



BRIEFS

Dining halls now open for late night exam studying

Staff Reports

The university recently transformed the two on-campus dining halls into late night study areas to provide a quiet place for study during final exams.

Campus Dining opened Todd and West End Dining Halls from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. as of Nov. 28, except Dec. 2 and 3.

Associate Vice Chancellor of Campus Living and Dining, Bill McCartney said the decision to open the dining halls' study facilities came after many students reported not having enough study space in their halls or elsewhere on campus.

He said that the concern of late-night walks across campus to and from the library also influenced the decision.

Campus Dining will provide light refreshments for students and staff will supervise to ensure that a study environment is maintained.

Wireless Internet signals in both dining halls have been increased to provide students with efficient online access.

For more information, visit www.ecu.edu/dining.

ECU updates alert system

Staff Reports

A new software update was activated on Monday to improve the response during campus lockdowns.

This update will allow for alert operators to send messages to multiple subscribers at the same time, reported The Daily Reflector.

The new send to all option will ensure that everyone who is signed up for the alerts actually gets them.

The update was made after some students reported not receiving alerts when there was an alleged sighting of a gunman on campus earlier this month.

A text was sent out to students the same day of the update informing them of the change.

Jazz band to visit campus

Staff Reports

The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series will present The Preservation Hall Jazz Band on Friday.

The band has travelled across the world to spread their mission of nurturing and perpetuating the art form of New Orleans Jazz.

The group has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, for British Royalty and for the King of Thailand.

The band has seven members and features the tuba, trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, drums, trombone and piano.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children and youth.

For more information, call the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center at 252-328-4788 or visit www.ecu.edu/srapas.

Ruby Tuesday hosts Riley's Army fundraiser

Staff Reports

Tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Ruby Tuesday on South Memorial Drive will donate 20 percent of total food purchases to Riley's Army.

Those wishing to participate need to print an invitation

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DOUG MACKENZIE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Water bottle fountains are now present on campus in the gym and in various classroom buildings.

New fountains save bottle waste

Lauren Keranakis
STAFF WRITER

According to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), 14 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada have campus-wide bans on plastic water bottles, reported USA Today.

These campus-wide bans are due to new water fountains called hydration stations.

According to Elkay, a company that distributes the stations, more than 150 colleges and universities have installed its hydration stations, reported USA Today. ECU is one of those universities.

Facility services got the idea from Elkay to implement the fountains because they "saw an opportunity to save waste," said Tony Yamada, assistant director of Utilities Services.

These hydration stations provide convenient hydration, reduce our dependency on plastic water bottles, provide a rapid fill water to quench thirst and help minimize disposable plastic bottle waste in the environment, reported Elkay.

The stations were installed first in the Rec Center because it was a "high demand area for water," said Yamada.

There are currently 26 stations in seven different locations on campus. Bate, Brewster, Speight and Ward Sports Medicine are the only academic buildings with the stations. Each fountain costs about \$800 to buy and install, said Yamada.

"The feedback we have from students is very positive. We are hearing that people are lining up to use these stations," said Yamada.

The stations were implemented to reduce plastic water bottle demand, while also promoting plastic reusable bottles, added Yamada.

This is beneficial not only for the environment but for student's wallets as well.

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), store-bought bottled water is a rip off. Tap water is often subject to more stringent regulation and testing than bottled water. It costs a fraction of the cost from the tap and it is cleaner, cheaper and thus healthier, added the NRDC.

The NRDC provided an example where one brand of "spring water," whose label pictured a lake and mountains, actually came from a well in an industrial facility's parking lot, which was near a hazardous waste dump, and was periodically contaminated with industrial chemicals at levels above FDA standards.

The hydration stations have a filter and a green, yellow and red light to indicate the status of the filter and if it needs changing or not. However, for ECU, these filters are irrelevant, which is a good thing.

"There is a filter in the stations, but facilities services bypass the filter because Greenville's water has such high quality already," said Yamada.

This means even if the light is red (which indicates the filter needs to be changed), students can still use the filter, said Yamada.

Another unique feature the stations pos-

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ECU boosts local economy

Persida Montanez
STAFF WRITER

A study released last week concludes that the university has an annual economic impact of 3.3 billion dollars in the state and contributes significantly to the community.

The study was conducted primarily by professor of planning in the Geography department, Mulatu Wubneh. Wubneh has conducted similar reports for the university in 2000 and 2007. This report however, is the most extensive. The 31-page study took 18 months to complete.

In 2000 the university's economic impact was almost \$2 billion and continued to increase. The new report was conducted not only to measure the university's economic impact, but to also highlight the university's many services to the region and state. Wubneh said that the university is the first in the state to come out with an executive summary of this scale.

Chancellor Steve Ballard said, "our mission is to serve as a national model for regional transformation. Our economic impact is only one dimension of that commitment."

Regionally, the university brings in about 700 million per year in revenues, which is four times the revenue of Pitt County and 8.8 times than that of the city of Greenville. The study states that university is, "the engine of economic growth for the region through its role as employer, purchaser of goods and services, real-estate developer, advisor, network builder and workforce educator."

The university increases its faculty by 3 percent each year. After Pitt County Medical Hospital, the university is the county's second largest employer and accounts for 7.7 percent of the county's employment. In 2009, the university paid employees 466 million dollars which when spent, sustains the local economy.

The operations of the university also have a major

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Registers malfunction on campus



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Transactions came to a halt on Tuesday when computers crashed around campus during a busy lunch rush.

Staff Reports

On Tuesday, it was reported that the cash registers in Wright Place were not running properly for a portion of the day.

Workers continued to swipe OneCards but the registers would not work.

It was reported that the registers at the bookstore and Starbucks were down as well.

The incident occurred a little after noon.

University promotes nutrition value

Jamie Harper
STAFF WRITER

The Campus Dining at ECU has created a variety of programs and provides multiple information sources to help students become aware of and eat healthier foods.

Campus Dining began Meatless Mondays during the Fall 2011 semester in the dining halls on campus. Meatless Mondays is an international movement to encourage people not to eat meat at least once a week in order to improve health and help the environment. By not eating meat once a week, the movement hopes to reduce meat consumption in America by 15 percent. Currently, Americans consume

an average of 8 ounces of meat per day, which is 45 percent more than recommended by the USDA.

Janie Owens, a Pirate nutritionist, said, "The way Meatless Mondays is set-up is trying to educate and create awareness about reducing people's meat consumption."

Jennifer Felts, a freshman nursing major, said, "I know it's a movement against eating meat. I haven't done it yet though."

Eating meatless meals once a week can reduce the risk of preventable chronic diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer and obesity. Meatless Mondays helps encourage this by reminding students consistently at the beginning of the week about reducing their

meat consumption.

"Recurring promotions and reminders have been proven to help people be more successful and being on Mondays, the beginning of the week, also helps," said Owens.

Campus Dining not only offers Meatless Mondays but also has other programs that encourage healthier eating by students. The Lighter Side is available at both dining halls, as well as at Destination 360 and The Galley. Items like stir fry, corn and bean burgers, Thai chicken and penne with spinach and roasted tomatoes are offered from The Lighter Side in the dining halls Monday through Friday.

"It must be a conscious choice to eat healthier," said Owens.

In September, Campus Dining offered Fall Fridays in the dining halls, which offered fresh locally grown produce every Friday.

Felts said, "There are healthy options. The dining halls always have a salad bar and an area with wraps."

Other restaurants on campus, including Chick-fil-a, Chili's Too, Burger Studio and Einstein Brothers Bagels have lighter options available.

Sarah Maxwell, a freshman accounting major, said, "A lot of people chose to eat at those places, there's always a ton of people in them."

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Radio station donates JFK teletypes



Teletypes were featured in Joyner library, which came from a High Point radio station during John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Cameron Gupton
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 has been forever ingrained in the memories of generations of Americans and the university has recently obtained artifacts relating to the event that people will not soon forget.

