



BRIEFS

Officials plan for future evacuations of stadium

Staff Reports

Yesterday morning, officials discussed the process of evacuation of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and the plans for such emergencies.

According to ECU police, the stadium was just under sell out capacity when it had to be evacuated during Saturday night's game due to lightning.

An NCAA rule state that if there is lightning within eight miles of a venue the event must be suspended, reported WNCT.

Officials said they had been in contact with National Weather Service meteorologists during the entirety of the game and kept a close eye on the weather.

Lt. Chris Sutton said if an evacuation were to occur again, Mingos Coliseum will be utilized as the main evacuation shelter until it reaches capacity.

According to Sutton, the evacuation is the first anyone can remember in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Man faces charges after killing woman in crash

Staff Reports

A Greenville woman died after a man crossed the center line and crashed into her vehicle.

At around 11:15 p.m. Saturday night, 26-year-old Sidney Pasqual Barrett was driving south on NC 121 in a Ford Explorer when he crossed the line and collided head on with 57-year-old Phyllis Ann Hardy who was driving a Ford Focus.

Hardy was transported to Vidant Medical Center where she was pronounced dead. Three passengers in Barrett's Explorer were treated for non-life threatening injuries, reported WNCT.

Police said Barrett was driving under the influence of alcohol. He has been charged with DWI, driving with a revoked license and felony death by motor vehicle.

His first appearance in court was yesterday.

Gates to county fair open with family night

Staff Reports

The county fair began yesterday afternoon with its family night activities.

The Pitt County Fairgrounds are located on Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway, near the intersection of U.S. 264 and N.C. 22 in Eastern Greenville.

Gates will open at 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and on Saturday at 10 a.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids and is \$1 off with a coupon available in yesterday's Daily Reflector.

The fair will run until Saturday October 6.

Vice president to speak in piedmont, western NC

Staff Reports

Vice President Joe Biden will deliver remarks at grassroots event in Charlotte and in Asheville today.

Biden will discuss the choice in this election between two very different visions of how to grow the economy, create middle class jobs and restore middle-class economic security, stated an Obama for America press release.

The vice president will make his first stop in Charlotte at The Fillmore at 11:10 a.m., with doors opening at 9 a.m.

In Asheville, Biden will speak at the Justice Center at UNC-Asheville beginning at 3:30 p.m., with doors opening at 1:30 pm.

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Campaign pushes for student turnout

Obama to stress jobs, affordable education in Wednesday's debate



Rob Abraham, the Obama campaign's Youth Vote director, discussed early voting during the phone call.

Melanie Jock
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Obama for America's North Carolina representatives held a press call with college newspapers yesterday to discuss early voting and talk about the stakes for young people in the upcoming election.

The representatives consisted of Cameron French, secretary for the Obama campaign in N.C., Rob Abraham, Obama campaign's Youth Vote director and Kal Penn, activist and actor. The group took questions from UNC-Chapel Hill, North Carolina A&T and the university.

"Winning North Carolina is very important to the president, which is why the campaign has remained a part of this state since 2008," said French.

The team also addressed tomorrow night's debate between President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney to discuss domestic policy. The debate, which begins at 9:00, will be held in Colorado at the University of Denver.

"One of the things I think you'll see the president talk about is what have the stakes been the past three and a half years in terms of the movement of things like jobs... and saving the economy, and what's his plan moving forward," said Penn.

Penn also referenced a 2008 study that found that young evangelicals and young progressives were all in agreement with issues like jobs and the economy, cost of education, poverty alleviation, climate change and Darfur.

"I think a lot of those types of issues that you hear the president talk about are going to resonate with young people," he said.

French said it will be interesting to hear both sides, but addressed what everyone is not going to hear from Romney.

"He's not going to introduce any sort of new policy ... that will make up for the affordable care, which is provided for young people when it comes to insurance as they make that transition from student to workplace," said French.

Numbers released Thursday by the Pew Research Center showed that young voters are significantly less engaged in this year's election than at a comparable point in 2008. The demographic now lags far behind older voters in

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Research places professors in national academy

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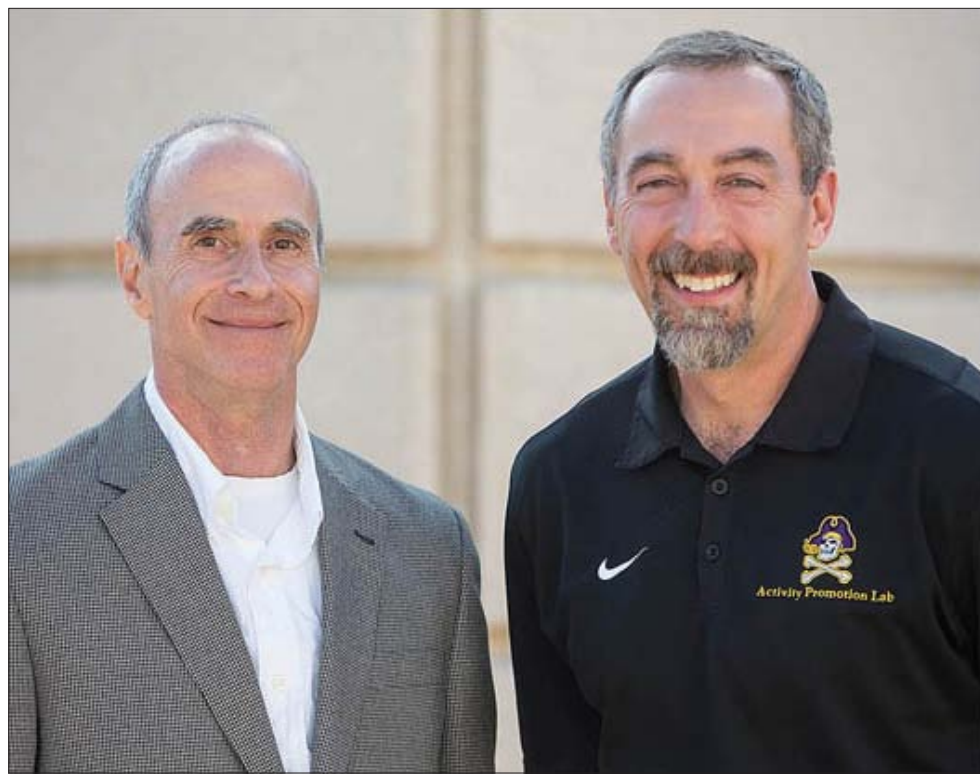
University professors, Paul DeVita and Matthew Mahar, were inducted into the National Academy of Kinesiology at the organization's annual conference Sept. 20-22 in Portland, Ore.

The National Academy of Kinesiology's purpose is to promote research in the science and art of human movement and physical activity and to honor people for significant work done in the field of kinesiology, according to their website.

Members of the academy are nominated by an inductee of the academy and then elected by its members. Membership into the academy is exclusive, since it limits inductees to around 160 members from all over the country and various parts of the world.

