



BRIEFS

Gov. Perdue orders flags at half-staff

Staff Reports

Governor Bev Perdue has ordered that North Carolina flags be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset tomorrow at the State Capital, State Highway Patrol offices and state facilities in Nash County.

Flags will be flown at half-staff in tribute to Trooper B. Gene DeMuth, 42, of Rocky Mount who was killed Saturday while positioning stop sticks to halt a pursuit.

Visitation for the 12-year veteran of the State Highway Patrol will be held from 6-9 p.m. today at Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount. The funeral will follow there at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Police seek shoe thief

Staff Reports

Greenville police are searching for a man who they say was caught on camera stealing two pairs of Converse shoes by stuffing them into his pants.

Police released surveillance pictures of the man stealing the shoes at Kohl's around 6 p.m. Sunday, and then drove off in a black Honda Accord with tinted black glass and a broken brake light, WITN reports.

Alumna to speak after paralyzing accident

Staff Reports

Alumna Rachelle Chapman will return to campus Sept. 18 to present, "The Glass is Half Full - Drink Up!" at 7 p.m. in Room C-307 of the Science and Technology Building.

Chapman, a 2008 graduate, suffered a spinal cord injury in May 2010 following an accident at her bachelorette party, where she was playfully thrown into a pool.

Chapman's paralyzing injury gained national recognition on the Today Show, CNN and Inside Edition, notably for her perseverance to live an independent lifestyle despite her accident.

Admission to the event is free.

College of Nursing receives three-year grant

Staff Reports

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration awarded the College of Nursing \$1.098 million federal grant for a virtual clinic for students in nurse-midwifery, medicine and other health-related disciplines.

The three-year grant is the largest in College of Nursing's history, ECU News Services reports.

The project aims to improve primary care of women through the lifespan by expanding an existing web-based Virtual Community Clinic Learning Environment.

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University receives initial enrollment numbers for year



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Enrollment has increased 35 percent over the last 10 years, however economic limitations have led the university to cap freshmen enrollment numbers.

Kamal Darji

STAFF WRITER

Over the past decade, no school in the University of North Carolina system has grown as rapidly as ECU. However, due to recent economic setbacks and a subsequent strategy of 'right-sizing' the university, it is reasonable to expect that there will have been an impact on enrollment numbers.

In 1999, there were 18,223 students enrolled at the university. As of this year, according to preliminary figures, there are 26,891 students

enrolled at the university. Although enrollment increased 35 percent over the 10-year period, it was well managed due to the comprehensive expansion strategy the university has employed.

However, with the current economic limitations affecting public institutions throughout the state, matching student growth with more professors, classrooms and residence halls became improbable. The feasibility of such a task came into question when the university enrolled a record freshmen class of 4,500 students last fall.

"I think at that point, alarm bells went off

because we realized that we may have reached the point of diminishing returns," said Anthony Britt, director of admissions.

In effect, Chancellor Steve Ballard appointed a Strategic Enrollment Management Task Force in order to facilitate and guide future recruitment and enrollment efforts at the university.

The assembled task force put forth the recommendation that the university should put steps in place to limit the size of this year's fall freshman

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Artistry in wood on display



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An exhibit of wood carvings by Dr. Leonard Trujillo will be on display in the Laupus Library from today until Nov. 6.

Jessica Richmond

STAFF WRITER

In association with the "Art as Avocation" program, Laupus Library is displaying "Artistry in Wood: Reflections of Past and Present Preserved Forever," a wood carving exhibit by Leonard Trujillo. The exhibit will be shown from today until Nov. 6 in the Evelyn Fike Laupus Gallery.

Trujillo, associate professor and chair of the department of occu-

pational therapy in the College of Allied Health Sciences, has been dabbling in woodcarving as long as he can remember, beginning formal classes in 1978.

"I'm a strong believer in not being too proud to ask for the secrets to something. If someone knows the secrets, you can get along much faster; you can learn what not to do and where to start," said Trujillo.

He originally started selling small simple carvings to pay for more advanced chisels and tools.

A single specialized carving tool could run anywhere from \$50 to \$60, which leaves a full set out of the price range of most people. He would carve mice and small boots to sell at boutiques and fairs; things that he learned in his adult art education classes that were not very difficult for him.

"It's frustrating taking beginner classes because it's like beginning piano; you hear this masterpiece and

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Students remember Sept. 11 attacks

Melanie Jock

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Gov. Bev Perdue officially declared today as a day of service and remembrance for the Sept. 11 attacks. According to WNCT, Perdue signed the official proclamation yesterday afternoon in Durham at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

In the 11 years since the Sept. 11 attacks, the changes in American culture have been evident, and the date is synonymous with remorse and empathy. PBS reports the most notable changes have occurred in air travel, government, immigration, tourism and deportation.

Junior communication major and New York native Olivia Bachman describes her experience and the day as "chaotic."

"It was scary," said Bachman. "I didn't know what was going on."

She said her family had recently moved to North Carolina at the time, but her dad was still working in New York when the attacks happened. Bachman said he had friends working in the towers.

"My dad was in New York when it happened, so it was hard for him to focus on work," said Bachman. "He was worried about my family, and it was hard for him to get back here because the airports were closed."

The tragedy also hit home for senior sociology major Tynita Butts

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According to the most recent numbers, 26,891 students are enrolled this academic year.

class to 4,000 students. In order to bring this plan to fruition, the university raised admission requirements to better reflect those of typical graduates.

"We went back and looked at the activity over the past several years and surprisingly found that the majority of our applicants who actually apply and enroll are folks who apply while in their senior year of high school during the months of September, October, November and December," said Britt. "So people who are actually going to be here and remain here, they've made that deci-

sion early on."

The current enrollment numbers have come in, but have not yet been thoroughly vetted. As a result, the numbers are in the preliminary stages. At this stage, enrollment seems to be a bit lower, with a 1.81-percent drop in the university's overall enrollment compared with last year.

