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Gov. Perdue orders lowering of flags

Staff Reports

Yesterday, Gov. Bev Perdue joined President Obama in ordering all United States flags at state and federal facilities be flown at half-staff until Sunday, Sept. 16.

The order came in response to the attack on the American Embassy in Libya.

The President called for the lowering of flags "as a mark of respect for the memory of John Christopher Stevens, United States Ambassador to Libya, and American personnel killed in the senseless attack on our diplomatic facility in Benghazi."

Citizens are encouraged to lower flags as well.

Congressman appears on white supremacist radio broadcast

Staff Reports

Rep. Walter B. Jones, one of Eastern North Carolina's congressmen, recently appeared as a guest on a well-known white supremacist radio show.

The program Jones appeared on, Political Cesspool, is based in Memphis, Tenn. The show hosted by James Edwards claims to be the "voice of the movement" and hosts, attends and speaks at extremist gatherings.

Edwards is often criticized by groups fighting against intolerance and bigotry in America. The Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty Law Center lists him as a known extremist due to his promotion of racism, homophobia and anti-Semitic beliefs. His show's mission statement says the show stands to "represent a philosophy that is pro-White and are against political centralization," according to its website.

Congressman Jones is running for re-election in November 2012.

Greenville License Plate Agency to close soon

Staff Reports

The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles has announced that it will close one of its license plate agencies.

The agency set to close is located at 2800 10th St. East will close at the end of the business day on Friday, Sept. 21.

Originally opened in January 2010 it has been operated by contractors who decided not to continue their contact with the state DMV.

License Plate Agencies offer vehicle registration services, title transactions, vehicle license plate renewals, replacement tags and duplicate registration. There are currently 120 agencies open across the state.

Several other area agencies will remain open and online orders and services are offered at ncdot.gov/dmv.

One of 'Greensboro Four' to speak on campus

Staff Reports

Franklin McCain, one of the original four who partook in the Woolworth sit-in in Greensboro in 1960 will speak on campus.

McCain was born in Union County and raised in Washington, D.C. He graduated from Eastern High School in 1959 and attended North Carolina A&T University.

McCain and three other A&T freshmen known as the

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Program targets international students



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International students and domestic students are paired together through the First Friends Program to introduce international students to current students.

Melanie Jock

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The International House is holding its meet-and-greet tomorrow for the First Friends Program, which helps to pair international students with university students in order to ease transition into America.

The informal gathering will introduce students to each other and allow them to learn about what is going on with the program.

The goals of the program are to introduce new international students to current university students and to create mutual exchange of culture and friendship. It also aims

to enhance international students' satisfaction with his or her academic and social experience.

"It's really to introduce new international students and get them acclimated to Greenville, ECU, as well as the United States," said William Mallett, assistant director of international student advisement

at the International House. "Our international students want to learn about the American culture, and about ECU, and North Carolina and anything else."

The program also seeks to "provide an excellent opportunity for

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Student spreads hope with headbands

Staff Reports

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month and one student is working to spread awareness on campus.

Lauren Athey, a senior child development and family relations major with a concentration in early childhood intervention is working as a representative for Headbands for Hope with the goal of promoting consciousness among students.

The organization sells headbands to advance the cause and to give back to cancer research. With each headband the organization sells, one headband is donated to a girl battling childhood cancer and \$1 is given to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a foundation which focuses on childhood cancer research.

According to Athey, it is often hard for young girls to wear wigs and they can be expensive. The headbands "offer a way to make them feel more feminine and comfortable themselves," as they persevere through the illness.

Athey works as the organization's representative for the university and is currently working to offer the headbands on campus. Athey has already travelled to several hospitals to deliver some headbands to patients. "Seeing their faces brighten up just from a piece of cloth and a visitor has really helped me put my life into perspective and I love what I am doing," she said.

Recently, Athey travelled to Charlotte to distribute headbands to young patients.

"A couple of weeks ago I went to Levine Medical Center and I actually got to meet with the girls and I got to put the headbands on their

heads and they got to pick out the one they wanted," said Athey.

Athey is still working on setting up a booth outside of Dowdy Student Stores to sell headbands, however the booth is still in the



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Headbands for Hope gives a headband to a child with cancer for every headband it sells.

"Headbands for hope aims to spread hope in all girls, one headband at a time."

- Lauren Athey

planning stages.

According to Athey, childhood cancer is much different from cancer adults face

and are sometimes less common. Young patients are also being treated during crucial times in their developmental stages of both the body and mind, which complicates the effects of treatment and results in life-long complications.

Though research in the last 40 years has elevated cure rates from about none to almost 80 percent, many types of childhood cancer remain difficult to cure. Development in curing adolescent and young adult cancers also remains slow because federal funding is but a portion of finding a cure for adult cancers.

This is where the mission of

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Senator Hagan addresses college affordability

Staff Reports

Yesterday, Senator Kay Hagan held a conference call with college and local media outlets to address the issue of college affordability.

The call came ahead of a hearing to be held in the Senate today, the third in a series regarding the issue.

Appalachian State University, Elon, The News and Observer, UNC-Chapel Hill, Wilmington and WNT Radio all participated in the call.

Senator Hagan weighed in, along with Chelsea Boccardo, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's Student Government Association president, and Jose Cruz, who works at The Education Trust and leads the Higher Education Policy and Practice Work.

"I've been focused on education since I've been in office, for the last three and a half years" said Senator Hagan, who is a member of the Education Committee in the Senate. "I think that getting a college education should not be a burden to our young people by leaving them with an unsustainable debt load."

She also stressed the value of a post-secondary degree in today's economy.

"Lack of affordability really stands as a major barrier to college access for so many people, and it means that so many workers now are seeking retraining," said Senator Hagan.