Along with DeVita and Mahar, two other faculty members were inducted into the academy, Joe Houmard and Peter Farrell.

"I think it is a testament to the kinesiology staff here at ECU. For such a limited membership, we have a handful of people inducted into the acad-



DeVita (left) and Mahar (right) gained recognition for research they have conducted at ECU.

emy," said logistics major Ben Worrell.

A large portion of Mahar's and DeVita's work that has been recognized by the academy comes from their research at the university. Mahar has been working at ECU for more than 20 years and DeVita for 18 years.

"It is a huge honor that is very humbling," said Mahar about the induction.

The research written by Mahar as a graduate student was read by many of the people that voted him into the prestigious academy.

"I'm very happy and honored that people reading my work today voted to put me in the academy," said Mahar.

DeVita and Mahar were nominated and inducted based on significant research that each has contributed to

the field of kinesiology. DeVita, a locomotion and biomechanics expert, has produced research in aging ACL injury and osteoarthritis. His best work has been in the study

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'Crime of the Heart' playwright visits campus' final show

Kamal Darji
STAFF WRITER

Tonight, ECU/Loessin Playhouse will present its last performance of Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart," with a unique opportunity for the cast and audience. Henley will meet with the cast of the play and will sit in the audience during the performance.

Henley's visit and interaction with the cast and audience

is a rare happening and cast members are thrilled they have the chance to connect with her. "Knowing that she wants to meet us too and wants to learn from us and not judge us is awesome," said Nicky Jasper, a cast member.

Henley has stated that she learns something each time she watches a cast act out the play. She said that actors have to go through the character's traits with a fine-tooth comb and she may observe

something about the characters that she did not notice before.

During performances, Henley said she does not give actors too many directions. It has been stated in interviews that many of her casts feel quite comfortable with her. "You can't just go in there and open your mouth until the cast and director feel comfortable with you," she said.

Henley's "Crimes of the Heart" focuses on the plight of three sisters during a 1974 reunion in which

one of them shoots her abusive husband. Each sister's distinctive personality shines through in each situation they are put in.

Beth Henley uses humor to pivot between serious issues such as the shooting of a spouse and an interracial affair in the play. The situations and the use of humor may be a reflection of Henley's past in the south.

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interest in the campaign and intention to vote.

Only 63 percent of young registered voters said they definitely plan to vote this year, which is down from 72 percent four years ago.

The study also shows that less young voters are

registered to vote than previous years.

Obama for America in North Carolina is busy registering voters and pushing for them to take advantage of early voting, taking place Oct. 18-Nov. 3. French said campaigning has taken place in dorm rooms and campuses across North Carolina, and there has been a presence in every region in the state.

“Our campus organizations, they’re the local community’s connection to the president across the

state,” said French. “What we’ve done so far has been unmatched and will only continue to expand leading up to Election Day in just a few short weeks.”

The team also stressed the importance of voting in a swing state, where every vote counts.

“That one vote particularly in North Carolina can – and has in the past – swung entire elections,” said Penn.

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of aging, where he has done important work in responses and adaptations in osteoarthritis and aging.

“Individual research only makes sense when you have a larger picture,” he said.

DeVita’s induction into the academy is beneficial because of the platform available to discuss philosophical issues regarding human movement science. “I’m very interested in the big picture and I try to think in larger paradigms and frameworks and this will help

with that,” he said.

In contrast to the theoretical work of DeVita, Mahar’s contributions to human movement sciences have been more applicable.

Mahar has been a contributor to physical activity programs and measurement work in schools and campuses across the United States. He was a member of a group study called Energizers, a program designed to incorporate physical activity into classrooms to get kids more physically active. The results

of this program showed that students participating in the Energizers program were more physically active and more likely to stay on task in class.

Mahar has also contributed to measurement work. He helped develop the National Youth Fitness Program, which marked the first time there has been a single national youth fitness test in America.

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BRIEFS CONT.

County considers buying CPR kits

Staff Reports

Yesterday, county commissioners met and will consider purchasing kits so the public can be trained in CPR.

According to The Daily Reflector, emergency management is seeking \$1,400 to purchase CPR kits for all EMS squads and fire departments in the county, including Greenville Fire-Rescue and the town of Winterville.

The kits contain an inflatable mannequin, workbook and DVD and cost less than \$35.

The training is part of an effort to increase the survival rates of those who suffer cardiac arrest.

According to the state’s EMS Performance Improvement Center, less than one percent of the 250 cardiac arrest patients aided by EMS squads in the county in 2010 left the hospital capable of performing normal activities.

Earlier this year, Vidant Medical Center Foundation awarded a \$50,000 grant to a coalition of local first responders to outfit sheriff’s office vehicles and fire trucks with automated external defibrillators.

The American Heart Association cites early CPR and defibrillation as key links in the “chain of survival,” which is calling 911, performing CPR, defibrillation, follow-up care by paramedics and long-term care at the hospital.

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Students perform in the university’s production of Henley’s 1981 prize winning play.

Henley was born in Jackson, Mississippi and earned her bachelor of fine arts degree from Southern Methodist University. She started her journey toward becoming a successful playwright at Theatre Three in Dallas after graduation.

Despite her southern heritage, according to Alex Albright, associate professor,

who teaches such courses such as creative nonfiction and interpreting literature, “her play resonates with wide audiences no matter where they’re from, the play had a nice mixture of humor and serious situations.”

Eventually, Henley moved to Urbana, Illinois and began teaching beginning acting classes at the University of

Illinois while acting in the Great American People Show. It was during the time that Beth Henley moved to Los Angeles with her actor/director boyfriend, Stephen Tololowsky, that she began writing Crimes of the Heart.

After being turned down by many, Henley’s friend entered the play in the annual Great American Play Contest at the

Actors Theatre of Louisville. It became a co-winner and people started to Henley as an emerging talent.

In 1981, the play would earn the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, in addition to securing the award for Best American Play of 1981 from the New York Drama Critics’ Circle. “Crimes of the Heart” has been performed by the

School of Theatre and Dance in McGinnis Theatre since last Thursday. Show time tonight is at 8 p.m. and tickets range from \$10-12.50.

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Henley, playwright of ‘Crime of the Heart,’ will visit the last showing.

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Amtrak Thruway service to connect city to train station



The GREAT bus stop on Reade Street will act as a pick up and drop off site for the Thruway service.

Staff Reports

Starting tomorrow, Amtrak will begin two new Thruway bus service routes through Eastern North Carolina.

One of the routes will serve Greenville, New Bern, Havelock and Morehead City, while the second will serve Goldsboro, Kinston, Jacksonville and Wilmington. The routes will connect the Amtrak Palmetto train service at the Amtrak Station in Wilson.

“The new Thruway bus services are an important connection that will bring Amtrak passengers to Eastern North Carolina communities and provide expanded transportation options for the people in the region,” said Joe

Boardman, Amtrak President and CEO.

