

BRIEFS

Nursing applicants await decision

Final vote made on tuition increase at SGA meeting

Jessica Richmond

The Student Government Association voted to approve student fees late last night. The meeting had presenters to speak in favor of increase in fees for athletics, graduation and technology.

Athletics moved to increase current student fees by \$30 a person. Terry Holland, director of athletics, and Nick Floyd, associate director of athletics, spoke about the fee increase and the importance of athletics to the university.

The topic of athletic fees was the most touched upon of the meeting. An open discussion of the fees was opened among the student representatives that spoke to the true meaning of athletics. On the positive side, students felt that athletics is the branding of the university and would benefit all students in the job world.

On the negative side, students felt that the burden of expense should fall only to students who participate in athletics and wish to attend games. Ultimately, students voted to approve a \$10 increase to the student fees.

Graduation fees had a speaker from Academic Affairs come and talk about what the increase of fees would go toward. The current graduation fees are \$9 and the department proposed to add an additional \$3.

The fees would go toward cap and gown, diploma and commencement expenses. The fees would also go toward a university initiative to bring in more high-profile commencement speakers. The students voted unanimously to approve the increase to the fees.

The fees concerning technology and education looked to increase by \$40 a person from the current \$302. The increase of fees will go toward computer labs, printing costs, software rentals and wages for student IT staff. The students approved the fees after a discussion as to whether or not the modernization of the campus is a consistent need for students.

In November, recommendations will be forwarded to the Chancellor and Executive Council. They will pass their recommendation onto the Board of Governors in December. They will present to the General Assembly for final approval in February and in the spring, the General Assembly will approve tuition rates.

Coast Guard rescues crew from sinking ship

Staff Reports

Yesterday the U.S. Coast Guard rescued 15 crewmembers from the abandoned HMS Bounty, a famous replica ship that began sinking off the coast of Cape Hatteras in rough waters caused by Hurricane Sandy.

According to WRAL, the captain was the only member missing as of last night.

UNC student dies after falling from machinery

Staff Reports

A University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill student died late Saturday night following an accident Friday night in which he fell while scaling machinery at the Ready Mixed Concrete Plant in Carrboro.

According to WRAL, David Palmer Shannon, 18, had been drinking Friday night, which contributed to his fall.

Authorities are still investigating, and there were no indications of foul play.

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It is nearly two months past the deadline for intended nursing students to have applied for the nursing program in the spring. The process of becoming eligible for admission is tough, as the College of Nursing ranking formula is very competitive, and there are only around 130 students who will be accepted. While intended nursing majors understand and know this formula, other majors do not.

The ranking formula ranges in total from seven to 14 points and can be found on the College of Nursing website. The points are calculated based on GPA, the number of repeats a student has, whether or not they transferred or began as a freshman and if they have a Certified Nursing Assistant certification. On top of that, all intended nursing students must take the NLN-PAX, the pre-admission exam. Only after calculating their score, which in general is no less than nine points, and taking the NLN-PAX, the student may apply for the College of Nursing.

There are three responses a hopeful Nursing student may receive upon applying to the Nursing program. The first, of course, is acceptance. Upon acceptance to the program, students are given a recommended curriculum plan based on the track they're on. The CON at ECU offers



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Applicants hope to gain admittance to the College of Nursing but must make alternative academic plans if waitlisted or denied.

a BSN program, an RN to BSN, and an RN to MSN program.

The second option is a section on the program's waitlist. The number of students on this list varies as the average total score of each applicant changes yearly. If this is what a student receives, they must prepare for two different outcomes: acceptance to the program, or an additional semester in general admissions. "When I was accepted, my friend was waitlisted for the same semester," ECU Alumni and current working nurse Kayla Eason said. "She had to register for an entire semester just in case she didn't get in." If the student is accepted, they may contact advisors in

person as well as access additional information on the CON website to figure out their next course of action. If they are not accepted, the student has the option to apply again for the next semester.

Option number three is no admission. Students are not admitted if they have not fulfilled the prerequisites, or if they do not have a satisfactory score under the CON admissions formula. If this is the case, there are very many options a student has to consider. Many students use their next semester to boost their GPA, get their CNA certification or even retake the NLN-PAX

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City works on revitalization project

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The city of Greenville is undertaking strategies to revive depressed neighborhoods in its urban core.

Development projects in the center city and West Greenville are being implemented as a result of a population shift away from the urban core of the city.

"With the downturn of the economy, people have started to leave the urban core of cities and

move into the suburbs," said Niki Jones, interim housing administrator. "This happened throughout the nation. People feel the areas have been neglected and the base of the population of the urban core leaves when the core is unattended."

The city is attempting to revitalize the urban core of the city to boost Greenville's economic development.

"Cities underlie that having a vibrant urban core is essential to economic development. When the city invites a company over, the first

thing they ask is how is the downtown area," said Jones.

Redevelopment in the center city area is taking place from Washington Street and extends all the way through 10th Street.

West Greenville redevelopment is taking place on Dickinson Avenue, Memorial Drive and West 5th Street.

According to the Greenville city website, the West Greenville 45-Block Revitalization Program sets boundaries in the redevelopment area, which aim to revitalize areas in the neighborhoods of Cherry View, Perkins Town, Biltmore and Lincoln Park.

The program is designed to remove unsafe and unsightly structures, provide street and utility improvements, increase affordable home ownership and promote redevelopment and new construction. This effort will establish a safer, more attractive area for residents, visitors and the entire Greenville community, according to the city's site.

