



BRIEFS

To Write Love On Her Arms to visit campus

Staff Reports

Jamie Tworowski, the founder of the non-profit organization To Write Love On Her Arms, will be on campus to speak tonight.

Tworowski will speak in Wright Auditorium at 7 p.m. His speech is part of a speaking tour in which he and other representatives from the organization have visited several college campuses.

To Write Love On Her Arms, also known by its acronym, TWLOHA, was founded in 2006 and aims to present hope and find help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide.

According to the organization's website, it exists to encourage, inform, inspire and also to invest directly in treatment and recovery.

There are 121 million people in the world living with depression, according to the World Health Organization.

Robbery suspects apprehended, charged

Staff Reports

At around 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday, a robbery was reported at Third and Summit Street near campus.

According to WITN, Deshon Davis, 21, of Greenville, and Curtis Moore, 19, of Jamesville, have been charged with two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and one count of conspiracy.

Rakeem Williams, 22, also of Jamesville, and Dequan Daniels, 19, of Williamston, have each been charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy.

Each of the men has a bond of \$50,000.

Attorney says student acted in self-defense

Staff Reports

Christopher Brauer's attorney has stated that he acted in self-defense in the stabbing death of Fort Bragg paratrooper Keynon Parkin.

Brauer was charged with the death of Parkin after a party at Pirates Place apartment complex.

Les Robinson, Brauer's attorney, said in a press release that, on the night of Oct. 29, Brauer had been assaulted twice and his girlfriend once.

In the release, it was stated that Brauer drew a knife after he warned Parkin to stop, but when he did not, Brauer stabbed him once, reported WITN.

Robinson also stated that Brauer identified himself to police and was not accused of the crime after three days of interviews, as Greenville Police Chief William Anderson stated.

Students report delayed text alerts yesterday

Staff Reports

Several students have indicated that they did not receive text alerts from the ECU Emergency Notification System during the campus lockdown yesterday.

Some students reported only receiving the text alerts after the incident had been cleared up by law enforcement.

There has been no explanation as to why some students did not receive text alerts or why some were delayed.

Students who wish to receive alerts must sign up through the university alert webpage.



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Police respond to gunman threat

Umbrella causes three hour lockdown

Caitlin Hunnicutt
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A student carrying an umbrella caused university police to issue a campus lock down yesterday morning at 10:11 a.m. after he was spotted walking down Fifth Street towards campus.

Video captured from traffic cameras show a student walking down Fifth Street at 9:37 a.m. He was dressed in blue jeans, a blue shirt and wearing a hat and black bookbag. Tucked into the students' book bag was a large black umbrella, which witnesses mistook as an assault rifle.

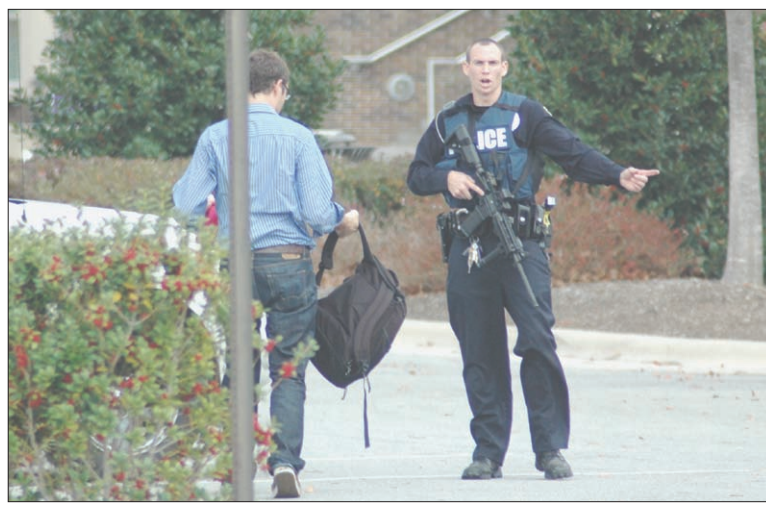
"At approximately 9:50 a.m., Greenville Police Department received two independent calls of seeing a man with what appeared to be an assault rifle," said Sgt. Carlton Williams of the Greenville Police Department at a press conference held after the lockdown.

Immediately after Greenville police received the telephone calls, reviewed footage from traffic cameras and confirmed the witness accounts, the university's campus went into lockdown.

Greenville and ECU police officers, North Carolina State Highway Patrol officers and Pitt County Sheriff's officers began the search for the man on campus and surrounding areas. There were a total of 60 officers from different units patrolling the area, according to Williams.

"Even though it was a tedious

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Top: Students crowd around in Dowdy Student Store to keep safe during the lockdown on campus. Despite reports to stay hidden, students stood next to windows for nearly three hours trying to figure out what was going on.

Above: A police officer tells students to get inside immediately because they were still looking for a supposed gunman. Police continued their search through every building on campus until the all clear was given.

Right: Sgt. Carlton Williams spoke at a press conference to inform the public that what they thought was a gunman turned out to be a student carrying an umbrella on campus.



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Study raises drug awareness



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Prescription drugs are often abused by students due to lack of knowledge on how dangerous they can be.

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According to the Center for Disease and Control and Prevention, one in 20 people in the United States, ages 12 and older, used prescrip-

tion painkillers without a prescription or just for the "high" in 2010.

Melissa Larson, grants administrator for the Pitt County Sheriff's Department, is currently working with the univer-

sity to further prescription medicine abuse awareness and how to properly dispose of the medicine.

Larson is promoting Operation Medicine Drop, an awareness program that encourages the public to properly dispose of prescription medicines. According to the Sheriff's Department, the program is supported by the Pitt County and North Carolina Safe Kids Coalition, which focuses on reducing accidental poisonings, the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation, which seeks to protect our natural waterways from the improper disposal of medicines into the water system; and the Safe Communities Coalition of Pitt County, whose members focus on reducing injury

and death.

While bringing awareness to the community, Operation Medicine Drop also organizes "Take Back" events. These events allow the citizens to bring prescription medicines to law enforcement so the medicine can be discarded properly, added Larson.

"It's a really simple process. People bring their medicine, drop it off, then leave," she said. The Sheriff's Department is making an effort to provide a safe disposal method for citizens also. The department has been partnering with the community organizations to conduct events that allow citizens

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Cigarette boxes no longer under fire

Jamie Harper
STAFF WRITER

A U.S. Federal judge ruled against the FDA regulation, which required graphic images, like diseased lungs and deceased people, to be placed on cigarette packages.