The Palmetto runs twice daily, serving 20 stations between New York and Savannah, Ga. They will also provide access to the Amtrak national network consisting of more than 500 stations in 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces.

The Greenville City Council granted Amtrak rights to use the GREAT bus system’s transfer point on Reade Street as a pick up and drop off site for the Thruway Service. Local leaders are hoping the connector will be the next step to getting rail service into the city in the future.

The City Council passed a resolution regarding the ser-

vice stating, “There is a vital need to provide passenger rail transportation to Greenville’s regional medical health centers and hospital, and to East Carolina University, a major state university with more than 30,000 students, faculty, and staff.”

Passengers may book travel by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL. Tickets will also be available on Amtrak.com and the company’s mobile app. The service will utilize the new eTicketing system that allows passengers to print their tickets whenever, wherever, or by using a smartphone to present the eTicket to the conductor.

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PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding rants can be directed to Micah Lockhart at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

I'm proud to say that I was one of the 4,000 fans that stayed the entire game on Saturday night in the pouring rain to watch the Pirates beat UTEP! Arrrggghh!!!

Oh you hate Brother Ross ... wait ... why are you listening to him again?

Substitute teachers should just not be allowed. Ever.

To whoever spray-painted swastikas on the doors at Copper: That was an offensive and awful thing to do.

What happened this weekend? Between my friends, they lost two sets of car keys, a wallet, a boot and all their dignity. Pirate football I guess.

Maybe, the reason I merely smile at you, is because you're so beautiful that I do not know any words worthy of your ears.

Mrs. B is BACK at West End! Hallelujah!

That awkward moment when you make eye contact with the person in the shower stall next to you.

My girlfriend is obsessed with reading Pirate Rants. I just wanted to say have a good day and I love you babe. - Beast

The amount you drink doesn't impress me or make me want to sleep with you.

That wasn't rain on Saturday. Those were the tears of UTEP.

To my current hookup: the only reason I keep sleeping with you is so I don't increase my number while looking for someone who's actually boyfriend material.

The only reason I ever want anyone to come to the library with me is so I can go to the bathroom without the fear of my laptop being stolen.

They should make birth control for men. It makes more sense unloading a loaded gun than shooting at a bulletproof vest.

To our awesome ECU Colorguard, thanks for showing your school spirit and entertaining us at Minges!

That awkward moment when your Granddad introduces you to his friends at the nursing home as "his future wife."

Being powerful is like being a lady ... if you have to tell people you are, you aren't.

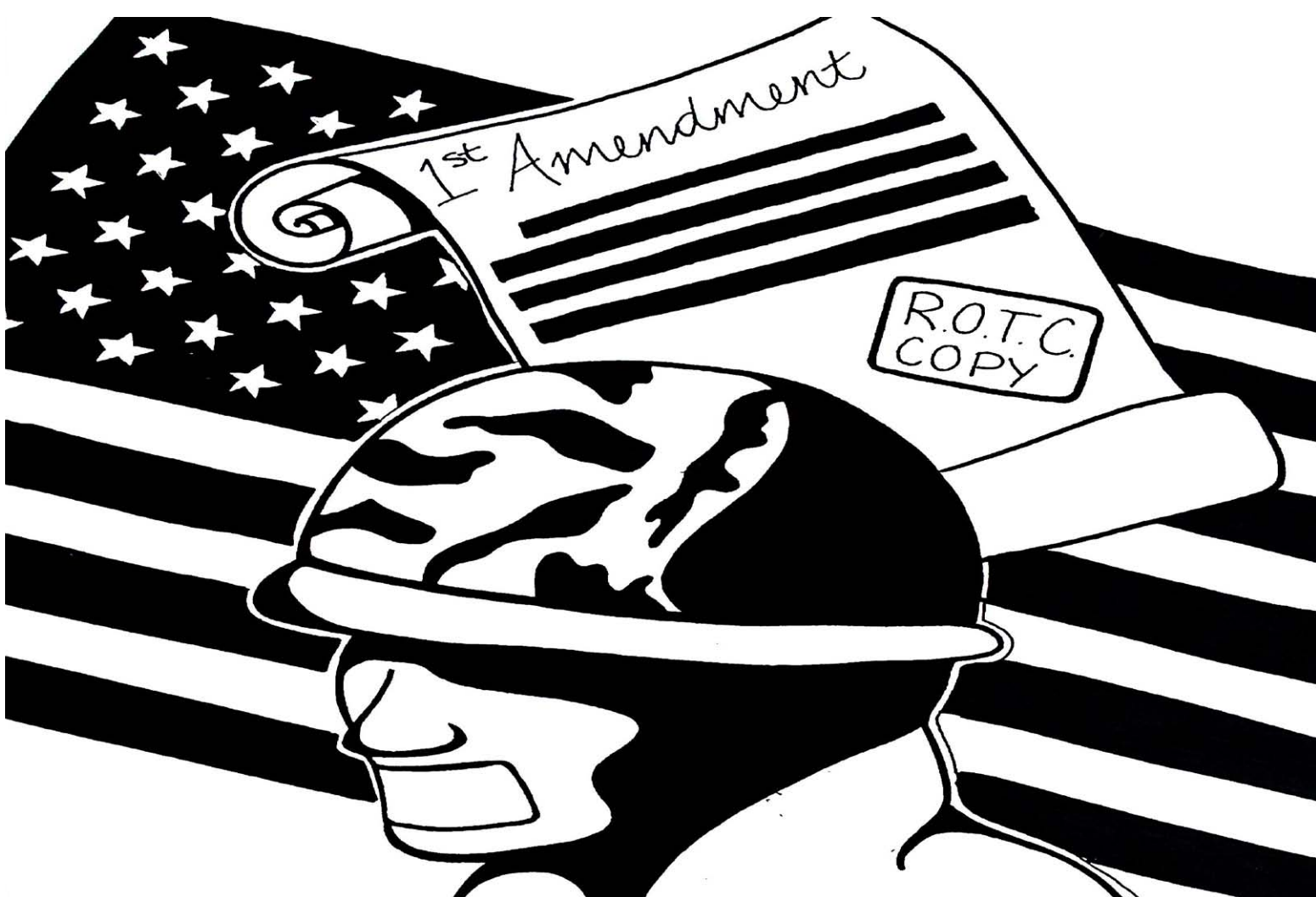
I still want to meet the girl who ranted about watching FX in her underwear while drinking beer...dream girl!

I'm glad it's legging season again. I don't understand the legging hate. It's just a jiggy butt.

ECU should have a mirror giveaway program. The slogan could be: Just because it zips, does not mean it fits!

As great as the Anon accounts are, I really hope that none of you actually pride yourself on acting like that.

