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Greenville citizen shot and killed in home invasion

Staff Reports

Yesterday, a minister was shot and killed in a home invasion while attempting to protect his wife.

Pastor Jim Carr, a 60-year-old Greenville resident, was shot during a breaking and entering at his home on Cedarhurst road shortly after midnight, reported WITN.

Very little information was released after the incident took place. The police did have a description of the gunman but the information was not released.

Carr was also a part-time van driver at Pitt Community College where his wife, Vickie, works as an administrative assistant. Previously, he had been at Williamston Presbyterian Church for 11 years.

The home invasion occurred in the same neighborhood where a woman locked herself in her bathroom after two men broke into her home in June.

Joyner Library undergoes changes

Staff Reports

Over the summer, Joyner Library underwent many physical changes.

The Pirate Tutoring Center completely moved out of the library into the Old Cafeteria Complex and the University Writing Center relocated within the library.

A new addition, the Pirate CAVE, or the 1065 Math Lab, is now located within the library as well.

Major renovations to the Circulation Center will provide better service to students utilizing Joyner Library.

The library has even more intentions of improving. Recently, a fundraiser was launched in order to renovate the exhibit gallery on the second floor.

Obama administration releases unspent earmarks

Staff Reports

The Obama Administration recently announced that it released \$703,000 in unspent earmarks to North Carolina.

Funds are aimed at creating jobs and improving transportation across the state.

Money given to North Carolina are included in a nationwide total of \$473 million that is being given back to all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

State departments of transportation will have the ability to use their unspent earmarked highway funds, some of which are almost 10 years old, on eligible highway, transit, passenger rail, or port project.

Department of Transportation to resurface N.C. 11

Staff Reports

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will begin resurfacing N.C. 11 (Memorial Drive) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday

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Destination 360 reopens



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Destination 360 was once furnished by mismatched furniture from various campus locations however, after closing for the summer it has been redesigned.

Melanie Jock
STAFF WRITER

Mendenhall Student Center's dining area, Destination 360, completed construction over the summer and reopened on Thursday with a new look.

"While we have done some changes to the entire location with the addition of Chick-fil-a, we decided that it was time to do something to the seating space," said Joyce Sealey, director of dining services.

Since the area closes each summer, it allowed time to complete the construction and renovations.

"We decided it was time to update it a little bit," Sealey said. "There are a lot more seating and options."

Destination 360 was previously a dining hall, until the construction of West End Dining Hall in 2004. Before construction, the area housed mismatched tables and chairs that came from various locations on campus. The revamping of this area brought new wooden tables and chairs and dark purple booths, giving it a new modern feel.

In addition to new furniture, cosmetic changes include the addition of stone and dark paint on the

walls, dark hardwood laminate floors and a carpeted dining area, incorporating hints of purple and gold throughout.

"The biggest change is the removal of the existing side door entrance and creating a new double door entrance to the space," said Sealey.

The new entrance door allows students to come in directly facing the food area, creating a focal point entrance into the location, rather than coming in and turning, she said.

Sealey added that other changes include "flat screen TVs and an area

for SAB to program (for individual and group performers)." There is not a stage in this area, rather space cleared out with the tables and booths focused in that direction. The large TV that was in the seating area is replaced with tables as well.

The old cashiers stand by the glass entrance was taken down, as well as the doors, to create a new seating space. It is now filled with tables, chairs and bar seating in the existing bar area.

"I think students will like the

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Campus dining offers vegetarian options



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This is the first year a vegetarian option was included in housing contracts.

Kamal Darji
STAFF WRITER

An increasing number of students across college campuses identify themselves as vegetarians; however, it is not always the easiest task for vegetarians to meet their nutritional needs in most university dining halls due to their often-limited options.

Throughout campus, there are many students who identify as vegetarians and their struggle is clear once they begin opening up about their experiences. Wilma Shellenberger said she had no choice but to start eating meat due to the limited options in the dining hall.

Despite the struggles of many over the years, the university has offered more options in the dining

halls for vegetarians. For instance, there are options such as: pasta, pizza, veggie wraps, fruits, vegetables and low-calorie vegetarian snacks.

This is an improvement as many vegetarians on campus now feel there are valid options in order to meet their nutritional needs. With that being said, there are still many vegetarian students who feel the current state of food at the dining hall leaves much to be desired.

Due to the seemingly endless flow of information in cyberspace, it seems there may be some confusion as to what exactly a vegetarian is. Part of the reason for this confusion may have to do with the various labels thrown around in the media, such as lacto-ovo vegetarians, ovo-vegetarians, lacto-vegetarians and vegans, without people truly knowing the distinctions between these groups.

The traditional vegetarian group that most people think of is the lacto-ovo vegetarian; these are the traditional vegetarians, so to speak, who consume no flesh and only eat fruits, vegetables and dairy products. The distinction here is that lacto-ovo vegetarians include eggs in their diet as well.

Ovo-vegetarians do not consume meat or dairy products; however, they do eat eggs. Lacto-vegetarians refrain from eating eggs, but do consume dairy products. Vegans do not eat meat of any kind and refrain from eating dairy products or any processed foods that contain animal-derived ingredients such as gelatin.

ECU dining during this school year asked students to self-identify themselves on their housing contracts if they are vegetarians; as a result, 140 residents self-identified as vegetarians. When asked why

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International student orientation takes place

Jessica Richmond
STAFF WRITER

For most new East Carolina students, the first few days on campus can be nerve-racking: getting to know new people, figuring out how to swipe One Cards and trying to find a cool way to carry around key fobs. For others, it's dealing with jet lag, trying to figure out the language and wondering why there are so many Pirates around town.

International students flew thousands of miles for a two-day orientation on August 15th and 16th to help them adapt to American culture as well as college life in general.

Approximately 125 international students are studying at East Carolina this semester, including study abroad students and full four-year degree seeking students. The largest countries represented are China and India with Germany being a close third. Twenty ECU students volunteered to move these students into their dorms, help them obtain One Cards and escort them to the Student Health Center for immunizations.

Volunteer Hui Lu said, "Last year I was in these international students' shoes, so I want to help them out by giving them advice about some of the things I've learned. It's also a really good opportunity to meet foreigners."

The international students are housed in White or Clement Hall so that they could be as close as possible to the International House. However, some degree-seeking students were placed elsewhere on campus. Housing tries to work with the students if they request to room with a student from their university, but for the most part, they request

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The final touches will be added to Destination 360 after booths are installed in the dining area.

new atmosphere," said Sealey. "It gives them a better hang-out space for them to enjoy in Mendenhall."

Sophomore nursing major Brianna Steele liked the idea of changing to a more modern look.

"I think it looked fine before," said Steele. "But I think it's a good idea to change it; it will look a lot better."

Chelsea Henson, a senior social work major, said when she lived on campus she stayed on College Hill and so

she would eat at The Galley rather than Destination 360.

"The Galley made me feel more at home," said Henson. "I think it's a good idea to make Destination 360 feel more like home and a hang-out for students."

Henson said she visited Destination 360 a few times while at ECU and noticed how many people on campus use it. Sophomore nutrition major Trey Bagley has noticed this trend as well.

"It was really popular every time I went there," said

Bagley. "I'm sure they can't do a bad job changing it."

The same dining options are available at Destination 360 as before--Chick-fil-A Express, Bleecker Street Café, Pirate Grill, AFC Sushi and Fresh on the Move--with no new additions. Sealey said new dining options or changes may happen in the future, but is dependent on the building of the new student union.

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American roommates. "I want to experience as much American college life as I can," Norwegian exchange student Mie Soleim said. "Driving around town, it's just like the movies with the sorority houses and the football stadium."

More students come during the fall semester because it gives them a longer period of time to experience the school, but East Carolina's international students mostly look forward to football season.

The orientation also organized shopping trips to Walmart and Target to help the students get what they needed with Americans to help them navigate the superstores. Most of the brands are foreign to them and such large stores can be frightening to people who are used to corner markets.

"Our main concern is

making sure these students know that we're here to help them. It's a huge culture shock for a lot of them," said Bill Mallett, assistant director of international student advisement.

The second day of orientation is very similar to freshman orientation over the summer with slight adaptations to make it more helpful for the international students. The seminars included an introduction to campus services, U.S. classroom and academic policy introduction and immigration documents and visa help.

"The most difficult thing for a lot of these students to understand is the way an American college classroom works. For most of these kids, this is the first time they're allowed to voice their opinion at all, let alone in a classroom," said Mallett.

The International Office

also arranges dinners and social gatherings for the international students to help them get acquainted with each other. The International House also provides help year round to students with anything they may need.

Cara Beth Carr, a volunteer, said, "I studied abroad in Argentina, so I wanted to help the students coming to ECU from abroad. I know how important it is to meet students from the home university, it's very easy to cling to international students and forget about the host country."

Chico's Restaurant held an International Student Night after the first night of Orientation and the Baptist Student Union has been holding an International Student Pot Luck Dinner for about 25 years.

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this step was taken, Joyce Sealey, director of dining services, said, "We did this so we could provide them with specific information on how to navigate the services that we do offer to best meet their nutritional needs."

The 140 students who identified as vegetarians on their housing contracts were then invited to an RSVP

dinner in which they could meet with a dining nutritionist. This was done so that the students could have a personal point of contact and could get all of their nutrition-related questions answered.

Despite the continuing struggles of many vegetarians on campus, the future does not look as bleak as there

are at least options available to vegetarian students. ECU Dining is offering services in order to assist vegetarian students in meeting their nutritional needs.

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from the Tar River bridge past Dickinson Avenue.

The project was originally scheduled to begin on Saturday but was delayed due to an inclement weather forecast.

Weekday crews cannot work between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. but there will be no time restrictions during weekends.

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ing traffic through the work zone.

Brrrberry donates to The Dream Factory

Staff Reports

This Saturday, Brrrberry Frozen Yogurt will team up with the Stroller Strides to hold "Fulfill a child's dream by filling up your cup" from 1-4 p.m.

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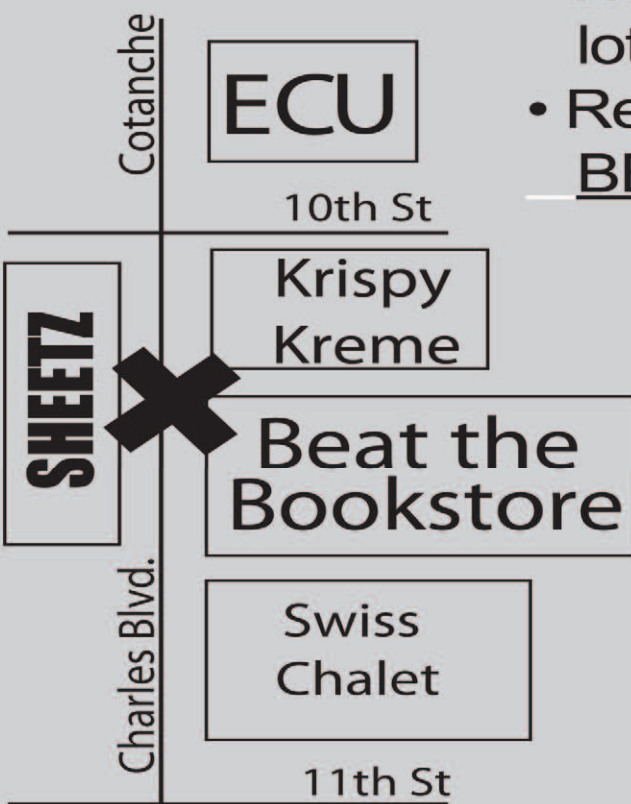
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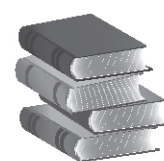
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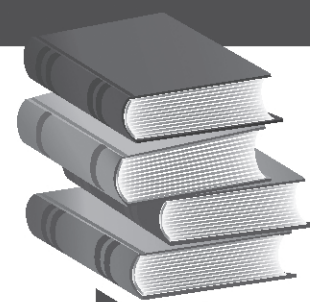


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Students line the sidewalk outside of Target waiting for a chance to enter the store and shop, play game and win prizes (top). Bus service was offered from Mendenhall, Wright Plaza and College Hill to Target (middle). A student break dances as a DJ plays "Top 40" dance hits (bottom).

Rebecca Semar
STAFF WRITER

Sunday, students flocked to Target for the second annual Target Run.

Between 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. the super-store opened its doors to students for a storewide super sale complete with games, music and free-giveaways.

The parking lot was mobbed as a seemingly endless flow of university buses dropped off full loads. Inside, Bullseye, the store's mascot, greeted everyone who walked in by waving and posing for pictures.

Beyond the mascot, employees were positioned throughout the store passing out free samples. Giveaways ranged from bags filled with various products such as hand sanitizer and Vitamin water.

In the center of the store, students crowded around a DJ and dance floor. Attendees took a break while dancing to their favorite "Top 40" music.

One student even cleared the floor and showed off his break dancing as the crowd took videos with their phones.

The store offered a base saving of 5 percent off of anything storewide. On top of that, popular items such as fans and lamps were an additional 30 percent off. A crowded jumble of carts could be seen in any popular area of the store as students raced to purchase last minute school necessities. Some sections were overflowing and virtually inaccessible without a short wait.

"[If] I'm coming here tonight, I'm expecting to save at least 50 bucks," said freshman Alicia Servin. Students expected to save an average of 20 percent.

The event had been publicized through out campus during freshman move-in days.

Some students went to save on expensive goods such as high-end electronics while others were there for smaller goods. "I'm trying to get stuff

I forgot at home," said Freshman Tyler Kelpaugh.

Target managers were excited to see a large turnout. Many weeks of preparation had gone into ensuring a smooth enjoyable event. During the entire planning process the students were kept in the front of their minds.

"We want to build a relationship with students. ECU is such a big part of the community, we wanted an opportunity to give back," said store team lead Shawn Langdon an ECU alumnus. "I enjoy giving back to the school that gave me my start."

The biggest support for event, however, came from ECU students. The entire Target staff extended their gratitude to students for attending the event and making it an unforgettable sale. As long as ECU will continue coming, Target will keep sponsoring the event.

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University welcomes students with Pirate Palooza celebration



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Students enjoyed free food and beverages while at Pirate Palooza (left). Several inflatables comprised the numerous activities found on the field at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium (top right). Hundreds of students turned out for the event (bottom right).

Staff Reports

The university held Pirate Palooza, its largest welcome back celebration, yesterday at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Students had the opportunity to participate in numerous activities and inflatables, and the chance to win prizes. With Todd and West End dining halls closed, Aramark Catering

Services provided free food to those who partook in the event. The fun and games began at 6 p.m. and continued until 9 p.m., with shuttle service beginning at 3:30 p.m. and running until 9:30 p.m. to pick-up and drop-off participants. On-site activities included a dual slide, obstacle course and a three-lane bungee run. Novelties included a balloon and body artist, karaoke, dunking booth and a rock wall.

This year, Pirate Palooza was sponsored by multiple on-campus groups such as Student Activities and Organizations, Athletics, Campus Recreation and Wellness, Transit, Campus Living and Dining, Office of Student Transitions and First Year Programs, the Student Activities Board, and the Student Government Association. U.S. Cellular acted as a community sponsor for the event.

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University plans to recycle more



Due to current budget constraints the university's facility services has only four employees.

Jessica Roff
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to having a "green" campus that recycles and concentrates on being eco-friendly, ECU probably isn't the first school to come to mind. But recycling coordinator Terry Little is hoping to change that.

"I think we've come a long way in 20 years and we have a long way to go compared to others in the state," said Terry.

Recycling at ECU is under the division of Facilities Services and, due to budget constraints, has only four employees. UNC-Chapel Hill is the model program that Terry wants to see ECU catch up to. UNC has an office specifically for waste

reduction and recycling and the university pledged to become coal-free by 2020 and carbon-neutral by 2050.

But ECU faculty and staff have stepped into high gear to make recycling a big priority for the university. Terry shared that more and more departments are getting involved, and so far, different departments have started sustainable committees, created an ECU-sustainable Facebook site, and have an energy dashboard.

The energy dashboard can be found on university's website (and on the mobile app) and monitors real-time campus energy use. Todd and West End Dining recently implemented TOGO, an opt-in reusable container program for an

eco-friendly solution to the traditional disposable "to-go" container that reduces waste and cost.

The Recycling Services mainly focus on paper, commingled drink containers, wood, metals and cardboard, and recycles over a million pounds of material annually.