Transfer students and distance education students numbers also seem to be down, which came as a surprise to John Fletcher, the associate provost for enrollment services.

However, since these numbers are premature,

Fletcher expects the numbers for transfer students and distance education students to be at or above the same level as last year. There is also an increase in out-of-state freshmen; an increase Fletcher expects to see continue in the future, along with the increase in transfer students.

But nevertheless, until the numbers are thoroughly examined, there cannot be an accurate picture as far as enrollment is concerned.

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because she has family living in New York. Her uncle was in the World Trade Center at the time, but he was able to get out alive.

"I was shocked, and thought, 'This isn't happening,'" she said.

Even though she was living in Georgia, the day impacted her and her school as well.

"We had the moment of silence after the pledge, and then our teachers turned the TV on to the news," said Butts. "It was quiet. I remember watching my teacher's reaction. It wasn't a good morning."

She said people walked the halls like "zombies," many in disbelief of what happened.

"As we were hearing it our mouths dropped," said Butts. "People were crying—it was really emotional. There was

no one at school the next day; we barely did any work."

Butts remembered watching television all week, and recalled seeing ash on people's face as they walked the streets of New York City.

Landon Winstead III, a freshman computer science major, said he was in second grade at the time. He said the day felt different than a normal day at school.

"The teachers were acting different," Winstead III said. "The guidance counselors came around to our classrooms to talk with us, and they told us not to listen to the middle schoolers. When it actually happened I never really understood it."

He said classes like the government policy class he is currently enrolled in has helped him to understand what happened on Sept. 11

and why.

The 9/11 Memorial opened Sept. 12, 2011 to commemorate the attacks, as well as the World Trade Center bombing of 1993, which killed six people. The museum portion of the memorial was due to open today, but the \$1 billion construction continues to be at a standstill for nearly a year due to cost issues, New York Magazine reports. Disputes continue between Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Governor Andrew Cuomo over who will be responsible for paying operating costs, the magazine said.

When completed, the museum will cost \$60 million a year to operate.

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you go 'oh I want to play that,' but when you get into piano lessons you play 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' over and over again," said Trujillo.

In 1996, Trujillo retired from the U.S. Air Force and began traveling and moving several places, specifically Texas, where a lot of his inspiration has come from.

"A lot of artists talk about looking at a piece of wood and seeing something like an eagle or a man reaching for the sun; something meaningful living inside the wood already," he said. "I just see

wood. I have the concept and idea ready for months before I carve and I don't spend valuable time searching for the piece of wood that speaks to me.

"I live by a saying: The wood that you're carving, the piece you're working on, is just that, a piece of wood. It's not art yet. If you screw up, it's just wood," said Trujillo.

Focusing on relief carving, the exhibit will showcase scenes from nature, especially trees and barns, which Trujillo finds the most interesting due to texture. Surprisingly

for an artist, Trujillo is colorblind, which he deals with by not using any colors or paints in his woodcarvings.

His forte is bas-relief carvings, which consists of using a one-to-two inch plank of wood and carving the background away, leaving a shape. The term "bas-relief" comes from the type of wood used, which is a hard wood that is soft to carve, holds no color and has no grain. This type of carving requires a specialized chisel and gives the illusion of three dimensions. The exhibit will mainly showcase his bas-



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The exhibit will display Trujillo's bas-relief creations which are his favorite carvings to produce.

relief carvings because the three-dimensional aspect of the art interest Trujillo the most.

"I've always been trying to create something unique and creative. Even in my

boy-scout days, I was making a different neckerchief slide for every meeting. Creating something is something I need to do and wood's fairly available," said Trujillo.

An opening reception will be held today in the Laupus Library on the fourth floor from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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If you're strong enough to pick the weight up, then you're strong enough to set it down. Quit dropping it.

If I wasn't meant to be fat, then they shouldn't have made Zebra cakes so d**n delicious.

What's wrong with dating a big guy? More of us to love and not to mention we are also walking pillows. What's not to love? Respectfully, a lonely big guy.

The only bad thing about cooler weather; people think it is okay to wear UGGs/fur boots with shorts.

Why even come to class if you are going to talk to your neighbor the entire time and distract everyone else.

I get it, Beer Olympics was the ish, but can you please pick up the giant blue tarp instead of letting it kill the grass like you killed your liver?

We should be allowed to vote for what ECU spends our money on...

Oh, you hooked up with a girl on the color guard team? Congrats, you've reached a new low.

Just because you are not talking with your voice, does not mean you're not being extremely loud! Go downstairs to the first floor where noise is accepted, stop eating carrots and shut your movie off! It's loud enough that I can hear it in a study room.

To the guy who ranted a while back about wanting to be a prostitute; be a figure model instead!

Went to N.C. State and there were no drunk buses. How do they go anywhere while drunk?!

To all the freshman, whether we win or lose in football, everyone still gets drunk that night!

Studied for a quiz, made a 75. Went to class slightly intoxicated, made a 90. Let's GOOOO!

To the bus driver who dropped me off at the front of Copper Beach, you were the nicest ride ever!

I'm so glad you bimbos were so into your superficial conversation not to say thanks when I held the door open for you. Ungrateful b**ches.

I'm black, so to me, a chicken is lunch. So, how could it beat a Pirate?

Hey Giganta, you're near 6-foot tall. You don't need to wear heels to stand out. You've probably already been typecast as the awkward, tall skinny girl amongst your sorority sisters anyway.