Impedement of free speech



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OPINION
COLUMNIST

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

While the Pledge of Allegiance has been engrained into the heads of every American, it endorses our right of freedom along with leaving an unsettling feeling as the mind is manipulated to rehearse our allegiance in tune with our fellow peers, putting our hands over our hearts simultaneously in order to pledge our loyalty.

And if perhaps we were to do or say anything that would seem to tarnish our adherence, then what would happen? Don't worry that's part of our First Amendment right, but not for all of us.

A friend of mine in the ROTC program, who has asked to remain anonymous, ensured me that all of the men and women in the armed forces are not allowed to voice their

political opinions, do anything that would tarnish their "allegiance," challenge current regulations/restrictions along with having military commanders authoritatively determine if a soldier's certain religion will have an effect on a unit's morale and discipline.

Goldman v. Weinberger (1986) was a Supreme Court case where a man who was ordained an Orthodox rabbi, serving as a clinical psychologist for the Air Force, had violated Air Force regulation. Ironically in '81, Goldman testified as a defense witness at court wearing his yarmulke instead of his service cap. Subsequently, counsel lodged a direct complaint (supported by Goldman's base commander) toward Goldman. His base commander told him that he may not be allowed to wear his yarmulke indoors on base except for in the hospital. Goldman refused to comply and was formally reprimanded. Goldman took his case up the court system's ladder, from the district court, all the way to the Supreme Court (1986). A five-to-four decision repealed Goldman's case.

Various regulations put a limit on service members' right to free speech. The Uniform Code of Military Justice passed by Congress in 1950 and Defense Department Directives both work toward restricting, or rather diluting, service members' right to free speech. The UCMJ includes a ceaseless list of punitive text articles that helps mandate a soldier's obedience. For example: Article 88- contempt towards officials, Article 100-subordinate compelling surrender, Article 115-Malingering, etc.

Parker v. Levy (1974) was a court ruling in which an army physician, Levy, was court-martialed for "making disparaging remarks about the United States' involvement in Vietnam," according to Bloomberg Law.

Bill Kenworthy, legal researcher, says that the U.S. Supreme Court wrote in 1974, "While the members of the military are not excluded from the protection granted by the First Amendment, the different character of the military community and of the military mission requires a different application of those protections. The fundamental

necessity for obedience, and the consequent necessity for imposition of discipline, may render permissible within the military that which would be constitutionally impermissible outside it." This is also known as the military-deference doctrine.

Kenworthy continues by stating that the right to peaceable assembly is restricted by commanding officers if the assembly is meant to be a breaching of loyalty. In 1969 (Dash v. Commanding General) several soldiers were denied the right to gather on the grounds of a free discussion in regards to the Vietnam War. The right to petition is also restricted unless a soldier's letter is approved by a commanding officer (Navy v. Huff).

When the armed services of our country put their lives out on the line to fight and defend for us, they should be given equal rights as a soldier and as a citizen. Those who fight for our freedom are the ones who deserve it the most. Sometimes those who are advocates are the ones who need to be advocated for.

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Redistricting causing inequality



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COLUMNIST

While we would like to believe in the fairy tale of a democratic government, this is not what we currently have. According to investigations by ProPublica, the political parties in power frequently engage in the practice of cracking, packing, kidnapping, hijacking and bleaching. These are the terms for the corrupt redistricting practices, or gerrymandering, that have achieved bipartisan support from the Democrats and Republicans.

Cracking involves separating members of one district into others. Packing involves placing the opposition into fewer districts. Kidnapping and hijacking are the two terms for adding a politician's home into a different district, where they wouldn't be able to get elected. Bleaching, as the term suggests, involves redrawing districts so that the politician does not represent minorities, thus not having to answer to them. NC Policy Watch reports the present state legislature as having the most

gerrymandered districts in history.

This is due to our First Past the Post-Electoral System (FPTP). With this system, a significant part of the population will not be represented in the legislature. If there was an election where a district had two candidates running, one could receive 51 percent of the vote, and the other receive 49 percent. Under FPTP, this would cause those 49 percent of voters to be disenfranchised. If a voter had a concern, they could not just go to their representative, as the two might disagree. Furthermore, the representative could sense his grasp on power to be shaky and prevent a loss of power by gerrymandering during the redistricting process.

It has been suggested that an independent commission must be set up in order to prevent this form of corruption. However, Canada has such a system, and even when popular opinion is waged against a political party, they still manage to remain in power. This occurs because the very nature of the First Past the Post System is one that is easily corrupted. So it would seem the electoral system itself needs to change. FairVote, an organization dedicated to a fairer electoral process,

goes further on the details of these different systems.

Instant Runoff Voting, otherwise known as IRV, is the system I would prefer for executive elections. This is a system where voters can rate the candidates in the order they prefer them. For example, if there are four candidates running for governor, they can write "1" next to the candidate they like best, "2" next to the candidate they kind of like, and so on. The candidate with the least amount of "1" votes is dropped, and the ballots that went to that candidate will be recounted and go to the voter's second choice. This system will ensure that the candidate who is well liked gets the majority of votes.

For legislative elections, I would support a switch to the proportional representation system. This would ensure that there is no "spoiler" effect if a third party runs. In fact, this system ensures that most of the population will be represented. Just like IRV, voters can rate which candidates they prefer. A "victory threshold" would have to be established, which is the minimum number of votes a candidate will have to receive. To determine this, divide the number of votes by the

seats up for election. For example, in North Carolina, we have 120 seats in the state assembly. In 2010, there were 2,700,383 votes cast. So the minimum votes a candidate would have to receive would be 22,503. Once a candidate reaches the threshold, the extra votes go toward the voter's second choice. This keeps occurring until all the seats are accounted for.

These are reforms that would induce greater voter turnout and a healthier electoral process, much more free from the forces of corruption. Part of the reason the cost of higher education has gone up is due to decreased funding from the government, and thus an increased reliance on loans. There are politicians who would make higher education more affordable and provide assistance for those dealing with student debt, but they are not in political power. And those who would reverse the current trend are kept out of power by this corrupt redistricting process. If students are to have better access to affordable quality education, the voting system itself will have to change.

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Yes

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No

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Aries (Mar 21 -Apr 19)

You have got to deal with your financial situation today — otherwise, things are sure to get stressful really soon! The good news is that your mental state is perfect for that kind of thinking.



Taurus (Apr 20 -May 20)

You feel good all the way down to your toes, thanks to an infusion of terrific energy that helps you see the bright side of almost any situation. Things are sure to pick up even more tomorrow!



Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

You're facing obstacles today — but they're not insurmountable. In fact, you may be able to wait a little while for a better time, so focus your mind on other stuff and see if you can deal.



Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

Your social energy demands attention — so get out there and meet up with people! You need to make sure that your network keeps growing, and now is the time to add new connections.



Leo (July 23 -Aug 22)

Your work issues are driving you just a little bit crazy today — especially if you're looking for something new. There's good news, though! Just reach out to your network and things should get better.