Many well-known tobacco companies, like Lorillard Tobacco Company, Commonwealth Brands, Liggett Group, Santa Fe National Tobacco Company and R.J. Reynolds, have filed suit against the FDA. R.J. Reynolds, out of Winston Salem, produces Winston, Camel, Century, Doral, Magna, Monarch, More, Now, Salem and Sterling brands. Lorillard Tobacco Company, out of Greensboro, produces Newport, Kent True, Old Gold, Maverick, Triumph, Satin and Max.

In 2009, Congress passed a law requiring large graphics and text warnings to cover the top-half of the front and back of the cigarette packs. The images selected by the FDA would replace the current text-only warnings that are on the packs. The companies have had the text-only warning of the Surgeon General on packages for the past 45 years.

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Poverty average rises to 16.2 percent

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Recent statistics show that the number of people in the United States living at or below the poverty line has risen to 49.1 million, or around 16 percent of the nation's population of approximately 312 million people. The 2010 Census Bureau statistics showed only 46.2 million people living in poverty, which translates to 15 percent of the population.

Poverty is determined by the United States Census Bureau data. There are specific income levels that households must meet, while many factors, including location, are taken into account when they are applied. When a household's annual income does not reach a certain level or threshold, then that household and its members are considered to be living in poverty.

The Hispanic population in the United States has the highest poverty rate of any other ethnic group at 28 percent. Twenty-five percent of African-Americans are living in poverty, while 17 percent of Asians and 11 percent of Caucasians are impoverished.

The Brookings Institution released a report showing that approximately 20 million Americans, or 7 percent of the population, live in extreme poverty. The extreme poverty level is less than half of the federal poverty line, which includes those individuals whose annual income is less than \$5,500.

American sociologist Oscar Lewis is credited for introducing the concept of cultural poverty. For example, within the culture of poverty, a child who grows up in a low-income neighborhood with a parent who works multiple, minimum wage jobs and barely scrapes enough together to pay for monthly expenses, is more likely to continue that behavior as an adult. The child is brought

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to drop off their unused and unwanted medications.

Pitt County's latest take back event was Oct. 29. The Sheriff's Department also has a permanent prescription medicine drop-off box located in the front office of the department. "This year, we have collected 230 pounds of pills, liquids and ointments," said Larson. She added that the oldest prescription ever dropped off was from 1967.

Many people do not realize that after simply throwing away or flushing medications, the pharmaceuticals still pose a threat. "The problem with flushing is not all water treatment plants treat water for pharmaceuticals," she said. Larson added that the medications can not only reach bodies of water through flushing, but also through excretion.

The Sheriff's Department provides a video on their YouTube channel that demonstrates how to properly discard medications. The video suggests citizens with left over medication to bring

it a take back event or the drop-off box.

However, the video also demonstrates how to properly throw away medicine. "The medicine must be mixed with something undesirable to humans and animals," said Larson. The video suggests mixing the medicine with coffee grounds, sawdust or kitty litter.

The Sheriff's Department also places take back event flyers on all pharmacy windows before every event. The department is providing pharmacies with education and awareness on fraudulent prescriptions as well.

"It is critical to educate the public to get unused drugs out of the house," said Larson. The campaign strives to reach all age groups, but targets children, college students and the elderly most frequently.

"Thirty-six percent of accidental poisonings of children happen at the grandparent's house," said Larson. Many of the elderly often confuse their medications or simply forget to take them, which allows medicine to

accumulate, she added. Larson also acknowledged the problem of recreational use among college students.

Today, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cover Your Booty, an event sponsored by the Graduate Rehabilitation Program, is providing an expo to educate students on drug awareness. They will discuss the financial costs, legal costs and the legal consequences of not only using prescription drugs, but other illicit drugs as well.

"When students realize where their money is going, it gives them a sense of what is right and what is wrong," said Jordan Preece, a freshman criminal justice major.

The expo is purely informational, according to Michael Regnier, the director of Cover Your Booty, who went on to say, "The brochures provide facts that students might not think about."

College environments are risky environments, added Regnier. "Know your limits and know your stuff. Be the smart kid at the party."

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process, I think it's good to know that when we're on campus, we have the protection like that," said Lauren Morris, a senior communication major who was in Brewster for three hours during the lockdown.

Throughout the three hours that the campus was on lockdown, rumors of students being held hostage and arrests being made circulated through different social media outlets and some local media outlets as well.

"Social media caused a lot of obstacles, causing us to 'chase ghosts,' for lack of a better term," said Williams. "Citizens worked against us in some aspects with the social media, when you do things that cause fictitious information to go out; it can cause us frustration."

A reserved Pitt County Sheriff's Deputy found the student who appeared on video, and he was matched to the person on video by careful comparison. He did not have

a weapon, was not a threat and was released. The "all clear" was given on campus and students were released at approximately 1:14 p.m.

"The object the person was carrying was a large umbrella," said Williams.

If the student had possessed a gun, he could have been charged with terror of the public, according to Williams.

"I want to say it was a vigilant citizen that called in and we treated it as a real situation, even if it turned out just to be an umbrella," said Lt. Col Dawn Tevepaugh after the press conference held on Tuesday.

No force was used on students or people on campus. No people were placed in handcuffs during the lockdown, and authorities took all of the necessary precautions. Officials were an obvious presence on the university's campus, most carrying assault rifles.

"Yes, we spent man hours

that could have been patrolling the streets, but this was a positive effort," said Williams. "It went exactly as it was supposed to and went exactly as expected."

ECU Alert System sent out emails and text messages to students to alert them about the events on campus. Students were put on lockdown in the buildings they were in on campus, and some areas could not be accessed.

"The employees came around and said that we were on lockdown and that there was a possible gunman, but they didn't give us much information," said Sheila Cooney, a junior accounting major who spent over two hours in the library during the lockdown. "I feel like I was more shocked than other people; I ran into my friend (in the library) and we went to the basement and looked for new information."

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up around certain values and conditions that he or she learns to accept and adopts as his own later on.

"Poverty is a big issue in grade school," said Meredith Brittingham, a music education graduate student from Furman University in Greenville, S.C. "At the school where I'm doing my student teaching, the kids don't have enough money for violins, so we're having to invent ways to teach them what they need to know while still staying on track for the year."