Joyner Library received over 130 pages of teletype that came through a radio station in High Point, N.C. on Nov. 22, 1963, the day of Kennedy's assassination.

These are statements released by the Associated Press and other networks announcing the shooting of Kennedy and his death.

Some of the teletypes simply read, "The president has been shot," leaving those reading them in shock, said University Historian John Tucker.

Tucker helped to acquire the papers from a couple living in Seagrove, N.C. The couple is Balinda and John Ferree, who had the pages in their possession for decades and did not even realize it.

Balinda had been working in her father's radio station on the day of the assassination and saved the teletypes as they poured in.

"It's still moving after 48 years," she said at a reception last Tuesday in Joyner Library, where copies of the pages were on display.

The reception fell exactly on the 48th anniversary of Kennedy's assassination.

The Ferrees had forgotten about the papers until they were remodeling their home recently and found a manila folder full of the old teletypes.

"I said, 'Oh my gosh. I had almost forgotten about these,'" she said. "This is history, this cannot be thrown out."

They began to look for a good home for the pages after they were recovered.

Tucker heard about the Ferrees and their historical documents from a librarian at Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, N.C. and she asked if the university archives would be interested in them.

"Of course, are you kidding me?," responded Tucker.

"Things are always found in places where you least expect them," said junior biology major Shana Wilkins. "I'm glad she found them, it would have been a shame if they were lost for good."

The relationship between the university and Kennedy is much deeper than just that of the effects of his assassination on students and faculty, and Tucker knew the pieces would tie the connection together.

In 1960, Kennedy, as a presidential nominee, had made a visit to East Carolina College as part of his campaign.

Kennedy made multiple stops in the state on Sept. 16, 1960, but his first stop was at the college, where he spoke in an

area close to where the Brewster, Speight and Fletcher buildings are today.

When elections were held, Kennedy had clearly won over the eastern portion of the state with his historical visit.

This is why, upon his assassination, the people of Greenville and ECC were devastated.

Flags were flown at half-staff, as they were everywhere, memorial services were held in area churches and ECC President Leo Jenkins held a memorial service for Kennedy on campus, said Tucker.

After his visit and his assassination, Tucker said he knew the teletypes would make the "final tie" to the Kennedy relationship with the university.

"It's good to see that we're connected with these pages," said sophomore Daniel Johnson. "A lot of other places can't make a connection like this."

The pages have been taken off of display and University Archivist Kacy Guill and her team have chemically treated the papers so that the deterioration process can be slowed.

Anyone wishing to view the pages can do so, upon request.

"It is a valuable addition to what we already have," said Tucker.

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Raleigh church backs gay marriage

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Last week, Raleigh's Pullen Memorial Baptist Church voted to prohibit the church pastor from legally marrying anyone until same sex marriage is legalized in North Carolina.

A full congregation voted unanimously in support of the pastor's desire to take a break from acting as an agent of the state until she can legally marry all couples.

The pastor, Nancy Petty, who is a lesbian, has performed about 150 ceremonies in 20 years for both heterosexual and gay couples. Although she is prohibited from legally marrying anyone, she will still perform the ceremonies.

Church deacons and congregants said in a formal statement, "Marriages between same-sex and opposite-sex couples will be treated equally, and marriage ceremonies conducted at our church will reflect the spiritual nature of the solemn commitments between two people in a loving relationship."

However, it is up to the couple to finalize the marriage legally.

"To obtain legal sanction for their union, each heterosexual couple may obtain their legal marital contract from another source, such as a local magistrate, until such time as the State of North Carolina recognizes the legal union of both heterosexual and same-sex couples," the congregants said in the statement.

According to the North Carolina Constitution, "Marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state."

Tynita Butts, a junior sociology major, said she thinks Petty is courageous. "If gays cannot marry, then why should she marry straight?" Butts said.

Alex Anders, president

of the ECU GLBT Student Union, said that the church taking a stand will help spread awareness on gay marriage. "It sends a message to the community, religious institutions and politicians," Anders said. "Typically, Baptist churches are more strict, so it is nice to see any church be accepting."

Pullen, which has about 650 members, has a history of taking an active role in political and social issues.

Pullen was booted from the Southern Baptist Convention in 1992 after a decision to bless gay marriages, but remains part of the American Baptist Churches USA denomination.

Anders suggested a church in Greenville for anyone in search of a similar welcoming congregation nearby. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greenville sits on Oakmont Drive and has a reputation for acceptance of everyone.

"They are a local affirming church and the pastor there is also openly GLBT," Anders said.

Butts said she was surprised to hear about gay pastors. "It is different, but God's No. 1 law is to love everyone," she said.

Anders said churches like Pullen and The Unitarian Universalist Congregation are good for everyone and at spreading awareness of gay marriage.

"A lot of GLBT have intersecting identities and it's trying to find that environment that is more comfortable for them and suits them," Anders said. "I know Amendment One is coming up in May and it is important for us to get the word out."

In May, all N.C. voters will decide if the state's constitution should be amended to strengthen the ban on gay marriage.

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impact on the area. The latest figures available in 2009 show 695 million dollars in operation expenses. Salaries and benefits accounted for 67 percent, or 406 million, services accounted for 13 percent, supplies and materials for 10 percent. The figures do not include capital expenses.

According to the Department of Administration and Finance approximately half of the capital expenses, which was 20 million dollars, was made to vendors in the eastern part of the state. In 2009 the university spent 56.5 million dollars in capital projects, like the construction of buildings.

Student spending was also analyzed. The Financial Aid office assisted with the study and said, "student spending impacts various businesses including food services, food and drink establishments, retail, rent and real estate, amusement and recreation and accom-

modation." It is estimated that students spending amounts to 601 million dollars and supports about eight-thousand jobs.

Visitor spending was also estimated. North Carolina Department of Tourism, Film and Sport Development and the Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau report that visitor spending in the area amounts to 64 million dollars a year. This includes hotel, transportation and retail spending.

In 2009, the university received 242 million in state funds. The report states that for every dollar in state appropriations the university returns \$13.64.

Chris Milano, a sophomore communication major said, "the university continues to grow, with this comes increased revenues to the state."

The last part of the study focused on the university's impact on the community.

The college of education produces more teachers than any other university in the state. The Brody School of Medicine renders more than 150 million dollars annual in uncompensated health care. The nursing program graduates the most nurses in the state. The universities research programs spent \$41 million from 2009 to 2010. From the years 2007 to 2009 the university has produced 37 new inventions, three U.S. patents, and nine recently filed.

Wubneh said, "one can't place a monetary value on the music, lectures, patient services, research and products." Wubneh believes that the university will continue to significantly contribute to the economy. "The money that the state appropriates is connected to the local and state economy. It circulates generating employment."

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ness is the electronic sensor that provides a touchless, sanitary operation. Students can just place their water bottles under the sensor and fill.

The stations also display the number of plastic water bottles being saved by the people utilizing these unique fountains.

"I walked by one in the

Rec Center and it said 30,000 bottles had been saved," said Yamada.

As of Wednesday morning at 11:30 a.m., the hydration station on the third floor of Bate had a number of 753,285 plastic water bottles saved.

With multiple hydration stations around campus,

think about how many bottles these stations are saving from going to the landfill, added Yamada.

This is significant considering that 76.5 percent of plastic bottles ended up in landfills in 2006, reported the Clean Air Council.

"It's empowering for students to say, 'I can stop buying

plastic bottles and purchase a reusable container that I can refill time after time on the way to class," said visiting instructor for the College of Health and Human Performance, William Hill.

"Why pay for a free natural resource anyways? The hydration stations provide an opportunity for every student

on campus to give back to the environment and save money being spent on plastic water bottles," said junior nursing major, Kristen Ramsland.

The hydration stations are also one of many improvements the University of North Carolina System is making to reach a zero waste goal by 2050, said Yamada.

"We all sing that song 'What can I do to help the environment?' Well, this is something you can do," said Hill.

