



University researcher leads team to Antarctica

Staff Reports

The National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs has awarded a three-year, \$530,000 grant to a research team led by university professor and research scientist, Reide Corbett.

Corbett will quantify the rate of submarine groundwater discharge, or the exchange of groundwater between land and sea, and associated flux of nutrients and iron to coastal waters of the Western Antarctic Peninsula.

"Similarly, in our case, groundwater in coastal aquifers flow down slope and ultimately discharge to the coastal ocean, a process we refer to as submarine groundwater discharge," said Corbett. "This process is very common and the water discharged is comprised of terrestrial freshwater mixed with seawater that has infiltrated coastal aquifers. What's important is that this water often has high concentrations of nutrients and other potential contaminants. Our study in the Antarctic is focused on quantifying the rate of discharge and evaluating whether it might contribute to the iron concentration in the Southern Ocean."

Corbett is a professor in the Thomas Harriot College of the Arts and Sciences Department of Geological Sciences, a research scientist at the ECU Institute for Coastal Science and Policy, and co-program head for coastal processes at the UNC Coastal Studies Institute. He has studied submarine groundwater discharge his entire academic career.

"Gill, from 'Finding Nemo,' summed it up best," said Corbett. "'All drains lead to the sea.'"

Corbett and his colleagues hypothesize that the exchange of groundwater between land and sea will contribute a significant proportion of iron to coastal waters, and that mixing across the continental shelf will deliver this important to offshore waters.

The team includes faculty and students from the university, the UNC Coastal Studies Institute and Coastal Carolina University, and will leave the United States for Antarctica on Dec. 6.

Individuals may follow the team's research expedition through a blog at www.ecuss-torm.blogspot.com.

BRIEFS

Police launch new effort to solve crimes

Staff Reports

Police are implementing a new means of solving crimes after a recent hit-and-run case remains unsolved.

On Sunday, the Pitt County Sheriff's Office, highway patrol and community volunteers spent the evening testing out their efforts, reported WNCT.

"What we want to do is go out, we have flyers that are made up in Spanish, get several people here that can speak Spanish if we need an interpreter," said Pitt County Sheriff Neil Elks.

"At this time in our community, there are so many Spanish-speaking people here that we need to be able to branch out to them—to see what they may have, to see the information that they can give us," said Pitt County Sheriff's Public Information Officer Christy

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Study abroad photos on display



CONTRIBUTED

Senior marketing major Amy Leonardi won Best in Show in the Avast! category for her picture, 'The Most Beautiful Place', from her travels to Cinque Terre, Italy.

Jessica Richmond
STAFF WRITER

The second floor of Mendenhall Student Center will be displaying photos from the International House's first ever Study Abroad Photo Contest until November 23. The contest, which concluded on November 12, allowed students who studied abroad in the past year to submit

photos from their travels.

The International House hopes that by sharing these pictures, other students may become more interested in studying abroad. At the moment, only about 350 students study abroad per year including summer programs. In contrast, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill a third of the entire student population studies abroad before they graduate.

"Whenever we have students at ECU displaying what they've done abroad it's the best way to show other students what they can do abroad. So we're very happy that students submitted photos from all over the world and we were able to display a diverse group of photos to entice

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Blackbeard's cannon on campus



CONTRIBUTED

A cannon from Blackbeard's ship, Queen Anne's Revenge, is undergoing a twelve step recovery process at the university.

Melanie Jock
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A loaded cannon used aboard Queen Anne's Revenge, Blackbeard's flagship, to plunder merchant ships in 1717 and 1718 has been recovered off the coast of the Carolinas

Blackbeard's cannon is currently in a tank in warehouse on campus. The warehouse contains a dozen of custom-made tanks where the cannon will bathe in a sodium-carbonate solution that serves as an electrolyte that removes salts from the iron, reported The Virginian-Pilot.

The cannon will go through a 12-step recovery process before it is transported to the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Eventually, a battery of 27 cannons will be on display at the museum.

Queen Anne's Revenge ran aground along the Beaufort shoreline in 1718. The shipwreck was discovered in 1996

by the private company Intersal Inc. State divers have recovered nearly 280,000 artifacts from the shipwreck since 1997.

Historians believe the ship carried 330 to 400 pirates and the wreck was possibly purposeful.