"West Greenville redevelopment is aimed to improve the infrastructure of Greenville. We're working on streetscape projects in the area to

Ethnicity not a factor in university admission process

Kamal Darji
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The current Supreme Court term, which began earlier this month, includes a docket of potentially momentous cases including Fisher v. University of Texas.

In the case, justices of the Supreme Court will debate the extent to which public higher educational institutions can utilize a student's race in the admissions process.

Donald Fletcher, associate provost for enrollment services, said that ECU is a diverse school and does not consider ethnicity in the admission process.

"The admissions process at East Carolina is ethnicity blind," said Fletcher.

Fletcher touched on the fact that Eastern Carolina is very diverse and although potential students are asked to fill out their race on the admissions application, this is simply used for tracking purposes and not as a means of admitting students.

Some experts have argued that affirmative action policies address the startling reality that race, ethnicity and class increasingly segregate high schools across the country.

A common affirmative action practice employed across the nation is distributing scarce seats to elite colleges and universities based solely on a standardized test, most often being the SAT. Even College Board, the creators of the SAT, have gone on record stating that many admissions committees are over-relying on SAT scores and misusing them.

Some have said that weighting high SAT scores is an affirmative action plan for upper-middle-class, largely white students. This is because African American, Latino and other minority students often do not have access to the same caliber of schools or the same level of test preparation that more privileged upper-middle-class students do.

I feel affirmative action does help in certain cases, but I also understand why people would be against it. I don't think it should

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With the downturn of the economy residents have left urban cores of cities.

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City officials are hoping to revitalize unsafe and unsightly structures in order to create a safer, more attractive city.

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in order to increase their score for readmission. The student can also apply for additional nursing schools, which may have different acceptance procedures. If the student decides they do not want to continue with nursing, they may be able to change their majors without much repercussion.

Majors with the same prerequisites as nursing are certain psy-

chology programs, biology, microbiology, chemistry and other life sciences. The first two years of many of these programs are similar and will not cause any major setbacks in a student's college career. "I celebrated every time I passed another one of my chemistry or biology classes because I knew I was that much closer to my dream of being a nurse," says ECU nursing student

Heather Gilroy.

If students decide not to change their majors, they may consider adding a minor. Nursing majors may benefit from a business minor if they intend to pursue a role in hospital administration. Durham nurse Marlese McLaughlin, who holds the title of director of nursing said, "I got my degree in Nursing and added the business portion later. It helps

me with managing and leading my team." It is prudent for students who have not been accepted but intend to reapply to contact their advisors on how to proceed.

There are other programs at ECU that have wait lists. ECU itself waitlists some of its incoming freshman applicants who took Advanced Placement classes in high school, and are accepted upon

satisfactorily passing their class. The Brody School of Medicine also has a waitlist that works in a similar way. The competitive programs available at this school, as any intended nursing student will tell you, further exemplifies the rate at which ECU is growing in academia.

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improve the public core of the city. We've added sidewalks, street lighting, and benches along the area," said Jones.

This is phase one of Greenville's strategy to revitalize the area, while phase two of the revitalization program is currently being designed she said.

According to Jones, the city is also promoting affordable home ownership throughout Greenville. The city has been purchasing, demolishing and building new homes, nightclubs and

convenience stores in Greenville that aren't essential to the city's redevelopment.

"If there has been a willing seller, we've purchased that property," said Jones. "We have a plan. We're not just doing this flying by the seat of our pants."

Part of that plan is to promote small business in both areas. The City of Greenville will work with local lending institutions to provide loan programs for businesses which locate within areas identified as appropriate for

commercial development by the Center City and West Greenville 45-Block Revitalization plan, according to Greenville's website.

"Small business is important in both the center city and West Greenville because it creates jobs. We want them to be profitable or we won't invest otherwise," said Jones.

Greenville has acquired financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help fund redevelopment. "We are allocated funds

from the federal government because we are an entitlement city, meaning we have a population of 50-thousand people or more," she said.

Jones said that redevelopment of Greenville is an ongoing process that can't just end at any time. "No way can it end in a time limit. If we're working on something for the next 10 years, in the next 20 years we'll be working on something new."

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be the sole reason a student gains admission, but I do feel it is a policy which can give underrepresented students a chance they may not otherwise receive," said Neal Patel senior biology major.

Despite affirmative action issues, none of the aforementioned examples are the point of contention in the Fisher vs. University of Texas court case. Primarily, the issue being debated is the fact that the "Top Ten Percent Plan" employed by the University of Texas which guarantees students in the top ten percent of their graduating class a spot in its flagship university. May argue that it is not producing enough students to make up what is referred to as a "critical mass."

Critical mass is a concept which refers to the diverse proportion of a student body and is usually computed in an effort to showcase the benefits of diversity. Proponents of critical mass argue that when there are very low numbers of underrepresented students in a university, these students are more apt to view themselves as tokens rather than qualified individuals; as a result, this limits and interferes with their potential for success.

It was in 2003 in the case of Grutter vs. Bollinger that the Supreme Court endorsed the principle which would permit universities to create admissions policies that consider race as well as other factors in order to increase

the number of underrepresented students to achieve a critical mass. Some of the questions the Supreme Court is asking have to do with how many students from underrepresented demographics are needed to reach a critical mass and how long will universities have to use race in the admissions process to reach the target.

Communication major Whitney Walden said she believes affirmative action is used for quota purposes.

"I feel affirmative action is sometimes used to fill a quota rather than actually helping underrepresented students as it is intended to do."

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Round of applause for my mom finding out she is 2 years cancer-free during Breast Cancer awareness month.

You almost got Regina George'd, ECU buses are NOT going to stop for you.