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Nutritional information for these locations is available in a variety of ways, including online through campus dining websites and on Facebook. There are links available that compare the options served at the on-campus dining locations. Chick-fil-a, for example, compares the

chagrilled sandwich with 300 calories and 3.5 grams of fat, the chicken sandwich with 430 calories and 17 grams of fat and the 12-count chicken nuggets with 400 calories and 17 grams of fat.

Owens explained, "Students need to use the resources available... you can

make a small change to make better health choices. We have a variety of resources and tips available, like on the website and Facebook, but you have to look them up and utilize resources available."

Students can also scan QR codes in the dining locations on campus, includ-

ing Starbucks, to retrieve the nutritional information needed. Nutritional tips are consistently posted on Facebook and Twitter.

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from www.rileysarmy.com and bring it to the restaurant.

Riley's Army was established in 2008 to raise awareness for pediatric

cancer patients and to recruit, train and provide volunteers to sit with these patients and their siblings.

Clarification

Due to a writer error, a story published in the November 22 edition of *The East Carolinian* presented the members in attendance for the board of trustees meeting incorrectly. Members in attendance were solely ECU representatives. The East Carolinian regrets the error and is happy to set the record straight.

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WHY IN THE HELL WAS THERE NO PAPER ON TUESDAY?!

I can't wait to go to another ECU bowl game! Oh wait...

I put the "rant" in "ignorant."

Pirate Rant Gent is gonna feel silly if Pirate Rant Lady ends up being Pirate Rant Lad.

I'm framing my published Pirate Rant and giving it to my mom for Christmas.

The end of the semester is like a beer; the bottom sucks.

The five words every student wants to hear: "Your final is not cumulative."

HELL WEEK: last full week of classes, projects, tests and lots of procrastination

For real though, do all our professors just get together and decide to make everything due the same day?

How many Pirate Rants are written by professors?

I really do like chicken nuggets. Chicken nuggets are like my family.

The writing center is about as useful as an umbrella in a gunfight when they don't know grammar and formatting.

I'm going to have to start paying rent to my new home, Joyner Library.

There should be a Cookout on campus.

If you write "swag" on your desk in pencil, you probably don't have any.

To the girl feeding and petting an ECU squirrel by 360 the other day: You are a brave person.

I keep writing and writing. **WHY YOU NO GET LONGER, PAPER?!**

I pay \$1450 for a meal plan; I think I should be able to take out food in the morning and on weekends.

If you do not know the definition of "coitus," you should NOT be partaking in it!

Sorry I said my ex's name during intercourse. On that note, you should apologize for acting like her.

I lied about the whole virgin thing. You might want to get checked for herpes.

While walking around campus, I play a game called "Which one of these Pirates has an STD?"

Why is it every time I leave Student Health they never know what's wrong with me? Seriously, use your degree and figure it out! Worst healthcare ever.

To the girl in the knee brace limping while carrying her crutches: You're doing it wrong.

YOU CAN'T SIT WITH US!

To the guy in Todd on Thursday who had a flask to spike his drink in the dining hall: You're my new favorite person of all time.

Slow clap to the girl who knocked her coffee cup onto the floor during the middle of class.

Did you really just stalk my Facebook and get pissed about something that happened a year ago?

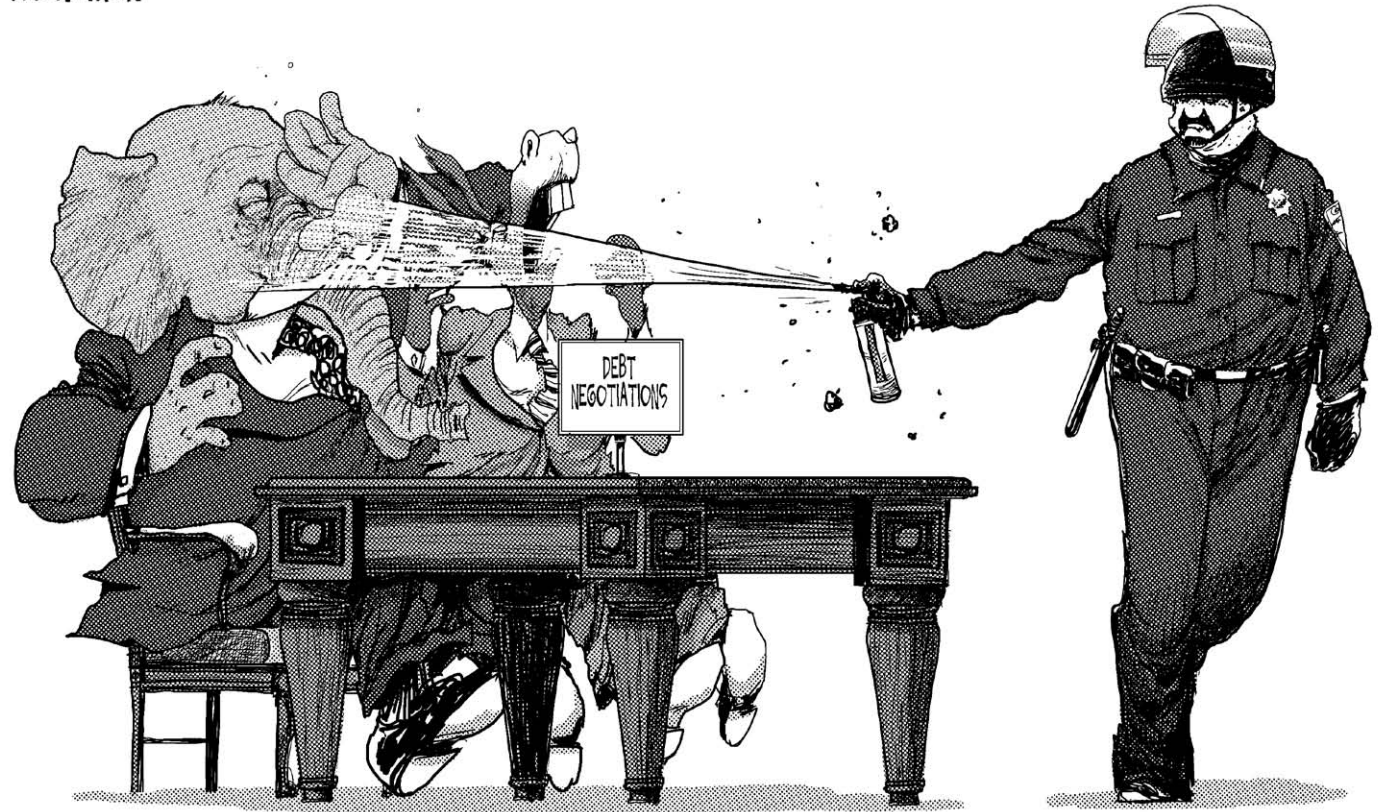
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Americans across the country have been exercising their First Amendment rights by gathering in protest. In September of 2011, protestors began setting up camp on Wall Street in New York City to begin the "Occupy Wall Street" protests. Since then, the movement has spread to other cities, local towns and universities in order to show support for the cause.

But what is the cause? To those outside of the action, it may just seem like a bunch of jobless hippies blaming other people for their problems. In reality, the message is for all-around change: Get business out of government, stop allowing Congress to be bought out by companies, restore jobs in America, have a more equal balance of power and so on.

Perhaps that's why the opposition against OWS seems to scratch their head in bewilderment at these people, even beginning counter-protesting — there are

way too many ideas going on for a single movement. The actual goals are getting muddled by the protestors' laundry list of (rightful) complaints, hearsay and updated news reports every day.

And perhaps this confusion stems from the fact that there's a new hero or victim emerging from every corner of the country: the martyr protestor beat by the pig of a cop, the policemen who forego orders to join the cause or the courts who uphold the movement's right to protest. The OWS protestors and mainstream media are focusing on individual stories that are distracting Congress and businesses from the underlying messages. By constantly changing the focus of attention, the message of OWS is again becoming muddled.