She noted that a college education is beyond the reach of millions of Americans, especially from lower- and middle-income families.

"In Congress, I think we've made historical improvements to date and investments in federal financial aid programs to help increase college affordability," said Hagan.

Senator Hagan listed the

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International House graduate assistants began the program to ease international student transition.

students to increase his or her educational experience, gain cultural insight and make new friends with people all over the world."

Started in 2002 by graduate assistants, the program continues to grow, and doubled from 20 students last year to 40 students this year. Mallett said he reached out to the international students during new student orientation, passed out information about the program and answered any question they had.

"After everything gets going, the program runs itself," said Mallett.

To pair the students together, participants were asked what languages they speak, their hobbies and which countries they have already been to. They were also matched according to major and age, making it easier for them to communicate.

Liyao Zhao, an international studies major from China, is a graduate assistant at the international house, and in charge of the First Friends Program. She matched the international students together with the domestic ones.

"It's an interesting phenomenon," said Zhao. "We do have some graduate international students join our pro-

gram, and for the domestic students, most of them are freshmen, sophomore and juniors."

"Most of the time when people join into this program, they really want to know cultures around the world, not only some limited countries," she said. "They are open minded and don't care about the citizenship, and that's a target for our program this year."

The pairs are encouraged to attend university events together, such as sporting or other campus events.

"Most of the international students want to practice their English skills, so they really want to have more time to get in touch with their partner and talk to them," said Zhou.

"The reason they come to America to study is they want to experience the native culture here," said Zhou. "So they want to hang out with domestic students and see American football, or eat American food, they are really interested in it. That's what we are trying to make some progress this year."

Zhou said last year pairs only communicated one by one, but this year the program is trying to organize activities to allow the students to get together and experience American culture.

"One thing we're also trying to change this semester is trying to get these students involved in events held by the international office, like International Culture Week, held the second week of November," said Zhao.

Erin Traister, a freshman intended nursing major, said she thinks the program is a good idea and would be interested in joining the program in the future.

"I'm glad ECU thought of it," said Traister. "If I was an international student, it would be encouraging to have instant friends and connections."

Angel Hicks, a freshman intended nursing major, also thought it was a good idea.

"I had a friend in high school from Indonesia, and I took her under my wing," said Hicks. "I would hang out with her and eat lunch with her."

Mallett said any university student may participate in the program, but he generally sees students from The Honor College, former study abroad students or students interested in going abroad. Although the program is not taking applications for the fall at this time, they will hold on to them for the new group of international students entering in the spring.

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Senator Hagan is working to protect Pell Grants which assist nine million students nationwide.

advancements to date as strengthening Pell Grants, which nine million students rely on today to attend college, and increasing opportunities for students to participate in federal work-study programs.

Senator Hagan is working to stop the cut of Pell Grants, which the House of Representatives has cut in their budget recently passed.

"I think that's not a good way forward," she said.

She also addressed the creation of the American Opportunity Tax Credit, which gives millions of families in the country up to \$2,500 per year, per student, to help their children pay for school and investments to community colleges.

"Community colleges are so important to our nation, particularly from a retrain-

ing perspective," said Senator Hagan.

These investments have helped to develop, improve and provide education and career training programs.

Among the other initiatives, Senator Hagan, this June, voted to prevent interest rates from doubling on federal student loans, which were set

to increase from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent.

"We avoided what I thought would be a crisis scenario for millions of students across our country," said Senator Hagan.

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Headbands for Hope comes in, the organization works to assist in the funding of research.

"Headbands for hope aims to spread hope in all girls, one headband at a time," said Athey.

There are over 23 representatives for the organizations at colleges around the country including: Appalachian State, University of Georgia, Ohio State and Marshall, among many more.

Headbands for Hope was

founded in April by Athey's former roommate at N.C. State University.

Currently, the organization offers five different styles of headbands and is working to get athletic teams and other groups involved.

For more information visit: www.headbandsofhope.org. Promotional code eculairen can be used to receive discounts on products.


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BRIEFS CONT.


'Greensboro Four' are credited with initiating the sit-in movement when they sat at the Woolworth's lunch counter on February 1, 1960 and requested service.

Friday, Sept. 14, McCain will speak from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in Mendenhall Great Room three.

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To the ethnically confused Indian kid: you're not a Blood just because you twist your fingers up when you're drunk.

I love Mary Jane more than Peter ever will.

I'm Indian and tatted up, and I kill it in the gym, and I write well, keep your stereotypes to yourself.

I kill more time than Liam Neeson kills Albanians.

To the guy sitting next to me in the library: TAKE A SHOWER!!!

Where do the international girls hang out ... that's what I want to know!!

My roommate was drunk, went to the wrong apartment and petted a random dog ... then asked the people when did we get a dog ... best weekend ever.

Ladies, you all talk about wanting that prince charming, but every time he shows up, you pick the douchebag.

Aannndddd Sci Tech is on fire ... come on email canceling class.

These poor freshmen in my class are talking about how excited they are to have a whole week off for fall break and an entire month off for Christmas ... ha! Think again freshmen.

Having to write a journal after every class about what we did is the most pointless thing ever.

If you're going to insult us, at least spell it right, it's colorguard, no space loser.

Colorguard is the new low? How does it feel to know he thinks you're still beneath that and he won't touch it?

Thank you to the guy who fell on his longboard in front of Mendenhall, I needed a good laugh; you made going to class hung-over at 9 a.m. so worth it.

BIOLOGY PROFESSORS: I know what a freaking phone chord is. We're not that young and you're not that old.

Look Aunt Bea, I pay tuition to use the Student Rec Center. Don't get broady on me because my basketball rolling onto the court interrupted the only physical activity you can do without breaking a hip.