While Lewis' theory was initially applied to third-world countries, other sociologists have since argued that his theory could be applied to advanced, industrialized countries like the United States.

Many programs to help those in poverty are already

in place, and have been working for many years to help the impoverished with their needs.

Martin County Community In Action, Inc. has been operating since the 1960s to help stop the cycle of poverty. Their services include a self-sufficiency program in which the participants are taught how to prepare proper resumes and search for jobs.

"We help those who are unemployed to look for jobs," said Interim Human Resource Manager Tina Garrett. "If they want to go back to school, we assist in that process as well. We also have a Head Start program for children from three to five years of age, and that's in Pitt, Beaufort and Martin Counties. And we have a weatherization service where we winterize homes. That is

also determined by income."

"Poverty is something that affects the whole world," said public relations major Colin Malcom. "If we could get people to stop thinking about themselves and more about others, then we would be in a better situation."

College students are at or below the poverty line because most of them are dependents and their parents, scholarships or grants pay for their tuition. Those who are not dependents and do not have a supplementary income must sometimes work one or two jobs to pay for their tuition, as well as housing and groceries. This is similar to how non-students in poverty live their lives: from paycheck to paycheck.

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This regulation was to go into effect in September of 2012. There were nine images that were found to be going beyond simply portraying the facts and dangers of smoking. Some of the images to be used showed diseased lungs compared to healthy ones, a premature baby in an incubator, a dead body with a re-stapled chest on an autopsy table, a mouth with cancerous gums and rotted teeth, and a man breathing into an oxygen tube. These images would be the first change in cigarette labeling in 25 years.

Judge Richard Leon ruled the requirement to place the graphic images on the cigarette packs was a violation of the First Amendment right to freedom of speech. He explained the images were unconstitutional because they forced an emotional appeal.

"I think it wouldn't change anything. And it's not proper to make them put the images on there. I think it would be

a violation of freedom. The images may help some but that doesn't mean it's right to require it," said Emily Trotta, a freshman marketing and graphic design major.

The FDA stated, "Requiring larger, more prominent warnings on cigarette packaging and advertisements is part of a broader strategy to help tobacco users quit and prevent young people from starting."

Dr. Gary Kreps, a visiting scholar of the School of Communication and "innovator" of health communication, explained in his lecture, entitled "Communication and the Continuum of Care," that the graphic images were not effective in changing the behavior of smokers.

Amanda Fick, a freshman accounting major, said, "I feel like the images would not change anything. People who are already addicted will still buy them and they know the consequences."

The university on-campus smoking policy states, "Smoking is prohibited within 25 linear feet of all university buildings. Smoking may be prohibited in other outdoor spaces (beyond 25 feet) for safety or health reasons." The policy also prohibits smoking inside buildings. By "buildings" this includes, but is not limited to, walls, exits, entrances, windows, air intakes, interior stairs, balcony, porches, breezeways and adjoining structures. Any smoking must take place 25 feet away from any building. Smoking is also prohibited in state vehicles or any property leased, owned or occupied by the university. The university can issue citations of \$25 to any individual, staff, faculty or students, who violate the policy.

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LOCKDOWN RANTS

The first thing I thought of when we were on lockdown was how great the Pirate Rants were gonna be on Thursday.

I think I just saw a professor run like hell to get out the building! She ran, fell, got up and ran again.

I ate breakfast with the gunman.

Thank you GPD and ECU Police for all of your hard work. I don't care if it was just an umbrella. It could have easily been the other way around.

If she thinks an umbrella is a rifle then she's too young for you bro.

ULE: Umbrella Law Enforcement

Our campus got locked down by an umbrella. It's nice to know that ECU is prepared in case The Penguin ever decides to visit Greenville.

You can stand under my umbrella ella ella ey ey ey.

What's this world coming to when you can't walk around Greenville with your semi-automatic umbrella?

I wonder if the "gunman" had the safety off on his umbrella.

That awkward moment when ECU is on lockdown for 3 hours because of an umbrella...

How do you confuse an umbrella with an assault rifle? I guess people at ECU are always drunk.

Thank you ECU Police! I feel safe on campus if anything is to ever happen again! You're greatly appreciated!

Thank you WITN for giving us the false information about umbrella man. Word of the day: erroneous.

I'd rather hear about an umbrella than a body count. You rock first responders!

So was this like Hagrid's pink umbrella? Because that thing can be pretty dangerous.

ECU was on a five-star rating on the Grand Theft Auto scale until they found out the gunman only had an umbrella.

Glad to see that everyone took the lockdown seriously. If there were a real threat we would NOT have been prepared.

Damn you, autocorrect! I meant to say "umbrella", not "gunman"!

So when are we getting an interview with the man who we all thought was gonna kill us with his umbrella? What were his motives?

So far this year ECU has seen an earthquake, a hurricane, and an umbrella-carrying gunman and it's not even the end of the first semester. Anyone else want a piece of us?!

Really? ECU Alerts sent out through text message were helpful? Funny, I DIDN'T GET A SINGLE ONE. Thank goodness for the student checking Twitter on his phone in class!



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The ECU Alert system is a necessary and possibly life-saving program, and yesterday's lockdown was a prime example; scary things can happen on a college campus, especially in a town like Greenville.

Even before the lockdown, events on campus and in the greater Greenville area may rightly have been putting students on edge, including an on-campus mugging on Halloween, a rickshaw driver shot through the legs following an armed robbery, a shooting at the Bellamy and the stabbing death of Pfc. Keyonn Parkin.

With these events in mind, it may be high time for students to think about our alert system — to double-check that we're registered and to make sure that the system aids in our ensuring on- and off-campus safety as best as possible.

ECU Alert sends out visible alerts on all campus computers, text-messages registered students and provides email alerts as well. In the case of a lockdown, as you most likely heard at 10 a.m. on Nov. 16 if you live on campus, loudspeakers will begin blaring instructions to the student body.

However, not all pertinent crimes are reported through this system in a manner timely enough to be helpful. In the case of the Parkin murder, which was never even posted over the alert system, involved a student who allegedly perpetrated the crime. The perpetrator "left the scene of the crime but returned 45 minutes later," according to WITN.

It wouldn't be sensible to expect the alert system to spit out a warning every time a crime on campus is reported, especially for petty theft, drug charges and a whole slew of common and non-violent incidences. Doing so would probably only manage to cause panic or worse lead students to disregard the system altogether.