Virgo (Aug 23 -Sep 22)

You are feeling closer than usual to a partner of some kind — maybe your sweetie, maybe a close friend or colleague. Use today's terrific energy to make sure they understand what they mean to you!



Libra (Sep 23 -Oct 22)

You are lovelier than ever, and an attractive target for the romantically inclined. If you're into that, go for it — otherwise, just flirt or gracefully bow out. You can have fun doing anything!



Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

You need to deal with a relationship issue that just isn't going away. That could mean almost anything from a quick break-up to entering therapy together. It may not be romantic, either!



Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

Your communication skills are heightened today — so make sure that you are spreading the good word about your latest adventures. Things are sure to get even better if you speak up now!



Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

You should indulge your creative side today — it's sure to push you out ahead of the pack! Even if you're on your own, you can still have a great time just mucking about with new ideas.



Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

You need to ponder family today — especially older generations. Page through photo albums, listen to old stories and see what lessons you can draw about who you are and where you're headed.



Pisces (Feb 19 -Mar 20)

You need to show someone how you feel — and your great social energy enhances communication in a big way! This could be the start of a new romance or just a stronger bond between you and a friend.



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Pitt County Fair returns



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Staff Reports

Throughout the week, the Pitt County fairgrounds will be the host of the 2012 Pitt County American Legion Agricultural Fair, located at 3910 Martin Luther King Jr. Highway.

The event will hold a variety of events and games including plowing demonstrations, adult baked goods auction and performances by The Ginger

Thompson Band, Russ Varnell & His Too Country Band, and gospel music by community churches, to name a few.

Other featured events include Protown BMX riders performing on the grandstand, Kountry Kickers Line Dancers, and a baked goods contest. And for the first year, the fair will hold Pitt County

Fair's Got Talent competition, emceed by Miss North Carolina and ECU student, Arlie Huneycutt.

Admission prices for the fair vary. Children under four are free, children between the ages of five and 12 cost \$3, and adults (over 12 years old) cost \$5 for admission. Special deals will be featured throughout the week.

LGBT Peer Mentoring Program

Rex Rose
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES
EDITOR

If a student needs help with college algebra or chemistry, they go to the Pirate Tutoring Center. If a student is feeling under the weather they go to Student Health Services. If someone needs a ride back to their respective apartment complex they go the Christenbury Gym and wait for your bus. What does someone do if they are a new LGBT student looking to make friends and learn the ropes of campus?

This question was the basic premise behind the LGBT Peer Mentoring Group that is spreading its wings this semester.

"The mission of the LGBT Peer Mentoring Program is to connect new students to ECU with peers for support and resources that help individuals develop a positive LGBT identity as well as pursue personal and academic goals while successfully adjusting to life at ECU," states the group's mission statement.

Based around African American Men Mentoring Program, which ECU started last year, this program seeks to pair new students with older students as part of a mentor-mentee program. Besides

finding their classes and meeting new friends, these new students also face the social stigma or personal issues that come with identifying as a member of the LGBT community.

"This is a population, LGBT population, that may be dealing with things during their first year that other people aren't dealing with," said Summer Wisdom, director of

the LGBT resource office and sociology professor. "They may have families who are not supportive of who they are, or they may have families who don't know who they are and so they are out at school, but not at home so they are having to live as two different people."

This mentoring program seeks to provide emotional support for these new students as they explore themselves. The program hopes to provide this through peer mentoring. The program matches each student with a mentor who is a member of the LGBT community that only a few years ago navigated the same waters as this new student is hoping to do. These peer mentors then help their students obtain personal goals that the mentee wrote in their application.

The mentoring group hopes to provide this emotional support in hopes of the students reaching personal and academic success.

"We want to support people doing well," said Wisdom. "It is about student success, it is about people getting good grades and graduating."

The LGBT Peer Mentoring Program seeks to provide emotional support for new students.



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Premier Lecture presenting Louise Leakey

Melissa Phillips
STAFF WRITER

The acclaimed paleoanthropologist Louise Leakey, Ph.D., will be visiting ECU's campus today. She will be presenting a lecture, "Secrets in the Sands; Revelations into How We Became Human," as a part of the Voyages to Discovery lecture series. This will be a Wellness passport event held at 7 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

Leakey will come to discuss her life-long research on evolution and the origins of humanity. Leakey is also a conservationist and explorer-in-residence at National Geographic. Her recent findings have brought her to a narrow region in east Africa that could be a shining light on the evolution of man.

Leakey comes from three generations of paleoanthropologist who have dedicated their research to digging into the history of humanities past. Her grandparents conducted the original discoveries of an older primitive species of human called, the Homo habilis. The species was found to have possibly coexisted with the more commonly known primitive human ancestor, Homo erectus. The research brought a new perspective to the possibility of human evolution.

Leakey has been preforming research led by her mother, Meave Leakey, Ph.D., for the past decade. The research that they have done has now come to another

crucial turning point in the science of evolution.

Their exploration has led to the recent discovery of two new Homo species in east Africa. Fossils collected by Louise and Meave have become evidence to multiple lines of evolution within the origins of the human race.

Director of the Harriot Voyages of Discovery lecture series, John Tucker, Ph.D., said, "This isn't the first Leakey to visit ECU's campus."

Louise Leakey's father, Sir Richard Leakey, was here in Greenville in 2007 when he discussed the origins of man in the earlier years of the campus lecture series.

According to Tucker, Richard mentioned that there had been a recent discovery made that would re-write the story of man that hadn't yet been published. Tucker believes it was Leakey's wife and daughter that made this discovery.

"It has been over five years since her father visited the campus, but there are still students and faculty who remember him and are excited to have the opportunity to meet his daughter," said Tucker.

The Voyages of Discovery lecture series was developed with a goal to bring enthusiasm for exploration and discovery through intellectual events open to students, faculty and the local community. The premier lectures feature accomplished individuals who have exemplified leadership and the purpose of the lecture series.

Tucker said these are people, "who have, in one



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Tonight at 7 p.m. in the Wright Auditorium, the Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series will host paleoanthropologist Dr. Louise Leakey.

way or another, through their discoveries, their exploration and scholarship, shaped the world in which we live."

The former Dean of Harriett College of Arts and Sciences, Keats Sparrow, Ph.D., founded the lecture series with support of the Dean's

Advancement Council. Sparrow aspired to foster a connection to Thomas Harriot and the impact he made through his discoveries.

Tucker says that having the diverse set of speakers in the series helps students, faculty and the community

make greater connections with humanity.

A question and answer session with Louise Leakey will follow the lecture. This event is free to all students and faculty. All tickets for the series can be picked up at the Central Ticket Office in

Mendenhall.

The next speaker in the Voyages of discovery lecture series will be Colonel Eileen Collins to be held on Nov. 13 at Wright auditorium.

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buccaneer bulletin

Tues.,
October 2

'Crimes of the Heart' by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Beth Henley will be put on by the School of Theatre and Dance in McGinnis Theatre
8-10 p.m.