The bright purple recycling bins sprinkled all over campus are just refurbished trashcans painted purple with new signage for recycling. Terry said that these commingled drink containers were placed as convenient and centralized as possible, and there are plans to expand and add more of these containers in Wright

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Pirate Tutoring Center to open with new changes

Melanie Jock
STAFF WRITER

The Pirate Tutoring Center will open this fall in the Old Cafeteria Complex, unveiling a new center with upgraded facilities and technology to help students succeed in their courses.

"We're the only school in the state that does (student to student tutoring)," said Elizabeth Coghill, director of the Pirate Tutoring Center.

Opening Sept. 10th, the new 5,000-square-foot area will be able to accommodate 200 students. Last year, the center had 368 student

volunteers, and Elizabeth Coghill, the director of the Pirate Tutoring Center, said the number is nearing that this year as well. The center works to provide free peer academic tutoring services for students, as well as skills workshops and study skills coaching, focusing on the 1000 and 2000-level foundation courses.

"We're the only school in the state that does (student-to-student tutoring)," said Coghill.

Since the new location is dedicated solely to tutoring, the Pirate Tutoring Center can offer more hours to stu-

dents than in previous years. The center is open for day-time hours by appointment, which are conducted by paid lead tutors. Appointments are available Monday-Thursday, and high-demand subject tutoring is offered on Fridays. The new Thursday night tutoring specializes in test review, and operates according to what is happening in the class that week. This extra night gives the center the chance to cater to more students, rather than cramming all of the information into one Wednesday session.

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Dietitian offers advice

Jessica Richmond
STAFF WRITER

Campus Dining has begun plans to hold a "Dine With A Dietitian" event that will continue monthly for the rest of the year. The program, which will launch in September, will take place in a various dining locations on campus each month in order to amplify the program's reach to as many students on campus as possible.

"Our hope is that the students will stay and eat with the dietitian," said Janie Owens, a former East Carolina dietitian. "(But regardless of whether or not the students stay for the lunch or dinner, the dietitian will be there to answer any questions or concerns)," said Janie Owens,

a former East Carolina dietitian.

The program is designed for students with dietary restrictions or that self-identify as vegetarian or vegan. Dietary restrictions include gluten-free, lactose intolerance, food allergies, religious restrictions, etc. Approximately 20 percent of all American college students have dietary restrictions.

The dietitian will help students learn how to navigate campus with these restrictions, while still remaining healthy and nourished. Three dietitians are available through Campus Dining to all students who wish to choose a healthier diet. However, the dinners will provide a specific time for questions and concerns.

"Our top priority is meeting the needs of our students. We can help them learn what we have to offer at ECU and how students can adapt a college diet to their restrictions," said Owens.

The program was started due to a growing concern about student's dietary health. Campus Dining found that a lot of students did not know how to eat healthy, nor did they know about the services offered including free dietitian consultation.

Faith Hardison, a senior occupational therapy major, has lived with Celiac's disease for four years. The disease prevents sufferers from eating foods containing gluten, which is found in almost

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Dental school works toward goals

Jessica Roff
STAFF WRITER

In 2011, North Carolina ranked 47th in the nation when it comes to dentist-to-patient population.

Twenty-three-year-old Bridgette Jones from Winston Salem is in the first crop of ECU dental students. Jones

said that in order to meet the patients needs in North Carolina, "We need affordable care for patients and for them to be educated about dental care."

One problem the states faces is that many dentists practice in well-populated cities, while the small rural areas have few-to-no dentist practices at all. "We have to

make sure there's not over saturated areas like Raleigh and Charlotte," Jones continued.

Gregory Chadwick became the interim dean of the School of Dental Medicine in September 2011

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THE PIRATE TUTORING CENTER RELOCATED TO THE OLD CAFETERIA COMPLEX IN ORDER TO SERVE MORE STUDENTS.

"It will give us the chance to have smaller groups of students and work with them more," said Coghill.

The new technology upgrades include an iPad project, with a white board that projects onto the wall. After the session, the work can be emailed to the student to be reviewed at home. The private rooms as well as the open spaces are equipped

with LCD monitors, allowing for students to pull up online content for classes, such as e-books and Mastering Chemistry software, said Coghill.

Also, Pirate Tutoring Center was working with an ITCS team to integrate the lecture-capture program Tegrity to create a blackboard program for students in Physics 1250 and 1260, Chemistry

1120 and 1130, and MATH 2283

"The lead tutors have created videos that are about the class and what they typically see from students coming in," said Coghill. "Usually this homework is about that chapter, so they show solutions to problems they've seen in the past and give tips to the stu-

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and came to Greenville the summer of 2005 to help establish the dental school.

"In 2005-2006, we set a plan for the dental school and have pretty much stayed on target. We wanted the inaugural class to start in 2011 and they did," states Chadwick.

The dental school is working towards a goal of everyone having access to dental care. During recruitment time, the dental school strives to find individuals in underserved communities who would make excellent dentists that will return to their home community after they complete their education. The school only accepts North Carolina residents as part of a plan to have graduating dentists practice in the underserved areas who need dental care the most.

When asked what challenges he faces as the interim dean of the dental school, Chadwick responded, "There are a lot of opportunities like getting into the building, starting the second class (of students) and developing curriculum. One big milestone was opening Ahoskie clinic."

The school has announced six of the ten Community Service Learning Centers. The centers will operate clinical facilities in

rural underserved communities throughout North Carolina. The first to open was Ahoskie, NC in early August. The clinic offers an extensive array of dental services such as children's dentistry, oral surgery, and root canals. The clinic is equipped with advanced technology like digital radiography and 3D and cone beam imaging.

The dental school wants to lead the nation in community-based, service-learning oral health education. "People let it fall to the waste side, but you have to keep it in check because it can affect other parts of the body," said Jones. A health article from AARP wrote that poor dental hygiene that produces gum disease, cavities and other infections can have large effects on overall health.

The article also noted that, "On the extreme end of things, some recent studies link common oral problems to illnesses that include heart disease, stroke, diabetes, premature birth, osteoporosis, and even Alzheimer's disease."

Jones also pointed out some of the results of not keeping up good dental hygiene, saying, "It is as important as visiting the physician, and in some cases, people have died from not

getting dental care."

The dental school has seen its share of budget setbacks, but Chadwick insists that everything will be fine in completing the Ross building. "We are working it out to change our plans as much as necessary to adjust to any budget constraints. I think we're okay to complete the building," Chadwick adds. The school has recently received three substantial grants, two that were over a million dollars and one over \$400,000.

The School of Dental Medicine is the nation's youngest public school with the first class set to graduate in 2015. Barry Price from Winfall, NC is now a second-year dental student, and after doing his senior project in high school on dentistry and shadowing and volunteering at local dentist offices, he knew this field was the right fit.

The second class consists of 52 students and Price said he is excited and looking forward to the new class. "People have been really receptive to the dental school and what we are doing," said Price.

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all foods with wheat. She frequently utilizes campus resources to help with her dietary needs and thinks making other students aware of what the dietitian can offer.

"This is the first year I don't have a meal plan, but the things I learned from my first three years on campus have definitely helped me. It's hard to eat healthy in college especially when you can't eat what most people eat. Finding food on campus without gluten is very challenging, but if you know where to look, it can be done. It's very easy to find damaging foods as a student, but you have to seek

out things that are good for you," said Hardison.

The dining event is in coordination with a vegetarian dinner planned for August 22 for all vegetarians with a meal plan. Meatless Mondays was a program started last year that encouraged non-vegetarians to eat meals entirely without meat.

"I think a lot of students have trouble with weight gain freshman year," said Brittany Adams, a junior business major. "Most people are on their own for the first time and they have to actually feed themselves. No one is telling them what to eat and they

could eat ice cream and candy for every meal if they wanted to. Usually by sophomore year, people have learned how to eat what they want while still maintaining a relatively healthy lifestyle."

Campus Dining is currently in transition and attempting to find a replacement for Janie Owens, who was originally set up to be present at the events. If no replacement is found, the event will begin in October.

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Plaza, at bus stops and near places with high traffic areas.

"The department carries enough revenue add new bins, so it's not costly," said Terry. Material that is recycled avoid tipping costs and actually bring revenues back to the university. ECU brings in about \$25,000 every year selling cardboard and plastic.

As far as the students' response towards recycling on and off campus, Terry said, "We have had a positive response overall, though we still have a large portion that is not recycling on a regular basis."

Senior Meredith Little agreed, saying, "We could do

so much more to actually be green, and we probably don't recycle as much as we should."

Recycling has grown in popularity this past decade. States are stressing citizens to recycle now more than ever.

Jessica Brawley is a senior at ECU and recycles both on and off campus. "I think it's good for the environment and it's the right thing to do," said Brawley. "Why throw something away when you could recycle and reuse?"

In August 2011, ECU Recycling Services collected 38,120 pounds of cardboard during Move-In Weekend alone. During the 2010-2011, 153,740 pounds of commin-

gled recycled were collected, compared to 24,580 from 2006-2007. In order to see a higher numbers of students participating, Terry, Meredith and Brawley all agree that students need to be educated more about the environment.

Meredith professed, "People only care enough to recycle if they know the positive things that recycling can do for the environment."

For more information or for opportunities with Recycling Services, search for Recycling Services at www.ecu.edu.

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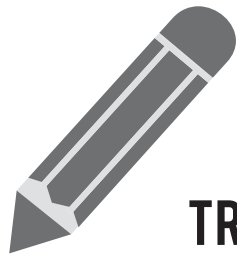
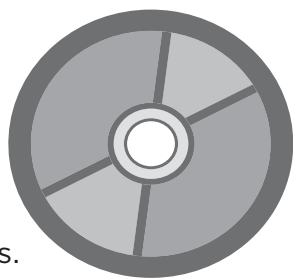


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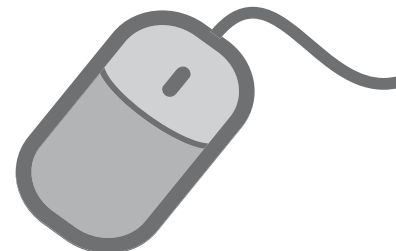
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'At The Pool' to launch at ECU

Staff Reports

A new social network, titled "At The Pool," announced recently that it would launch at ECU this semester.

The network brings together students with similar interests and proclaims to make it fun and easy to meet new people. At The

Pool is especially helpful for new students, transfers and those returning from a long summer break attempting to forge new relationships.

The service differs from Facebook, which aggregates information from friends and family, by links students with others they do not already know. Daily introductions are made based upon shared

interests, mutual friends and the concepts of "pools," or numerous people interested in similar things.

"Think of us like the host of a party—someone who knows both of you, what you're into, where you're from, and more," said founder and CEO Alex Capecelatro. "Like any good host, we make an introduction because we



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The At The Pool website can be accessed online and on smartphones once the app is released.

know you'll get along."

At The Pool will exclusively begin at ECU on September 22. The university's large student population provided a reason for the network to lend a helping hand in connecting students who can often feel isolated.

"We feel society isn't as social as it should be. It's

tough meeting new people and we're working to change that," said Capecelatro. "Facebook is great at connecting us with friends and family, but terrible at introducing us to someone new."

The service is currently free to use and can be reached on all mobile devices with Internet. An official iPhone

and Android app will be released this fall.

At The Pool started in 2012 as a result of Capecelatro's efforts. The network is based in Los Angeles, CA, and currently has thousands of members across more than 45 countries.



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dents that are in the course.” Coghill suggested that students take advantage of the center early, since they specialize in helping students excel in 1000 and 2000-level foundation courses.

“More and more of their majors are upping the grade point average for students, making it much harder for students to get in,” said Coghill. “As that happens, tutoring becomes the avenue for students to hit high GPAs.”

Sophomore exercise physiology major Savannah Shultz took advantage of the Pirate Tutoring Center last year, where students that have excelled in courses help tutor their fellow Pirates who may be struggling or just wanting to learn more about the content.

“The Pirate Tutoring Center was very helpful. I used it for chemistry and

biology. You hear the content from students, who have different point of views from professors,” said Shultz. “I’m pretty excited for the changes. I think the new technology will be good, and will be a good resource to help to study for my classes.”

Morgan Bralley, a sophomore occupational therapy major, said she is excited for the new upgrades as well.

“I think it’s cool that the students are the ones teaching,” she said. “I plan to use it this year for CHEM 1160, because I know it’s hard and I’m nervous for it.”

Coghill has high hopes for the center. “When it’s done, it will be the best tutoring center in the state, hands down,” said Coghill. “It’s exciting that students are going to get that, but it’s really our tutors who have paved the way in four years for this

to be that important for the university to invest. We’ve been to all the other tutoring centers, we’ve been envious of some other locations, and they’ll be envious of us now.”

Coghill said the hardest part of the transition is the new location, which may be challenging for some to find. The center is located in the 2300 wing of the Old Cafeteria Complex. Coghill encouraged students to enter the building from the Faculty Way side, near the Volunteer Service Learning Center. Signs around the building will help direct students to the location. Students can contact PTC staff at 737-3009 or by emailing tutoring@ecu.edu.

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Greenville City Council debates roommate rule

New amendment will allow four or more unrelated roommates

Rebecca Semar
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, Aug. 9, the town of Greenville held a meeting that determined four or more unrelated tenants will be permitted to live in a house together. Residents gathered to discuss the law and vote on whether or not it still held ground.

The law is a new amendment to the current rule that only three non-related residents can live together. To legally hold four residents, all single household must contain at least 1,500 square feet. In addition, three off-street parking spaces must be provided on-site.

One place greatly affected by the new amendment is an area often referred to as "The Grid," which extends between East 5th Street, Reade Street, Elm Street, and the Tar River, and is home to many East Carolina students. Many houses located on the grid were built decades ago for large families.

Although the old law has been in effect for years, many landlords have chosen to ignore it, with more than three people living together in a house not uncommon. It would be difficult for landlords to find students willing to live in a home with unfilled bedrooms. Nevertheless, it is still illegal. Tenants found in violation of the rule faced eviction, while owners are also subject to punishment.

Despite harsh consequences, both parties continue to take the risk. "I live in a four-bedroom house. Without four people, I could not afford," says an ECU junior.

Now, times have changed. According to town records, 84 percent of the area is renting. Of those renters, most are ECU students. With a changing demographic, it may seem only logical to abolish an old rule first established to prevent brothels.

For years, two sides have been in conflict over the amount of tenants allowed per household. Local landlords and some students believe that the number should be raised to help houses become more affordable. They fear that students will be driven out by high prices.

The other side states that no regulation is placed on the amount of family members allowed to live together, so low-income families will inhabit the area. Based off of known statistics, this could cause an increase in crime.

Landlords also feel increasing the number of tenants will give incentive to private investors to purchase property in the area. This will drastically improve the neighborhood.

The group opposing the change also feels that more residents will only create more issues. They argue the new law will create more trash, more noise and more parking issues. Towns such as Greensboro, Raleigh and Chapel Hill all allow four residents per household and regulate those issues through town resources and the local police force.

Despite the ongoing disagreement, many students did not even know the law existed. "I have lived on (a street in the grid) in a house with more than three people for the last year and a half and had no idea," said an ECU senior.

Although the law was passed, it still is not official. Many landlords fear that it

may be pushed to the side. They would like to see it signed into effect as soon as possible. The group has been

actively working on setting it in motion and they ask that students join in the fight to make the grid a better place

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On the one hand, Chik-fil-A is a backwards, bigoted organization, on the other hand, delicious chicken.

WOW...I go to school for four years to get a degree and I get told by employers that I am overqualified because I have a bachelor degree. What the hell do you people want?? A high school drop out with no front teeth?

Are crocs making a come back? I am so confused...

Hey Jack. Homie don't play that.

Wait, what is the NCC ninja??

Chuck Norris is the reason why Waldo is hiding.

Chuck Norris can sneeze with his eyes open and lick his elbow. At the same time.

One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

"G-VEGAS" is SO dead over the summer! Lets all make a pact to stay and party next year, sound good?!

To the Kiddie camp counselors who stand around on the sidewalk every morning near the Rec Center. You do not own the sidewalk and please step aside when those of us who WORK here 40 hours per week wish to use it. Thank you!

I'm gay and I love Chick-fil-A!!

ECU should've paid off my tuition when my mom lost her job, instead of building a beach, give away iPads, or put HUGE plasma screen TVs in random corners of buildings. Not cool, ECU.

Your class notes are your study guides. If you can't figure that out, then maybe that's why you have bad grades. This isn't elementary school...take some responsibility.