But in the case of the tragic incident that claimed Parkin's life, it would have benefited all of those on campus to hear that a murder had taken place, especially given that the suspect would return to



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A REVIEW OF ECU'S ALERT SYSTEM

the scene of the crime less than an hour later.

Greenville has a busy nightlife and a steady stream of students travelling on and off campus at all hours. An early warning system like ECU Alert is extremely valuable for these students and it is reassuring to be able to know when and where violent crime takes place. But we should not feel entirely secure, nor should we cease criticizing and bettering our responses to crime and dangerous happenings on and around campus.

The Nov. 16 lockdown was effective and timely. As it turns out, it was an umbrella, not an automatic rifle that the supposed gunman was carrying, but it is always better to be safe than sorry.

Though, no doubt, this may be detrimental to the system itself — if people begin doubting the validity of threats on campus, it's possible less students will heed directions and remain away from danger, no matter how many loudspeakers or alerts tell them otherwise. Had the Fifth Street cowboy been out for blood, and not just preparing for inclement weather, the system would have almost certainly saved lives.

However, if Parkin's killer had wished further harm to those near campus, there would be no way of knowing. He was able to return to the scene of the crime, without a

description or a warning to any of our students.

And while the lockdown should have been taken seriously, many students still proceeded to walk freely across campus in the midst of the lockdown; outside Bate, students wandered around more or less casually during the entire event. Hungry students came onto campus several times in search of food.

Obviously, the gravity of the situation needs to be better understood. Do we need to be reminded that these lockdown protocols were put into place in response to horrific and tragic

incidents like the Virginia Tech incident?

I would like to clarify that I would not accuse those in charge of our Alert System, or the Police Department of failing us in any way. On the contrary, I feel this system is already a great success. But we should never stop criticizing and upgrading these programs, so that if and when these scary things take place, we should be prepared to react quickly.

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It's your booty; cover it if you want



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Drugs, drugs, drugs. Whether you are doing them or protesting against them, everybody is talking about them. As college kids who are always looking to have a good time, the conversation usually turns toward partying and drugs. Whether you participate or not, we are all affected. An event called "Cover Your Booty" taking place today at 11 a.m. near the cupola on the mall, is looking to educate students about drugs.

I know many of you are thinking drug education was hit on hard enough in middle school by your gym coaches and the oh-so-informational D.A.R.E. program. However, this program argues to be a very different type of drug education program. Michael Regnier is heading up this event and claims that this program will provide students with a new insight into drug education, perhaps even one that should replace the health education system currently in place.

The program attempts to educate students on topics that we might not have any idea about. These topics include discussing the

actual price one usually pays for weed or the cost of a lawyer after one gets busted for spending a night with Mrs. Mary J.

This program provides information on drugs that allows the student to make his or her own decisions, judging the costs versus the benefits of drugs. The most important idea of this campaign is that it is not just a "say no" session; we have all had enough of those.

The whole idea of an education is to transform ourselves from children to adults, to give us the tools necessary to make decisions on our own and make those life decisions, being completely aware of the consequences. This educational ideal makes you responsible for your own decisions.

I like the "Cover Your Booty" stance on drugs because it is simply educational, no opinions involved. At this event, you won't be back home listening to your mom and dad have those awkward "just walk away" conversations. Also, you won't get the pot head perspective of explaining why "the world is better high."

This event will provide you with information as it leaves the opinion and decision making up to you. This idea of giving someone the right to actively choose his or her own approach to drugs is really the only positive way to educate someone.

"Education should empower students to make their own decisions," said Regnier.

I honestly believe this is sometimes

forgotten in the world today. Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinions and the only way to develop an opinion free from societies' is to be educated in an unbiased way. This program doesn't take a "right" or "wrong" stance on drugs, but leaves the moral questions up to people who have attended and obtained the information.

Also, as we become adults and continue through life, we will make decisions concerning finances, child rearing and politics. Isn't the idea of free thinking reassuring ... to know that people have developed skills to address and evaluate problems that will arise in their lives? I think it is and that is what the "Cover Your Booty" event is trying to do. It is trying to provide people with non-opinion based information in order to create some free thinkers out there.

Whether you love discussing drugs or are completely against them, take a chance and attend today's program. You might realize that your weekend fun isn't worth the fines and lawyers. Or you might learn that you have been giving too much green for not enough in return. Have an open mind and please, as always, cover your booty.

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Adding more green to Greenville



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Since last spring, endeavors have been made by locals to help revitalize the corroded

lot space next to downtown's own Tippy Teapot on Evans Street. The purpose of Name-the-Project (spearheaded by Art Avenue) is to cultivate this potential green space for the community, while not only giving a visually appealing look downtown, but also encouraging locals and students to be green.

The environment of the

lot will consist of flourishing gardens, artwork and a walkway connecting the parking lot behind Tippy Teapot to Evans Street. Talk of a connection from the park to West Fifth Street has also been discussed.

This project has

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POLL RESULTS

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RANTS CONT.

Kudos to the alleged gunman for being prepared; the weather did call for rain after all.

Even though the lock down happened because of an umbrella, I'm thankful to know that ECU, GPD and NCSHP actually care and took the precautionary steps to keep us safe. So stop bashing ECU for holding you in class for 3 hours, it was for your personal safety.

ALERT: FROM NOW ON ALL ECU STUDENTS MUST CARRY SMALL UMBRELLAS SO NO ONE REPORTEDLY SEES A GUNMAN.

The "gunman" was armed and ready for the elements of Greenville's weather.

We should all bring umbrellas to the game on Saturday.

I like how Greenville police can find under age drinkers walking around downtown but can't find a man walking around with an assault rifle.

I NEVER got a text alert from ECU saying it was on lock down. I got a text saying it was all clear. Thank you, Facebook, for doing ECU's job.

During the lockdown, my professor asked for volunteers to hold the lecture hall doors open in case of an emergency. Nobody volunteered.

Is it ironic that somebody wrote the Rules of Survival from Zombieland all over campus in chalk earlier this week and now campus in on lockdown because a man that is described to be wearing a cowboy hat and carrying a rifle is walking around? Is it coincidence that the gunman is described as looking like the character Tallahassee?

Stuck in lockdown in SciTech with the biggest windows on campus seems like a good idea...

Who runs the world? SQUIRRELS.