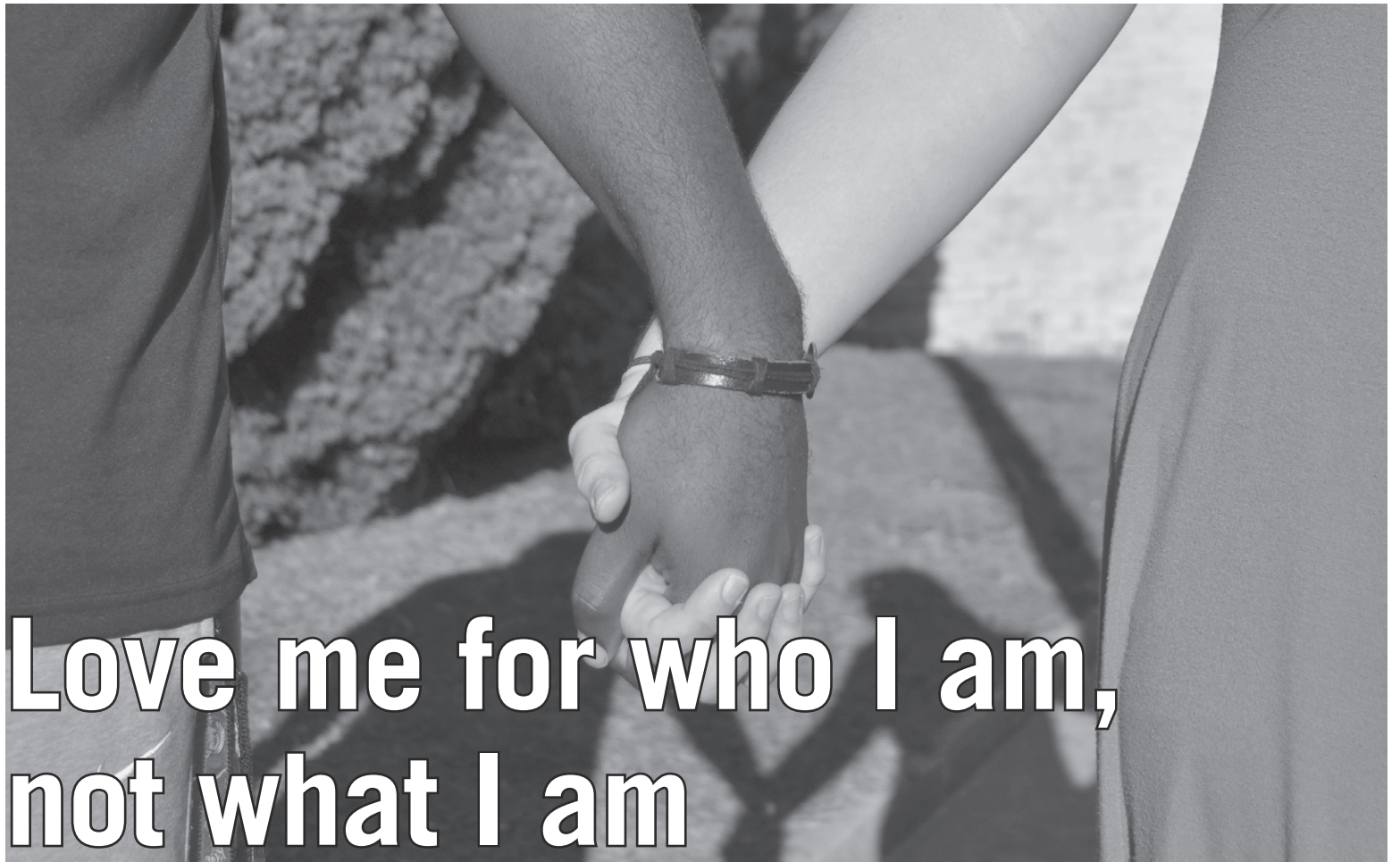
ECU you change the grading scale but you don't change it on GPA calculator. I guess that means an A is an A. Plus/minus, go away!

No matter how many times you hit on me, it won't change the fact that I'm NOT a lesbian.

POLL QUESTION

Are you in favor of interracial dating?

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JL Summers
OPINION COLUMNIST

"JL you're nice, but my mom said it's wrong to date black boys." That sentence, or a variation of it has plagued me most of my life. I have always been an equal opportunist when it comes to different races or religions of women. Yet, that has not always been the case for them when it comes to me. Even in the year 2012 there are still some cases where I cannot be with a woman because of the darkness of my skin and not the content of my heart.

Interracial relationships are on the rise it would appear, but at the same time, it is seen as trailblazing in some cultures. One of those cultures is the South. For example, I have run into families that love me as their daughters' friend, but would turn a color themselves if we dated. Which brings me to the question, why are interracial relationships taboo to some people? Is it the subtle tones of racism, defending your child from ridicule, or simply fearing the unknown?

Before I get started on the subtle racism point though, let me make

myself clear by saying that everyone can be racist, even black people. Racism is not simply white people discriminating against other races, but one culture seeing an outside culture as inferior. Yet in this day and time, there are still forms of racism, and some of it prevents true love from ever happening. For instance, I knew a girl from high school whose father stated, "I rather you date another woman than ever bring home a black man." Now I have nothing against same sex relationships, but to want your daughter to change her sexuality than to ever date outside her race is absurd! It is truly baffling the lengths people will go to stay inside their own culture. For instance, I know plenty of African-American women who will date "thugnificent" before they even consider dating a nice white person. All because their boyfriend might not be "packing" (stereotype by the way), and fear the ridicule. Putting up with a trifling black man is absurd when there are other men out there to sweep you off your feet.

A parent's instinct until the day they die is to protect their child no matter how old they become.

Sometimes that instinct can be so strong that it can prevent a person from truly experiencing the world. This may be the case when it comes to having an interracial relationship called to a halt. For instance, imagine hearing your child come home from high school one day because your son has been suspended for fighting because they said he had "jungle fever." No parent wants their child to experience these hardships from small-minded people, especially when life is already tough. Therefore, we tell them to stick to what is closest to our color of the rainbow and hope they listen. That is no way to live life in my opinion. We should combat that ignorance by loving cultures just that much more, learning about them and they in turn learning about ours. I for one have been called numerous names, but I still love whomever I want. Life is too short to care what others think.