If you're in the library and it is very quiet and people around you are silently studying, could you go someplace else to make a phone call or to have your chat with your friend. Why does this even need saying?

I'm so glad that the Olympics are over so maybe financial aid can actually get s*** done.

Okay freshmen, here is some vital information for you. You go to ECU, not State or UNC, or even Appalachian. So please wear the appropriate apparel. You are a Pirate and should be proud of it.

Thank you to the four guys peeing on the Wendy's dumpster Saturday night. It made my first day back entertaining.

Dear Freshmen, you suck at driving in Greenville. Sincerely, everyone else in Greenville who is not a freshman.

I guess I blacked out the first two years of college because I have no idea how I became a junior.

I got excited when I saw that Rehab was gone, but that quickly went away when I realized it was replaced with another sh*tty club.

Dear freshmen, if you're wearing a State or UNC shirt, I WILL give you the wrong directions. Sincerely, ECU Banana Man.

Whoever stole 2 of my porch chairs, I will find them & when I do, I will make sure you won't be able to sit in any chair ever.

Art collection revealed



John Jarrell
OPINION COLUMNIST

East Carolina University currently holds an extensive collection of African art pieces contributed by three different donors and negotiations are underway which would culminate in the creation of a museum downtown to display these pieces.

The collection, which the three benefactors donated at various times over the last 20 years, is on partial display at various locations on campus.

The majority of the artwork, however, remains dispersed in numerous locations, with most of the material residing unseen in

storage (some may be viewed on the Museum Without Walls website; some are currently on display at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center; some pieces are in the Grey Gallery).

The collection comprises around 800 pieces, including masks, blankets, figural sculptures and items of pure utility, such as stools. The artwork reflects the cultural expressions of several ethnic groups from various African regions, spanning the mountains to the coasts.

Many of the items are visually appealing, but students of ECU should be warned: we cannot approach these works of art as if they were Western creations. Each item was created for a purpose, whether

it was political, religious, or to meet basic daily needs. Many of them were not created for display, even if we display them today.

A successful opening of this venue downtown will benefit both the university and the Greenville community. The greater Greenville community would include students from across Pitt County.

"Share this state resource - state treasure if you will," argues Kenneth Wilburn, an ECU professor specializing in African history. "Share it with the greater community, with Pitt County, to teach."

A downtown location would encourage schools from the region to utilize this resource by making it

more accessible.

The benefits to the students of ECU would be more pronounced. As noted in such East Carolinian Opinion articles as Angus McKellar's "What's the matter with Greenville?" (January 26, 2012), a lack of downtown culture is both a turnoff for potential students and a hindrance to the collegiate experience for those of us who chose to attend ECU.

And while no single location could fill this void, this art museum, coupled with other art projects the city of Greenville is currently

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The affluent make convenient scapegoat

Brian Holloman
OPINION COLUMNIST

What is it about the rich that makes them such wonderful political scapegoats for politicians that need to add that extra glass of "Hateraid" to their morning show breakfast cereal?

Specifically, in America today, at this time, under these circumstances, the flames of class warfare are being lit like no other, emboldened by a president that insists others pay their "fair share," but neglects to define what constitutes fair, how it would make things "fair," nor seems particularly insistent upon freeing his own pocketbook amongst the populace.

The discussions of the president and his policies can wait for another day. I wish to talk about what absurdity it is to blame the rich for all of society's ills, why it is still used as a political tactic and more specifically, the importance the rich play in the economy at large.

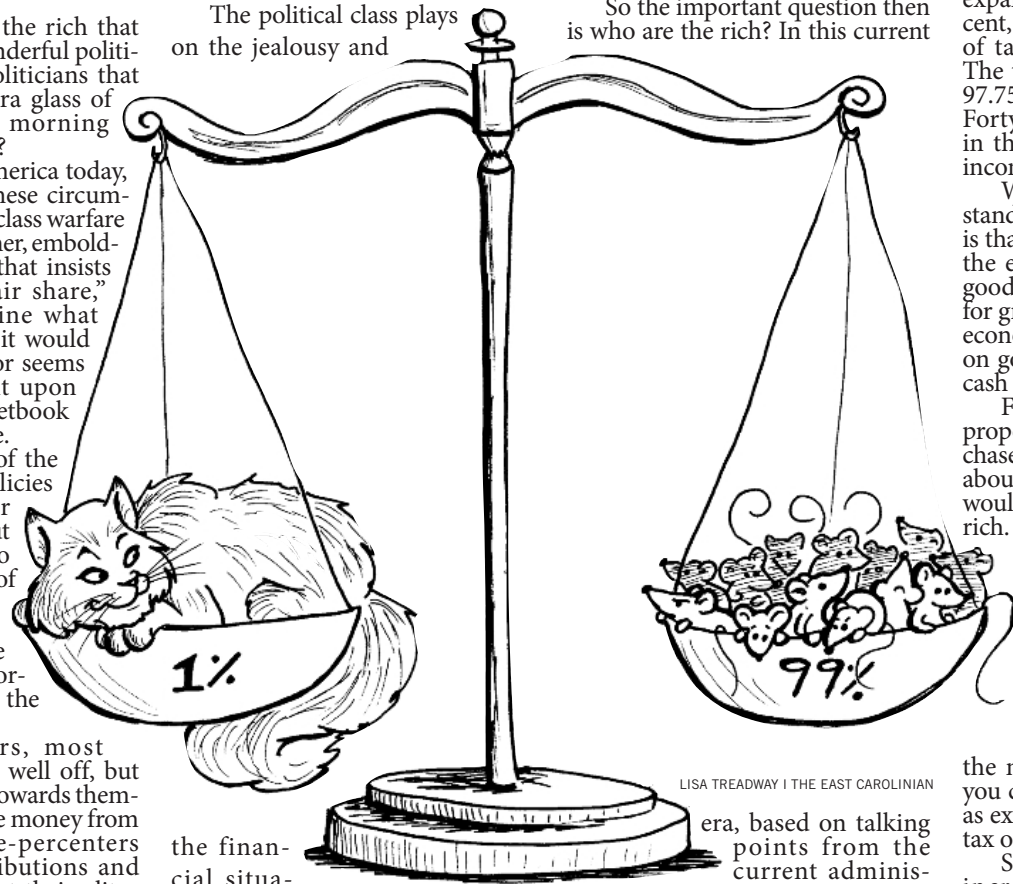
For starters, most politicians are pretty well off, but never direct the rage towards themselves. They often take money from those so-called one-percenters for campaign contributions and hold swanky parties at their glitzy mansions. No, they direct the hate machines toward private enterprise, toward business owners and corporations, accusing them of being some kind of unrepentant evil, while they demonize the free-market capitalistic system, or at least, the one we used to resemble before those very politicians decided that it was better to pick which businesses would succeed and which would collapse, based entirely on political calcula-

tions and machinations. Then those same politicians collect their bounty from these so-called chosen ones.

The political class plays on the jealousy and

the violent and anarchist Occupy crowds.

So the important question then is who are the rich? In this current



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the financial situation of people in this country to try to build a pseudo-Marxian coalition that knows not why they are angry, just simply whom they are angry toward. They are directed to attack the affluent in this country like puppets by the politicians and big donors that pull their strings and subsidize their protests. This very coalition is currently embodied in

era, based on talking points from the current administration, to be rich is more than \$250,000 with a family of four. Thus, practically all small business owners are considered rich. This means that all rich people currently pay 33 percent to 35 percent of their income in taxes, as defined by the tax brackets as they currently exist.

The top one percent of wage earners in this country account for a third (36.73 percent) of tax revenues, this statistic is based on

figures from the National Taxpayers Union. These are people that are making more than \$343,927. If you expand this figure to the top 10 percent, they pay more than two thirds of tax revenues (70.47 percent). The top 50 percent end up paying 97.75 percent of all income taxes. Forty-nine percent of Americans in this country pay absolutely no income tax.

What many people don't understand or do not wish to understand is that the rich essentially stimulate the economy and subsidize many goods and services that others take for granted. It is basic trickle-down economics. The rich spend money on goods and services that infuses cash into the economy.

For example, Bill Clinton once proposed a tax on anyone that purchased a yacht. What he didn't think about is the ramifications such a tax would have on people that weren't rich. Some engineer designed that yacht. Carpenters cut the wood. The plastic and fuel came from petroleum. There are potentially thousands of jobs impacted by such a tax.

No matter how you slice it, everything trickles down toward the middle class. If you trickle-down riches, then the middle class will benefit, but you can also trickle-down poverty, as exemplified in this instance by a tax on yachts.

Similarly, when there is an increase in taxes on corporations and small businesses, those increases are often passed on to the consumers in order for the business to continue to turn a profit, or operate in the black. Thus, all taxes are usually and inevitably passed on to the middle class in this country.

Take the example of Papa John's pizza. Under the tax increases enshrined in the Affordable Health-care Act, colloquially known as

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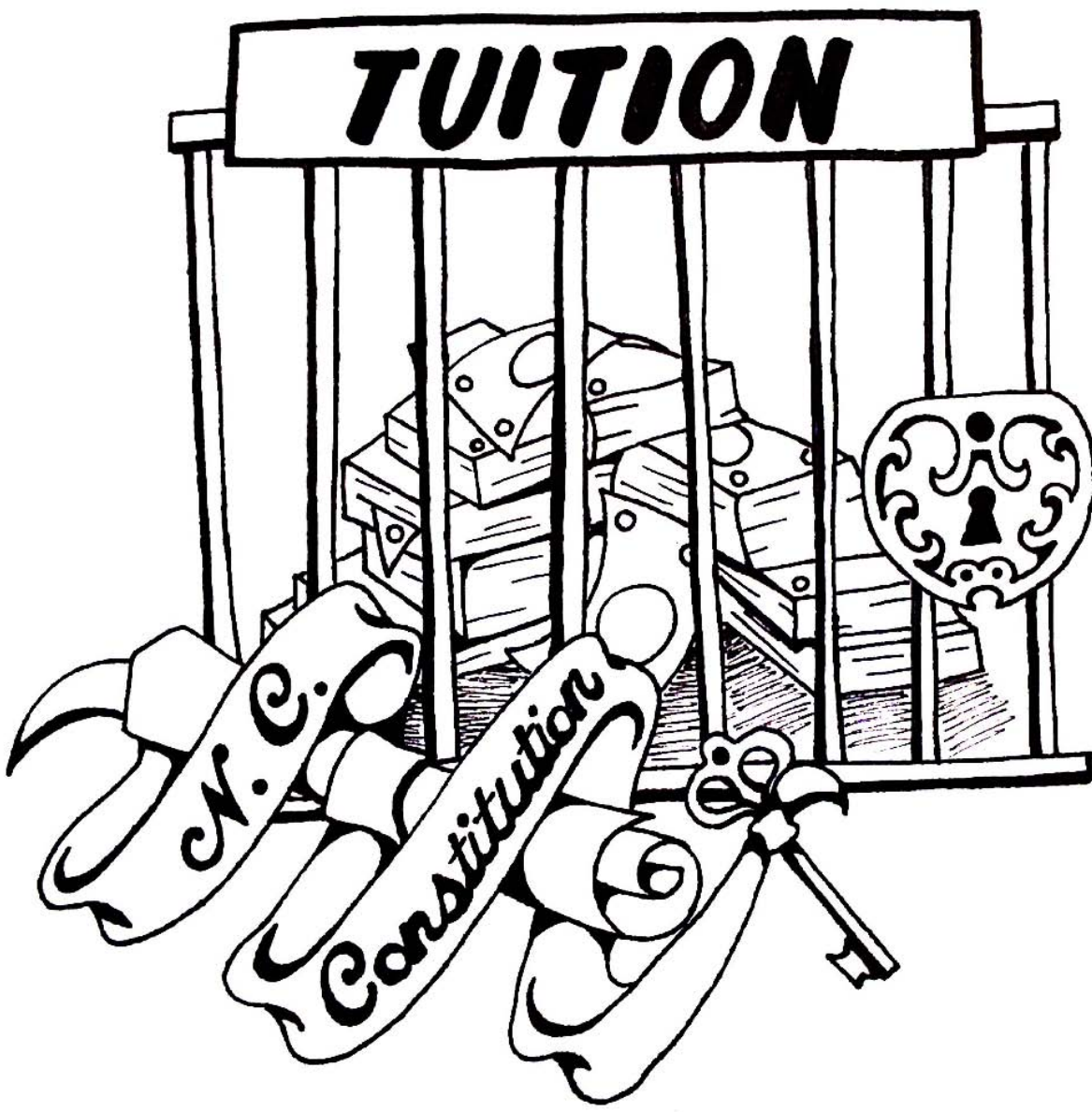
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Education for all

— A concept created but never used —



Andrew Ray Gorman
OPINION COLUMNIST

So we've talked about budget considerations with regard to their distribution amongst the UNC system, as well as the distribution amongst ECU itself. But never have we talked about getting more money for funding these public universities.

It seems like a recurring bad dream. How often when you check the news do you hear about "budget cuts," especially to education? Student tuition just keeps rising and rising, and the options given to this underfunding of higher education are either to cut services and the quality of education, or to raise tuition. According to WRAL, the UNC Board of Governors increased the tuition rate by an average of 8.8 percent on the UNC campuses.

There is no reason it has to be this way. Educators should not have to fear their jobs being cut and tuition should be free for all students, or at least for the poor, and a progressive income tax should be implemented in order to pay for it all.

The tuition is raised because the state assembly keeps allocating less and less funding for education. This is

due to reducing tax revenue that would have otherwise come from the upper income brackets. Is it no wonder these same people they cut taxes for are their financial contributors?

But who are we to complain? The banks, out of their good hearts, are giving students loans. How cute. Students still have to pay these loans back, with interest. And this puts low-income students in a bad position. Not only are we graduating into a bad economy, but we will also be riddled with debt.

A common criticism I hear is that instead of attending a university, one should attend community college. And while I would consider this a valid point, it doesn't help when our state assembly has decreased funding for them by 3.8 percent from the previous year, in spite of a 27.1 percent increase of enrollment. So this alternative is increasingly not as viable as it used to be.

The City University of New York, or CUNY, once implemented free tuition for many students and for all of them during a brief period of time during the early seventies. Now, six out of 11 are still able to qualify for free tuition based on financial need. But I know what you're thinking. Well obviously the socialists

up in New York would do something as evil as provide education for the poor. So how about we turn to our own state?

Charles Aycock, North Carolina governor from 1901 to 1905 and from whom we named our Aycock residence hall after, was one of our largest proponents of public education. Under his administration, teachers had their pay increased, 3,000 schools were built and new buildings were built for existing schools. If there is one critique I can give, it is designating separate schools for whites and blacks.

Students who come from wealthy families are more likely to afford higher education. There is no need for the state to subsidize their tuition. Also, it would then be wasteful of our state to do so when their families would have paid the cost in full anyway. The point is to provide a wealth of opportunity for those who would otherwise remain in poverty.

So why should we constantly have to pick and choose between cutting quality education and increasing tuition? Students and educators need to be fighting back, as our legislators seem so intent on ruining our livelihoods. We need to increase the realm of possibility, we need to stand up for our-

selves against an out of control legislature and we need to reform this system before it goes to the point of no return. Privatization is not the answer, unless you would be okay with restricting education access from the poor. It is imperative that a progressive income tax is created with the intent to fix our public education system.

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developing (as described in my earlier article "An opportunity for downtown development"), would push the downtown scene in the right direction. If the void is to be filled, especially in the context of Eastern North Carolina, this art museum will play a key role.

More so than other projects, an African art museum will promote the study of African contributions to global culture. Eastern North Carolina has the highest percentage of black people in the state and Pitt County is no different (33.65 percent of residents here are black).

Nonetheless, ECU's demographics do not currently reflect these statistics. According to Stateuniversity.com, less than 14 percent of ECU students are African American. ECU, of course, strives to diversify its student body and this would present an opportunity for African Americans to research their roots.

This is not to say that only black students would benefit from the museum, but rather all students interested in Africa. The efforts of several campus-based organizations will be augmented by this museum. These include the ONE Campaign, the African Students' Organization

and Invisible Children, the latter of which recently made national headlines with the "Kony 2012" campaign.

The ONE Campaign is a national organization funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that spreads awareness about federal opportunities to provide aid to the African continent. The Treasurer of the ECU Chapter, Daniel Finch, said, "The museum will definitely help, anything that brings Africa to mind, not only helps us accomplish our national goals, but also invigorates student activity on campus."