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unfortunately not gotten enough publicity and is looking for volunteers to help with the Name-the-Project cause. After all, downtown could use a little beautifying and assistance from the community.

It is important to bring vitality back to downtown during the daytime, but issues of swaying away intruders from badgering the green space at night are arising. This seems to be one of the concerns lingering for the project's cause down the line. When night falls, downtown effortlessly turns its daytime innocence into midnight decadence; so it is important to stabilize the essence of the lot without trash, loitering or spray-paint.

Claire Edwards, one of the members in charge of the project, has imminent ideas for some revitalization downtown, stating that Name-the-Project is just the beginning. Claire said her ambition for the lot would be, "a community green-space that attracts all walks of life and generates more economic development, along with daytime vitality."

The new space will provide opportunity for better access to downtown areas — especially between Evans and Fifth Street. It will serve as a convenient cut-through for people to get to and from the parking lot and the surrounding streets. The new space should inspire more positivity for businesses and possibly attract more people. Students are likely to feel at ease, being a part of the cause while also contributing to its artistic value.

Some people might be discouraged as to why the lot is being renovated into a green space and not another business. The fact is that, if downtown wants more attraction, another local business will not help out the local businesses that are already around.

Putting a little green back into Greenville won't hurt anybody. Many colleges, both state and nationwide, have some sort of botanical or nature space around their school. Similar to the mall on campus, the green space will have the same overall affect for downtown; it represents a harmonious and humane message of pride pertaining to the overall community and connections within the community.

Name-the-Project is pushing for success in its cause, but the ending result is still uncertain. The lot is under liability, due to the drop-off line on the end of the sidewalk connecting to Evans Street.

On Saturday, Name-the-Project will be meeting at the green space from 9 a.m. to start to help cleaning up the lot. The volunteer work will consist of stacking reusable bricks and leveling off the ground in the area. If you're looking for volunteer hours or you are just genuinely trying to help out with the community, this is your place.

If the hours aren't enough incentive to go, Pita Pit is one of downtown's local businesses partaking in the cause and will have free pitas on Saturday for all volunteers. Local public schools' art departments/clubs are getting involved by helping paint and clean up the area.

The project would like to see as many volunteers as possible. They project members are going to need all the help they can get with the \$3,000 worth of inventory needed to clean up the lot. If you are looking for more information, Name-the-Project has a group page on Facebook with more detailed information for the event on Saturday.

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Taurus (April 20 -May 20)
You are locked in a struggle with a family member or coworker who just can't let go of some outdated ideas. You need to keep up your end, as they just can't be allowed to win this round!



Gemini (May 21 -June 20)
Your terrific mental energy should make school or learning enjoyable and much simpler. It's a great time to start a new class or course of study, so look around for the next big thing and go for it!



Cancer (June 21 -July 22)
You might spend more than you want to or otherwise find it harder than usual to relate to your usual constraints — but you don't care! On a day like today, you find it easier than ever to break down old boundaries.



Leo (July 23 -August 22)
You need to deal with a greater achievement than the one you were expecting to handle today — it could be that you arrive at an unexpected place through your mighty efforts. Enjoy the victory!



Virgo (Aug 23 -Sept 22)
Be more flexible today — others are counting on you! See if you can get your people to lend you the aid you need to make the most of your energy, as you've got too much to do for one day.



Libra (Sept 23 -Oct 22)
You need to hang out with friends today — they make life a little sweeter, and you know that they can be trusted to do right by you. It's the perfect time to give them some small token of your affections.



Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)
You need a new challenge, and one might be coming sooner than you think. It's a good time for you to step up and make sure that the right people are paying attention to what you've got to say.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)
It's a really good time for you to kick back and enjoy the good times. Your energy is just right for parties and casual hanging out, so make sure that your people are all ready for some fun!



Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)
Work issues are worse than ever today — at least one person is making a power play or in some other way not taking care of the team. You might need to push them harder or just give them enough rope.



Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)
You need to find a compromise with someone important — maybe even a part of yourself. It's one of those days when nobody can get everything they want, so you may need to make an offer.



Pisces (Feb 19 -March 20)
Your health is a big deal today, so make sure that you're not neglecting it. This doesn't mean you've got something serious, just that you can take positive steps to keep your body and soul together.



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Mike Davis
ASSISTANT
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Originally a story written by Jamie Tworkowski in 2006, "To Write Love On Her Arms" has grown from its original mission of helping a depressed friend by selling T-shirts to raise money. Now, the organization is recognized around the world as a center for help, hope and inspiration to all who seek it.

In the initial stages of "To Write Love On Her

To Write Love On Her Arms comes to campus

Arms," the group's Myspace page, which acted as a base of the fundraising efforts for their friend and also posted Tworkowski's story, quickly grew attention and feedback with floods of emails and messages, asking what they could do to help their own friend in need, or how to get help themselves.

"At first, we set out to sell 200 t-shirts, and that felt like a lot, and I just posted the story with no expectations on how people would find it or how it was read," said Tworkowski. "I didn't think that we would start a charity, let alone one

that would end up finding its way around the world. It started about as small as it could start."

Not only did awareness of the organization become noticeable through people suffering or looking for help, but bands such as Switchfoot and Anberlin quickly began to sport the organization's T-shirts to further promote its growing efforts.

"The biggest thing we do is invest in the work that we are doing," said Tworkowski, as he and his team have raised over a million dollars. "We've learned that most people who struggle with depression never get help for it, so

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West End worker serves smiles

Ms. Bernice explains how she stays so joyous

Sara Davis
STAFF WRITER

Almost everyone has or will have one of those days where he or she are just in a bad mood and they feel worthless. These days can pop out of nowhere. If one is willing to let the bad grade, the jerky friend or the compassionless professor get he or she down, then a once-good day will turn bad. Sometimes, it leaks into the next day or even into the next week.

Bernice Gay, affectionately known as "Ms. Bernice," a worker at West End Dining Hall, does not have this problem. That is not to say that she does not have hardships in her life, but she chooses to deal with them in a way that many others cannot comprehend. Gay does not let wickedness and evil get her down.

"I have true, honest love and it doesn't matter how bad (a situation) is, I don't bring it to work," said Gay. "I came to this (method) through experience and the things I have seen. I have chosen this path, which works for me first and then all others after."

She has had her experiences with mean co-workers, students and managers, but she does not let it affect her. "I refuse to let anyone steal my joy," she exclaimed. "That is what I have that makes me who I am!"