The Voyages of Discovery lecture series presents Louis Leakey's Premier Lecture, "Secrets in the Sands: Revelations Into How We Become Human," in Wright Auditorium.
7-8:30 p.m.

Wed.,
October 3

Eric Alva, the first injured American soldier and gay rights activist comes to campus to speak about his role in repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." His talk will be held in Mendenhall Social Room 244
3-4:15 p.m.

Thurs.,
October 4

The Homecoming Canon Ball Dance will be at the Greenville Convention Center.
7-9 p.m.

Fri.,
October 5

The Topsy Teapot presents "Seriously Clowning Comedy"
8 p.m.

Sat.,
October 6

The Topsy Teapot presents "Lower Cases and Capitals," "Dinosaur Feathers" and "Brainstorm"
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The LGBT Peer Mentoring Program started out this year with 19 mentors and 23 mentees. But there are more than just students involved in the program. Each mentor has an adult advisor, whether it is a member of the community or the university that is a member or ally to the LGBT community program. These advisors serve to help with any issue, that a mentee might have, that the three-hour mentor training session did not cover.

While the advisors who helped start the program are key players, the program would not be possible without the student mentors. One of these mentors is, 19-year-old sophomore English major, Thomas Passwater.

"When I was first here I had a lot of friends who were freshman obviously we all came in as one cohesive class," said Passwater. "We became immediate friends, but throughout the course of the year, there were about 12

of us in the group, five of them had to drop out. If five out of a group of 12 LGBT freshman ended up leaving before one year, then I thought there actually had to be something wrong."

Passwater, who started Eastern Carolina Equality, a social advocacy group for LGBT issues, seeks to give back to the LGBT community of ECU.

"It has meant a lot to me to see [the program], because I do not want to see anybody else have to drop out because there isn't something like this here," said Passwater.

From working with students to achieve personal goals to helping them emotionally deal with questions of sexual orientation, the LGBT Peer Mentoring Program is making Pirate Nation a friendly home and school for any LGBT student.

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Thompson honored with defensive player award

Staff Reports

Chip Thompson, junior strong safety, was awarded Monday with Conference USA Defensive Player-of-the-Week. Thompson is the third defensive player to win the award for ECU this season. Jeremy Grove and Montese Overton were awarded for their efforts against Appalachian State and Southern Miss. Chip Thompson had two interceptions and eight tackles against UTEP this weekend. His interceptions stopped potential scoring drives for the Miners and they swung momentum towards the Pirates.

ECU athlete enters the record books

Staff Reports

Kasey Kavanaugh collected 18 assists over in the loss to University of Central Florida on Sunday. Kavanaugh now has 1,182 assists for her career and she moved into 10th place in ECU history. She also managed seven digs in the match. Kavanaugh has a little distance between her and ninth in the record books. She is behind Katie Koop who had 1,676 in her stint with the Pirates. She is 496 assists behind, but as a junior she still has a whole season left after this year.

Letter to the Editor

"Praise, honor and "hats off" to all the ECU cheerleaders and especially the girls giving their all cheering their hearts out during those downpours as we sat there with rain suits and ponchos. Every time those cheerleaders cheered in front of us, you could see the large amounts of water coming from their pom poms. They kept their smiles and inspiration to influence others to keep cheering the Pirates on to victory. How could we leave dry during these downpours while all those wet freezing cheerleaders were giving it their all? They are the reason we stayed until the end. Thanks to all the ECU cheerleaders pushing through all the cold sheets of rain. I will tell you in person on Homecoming when you come to the ECU Alumni Tailgate Tent. I promise! You guys are the bomb!"

- Yancey E. Warren, Class of '81 Alumni

Pirates weather the storm

Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The goal of most college football programs heading into a season is to become bowl eligible. The Pirates are halfway there. With a 3-2 record, the Pirates weathered the storm and were able to stay undefeated in conference play.

Through the weather and gloomy conditions, Vintavious Cooper shined and brought Dowdy-Ficklen alive. With 151 rushing yards and 52 receiving yards, Cooper brought the Pirates stability.

Many fans left the stadium during the 80-minute storm delay,

but the Pirate faithful who stayed were treated to a show. Even with monsoon-type conditions, the Pirate offense seemed to break out of their offensive funk and produce 475 total yards.

With 203 total yards and a touchdown, Cooper brought the fans to their feet with long runs, broken tackles and a gritty performance.

Similar to the Southern Miss game, the Pirates caused havoc on defense, intercepting the UTEP Miners three times. Lee Pegues also recovered a fumble from UTEP quarterback Nick Lamaison.

This contest was a game of

firsts. Chip Thompson and Adonis Armstrong both got their first career interceptions, and Thompson also got his second interception later in the game. Also, Cooper was the first running back to touch the end zone for the Pirates. His fourth quarter touchdown was the first of his career as well. A noteworthy statistic for ECU was the touchdown run by Shane Carden in the first quarter. It was the first scoring drive in the first period so far in the season for the Pirates.

After the long delay, the Pirates resumed their drive, which was at the UTEP six-yard line. The first play after the long delay was a pass-

ing play and it was intercepted. The play call puzzled the Pirate faithful, but ECU rebounded and scored just before the half.

With 12 seconds left before halftime, the Pirates drove the ball downfield and Shane Carden threw a three-yard touchdown pass to Justin Hardy. The officials ruled the pass was incomplete but video evidence overturned the call on the field and the game was tied at 7-7.

With the catch, Hardy now has four touchdown catches on the season and 10 in his 15 career games. But Hardy wasn't done.

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Vintavious Cooper (21) rushes against UTEP for 151 rushing yards. The game was delayed in the second quarter due to severe weather concerns.