To everyone commenting on how lanyards make it obvious you're a freshman. Let's make it obvious that we're not trying to impress you, so it doesn't matter if you know we're freshmen or not.

Oh, you're mad because somebody took "your seat?" I didn't realize we were still in elementary school. Please don't tattle to the teacher ... welcome to college.

Anyone who thinks they have roommate issues, at least they didn't steal your underwear.

To the guy watching porn in my 8 a.m. lecture, you stay classy!

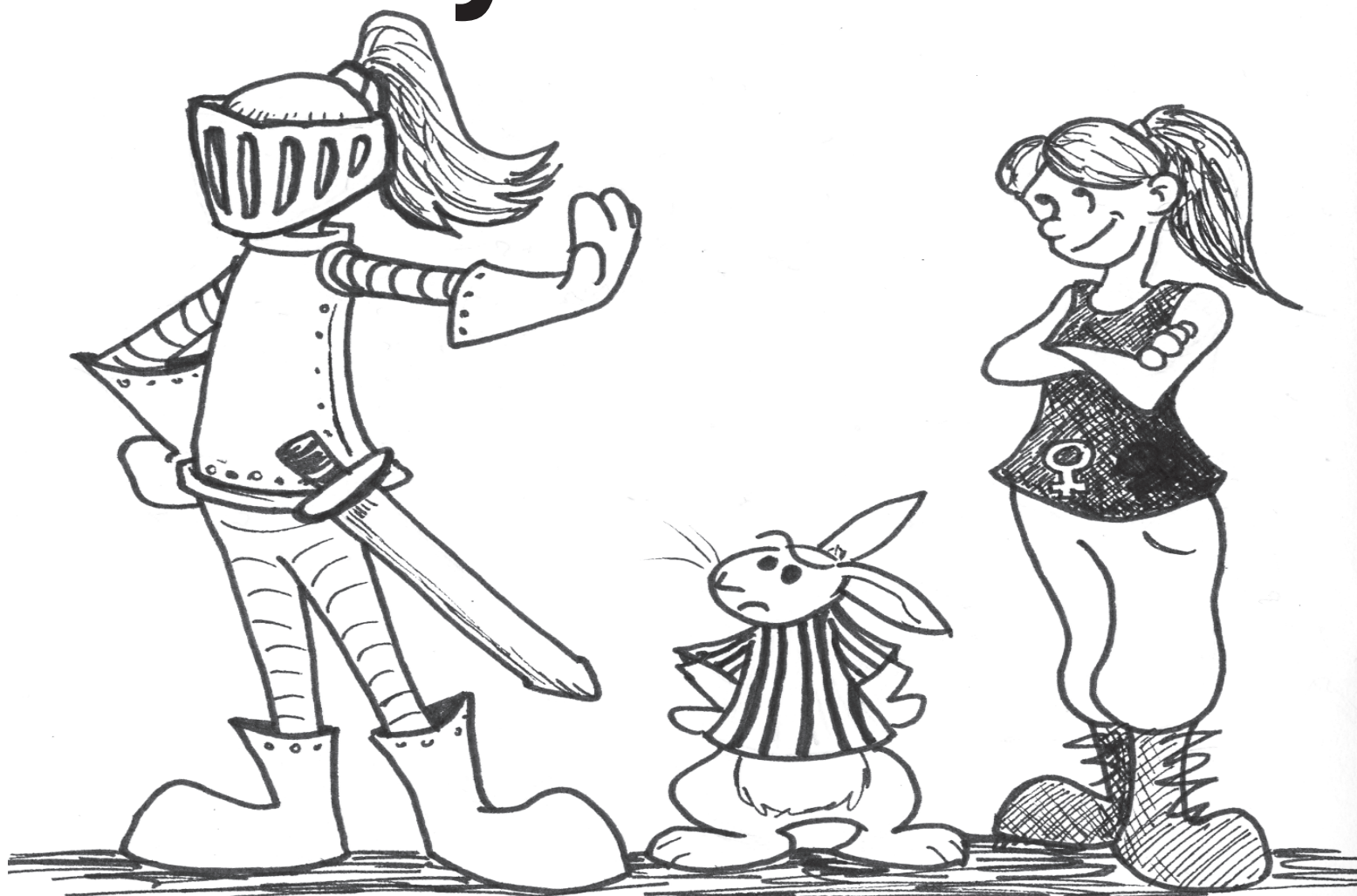
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Chivalry vs. Feminism



"Nay! I shall not fight a member of the fairer sex!"

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Eva Torres
OPINION COLUMNIST

The "f" word is one that has and will always cause a stir in America. When men hear this word, they envision women cutting hair, burning bras and screaming in the streets with signs painted about issues that, in their world, they could care less about.

Men and women fail to realize that feminism is more than the negative image that many masculinists have displayed about this movement.

The great social, political and emotional advancements of women can all be traced back to the three waves of feminism that this movement has undergone.

The feminist movement is a broad range of reforms targeted to change sexual violence, equal pay, reproduction rights, women's suffrage, maternity leave and many more issues.

The first wave of feminism took place in the late 1800s to early 1900s with white middle class women in the forefront of the movement. The main goal and need of this movement was women's suffrage.

The second wave of feminism began in the '60s with the addition of women from all walks of life: ethnically, socially and economically. The second wave is known to be the most radical, as it brought issues of sexuality and reproductive rights to the table, where it was otherwise frowned upon in terms of open discussion.

The third wave of feminism began in the 1900s and focused on the advancement of the universal woman. Pinkfloor defined the third wave when she said: "It's possible to have a push-up bra and a brain at the same time."

People are quick to be fearful of the feminist movement because they are unaware of the contributions and progressions that this movement has made in the lives of women in our society and around the world.