Your boyfriend visits a man in a dress while you're at work. Hope you're enjoying your promotion.

To the girl who put her bagel at Einstein Bros under the name Two Chainz, you made my day.

I don't hate you because you're fat, you're fat because I hate you.

BAZINGA!

At ECU, the day after Halloween is the day of the dead.

To the guy who wants to wear the fake Greek t-shirt: the ladies of Kappa Kappa Di[e] (Friends For Free!) applaud you!!

To the person who is trying to nap: Rivers is safe. -- ECU Alum, 2008

Every building on campus needs to get rid of that cheap a** toilet paper! I'm not asking for Charmin, just something thicker!

I'm just looking for a hot guy who loves Star Wars, football and beer. Why does he not exist?!

Spill your beer on me again and call me sweetheart, I promise I won't leave you with teeth.

My friends and I just spent the last 2 hours taking care of your nurse girlfriend. Ironic much? Happy Halloween ECU.

To the girl who wore a mini skirt on Monday: showin' a little leg for Sandy, huh?

Pretty sure my roommate has lost every bit of mind she ever had.

The term "speed cushions" is very misleading. They are actually very hard and unforgiving. At least my face broke my fall.

Group project? No thanks. Group test? Now that is a good idea.

I have seen so much helpfulness and kindness on campus recently. I love Pirate Nation!

I think time speeds up when I get on my computer. I'm on to you, time.

To the girl dressed up as a bloody nurse that scared the sh*t out of the guy in the library last night: you have a great sense of humor and you are gorgeous as well.

Let's gets ECU trending on twitter again this year for Halloween #ecuhalloween

You are a stalker. Stop calling me, stop texting me, stop showing up at my work, stop showing up at my room, stop buying me stuff, and leave my friends alone.

Halloweekend: A Greenville tradition

Jacob Heroux
OPINION COLUMNIST

Boisterous laughs reverberating and bouncing across the walls. Sight is momentarily blurred. Different emotions gouged into the surface of pumpkins. Girls dressed up, or rather, lack thereof. Cheers and good company laced with the signature of a smile. Fear turns out to be just a comedian in disguise. Mischief skips down the streets of neighborhoods. And ALE officers dreading the busiest night of the year.

Lets be honest, the two things ECU is known for are football and Halloween. And if you're lucky enough, you will get the chance to enjoy both, such as this past weekend, minus the burden of HurricaneSandy. Halloween is a celebrated tradition that has weaved itself into the history of the Pirate Nation. So to not partake in the festivities is just apathetic.

Some people look at the holiday as a night (or in this case, a night and a whole weekend or two) where wicked young adults worship Satan, over-indulge in the poison of his or her choice, and roam the streets with a reckless demeanor. While only about half of that is true, I really do not see a problem with the other half. Actually, according to ancient

Celtic roots, about 2,000 years ago, Halloween was a holiday that symbolized the end of summer, the end of the harvest and the beginning of a harsh winter. The long-hauled winter often marked the death of many livestock and Pagan Celts. Their New Year was also the first of November. Samhain, as they called it, was a night where the wall between the living and the dead was breached, allowing spirits of both good and bad to meander among the living. They believed these spirits were sought out to possess the living, cause mayhem, ruin crops and search for the pathway to the afterlife.

Some Celts dressed outlandishly while making noise in order to scare off the spirits.

SOUND OFF

Some people celebrated it as a way of honoring the dead. Children would often impose a little anarchy on social order, too. This is one piece of tradition that is truly unique to the eyes of history.

Ultimately, Halloween celebration is just another weekend at ECU but with slightly more hype. It is a chance for people to come together and dress however they want and set aside judgments. The great thing about it is that people from colleges all across the state come to ECU to engage in our take on Halloween. It is our job to uphold this tradition that ECU has upon North Carolina colleges. By far, it is the best holiday because a touch of autumn is in the air

and because of all the deviated celebratory intentions that follow it. Although it is generally a night geared toward children, there is no reason why college students cannot partake.

While there are many stigmas that follow, such as girls dressing up as harlots and everyone attempting to get laid, I guess what I'm asking is what is really so wrong with that? I mean, if you're that sullen toward the holiday, you can just go to church with probably the two other people in the entire school doing so, or sit at home and watch a movie by yourself.

Candy, booze and outrageous attire. It is the beginning of a trail of holidays that follow. Pranking, horror movies and excitement make Halloween lively. What separates this holiday from the rest, other than its history, is that there is really no wrong way of going about this tradition.

It's amusing to walk down the street at night and notice all of the interesting and well-crafted costumes people are wearing. People get so pumped up that the promise of fun and thrills never really end up disappointing.

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All this month across Twitter, Facebook and even the occasional conversation at dinner, the topic has been Halloween and the excitement around this debauchorous holiday. Personally, I could care less about this one-day and the weekend of celebration attached to it here at ECU.

I mean, why need a reason to dress up and drink when we already do that for every 21st birthday, themed parties, or just for fun. Why is it such a big deal here anyway? Halloween is just a scheme to let our inner demons out and to truly do sketchy and dangerous things for the weekend and the night of Halloween.

I have grown up in the shadow of ECU all my life, and Halloween has been a big deal ever since I could remember. In high school, teens plotted on how they were going to get downtown and be a part of the madness and take that step toward college partying, then end up getting locked up for underage drinking, but it's cool because they have a great Halloween story.