Eyes on the prize

William Farrar
STAFF WRITER

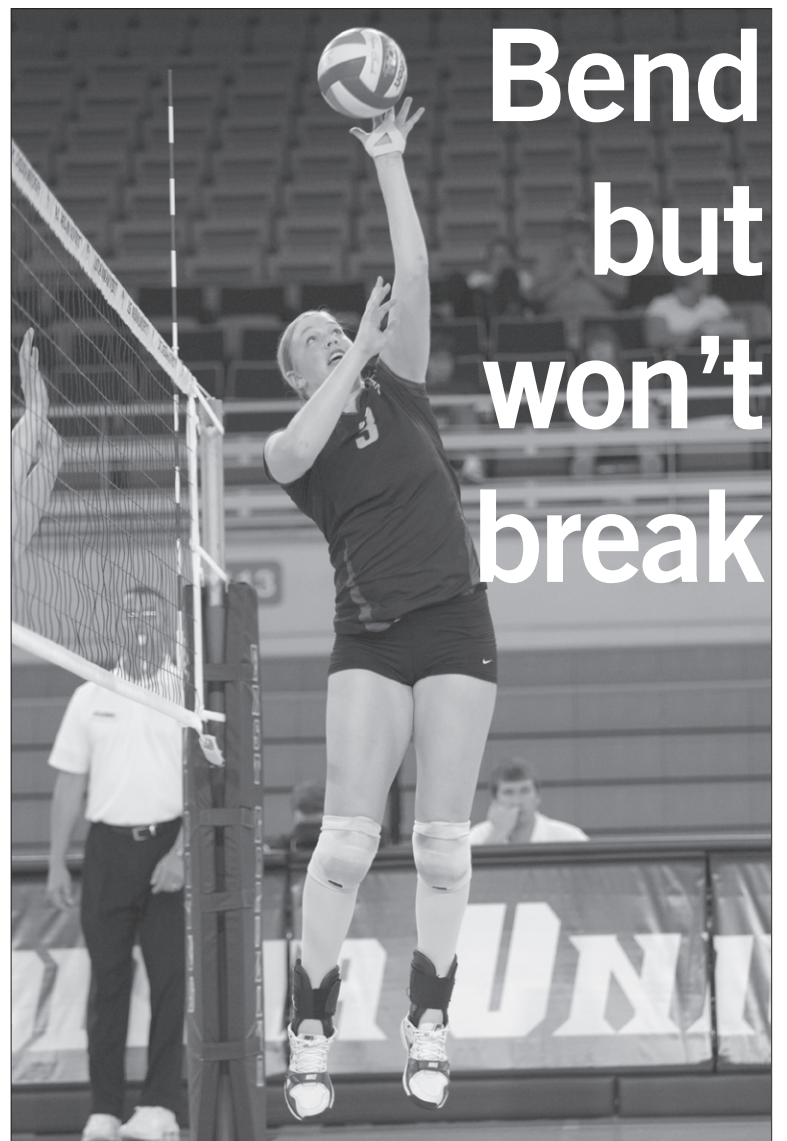
Despite having to play in monsoon-like conditions, ECU looked prepared and ready to be a contender for the Conference USA championship. Even after the 80-minute rain delay, ECU stayed focused and composed. In the first conference home game of the season, the Pirates were able to slide past the UTEP Miners to establish a 2-0 conference record. With this win and an overall 3-2 record, the Pirates have put themselves at the top of the C-USA standings and have a great position to be a frontrunner to win the conference.

After knocking the Miners to a mere 1-4 record this past Saturday, ECU has a short week to prepare for a tough away game against the University of Central Florida

Knights. While UCF has posted a 2-2 record on the season, this is their first C-USA competition of the season. Since the game against the Knights will be this Thursday, Ruffin McNeill has a shorter than usual amount of time to fix the problems and mistakes seen during Saturday's contest.

Sophomore quarterback Shane Carden looked impressive against the Miners, despite throwing three picks. This game can definitely be seen as a breakout performance by Carden, as he accumulated three total touchdowns and over 300 all-purpose yards. If Carden and the ECU offense can continue to dominate the game with a rushing attack, the Pirates can expect to be a force against their C-USA opponents for the remainder of the season.

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Setter, Kasey Kavanaugh (3) tips the ball over the net during a recent match.

Patrick Meine
SPORTS WRITER

ECU's volleyball team had another tough weekend losing two conference matches at home. The losses extend the current losing streak to 14, and drop the Pirates to 1-15 (0-5 conf.) on the season.

ECU lost to the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles on Friday night in a closely contested match. The final score of that match was three sets to two (17-25, 25-17, 22-25, 25-17, 10-15). Even though both teams battled back and forth

making multiple kills and big plays on either side, the Golden Eagles would prevail. ECU did take away some positive points in this loss.

"Friday night was an amazing night for us, we really saw a lot of great things" said redshirt senior Kelly Derby.

Derby is a 5th year senior who has already completed a bachelor's degree in sociology and is currently working towards a master in counseling education. She hopes to be an elementary school counselor.

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Shane Garden (5) celebrates his rushing touchdown against the Miners.

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"To have our fans and supporters weather the storm like they did made me very proud." - head coach Ruffin McNeill, about the "Gold Rush" faithful

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All Day	All Day	All Day	Away-Men's Tennis	Away-Women's Soccer	Away-Men's Tennis	Away- Swimming and Diving	Away-Men's Tennis
Away-Women's Golf		All-American Qualifying	All-American Qualifying	Houston 8 p.m.	All-American Qualifying All Day	N.C. Collegiate Kickoff TBA	All-American Qualifying
Greensboro		All Day	All Day				All Day

The weekend split

Mitchell Kalik
SPORTS WRITER

Over the weekend, the Pirates played conference games against University of Alabama-Birmingham and Memphis. Even though the game against UAB was close, senior Forward Chrissy Gratz managed to score the deciding goal to win 1-0. Gratz, along with redshirt sophomore midfielder Lexi Miller, are tied in scoring with three goals apiece.

In the 22nd minute, Gratz was able to weave her way through a stifling UAB defense and get the ball past UAB goalkeeper Angelica Jimenez. Gratz's goal was her fifth career game-winning goal in her amazing soccer career as a Pirate.

In total, the Pirates were able to take 13 shots with eight being on target. With the win against UAB, the Pirates were able to improve to a 7-5 record with an outstanding 3-1 record in Conference USA.

With the win against UAB, junior goalkeeper

Christiane Cordero was able to post her fifth shutout of the season; three of them have come against C-USA opponents. Cordero now has 12 career shutouts and 27 career wins.

Even though the Pirates were outshot 16-13 during the game, the defense did not cringe under the pressure and were able to keep the big ole' goose egg on the board.

"Defense is a team effort. It's too bad that goalkeepers get all the credit sometimes, because I honestly feel like my back line did all the dirty work for me this weekend. Hali Oughton is so consistent and she really takes ownership of the defense when it comes down to the little moments," said goalie Cordero. "All four of them work really hard, along with Rachel Wechsler at defensive center mid. Plus, the great thing is that we all know each other well enough where we can make up for each other's mistakes when they happen."

The Pirates played No. 25 Memphis Tigers Friday night. The 2-0 loss snapped

the Pirates three game win streak and gave Memphis their fifth-straight win.

Memphis had a 7-5 overall record coming into the event with a 3-0 record in the C-USA.

Even though the Pirates lost 2-0, they had their fair chances of trying to tie up the game. Out of the 13 total shots, three of the shots hit iron but just could not find their way into the back of the net.

With the first of the three shots, sophomore midfielder Kelley Johnson roared a shot at the goal, which hit the crossbar and then was cleared by the Tigers. The second shot came from redshirt sophomore defender Danielle Romano, where she took a free kick from 35 yards away from the goal and clanked the ball off the left post. The third and final kick came from senior defender Hali Oughton, where she hit the right post.