Blackbeard, whose real name was thought to be Edward Teach, was known for plundering merchant ships between 1716 and 1718. During this time of terror, Blackbeard's ships ambushed ships carrying passengers and cargo in the dim light of dawn and dusk when the pirates' ship was hard to see.

The merchant crews often surrendered without a fight the moment they saw Blackbeard's flag, but if the ship did not surrender after warnings, the pirates moved in.

According to National Geographic, Blackbeard made a home base in North Carolina, a British colony, near the Outer Banks, where he preyed easily on ships traveling the American coast.

Local townspeople in the Outer Banks tolerated his presence because they liked to buy the goods he stole, such as cloth and sugar. Pirate goods were usually cheaper than imported English goods. The colony's ruling officials turned a blind eye to Blackbeard's "import" business.

In the fall of 1718, the Royal Navy was sent to Ocracoke to take down Blackbeard. The navy was successful, and Blackbeard's head was cut off and suspended from the bow of the ship's sloop. Blackbeard's treasure was lost and only supplies and letters were found.

The Queen Anne's Revenge project of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources is focused on educating the next generation on colonial life and shedding a national spotlight on the Crystal Coast region.

Officials hope to have the project completed by 2014 with the help of \$450,000 in private donations.

University named for diversity

Staff Reports

The university was recently named as a recipient of the first Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.

The award recognizes U.S. colleges and universities that show an ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion. The university will be featured with other recipients in the December edition of the magazine.

"We are pleased to accept this award from INSIGHT Into Diversity and appreciate the acknowledgment of East Carolina University's commitment to diversity and inclusion," said LaKesha Alston, associate provost for equity and diversity. "Consistent with our mission, ECU is committed to preparing our students to succeed in a multicultural workplace and global society."

INSIGHT Into Diversity selected award recipients based on diversity and inclusion initiatives, including all aspects of diversity such as gender, race, ethnicity, veterans, people with disabilities and members of the LGBT community, according to Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of the magazine.

Several groups on the university's campus address diversity and inclusion, including the Chancellor's Diversity Leadership Cabinet, the LGBT Resource Office for Students, the Organization of African American Staff and Faculty, the Safe Zone program and the Ledo-

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other interested students," said Whitney Morris, education abroad advisor.

Over a dozen countries were represented in the contest including Cuba, Greece, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Each student was allowed to submit three photos from their time abroad whether it was from their host country or from a country they traveled to while abroad.

"Going to Cuba is a rare opportunity for Americans and I want to share that experience with as many people as I can, which is why I decided to enter the contest. I hope [my picture] inspires more people to study abroad there if they have the chance," said graduate student Laura Adams about her picture entitled 'Flamboyant Chevy,' taken in Havana, Cuba.

There were three categories for students to submit to: Avast!, Land Lubbers and Pirates Abroad. The "Avast!" category showed different landscapes from the students' travels. The "Land Lubbers" category included people in the surrounding areas. "Pirates Abroad" allowed students to display themselves participating in cultural activities while abroad.

Graduate student Yana Bardashevich won the grand prize for the Land Lubbers category for her photo from the Viñales Valley, Cuba, "I don't have an expensive camera, but I love taking pictures and I have lots of them that I took during the trip. I tried to pick [pictures] that would reflect the Cuban soul and the Cuban character."

All photos submitted are on display in Mendenhall Student Center and also



Senior Liz Tant won grand prize for her photo of Santorini, Greece.

available online at the Study Abroad Facebook page. Pictures included a student scaling the Great Wall of China, three students displaying their Pirate pride in front of both the Eiffel Tower and Big Ben, students riding camels in Morocco, a student bungee jumping in New Zealand and landscapes from all over the world.

Senior marketing major Amy Leonardi, who submitted a picture from her trip to Italy, said, "Cinque Terre was one of the most amazing places I had ever seen and was also one of my favorite trips while studying abroad."

It was definitely hard to select photos to submit because each country I visited while abroad was so different from one another and all had such unique and beautiful qualities."

The Student Recreation Center, Dowdy Student Stores, Chick-fil-A, Brrrberry Frozen Yogurt, Schrok's Hair Studio, and Adam's Auto Wash donated prizes for the contest. The student prizes ranged from a gold pass to the rec center to free meals at Chick-fil-A.

