the first half of play, it was a battle of defense. Late in the first quarter, the Miners drove all the way down to the 2-yard line, where they had first and goal.

The ECU defense made a resilient stand, stopping the Miners on fourth and goal from the 2-yard line.

The Pirates would get the ball and move it out to the 16-yard line, where ECU was forced to punt. The Miners would fumble the punt with Rahkeem Morgan recovering for the Pirates. ECU would score on a 2-yard Dobson run on the ensuing drive, to give ECU a quick 7-0 lead.

That seven-point advantage would not last long, as Davis delivered his third pick six in the last two ball games. Darren Woodyard picked off Davis and returned it 44 yards for the touchdown. The Miners, however, would miss the extra point, keeping the Pirates ahead.

In the second quarter, the Miners would score on a 2-yard touchdown run and knock through a 46-yard field goal to take a 16-7 advantage into the half.

On the day, Davis finished 18 of 34 for 133 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions, while Torrance Hunt led the way on the ground, carrying the ball 18 times for 49 yards.

With the defeat, ECU must now win its final two regular season games in order to have the opportunity to go to a bowl game. That quest will start Saturday when the Pirates welcome Central Florida for Senior Day.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

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