For example, one news organization recently focused in on one Occupy Seattle protestor. Jennifer Fox, a 19-year-old homeless woman, apparently had a miscarriage of her 2-month-old fetus due to pepper spray at a protest. No medical records could be provided.

Let's be honest: The entire story sounds fishy. No, I don't doubt she was pregnant and I don't doubt that she was pepper

sprayed. I just have an inclination that other factors may have led to a miscarriage and that the cause of a miscarriage after two months seems hard to determine. Yet, this woman's personal narrative became the focus of this mystery movement, if not for just a day.

The news has been filled with other incidents of the Occupy movement turning unnecessarily violent. At UC Davis, a group of peaceful protestors were pepper sprayed by Lt. John Pike when they refused to move from the university quad. Within hours, the news had spread across the country and Pike's phone number and email were blasted with his image.

This is not to say that Pike doesn't deserve to be punished for his actions, but the entire event transpired due to a set hierarchy; Pike was merely acting on orders. Calling him on his personal phone number will not have him removed, nor will it change the basis of our police system. Harassment of the lowest in the chain of command won't change the power structure.

Protestors are picking all the wrong battles. Working from the bottom up won't be effective in making change. Being solely

against the current government and capitalist structure isn't being proactive in making change. Gripe all you want but until protestors can get a message of being in favor of a tangible plan of action, no change will come.

The best way to initiate change is to begin locally. Officials of the university, community leaders and local or state government are the basis of change that will most affect the lives of those around us. With an ever-increasing tuition hike, ECU students should voice their opinions in peaceful protest on the mall or write to the UNC Board of Governors. Focusing on individuals on the other side of the country won't create any change in your immediate future. If anything, local protests should have begun years ago and should always continue.

Whether you're for or against the OWS movement, it's hard to deny that the times, they are a'changin'. The voice of the individual is more powerful than ever. We just need to remember which battles to pick and where to focus our energy in order to be taken seriously.

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E-cigarettes: rising out of the ashes



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Health is the religion of our time. If crusaders once fought to win eternal life, they are now fighting to live forever. Vitamins and omega-3, exercise regimens, raw-food diets or no-carb diets: We will do whatever it takes to squeeze a few more years out of our frail bodies. The good doctors at the United Nations inform us that there is already a person among us who will live to be 150. When I look at the sallow, dejected faces of our elders I wonder whether this is a blessing or a curse.

Any true faith must have its skeptics. The health-nuts have declared cigarette smokers to be their true enemy. The battle is all but won. Smokers have been driven out of bars and public buildings, and are subjected to endless castigation for their habit. Cigarette taxes have been casually raised as a means of punishing the smoker and tobacco companies who are forced to fund advertising against their own products.

In Huntsville, Texas during the 90s, death-row inmate Larry White was even refused a final cigarette before execution on the grounds that it would be bad for his health. There is no limit to the cruelty to which these anti-smokers are capable.

Only in times of great need do we recognize the value of smoking. It is in times of stress that people turn to cigarettes for consolation. They serve as a means of maintaining sanity when the world is crumbling around them. The peacetime Army makes its anti-smoking

proclamations. However, in times of war, it will not dare deprive its soldiers of cigarettes, a last link to civilization in a world of bloodshed. It is by no accident that so many smokers are found among soldiers, prisoners and the poor: Cigarettes are the companions of the desperate and desolate.

Yet, cigarettes symbolize man at his most humane and most heroic moments. It is said that there is a "fraternity of smokers." That is because, among smokers, there is an unspoken obligation to share a cigarette when another is in need. Nowhere else in American society will you persistently find such kindness among strangers, the willingness to offer up something of yours for the comfort of another.

And now the Chinese, in a bit of technological action, have created a compromise: the electronic cigarette. Why not? Gone are the tobacco-stained fingers, the foul breath, the hacking coughs, the lung cancer and the heart failures.

Gone, that is, except for the nicotine: Truly, you can smoke yourself into a frenzy with these things. Nicotine (once you take away the tar and smoke) is little more than a heart-quickenning, mind-sharpening, appetite-dulling stimulant somewhere alongside the lines of caffeine.

E-cig users are already distancing themselves from the connotations of smoking. "I'm not smoking," they say: "I'm 'vaping.'" And the e-cig user is free to sniff without the discontent at the stink of cigarette smoke. The vapor of an e-cig dissipates without odor and does not burn out as ash.

But are they a replacement for cigarettes? I think not.

Many late-night conversations in my life have reached their emotional end when

the last cigarettes are shared and the pack is crushed. And they end with the evenings spent contemplating the glowing bud of flame as it winds down the cigarette. And they end with the cigarette shared with a lover. And the friend that offers you his last smoke, although the stores are closed and no more can be bought. At none of these moments would I have preferred vapor. Nor can I imagine the condemned man bracing himself for an eternity with an e-cig.

Cigarettes cannot withstand the onslaught of pressure from high taxes and public condemnation, now that the e-cig offers a healthier and cheaper alternative. In 10 years, the only thing you will see in the bars and at the club are the multi-colored LEDs that glow at the end of an electronic cigarette.

When the last smoker has heaved his final breath and the last butt has been swept from the sidewalk, who will believe that something beautiful has been lost, disappeared like smoke into the breeze?

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POLL RESULTS

Should ECU give a full week for Thanksgiving?

Yes 77%
No 23%

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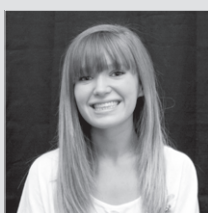


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FASHION COLUMN

Looking 'haute' at holiday parties



Lindy Maddox
COLUMNIST

Everyone loves a fun party! Whether you're with your friends, your family or your loved ones, joining in on the festivities is an exciting way to celebrate the holiday season. There are delicious cookie exchanges, dinner parties that fill your stomach with sugary treats, fancy cocktail parties that show off your most festive outfits and your wintery color palettes.

Then there are those glitzy New Years Eve parties that help you pull out your most sparkly styles. All of these get-togethers are enjoyable ways to celebrate holiday spirit and sport some festive fashion!

Most college students love eating. I mean, think of all your friends who gained the freshman 15! It's okay guys; we still love you, even if you're a little chubbier than when we first met. Grabbing some grub with your fellow students is a great way to socialize in a college town. Whether you are feasting on Mi Cabana or hitting up Sup Dogs at 2 a.m., going out to eat with your friends will always provide you with a good time.

One type of holiday party that combines eating with fun and festivity is a dinner party or a cookie exchange. Although you would usually just throw on your favorite pair of jeans to visit the eateries in Greenville, at a party of this sort the attire is a little merrier. Ladies, take a look into that packed closet of yours and pull out your favorite red or green top that is a little on the fancier side. After pulling that on, slip into your favorite pair of skinny jeans and a duo of casual heels. We aren't talking downtown stilettos, but something heeled or riding boots will do the job just fine! Add some sparkly accessories and you'll look perfectly appropriate for stuffing your face with cookies or devouring a delicious meal!

Fellas, we all know the majority of you have a red shirt hanging up in your closet. What male doesn't? Grab that worn-in shirt of yours and dress it up with some dark jeans! Add your most worn pair of semi-dressy sneakers or Wallabees, and jump in your car to go pick up your date! Just make sure that whatever you're wearing gives you a little room for that full stomach you'll be leaving with!