This leads me to my final point, and that is fear of the unknown. Humanity is notoriously known for destroying or hating what they do not understand. Therefore, when we have these preset notions of other

cultures, they are usually stereotypes and they hinder our thinking. We either embrace them if we are brave, or pull out the family gun if we are afraid. I don't know how many times I've intimidated a mom when I'm invited over for dinner. But once I crack a joke and tell my hopes and dreams, dad puts the "shotgun" down. That is why our generation must be cognizant of the world, and not be afraid to get out and learn about one another.

To sum it all up, I am simply saying, love whoever makes you the better person. Do not love someone just because society deems it appropriate or because your parents like him or her. Life is too short to spend it with someone who hinders you instead of enhances you. So do not be afraid to get out there, mingle and find the best person for you; whether they are white, black, Asian, Hispanic or even multiracial. Look for who makes you happy and you might be surprised with whom you may end up with.

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Welcome back, the old and the new

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OPINION COLUMNIST

"Welcome back to ECU," was my first thought when I pulled into downtown Greenville the first week school was back in session. The sidewalks full of people by sun down and sometimes overflowing into the streets is not a new scene to me being that this is my fifth year here at ECU.

If you're a returning Pirate or even a Pirate who has been here all summer and is now watching the population instantly explode overnight, you know the fun has just barely begun. Freshman, as you explore the new world of ECU and returning Pirates who feel right back at home, I want you to know the changes and new parts that downtown Greenville has to offer. Some of it seems to be old news, but I assure you our little downtown Greenville is beginning to flourish and own up to its new name, Uptown Greenville.

As far as events go, quickly becoming a favorite is Freeboot Friday. Held in Five Points Plaza on the corner of 5th and Evans Streets the Friday before all ECU home football games, this event is free and fun for all ages. It offers live music, arts and crafts, food sampling and adult beverages for those 21 and over of course. Also, at the Five Point Plaza this year is the Greenville BMX Fest that can't be overlooked. This event, here for the second time and brought back by popular demand, features the Trans Jam BMX Contest Series: 2012 Final Stop. It will have vendors, exhibits, live entertainment, a car show and much more. The event is free on Nov. 10th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dates and performance details can be found on Uptown Greenville's Website.

The events in Uptown Greenville are not all Pirates have to look forward to. While strolling downtown, many Pirates can see that many places have changed. Rehab has now

been changed into Rum Republic. Although the exterior and interior are nearly the same, the atmosphere and specials are promised to be a lot more involved.

The street barricades are still missing on weekend nights so the night life population still needs to be wary of passing traffic and need to stay alert. The idea to make Greenville look more attractive, a part of the reason for the removal of the barricades, seems to be effective. The Redevelopment Commission's West Greenville Revitalization Plan of the city states some of their main goals are to increase amenities, green space and pedestrian walkways and to create more residential opportunities.

A huge plan soon to come for residential areas downtown is new upscale condos around Town Commons along with university housing on Reade Street. Also downtown, the three to four story building on the vacant lot of Evans Street near Dales Indian restaurant will eventually house the Convention and Visitors Bureau as well as office space on the upper two floors and

hopefully upscale residential space on top. There is even a theater to look forward to that will hold live performances and events.

Also, 5th Street Loft Apartments on the corner of 5th and Evans Streets is experiencing some changes of its own. Being one of the prime corners of downtown with all the events and parking across the street at Five Points Plaza, the building has a couple decisions to make. The owner of the building, David Carpenter, is looking into a new restaurant to replace Armadillo Grill after it closed at the end of the summer. The company said it wanted to concentrate on its other locations in the Raleigh/Durham area. When asked about his future plans, Carpenter stated, "I'm looking into many different options and trying to find a good fit for downtown. I want to find something that will not only offer Uptown Greenville a nice place to eat, but also a good place for night life and I'm interested in student's opinions on the matter."

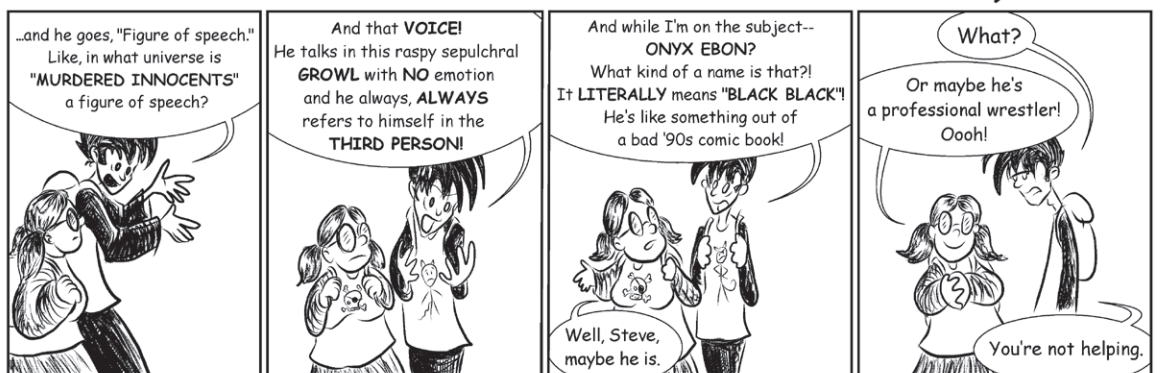
My favorite new plan for downtown is the parking deck. Greenville

City Council finally approved the \$3.4 million project to help alleviate the stressful parking in the downtown area. It's been talked about, recommended and begged for by generations of Pirates and now the wheels are finally moving. Studies will be done before the location of the parking deck can be determined, but it has been narrowed down to two locations: the Moseley lot on 4th and Cotanche Streets or the gravel parking lot that is near the Moseley lot that is owned by ECU. The deck will be approximately 265 spaces with possibly three levels and is hoped to have a mixed use of retail in addition to regular parking spaces.

So in conclusion, I welcome back ECU and all that it offers, old and new. The progress our area is making cannot be overlooked and as a community, we will continue to grow and change, but we will forever be Pirate Nation.