Whether a student on campus, a resident of Pitt County, or anyone visiting Eastern North Carolina interested in the roots of modern American culture, this museum will give a person another reason to go downtown. It would be a service ECU provides to students and the community. It will contribute to the cultural experience necessary for the full collegiate experience. What's more, the university already has the impressive collection in storage, now they just need a venue through which they may share it with the world.

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"ObamaCare," the pizza chain will have to raise the price of pizza to continue to have a profitable business. Many other businesses will have to make the same decision soon, if they have not already.

Anyone that pushes for

higher taxes on the rich is inevitably increasing taxes and prices on the middle class, but it's so easy to cloak those taxes in righteous furor against those making more than others. It is why the affluent make such conve-

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Gearing up for the rest of your life

Brian Holloman
OPINION COLUMNIST

As I was writing the article on the transition of love from high school to college, I also thought about just how difficult it is to make that change on a general level. My father always said college is not something you can really prepare for or really understand until you've been there and lived it. I thought he was just kidding and trying to get me to mentally prepare for being away from home, but he was absolutely right.

There is simply no comparison that can be made between high school and college life. In high school, I was still living in my parents' house and could rely on them when I really needed something or when I felt like being lazy. My mom was around to wash my clothes when I didn't feel like doing them, or she would "convince" me to do them myself and all the other chores I had been neglecting. In short, life in high school was pretty much easy street for me because I didn't have to

worry about anything except schoolwork.

College is all about making that leap to adulthood. I had to rapidly learn how to live by myself and take care of my own needs. When I was sick, I had to drag myself to Student Health. When I had to do laundry, I had to strategically plan it so I could grab at least one washer and one dryer before they were all taken up, so usually laundry was done on late Thursday nights or super early Friday morning.

I stayed on campus throughout my time as an undergrad so food and electricity were not that much of a problem, but once I moved to an apartment, it added a whole extra layer of stressors on me that I wasn't really prepared for. When you live on campus with a meal plan, life is just so much easier. I would often blow all of my Pirate Bucks earlier in the year so I could eat like a king from Subway, Chik-fil-A and Señor PeeDee's, but when those ran out, I still had the convenience of the dining hall.

In the apartment, I have

to keep a very careful budget of my money and time. I have to ensure I have enough to pay electricity and food, while also having enough to go out and have fun with my friends. It's like playing some kind of evil real life version of Jenga, where you have to balance all of the pieces on your head and there's a wasp buzzing around your ankles just waiting to ruin your day by stinging you and making you drop all of the pieces and fall into a pit of molten lava.

The transition from high school to college is difficult, but I love the freedom that being in college brings. You're not quite out in the real world with all of its dangers and difficulties, but you're not stuck in the awkwardness of high school either. It is that perfect middle ground, where someone can find out what kind of person they really are and what they really want to be. There's never a dull moment, well, except when you're trying to find an open washer or dryer.

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The ECU election connection

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The summer nears its end and soon the students of ECU will return to school. An incoming class of freshmen will attend college for the first time. Everything will be new to them, but it will not be just the freshmen who will encounter novelty next semester. For many students, this will be the first presidential election experienced on campus—and perhaps the first election experienced as voting age at all. It is an opportunity that should not be wasted.

The campus based presidential election is unique. A student can get involved with like-minded and energetic men and women in order to organize and campaign for not only the president, but also candidates on the state and local level. In doing so, students will encounter educated and energetic men and women with whom they disagree (college is, after all, a place to learn and share ideas). Once they have graduated and moved on, students will never again find themselves immersed in this kind of environment.

This year, ECU's vote could play a major role in deciding on the victor of the presidential election. In 2008, North Carolina emerged as

one of the so-called swing states, with Barack Obama edging out John McCain by 13,692 votes (less than half the student population of ECU). This gave all of North Carolina's 15 electoral votes to Obama. While the last election was won in a landslide, 15 electoral votes might make the difference in a tight race.

Indeed, North Carolina is the 10th most populated state in the nation, and its emergence as a swing triggered unprecedented national attention. This is the reason that the Democratic National Convention is scheduled for Charlotte this year. The 230,000 students of the UNC system will undoubtedly affect the outcome of the elec-

tion, and ECU, as the third largest institution within that system, will play no small role. If the election is any closer than it was in North Carolina in 2008, "ECUnify" could decide the fate of the nation.

As college students, the graduates and undergraduates of ECU face special responsibilities during the election. Students represent the cutting edge of North Carolina's political thought and ideals. Whenever important changes occur in America, there is always corresponding activity concentrated on college campuses. The Civil Rights and anti-war movements of the 1960s and 1970s are poignant historic examples, but this generation will decide what comes next. North Carolina made national news earlier this year when the state voted to

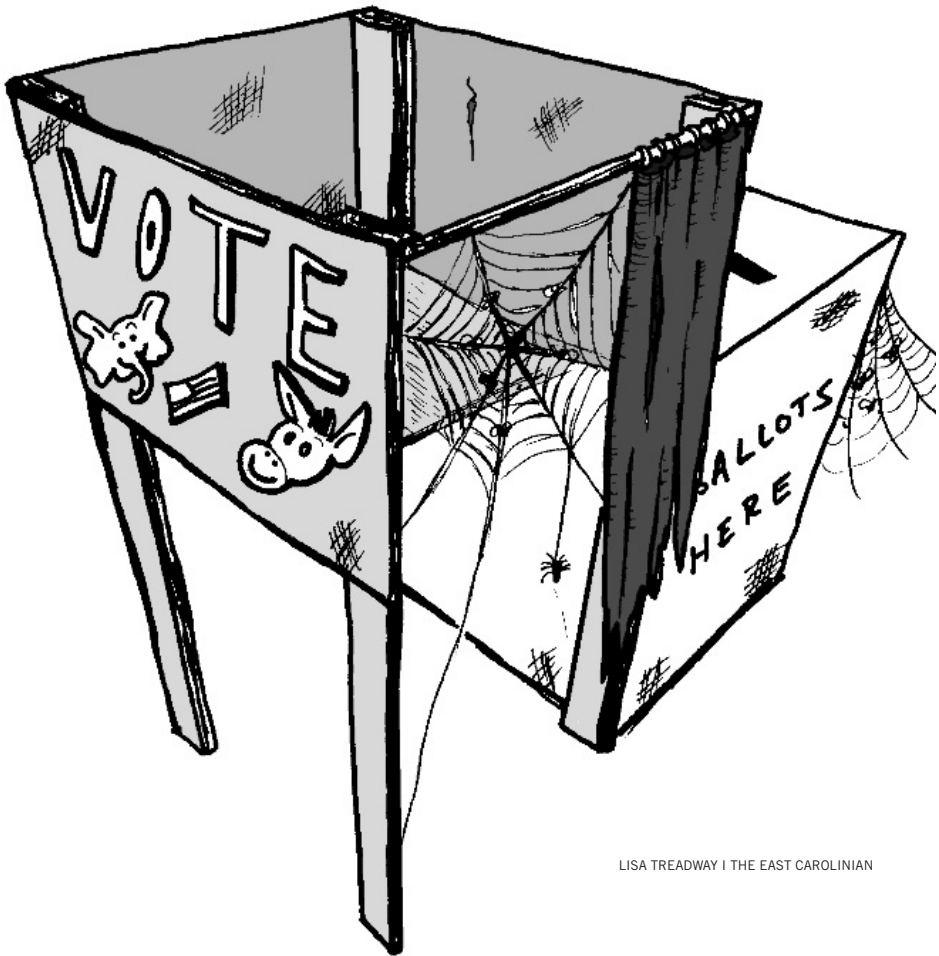
include anti-gay language in the state constitution. Will this be the issue that ignites campus activity in 2012?

There are also selfish reasons for ECU students to follow the presidential election. Perhaps paramount among them is the future cost of current student borrowing. The interest rates of student loans can be adjusted with time, and recent activity on the national level reveals how close the government is to raising the cost of loans that students have already accepted. There is no obvious answer to the student loan question, and for this reason students should pay extra attention to this issue during this election cycle.

As the summer comes to and end, there are plenty of reasons for the students of ECU to feel excited. Another school year is about to begin,

and for each student this means something different. Some are incoming freshmen, some are seniors working on their final projects, and all have something for which to strive. But unlike the typical end-of-summer experience, an event of considerable importance awaits, and one that will color the entire collegiate experience of this Fall semester. Participating in a presidential election on campus is a rare opportunity unavailable to many. Every student should capitalize on this once in a lifetime opportunity and partake, in some form, in 2012's national election.

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Much ado besides clubbing

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It is a timeless question asked by every freshman that steps foot on the East Carolina campus. A question that I once found myself asking once I had settled in to Umstead Hall. So, what is there to do in Greenville anyway?

I mean, of course there is football in the fall and basketball and baseball in the spring, but what was there to do outside of that? I wasn't particularly into the whole club scene, so I had to come up with other things to keep myself occupied. It mostly involved hanging out with friends and coming up with our own ways of having fun. Many a video game night and Halo match was not far behind.

I am sure many of our newest students are pondering the exact same question. You are not alone. The fact is that there are quite a few things to do around Greenville, but not nearly enough in my opinion. There is bowling in Mendenhall as well as the cool Pirate Underground place with pool tables, air hockey and a few game systems.

There is also AMX Bowling off of Red Banks and ice-skating over at Bladez on Ice. For the card and hobby enthusiasts that enjoy Warhammer 40k and Magic:

the Gathering, there is Blue Ox Games over on West 9th street and Gamer's Haven off of Charles. For the more eclectic, the Tippy Teapot features comedians, musicians and all kinds of events on a regular basis.

There are also numerous on-campus groups that you can become part of at Get a Clue, which will be held on August 30 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the Mall, which is the large grassy area near the famous Cupola.

If you're living on campus, the Residence Hall Association is a good way to get involved. They hold many events and service learning opportunities. You could also always join a Fraternity or Sorority. There are also numerous parks within the city that you can goof around at if you felt so inclined.

At night though, the options become fairly limited if you aren't into the whole sketchy uptown club/bar scene. I've spoken at length with my friends about a few things that the uptown area could really use to mix it up a little. Most of the clubs uptown are basically the exact same club copied with a different name, but all have the exact same sketchy atmosphere, or at least have the "this is only a place to go to hook up" kind of atmosphere, and most of us are not particularly fond of those types of places.

I think uptown could use a different change of pace, like

an uptown jazz club with a focus on Big Band and swing music. One of my friends also thought it would be awesome to have an uptown European-style techno bar and I wholeheartedly agree.

One thing I think is seriously missing from Greenville is a gaming café. I feel as though being a college town, Greenville could support a gaming café in the uptown area, particularly if they hosted regular tournaments. I also miss the laser tag place that used to exist in Greenville. I've forgotten the name over time, but I think the students would be really supportive of a place like that. Perhaps the gaming café and the laser tag place could be the same place.

Either way, Greenville offers a lot of things to do if you are willing to go out and adventure. Don't stay in your dorm room all day! Go out and meet new people, explore and expand your horizons! You never know what crazy adventures you will get into during your tenure here at ECU.

If you have a place that you love to go to in Greenville and would like to share it with other students, make sure to post it in the comments section of The East Carolinian online edition!

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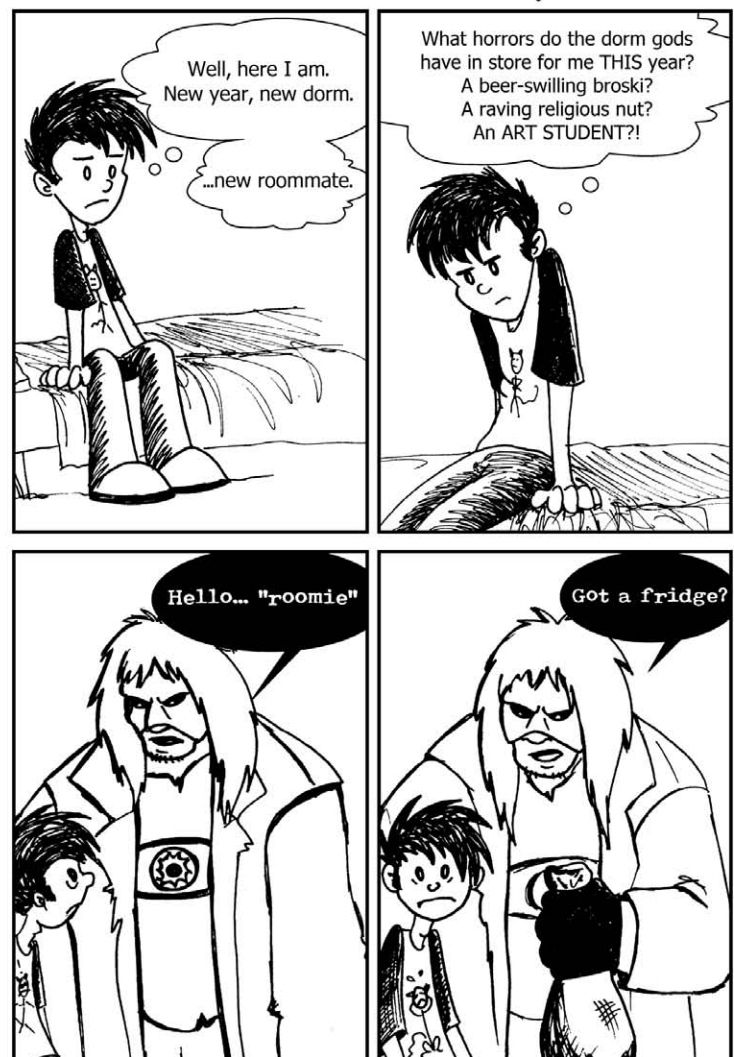
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Every fall semester is the commencement of a new beginning. One where changes are made in order to better our fellow peers and ourselves.

At ECU this fall, actions have been made in order to mandate, or require, all incoming freshmen to live on campus their first year. While this may startle some people, I was quite surprised that ECU is just now starting to implement this policy.

The Board of Trustees proposed this issue a while back. The university task force sought this as a beneficial policy that would bring positivity to each incoming freshman. Not only in terms of safety, but also in enhancing one's living experience on campus.

The university task force revealed that students who live on campus, as oppose

to living off campus, as freshmen, are more likely to achieve better grades and graduate on time.

According to William McCartney, associate vice chancellor for campus living and dining services, stated that, "The interest in a freshman residency requirement at ECU is driven by the universities interest to see students be successful academically and personally during their first year of college. Campus housing makes the transition from home to college easier for first year students. They are closer to class and other academic support services and have the vast majority of their basic needs made easier from dining to meeting new friends and getting involved in campus activities by living on campus."

What you are probably thinking next is how will this

new requirement not lead to over-crowding? On College Hill, Tyler residence hall was renovated this summer and are move-in ready for the incoming freshmen. Also, plans to demolish Belk after 2014 have been conducted so that several new buildings will be built where the declining state of Belk now sits. These new buildings will have additional bed spaces and a considerable amount of housing types for students to choose from.

On-campus housing does not just accommodate freshmen, but also other transfer and upper-classmen students. About 1,500 returning students decide to come back to a dorm residence for another year or two. These pirates will be put into a fair and proper housing arrangement without being left out of the experience.

Schools like UNC-Chapel Hill and others across the nation have had this mandatory living arrangement for some time. Whether over-crowding will become problematic or not, the college experience always starts with dorm life.

I feel as though, over-crowding will come back to

bite the university in the butt. Other swift actions should be made, such as adding or expanding residence halls. The university should not underestimate or fall short of space for its future learners.

Whatever future plans the school has in the next coming years, I know that for the time being, students

will surely extract all the desired benefits in order to heighten their college experience. While there are many prosperous years to come, it is important to continue to think and plan ahead.

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Cabin fever for the life long learner

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Let me begin by saying welcome back pirates! I trust that the summer was enough to recharge your batteries as we barrel into a brand new year full of homework, classes, jobs, keeping up with family, partying with friends, and gluing ourselves to our social and media devices. I think I may need another "unplugged" vacation just thinking about it all.

We tend to find ourselves everywhere but the present more often than not. I never leave my room without my phone, and when I am in my room, I usually have my computer open to Facebook. Do not get me wrong, I like social networking and texting as much as the next person, but I do miss the genuine face-to-face conversations I grew up with.

Every time we text, IM, or comment on a friend's Instagram picture, there is an air of uncertainty. There is no guarantee that your friend texting you back is actually your friend, and if I had a nickel for every time a text message had been misunderstood because I didn't use the right emoticon, I could retire at 25.