As for college students, we plan these extravagant parties, pinch and save money to buy a costume that will make us stand out on this

one night...God forbid if Halloween falls on any other day than Friday and Saturday then we have to have a costume for every weekend night. All these factors add up to an exhausting, but somehow thrilling experience. At the end of the night or the weekend, guys hookup with the sultry nurse and ladies have a shot with the human breathalyzer. Although it is unlikely, the state of intoxication everyone is in because of this epic holiday...I guess it's ok to dream right?

A part of these Halloween fantasies is being able to truly let our inner selves out. Whether it is the sexy sailor, the heartthrob vampire, or the superhero you secretly think you are when watching action films. Halloween is that chance to really get our inner desires out there and let our peers know that we don't always play it

safe. For instance, when I see the naughty nurse, I kind of want to be the sick puppy she can nurse later on that evening, but since I don't dress up, I will have to keep that desire to myself. So said naughty nurse is really a sweet, innocent and intelligent lady, Halloween is her one night to let her hair down and misbehave. Yet, do you really want to be judged by a costume that is not really you 24/7?

Then there is the dangerous side of Halloween here at ECU. We all know the patented slogan "trick or treat." The sad thing about this saying is that some people take the trick part to the extreme.

For instance, it is common for gang initiation weekend to be around Halloween and people fall victim to youths trying to prove themselves to their ignorant peers. So the thousands of people who leave downtown intoxicated and

don't have their wits about them are just easy pickings to these future gang members! Then they will wake the next morning in pain and in strife asking themselves "why did this happen to me?" News flash: if you decide to get drunk, parade around half-naked and acting a fool, then you deserve to be "tricked."

There are some cruel people on this earth and Halloween is a time of the year when they have their last chance to prey on the weak before their holiday cheer kicks in. Therefore, we need to be cognizant of our surroundings and not put so much emphasis on making it downtown or to the party, but rather on making it home safe and sound.

I can understand that we are all young and want to have fun, but of all the holidays to celebrate, I believe Halloween is pointless. If you want to express yourself then express it, don't hide behind a mask because you will come out more economical that way. I'm sure some people will think I'm a wet blanket for this article, but let's be real, do we really need another reason to drink and party at ECU? I mean we are Pirates after all.

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RELATIONSHIP

The benefits of being needy

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When I mentioned to some people that I wanted to write an article on why it's important to be needy in your relationships, there was a resounding sigh of, "um, maybe not." But as I am not one who listens very well to what I've been told, here is my spiel.

Recently, I accidentally watched, "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man," about seven or eight times. Besides the basic things that I love about the movie, such as my not so hidden affection for Taraji Henson, everything about her person and the comedic styling of my favorite little person, Kevin Hart, there were actually a few key notes that any lady could take away from this book-turned movie.

The line that stuck out to me the most was from Steve Harvey in his Family Feud voice, stating a fact that I knew all too well: "Men are dogs." But not in the way that you would think, like he's a dog and he dogged me out and he sucks, but in the actual way of the cuddly furry friends that we all love. They need to be petted and fed and looked after, given kisses on the regular. You know all that stuff. The point is, that in romantic relationships there has to be a need, to a certain degree.

Sure, it is easy to make someone feel wanted. If you want to feel wanted just put on a pair of six-inch heels and high tail it downtown on a Friday night. However, there is a certain intimacy to being needed that keep relationships going and strong. College girls, Ms. Independent, it's okay to pay the rent and be able to put gas in the car, but like Harvey says, if you're not going to make your man feel needed, then he's going to go find someone else who will.

I'm not saying that you should expect him to pay for your every meal, run all your baths and be there to kiss every scrape, but it is more than okay to show your man or woman that you need them. Call them in the middle of the day just to say, 'I miss you' and, 'I need to see you,' or 'I will just die, just kidding, but not really.' Let them bring you medicine when you're sick and listen to your problems and be the person you come running to when things get too tough, or just for a ride home from your night class.

Being someone's everything is a bit much right now, but there's something to it. A relationship is about giving and taking, so don't be afraid to be a little selfish now and then, keep the morale up. Make your man feel like a man, or your woman feel like a woman, and let them know that they serve a purpose in your life that is more than physical. And remember, like my dear friend Jerry Springer says, "Until next time, take care of yourselves and each other."

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Iron pour continues tradition



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On Saturday, sculptors from the university's school of art and design met and hosted their bi-annual iron pour at the Jenkins Fine Art building. The event, which brought current sculpture students, faculty and alumni together, started at 2 p.m.

"We've been having iron pours for over twenty years," said Cassidy Norris, senior sculpture and graphic design major. "During the iron pour, we have a pour team that prepares the iron to be melted in our furnace, and then pours the melted iron into sand molds created by students and alumni."

Though participation was only allowed to sculpture students and alumni, scratch blocks—a mold someone can carve into—were for sale.

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Halloween madness

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ECU has prepared alternative Halloween festivities for students who don't plan on going downtown Wednesday night. The 19th annual Midnight Madness event, which is organized by the Office of Student Activities and Organization, will take place this Wednesday.

The event will be split between the Student Recreation Center and Mendenhall Student Center. The only event in the SRC will be the dance, which will take place from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. This year's dance is sponsored by Alpha Phi and will feature a student DJ.

Many events will take place in Mendenhall Student Center between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. "It's a lot of the traditional stuff that you see at Pirate Pooza or even Barefoot on the Mall," said Justin Janek, the assistant director of student activities and assessment.

Two of the most popular activities from last year will again be present at this year's event. "The street signs are always popular," said Janis Steele, the associate director for facilities at Campus Recreation and Wellness. "Last year was the first year we did laser tag. It seemed popular, so hopefully it is again." The street signs will be made at the SAO office in Mendenhall, and laser tag will be located in the great rooms in upper Mendenhall.