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Aries (Mar 21 -Apr 19)

Try not to self-edit today — hit 'send' after composing that angry email, let fly with whatever comes to mind in the heat of the moment, and let your impulses go wild (until the law intervenes, anyway).



Taurus (Apr 20 -May 20)

Take a risk — especially if you're single and looking. Ask out that total hottie, because even if you strike out, you're still forcing the universe to take notice of your boldness. That's never bad!



Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

Make a to-do list, or go over your old one with a fine-toothed comb to make sure you're focusing on the right stuff. Your eye for detail is perfect for the day's activities, and you can get a lot done!



Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

You are opening a new chapter in your life today, whether you know it or not. That may involve leaving the past behind, or just starting something totally new — and totally exciting!



Leo (July 23 -Aug 22)

Your intuition is so powerful that you can hardly believe what's going on around you — has all this been hidden from you for years? It works to your advantage, though, so embrace the new information.



Virgo (Aug 23 -Sep 22)

This is not the right time to go solo — your energy craves others to keep it flowing and active. Even if that just means taking a walk on a crowded street, you need to go for it and indulge.



Libra (Sep 23 -Oct 22)

Though the situation is not to your liking, you can bend and twist until you find a new way to handle it all. Things may not be perfect, but the good news is that you can deal with what you've got.



Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

Try something new and exotic today — from a strange cuisine you've never heard of to a nightclub that seems to cater to extraterrestrials. Your energy is just right for making life more interesting!



Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

Someone close needs you today — and you need them, too! Make sure that you're giving them whatever they require, and you should find that the two of you get even closer. It's a good time for intimacy!



Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

You may be distracted or somewhat out of sorts right now — but that just means that you need to take a walk, go for a drive or otherwise shake up your housebound mindset. Things are getting better!



Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

You need to move beyond this stage somehow — it can't be that hard! Your energy is a little frazzled, but that just means that you need new stimulation to make sense of it. Things are sure to improve!



Pisces (Feb 19 -Mar 20)

Your dreams are always rich and varied, but tonight's are especially extravagant — think billion-dollar budget! Pay attention to the little details and you may learn something important.



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Meet Erin Taylor

A student who uses her medical struggles as a way to dream bigger

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Rex Rose
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PANDAS kept her from driving alone until she was 22. Not the endangered species, but an animal of the mind.

Not the bamboo-eater, but a disorder that devours everything normal. Not the bear with a mixed coat of black and white fur, but a combination of OCD and turrets.

Erin Taylor, 22, struggles not with Giant Pandas, but with PANDAS: Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections.

Taylor, who obtained her Associates Degree at Pitt Community College, joined ECU in January. Being able to attend a university was an idea that at one point in her life seemed almost impossible, especially since she had trouble putting on her clothes and brushing her teeth.

During Christmas of 2004, Taylor, who was 15 and a freshman, began noticing a sore throat, which soon turned into strep throat. "The bacteria went up and attacked my

brain," said Taylor. "It left the basal ganglia swollen, so that's how I have the OCD and the turrets, or tics, come on with the OCD sometimes."

The basal ganglia are nuclei in the brain that deal with voluntary movement, learning and emotions. The damage of this group of nerve bodies caused Taylor to begin experiencing uncontrolled movements of the body (turrets) and also symptoms of OCD in January of 2007.

After spending weeks out of high school, going on and off medicines for a span of years, participating in research studies, attending therapy sessions and saying lots of prayers, Taylor graduated high school and spent the next three and a half years earning her associates degree at Pitt.

During this time, she finally got on medicine that worked for her and she began to cope with her OCD and turrets much better than she ever had. With her quality of life better than it had been in years, she decided to embark on a new journey into Pirate Nation.

And her daily life as a Pirate is much more difficult than that of other students.

"It takes me a lot longer to take tests now. I can't concentrate very

well. I have lots of trouble concentrating, so I get time and a half for my tests," said Taylor.

While test taking may seem like an obvious struggle, even small things such as riding the bus from different locations can cause her to experience severe OCD.

"And even on the bus when someone beside me sits down and accidentally touches my arm with something of their belongings, I have to take my arm and blow at my arm to make their touch go away," said Taylor.

Her OCD and turrets have led her to major in recreational therapy so she can help other people who suffer with similar problems. Her PANDAS did not stop her from obtaining a 3.95 GPA, which allowed her entry into the recreational therapy program. While Taylor has experienced lots of bad times with her PANDAS, she also has learned a lot about herself.

"It has been a blessing in my life. I know that is weird to say because it has shaped me to be the person that I am today," said Taylor. "Personally, I spend a lot of time with God praying and I know that he is always with me. I try to stay as positive as I can

even though I do have times where I am just down in the worms and I can't get out of a rut."

One way of getting through those tough days is by staying active. She plays volleyball, softball and basketball for her church. She also trains and shows dogs and used to show horses, as well.

This active lifestyle also spills over to academics.

"Since I was five years old I have wanted my doctorate degree. I am determined that I am going to get it," said Taylor. "If it takes me a long time, hey that's ok. It doesn't matter how fast you get your degree; it matters that you get [it]."

While her disease may be anything but cuddly and cute, this Pirate will only allow her PANDAS to be something that makes her victories in life that much sweeter.

"One thing that I learned the most is do not take anything for granted, because you never know when your life is going to change drastically," said Taylor.

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Student's hard work proves successful

Mike Davis
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Ami Jackson, a senior biology major and

forensic science minor, is going to graduate this spring. She plans to take the knowledge and experiences she gained and translate them into her studies at some medical school. Jackson has spent the past four years of her life constantly on the move, hardly taking a moment to sit back and relax.

As a freshman, Jackson was invited into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, which sends invitations to freshmen and sophomore students with a GPA of at least 3.4 and are in the top 20 percent of their class.

"I knew I wanted to be involved when I came to college, so as soon as I got the emails I went," said Jackson.