When someone enters West End Dining Hall for breakfast or lunch, they see Gay smiling. She is a beacon

of light in the morning for those with 8 a.m. classes. She gets up at 5:15 a.m. every morning and arrives to campus around 6:30 a.m. From 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., she greets the many hungry students who filter through the dining hall.

"I haven't been to West End consistently since my freshman year. I'm a senior now but she would always say hey to me every time I went in there," said Jennifer Beaman. "She's a sweetheart." Lots of the students in her line actually come the whole way from College Hill just to see her. She is one of those rare people who, as she puts it, "sees you." According to her, "If I can't say something good about each and everyone, then I will not say anything."

She explained her great joy in life is making someone smile. When students exit the dining hall, she even says goodbye. But she does not stop with students, sharing her happiness with the dining hall staff and the faculty members as well.

She came to campus almost 12 years ago. Since then, she has touched the hearts of many students. Some students even hug her. "Not one time, in all these years, have I wavered in my honesty or my love," said Gay.

Her genuine words and demeanor have even inspired a Facebook page. The page, which is entitled "I love Ms. Bernice in West End Dining Hall!!!!," has 1,650 members. Praise and adoration cover the page. Gay is the head

cashier, but she is not above doing anything that is asked of her. "I come in and I do what needs to be done. I will wipe tables, prepare a lunch line, sweep the floors and prep meals or desserts," she said with pride.

Her life outside of West End is still one full of helping others and joy. She cares for a 5-month-old baby after work to help the child's mother out, who owns a salon. She has three children of her own and six grandchildren. She does very typical things outside of work.

"I run errands, buy groceries, do laundry, read a book, take a walk, cook and relax," said Gay. She believes that if she carries out her day in a positive manner and remained herself, then it was a good day.

Gay has words of wisdom, which stick with students. She says that one should not hold off on something that he or she can do now. "Later is not promised," she said, "and if it is, then it may be too late." She also reminds students that a bad test grade or a break-up can be overcome.

"It is better to have a glorious day than a sad and moody day. Every day is beautiful and should be enjoyed," shared Gay. "Ms. Bernice" will be in West End Dining Hall for those students who need a smile, a hug, a compliment or that motherly feeling from home.

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"Ms. Bernice" laughs with students while working at West End Dining Hall. She is famous for her cheery disposition.

DOUG MACKENZIE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Coupon site serves eastern NC

Leila Falls
STAFF WRITER

The concept of couponing made easy, with deal finders like Living Social and Groupon, is being aimed at Eastern North Carolina, following the Oct. 31 launch of Daily Carolina Deals.

"Groupon runs deals if they're going to make \$5,000 for one deal. Eastern North Carolina does not have a lot of appeal to them because there's not a big market," said Daily Carolina Deals' Creator Maribeth Campbell. "We're a small business wanting to help the local ones."

Campbell and husband Jeremy, avid users of Living Social and Groupon, saw the need for deals aimed toward Greenville, Jacksonville, New Bern and Morehead City.

"Where local businesses and customers connect," is their slogan that alludes to their nautical-inspired icon, with the image of a tiller cleverly used in place of the "O" in DailyCarolinaDeals.com.

People that purchase deals don't have to print off the coupons since the vouchers can be pulled up on a smartphone. Extreme "couponers" may have adopted this more up-to-date hobby.

"Local businesses really want to connect with customers in this way," said Campbell in reference to the era of social media.

Burnetti's Pizza, located past Copper Beach, ran the first 48-hour Greenville deal that ended on Nov. 5, offering a \$25 certificate worth of food that cost only \$15.

"Some people ride by here hundreds of times not wanting to take the chance to stop, but if they get a half price-type coupon, they'll try," said Tim Stocks, owner of Burnetti's Pizza, who heard about the company via the Internet.

Many people miss out on Burnetti's mouthwatering subs and the Southern hospitality emitted by the genuine smiles of the owners because of their lack of corporate-type advertising.

"It's a good way for newcomers to come," smiled Stocks' wife Angela, as

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she explained the benefits of the recent deal.

Smaller businesses typically have no budget set aside for advertising, which is where Daily Carolina Deals steps in with no upfront cost or ad expense, according to Campbell.

"We get to keep \$12.50 of each \$15 deal sold," said Stocks, who didn't mind the small percentage given to Daily Carolina Deals as commission.

Each business that runs a deal with the company receives detailed feedback, which Campbell believes gives more perspective than a small ad.

"Even if no deals were sold, the business still gets that free advertisement," said Campbell.

Burnetti's feedback from the deal: Two vouchers were sold, there were 106 views of the deal, 104 emails opened and read and 310 impressions on Facebook.

"Customers start off with a positive view of businesses because they are going to save money," said Campbell.

Apartment complexes that neighbor Burnetti's, like Copper Beach and North

Campus Crossing for move-in specials. The restaurant also has its regular enthusiasts with custom order-assigned buttons on the computer, but its hopeful to gain new customers regardless of their don't-try-to-put-it-into-the-GPS location.

"We'll definitely continue with Daily Carolina Deals, maybe with our upcoming country breakfast with bacon, eggs, grits and toast," said Tim Stocks.

Currently with 127 "likes"

and nine "talking about this" on Facebook, Daily Carolina Deals continues to expand. Yet, its planning to keep its headquarters location in New Bern.

Six independent consultants currently work with the Campbells, but they are searching for more employees so the deals can extend to Goldsboro and Wilmington.

"It's been a pleasant experience so far and there are many features we'll be adding," said Campbell.

Soon, there will be the option for customers to get emails for each week's deals or opt out of the service so they don't have to subscribe by using their junk email address in order to avoid irrelevant emails.

"Our hope is that the company will be a part of the North Carolina economy," said Campbell. "For local jobs, local savings."

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A student searches deals on DailyCarolinaDeals.com. The site launched in October.

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it isn't as simple as just sending money elsewhere."

As the organization has grown, with a group of 14 permanent staff members and six interns per semester, its mission hasn't veered off course, but has only become more focused. Tworkowski and his team are constantly traveling around the world to promote the message that there is help available, and that hope should be restored because every life is meaningful.

"We are just encouraging people not to be alone and encouraging people to talk to someone, to have a support system of people they can lean on, and that if they need help then they deserve that," said Tworkowski. "We talk a lot about counseling and treatment and the different resources that exist as well."