The Midnight Madness costume contest will be located in Hendrix Theatre at midnight. Registration starts at 11:45 p.m. The different categories are scariest, most original and group/duo. The winners for these three categories receive \$100 Visa gift cards. Then, the top three overall best costumes will receive Visa gift cards. First prize is \$200, second is \$100 and third is \$50.

In between the different rounds of the costume contest, Coca-Cola has sponsored the Coca-Cola Last Student Standing event. This event is open to all students in Hendrix at the time, even if they are not in the costume contest. Many big Coca-Cola branded products will be offered to the winners, such as corn hole boards and mountain bikes.

In Destination 360, students can play bingo from 9-11 p.m. Once bingo has ended, students can sing karaoke and enjoy a midnight breakfast until 1 a.m. Classic black

and white Halloween movies will be playing in Mendenhall 244 to set the creepy Halloween mood.

The Pagan Student Association is supplying palm readers and tarot card readers for the Divination Lounge on the second floor. Students can get their fortunes read at the lounge.

In Cynthia's Lounge, students can get Clearly You crystals. To make these crystals, a photo is taken and laser etched inside of a crystal. Students can have a photo taken of them in their Halloween costumes, or use a different photo.

Throughout the night, students can bowl or play billiards for free in Mendenhall's basement.

Planning for "Halloweek" begins as early as the day after Midnight Madness. It takes approximately nine or 10 months to get all of the events finalized and lined up. SAO sends surveys out to students who participated in the events and uses the information collected to improve the next year's events.

One of the things that the student opinions helped to improve is the midnight breakfast. "The food's going to be phenomenal this year," said Janek.

An unexpected improvement over last year's festivities is the weather. Last year, it rained the entire night. However, this year it is supposed to be cloudy, but gradually clear throughout the night, according to the seven-day forecast on wral.com.

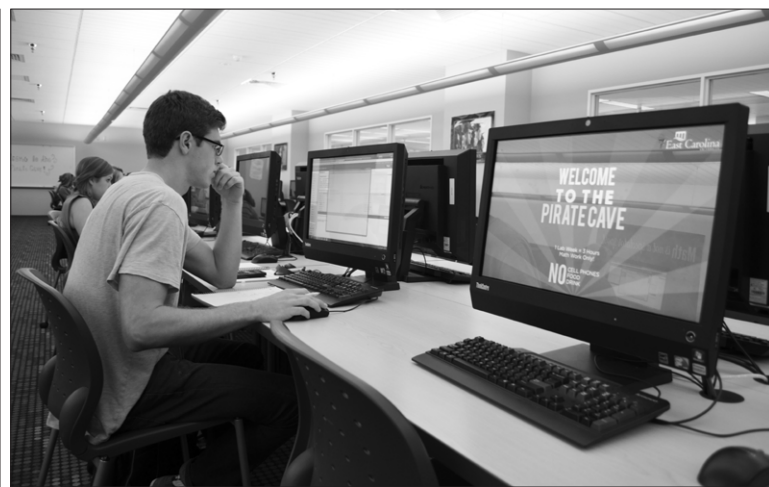
Event organizers expect approximately 2,000 participants. "It was about 2,000 last year. We'd love to get 3,000," said Steele. Last year's dance had about 1,000 people in attendance.

Non-ECU students are also allowed to participate in Midnight Madness. "Each ECU student is allowed one guest," said Steele. Students can register their guests for free at ecu.edu/halloweek until 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Students can pick up the guest passes at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. When picking up their passes, guests must present a photo I.D. and sign in with their ECU student host for safety reasons.

"If they don't register by 8:00 p.m., they can still get one guest pass from 8:30-11:30 p.m. at Ledonia Wright," said Steele. However, there will be a \$5 fee for the late guest pass.

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From classroom to C.A.V.E.: the revamping of MATH 1065

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STAFF WRITER

ominous lighting and heat radiating from the computer equipment, students diligently contemplating the Pythagorean Theorem problems flashing on the monitors. Before this semester, the basement of Joyner

Library was uncharted territory.

The basement is now home to the Pirate College Algebra Virtual Environment, where the math department has transformed the MATH 1065 curriculum.

"[Math] 1065 has always had a history of having a high failure rate

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Ceramics Guild hosts chili bowl sale

Staff Reports

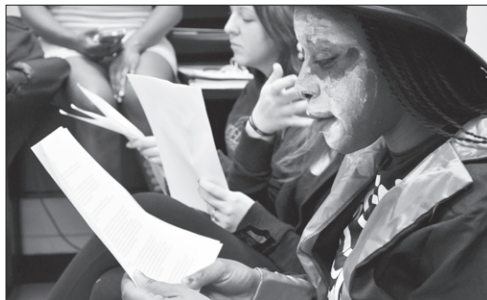
University's Ceramics Guild is holding a chili bowl sale in the main lobby of the Jenkins Fine Art Building on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. With the purchase of a handmade bowl, the buyer receives a

helping of chilli. The event will help raise funding for visiting artists and national conferences for the guild. Prices for bowls start at \$6.

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Seasonal ghost walk on campus

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Last Wednesday, the Resident Hall Association hosted their annual Halloweek Ghost Walk throughout campus. The tour, which went from 9:30-10:30 p.m., took people to haunted areas on campus and told them their ghostly stories.

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here," said Cathy Wilkerson, director of the Pirate C.A.V.E. "We are trying something new to improve that."

ECU is not the first university to implement the new system. The math department researched the programs used on different campuses and created a program they felt accommodated the students at ECU.