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The university was recognized for its inclusion of a cultural diversity requirement for students.

nia Wright Cultural Center. "We are actively working to build a university community where diversity and inclusion are embedded into

the fabric of our institution," Alston said. Two other North Carolina higher education institutions received the HEED

award including: Catawba Valley College and Wake Forest University.

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Wallace. Helping to create this new idea was the unsolved hit-and-run case of Austin Baez. The 20-year-old died after a car hit and killed him on the side of Highway 33 near Memorial Drive in August. The reward for any information on the Austin Baez case has reached \$11,500.

election. Coleman said she had called Republican Dan Forest and conceded because she felt extending her campaign would not change the outcome of the election. Coleman had, until today, to demand a recount


in writing, as her margin with Forest was less than 10,000 votes out of almost 4.4 million casted, according to WITN. A recount could cost up to \$2.5 million, with counties paying for it, said Gary Bartlett, state elections board executive director.

Coleman concedes race for Lt. Governor

Yesterday, Democrat Linda Coleman said she would not extend her campaign for Lieutenant Governor or seek a recount in the



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I'm a dude and when I go to the gym I don't hide the fact that I'm checking out other dudes!!! :D

You managed to get into a university, but yet you lack the common sense to know that it's not acceptable to wear booty shorts in 30-degree weather.

What is the point of coming to the library if you are just going to listen to music and watch Hulu?

If ignorance was a crime, my roommate would be on death row.

Dear roommate, I have a different major than you for a reason. Stop asking me for answers to your homework questions... I DON'T KNOW!!!

Who told him his hair looks good like that anyway?

Just ask me out, damnit.

Come already, Thanksgiving! I'm ready to gain like 50 pounds!

No way!? Its already the end of the semester!?

I think my RA is gay. He keeps hanging out with the same guy and I hear banging on his walls at night.... hmm

Is it wrong if I want my A+ then I'm going to have to sell my body to my professor for one point!

To the girl who I met at the etiquette dinner who works at The Landing, why didn't I get your number?!

Before I graduate in December, I'd like to get laid one last time. Ladies, HMU!

What does a girl have to do around here to find a good guy who won't lie or cheat, and will be ok with me owning him at Black Ops?

Panthers are 2-7? When will I wake up from this nightmare?? Please help me

ECU is going to beat UNC in basketball! Go Pirates!

Pirate Bucks?? Lets change that to Booty Bucks!!!

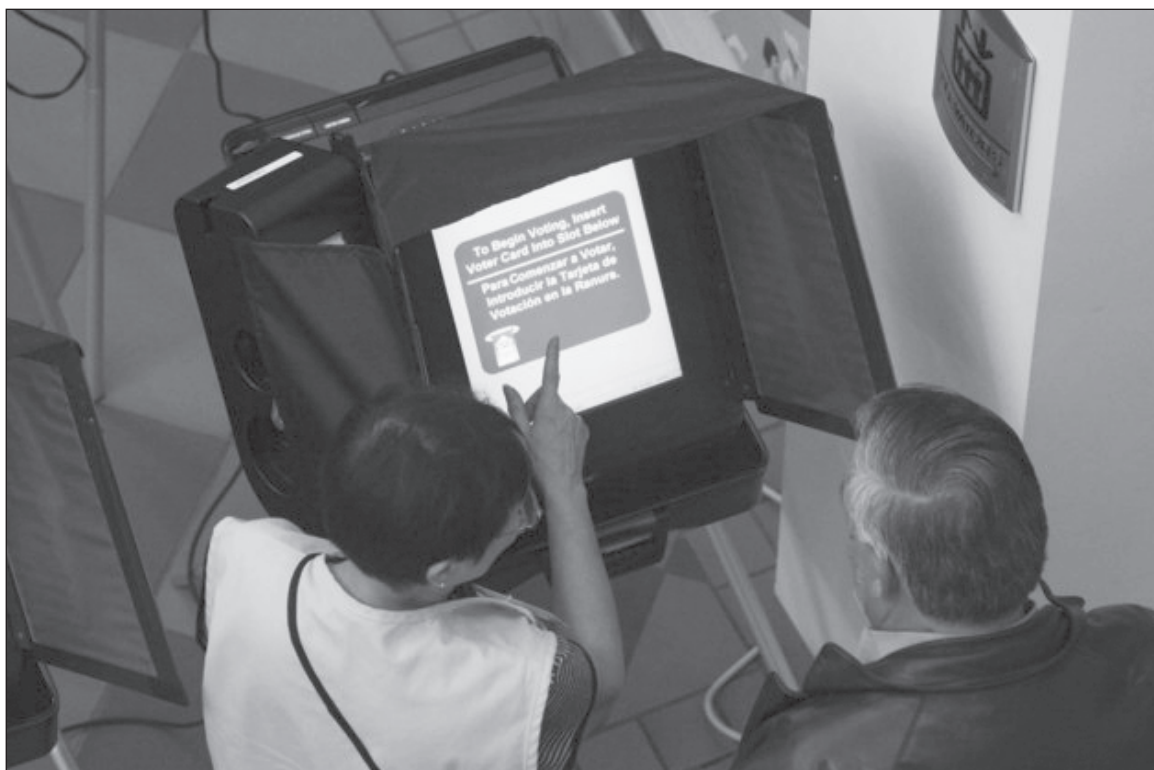
To the girl in my Environmental Geology class, when your Army boyfriend surprised you and came into class it was such a great moment! HOORAH!