The contributions of the feminist movement are inclusive of, but not limited to, gaining women the right to vote, the right to have maternity leave, the right to have access to abortions and contraceptives, the right to be educated, the

right to own property, the right to hold public office, the right to serve in the military and earning (still fighting for) equal pay in the workplace. Of all the accomplishments, the feminist movement guarantees women the right to have a voice in a man's world, as long as women keep the movement and its passion alive.

There should be no woman opposed to the feminist movement, and if there is, I am sure that a man told her to oppose the movement. A man opposed to the movement is nothing less than a coward and is a man intimidated by competition.

The authors of "Manifesto: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future," Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards write in their book, "Consciousness among women is what caused this change and consciousness, one's ability to open their mind to the fact that male domination does affect the women of our generation, is what we need... The present of feminism in our lives is taken for granted. For our generation, feminism is like fluoride. We scarcely notice we have it—it's simply in the water."

There is a need, a call, if you will, for women to become educated on the cause and need for the feminist movement that is going on in our country and around the world. An education on how this movement has shaped each and every one of our lives, whether we like it or not.

Instead of merely letting the movement progress or be at a stand still, our generation of women needs to be those who push the movement and keep it going so it can see a fourth, even fifth wave with the next couple of generations.

In each wave of this movement there were women who had a consciousness of the issues that were influencing their lives and changed these issues and policies to better fit their needs, wants and abilities.

What issues will our generation be aware of and see the need to change these issues to better fit our wants, needs and abilities? Become proactive, and continue to be that voice, those women who define and keep people aware and intimidated with the "f" word.

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SOUND OFF

Eric Jones
OPINION COLUMNIST

Over the years I have heard so many women say, "Chivalry is dead!" Afterward, any man standing within earshot or responding to a comment or status on Facebook always defend themselves by saying that not all men are alike and explain how they, themselves, are chivalrous.

After reading a textbook on gender communication, I have come to realize that after 20,000 plus years, male and female dominated roles have begun to change, slowly but surely, and mainly over the past 100 years. In the 21st century, the gender equality pace has drastically picked up. This could be one reason it is so hard for "men to figure out women" and vice versa. My question is: if chivalry is dead, did feminism kill it?

One topic of feminism that proposes equality is equal pay for equal work. This debate is completely understandable and makes total sense. However, when it comes to chivalry, it takes a different turn. Traditionally the man saves up three month's salary to purchase an engagement ring. If he is making

\$50,000 a year, this ring will be roughly \$12,500. Essentially this is one quarter of his paycheck.

Also, in the dating scene, the man traditionally buys the meals when they are eating out. Let's say the couple is on a moderate budget and when they eat out the meal is about \$30, tip included. If they go out once a week, he will have paid \$1,560 a year towards dining out. These are just two small examples of financial investments men put into relationships with women. It is understood that men don't pay for everything every single time, but it is the traditional norm. If there is going to be equal pay in the work force, then it should be equal in relationships, but then chivalry takes a small hit in the process.

When it comes to the core of chivalry, feminism can take a serious bite out of a man's perception of what a woman wants. Opening a door, especially a car door, for a woman is a common practice by

most men, but hardcore feminists think that this act is a power and dominance issue. I've never known a man that considered it this way and was doing nothing more than what was courteous.

Another tradition and norm is that the man is supposed to make the first move. There isn't equality in this simple act. If you are a feminist, then it's time to start stepping up to the plate. With women's liberation and empowerment, there should no longer be a gender specific "chase." There is no reason when it comes to meeting someone new that you couldn't make all of the first moves, like asking for a man's phone number or leaning in first, and the furthest, for the first kiss.

Granted there are tons of feminist ideals, some of which contradict themselves, but it can be confusing to a man and how we react to women, feminists or not. Some feminists would not consider accepting any sort of complimentary ges-

ture like paying for dinner, buying them a drink, or even accepting an engagement ring. Some feminists, on the other hand, want nothing more than voting rights and equal opportunities. In the 21st century there is nothing wrong with either, but it makes men hesitate because we don't want to be offensive. We can't help but wonder if being a proclaimed feminist is nothing more than an excuse to consume the benefits and not have to deal with consequences of liberation and equality.

Although there are debates and confusion, the traditional man will continue to buy the meals, open the doors, make the first moves and purchase the engagement rings. If you find a man that doesn't do these things, then you may want to consider the times we live in rather than calling him a "dog" or calling him "cheap." The next time you think that chivalry is dead just remember that, in fact, it is not. However, feminism is persistently jabbing it in the side barehanded.

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You need to step up and take action today — you won't regret it! Your energy is almost too powerful to be believed, so once you start moving, you should find that people really start to notice!



Taurus (Apr 20 -May 20)

You need to cut someone a little slack — otherwise, they may not be able to help you the next time you need them. Your energy is best spent on your own projects, actually, so you could just ignore others for now.



Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

You are feeling light today — almost frivolous! Enjoy the lively spirits that keep you up and happy, and make sure that you're sharing the good times with those who are most important to you.



Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

You are feeling a little crazed right now — and you need to let that energy out! Get out there and make sure that you're living as large as you possibly can. Someone likes what they see!



Leo (July 23 -Aug 22)

Your amazing personal energy doesn't exactly guarantee success, but it does mean that you're going to look great when it all goes down midday. Enjoy the adulation and the glory!



Virgo (Aug 23 -Sep 22)

Your strong desire to be organized is coming out in weird ways today — you may be alphabetizing your desktop icons or creating lists of exes and ranking them in all sorts of crazy ways.



Libra (Sep 23 -Oct 22)

People need you today — especially your wisdom! It's a good time for you to step up and offer some advice to the one person in your life who needs it most. Then the rest can get their turn.



Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

Your job is causing some problems today — or it could be your job search. It's not time to quit or stop looking; you just need to get some help from someone who really knows what they're doing.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

You feel like taking a risk — so go big! Your great energy is just right for whatever is coming up next. Make sure that you are ready for romance, a brand new job or some other big deal!



Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

You don't feel that you deserve the praise that's coming your way — and you may be half right. That's only because you've got a partner who needs to share your spotlight, so bring them up!



Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

You've got creative energy to spare, and today brings it out of you like toothpaste out of a tube. You can't help but spout new ideas and new ways of doing things, so you'd better hope someone's taking notes!



Pisces (Feb 19 -Mar 20)

You've got too many activities to keep track of, and that could start to be a real problem. Check in with a friend or colleague who's less busy and see if they can help lighten your load somewhat.



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Student aims to 'Live Free'

Sasha Preddie
STAFF WRITER

Many aspiring artists will do whatever it takes to make a name for themselves without any real reason behind their actions, other than fame. Tony Dyer, a sophomore communication major, not only wants to see his name in lights one day, he wants to encourage people to be original.

Dyer released his very first mix tape titled, "Live Free," on September 1st. The title of his mix tape is not only a phrase he lives by, it is a movement he wants to create.

While walking around campus, "I started noticing everybody was a follower," said Dyer. This realization helped spark that idea that his music and the Live Free movement could possibly help people break away from the majority.

"The goal is just to get people to think for themselves," Dyer said.

Even though the phrase Live Free has always been something people would say and has been the title of many artists' songs, Dyer feels like no has completely capitalized on that philosophy.

A lot of Dyer's inspiration came from Bob Marley. Dyer explained that Marley's songs encompass more than just the stereotype.

"He was more about freedom of thought and revolution, being a rebel and not just being what society wants you to be, and that's a big problem," said Dyer. "Why not contribute something positive, because our generation is going to be the next generation to rule the world essentially."

Dyer's stage name, Real Thought, embodies the lyricist that he truly is. He prides himself on his complex lyrics compared to, "the simple cocky stuff that most rappers say," he said.

A lot of the inspiration for this mix tape came from being at ECU. Dyer had spent his whole life in Jacksonville, N.C., so coming to Greenville really helped him step out of his comfort zone and find out whom he really was.

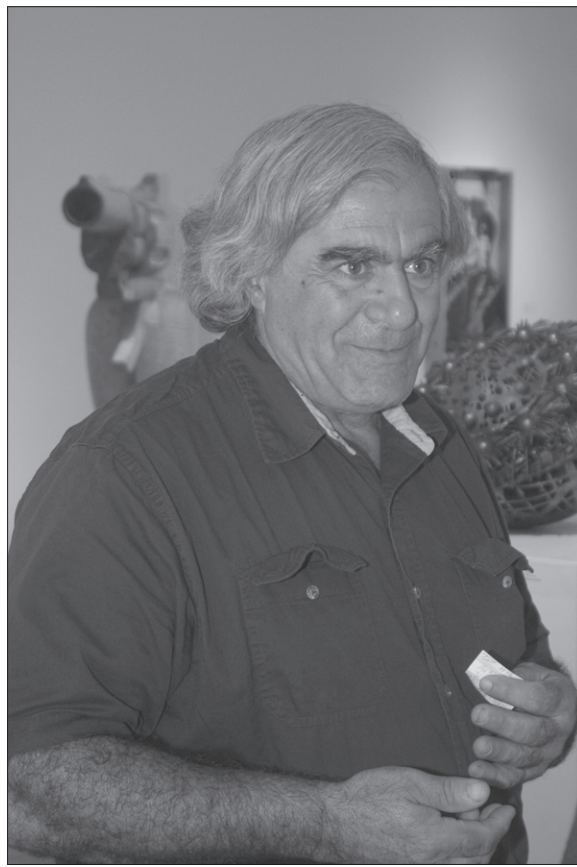
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Tri-State Sculptors Exhibition

Rex Ross
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR



The Wellington B. Gray Gallery, located in the Jenkins Fine Art Building, will be home to the Tri-State Sculptors Education Association Exhibition from Sept. 4 to Oct. 5.

The Tri-State Sculptors Education Association, which was formed in 1978 by sculptors from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, seeks to "promote public awareness and appreciation of sculpture in the region and to exchange ideas and information among its members," states the group's website, trista-sculptors.org.

The work of the artists range from wood carvings and metal welding to more intricate designs with softer mediums such as plastic, fabric and even cardboard. While examples of all these mediums, and more, can be found in the exhibition, the association will not only be showcasing their work, but teaching the public some of their methods.

Beginning on Friday, Oct. 5 and lasting through Sunday, Oct. 7, the association will be holding "how to" workshops and informational lectures in the Jenkins Fine Arts Building as part of their 34th Annual Conference.

This educational side of the Tri-State Sculptors Association is something that is very important to the members and is one reason that they work hard to put together an annual conference. Hanna Jubran has been a member since 1994 and is a sculptor professor in the School of Art and Design. He has been instrumental in planning and organizing this year's conference at ECU.

"Tri-State actually started here at East Carolina in '78. And it is basically North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina, and that is why we entitled it Tri-State. But that doesn't mean we don't have people that move to other states and they still join us," said Jubran. "We have some artists here in the exhibition from Mississippi, Massachusetts, California, that were living here and they remain members. So if you are a member, you remain a member."

You can go to any state, you can go to any area and you can still participate."

Another important member of the faculty team that helped put on this event is Tom Braswell, interim director of the Wellington B. Gray Gallery and photography instructor for the School of Art and Design.

His role as interim director gave him the opportunity to curate the exhibition.

"Each exhibit being different has its own problems to solve visually, but the working process is pretty much the same," said Braswell.