"We have modeled our program after Louisiana State University," said Wilkerson. "They sent a team of six of us to their campus a year and a half ago. They have been doing it for several years and their ABC rate has gone up tremendously."

Wilkerson said this year the feedback on the new system has started off rocky, like any new program, but she feels the changes will ultimately result in a success.

"It's been a change for the instructors, too," said Wilkerson. "Because we're used to being, as they say, a 'sage on the stage.' Now we're the 'tutor in the trenches.'"

Many administrators and instructors from the math department say the ultimate key to succeed in the new college algebra course is for students to utilize all of their resources.

The program MyMathLab is designed to have all of the resources necessary for the course. Wilkerson said students have the resources that "helps them step by step. They have a video where they can watch a video preparation; they have a textbook where it takes them to that section of the textbook they are working on where that concept is explained."

She also says she really tries to encourage the students to take advantage of the videos posted on MyMathLab. "It's right there. It's like having your own teacher. You can rewind if you didn't get something, and you can't do that in the classroom," said Wilkerson.

Students currently registered in the course have mixed reviews based on their particular learning style. First-year math student Akimi Smith said she likes having the ability

to work at her own pace with the new system.

"I don't mind that it's only online...[but] we have to go to the 'CAVE' three hours a week and I kind of think that's pointless because it's time consuming. Sometimes you finish your work before the three hours and you just have to sit there and not do anything," said Smith.

Students struggling with the new program are seeking more assistance than someone would normally receive in a common classroom setting. With this program, students are scheduled for one class session a week for 50-minutes. "The teacher has to move through the information really quickly in class, so you don't get as many examples," said freshman Joshua Thomas. "This is almost like teaching yourself."

In reference to the resources on MyMathLab, Thomas said there are some tools that he has put to use.


"I use the online textbook...it's really helpful because it's interactive, and that helps a lot...but again, it doesn't replace the face to face," said Thomas. "I don't really like [the videos]. For one, the guy has a really thick southern accent. And then two, they're kind of over simplified to the point where it doesn't make sense anymore."

Administration and instructors of the course have noticed that over time the number of complaints have decreased, and eventually the students will adjust to the changes. Instructors in The CAVE also said many students are not taking advantage of their resources, but this could soon change.

"A lot of them took a beating on their first test, and I hope it's made them realize they really got to do their homework," said instructor Zak Mathews. "They really got to do their quizzes, and you got to do the practice test... Those aren't just there for fun. They're there to help you out and for your success."

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Disappointed in Dowdy

Women's Basketball gives back

Staff Reports

The Lady Pirates basketball team has been giving back this off-season by volunteering at events like the 5th Annual Splash and Dash Kid's Triathlon. The ladies have attended events like the Take Back the Night and the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center Pink Ribbon Run. Coach Heather Macy appreciates the team enthusiasm, "They truly understand that the journey is bigger than themselves." September was a month of giving as ECU lent their time to a trio of volunteering events such as the Pitt County Animal Shelter. The Lady Pirates began their first practice on October 1st, but ECU is still volunteering at 3-on-3 tournaments for the North Carolina Senior games.

Kelley joins softball staff

Staff Reports

New Softball Head coach Beth Keylon-Randolph has finished her coaching staff as she hired Leah Kelley as an assistant coach. Kelley will be involved with game management and recruitment. As a two-year letter winner at Maryville College she helped the Scots reach the championship game for the Great South Athletic Conference in 2012. Kelley played two years at Chattanooga State under coach Keylon-Randolph's leadership. Keylon-Randolph spoke of Kelley, "I am excited to have her on our staff and see her development throughout the early portion of her coaching career."

Cordero earns season award

Staff Reports

College Sports Madness named ECU goalie Christiane Cordero Defensive Player of the Year. The ECU goalkeeper logged three player of the week titles and helped the ECU Women's soccer team to a 10-6-3 record and she posted 10 shutouts this season. The Pirates notched a 6-1-2 record at home this season. Cordero collected 85 saves and only gave up 20 goals in 19 games. ECU plays Tulsa on Halloween in the first round of the Conference USA Championships.

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ECU's Gabe Woulard (42) and the Pirate defense struggled to stop Navy's option attack, who ran for six touchdowns.

Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For the second time in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, Navy managed to put up more than 50 points against ECU. Hurricane Sandy didn't help things out as the Pirates had another home game blanketed by rain from start to finish as they lost 56-28 to the Midshipmen.

The triple option offense is what we thought it was. The affective running game handicapped the defense and the game plan was unable to slow down the well-oiled machine of the Navy offense.

With an amazing 512 yards rushing, Navy executed their offense better than they have all season. The rushing attack had been consistent, but Navy lacked the explosive game that is accustomed to that offense. With only 403 rushing yards as a previous high this season, Navy managed to add another hundred onto that in their game against the Pirates.

The ECU defense surrendered six rushing touchdowns and two passing on a night where it was constantly on its heels. Navy only threw the ball five times. Five times! That's all they needed because they

were getting anything and everything they wanted running the ball. Keenan Reynolds and the Navy offense played an efficient game, only turning the ball over one time. After trying to pass the ball in the ECU red zone and getting intercepted by Chip Thompson, coach Ken Niumatalolo turned away from the pass quickly. Reynolds finished the game 3-5 for 51 yards and two touchdowns.

Gee Gee Greene led the way in rushing yards, with a season high of 131. Navy had five players who ran for more than 50 yards against the Pirates. Keenan Reynolds was also

affective on the ground as he had 81 yards on 10 carries plus three touchdowns. Twelve people carried the ball for Navy and as a team they averaged 7.4 yards per carry.