The point being, it is healthy, mentally and physically, to cut the uncertainty and stress out of our daily

conversations and actually look at our friends when we talk to them. As an uncertified doctor, I am prescribing all of my readers to find a vacation spot away from civilization; no phones, no computers, just nature.

My spot happens to be in the mountains of North Carolina, about 45 minutes from home. I feel at home every time my friends and I travel to the cabin. My fondest memories come from this cabin as well as some of the most important decisions of my life.

It is nothing extravagant; a simple concrete building with a bathroom and necessary kitchen utilities. However, I tend to forget about even these simple amenities while sitting around the fire or swimming in the creek. Without the distractions of everyday life, I am alone with my own thoughts, and while my friends accompany me, the time we spend at this cabin is genuine and rehabilitating.

My most recent trip turned out to affect me more than ever. Over this past summer, I had picked up smoking cigars. Not the healthiest habit, I know, but it had created this distance between my father and I that had placed stress on both of our lives. After our initial conversation on the matter, I had the classic college men-

tality. I can do whatever I want. I am a college student after all.

The time at the cabin gave me time away from distractions and time to myself. I was left alone at night with my own thoughts swimming circles in my head. As a result, I made the decision to stop smoking. I owe my lungs and my relationship with my father to that cabin.

Every time I come home from a cabin trip I feel rejuvenated and reborn. I like to think I am such an easy-going and happy individual because of my annual cabin retreats. However, the interesting thing is that when I think about my own experiences, I cannot help but to think of other people with heavier burdens than my own. Imagine if we all had a cabin to retreat to when life gets stressful.

My main message is that people need to slow down when they can and summer is the perfect time for that. I hope that my readers visited their cabin over the summer, and if not, I hope they find one next summer. All this technology is great, but we need to revisit nature and simplify life occasionally to maintain our human element. After all, we were born naked, and without wifi.

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Do you recognize your intuition as a valuable asset, Aries? Some people do and some don't. Which group are you in? It can be easy to trust more in concrete, factual reality than in the things you can't touch, yet your intuition can serve you more than you may realize. That gut feeling you experience can guide you toward greatness and alert you to danger. Trust it more.



Taurus (Apr 20 -May 20)

Use your creativity to make things happen today, Taurus. This doesn't have to take the form of a finished product. You can come up with new and innovative ways to approach a task, project, or problem. Trust your ability to discover such things. You're known for your sharp thinking and creative abilities. Combining them can make you unstoppable when finding solutions to almost any problem.



Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

Find new ways to expand your horizons, Gemini. The web has an infinite number of resources and information to explore. Not only that, but your community and local colleges offer various courses to choose from. Think about what you'd enjoy learning - perhaps a new job skill or craft. Whether it's judo or Italian or woodworking that strikes your fancy, it's out there. Find it.



Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

Step out of your usual role, Cancer. Doing this every now and then can add knowledge and expand your life. The day's planetary aspects favor such growth. Your willingness to walk a different path can give you far more than you imagine. Try something you've never considered before. Go to a new place. Change your desk around. See what you can discover about yourself and the world.



Leo (July 23 -Aug 22)

Are you satisfied with your current career, Leo? If not, start by making a plan. There are specific steps that you can take to give you the greatest advantage in the opportunities available. Consider visiting online career sites. There are wonderful articles and tips for the taking. Don't settle for less than you deserve. See what's out there and find a more fulfilling career.



Virgo (Aug 23 -Sep 22)

If you feel tired, Virgo, you may need to close your eyes and listen to soothing music. You work hard most of the time, so do your body and mind some good and just relax and listen to your favorite music. Even a few minutes will make a difference. You can always use the quiet time to plan if you feel you need to accomplish something.



Libra (Sep 23 -Oct 22)

Make your dreams valuable tools for insight, Libra. Back in the old days, great rulers believed so strongly in the insight of dreams that they employed interpreters. Whether you think dreams are mystical insights or random thoughts, you can gain a lot from them. Reoccurring dreams are significant and can point to something that needs addressing. Consider exploring this area.



Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

Follow your instincts, Scorpio. Even if you have a tendency to listen more to your reason, put that aside. While your ears can hear words, your intuition can hear what's between the lines and provide you with a much



A day in the life:

Academic Advisor

Rex Rose
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After hitting the snooze button a few times, it is now a little after 6:20 a.m. Jennifer Cabacar wakes to find her husband, who teaches business and coaches volleyball at J.H. Rose High School, already up and balancing the checkbook.

Cabacar, who received her undergraduate and graduate degree from ECU, hits the floor with her feet pointed toward the coffee maker. And by the time she begins her second cup, she is beginning to think about what her day as a professional advisor in the School of Communication will hold.

By 7:30 a.m., she is leaving the house in just enough time to drop off her four-year-old daughter at daycare and make it to her office in the Old Cafeteria Complex by 8:00 a.m. With the school year beginning, Cabacar does not get the chance to ease into her morning, but instead jumps head first into walk-in appointments to handle all the schedule changes that come with the beginning of school.

"For that first week of school, it is all hands on deck. It is advising at its best or worst depending on how you want to look at it, but we know that that's a time where there are some mad-crazy schedule changes," said Cabacar. "What we do in our center is we have walk-in hours, or what some advisors are starting to call 'express advising.'"

Until noon, you can find Cabacar wading her way through individual meetings of five to 10 minutes and solving as many issues as she possibly can within this four-hour window. Around 11:30 a.m., she stops adding names to her list and finishes up her last walk-in visits before she takes lunch.

"We usually do about an hour lunch to refuel, refresh, recharge and then come back," said Cabacar. "And at one o'clock, I am ready to start taking appointments."

The afternoon marks the beginning of Cabacar's 30-minute appointments. During this time, she not only handles

face-to-face appointments, but also handles phone and Skype meetings as well.

On this particular day, she spends her first appointment at 1:00 p.m. talking on the phone with a distance education student about how to access Blackboard and refreshing their memory on how to make schedule changes, as well as planning for spring semester classes.

At 1:30 p.m., she has a face-to-face meeting with a freshman communication major that needs to be switched to a different section of Communication Theory. She also discusses the different concentrations and helps the student make the decision to go with public relations over print journalism, since the student is more interested in the corporate world.

Right before 2:00 p.m., Cabacar rushes off to the second floor of the Brewster building where she assumes the role of professor. Cabacar teaches a 50-minute freshman seminar class called COAD. In this class, she helps students understand the ins and outs of calculating GPA, teaches important study habits, and gives advice on everything from football games to Halloween in Greenville.

After class, she returns to her office where she takes more appointments and phone calls until 4:30 p.m., when she turns her attention to her e-mail, handling situations that cannot wait until the next day.

Cabacar leaves work a little after 5 p.m. and heads to pick up her daughter from daycare, changing from academic savior to mother, chef, wife and entertainer.

Her time from after work until 9 p.m. consists of cooking dinner, cleaning up, readying her daughter for the next day, and finally putting her to bed. But before bed, comes the huge decision whether to play cards or read books.

After a compromise between her daughter wanting three books and Cabacar knowing there is only time for one, they decide on two books. After the two books are read and her little girl is asleep, she has an hour or so to herself. During



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Cabacar, communication advisor, advises students during the day.

this self-proclaimed "veg time," Cabacar feasts her eyes on her favorite TV shows.

"I love TV. I am a TV junkie... and it is just time to veg and chill out. I love reality TV. I love the detective shows, too. I am getting into 'The Mentalist' and 'The Closer,'" said Cabacar. "I love 'Glee'; I like 'So You Think You Can Dance'; and I love, love, love 'The Big Bang Theory.'"

After around an hour's dose of reality and comedy television, Cabacar catches some of the 10 o'clock news and then heads to bed to catch some z's before she lives another day as a mother, wife, friend, TV fanatic, and of course, an academic advisor.

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Meet the columnists



Lindy Maddux
FASHION COLUMNIST

Wait...you're kidding me right? Schools back in session already? Am I really writing a fashion column right now? Wow, where'd the time go? Well for those of you who don't know me, welcome to East Carolina University! My name is Lindy Maddux. I'm a senior fashion-merchandising student here and I'm going to be your go-to style columnist for the year! At least once a month I'll be sharing fun and interesting fashion and beauty tips that will help you transition from season to season and desk to downtown. Whether it's a column regarding the hottest styles that cross the catwalk, or a how-to piece about the latest magazine must haves, it's my duty to help the heart of Pirate Nation stay on trend-track! The school year is finally here, and so is new style...

Let me tell you, Pirates, this summer sure did fly by! While we're sad to say farewell to our school friends, the festivities we enjoyed were nothing but epic. Bonfires, bikinis, cool drinks on hot nights, beach trips and staying up for hours on end are the things that make summer so special. But don't worry, just because we're back doesn't mean they have to disappear till next August! Here in Greenville there's plenty more where that summer fun came from.

Want to know what else is momentarily here to stay? Summer fashion! Put a hold on the boots and cardigans, ladies. Toss back the blazers, boys. Just because class is in session doesn't mean cold weather clothes should be coming out of your closets. One thing that's fun

about arriving at ECU in August is keeping your bathing suits, flip-flops, backless tank tops and short shorts constantly stocked. Soon, summer style will be transitioning to warmer clothes and closed toed shoes, so lets take advantage of it while we can. Students pride themselves on living in the moment, so why not soak up summer? Whether that means partying hard at the pool, going wild and crazy in The Boneyard, working hard in school or embracing your personal style on your first day of class, it's your choice to make. So choose wisely, stay trendy and keep your eye out for more columns to come! I'm sure you won't regret it.

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Hannah Ross
DIY AND FOOD COLUMNIST

Have you ever been out and about and seen something in a store or display and thought... "I would love to make that..." or been perusing Pinterest and wondered if these crafty mom types are telling the truth and if these projects really are as easy as they claim? Are you sick of cafeteria food and the usual alternative of Gourmet Ramen noodle no longer tickling your fancy? Then join me every week for either a DIY article or cooking column. Here in Lifestyles every week, I will be walking with you and sharing some DIY and cooking guidelines, tips and lessons I have learned in

my four years of stomping these Greenville streets. While in nursing school, I have found refuge from the non-stop studying and clinical grind in my kitchen, where I love to experiment with flavors and fill the bellies of the ones I love. On any given Saturday you can find me at a thrift store or yard sale looking for someone else's trash to become my treasure! So as I enter into my last semester, I know the pressures of school and job hunting is only going to intensify, and I will be looking to engage my creativity (to give my brain a break!) at every down moment. Join me this semester as we escape into the world of DIY and

cooking! Let's engage our imaginations, get inspired and create together! I hope by the end of the semester your pallet has expanded, you have tried something new, you are looking at normal objects and letting your imagination run wild with possibility and have begun to create a living space that is really reflective of you and your personal style! If college is not the perfect place for exploring and trying new things, then I don't know where is! So let's explore and create together!

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Mikayla Locklear
RELATIONSHIP COLUMNIST

As an incoming super senior here at East Carolina, I would have to say my crowning achievement thus far has been playing a perfect game of Dirty Catchphrase. Since everyone loves a good stigma, how about this one, "Pirates get the most booty." For some, this is more than a saying, more than a fact... it's a way of life. If our crowning achievement here at ECU must be that we throw great parties and have a generally

bangable student population, I see no reason not to embrace this. Alas, before the masses are offended, I am not here to objectify anyone (though I am, for one, not above such behavior). I am here for more than that, with hard-hitting articles on subjects such as but not limited to: pointers on how to get that cute girl in your Chem lecture to notice you in a class of 200, and even the truth your friends aren't going to tell you about why that frat guy you let get to third base last week after the bar isn't responding to your

noon text. Think of me as an older sister who genuinely wants the best for you. Greenville can be a dog-eat-dog world when it comes to matters of the heart but remember that Princess Rhi Rhi has declared it possible to find love in a hopeless place! On a completely unrelated note, I'm an English major who hates grammar (no, I don't want to be a teacher), Pocahontas is my soul sister and Stephen Colbert has fathered my dream children. I'll be

around the pages of your favorite school newspaper to drop some knowledge every so often. I'm also an avid downtowner, so if you see me out and about with an idea for an article approach me! Promise I don't bite... strangers.

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Alumna 'Glitz' it up in Pennsylvania



Ashton Whitmoyer, spring of 2012 graduate, moved back to her hometown of Lititz, Penn. to start up her business. The store sells troll beads, Scout bags, jewelry, decals and monogrammed items. CONTRIBUTED

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For most college graduates, figuring out what to do after graduation is one of the hardest decisions they face in their adult life. Some go to graduate school, while others do internships and work side jobs to make ends meet. In Ashton Whitmoyer's case, she opened her very own boutique, "Glitz," exactly three weeks after graduation in the Spring of 2012.

In the fall of Whitmoyer's senior year, she had been planning for the GRE, looking into different graduate schools and was thinking about being a school guidance counselor. By the time she was ready to graduate in the spring, she had taken a completely different path.

"It has always been my dream to open a store and when I was applying for grad school, I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do," said Whitmoyer. "Then this opportunity just came up in my town to have this store and I decided to go for it."

According to Whitmoyer, the idea came about when she came home for Christmas break her senior year. One of

her bosses in her hometown of Lititz, Pennsylvania told her about the location opening up and that she should consider opening up a business in retail.

With the help of her family, friends and boyfriend, Whitmoyer was able to fund her business, as well as come up with the products to sell in her store. Finding products to sell in her store was a mixture between merchandise research and the financial standing of the college age group.

"I really wanted to have a price point that our age group could afford," said Whitmoyer. "I wanted to have affordable, unique items that people wouldn't feel bad spending with the way today's economy is."

The products she carries in her store include troll beads, where people can make bracelets with beads that have different meaning, Scout bags, jewelry, decals and monogrammed items.

"It was huge for me to bring monogramming to the North because a lot of places in the North don't have monogramming," said Whitmoyer. "It was a risk to bring monogram-able items into

the store, but people have loved them."

Her store is located in Lancaster County on Main Street, a very touristy area. The Amish Country and the events that take place in her town have provided great business for her store.

Though the revenue gained from tourists is very beneficial to the business, the people and accolades are what motivate Whitmoyer the most. "I don't care if they buy something. I just genuinely want to get you in here so we can talk."

"There is no greater feeling than hearing compliments about the store," said Whitmoyer. "I could sell a ton of stuff in one day, but it is the compliments that matter most to me."

While changing career paths last minute can be very hard for some students, Whitmoyer's mom, Kristle Evans, an ECU alumna, knew that this was the right fit for her daughter.

"I have complete confidence that she is going to do well with this because she has worked throughout her college career in retail and has enjoyed doing the kind of product line she has now,"

said Evans.

Even though her store has only been open for almost three months, Whitmoyer is already thinking about expanding.

"I already feel like I need a bigger store because I keep bringing in more cool lines," she said. "I want to be able to hire people and have employees, and when I have my family, I want my kids to be hanging out in the back."

Evans, on the other hand, feels she needs to take it a step at a time, but applauds her daughter's enthusiasm.

"I never felt that you should hold someone back from a dream that they may have, because you always have regrets if you never pursue your dream," said Evans.

College is a time where students begin to weigh their options when it comes to their future. Not everyone will use their degree and not everyone has to go to graduate school, which is something Whitmoyer wants to emphasize

to students. Life is all about choices and opportunities and making the best of every moment.

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Big Bubba's Burgers

Bubba brings burgers to another level



Big Bubba's Burgers, located at 4054 Memorial Drive, offers a unique spin-off of food favorites. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

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I was recently running errands with a friend of mine when I realized it was two o'clock on a summer afternoon and I hadn't eaten yet. The gnawing feeling of hunger hit like a bomb and I knew just what I wanted: a burger.

With so many choices in Greenville, I decided upon a place that had just opened its doors and promised not to disappoint my calorie-deprived stomach: Big Bubba's Burgers.

I went to the burger joint which is located at the shopping center next to Pitt Community College expecting to find a crowd of people lining up to taste this new addition to the Greenville dining scene. Instead, I found a restaurant with three employees and three customers.

To be honest, this simple observation scared me a little and I hoped that this wasn't a sign of the quality of the food that I was about to consume. With a little bit of hesitation, I began to look over the menu. And the hesitation did not stop there. There were not a lot of choices on the one-page menu and

most of them were burgers, while the others consisted of sandwiches, sausages, hotdogs and chicken fingers.

Then I stumbled across something that caught my attention: "Krispy Kreme any burger for \$.99!" As soon as our waitress returned to take our order, I inquired about what exactly "Krispy Kreiming" a burger meant. She explained, and in less than 10 minutes, I found out.