Though NSCS has grown significantly the past few years, Jackson remembers when there weren't many active members. Because of that void, Jackson applied for an officer position her sophomore year and was elected social chair. From the moment she was elected, Jackson worked



Ami Jackson, left, and other active members of the universities NSCS organization celebrate during the awards night at the 2011 National NSCS convention in Puerto Rico. Jackson is currently the organization's president.

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hard and moved up the ladder of success. Four years later, Jackson has gone from social chair to president, serving her second term for the organization.

Despite being active in other campus organizations such as Heath Occupation Student Association and National Society of Leadership and Success, which she's a founding member of, Jackson still wonders today why her involvement with NSCS has been so special.

"There were opportunities for leadership, a really great group," said Jackson. "I like being recognized for

my hard work."

Jackson moved to North Carolina from Salt Lake City, Utah when she was eight and then moved again during the eighth grade when she began to grow into the motivated person she is today.

"I'm a very independent person and I think that really came out when I moved," said Jackson. "I've moved, at eight years old, moving again later... getting to be dependent on myself, I think that is really important."

Jackson became fond of the idea of travelling at

an early age because of her independent spirit. She's been to Puerto Rico for a NSCS convention; Germany while her dad was on business, Jamaica, the Bahamas and the Caribbean. During her junior year, Jackson studied abroad for the semester in Melbourne, Australia. Then she stopped in Hong Kong and Hawaii on her trip home.

Jackson's "can't stop" attitude may sound hectic, but being constantly on the go is something that gives her comfort. "I don't like sitting around twiddling my thumbs," said Jackson.

"I go a little crazy if I'm not doing something."

And ever since high school, Jackson's hard work has been geared toward achieving her career aspiration of becoming a doctor, specifically a thoracic surgeon. "I want to do surgery because it is more hands on with helping someone rather than just prescribing medicines," said Jackson.

Nearing her undergraduate graduation, Jackson has completed around 10 medical school applications and eight applications for doctor of osteopathy schools. With almost complete certainty, Jackson said she is planning to enter the military before going to graduate school. Through the military, Jackson could receive a scholarship that would pay for school and books, along with other benefits.

"I like the idea of helping those in the military, getting them better and keeping them healthy," said Jackson.

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Don't slam the door on poetry

Chelsea Mungal
STAFF WRITER

The topic of poetry has intimidated and sometimes turned off students who don't regularly write or study the ancient art. The shift from written media to visual appeal of YouTube and the abbreviated dialect of Twitter, the relevancy of literature appreciation has started to drown in all the hash tags of the world. The Student Activities Board is hosting a Poetry Slam tonight in Mendenhall Room 244 from 8- 10 p.m. with original work and a visiting 19-year-old author who already has a circulating poetry publication. The event is free.

affairs of ECU's homecoming and live concerts, the fellow poet remains optimistic that showcases like "the Asia Project" will continue to raise awareness, have good attendance and spark a healthy following that extends beyond intimate poetry circles.

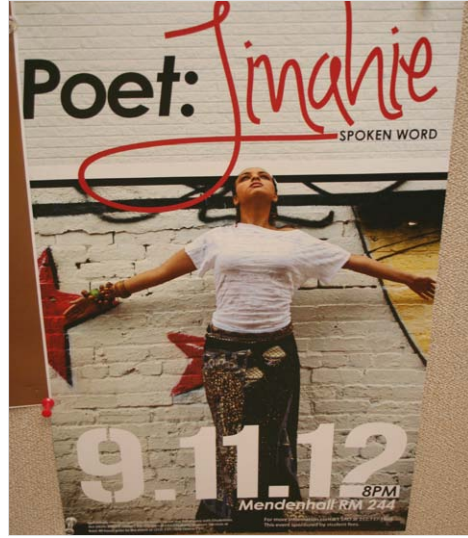
Watching an artist in action is the purest form of energy, something Reed considers to be in the equated ranks of other high arts such as, "music, dance and the performing arts." Each line endlessly tickles your curiosity and appreciation of something "[audience members] can't necessarily see, but feel, because it is a live performance," said Reed.

This event, Reed states is open to "students, faculty and the Greenville community willing to come," which reflects the sub-culture roots of Poetry Slam, resurfacing and redefining itself as a public delicacy.

With poetry slams, literature becomes part of the human race's oral history again, actively jumping off the page, stimulating all the senses, not just the ends of a student's laptop fixed fingertips. If you seek thoughtful entertainment, emotional enlightenment, mental stimulation, or simply an excuse to be loud and unhinged on campus, pin your ears back to the soulful commentary of both Imagi and Word of Mouth.

Don't slam the door on poetry slamming because it is genetically poetry, but open your minds to something refreshingly articulate in the matters of "death, life, love and all things relatable," said Reed.

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Tyrik Reed, SAB's active Entertainment Chair, helped organize this evening's Poetry Slam in Mendenhall room 244.



"You were in my English 3880 class last spring. You drive a red truck and you wear a ECU collared shirt a lot because you work on campus somewhere. I think you are handsome and you would grin at the teacher's jokes and it made me smile. I don't know your name, but there were only three girls in our class. I sat across the room from you."

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Gamecocks sink Pirates

Kickoff time set for ECU-UNC-Chapel Hill game

Staff Reports

The Atlantic Coast Conference announced Monday that ECU's Sept. 22 road game against North Carolina will kickoff at 3:30 p.m. (ET) and be aired live on ESPNU.

The game will mark the Pirates' first appearance on ESPNU since defeating N.C. State 21-16 on Nov. 25, 2006, and will be ECU's first national broadcast on the ESPN family of networks since the 2010 Military Bowl.

Men's Basketball schedule revealed

Staff Reports

The 2012-2013 ECU men's basketball schedule features 17 regular season home games and a first-ever visit to Chapel Hill. The Pirates will play 13 games against teams that competed in post-season play a year ago, including NCAA Tournament participants Memphis, Norfolk State, UNC-Chapel Hill and Southern Miss.