Braswell says how he designs the show depends upon the type of work he is dealing with. If work from a single artist, as a sort of retrospective, is the only work in a show, he usually designs the show in chronological order. Since this show has work from multiple artists, he begins arranging by "what two pieces work side by side" and then go from there.

This conference, while featuring work from artists nationwide and workshops to learn some of their methods, will also feature a keynote presentation by noted sculptor James Surls.

Surls is a very well-known sculptor working in America. His art fuses steel, bronze and wood and is inspired from the landscape of his native state, Texas.

His lecture on Friday, Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. will be held in Speight Auditorium, and afterward, a closing reception honoring the member artists will be held in the Wellington B. Gray Gallery.

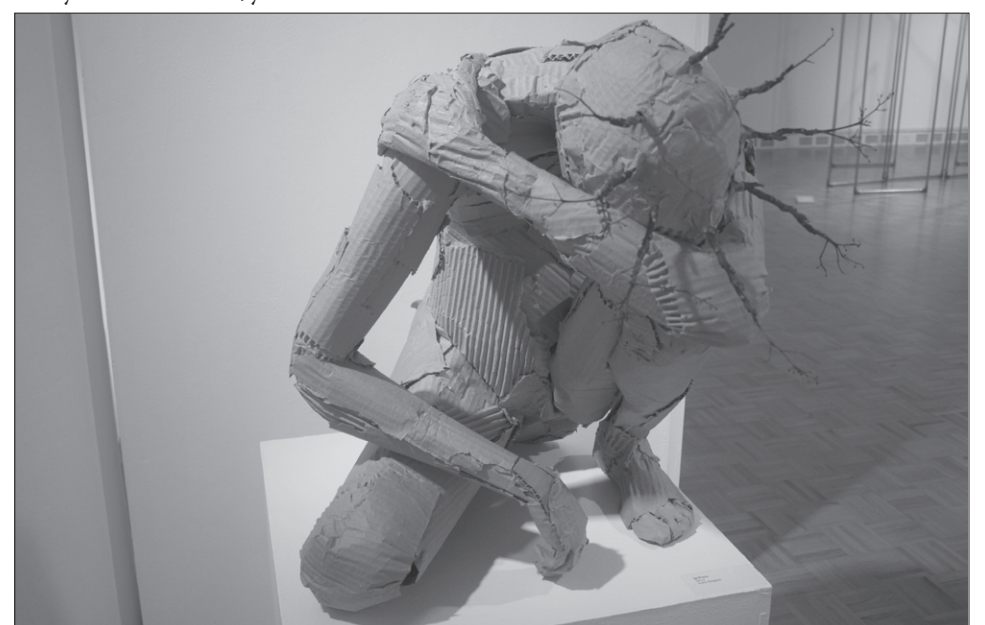
Whether it be teaching sculpting methods to the public, presenting art work for everyone to view, or hosting a lecture by a well-known sculptor, the Tri-State Sculptors Education Association works to achieve its goal of promoting public awareness and appreciation for the beautiful, mysterious and inspiring world of sculpture art.

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From Sept. 4 to Oct. 5, the Wellington B. Gray Gallery will host the Tri-State Sculptors Education Association Exhibition. The exhibition will host "how to" workshops and informational lectures in the Jenkins Fine Arts Building.





Davidson Invitational

Staff Reports

The Lady Pirates Tennis team was successful this weekend at the Davidson Invitational. Davidson hosted the weekend matches, which included ECU, Campbell, and Gardner-Webb. ECU won four of the eight singles sets and two of four doubles sets. Melis Tanik, Renata Bakieva and Nicole LaDuca successfully won their respective singles and doubles matches. ECU Abby Richmond (Sr.) paired with Dana Gray (Soph.) to win their match versus Davidsons' Tamara Hill and Blake Nickles. ECU will compete in Charlotte for the Charlotte Invitational on Oct. 12-13.

Pirates Left Out Again

Staff Reports

With Notre Dame being added to the ACC, Pirate fans are feeling left out once again. Without any invitation to the Big East or the ACC, ECU is left wondering how long it will be until Pirate Nation joins a big and legitimate conference. This season the Pirates will need to make a statement since this is the last season with this group of Conference USA teams. The departure of big schools like Houston, UCF, SMU and Memphis leaves ECU as a big dog of what's left of C-USA. Notre Dame will be joining the ACC in every sport except Football and Hockey. Football will remain independent and Hockey is a part of Hockey East.

Basketball Schedule

Nov. 10
Washington and Lee

Nov. 13
Methodist

Nov. 16
UNC Greensboro

Nov. 20
Appalachian State

Nov. 26
Georgia State

Dec. 1
Charlotte

Dec. 4
St. Andrews

Dec. 15
North Carolina

Dec. 18
Gardner-Webb

Dec. 22
Massachusetts

Dec. 29
Norfolk State

Jan. 1
Campbell

Jan. 5
NC Wesleyan

Conference Schedule

Memphis*
UCF*
Houston*
Marshall*
UAB*
UTEP*
Memphis*
Rice*
UCF*
UAB*
Southern Miss*
Tulsa*
SMU*
Southern Miss*
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Another tough road test

The (1-1) Pirates open up conference play with a trip to Hattiesburg to take on Southern Miss.

Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Last season ECU dominated Southern Mississippi on offense, but still managed to dig itself a hole. If the offense does well, the defense does bad; defense good, special teams bad. That is just the way last season's matchup against the Golden Eagles played out.

Just 52 seconds into the game, Dominique Davis connected with Reece Wiggins for a 72-yard sprint to the end zone to give the Pirates the lead two plays into the game. After stopping Southern Miss and only giving up seven yards, the Pirates were back on offense.

The Pirates drove down into Golden Eagle territory but that was all for nothing as Davis' pass bounced off the hands of Joe Womack and was intercepted. Southern Miss was off to the races for a 97-yard interception for a TD. Dowdy-Ficklen was silent.