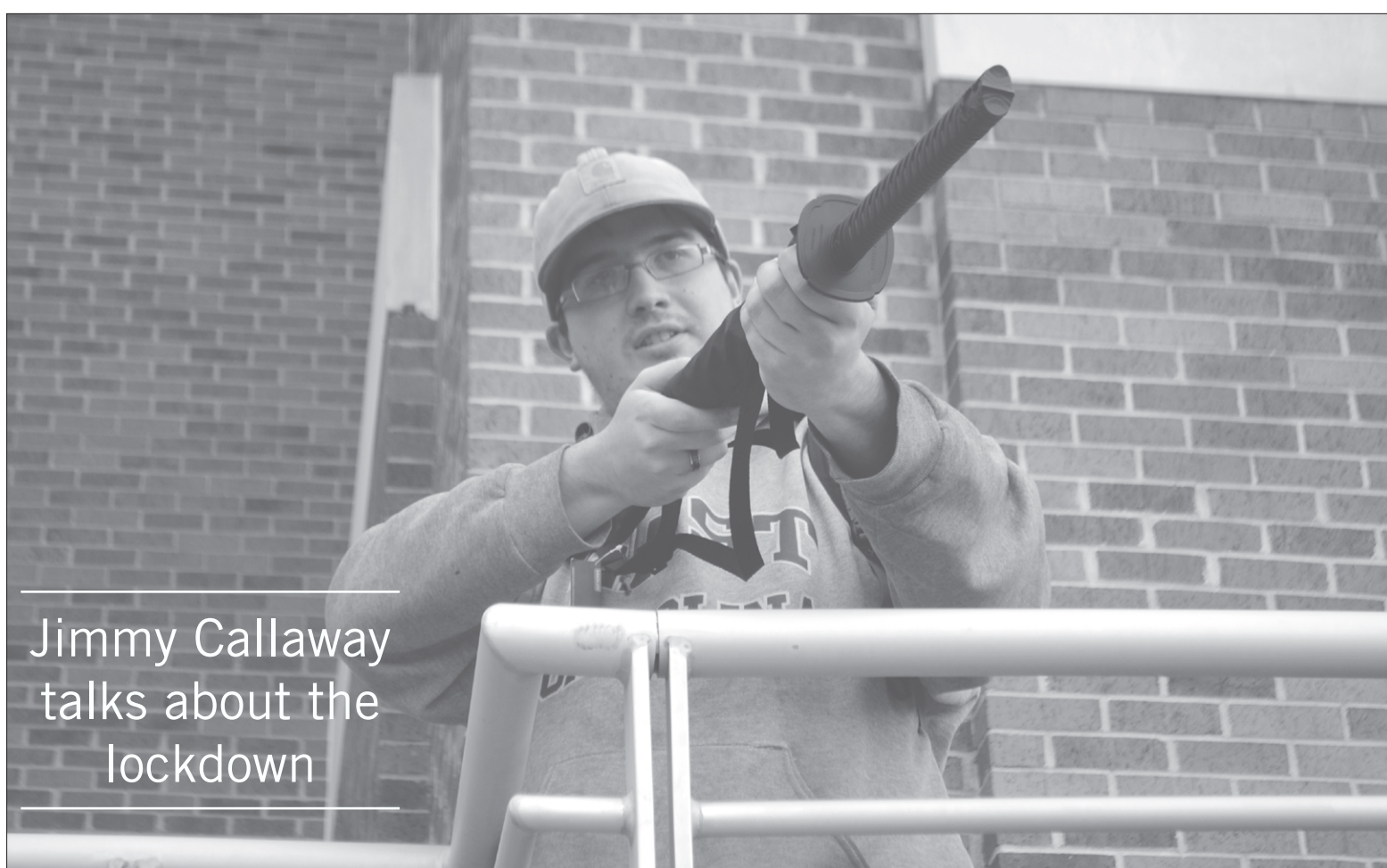
While skinny jeans and sneakers may be appropriate for a dinner party, cocktail parties are a completely different story. I know that I, like many women, always love a reason to buy a new dress, and cocktail parties are the perfect chance! When looking for a dress to wear to a holiday cocktail party, you don't always need to stick with the staple of red and green. Whether you celebrate Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanza or just the holiday season in general, there are many colors that scream festivity!

From royal purple to cobalt blue and all the way to fantastical periwinkle, different shades that represent cool weather and snowy days always look amazing on a dress fit for celebrating the holidays with some concoctions! Also, don't pick out fabrics and cuts that look too extravagant; stick to looks that are simplistic, yet still trendy.

Men, follow the same plan! Aim for holiday colors in shades of blues, silvers, reds and greens. Instead of jeans, try some khaki pants or corduroys! Slip on the same shoes you would wear to a dinner party, nothing excessively fancy, and you'll be ready for a crazy night filled with holiday hoopla!

Lastly, we have the most

RAIN OF TERROR



Jimmy Callaway talks about the lockdown

LACEY SCHWAB | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Student Jimmy Callaway was mistaken for a gunman due to his large umbrella, causing the three hour lockdown on campus on the morning of Nov. 16.

Caitlin Hunnicutt
STAFF WRITER

At approximately 9:27 a.m. on Nov. 16 Jimmy Callaway made his way to Frau Jensen's German IV class, the same way he did every Wednesday morning.

The weather forecast predicted rain, so he grabbed his umbrella and tucked it into his backpack in the same manner he had always done. The umbrella, a gift from a friend for his birthday, is different from regular umbrellas only by having a handle that resembles a Japanese sword.

"I've gotten weird looks from people because of it before but I've never thought anything of them," said Callaway.

Callaway carried the umbrella in the same manner since March of this year on rainy days to class. He did however wear a new hat, tan and fedora-like in style. He was dressed casually in a light blue button down shirt, and light blue jeans.

He walked from his apartment at First Street Place through downtown Greenville, onto the university's campus and straight into the Bate building. He went to class that started at 10 a.m. Halfway through class, students in Jensen's class started to hear noises outside, noises that Jensen attributed to the elevator that acts up outside the classroom.

After getting text messages from friends and checking social media websites on his phone, Callaway was the student who alerted the rest of the class to the alleged gunman on campus.

"I was the one who blurted it out to my class," said Callaway. "Like everyone else, my first reaction was just 'Holy, crap there's an armed person on Fifth Street.' I was scared like most people

would be."

Jensen's class went like it normally would, until it was time to be released. They weren't allowed to leave the building, so students occupied the halls wandering.

"I had the umbrella on me the whole time wandering around the building," said Callaway. "I know now in hindsight, why people around me were looking really nervous, and I had no idea it was me that was making them nervous."

Callaway walked around Bate for approximately an hour before the lockdown was lifted. He then walked immediately to the library to meet up with friends, who jokingly yelled, "You're the gunman!" whenever they saw him.

Callaway and friends then went to Wright Place to get lunch, sitting at the table with the umbrella casually lying next to him. This is where the infamous picture of the "Gunbrel-laman in Wright" began to circulate on social media websites.

"Somebody came up behind me and put that picture in my face and says as loud as they can 'Is this you?' I was embarrassed," said Callaway. "Everybody looked at me, and I'm pretty sure that most of the people already had the idea that it was me. Then I knew that they were all talking about me, and that made me uncomfortable. I got kind of angry and walked outside."

Callaway's neighbor had seen the picture that was being played on the television by media outlets, and called the police to confirm that he was not a gunman, and that he was only carrying an umbrella.

After Callaway had left Wright Place, he got a phone call from the Greenville Police Department. Officers assured Callaway that he had

done nothing wrong, but wanted to speak with him immediately. They arranged to meet at Callaway's apartment.

"I walked back to my apartment, I didn't carry the umbrella the same way. I had a friend carry the umbrella," said Callaway. "I was still kind of embarrassed. I'm not somebody who likes to be on the spot."

The account of the day that Callaway gave was accurate, yet different from the account of the day that the Greenville Police Department put out in their original press release after the lockdown.

At the press release, Greenville police told the media that a reserved Pitt County Sheriff's Deputy found the person on video. 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 only way that they could have done that is if they had seen me at a distance, but nobody talked to me beforehand," said Callaway.

Following up with the Greenville Police Department, there was confusion in the sequence of events of the day, and what had been told to the media.