The Pirates and Tar Heels' Dec. 15 meeting will be just the third game between the in-state rivals on the hardwood and first regular season matchup since 1953. The two teams last met during the first round of the 1993 NCAA East Regional in Winston-Salem with UNC-Chapel Hill posting an 85-65 victory en route to the national championship.

The regular-season begins Saturday, Nov. 10 against Washington and Lee. The Pirates begin Conference USA play on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Memphis.

The 2013 C-USA Basketball Championship will be held March 13-16 at the BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla.

Lady Pirates fall to Gamecocks

Staff Reports

South Carolina's Courtney Angotti-Smith scored a pair of goals and Raina Johnson added another leading the Gamecocks (3-2-1) to a 3-0 victory against ECU (3-4-0) Sunday afternoon in non-conference action at Stone Stadium.

The Gamecocks scored two second half goals, while keeping the Pirates without a single shot. South Carolina keeper Sabrina D'Angelo was the benefactor of a defensive effort that allowed zero shots on goal in 90 minutes of action for her first shutout of the season and fifth of her career.

ECU was out shot 20-2, with USC allowing no shots on goal.

Sophomores Kelley Johnson and Lexi Miller each recorded shots on the afternoon for the Pirates. ECU keeper Christiane Cordero recorded a pair of saves in 90 minutes of action.

The Pirates will be back in action on Sunday, Sept. 16 when they play their final non-conference match of the season against in-state rival UNC-Wilmington at 7 p.m.

Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 9 South Carolina Gamecocks showed ECU how SEC football is played, beating the Pirates 48-10. With 77,000 fans crammed into Williams-Brice Stadium, the Gamecocks didn't disappoint their

fans in the first home game of the season. South Carolina proved they were a hungry team wanting to make a statement against the Pirates after narrowly beating Vanderbilt in week one.

Unlike last season against ECU, South Carolina took control early in the game and they didn't let up

on the Pirates until the final whistle blew.

The name of the game for ECU was turnovers. Four interceptions and one red-zone fumble put a period on what was an awful day for the Pirates. Turning the ball over isn't a recipe for winning and that put the Pirates in a deep hole.

Missed opportunities on offense also killed confidence for ECU as, for the second week in a row, the special teams barely missed a field goal early in the game to establish a rhythm.

Starting quarterback Rio Johnson surrendered three interceptions;

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The Pirates failed to establish a running game against the Gamecocks. Michael Dobson (35) tied for the team lead in carries with 6 and gained just 10 yards.

Volleyball loses at Duke Classic

William Farrar
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Pirates traveled to in-state rival Duke this past weekend to compete in their second consecutive road tournament of the season, the Duke Classic. Although the Pirates were hoping to end a four match-losing streak, they came up short as they fell to Northeastern, Duke

and Elon.

ECU was unable to get anything started against the Northwestern Huskies on Friday, as they fell in three sets to open their play in the Duke Classic. Despite not winning a set against Northwestern, freshman Torre Blake tied a team best six kills with junior Hannah Allgood on the night. Allgood also had 13 digs and three total blocks. Senior Kelly

Derby contributed the match high of six total blocks, five kills, three digs and accumulated a .333 hitting percentage.

Although the Pirates had a lot of contributors, they fell behind early in the first set, allowing the Huskies to take a 15-6 advantage. A timeout

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OPINION: the mess at quarterback

Josh Graham
STAFF WRITER

Throughout last Saturday's 48-10 loss to No. 9 South Carolina, which I am dubbing the "Columbia Massacre," there was no question who the better team was. After the game, the one question that now remains on the mind of Pirate fans, who should be ECU's starting quarterback? After some questionable coaching decisions on Saturday, the Pirates have a real mess on their hands.

During the summer, this was undoubtedly the most discussed topic surrounding the team. Even after head coach Ruffin McNeil announced Rio Johnson as the starter for the season opener against Appalachian State, the conversation and debate did not stop amongst Pirate Nation. It also didn't help that he still called Shane Carden a starting quarterback in his mind, despite making him the back-up to Johnson.

At halftime in Columbia, the Pirates trailed 21-0 and Johnson had thrown for 187 yards with two interceptions. Apparently, Coach Ruff had seen enough and decided to bench his starter in favor of Carden. On his first series, Carden was intercepted on the first pass he threw. Then, McNeil did the unthinkable; he brought back in the quarterback he just

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Hannah Allgood (14) recorded her third double double of the season against Duke with 12 kills and 10 digs.

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"Just like this university, we have a tough group. Whenever you lose a game it should hurt, but we will bounce back."
-Ruffin McNeil

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Justin Hardy (2) led the Pirates with 8 catches for 111 yards and a score against USC.

one came when the Pirates were knocking on the door for a touchdown opportunity. When Johnson did lead the Pirates on a clean drive into Gamecock territory, freshman wide receiver Jabril Solomon fumbled his catch and South Carolina eventually recovered the ball at its 12-yard line.

Quarterback Shane Carden had his chance to run the Pirate offense in the second half and he managed to put some points on the board. After getting intercepted on his first collegiate pass, Carden settled down. He took the Pirates down the field and Warren Harvey put a field goal on the scoreboard late in the third quarter. It was ECU's first points of the game, trailing 35-3.

The Pirate defense was shaky on Saturday giving up big play after big play. The ECU defense did find a rhythm and was able to stop the Heisman candidate Marcus Lattimore, limiting him to just 40-rushing yards.

Dylan Thompson was not the same player that ECU saw in the game film against Vanderbilt the week before. Thompson led the Gamecocks down on the first drive of the game, making big throws throughout the drive. Lattimore did finish the drive with a 6-yard touchdown run.

Thompson completed 21 of his

37 passes and he finished with 330 yards and three touchdowns. The only blemish that Thompson had was a fumble in the fourth quarter inside the Pirates five-yard line. Thompson and third string QB Seth Strickland combined for the most passing yards in a game in the Steve Spurrier coaching era at South Carolina.