Though an important step for someone who suffers from depression is actually going out and finding help, the drive wheel behind "To Write Love On Her Arms" is to help raise awareness about

depression itself and to find methods to reach out to those in need.

Through their outreach, TWLONHA members have spoken at music festivals and tours around the world and community awareness events alongside specialists, churches, universities and most recently in "The Storytellers High School Campaign."

In the upcoming months, TWLOHA will travel to college campuses such as Canisius College, Calrion University and Duke University, in an attempt to inspire and raise awareness about not only depression, but addiction as well. And today at 7 p.m., Tworkowski and his team will come to Wright Auditorium to speak to Pirate Nation in a free awareness event.

"We hope that students and the community can get a sense of hope from this," said Student Activities Board Initiatives Chair Sameer Thadani, whose committee is responsible for bringing TWLOHA to campus. "We want the

students to leave with a sense of empowerment."

With information and resources available for those struggling or looking to help with depression, addiction and self-affliction, the "To Write Love On Her Arms" website and Facebook and Twitter accounts give many outlets to help individuals. To help raise awareness, people from around the world have started writing "Love" on their wrists every Nov. 13 to show that there are simpler outlets to disperse depression.

"We think people need other people and were meant to be in a relationship with other people," said Tworkowski. "I think we never know how our actions in another person can help, or how much they mean, but we hear stories of people literally staying alive or getting help because of the friends that didn't give up on them."

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Women's tennis signs top recruit for 2012

Staff Reports

Nicole Laduca, the top-ranked player in the state of Georgia last year and two-time Southern Tennis champion, has signed a national letter-of-intent to attend and play tennis at ECU beginning next fall, according to an announcement from Head Coach Tom Morris.

During Laduca's prep career at Etowah High School in Woodstock, she has earned three player-of-the-year awards and has helped guide the Eagles to a pair of regional titles while playing at the No. 1 singles position.

The owner of 498 career United States Tennis Association victories, Laduca also captured the Georgia Qualifier in both singles and doubles while competing in the 16-and-under division. At the 18-and-under level, she has earned a Top 10 ranking in the South Region.

Laduca, a five-star signee, stands among the Top 70 prospects nationally, according to the Tennis Recruiting Network — a first for a newcomer to the ECU program. In the classroom, she is a three-time All-Scholar selection.

Since Morris has taken over the ECU women's tennis program in 1999, he has guided the Pirates to 200 victories and successful campaigns in 12 of his 13 years.

Coach speak...



"We know what's in front of us. We have to play well and win these next two games. The biggest thing is just making sure we understand mistakes and the situations of the game. We have to take advantage of opportunities when they arise. In a given situation, we have to know exactly what we need to do. Whether that situation is on special teams, offense or defense, we have to know what we need. We have to eliminate bad football and play good football." —Ruffin McNeill, head football coach

Ranking the Carolinas



1) Clemson (9-1)
Next: N.C. State



2) South Carolina (8-2)
Next: Citadel



3) North Carolina (6-4)
Next: Va. Tech



4) Wake Forest (5-5)
Next: Maryland



5) N.C. State (5-5)
Next: Clemson



Head Football Coach Ruffin McNeill and Cody Lion (30) lead the Pirates out of the tunnel against Tulane on Homecoming at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Last chance

Pirates must win out for bowl bid

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Pirates' bowl hopes will be on the line this Saturday, when they welcome the Central Florida Knights to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

The Pirates have been to a bowl game for six straight years, having not missed a trip to the post-season since the last year of the John Thompson era.

Last Time Out:
ECU dropped its second consecutive game last weekend, losing 22-17 to the UTEP Miners. The Pirates were unable to take the next step closer to bowl eligibility with the defeat.

Quarterback Dominique Davis struggled once again, passing for just over 100 yards and tossing yet another pick-six.

For Central Florida, they took Southern Miss down to the wire before falling at the hands of the

Golden Eagles, 30-29.

On the final play from scrimmage, the back-up quarterback hit receiver J.J. Worton for the touchdown, pulling the Knights within a single point. Instead of kicking the extra point and going to overtime, UCF decided to go for the two-point conversion and the win. But, the USM defense came to play and stopped the Knights try sealing the victory.

Series History:
The Pirates hold the advantage, historically, over the Knights, 8-2. However, the last time the two met, UCF dominated, pulling out the 49-35 win in Orlando, Fla.

ECU Offense:
The Pirates offense just has not been the same as it was last season. They have completely eliminated the big play from the arsenal and replaced them with short, over-the-middle throws that have had serious

effects on Davis production.

After throwing for more than 3,000 yards and over 30 touchdowns a year ago, Davis has been mired by inconsistency. One game, he will look like the Davis of old, while other times, he looks totally lost throwing into coverage or over-throwing wide open receivers.

This inconsistency has held Davis' numbers down. On the year, he has completed 283 of 415 passes for 2,737 yards, with just 18 touchdown passes and 15 interceptions.

Davis' numbers are also a product of a lackluster running game. With Reggie Bullock expected to miss the rest of the season and Michael Dobson status for Saturday still uncertain, the load will fall squarely on the shoulders of Torrance Hunt, who has carried the ball just 89 times for 347 yards and one touchdown.

But help could be coming, as

Lance Lewis may be able to return after missing the last two weeks with a foot injury.

ECU Defense:
While the offense has been up and down, the defense has been on the up swing all season long. The new 3-4 defensive scheme has been a huge success in its first season in action. The Pirates' defense has shot up almost 100 places in the national rankings.

Led by linebacker Jeremy Grove and cornerback Emanuel Davis, the Pirates boast one of the top passing defenses in the country, allowing just 188.7 yards a game through the air, good for 19th nationally.

If there is one part of the Pirate defense that needs help, it is the rushing defense. Through 10 games, the Pirates have given up over 1,800 yards on the ground, which averages

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From unknown to defensive force



Jeremy Grove (53) drops a Navy ballcarrier for one of his 102 tackles.

Ronnie Moore
STAFF WRITER

Last year at this time, Jeremy Grove was not a known name around Pirate football. In 2011, it is a different matter. Jeremy Grove's red-shirt freshman season shows enormous promise for the linebacker position for the coming years.

So many accolades can be handed to Grove already, with two games left on the Pirates' schedule. The young inside linebacker already has 102 total tackles in the first 10 games of the season. Grove has compiled those statistics playing in only nine games (because he sat out of the Memphis game with a shoulder injury). Grove is averaging 11.33 tackles per game, which ranks seventh in the country.