ECU struggled to sustain drives on offense as they only managed 338 yards against the Midshipmen defense. Vintavious Cooper was a reliable runner once again as he ran for 121 yards on 18 carries, which is a 6.7 average. The game flow was lopsided in favor of Navy and the offense never seemed to get in sync. Reggie Bullock returned to the ECU lineup and ran for two touchdowns, which was a nice sight to see after he suffered a nasty concussion against UTEP earlier this season.

The ECU defense couldn't stop Navy on third and fourth down as Navy went 6-8 on third down conversions. Those two occasions when ECU stopped them, they managed to pick up the first down on fourth down conversions. Damon Magazu led the team in tackles with his 12 stops. Leonard Paulk and Kyle Tudor followed behind with eight tackles apiece. Magazu and fellow safety, Chip Thompson, were called upon on every play to come to the line of scrimmage and make a tackle once the running backs for Navy made it past the linebackers.

"Its not easy to forget when they put up 56 points on you," said Thompson. "We have three games left and we have to win those to become, and stay, bowl eligible."

Pablo Beltran, Navy's Punter, did not see the field against ECU, as he was not needed. On Monday it was announced that Beltran was added to the list of Ray Guy award candidates, which awards the nations best

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Cross Country competes in conference championship

Patrick Meine
SPORTS WRITER

The ECU men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Conference USA Championship Meet on Monday in Hattiesburg, Miss. The women's team finished third and had two members receive All-Conference honors. The meet was hosted by Southern Mississippi University.

The women finished third with 123 points, while the men's team finished seventh place with a total score of 186. The two-time defending conference champions, the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes, won the Men's Conference Championship with a score of 25. Defending women's champions, SMU, won again with a score of 38.

"We were fourth place last year," said head coach Dan Lee. "And that was arguably our best year."

The third place finish is the best ECU has fared at the conference championship meet, leaving the team with a feeling of accomplishment.

"I'm so excited. The team has worked so hard and did everything they were supposed to do and it paid off," said junior Kaylee Bythell via an online interview. "This is the highest finish in ECU history."

Bjork Olsen was ECU's top finisher, placing seventh overall with a time of 17:17 for the 5k women's race, which is a significant improvement over her 47th (19:02) place finish from a year ago. Corey Hampshire was the top Pirate in the men's race, finishing 23rd with a time of 25:38 in the men's 8k race.

The women's top five finishers placed seventh Bjork Olsen, 18th Chelsea Hollingsworth, 27th Stefanie Fresenius, 31st Olivia Slate, and 45th Shewit Weldense. The men's top performers finished 23rd Corey Hampshire, 34th Austin Miller, 44th Antonio Palmer, 48th Jakub Trzasalski and 49th Tevin Richardson.

This strong women's showing will help build anticipation for the track season coming up in the spring as the Pirates will be defending the indoor track and field con-

ference championship.

Hollingsworth finished 18th, which earned her a spot on an all-conference team. Olsen, the team's highest finisher, earned first team all-conference.

Lee called Olsen's success a "monumental jump" in her progression as a runner.

"I'm very proud of our team," said Olsen. "We can be a lot better."

The final women's meet standings, from first to twelfth, were: SMU (38), Tulsa (57), ECU (123), Rice (149), University Alabama Birmingham (149), Southern Mississippi (154), Tulane (204), Marshall (208), University of Texas El Paso (210), Memphis (220), University of Central Florida (225) and Houston (247).

The final men's meet standings, from first to eighth, were Tulsa (25), UTEP (56), Rice (78), Memphis (101), Marshall (126), Houston (141), ECU (186) and Tulane (236).

The strong showing at the conference championship highlights the hard work the team has put forth this season and will help to build momentum for the upcoming track and field season.

The men and women's teams will compete again on November 3rd in Cary N.C. at the Three-Stripe Invitational.

The Three-Stripe Invitational is the last meet before the NCAA Southeast Regional Championships, in Charlotte on November 9th.

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ECU had two all-conference runners: Chelsea Hollingsworth and Bjork Olsen.

Willis sets record, Lady Pirates fall

Craig Barnes Jr.
SPORTS WRITER

Two Pirates etched their names in single-game record books this weekend as they took on the Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi University and the Knights of Central Florida.

ECU junior Nicole Willis eclipsed a single-game record for kills with 32 against the Golden Eagles. The previous record had been held since 2007. The previous record-holder, Kelly Wamert, was credited with 31 kills in a match against UNC-Wilmington. Junior Shelby Beasley tied the record for third all-time with a 29 dig performance.

In the match against the Golden Eagles (8-16, 4-8 C-USA), the Lady Pirates (1-22, 0-12 Conference USA) took a two-game lead into the break. In the first set, there was eight ties and five lead changes before the Lady Pirates seized control, eventually winning the set 25-20. In the second set, the Lady Pirates continued to attack the Mustang defense. The Lady Pirates won the first seven points of the set. The great team play continued in set two as the Pirates took that set 25-23. With all the momentum going into the break, the Lady Pirates were one set away from notching only their second victory on the season.

Set three proved to be the difference in the match. The Golden Eagles won the first four points of the set. The Lady Pirates showed their grit by staying in the game. There was a tie at 17, then the Golden Eagles went on a 5-0 run to take a 22-17 lead. They eventually won game three 25-20.