The South Carolina defense forced multiple ECU turnovers, but the Pirates still gained 403 yards. Johnson started the game for the Pirates and he threw for 193 yards but his afternoon ended after he threw a pick six to USC's Jimmy Legree. Carden relieved Johnson midway through the third quarter and he finished the game 12-18 for 140 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Carden highlighted the offense with a fourth quarter scramble, as he alluded the defense, and threw a 34-yard pass to Justin Hardy for the only Pirate touchdown all afternoon.

The bright spot for the Pirates was the consistent play of Hardy. He caught eight passes for 111 yards and a touchdown. Hardy has scored a touchdown in six of his last seven games.

Also, the sure handed Andrew Bodenheimer caught three passes for 23 yards. For Bodenheimer, this

is his 22nd straight game with a reception. His last game without a catch came in September of 2010.

The Pirates defense also showed its pursuit skills on the QB as they had three sacks on Thompson. Daniel Drake got the first sack of the season for ECU and Lattimore and Montese Overton both got their first career sacks in the game. The ECU offensive line was able to hold strong against the pass rush from the Gamecocks. The O-Line didn't give up a sack in the game and they have yet to allow one this season thus far.

The intriguing situation coming out of this game is what to do at the quarterback position. The question this week is: Do the Pirates go with Johnson and give him another chance or is Carden ready to take the reins and continue from his progress against South Carolina?

ECU is headed to Hattiesburg, Miss. for a contest against the Southern Miss Golden Eagles, last year's conference champions. Southern Miss is 0-1 on the season and they are coming off a bye week. The Golden Eagles lost their first matchup of the season against Nebraska 49-20. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m.

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sat moments before. Can you say awkward?

If that wasn't bad enough, Johnson came in and one-upped Carden by throwing an interception that was returned for a touchdown to seal the Pirates' fate. With courtesy and reason now being thrown out the window, I wasn't surprised to see Johnson relieved again for Carden. After his previous interception, Carden did do some good things. He scored the Pirates lone touchdown, a 34-yard pass to Justin Hardy and finished 12-18 passing for 140 yards.

That seemed to be enough for McNeil and offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley as they placed Carden atop the depth chart for the weekend's game against Southern Miss. There is no telling if he will remain there when game time rolls around Saturday. Despite who gets the nod, it's clear that the coaching staff does not have confidence in either one of them to get the job done.

I can only imagine what was going through the head of Johnson after being benched twice in the same quarter. I have never seen

anything like it before. Not only is it embarrassing, but it also has to affect the psyche of both players, knowing that their job is on the line on every single play and that they almost cannot make a mistake. I expect Carden to be on a very short leash against Southern Miss and if things don't go the Pirates way early, I wouldn't be surprised if he's given the quick hook.

With all that being said, I think the right choice was made in making Carden the starter. Even though the numbers may favor Johnson, there is no denying that Carden was brought in to run the air raid offense that McNeill and Riley made famous at Texas Tech. Johnson is one of the few remaining players from the Skip Holtz era. Plus, Carden is only a sophomore and is clearly the Pirates' quarterback of the future. With any young quarterback, it is important to give him reps, but at the same time provide job security. With that stability, Carden would be more inclined to play the way he can, as opposed to playing not to make mistakes.

That is why it would be a monumental mistake by the Pirates coaching staff to pull Carden out at any point of Saturday's game. It would be a huge blow to a young quarterback's confidence and it would create more questioning, second-guessing and controversy around this football team.

This weekend's game against Southern Miss is pivotal and could set the tone for what we can expect for the rest of the season. We are finally going to get a chance to see Carden start a game this season and really see what he can do. It can be tough to gauge how good a player is when the only time we see them is during blow-out games that are already decided. If he plays well and the Pirates win, there should be great optimism for the rest of the season and the future; but if not, it could get really ugly and turn into a massive distraction that lingers throughout the entire season. Who knows, with the quarterback position up in the air, we could see Brad Wornick or Cody Keith.

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Rio Johnson (7) struggled against S. Carolina, throwing three interceptions.

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Zara Cecich (16) led the team with a combined 33 assists in three games but the Pirates finished the weekend winless.

by the Pirates could not halt the momentum as the Huskies finished with a 25-12 victory.

The second set was a lot closer than the first, as the set had 13 ties and eight lead changes. With the score tied at 21, the Huskies pulled away to a 25-21 victory. The third set was a lot like the first, as the Huskies finished the sweep with a 25-16 victory.

On Saturday, ECU dropped a pair of matches, falling three sets to none against Duke, and three sets to one against Elon. Allgood recorded her third double double of the season, despite the Pirates' disappointing outcome. Allgood posted seven kills and 12 digs against Duke, before finishing with a team-best 12 kills, 10 digs and four total blocks against Elon. Blake contributed seven kills and two digs against Duke, while other freshman Erika Figueroa led the defense with 14 and 10 digs in the two matches.

Against Duke, ECU took a 10-6 lead in the first set after three straight kills by a host of Pirates. Duke fought back to tie the set at 19, before pulling away with a 25-21 victory. The second and third sets were dominated by Duke, as they were able to use the momentum from

their first set rally. The Blue Devils finished a sweep with a 25-15 win, followed by a 25-10 victory.

ECU and Elon's match started as a close one, the teams split the first two sets. With a set victory, ECU has recorded their first set victory since August 25. In the set win, ECU jumped to a 5-1 lead early against the Phoenixes. Although Elon came back and took a two-point lead, the Pirates stayed focus and pulled out the 25-18 win.

With the match being tied at one set a piece, Elon jumped out to a 10-3 lead to help them get a 25-21 lead. The fourth set was also given to Elon, as they quickly recorded a 25-17 win to secure the loss for the Pirates.

Despite dropping the last road matches, they will be back in action on Thursday to host the Pirate Invitational in Greenville. ECU will host conference-rival Marshall on Thursday, before taking on University of Maryland Baltimore County, Friday. The Pirates will finish the weekend play on Saturday against Coastal Carolina.

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