Before me sat a quarter pound of angus beef in between the top and bottom half of a doughnut. Yes, I said it, a doughnut... as a bun. A Krispy Kreme doughnut at that. I bit into this foodie's dream and witnessed a flavor combination that is different from anything I have ever tried. I was really surprised by how much I enjoyed the combination of the sugary doughnut and the succulent beef. I couldn't put this godsend of a burger down, and before my friend could finish half of her regular burger, I was licking my fingers and digging into the fries.

After the fries that I enjoyed with the fresh made Bubba's sauce, I guiltily picked up my menu and began to glance over other options that I could enjoy. I may have been thinking with my stomach, but it didn't let me down because the cheddarwurst in a pretzel bun was

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Local police give students safety advice



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Everyone has a new schedule to get used to. Friends moving back into their apartments, the temperature slowly declining, the anticipation for the first home football game, the buzz of students running from one class to another, and looking forward to Friday night and hating Monday morning are all things that signal the start of the new school year.

For years, the beginning of another school year has marked the end of the slow-pace summer days and ushered in a busier time of school and friends, studying and partying, attending class and craving sleep. For college students, the fall semester is a return to normalcy, and with that comes a contagious feeling of excitement that is caught by almost everyone and then expressed downtown on the weekend. This mix of alcohol, fun and energy, while enjoyable for some, can become an unknowing nightmare for others.

While you may call the first six weeks of school fun, the ECU Police Department and other safety departments on campus have come to know them as a time of increased sexual assault and rape—otherwise known as the red zone. These various departments also know that freshmen are at higher risk.

“I think the reason for that is because they are inexperienced, first time away from home, and they want to fit in. They are more likely to do more risky behavior because they do want to fit in,” said Sue Molhan, victim advocate coordinator for the ECU Police Department. “They may drink more than what they were accustomed to drinking and they are so impaired that they can’t give consent.”

It is easy to see why the youngest students on campus are the most likely to be victims of sexual assault or rape. A lot of these students may not have had much experience with alcohol before, and may not be familiar with the Greenville party scene, which can make for a bad combination.

“Also, they have interviewed a lot of upperclassmen, not here but in other universities and they said that they actually target freshman because they know that they are vulnerable, and that they want to fit in really badly and they will do almost anything,” said Molhan.

While the situation may seem bleak, there are many strategies that Molhan discusses when she gives her Sexual Assault presentation.

- Watch your drink at parties.
- Avoid excessive drinking.
- Have a buddy system.
- If you feel unsafe, leave.
- Report the crime.

While these rules may seem like common sense, when alcohol gets involved, things become a lot less clear-cut.

“The drug of choice is alcohol, and the reason for that is because it is inexpensive. It is easy for students to get and it is not really against the law unless they are underage,” said Molhan.

Many young girls are actually intoxicated when they are sexually assaulted, and for this reason, many of them are afraid to report the crime in fear of getting themselves in trouble.

“A lot of them don’t want to report, because, well one, they don’t know the system and they don’t even know who to go

to, and two, if they do come, they are afraid they are going to get in trouble because they were drinking and they were underage...and that will not happen,” said Molhan. “The most important thing is to help them out because they were sexually assaulted, that is the big crime, not that they were drinking.”

Molhan, who is located in room 2213 of the Old Cafeteria Complex, is willing to help any student who has experienced a sexual crime.

“The most important thing is for them to report so they do not suffer in silence,” said Molhan. “And they can come to my office and talk to me anytime.”

According to data from the ECU Police Department, “Most survivors of sexual assaults are full-time students. Approximately one-third of them are first year students between 17-19 years old.”

Molhan does not just talk about sexual assault and rape prevention; she also helps spread the word by conducting different community awareness events. One of these is the Take Back the Night March and “Walk a Mile in her Shoes,” which is going to be held on September 24 at 6 p.m. Supporters will march in high-heels to show their support for victims of sexual assault and rape, and hope to increase awareness especially among the most vulnerable.

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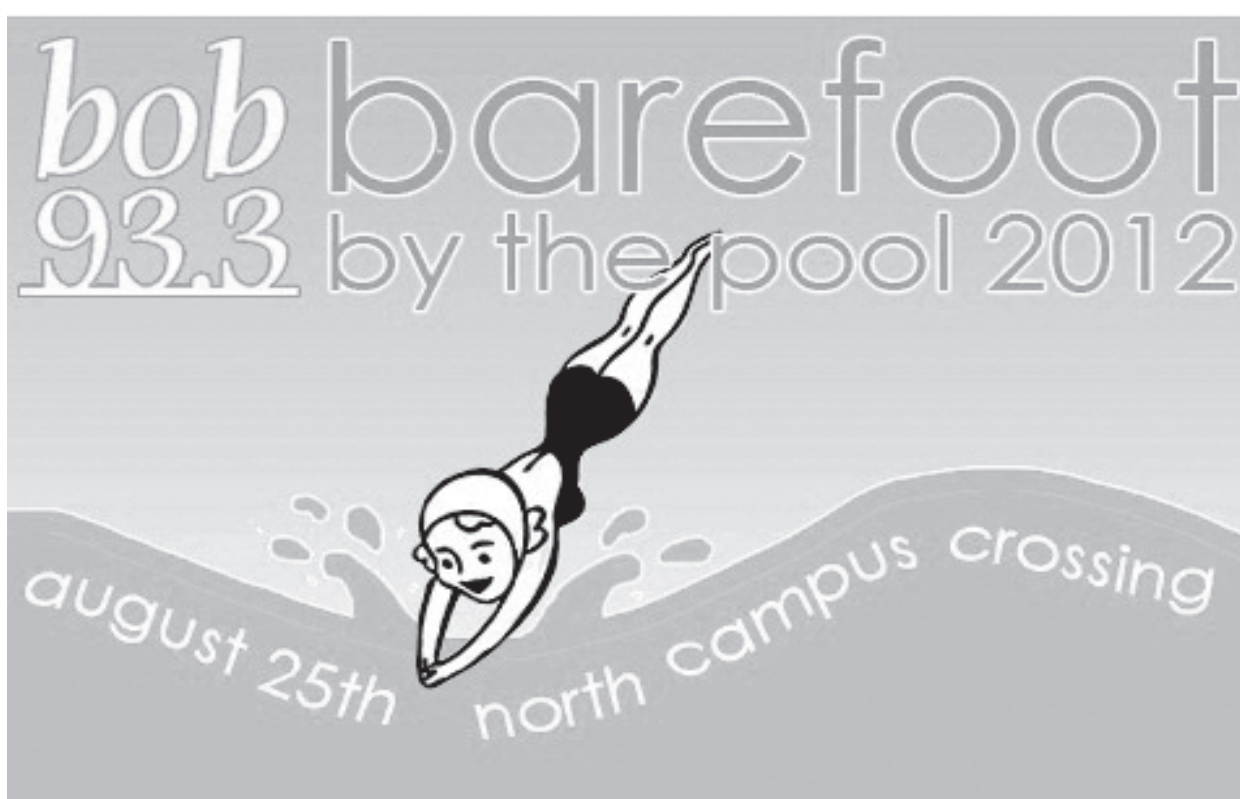
Now that school has officially started, it is time for students to make the transition from laying out in the sun all day, to taking notes all day. Saying goodbye to summer can be very hard for most students to grasp. Fortunately for residents of North Campus Crossing and all other eligible students, Bob 93.3 is proud to present Bob's Barefoot by the Pool as a consolation for summer coming to a close.

After the first week of classes winds down, students will be able to enjoy some great music and have a good time at North Campus Crossing between noon and 3 p.m. on August 25.

The promotion coordinator for Bob 93.3, Laura Nichols, said that Bob's Barefoot by the Pool is, "A big end of the summer pool party and kind of a kick off to the new school year for ECU."

Although Bob 93.3 is one of the primary radio stations along the east coast of North Carolina, Nichols said the atmosphere that Greenville gives off makes it the most appealing area to throw this end of summer bash.

"There is such a presence with ECU being there," said Nichols. "It just seems to be a good area and a good crowd, that is kind of a younger age group, that will come in and have a good time."



Bob 93.3 will be hosting Bob's Barefoot by the Pool at North Campus Crossing to help kick off the upcoming semester.

Bob 93.3 has been known for having a good choice of artists for this event in the past, including Boys Like Girls, We the Kings, Juke Kartel and local band Spare Change.

This year, Spare Change will once again be the opening act and will be performing at noon. They will be followed by DJ Gare "The Spyder" Stevens, who will be playing some of the most popular songs of the summer.

The concert will end with RCA recording artist Sammy Adams, who will be performing at 2:30 p.m.

The headliner, Sammy Adams, has recently become known by his single "Only One," but he made his first debut with a remix to Asher Roth's single "I Love College," which he changed to "I Hate College." According to Nichols, Adams' music style falls under a mixed genre that incorporates music styles

such as hip-hop, rap and electronic dance.

"Apparently he has this big crowd following him in the college scene, so we thought he'd be a big hit for this concert," said Nichols.

Unfortunately, last year's Barefoot by the Pool had to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Irene. Though the rescheduled date ended up being muggy, North Campus Crossing

residents were still able to enjoy themselves.

Sophomore, Megan Lini, said, "Even though it wasn't really nice outside, we still had a lot of fun and the music was great."

In order to get tickets for the event, students can go out to Bob 93.3's last ticket stop on Friday at the Trade Wilco right outside of North Campus Crossing. Tickets are also available on etix.com for \$10 each.

This end of summer celebration is sponsored by some of Greenville's familiar companies such as Bojangles, Pepsi, Suddenlink, Trade Wilco and of course, North Campus Crossing. According to Nichols, Bojangles will be giving out some free Bojangles gift cards at the event.

Barefoot by the Pool is open to anyone who is 18 or older as long as they have a ticket. Bob 93.3 will be giving out wristbands to anyone who is 21 or older so they can feel free to drink. Like all pool party events, glass is not allowed.

Even though saying goodbye to summer and hello to homework is not one of many students favorite exchanges, this pool party is one that can help make summer last just a little bit longer.

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absolutely amazing. This dream of sausage and cheese did not fail to disappoint and it truly tasted like something I would expect from a neighborhood cookout.

As if the sausage infused with cheddar cheese wasn't enough, the browned and doughy pretzel bun truly took this dream of a sausage dog to the next level, especially with a little mustard added to it.

The only bad thing about this last dish was the slaw that tasted of warm mayo and way too much salt and pepper. Another negative of Big Bubba's was that the actual restaurant décor wasn't much of anything to look at. It didn't

have the fresh feeling of a place that had just opened, but more of the stale look of a diner that doesn't get eaten at often.

While the look of the restaurant might not have been very modern, the way the staff took our orders was. I thought our waitress was about to send a text message, but instead she was actually using the small iPhone like computer that she is given at the beginning of every shift to take orders with.

Another plus to Bubba's is that they are open until 2 a.m., Monday through Saturday, which is always a plus in this college town. Bubba's also offers a Pirate Night, where everything is 20 percent off

to ECU students.

What this new restaurant lacks in menu options and visual stimuli, it makes up for with inventive takes on classics such as the cheeseburger and sausage dog. All-in-all, I give a thumbs-up to this affordable and tasty burger shop and think this is a good option for college students who are in need of a filling and tasty meal.

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Keen for quinoa: benefits of the trending super food



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Quinoa, a newly popular grain that acts as a protein, can be used to spice up any lack-luster dish.

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For most consumers, healthy eating has been a reactive scoff, but for others, with meatless diets or goals for weight loss, it is a serious search for survival and satisfaction. To find a perfect balance of the “yum factor” and actual nutritional benefits is a daily battle, but it doesn’t have to be that way. Recently I have encountered a curious grain, thanks to a vegetarian friend, called quinoa [keen-wah] that possesses both qualities of taste and integrity, scoff not included. I have previously punched my vegetarian card, as a failed phase, finding sources of protein, like beans, yogurt and cheese to be monotonous and insufficient. Quinoa is the new (Subway coined) “super food” that masquerades as a carbohydrate, but satiates like protein. And unlike pasta or rice, it does not leave indulgers bloated or regretful.

The daytime television guru for hypochondriacs, also known as Dr. Oz, is an avid fan of whole grains, especially the complex variety, preaching, “Quinoa is a whole grain and a complete protein--a rare combination.” Miraculously for vegetarians, vegans or just curious health nuts, “One serving of quinoa can provide 24 grams of protein,” and by continuously choosing whole grains, “cutting back on white flours, highly processed carbohydrates and increasing your protein intake improves levels of blood triglycerides and HDL (the good cholesterol),” said Oz.

After visiting his official site (droz.com), I

discovered more surprising quinoa uses from “the great and powerful Oz” himself that could bulk up a soup instead of white rice or pasta, add fluff to blueberry muffins, or even bind together meatballs for a hearty marinara sub. Although his professional opinion is comically diluted by his kid-friendly, theatrical explanations sometimes including tunnels that look more suited for a dog show obstacle course (representing a patient’s intestines), he does have creditable prophecies for the public, quinoa being the proverbial “good news.”

Just like the lovable opposition in a Katy Perry pop song, quinoa can be enjoyed both “Hot N’ Cold.” It plumps to life, similarly to rice, as it boils in water and grows tender like pasta as it sits in a nonstick womb of steam. As you fluff the collective colony of morsels with a fork, the possibilities remain endless, quinoa being a blank canvas awaiting an eclectic artistry only limited by the contents in one’s own pantry.

My first encounter was served as a cold summery salad dressed with tangy vinaigrette, cucumbers, grilled corn, sweet tomatoes and fresh basil, but as a giddy experiment to get my veggie hesitant fiancé to secretly eat said veggies. Like the culinary genius I am, I paired asparagus spears with decoy meat candy (bacon) and tossed in some grilled chicken pieces that I marinated in barbeque sauce to make it a meal, serving it warm and unsuspecting. For a man who typically winces like a bitter baby to anything green, this dish was happily devoured. I always confess after the

fact, like a plotting Sicilian villain (ref Princess Bride), what I had “accidentally” included the greens. But with quinoa, I actually boasted my news with a strange sense of confidence. This ancient super grain gave me a refreshingly modern perspective on healthy eating and the puzzling desire behind the choice to do so. Below you will find a simple yet satisfying quinoa recipe that calls for a taco seasoning packet, but not the mundane qualities of a weekly taco night that’s budget friendly:

Mexican Quinoa Soup
You will need:
8 cups water
1 1/2 cups uncooked quinoa
1 1/2 tbsp of a low sodium taco seasoning packet
1/2 chopped red onion
1 chopped carrot
4 cloves minced garlic
1/2 tsp cumin
1/2 can of green enchilada sauce
1 (15 oz) can kidney beans

1 (15 oz) can black beans
1 cup frozen corn
1 (8 oz) can diced tomatoes with green chiles
1 lime
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Optional toppings :
sliced avocado
chopped scallion
non-fat plain greek yogurt

To prepare:
Combine the first 12 ingredients in a large pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer until carrots are tender (15-20 minutes). Serve into bowls, garnish with fresh cilantro, a spritz of lime juice, avocado slices, chopped scallion and a spoonful of yogurt.

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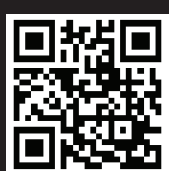
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bigger picture. If something sounds right but feels wrong, you'll be better off trusting your feelings. Act with careful consideration and caution.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)



Feed your mind with new knowledge, Sagittarius. Visit a bookstore or read some interesting information online. If you have more time, visit the library or explore courses that you might like. There is knowledge to be had everywhere you look, provided you're open to receiving it. People are often the best resource. Ask someone to explain something, if that's what you need.

Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)



Try to see nightmares as safe ways to understand feelings, Capricorn. No one likes to experience them, and we'd sooner forget them once awake, the quickest way to ensure they don't return is to understand what they're saying. Fear, pain, and anxiety are the most common ingredients of nightmares. What frightens you? Do you feel insecure? Consider the questions and probe for answers.

Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)



Are you living your dreams, Aquarius? Are you still in touch with them? The energy from today's planetary aspects can lend strength and encouragement to this part of your life. Take hold of the things you want most of all. Ask yourself, "What do I want people to say about me when I'm gone?" Get back on the road to a fulfilled life by taking steps toward your desires.

Pisces (Feb 19 -Mar 20)



Today's a good day to check into advancing your career or education, Pisces. The energy favors expansion and growth. When was the last time you learned a new skill? It doesn't have to be work related, either. If arranging flowers, skydiving, or programming websites is something that appeals to you, go for it. Never stop looking for ways to expand your knowledge.