"We actually got that clarified after the fact. The deputy had actually seen him earlier in the morning, and confirmed that he saw him," said Sgt. Williams of the Greenville Police Department. "He thought it was a rifle as well, and went to him and realized it was an umbrella. It was a little confusing."

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Coming back with 'Manna-Mahna'



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COLUMNIST

Grade: A+

"It's time to play the music ... it's time to light the lights ... it's time to meet the Muppets" for their comeback to the big screen, overdue since 1999's "Muppets from Space." Jim Henson's creations have charmed audiences with parodies, slapstick humor and musical hits since the 70s, b u t



have been out of the limelight in the 2000s — except for the cutely unpopular "The Muppets' Wizard of Oz" in 2005, a few television specials and the 2009 YouTube rendition of "Bohemian Rhapsody."

One of those "Freaks and Geeks," Jason Segel pitched an idea to Disney (the company that has owned the Muppets since 2004), and gained consent for a new movie. Segel, the writer and star of "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," teamed up with "Sarah Marshall" director Nicholas Stoller, and wrote Disney's "The Muppets." Quite a task for the guys that were used to dirty humor ... but they created a screenplay full of quick wit and charisma that Henson would've applauded.

Many members of the college student demographic have decided to avoid "The Muppets" film, sparing themselves the cheesy memories and herds of loud children and their parents. However, most of the audience was adults. Huh? That's right; nothing beats muppetized humor and nostalgia. Segel has said in several interviews that being involved in this was a dream come true, which is evident in the coincidental storyline.

The story begins with two brothers from Smalltown, Gary (Jason Segel) and Walter (puppet voiced by Peter Linz) who have a love for the Muppets. Walter sees them as his relative

and hopes to meet them, especially Kermit. Gary invites Walter to go to Los Angeles, as a tag-along for his anniversary with girlfriend Mary (Amy Adams), since the Muppet Studio is based there. Walter is disappointed to find out that the studio is full of cobwebs, not Muppets. While exploring Kermit's office, Walter overhears a plan concocted by oil tycoon Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) to destroy the Muppet Theater.

Walter, Gary and Mary inform Kermit of the maniacal plan and start the quest of locating the scattered Muppets to put together a telethon for the \$10 million needed to keep the theater away from the "evil oil man." Fozzie has been working with the Moopets, a knock-off band in Reno, Gonzo owns a successful plumbing business, Animal is getting help for his anger problems and all the other Muppets have quirky new occupations. The only one that needs convincing is French Vogue's plus size editor, Miss Piggy. After luck lands them a spot on a network, they have to find or celebriknab a celebrity host in order to air their show.

From a Miss Piggy "Hiya" action sequence to Kermit's banjo hit "Rainbow Connection" to the "Mahna Mahna" song and the critical old men on the balcony, Statler and Waldorf ... this Muppet movie brought back the favorites.

Of course, there was that undeniable chemistry between Miss Piggy and "Kermie." Kudos to Jim Henson's timeless and adorable romance between these Muppets from different biological classes, which still makes audiences experience the inaudible "aww" moment.

Some of the musical numbers were not purely Muppet — a risky but successful feat for the writers. The "Me Time" song by Amy Adams turned into a duet with Miss Piggy at the right moment, making a serious song, which can bore viewers that aren't into musicals, transition into muppetized humor. There were even silly jokes poking at the budget, length of film and plot line.

There was a balance of classic and trendy comedic elements, most for our generation, with parodies of "Dirty Dancing," Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and Cee Lo Green's "Forget You." The

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Jason Segel wrote the screenplay for "The Muppets" with director Nicholas Stoller.

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widely known holiday party. That's right, I'm talking about New Years Eve parties! New Years Eve parties give you the opportunity to get as glammed up as you want. When picking out a dress to wear as the clock strikes 12, always remember to keep it classy. Many dresses can help you look glitzy and flirty, while not strutting too much of your stuff. Aim for the racks that are stocked with dresses complied of silvers and golds, because New Years is all about wearing

an ensemble that is as sparkly as the ball in Times Square. Gentlemen, this thrilling holiday is the perfect time to embrace your inner-James Bond. This means dressing in something like a sleek black blazer and some shoes that are a little dressier than those kicks you wear to flag football games. Think about what ladies wish you wore when you took them out on dates, not what you think is the most comfortable outfit to wear at a sports

bar. Get all dolled up in your sensational garments, grab that special someone that you are crazy about kissing when the new year comes around and get ready for a holiday party that is sure to top the charts!

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Look for Lindy's next column next semester!



ALLISON ZAUCHA | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students get in the holiday spirit by wearing festive sweaters. Colors such as royal purple, cobalt blue and periwinkle are appropriate for seasonal parties. For New Years, fancier colors such as silver and gold are fashionable. Classic Christmas sweaters, such as the ones seen above and at right, are always a holiday staple.



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random celebrity cameos also added to the fun with Sara Silverman, Jim Parsons (a.k.a. Sheldon from "The Big Bang Theory"), Jack Black, Neil Patrick Harris, John Krasinski, Selena Gomez and Zach Galifianakis.

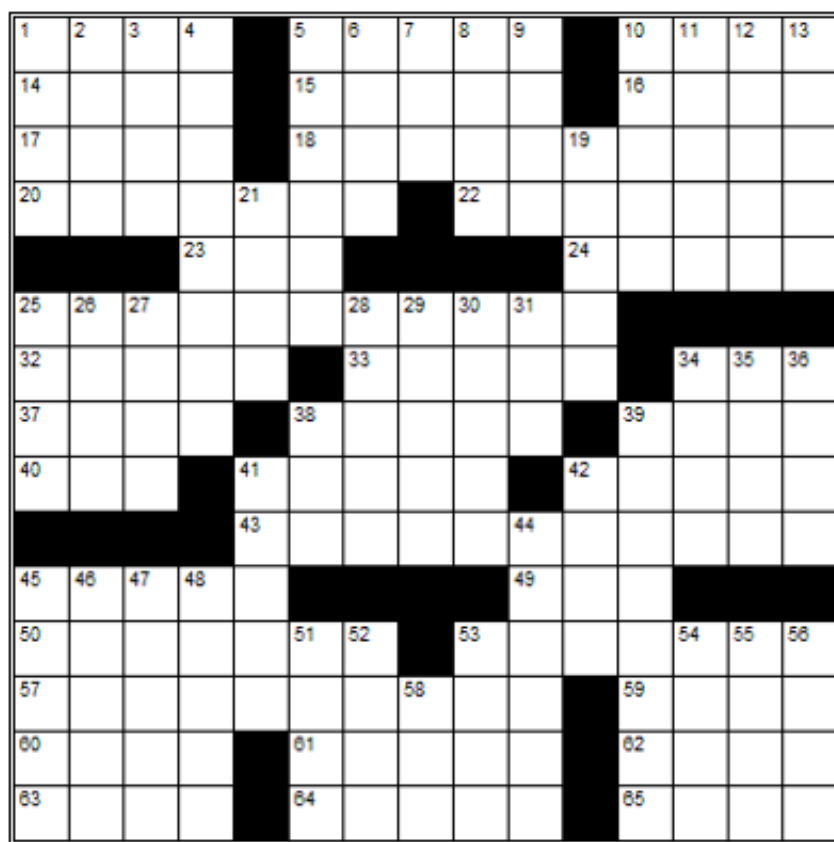
The real story behind the Muppets was the theme. "You're relics" and "you guys are no longer relevant," were lines that had a realistic undertone. This was the Muppet comeback in the plot of a movie and in real life. Except for

the "Toy Story 3" teary-eye moments during a few parts, there were no down points.

The nonstop laughter from all ages proved that the Muppets are back, and in the words of Miss Shields during Ralphi's daydream in "A Christmas Story," "A plus plus plus plus..."