The 2-0 loss might sound deceiving, but the Pirates were aggressive from the opening kick when they man-



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Chrissy Gratz (5) pushes the ball up the field past her opponent in a recent game versus Memphis.

aged to get a corner kick just 54 seconds into the match. Even though it did not turn into a shot, the Pirates were able to get their first shot on target in the ninth minute by sophomore defender Kelly Miller.

The Tiger's first goal came in the 56th minute, where sophomore midfielder Carly Cassidy was able to make her way down the left side of the

field and was able to make a perfect cross into the six-yard box where junior forward Christabel Oduro was able to find the back of the net.

The second Tiger goal came from freshman midfielder Emily Adamic. During the 64th minute, the Tigers received a free kick when sophomore midfielder Natalia Gomez-Junco sent the ball into the six-yard box to

Adamic and she was able to scout the ball past Cordero.

The Lady Pirates resume action Friday when they travel to Texas to face the Houston Cougars.

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He managed to rack up 11 catches for 95 yards. "It just so happens that Hardy is a magnet to the ball," said Carden. "It's kind of funny how good he is." With his 11 receptions, Hardy caught more passes than the entire UTEP team.

The offensive line was a sore spot for the Pirates last week against UNC-Chapel Hill, but ECU battled against

UTEP and didn't allow a sack. "Hats off to the line, they played exceptional," said senior Cooper. "They couldn't have played any better for us."

Carden was given ample time to throw and it showed, as he passed for 258 yards and he completed 28 of 40 passes. On the downside were the turnovers. Carden tossed up three interceptions to the

Miners. Carden also contributed on the ground game as he had two touchdowns and 63 rushing yards. He is the first quarterback to run for two touchdowns since Dominique Davis accomplished that feat against Tulane last season.

The Pirate defense forced multiple mistakes by the Miners and Chip Thompson made a huge impact. His

two interceptions swung the momentum in favor of the Pirates and set them up with a comfortable lead. After his second interception, "I looked over at Coach Mitchell on the sidelines and he came over and chest bumped me. I didn't expect that and I feel that he was really proud of me," said the first year starter.

The highlight of the night was Coopers' 24-yard touchdown run. The first of his career at ECU was special. "When I finally scored the touchdown, I really didn't know how to celebrate," he said. "I didn't know what to do, but my teammates came up there so that was my celebration for the night."

The Pirates eventually finished the delayed game

with a 28-18 win. ECU is now atop of the Conference USA standings with a 2-0 conference record. The east division is looking weak this season and the record should only get better. The Pirates are headed to Orlando, Fla. to take on the UCF Knights who are 2-2 on the season.

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Sunday afternoon the Pirates took on the University of Central Florida Knights. The Knights won the match three sets to none. ECU took the first point of the first set, but would not lead the opening frame again. The Pirates did start a rally late in the set but any momentum was killed when UCF's DeLaina Sarden connected for a crushing spike. The Knights would take the first set 15-25.

The Pirates lead early in the second set, but then began to make multiple mistakes costing them point after point.

"When you make errors in a volley ball game they immediately end up in a point," said Head Coach Pati Rolf.

ECU was never able to recover from the miss-queues and would go on to lose the second set 16-25.

In the third set, UCF took off to an early lead and never looked back. The Knights cruised to an easy 11-25 win in the set and the three-zero sweep for the match victory. Sunday was not a complete loss for the Pirates though.

"Nicole Willis had a great match. One of the best matches, after the first set we have seen in her all year" said Rolf.

Another positive for the Pirates is junior Kasey Kavanaugh has moved into ECU's top 10 for all-time career assist, with 18 on the day and 1,182 total as a Pirate.

Though the season has been tough so far, the team

will continue to be positive and continue to focus on its goal of making the Conference USA Championship tournament.

"Our goal is to make it to the conference tournament, you can be one and 15 and still make it," said Rolf.

For now, ECU will have to take the season one week at a time and continue to improve

if they want to make the post season.

"If we keep pushing like we've pushed and taking every new week as a new opportunity there's no way I can say I think we can fail," said Derby.

The top eight teams in the conference make it to the tournament.

After the game, the

Pirates took time to give back to the community by signing autographs and talking to every fan that wished to speak to them.

"They have outstanding work in the classroom, outstanding work in the community" said Rolf.

The majority of the fans who spoke with team members were young girls who

themselves might one day be Pirate volleyball players.

The Pirates will travel to West Virginia on Friday to take on the Marshall Thundering Herd. The game will be played Friday night 6 p.m. at Marshall.

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Of the three touchdowns that Carden was accountable for, two of them were rushing. Pirate fans had a scare when they saw running back Reggie Bullock go down after receiving the opening kickoff. With Bullock sidelined with concussion-like symptoms, Vintavious Cooper seemed to save the day for the ECU offense. Over the course of the game, Cooper put up 151 yards, averaging an astounding 6.6 yards per carry. Cooper also recorded the first touchdown by an ECU running back this season, lifting a huge burden off the offense to develop a strong run game.

Although Carden has shown signs of improvement in the win over UTEP, ECU is going to need the running game to keep the momentum going into Thursday's match-up. When the run game is effective, it can and will help Carden open up a pass attack against a defense that has to focus on stopping the run. The UCF defense has been better against the pass than they have against the run this season, so ECU should really use the short week to focus on perfecting the run game. Reggie Bullock's status for Thursday is questionable at the moment, as concussions usually take a week to recover from. If Bullock is forced to miss this upcoming week, Cooper is probable to be the feature back for the week, while Michael Dobson and Hunter Furr can look to obtain some carries throughout the game as well.

Despite Carden throwing back-to-back interceptions after the rain delay, ECU's defense came up huge and forced three-and-outs after both interceptions. If the defense can continue to have their young quarterback's back after the mistakes, ECU will find themselves in a position to win on Thursday. Chip Thompson, who caught two interceptions and accumulated eight tackles over the course of the game, needs to stay on fire going into the second half of the season, since the Pirates are without two cornerbacks due to injuries. Adonis Armstrong brought in the other interception for ECU late in the game, which helped seal the deal for ECU.

With the first five games of the season in the record books, Pirate fans can say the team is headed in the right direction. Along with Carden's play improving, fans can also respect the play of wide receiver Justin Hardy. Hardy caught 11 passes and a touchdown on Saturday, and has 361 receiving yards on the season to lead ECU. Thursday's match-up against the Knights will be a huge game, considering a win for ECU means first place in the conference, while a loss will result in tighter standings and less breathing room for our Pirates.

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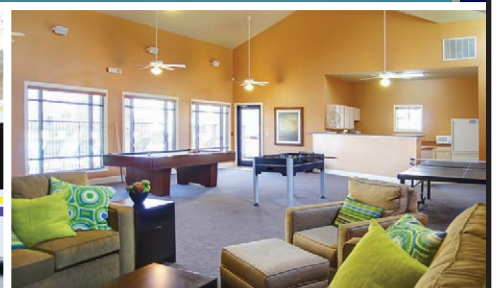
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