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Cosmo... Oh, no!

Makayla Locklear
RELATIONSHIP COLUMNIST

Ever have a guy come over, only to find him staring at your coffee table? You start to think: What is he looking at? Did my stoner roommate leave her stash there? Did I unwittingly sleep carve our initials in the wood while I was taking my afternoon nap? You leave the room for a few minutes, and, when you return, you find him flipping through your latest issue of Cosmo. Yet another male entranced by Kim K's bum and "200 Ways To Please Your Man With No Hands."

Now ladies, I myself do not have a subscription to this monthly goldmine, nor do I find it in my cart after a day of overindulging myself at Target. But for every girl like me who doesn't, there are two more who do. I usually end up with multiple issues strayed about the apartment at any given time. I will confess at this moment, before all gods, that I have been captivated by the glossy's riveting articles. "Why yes Cosmo, I do believe that a 'butt facial' is just what I need this week. I realize it may put a \$50 dent in my pocket, but I'm just not baby smooth anymore."

Really though, we all know why everyone buys Cosmo. You want fashion you go Vogue, if it's makeup tips you desire, Elle. It's Cosmo that has nearly cornered the market of young women in sex advice with a trickling of actual relationship stuff in the mix.

At one point, a male counterpart will feel as though he is revealing a secret of his people

in telling us, "You know this is full of it, right?" Blasphemy. Not the Bible. (You've called it that. Admit it.) You mean to tell me you don't want my finger there during... and what about that thing with the ice cube? You're telling me you didn't like that?

The general female population would wonder: why would Cosmo lead me astray? They're my girls. They want me to be in a happy, committed, long-term relationship with trust, great sex and no problems, so I can finally stop giving them my four dollars every month... Oh wait, I see what you did there, sneaky Cosmopolitan.

I'm with you, girls. It's hard out there for a pimpette. Navigating the choppy waters of relationships; love, lust and all that jazz. Trust me, with someone who is right there with you, I think the best advice is to always go straight to the source. Maybe if you're thinking your boyfriend might enjoy a good spanking tonight, or has a crush on your boss's cousin, you should just ask him! You might be surprised by how well being direct with men works. I actually hear they prefer it. Remember, people do not come with instruction manuals. On the bright side, if that doesn't work and you still feel like he's not being truthful, I'm sure there's an article for that.

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It's not your beauty, it's your booty

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RELATIONSHIP COLUMNIST

It's around closing time; the old barkeep is echoing that 90's Semi sonic tune. Do you know who you, want to take you home? Chances are, if tonight didn't go as well as you planned or even if it did, you've got an old reliable who's just a 2:17 a.m., "what up", text away.

The art of the booty-call is not dying; in fact on a school campus with an entire subculture who view, "feelings", as some sort of weird and incurable STD with a growing dependency on technology that has evolved the smart phone as a new appendage, some might even say it's flourishing.

Yea, be it for little old me to tell you that dialing someone up for the sole purpose of coitus is wrong. If both parties are consenting adults who enjoy the experience and understand the bounds of the relationship I have no qualms. The problem that I do have is with Little Ms. Ingenuity who

will literally cease to exist if her BC does not become her BF ASAP. Hey, can't knock the spirit, this world was built by people who made something out of nothing. But if you're all over my case on how to go from slam piece by night, to lady friend by day, you do realize you just asked me how to make someone like you right?

Newsflash ladies and gentlemen, just because someone entered or allowed you entrance into their inner sanctum does not mean they like you. Sure, in an ideal world where gold is really at the end of rainbows and fetch really is going to happen, they do. They think you're funny, attractive and smart to boot. But here in the real world, where people are literally murdering one another for sliced cheese, that may not be the case.

Maybe it's because you live right down the street, maybe you let them do that weird thing that no one else really seems that into, or maybe it's just because you

Buccaneer Bulletin

Wed., August 22

Uptown Greenville hosts the Umbrella Market from 5-8 p.m. at Five Points Plaza.

August 22-25

SAB Films presents: "The Avengers" in Hendrix Theater

Thurs., August 23

The Winterville Watermelon Festival begins today and will be hosting Chairmen of the Board. This annual event lasts until Saturday.

Sat., August 25

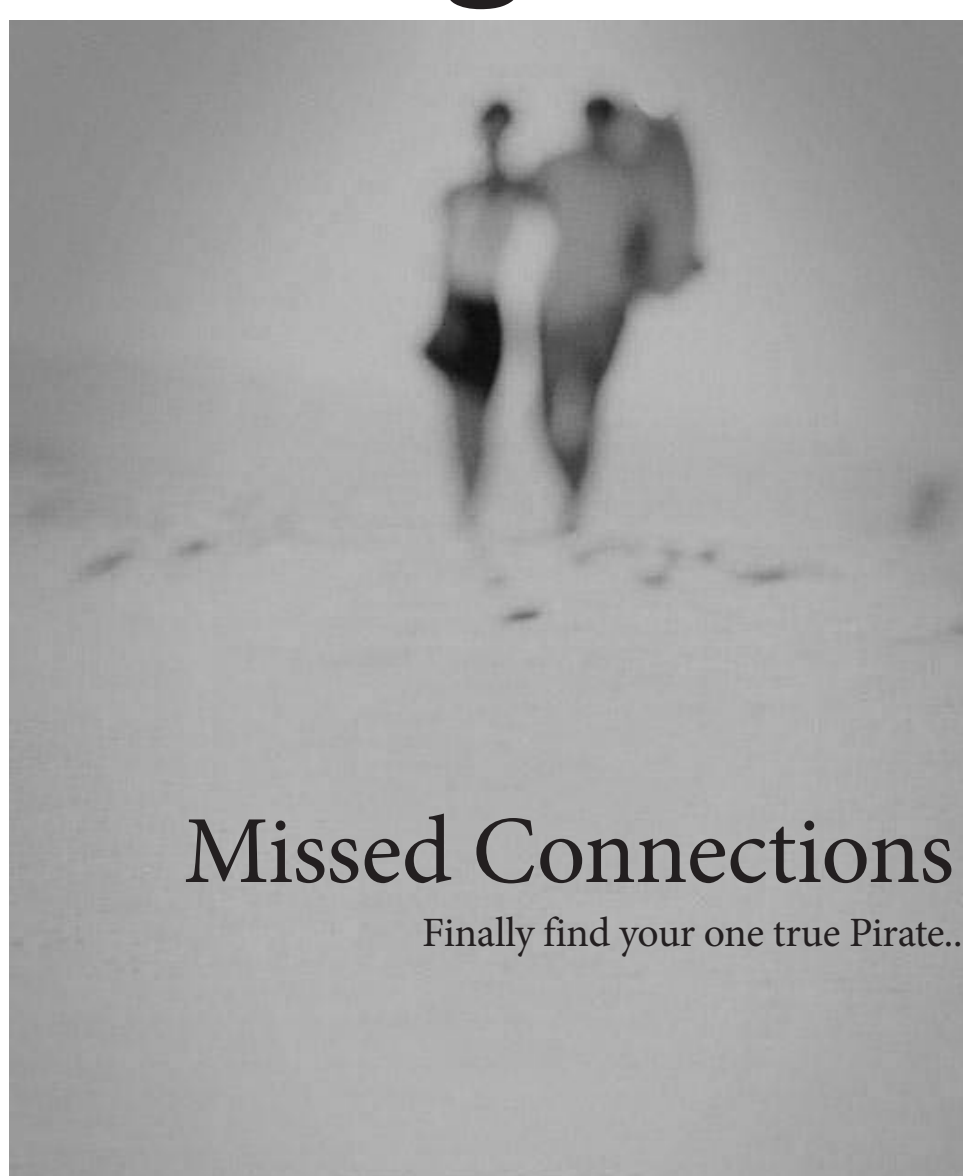
The Tippy Teapot presents "The Future is Me" along with "Castalia," "Iselia," "Close Up On The Quiet Ones", and "The Capital" at 8 p.m.

Mon., August 27

The Variety Showcase program will be showing an independent film from 5-7 p.m. at Destination 360.

Know of some awesome events coming up? Let Lifestyles know! Email lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com and put "Buccaneer Bulletin" in the subject bar

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Missed Connections

Finally find your one true Pirate...

were the only poor sap to answer the phone tonight, something about you just seems doable.

Either way, don't be a Jerrod Neimann. Understand that they only kiss you when they're drunk because you're kissing back. Don't be that delusional person who thinks they're going to make the family Christmas card next year just because you get a ring Thursday through Saturday, and even the occasional Tuesday. Just don't.

Do, however, admit when you've caught feelings. If you're thinking that this person's kind of cool and you wouldn't mind seeing them on a Monday afternoon clothed, then you should

very specifically tell them. I don't know if you think you were absent the day God gave everyone ESP, but you weren't and no one can read your mind.

If you're on the same wavelength and this thing has possibility, they'll be down to hang out and you can figure things out as you go in a more sober mindset. Or they will show up to your apartment four hours late with a half drunk 40 and bad intentions. If the latter is occurring, it's time to lay that pipe dream to rest along with your dignity.

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Panthers bring program to Greenville

The Carolina Panthers and the City of Greenville will team up this fall to create a special football program for the underprivileged children and adults. The Panthers, to jumpstart the league for disabled adults and children, donated \$2,510 to go towards this cause. This concept will model after Challenger Baseball League that has been successful in the Greenville area. The ECFL will begin there season on Saturday mornings from September 8th through October 27th. They will play their games in Jaycee Park. Participants can register with the Greenville Recreation and Park facility until September 14th.

Golfer swings his way to Match Play

The World Golf Amateur Championship concluded Sunday with a playoff that subsequently led to Steven Fox from UT-Chattanooga winning over Michael Weaver out of California. ECU was represented by Adam Stephenson who advanced to the match play portion of the tournament finishing 19th in the stroke play segment. Stephenson was eventually eliminated in the round of 32. Even with the disappointing loss, he still managed to finish in the top 64 in the world out of the 311 participants.

Track and Field to host walk-on tryouts

Coach Kurt Craft announced Friday that in the next coming weeks the Track and Field team will host walk-on tryouts. Prospective athletes must fill out tryout history, physical forms and sickle cell history. Anyone interested in trying out should contact Coach Udon Cheek. All tryouts will occur at the ECU Olympic Complex next to the ECU Baseball Complex.

Breaking down the tight battle at quarterback

Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Replacing a quarterback is never easy. Replacing a record setting quarterback is even harder. An inexperienced starter may be the hardest thing ECU football faces this season.

This is one challenge that head coach Ruffin McNeil and offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley have never faced while leading the Pirates. For the first time heading into spring practice, the job is wide open and ready for one willing quarterback to hop on and take the reigns of this young offense.

Every possible range of age and recruiting class is represented in the position battle. Brad Wornick, the "old man" of the staff, is the senior on the squad and he knows the playbook as well as anyone could. Junior Rio Johnson, last season's backup, was the heir apparent to take the job once Dominique Davis "passed" it on. Shane Carden, the highly recruited Texas high school quarterback, is a redshirt sophomore who manned the practice squad QB position last season and will be entering his first true season of college game action. And lastly is redshirt freshman Cody Keith, the youngest of the four quarterbacks competing for the starting job.

"Who is the next quarterback for the Pirates?" That was the question on everyone's mind as fall camp opened up on August 4 this year. Of

course, the post-spring depth chart gave no evidence of who may start, listing all four as potential starting candidates. Everyone who has watched, coached, played, or was just a fan of Pirate football would chime in and give their simple answer as to who should get the nod as the starting QB.

Like any journalist, I watched and waited for a day, looking at every option surrounding the signal callers on the roster. He is too small. He isn't strong enough. Is his mindset right? Many of those things rung in my head as I watched and I finally decided who I think will win the starting job: Shane Carden.

Don't kill me yet; let me get out the reasons why.

No one has overwhelmingly wowed the coaches and won the job outright. But Johnson and Carden have separated themselves from the other two QB's in the competition. With neither one throwing an interception in the two scrimmages, they have both shown control with their throws.

Carden and Johnson have similar body types and both run well for QB's, but Carden does outweigh Johnson by 15 pounds. Neither has overwhelming attributes but one thing I like about Carden is his tough nose attitude. He isn't afraid to lower his shoulder and try and run over a linebacker when he scrambles out of the pocket. He pushes forward, always trying to gain extra yards, which is good as

long as the quarterback knows when to save himself from too much body damage.

Johnson is also a smart decision maker, but with a wishy-washy offensive line at times due to injuries, the abuse he may take by strong pass rushes from the likes of South Carolina, Southern Miss and UNC-Chapel Hill may be too much.

My gut just tells me to go with the gunslinger from Texas who has shown he can make every throw that is needed in the offense. What it basically comes down to for me, is that Carden is younger and has somewhat more of a higher ceiling for potential. If both QB's are that close in competition, then why not throw out the high potential guy and see how fast his potential takes off.

When asked by reporters about the QB battle and when we may see it whittled down from four to three players, Coach Ruffin McNeil said "soon, we should narrow it down by one this week."

That he did. Cody Keith was taken from the starting discussion with just two weeks until opening day against Appalachian State. Keith's pick six in last Saturday's scrimmage may have done him in, but in no way is Keith a "bad" QB, he is just a young and growing signal caller. We may see the coaching staff take one more QB from the discussion as soon as this Saturday

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Redshirt Sophomore Shane Carden has a definite chance at being ECU's starting quarterback to start the season.

Goalie set to lead team

William Farrar
STAFF WRITER

After playing in every match last year for the Pirates, goalkeeper Christiane Cordero has returned to ECU to help lead the Pirates for the 2012 campaign. Last season, Cordero was strong between the posts, as she tallied over 80 saves in her 19 starts. For this season, the Pirates really want to emphasize possessing the ball more than they have in previous seasons, and want to minimize the amount of shots opponents take against them.

Cordero says she really wants to be a leader this season and surround the whole team with confidence.

"As a goalkeeper on any level of soccer, you really want to be the leader and be confident," Cordero said. "When you are confident, the whole team is confident."

As the team prepares to start the season, the main goals are the typical goals of most teams: Win a conference championship and compete in the NCAA championship.

"Our long term season goals will be achieved as long as we take our season game-by-game and not look toward future opponents before handling whose next," said Cordero. "It is really about repetition and focusing on the little things in order to have a successful season."

When asked about individual goals that she had in mind this season, Cordero explained that the individual goals would not be something targeted, but hopefully accomplished and viewed as a reward after a successful season as a team.

"If we win as a team, I will be successful by default," said Cordero. She explained that winning as a team is most important, and she explained how the All-Conference, All-American, and other individual awards would just be rewards at the end of a great season, and all of that stuff will be bonuses to the team goals being accomplished.

The Lady Pirates are really looking forward to the opportunity to be great this year, considering they get to compete against some great teams. Early in the season, they will be facing Notre Dame, who won the National Championship in 2010 and has always had a great team over the years. The Pirates will also face South Carolina, a SEC powerhouse, before conference play starts. Conference foes Memphis and UCF will be big games, which are both coming off of good seasons.

Cordero explained how the team must take advantage of their opportunity to play higher ranked teams and use that as a chance to prove themselves as a contending team. In doing that, she says they must also remember to not lose focus and look past the lower ranked teams because those can be vital wins when it comes to their record.

On the offensive side of the ball, ECU not only wants to increase the amount of shots taken, but also wants to stress passing the ball and getting everyone involved on the offensive end. Defensively, Cordero explained how it's not so much

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Receiver's bring excitement

Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With the new football season upon us, the roster is full of many new faces along with some old, familiar faces. Two familiar names from the end of last season belong to some explosive young receivers, Justin Hardy and Reece Wiggins.

Known for their explosive catches and long touchdowns, Hardy and Wiggins immediately were on the radar for each and every game after a slew of injuries to the receiving core in 2011.

Going into last season, Hardy was entering his first game action of his career after sitting out a year as a redshirt. Two weeks before the first game of 2011, Hardy had bolted himself up the depth

chart to starting inside wide receiver.

Hardy finished the season with 64 receptions for 658 yards with six touchdowns. Wiggins came on strong in the last half of the season after getting limited action early in the year.

Like every athlete, they set goals for themselves in 2012. In both of their opinions the answer was simple:

"I want to get better than I was last year and as a team we need to eliminate turnovers. Yes they happen, but no they don't have to happen as much," said Hardy.