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DOWN TIME



ACROSS

1. Charity
5. Offensively bold
10. Make do
14. Kind of moss
15. Heart artery
16. Historical periods
17. Epic
18. A type of biologist
20. A witty saying
22. Exhaust
23. Indian bread
24. Located near the poles
25. "Magic word"
32. Large long-necked wading bird
33. Electronic letters
34. Dekaliter
37. Shopping place
38. Dweeb
39. Bluefin
40. French for "Summer"
41. Exaggerated nasality in speech
42. Coming up
43. Marvelously
45. Ski jacket
49. Mistake
50. Hard rubber
53. Splashed
57. Rejuvenate
59. Bird of peace
60. Hint
61. Negatively charged particle
62. Largest continent
63. Part of a foot
64. Lure
65. Scream

DOWN

1. Church alcove
2. Jump
3. Wise men
4. Still
5. Yellow fruit
6. Wander
7. Paintings
8. An upright in a wall
9. Rabbit
10. A stringed instrument
11. Bay window
12. Noodles
13. Banana oil, e.g.
19. Dismay
21. Dash
25. Highest point
26. Rascal
27. Unusual
28. An official in India
29. Alter
30. Flatboat
31. Tear
34. Affaire d'honneur
35. A Freudian stage
36. Gentlewoman
38. Pair
39. Day after Wednesday
41. Author Mark _____
42. Hairdo
44. Yield
45. Alight
46. Poplar tree
47. Scoundrel
48. Drop to one's knees
51. Nipple
52. Sea eagle
53. Cease
54. A flexible pipe
55. Wicked
56. Trade
58. Ambition

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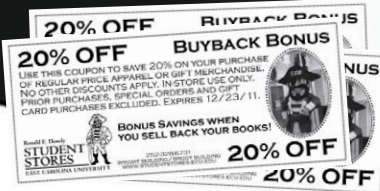
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1) South Carolina (10-2)
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2) Clemson (9-3)
Last: lost to SC



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3) N.C. State (7-5)
Last: beat Maryland



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4) North Carolina (7-5)
Last: beat Duke



SID

5) Wake Forest (6-6)
Last: lost to Vanderbilt

Pirate All Stars

The East Carolinian Sports section will feature the top male and female athlete of the fall sports season.

Each stellar player will be unveiled on Tuesday and Thursday.

The athletes chosen will be selected by the Sports staff based on in-game excellence and strong statistical achievement.

Don't miss Pirate All Stars!

Lady Pirates clip Monmouth in Minges

Stephen McNulty
STAFF WRITER

Women's basketball once again found themselves big winners at home as ECU defeated Monmouth 75-52 to move to 5-2 on the season.

The Pirates jumped out to a quick 14-5 lead after a pair of Shala Hodges' 3-pointers and it began to look like ECU was again going to dismantle a lower level opponent.

Hodges and fellow guards Celeste Stewart and Bryelle Rolle used the up-tempo offense and scrappy defense to stretch the lead to 33-18.

However, the Pirates struggled to hold onto the ball themselves, committing 13 turnovers in the first half, as Monmouth crawled back into the game.

Despite scoring just six points in the paint in the opening half, the Hawks put together an 8-0 run in the final 1:40, cutting the deficit to 33-26 at the half.

Both teams came out of the locker room gunning to start the second half. Carly Thibault answered Kristine Mial's 3-pointer with one of her own for Monmouth. Stewart then responded by hitting back-to-back shots from beyond the arc, stretching the lead back to 15 for the Pirates.

Coming into the game, the Pirates ranked second in the nation with 18 steals per game. ECU would finish with 17 on the night.

Tatiana Chapple jumped in front of the pass in the lane and turned one of the Hawks' 28 turnovers into a Bryelle Smith three, forcing Monmouth Head Coach Jenny Palmateer to take a time out, while down 57-35. ECU scored 31 points off turnovers for the game.

The Pirates would never look back.

The Pirates, who had a plus-five rebounding margin coming into the game, again held the advantage on the boards, grabbing 43 rebounds to the Hawks' 33.

Mial led all Pirates with 11 boards and, along with her 16 points, recorded her first double-double as a Pirate.

A handful of held balls and tons of bodies on the floor kept the game action-packed, despite the large margin.

"We're just hustling out there," Hodges said. "We try to get to the loose balls and we always talk about winning those 50-50 balls."



Kristine Mial (4) drops a fastbreak layup in the basket on the way to her first career double-double against Monmouth on Wednesday at home.

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The Pirates entered Wednesday's game shooting just 55 percent from the free throw line; but on the night, they were 18-24 from the stripe against Monmouth.

"I look at the free throws ... that's something that had to get better," Head Coach Heather Macy said. "They've made a commitment to come in on their own and work on it and I think it definitely paid off tonight."

After holding just a seven-point lead and shooting a mere 34 percent from the field in the first half, the Pirates scored 42 second half points and shot 54 percent from the field, including 5-9 from beyond the arc.

"It was a lot of encouragement (at halftime)," said Macy, "to get

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Playing his own game

Sophomore forward becomes role player

Jordan Anders
STAFF WRITER

Growing up in the shadow of a famous parent is hard.

Growing up in the shadow of a famous parent and deciding to play the same sport as that parent is even tougher.

So imagine picking up basketball at a young age and being the son of a three-time Naismith Award winner and four-time NBA All-Star.

Such is the life for ECU sophomore forward Robert Sampson, and he doesn't seem to mind that one bit.

Robert is the son of Ralph Sampson Jr., the 7-foot-4-inch center who won three consecutive Naismith Awards as National Player of the Year from 1981-83 at the University of Virginia on his way to becoming the No. 1 pick in the 1983 NBA draft.

But the way Robert tells it, developing a love of basketball had less to do with his father and more to do with another member of his family.

"I just loved playing with my brother," he said of his brother Ralph III, who is a forward/center at the University of Minnesota. "It started when I was one or two years old and saw my brother playing and my dad playing. So I picked it up when I was really young and I've enjoyed it since."

Of course, having a famous father had a profound effect on Robert's life, especially when he chose to pick up the game of basketball. But, contrary to what one may believe, stepping out from his dad's shadow is something that Robert has never felt he had to do for one simple reason: As far as he is concerned, he was never in it.

"I am somewhat like my dad because of his hustle and the way he used to play, but I'm not really like him," he said, adding that he feels no pressure to live up to his dad. "I'm Robert Sampson, he's Ralph Sampson. I play a completely different style of basketball than he did."

Indeed, Robert's style is a complete 180 from the style his father was famous for. Robert is a unique physical specimen that poses a variety of challenges for opposing teams. His 6-foot-8-inch frame makes him a force when it comes to rebounding and challenging shots. But he also possesses a jump shot that can draw larger defenders out to guard him and open up the inside.

As a freshman reserve, Robert gave ECU fans momentary glimpses of his potential. Now a starter in his sophomore year, he is beginning to show a bit more consistency on the floor. He notched his first career double-double at Campbell back on Nov. 14, scoring 14 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. His scoring and rebounding averages have both more than doubled versus a season ago, and he is the Pirates' leading rebounder, averaging 6.2 rebounds per game.

"Things are a whole lot easier," he said about the difference between his rookie and second seasons. "It's

easier because I actually know what I'm doing now, instead of worrying about mistakes that I was making as a freshman. Now I've learned from those mistakes and am putting what I've learned into play."

One thing that has endeared Robert to Pirate fans thus far in his career is that what his game still lacks in polish, he makes up for in sheer effort and hustle, which is something that has also endeared him to ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo.

"His defensive effort and just doing what we ask him to do out there, his effort plays are off the chain,"



Robert Sampson (12) challenges Mountaineer defender Brian Okam (24) during the Pirates' victory against Appalachian State in Charlotte at Time Warner Cable Arena.

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Football misses first bowl season in six years



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With the 2011 football season now officially over for ECU, the focus will turn

to fans and media asking them what went wrong, in an attempt to find some justification for why the Pirates' streak of six consecutive bowl appearances has come to an end.

So what exactly went wrong for ECU this season?