Among the top 10 in the country, there are five seniors, four juniors, and only one freshman,

Jeremy Grove. In fact, on the top 100 tacklers list, there are only two freshmen that accompany Grove.

Unlike Grove, those freshmen are 73rd and 100th, respectively. With that being said, no one would see any cockiness from Grove. After being asked to reflect on his individual statistics and being ranked in the top 10, Grove responded humbly.

"It feels good, but there are ten other guys out on the field with me, and all I'm trying to do is my job," Grove said.

If you look at the stats, Grove looks impressive. Yet, watching his work ethic and dedication, it is equally impressive.

"Well as a team, we have got to win. There is no other option. I have to come in, watch game film and get the repetitions in practice," Grove said. It is evident that Grove's mind is set on winning games and leading this Pirates defense to bigger and

better places.

Coming from Gov. Thomas Johnson Prep School in Fredricks, Md., Grove had received multiple offers from other big schools like Louisville, Navy, Maryland, and even the likes of Wake Forest and Boston College. He played linebacker in high school and went to prep school to refine his skills with the inside linebacker position.

Upon making a decision for college, he felt that ECU was the best fit for his style of play. The coaching staff also impressed him greatly when he came to visit the Pirates training facility before the 2010 school year.

Grove started the year off on the right foot, as he averaged just over 13 tackles per game — shining in the biggest non-conference games for the Pirates. Grove had 66 tackles through the first five games, but he was forced to sit out against the Memphis Tigers because of a shoulder injury. He did return for their next game against Navy, but there has been somewhat of a drop-off in his production since returning from injury. Before injury, he averaged 13 tackles per game. In the four games since, he is only averaging nine tackles per game. Grove may see many awards come his way in his four years, but in his freshman campaign he is aligned for defensive freshman of the year, all-conference defensive player and possibly other national awards.

Grove has been as consistent of a defensive player as the team has seen in the past few years. If he continues to produce at such high levels and withstand injuries, then he will have an opportunity to surpass Robert

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Roundball buzz hits campus



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All the talk around ECU men's basketball has been full of excitement leading up to the beginning of the season. There's plenty of reason to be skeptical, given the past history of the program, but is there reason to believe as well?

All the preseason signs pointed to yes. The addition of Miguel Paul and the return of Darrius Morrow had been highly publicized up to this point. This all led up to the tip-off against Milligan College on Nov. 11.

Once the Pirates hit the floor, the hype and buzz became a reality. There is something about this team that people are going to grab hold of and run with, especially if the wins start to add up. Analyzing the numbers from the Milligan game will really do no good in looking at this team because they dominated in all aspects of the game, as they should have against a team like Milligan. What was impressive was the type of team Coach Jeff Lebo put on the floor for the opener.

Paul proved to be as exciting a player that anyone could ask for. His presence on the floor proved to be too much for one defender to handle. The speed at which Paul

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Corvonn Gaines takes flight against Milligan.

plays the game is going to rub off on his teammates and, win or lose, this team will score a points. There wasn't

one moment in the game where anyone could have questioned the new point guard's tenacity, determination or toughness. It seemed to be an overall attitude of this team, too.

The newcomers were out to impress in their first game. Shamarr Bowden, Maurice Kemp, Paris Roberts-Campbell and Austin Steed did not disappoint in their first game as Pirates. The word tough came to mind again when watching this new group of men play on Saturday. Nobody backed down or turned off the aggressiveness throughout the performance. The main guys coming off the bench played smart and with a grittiness that has been absent from the team in recent history.

The excitement could be felt throughout the game in Williams Arena. The fans, students and Pirate Club members alike, stayed until the final whistle to see this team finish. That's just what the Pirates did, without disappointment. They were able to cross the 100-point mark for the first team in eight

years. For the moment, the team seems to have plenty of support behind it.

So, after just one home game, should we believe the hype? The answer is clear and it is a resounding yes. All the factors are pointing to a successful season in Lebo's second year at the helm.

This team has the talent, toughness and schedule to make a run at improving on their 18-16 record from a year ago. The Pirates have a chance, this year, to sprint into conference play, instead of limping in after their non-conference schedule is over. The non-conference games have been discussed as weak, but does it really matter? The program is still in a rebuilding phase and the bottom line is to win ball games. I can't imagine any Pirate fan who will be upset come January if the team has posted double digit wins before C-USA opponents start showing up in Greenville. Don't be surprised if this team manages to put together a breakout 20-win season. The expectations are high for this unit, but after an early assessment, they are realistic.

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Jones' career tackle record at ECU of 478 tackles.

Another possible goal for the redshirt freshman is the ECU single season tackle record, which stands at 184 and was set by Jeffery Warren. According to most individuals around the Pirate football team, "the sky is the limit"

for Grove.

In the years to come, Pirate fans will see just how close Grove can meet these expectations that many have placed in front of him.

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to 187 yards a game good for 89th in the country.

UCF Offense:

Central Florida boasts a balanced offensive attack that allows everyone in the offense to find a niche that makes the team successful.

Led by dual-threat quarterback Jeff Godfrey, who has completed 146 of 213 passes for 1,745 yards with four touchdowns and three interceptions, while also carrying the ball 95 times for 389 yards with nine touchdowns on the ground. The UCF offense has been dynamic, Godfrey has struggled this season and has begun to share time with Blake Bortles at quarterback.

"Blake is throwing the ball very well for them. Jeff has four touchdown passes and nine rushing scores, so you know he's dynamic," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said during his weekly press conference. "We'll see two quarterbacks. The game plans can be similar for both."

On the ground, the Knights are lead by Godfrey and running back Brynn

Harvey, who has carried the ball 123 times for 570 yards with three touchdowns.

UCF Defense:

UCF has one of the best defenses in the entire country, ranking 10th nationally in total defense, giving up just 293 yards a game.

"They have one of the top defenses in the country again. They now rank 10th

in total defense and scoring defense after Saturday's game at Southern Miss. Up front, Victor Gray is a very strong defensive tackle. He does a good job for them," said McNeill. "Josh Linam and Jonathan Davis are the two linebackers. They'll be active. UCF will use a four-man front the majority of the time, but does use a little odd-man

front. (Head Coach) George (O'Leary) is blitzing a little more with this group than last year. A year ago was more of a four-man rush and having seven defend. But there is a little more blitzing this year."

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