To top off the first quarter, the next two drives resulted in a Golden Eagles punt return for 60-yard touchdown and then a blocked punt for a TD. After the Pirates outgained Southern Miss 182 yards to 69, ECU was still down 21-7 after one quarter, and never recovered. Eventually losing 48-28 to the eventual Conference USA Champions.

The 12-2 Golden Eagles bullied their competition with stiff defense and consistent play on special teams.



Quarterback Shane Carden will have plenty of help on offense, including Derrick Harris (17) and Andrew Bodenheimer (19).

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Senior Kelly Derby (4) tallied nine total blocks when the Pirates last played.

Pirates Invitational: ECU prepares to bounce back

Craig Barnes Jr.
SPORTS WRITER

Even though the Pirates record might not reflect their hard work, the volleyball team is only one victory away from matching its record from last season. Finishing the 2011 season 2-27, and on a 25-game losing streak, was not what head coach Pati Rolf had in mind. The team is trying to change this year.

For the first time since 2008, the Lady Pirates will host two home tournaments. In the first home tournament, the East Carolina Classic, the Lady Pirates were able to gain some confidence by defeating Bethune-Cookman 3-1 before losing in straight sets to UNC-Charlotte.

The Pirate volleyball team is 1-39 in conference in the last 40 games. The last victory for the Lady Pirates was against Marshall on November 24, 2010, which was also the first conference game of the season. The Pirates look to repeat history against Marshall on Thursday.

Marshall comes to ECU with a 7-4 record on the year. The all-time series record between the two schools is 11-2 in favor of Marshall. They took home the tournament title at the Kent State Mizuno Classic and look to do the same at the ECU Pirates Invitational.

The Lady Pirates need to key in on Marshall's Sammie Bane; the Most Outstanding Player at the Kent State Mizuno Classic is the leader of the Thundering Herd. She anchored the offense throughout the tournament with 106 assists.

Marshall will prove to be our toughest opponents at the ECU Pirates Invitational. UMBC and Coastal Carolina, the other opponents, post 5-9 and 1-5 records respectively. Look for the Pirates to improve on their abysmal 14-83 record since 2009.

With only three returning starters from last year's team, the Lady Pirates will need a great performance from outside hitters Whitney Campbell and Torre Blake to be victorious in this upcoming tournament. Look for junior Hannah Allgood to provide the much-needed spark for the Lady Pirates offensive attack.

After a less than stellar performance at the Duke Classic, ECU's volleyball team (1-8) is preparing for a better outcome at the ECU Pirates Invitational. The Pirates are looking to snap a seven game match-losing streak.

The Lady Pirates did not notch a victory at the Duke Classic losing

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CALENDAR

"This is a marquee game for us and one that our kids will be very excited to play."

- Jeff Lebo, commenting about the Dec. 15 matchup at UNC-Chapel Hill.

<p>Thursday 9/13/12: Home Women's Volleyball Marshall 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday 9/14/12: Home Women's Volleyball UMBC 7 p.m. Home Men's Tennis ECU Fall Shootout All Day</p>	<p>Cont. Friday Away Cross Country Adidas Cross Country Invitational</p>	<p>Saturday 9/15/12: Away Football Southern Miss 3:30 p.m. Home Women's Volleyball Coastal Carolina 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Cont. Saturday Away Men's Golf Tar Heel Intercollegiate All Day Home Men's Tennis ECU Fall Shootout All Day</p>	<p>Sunday 9/16/12: Away Women's Soccer UNC-Wilmington 7 p.m. Home Men's Tennis ECU Fall Shootout All Day</p>	<p>Cont. Sunday Away Men's Golf Tar Heel Intercollegiate All Day</p>	<p>Monday 9/17/12: Away Women's Golf Dale McNamara Invitational All Day</p>
<p>Tuesday 9/18/12: Away Women's Golf Dale McNamara Invitational All Day</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Friday 9/21/12: Home Women's Soccer UTEP 7 p.m. Away Women's Volleyball SMU 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Cont. Friday Home Cross Country ECU Pirate Invitaional - All Day Away Men's Tennis Elon Fall Invitational All Day</p>	<p>Saturday 9/22/12: Away Football UNC 3:30 p.m. Away Men's Tennis Elon All Day</p>	<p>Sunday</p>	<p>Monday</p>

Cross Country gets set for Adidas Invitational



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Women's cross country is looking to build off of its team-best fourth place in conference last year.



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The Men's team finished first in the Seahawk Invitational to kick off the fall season.

Mitch Kalik

SPORTS WRITER

The ECU Cross Country program is set to travel about 83 miles down Highway 264 when the Pirates travel to N.C. State and match up in the Adidas XC Invitational.

This should be a very interesting meet because of the intense rivalry that is already in place between ECU and N.C. State. This meet would give either school another victory against a North Carolina opponent. Those of you out there that just truly despise N.C. State; this is the tournament to watch.

The Pirates return a women's team that finished fourth in Conference USA and a men's team that finished seventh. The women are led by All-Conference USA selection Brooke Kott junior Bjork Olsen.

Olsen has not missed a race in her time as a Pirate.

The ECU men's team is coming off of a season that featured only two upperclassmen that placed seven of their eight runners in the C-USA Championships. The team's most notable returnees are junior Jakob Trzasalski and senior Antonio Palmer, two Pirate runners that competed in all seven races last season.

The Wolfpack is led by All-American selections Emily Pritt, Laura Hoer and Andrew Colley. They will also have All-ACC selections Joanna Thompson and Patrick Campbell.

This match-up will be one of few during this year where ECU and N.C. State will face off against each other in a major collegiate sport.

The winner of this meet will give them an entire year to brag about who is the better North Carolina team.