Avoiding the sweep, the Golden Eagles used the momentum from set three to help catapult them to a quick lead in set four. The Lady Pirates and the Lady Golden Eagles battled back and forth until the score was tied at 20. Tied at 20 with five points separating the Lady Pirates from a victory, the Lady Golden Eagles took

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CALENDAR

"I am excited to have her on our staff and see her development throughout the early portion of her coaching career." - Softball head coach Beth Keylon-Randolph about hiring Leah Kelley

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Cont. Friday	Saturday	Cont. Saturday	Sunday
10/30/12	10/31/12		11/2/12	Away-Men's	11/3/12	Away- CC	11/4/12
Away- Women's	Away- Women's		Away- Swimming and Diving	Tennis	Home-Football	Three-Stripe	Away- Women's
Golf	Soccer		N.C. State and	Big Jim Russell	Houston Noon	Invitational	Volleyball
Day 3	Tulsa 3:30 p.m.		Campbell 5:00 p.m.	Invitational	Away-Men's Tennis	Cary, NC	Memphis 2 p.m.
San Antonio, TX			Away- Women's	All Day	Big Jim Russell	Away-W. Tennis	Away-Men's Tennis
			Volleyball	Away-W. Tennis	Invitational	Campbell	Big Jim Russell
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punter. ECU may have hurt his chances at the award, as he didn't get to show his talents as the Navy offense ran free against the Pirates. Penalties and turnovers didn't favor the Pirates as they lost both of those battles. Quarterback Shane Carden threw his first

interception in three games. Along with the struggling defense, Lance Ray didn't help as he fumbled a kick return, giving Navy a short field and an easy path for a touchdown.

Ray was supposed to be a big addition to the Pirate

Football program when he got to school. His first game was successful as he had a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against Appalachian State. Since then, Ray has been non-existent and has been fumble prone for a kick returner. Head

coach Ruffin McNeill made a change late in the game after Ray fumbled and inserted senior Derrick Harris onto the field to take over kick return duties.

Justin Hardy caught another touchdown pass, giving him nine on the season,

but for the most part the Navy defense and the rain kept Hardy contained. Andrew Bodenheimer extended his streak of consecutive games with a catch to 29 as he had a first quarter reception.

The Pirates now begin preparation for a battle

against Houston at home on Saturday. The defense will have a completely different offense to face, as Houston's air raid offense comes to town and will try to find holes in the ECU pass defense.

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Right side hitter Nicole Willis (11) celebrated one of her team-record 32 kills against Southern Miss this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

the game to another set, winning five of the last six points. They won set four 25-21.

The Lady Pirates did not get a chance to take the lead in set five. Southern Miss jumped out to a 3-0 lead and never looked back. In the final set, Southern Miss finished with eight kills and stopped the hitting for the Lady Pirates. The set ended Golden Eagles 15, Lady Pirates 11, which would end the game. The Lady Pirates suffered a tough defeat in five sets (25-20, 25-23, 20-25, 21-25, 11-15).

The game against Southern Miss turned out to be a much better performance than the Pirates performance against UCF (10-13, 7-4 C-USA). In the match Friday night, the Lady Pirates were swept by the conference foe. The Lady Pirates lost in straight sets (7-25, 12-25, 20-25). The Lady Pirates were not able to catch a break from the balanced attack by the Lady Knights. In the

first set, UCF hit .360 and comfortably sailed to a 25-7 victory.

In the second set, the Lady Pirates suffered the same fate. Unable to handle the attack of the Knights, the Pirates fell 25-12. UCF finished that set with 13 kills. In the third and final set the Lady Pirates played tough. They battled with the Lady Knights and had control of the set up until the halfway mark. With the Knights on the defensive, the Lady Pirates missed out on their opportunity to win a set with three miscues that would eventually help the Knights finish off the set and the game.

The Lady Pirates will travel to Birmingham to take on the UAB Blazers Friday night at 8 p.m.

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Nicole LaDuca focuses on a return en route to winning the third flight at the App. State Invitational. ECU finished in first place in four of the eight singles flights but struggled in doubles play. CONTRIBUTED

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Lady Pirates strong in singles play

Staff reports

Over the weekend, the Lady Pirates traveled to Appalachian State University to take on App. State, North Carolina Central, Coastal Carolina and Presbyterian College in the Appalachian State Invitational.

This two-day event had more of an emphasis on individual games rather than a

team. Actual team events do not start until the spring. In total, there were eight singles flights and four doubles flights.

A flight is a tournament where players from different teams are put in a bracket and face off against one another until there is one person remaining.

In college matches, unlike professional tennis

tournaments, the number one ranked player from each team is put in a flight together. This goes on with the second ranked players all the way to the ninth-ranked player on the team.

The Lady Pirates won three singles flights and tied for first in another flight. Junior Neena Wanko tied for first in the number one flight and senior Lilian Zhang won the number two flight. Freshmen standout Nicole LaDuca won the number three flight and Junior Melis Tanik won the number four flight. Zhang remains undefeated in her matches.

"We played solid in singles, not as well in doubles," Coach Tom Morris said. "Doubles is very important in the college format, so we will need to really focus on doubles in practices from this point forward." Coach Morris said.

LaDuca believes there was a turning point in the Invitational, "I think losing all our doubles to App. State woke us up a little bit for singles where we won six of nine matches."

The team was confident in its performance at the Invitational and looks to keep the focus on getting better for the spring season.

"If this was a match in the spring time, we would have beaten all four teams" LaDuca said.

"I believe that we are improving each year. We are working very hard in practices and have had a solid fall to this point. Our goal is to do just that—work hard and continue to get better," Coach Morris said.

The Lady Pirate's next match will be this weekend when they travel to Campbell University to take part in the Campbell Invitational. N.C.

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