There is a pretty simple explanation for the season ending after 12 games instead of 13 or 14. But for the benefit of those reading, I will break down the Pirates' struggles into categories so that the Pirate football fans can easily get one writer's opinion on what went wrong for the 2011 ECU football team.

Dominique Davis' Play

One year ago, Dominique Davis was the toast of Conference-USA and, in some circles, thought of as one of the best quarterbacks in the country. What a difference one year makes. Davis has completely made a 180-degree turn in his play. Throwing for 700 less yards, 12 less touchdown passes and more interceptions than he threw last season.

The strength of Davis' game last year was his ability to throw the deep ball to playmakers Lance Lewis and Dwayne Harris. The majority of the offensive production came via these long pass plays as the Pirates struggled to put together sustained drives, even against weak opponents. However, over the last season, his one key strength has fallen away. When the deep pass has been called, Davis has not been so accurate. Being inaccurate with the deep ball is especially worrisome when it's obvious that he can't complete the short underneath routes.

Fans and critics have been quick to put the blame for Davis' down numbers on Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley (who I will get to later), but Riley is not the one throwing the ball. Riley is not the one who, for some ungodly reason, refuses to use his legs to avoid rushers. He is most definitely not the one who continues to throw touchdown passes to the other team.

The transformation from "local hero" to "local goat" was so quick that most fans didn't notice it until mid-season. But the sad fact is, Davis' legacy may be one of the first quarterbacks in six years to not lead the Pirates to a bowl game and as not one of the best quarterbacks in ECU history.

Running Game

Going into the season, no one, and I mean no one, was looking at the Pirates' running game as a problem. They weren't for the simple reason that most believe that in a spread offensive attack you don't need a running game to succeed. It's that kind of thinking that has ECU in the mess they are in right now.

Starting off as a junior college transfer running back turned into disaster when Reggie Bullock got injured and the Pirates had to turn to Torrance Hunt and Michael Dobson. Hunt is a good back who just didn't have the experience to be featured. And Dobson has never proven that he can carry the third of the load, let alone half or all.

Having a successful running game opens up the deep passes that were so important last year. With Jonathan Williams and Giovanni Ruffin, opposing defenses had to at least give them attention. Without them, those same defenses just put everyone back in coverage to contain ECU's one weapon.

Roles Reversing

In 2010, the offense won in spite of a terrible defense that ranked dead last in the entire country. In 2011, the offense lost more games than the defense did.

In the first year of the new 3-4 scheme, the Pirates' defense was much improved and gave the offense chances to win just about every game on that schedule. Games against South Carolina, Virginia Tech and Marshall all could have been won if the offense had made a few plays here and there.

It's tough to win games when your offense struggles to score, no matter how good your defense is.

Coaching

The biggest disappointment of the 2011 season was the coaching job delivered by Ruffin McNeill and Lincoln Riley.

From the start of the season, McNeill never looked to be in

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Senior quarterback Dominique Davis (left) hugs Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley (right) following the Pirates' final home game against UCF at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium.

control of that team. He refused to require excellence from his players. Instead, he patted them on the back and blamed his coaching staff. At some point, you have to make a statement and let your players know that underachieving is unacceptable.

As for Riley, his play calling was terrible this season. He tried to protect Davis instead of letting him try and make plays. When you have a quarterback like Davis, you have to let him spread his wings and play the way he knows how to play.

The Pirates will now have an entire off-season to correct the issues that plagued the 2011 edition of Pirate football. If McNeill and company don't fix it, they may all be looking for jobs this time next year.

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back to what we're doing and our shot selection needed to be better."

The win marked the 12th straight home victory for ECU, tying the team record. The Pirates last won 12-straight contests at Minges Coliseum during the 2009-10 season, when they won the first 12 home games of the year.

"We've led Conference USA in attendance and (fans) show up every game and that's a huge home court advantage," Macy said. "We can't say how much we appreciate all of that."

ECU will look to continue the streak when they closeout their four-game home stand next Wednesday against Virginia Commonwealth. Tip off is set for 7:00 p.m.

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Junior guard Celeste Stewart (14) drives from outside the arc against two Monmouth defenders inside Minges Coliseum on Wednesday. The Pirates' win was their third consecutive.

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Lebo said after the team's win over Coker earlier this season. "You can see how much better he's getting."

In Robert's eyes, there is nothing special about the fact that he hustles on the floor. It is just who he is.

"I play every game like it's the last one that I'm going to play," he said. "I just love hustling and love playing the game."

And with every hustle play and every great performance to come, Robert

Sampson will move himself a little further away from his family's famous name.

He's busy making his own name for himself.

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Former Pirates push toward playoffs



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OPINION COLUMNIST

Week 12 of the NFL season passed with traditional Thanksgiving Day games taking place. The playoff picture has become a little clearer

with several former Pirates right in the middle of the action. This week, the focus is on those playoff contending players looking to make their mark in NFL postseason play.

C.J. Wilson, Green Bay Packers
Wilson and the Packers remained undefeated with a 27-15 victory over Detroit on Thanksgiving. Wilson recorded three total tackles in the winning effort. Green Bay's defense gave up 409 total yards to the Lions but was also able to force three turnovers, significantly affecting the game in their favor. Currently, Green Bay sits atop the NFC in the playoff standings. The Packers also hold a four game lead in the division in front of Detroit. The quest to move to 12-0 will take Green Bay to New York for a visit with the Giants this week.

Linval Joseph, New York Giants
New York suffered its third straight loss, with this one coming at the hands of New Orleans by the score of 49-24. Joseph tallied five tackles in the game, which may have been the only bright spot for the former Pirate. The New York defense gave up a total of 577 yards, 372 passing and 205 rushing. The 577 yards was the second highest amount ever allowed by the Giants. The loss also dropped them to second place in the NFC East, where they currently sit one game back of the Dallas Cowboys. The Giants also remain one game out of the sixth playoff spot in the NFC. New York will have to pick up the pieces quickly as Green Bay visits this later week.

Vonta Leach, Baltimore Ravens
Baltimore defeated San Francisco 16-6 on Thanksgiving night in the Harbaugh Bowl. Leach carried the ball once for 2 yards and had one reception for 10 yards. The game was very physical and defensively minded, which resembled the look of a game against Pittsburgh for the Ravens. The offense managed just 253 total yards and averaged 2.6 yards per carry.

However, the offense was very efficient on third downs, going 7-15. Baltimore is currently tied for first in the AFC North with Pittsburgh but owns the tiebreaker advantage and is the third seed overall for the AFC. Baltimore will get back to division play this week with a game at Cleveland.

Chris Johnson, Tennessee Titans
Johnson led the way as the Titans defeated Tampa Bay 23-17. Johnson racked up the yardage as he carried the ball 23 times for 190 yards. The 8.3 yards per carry was by far Johnson's best performance of the season. This marked the second time in the last three games that Johnson has topped the 100-yard mark. It comes at the right time for Tennessee, which is currently two games behind Houston in the AFC South and one game back of Cincinnati for the final AFC playoff spot. Johnson will look to stay hot with a game at Buffalo this week.

News and Notes
With injuries to both Matt Schaub and Matt Leinart, the Houston Texans went searching for quarterbacks and put a call into former Pirate David Garrard. Garrard is still recovering from back surgery and is unable to practice, let alone play, at this point. In a recent interview with Sirius XM NFL radio, Garrard said, "You know every quarterback that's gone down? Pretty much every team has called!" Houston will have to count on T.J. Yates going forward but did sign former Carolina Panther Jake Delhomme this week.

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Baltimore Ravens' fullback Vonta Leach breaks loose from Patrick Willis of the San Francisco 49ers on Thanksgiving.

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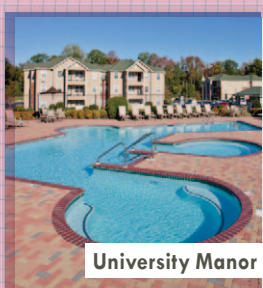


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