Recently N.C. State has gotten the best of the Pirates, but the Adidas XC Invitational could be the one thing that ECU needs to start changing the tide in winning match-ups against N.C. State.

ECU's Men and Women teams kicked off their season this past Friday evening in the Seahawk Invitational in Wilmington, N.C. Other schools that competed were Barton College, Campbell University, Guilford College, Meredith College, Methodist University, Peace College, Pfeiffer University, Shaw University, St. Andrews University and UNC-Wilmington.

The men usually compete well

at the Seahawk Invitational, especially from 1998-2000, where they won three straight championships. The women won the championship back in 2000.

The women's team led by senior sisters Brooke and Britney Kott, took two of the first six spots of the 5k race. Brooke who recorded a time of 18:43:32 was good enough for fourth place while the first place overall runner, and fellow Pirate, Stacey Gonzalez ran a personal-record time of 18:17:69. Redshirt sophomore Stefanie Fresenius set another personal-best record, as she ran an 18:32:50.

ECU's Men's team won the Seahawk Invitational, which makes it the first time since 2000 where the Pirates won both the men and women races.

Palmer started off with a bang, winning the 5k event out of a total of 81 total competitors. Palmer's time of 15:42:94, which happens to be a personal record, is also the 13th fastest time an ECU athlete has ran at a 5k event in school history.

The second Pirate to cross the finish line with a personal best of 16:03:81 was redshirt sophomore Chase Miller. The third Pirate to cross the finish line was team leader Trzasalski with a time of 16:06:61.

Coach Dan Lee was not available for comment as he and his wife are expecting their child to be born at any time.

The Adidas XC Invitational has yet to set a time for the race to start.

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It also didn't hurt that Austin Davis was the starting quarterback. Davis nearly broke all of Brett Favre's records in Hattiesburg.

The 2012 season has started completely different for both teams. Southern Miss lost their coaching staff after they followed Coach Larry Fedora to UNC-Chapel Hill. Southern Miss faces the challenge of gelling a new coaching staff, which came from all over the country, with the players and transitioning to the new playing system.

Head Coach Ellis Johnson has a long and hard challenge facing him this season. He comes from South Carolina where he was the defensive coordinator for the Gamecock defense, which saw four players taken in the NFL Draft.

Johnson is facing a challenge this week in preparation for the Pirates. He is trying to nail down his starting quarterback. Both quarterbacks are mobile, and in Johnson's weekly press conference, he announced that freshman Anthony Alfred would be the starter.

The reigning conference champions are 0-1 on the season as they lost their opening game to Nebraska 49-20. Tracy Lampley is the playmaker on the edge for the Golden Eagles at the wide receiver position.

Lampley is also the deadly returner for punts and kickoffs; he scored on a 100-yard kickoff return for a TD against Nebraska.

Southern Miss struggled to get any run-

ning backs involved in the offense. Alfred led the team in rushing with 84 yards on 15 carries. The passing attack was just a dismal as the team only completed seven of 19 passes for only 75 yards.

The Pirates are entering their third game, this time with a brand new starting quarterback. Shane Carden, who came in to replace Rio Johnson, will get his first career collegiate start in Hattiesburg. Carden led the Pirates on the only two scoring drives Saturday in Columbia.

Head coach Ruffin McNeil said he has confidence in both of his quarterbacks and if he needs to rotate the quarterbacks, then he will. The constant quarterback struggles this season, even back to last season, have fans questioning the quarterbacks in the fold for the Pirates.

The responsibility for lack of quality starters may reside in the hands of offensive coordinator, Lincoln Riley. The three years as the play caller has been up and down, teams may be getting the hang of the routine play calling for the Pirates. Whether it is a screen pass or a short run up the middle, teams have seen similar plays from the Pirates on a consistent basis.

With playmakers like wide receivers Justin Hardy, Wiggins and Danny Webster, the Pirates have a chance to expand the passing game. That can only happen if the coaching

staff is up for the challenge. Yes, short passes and conservative runs may keep the game simple, but ECU is in desperate need to stretch the field. The recent struggle with turnovers may stem from the tight and compressed field the offense is putting itself in.

With the beat down handed out by the South Carolina Gamecocks, the Pirates are in desperate need of some TLC in the secondary. With multiple injuries in the secondary, ECU will need to put pressure on Southern Miss to take pressure off the beaten up defensive backs.

Good news is that ECU contained the South Carolina running attack, limiting Marcus Lattimore to 40 yards and the Game-

cocks to only 131 yards as a team. If the Pirates can avoid giving up the big plays to the Golden Eagles and they can avoid turnovers, then ECU can maybe turn their season in the right direction.

The last time these teams matched up in Mississippi, the Pirates made big special team plays to claim a one point win. Lance Ray and the special teams squad may have some big plays in store for the Golden Eagles on Saturday.

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in straight sets to Northwestern and Duke and a 1-3 defeat by Elon. In the game against Northwestern, the Pirates started off slow and never seemed to pick up their pace. The Pirates had several players contribute, but overall the Huskies of Northwestern proved to be too much for the Pirates to handle. Allgood would provide six kills, 13 blocks and three digs against Northwestern.

Another loss could prove to be the fate of the volleyball team. The Lady Pirates would be swept by the Blue Devils as well, for a second straight game the Lady Pirates would leave disappointed. The bright spot of the match belonged to Allgood who would finish the

match with seven kills and 12 digs. Despite not being victorious, the Pirates had something to hold their hats on before facing Elon. Although they would eventually lose again, the team would show some promise against Elon. In the match against Elon, Allgood finished with team-best 12 kills, 10 digs and four blocks.

The ECU Pirate Invitational will be held at Minges Coliseum and will go on for three days, beginning against conference rival Marshall on Thursday Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

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