Hardy was the most consistent receiver for the Pirates as he caught at least three passes in every game he played in and he is primed for a great second season. He has shown nothing

but extreme potential and good chemistry with whoever is throwing him passes. Hardy believes that "any one of the quarterbacks can be a starter, my job is to get comfortable with them and give them the reliable target." Hardy provided that reliable target for Dominique Davis last season with 463 of his receiving yards coming in conference games down the stretch.

Hardy is returning as one of the most seasoned playmakers in the receiving core and will also be producing in the special teams part of the game.

"I am honored that the coaches put their trust in me," said Hardy. "And I will do my best to

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CALENDAR

"I see a different look in their eyes. They are determined. There is resolve in everything they do."-Brian Mitchell, Defensive Coordinator

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make the Pirate faithful proud." This will be his second full season, but judging from last season, he should explode even more and could possibly reach the 1,000-yard mark. He and Andrew Bodenheimer will be expected to be the leaders since they are the most experienced of all the receivers.

Last season, Wiggins finished very strong after he found his role in the offense. Through the first seven games, Wiggins had just nine catches for 82 yards. But in his final five games he managed 20 receptions for 350 yards and three touch-

downs. Two of his three touchdown grabs were 70 yards or more, with his longest of the season coming against UCF when he bolted up the middle for an 84-yard touchdown, proving he has breakout speed.

Both Wiggins and Hardy have great elusive speed, and because of their skill set, they both may be utilized on special teams this season where the Pirates struggled to produce big plays.

When asked about his new role as a kick returner, Wiggins said, "I feel honored, this just shows me coaches have confidence in me. It's

a one shot deal, you have one play to make a difference, so you know I will do the best possible."

Wiggins has set himself apart during camp and is expected to be a starting outside receiver with Bodenheimer across from him.

Coach Ruffin McNeil was asked about the depth at the wide receiver position and he happily responded with, "I like it, I'm glad we will be able to rotate, but we want to find the top eight as a rule of thumb."

Along with the praise for Wiggins and Hardy, McNeill was impressed with freshman Jabril

Solomon and Dayon Arrington. Coach McNeil is also happy with the progression of Danny Webster as he is rehabilitating from his knee surgery and even though he nicked up, he should still be ready for the September 1 game against App. State.

No matter what level of competition they face, Hardy and Wiggins should be up for it and Pirate fans should expect their best effort. These two receivers even hoped to return the Pirates to their championship form and bring the titles

back to Greenville, where they belong.

When the crowd roars and these two Pirates run through the "Purple Haze" they said that is when it is officially game time. Undoubtedly, Hardy and Wiggins will be ready for App State. It is the Mountaineer defensive backs that better be ready once they enter Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and step onto Bagwell field.

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Wide Receiver Justin Hardy (2) catches a pass over his head during practice.



Reese Wiggins (15) competing in practice for an increased role this upcoming season.

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Soccer opens season in defeat

Michael Perry
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Starting off on the right foot hasn't been a strong suit for the ECU soccer team in recent years.

The trend continued Friday as the Pirates dropped their third straight season opener to the Campbell Camels, 2-1 in overtime.

Campbell forward Ashley Clark ripped a shot from outside the box to end the game with a 2-1 final tally in favor of the Camels.

Clark, a standout sophomore forward, started all 22

games as a true freshman in 2011 and found the back of the net 11 times, with six game winners.

Despite starting another season on a loss, ECU head coach Rob Donnenwirth has proven that an opening defeat does not derail an entire season.

Last year, the Pirates dropped their first contest to South Carolina on home turf, 4-0. ECU went on to a successful season that ended one game short of the Conference USA Championship and an 11-8-1 record.

The Camels came on

strong as they scored their first goal on a free kick by Taylor Brown in the seventh minute. Brown drew a foul near the 6:50 mark and capitalized on the set piece from 25-yards out.

The Pirates ended the first half with six shots and three chances. In all, Camel goalkeeper Ryann Torroero stopped nine shots in the contest. In goal for ECU, Christine Cordero stopped three shots.

The second half was halted 90-minutes for lightning, but ECU seized the opportunity to regroup and

even the score at 1-1.

Lexi Miller received a cross to her feet from Rachel Fuller, scoring her third career goal in the 68th minute. The helper was Fuller's first of the season and her career.

The Pirates rallied off of the equalizer as the barraged Torroero with nine shots in the half, forcing her to make five saves before the end of regulation.

In overtime, ECU managed two shots, but ultimately fell as Clark found the back of the net against Cordero.

Clark led the Camels in offensive production as she

took six shots, placing two on goal. Michelle Procaccini also recorded a pair of shots.

Chrissy Gratz took six strikes for the Pirates, with Miller, Hali Oughton and Rachel Wechsler each tallying two shots.

ECU outshot the Camels 17-11 and also held an 8-5 advantage in corner kicks. With the overtime loss, the Pirates are now 8-5-1 against Campbell in the overall series.

Senior Oughton, extended her consecutive games started streak to 41 games and has started 57 of the 59 matches she has

competed in for the Purple and Gold.

Three freshman made their debut on the pitch as Haley Patsey, Kendall Frey and Kelsie Halstenrud earned their first minutes as Pirates. Frey and Halstenrud also notched a strike each.

ECU will return to action Wednesday as they host Old Dominion at the ECU Soccer Complex. The Pirates have defeated the Monarchs the last three seasons. Game start is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Junior goalkeeper Christiane Cordero (0) started all 19 games last season for the Pirates, making 81 saves. Cordero started the 2012 regular season with a three save performance.

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Volleyball team prepares for East Carolina Classic



ECU's Volleyball program huddles up during a preseason practice session. The lady Pirates season starts with the East Carolina Classic on Friday, Aug. 24 at 1 p.m. against Campbell

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The Lady Pirates of the volleyball court started preparing for the annual East Carolina Classic, which will be the first three games for ECU. The Classic has been around for a few years and always serves as the Pirates' season-opening contest. In the classic, ECU will be facing Campbell as the season opener on Friday at 7 p.m. The next two games will be played the following day, with Bethune Cookman at 1 p.m. and UNC-Charlotte later at 7 p.m.

These games will be huge for the team, as the Pirates get to host the first three matches. Coach Pati Rolf says the team consists of kids from all over the place, so they really want to focus on building around the team concept. "Our goal is to get them playing together and functioning as a unit. We'll be doing more tactical work instead of technical work the next couple of weeks," said Coach Rolf as she explains how they have been preparing for the season.

The team has experience coming back to lead the team, as well as newcomers who hope to fit in and help the program to a success-

ful season. The Pirates have seven lettermen returning from last year's team, and will be welcoming eight newcomers. Of the girls returning, Kelly Derby is the only senior on this year's team. Being a middle hitter, Derby ranked 13th in the Conference USA in blocks per set, while also leading the Pirates in blocks with 87. Derby also leads the team in both block assist with 75 and solo blocks with 12.

Also returning for ECU is juniors Hannah Allgood, Shelby Beasley and Whitney Campbell. Allgood was ranked just behind Derby as the team's second-leading blocker in league play. Campbell brings valuable experience to the floor, as she played in the most sets of any other player on last year's roster. Beasley, a defensive specialist, averaged 3.62 digs per game which ranked 12th in C-USA.

With these girls coming back to the team, sophomore setters Zarah Cecich, Kasey Kavanaugh, and Andrea Queck will join them on this season's journey. Cecich led the team in assists, with 382, which converted to 5.31 assists per set. Kavanaugh will help with setting the ball and blocking the ball on the defensive side. In 2011 she recorded 343 assists and

47 blocks, which were both second amongst the team.

With the talent coming in combining with the returning talent and experience, ECU is hoping for a successful season. The East Carolina Classic will set the tone for the season, since the Lady Pirates can go out and play hard against good teams, and start to get a team bond before hitting the road for the Milwaukee Invitational in Wisconsin. After the Classic, the team will be able to focus on getting better as a team and making any adjustments if needed before the next competition. Coach Rolf explained with the team being in shape we can work on technical stuff and not have to worry so much about the physical part of the game.

"The culture is changing," Rolf stated. "A lot of the girls were here for both summer sessions training, so we are in tremendous shape. We're actually physically not having to do as much work as we have in the past." The Lady Pirates will be able to focus on team chemistry, and perfecting technical errors found during the Classic.

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after the final scrimmage in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The Pirates don't want to go through another QB change again next season, so Brad Wornick may be out of the question as well. Leaving it to Rio and Carden.

The final decision will take the most thought though.

Don't expect much breathing room between the time they announce the starter to kick off against App. State on September 1, as the coaches will want to make sure they made the right decision.

In the big scheme of things, the coaches know the players best and will make the

final decision to put whoever they believe has the best chance to win for the Pirates out on the field. Both Carden and Johnson are highly skilled at their position and I believe that both are ready to be college football starters. Its up to them to decide who wants it more but either way the coin

falls, Pirate fans will not be upset. Both QB's have great young talent and depth at the positions around them. That is key to a quarterback's success.

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her having a high amount of saves, but her and her teammates want to prevent opponents from having a lot of shots against them. Really stressing everyone being in the proper places so they can cause a lot of turnovers and minimize the amount of shots taken will be key to the defense as they face some tough teams.

The fans of Pirate Nation can be excited about many of the games this season. Although Notre Dame and South Carolina will be away

games for the Lady Pirates, fans can anticipate ECU competing hard in those two statement games. UTEP and Marshall will be the highlighted home matchups for the games this season, although Cordero explained how every conference game is huge. With Conference USA only receiving two bids to the NCAA championship every year, each team in the conference knows there are five to six teams a season that could deserve a spot in the tournament, and the two

spots are really up for grabs.

As the season plays out, the Lady Pirates will emphasize all 11 on the field playing and working as a unit.

"When we can get the chemistry and know what each other is going to do before they do it on both sides of the ball, that will help us achieve getting more shots offensively, and allowing fewer shots defensively," Cordero said, discussing the team strong points she thinks will help them as the season unfolds.

With the offense having a new, more attack strong formation and style, the Pirates hope to win the possession battle and always have the ball longer than the opponents at the end of the match. The Pirates season is under way, as they will be hosting Old Dominion August 22, followed by Notre Dame on August 26.

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2012 NFL season is right around the corner

Alex Serkes
OPINION COLUMNIST

New names, new places, new stories, new referees, new jerseys and a new home for a one Tim Tebow, highlight an offseason of activity in the NFL. The 2012 NFL season has kicked off in terrific fashion as the preseason

winds down and week one of the regular season draws ever so near.

As it happens perennially, offseason topics and issues for players, teams, coaches and other important personnel sure did its part in keeping our mind glued to football. Fortunately we were

blessed to not having the dark looming cloud of a full year potentially without football as we did in 2011 with the NFL Players Association lockout. Unfortunately however, the lockout bug was caught and passed on to the referee's association.

NFL referees were officially locked out at the start of week one of the preseason as the two sides failed to settle differences and the NFL opted to go with replacement officials. For a considerably long period of time, lackluster officials who fail to understand that a football field is 100 yards and not 80 will replace Ed Hochuli's biceps. But hey, shouldn't we be so lucky just to have football?

Many other intriguing topics highlighted the offseason that have now filed over into the start of the 2012 year. The New Orleans Saints bounty issue continues to be a widely discussed topic, as the questionable disciplinary actions taken by Commissioner Roger Goodell continue to be scrutinized

and fought by the Saints community. The two penalties in heavy questioning were the season suspensions handed to head coach Sean Payton and Pro Bowl linebacker Jonathan Vilma. The Saints have continued to battle these penalties and accusations, most notably quarterback Drew Brees, who has shown to be very vocal throughout the timeline of events.

Aside from Tennessee Titans wide receiver Kenny Britt's Twitter stupidity and questionable PR strategies, many marquee players have yet to record a single down or minute of practice this preseason. Most notably of such farce is Jacksonville Jaguar running back and reigning NFL rushing champion Maurice Jones-Drew, who, with two years left on his contract, has openly demanded a new long-term deal in Jacksonville. Both sides have not seemed to budge an inch in negotiations, and MJD's holdout could stretch into the regular season. If you are sitting on a late round fantasy pick in your leagues draft, Jaguars back up running back Rashad Jennings may be a sleeper pick.

However with all the controversy and fluff of the preseason aside, the questions that are aching every football fanatics mind are palpable. Can Eli do it again? Can Cam Newton get the Panthers that ever-elusive playoff berth? Will Peyton bounce back from season ending neck surgery in his new Denver home? Will high priced rookies such as RGIII, Luck and Richardson prove to be stars or busts? Will a plague of locusts consume Mark Sanchez, leaving Tebow to be the lone starting quarterback in NY? A few of many questions that highlight the upcoming 2012 regular season, and I for one cannot wait to find out.

As far as my predictions go for the division winners this season, for the NFC I have Philadelphia, Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco, and rounding out the wild cards will be the New York Giants and the Carolina Panthers. As good and surprising as Detroit was last year, I do not see Stafford putting together back-to-back 5,000-yard seasons.

In the AFC, I will take New England, Pittsburgh, Houston and San Diego with Denver and Cincinnati taking the wild cards. The AFC East could potentially be the worst division in football and New England could see six easy wins against Miami, the Jets and Buffalo. Plus, 2012 will be the year of the fall of the Raven. Their ever-stellar defense has been injury plagued and is not getting any younger and with a depleted offensive line, Ray Rice will not see the season he had a year ago.

Thoughts are thoughts and predictions are predictions. To each their own is a phrase widely used by most fans that can learn to accept differences on sports topics. With all debate aside, it is clear that this NFL season will prove to be one of great excitement, surprise and well-played football. Let the grid-iron battles begin.

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USC - It shouldn't come as a shock to anybody that the lone SEC school in the Carolinas finds itself atop our preseason RTC poll. With many key contributors at skill positions returning this season, the "ol' ball coach," Steve Spurrier, has his Gamecocks setting their sights on a national title. One of those impact players is junior tailback, Marcus Lattimore. He missed the last six games of the 2011 season after tearing his ACL but when he is healthy, he is a Heisman candidate. Other big-time returning starters include junior quarterback Connor Shaw and star defensive end Jadeveon Clowney. The Pirates will face the Gamecocks September 8th in Columbia.



CLEMSON SID

Clemson - Following West Virginia's 70-33 massacre of the Tigers in January's Orange Bowl, some might think the regular season Clemson put together was some kind of a fluke. I don't believe that to be the case. Going into his fourth season as head coach, Dabo Swinney may have one of the most explosive offenses in the country. The program is led by the trio composed of junior quarterback Tajh Boyd, sophomore wide receiver Sammy Watkins and senior running back Andre Ellington. After winning the ACC championship in 2011, expect the Tigers to vie for back to back titles in 2012. Clemson will host South Carolina in their season finale, having dropped three straight meetings against the Gamecocks.



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UNC - With all of the sanctions that the UNC football program has faced this off-season, the Tar Heels are looking for a fresh start under new head coach, Larry Fedora; who Pirate fans may remember as the head man at Southern Miss. Second-year starting quarterback Bryn Renner is going to be the key to the Tar Heels success this season, as he threw for over 3,000 yards and 26 touchdown passes in 2011. Renner has multiple weapons to work with in the form of sophomore tailback Giovanni Bernard and senior wide receiver Eric Highsmith. Despite not being eligible for a bowl, UNC still has one of the most talented teams in the ACC. ECU will try to avenge its 35-20 loss in 2011 to the Heels when they travel to Chapel Hill on September 22.



MCT

NC State - Consistency is the name of the game for the 2012 N.C. State football team. The Pack displayed greatness in spurts last season by defeating the likes of UNC, Clemson and Maryland, but were very disappointing after losing to Wake Forest and Boston College. This year's team is solid on both sides of the ball, but as it always seems to work out, the team's success will weigh heavily on the shoulders of quarterback Mike Glennon. He lit up the scoreboard last season tossing 31 touchdowns, which ranks second in school history. After setting the ACC record for interceptions in 2011, senior cornerback David Amerson highlights a defense that can make big plays and changes games.

ECU - Yes, the Pirates made the list. After finishing 5-7 in 2011 and missing out on bowl season for the first time in five years, head coach Ruffin McNeil finds himself on the hot seat and knows that the upcoming season could be make or break. No matter who is under center when the Pirates take the field on September 1, the team that surrounds him is one that should win games and get the Purple and Gold back into bowl contention. With the more experience on the Pirates backfield, expect this year's squad to be far more balanced on the offensive side of the ball, while the defense hopes to continue right where they left off in 2011 and make even bigger strides.

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