Maybe I am a narcissist, but at least I look damn good playing the part.

To the Army guy at First Street Place, you always have such a great sense of style, but I want to see what those clothes look like on my floor.

I love a guy with a beard, Thank God it is No-Shave November!

The day the machines took over



Today, individual electronic voting machines are becoming more and more prominent throughout the United States.

Brian Holloman
OPINION COLUMNIST

I imagine the day machines finally take over: Voting machines will be marching on the front lines to destroy humanity. I jest of course, but the idea of entrusting one of our most sacred freedoms, the right to vote, to an Internet-connected and potentially vulnerable machine gives me great pause.

While major stories of the mass hacking of voting machines and modification of votes have yet to occur, I surmise that it will only be a matter of time.

Before I really delve into the details of the dangers of overreliance on computers for voting, I want to briefly touch on who actually owns these machines and why it's such a controversial topic in the political landscape.

During the 2004 presidential campaign, there was a brief argument over Diebold's CEO Warren O'Dell being a significant contributor to George W. Bush's campaign in Ohio, with many on the left claim-

ing that the former Texas governor had somehow stolen the election. The margin of victory obviously indicates otherwise.

Both FactCheck.org and Snopes.com indicated that the claims of large scale vote rigging was preposterous, and the New York Times wrote that there was "no evidence of vote theft or errors on a large scale."

Similarly, claims of Tagg Romney owning a voting machine company are preposterous and the kind of backwards logic you expect from the kinds of folks that spend all of their time coming up with new conspiracy theories on the outer fringes of the blogosphere.

Unfortunately, this was on the headlines of the Huffington Post for several days (somehow today considered a "credible" source of news and information) and many popular left-wing commentators even stepped in to suggest that the Romneys had this evil plan to steal the election. I imagine the number of aluminum foil headpieces hit an all-time high in the offices of the

Post that week.

To somehow link Tagg Romney to Hart InterCivic, you have to run through a web of investment companies that have invested in each other. He started an investment company called Solamere Capital, which invests in other investment groups and has partnered with several to share funds. One of those companies is H.I.G. Capital, which has investments in Hart InterCivic, which manufactures voting machines. Solamere does not share any Hart InterCivic investments with H.I.G., so myth busted.

Both Snopes.com and FactCheck.org elaborate further on why it is an absurd claim, but for sake of space I will direct readers to those websites to read the detailed answers.

Although the claims of vote rigging by companies tied to campaigns seems to be false, there is still the issue of manipulation of votes by altering the code or adjusting the touch screens to swap candidates.

There were numerous cases this past election cycle of voters pressing

one touch screen to vote for Mitt Romney or Barack Obama, only to find their vote switched to the other candidate. This seemed to happen only in the swing states, and there seemed to be no set pattern to how it was occurring. Add that fact to the other suspicious voting headlines such as the precincts that reported zero votes for the Republican candidate, and you've got some serious questions as to the integrity of the voting process.

There were also cases of voter ballots printing out the wrong presidential candidate after being selected correctly on the touch screen beforehand.

Many of these touch-screen machines and voting tabulation machines have an Internet connection, so they are prone to attacks from outside. Take the example of the group "Anonymous," once a group of Internet pranksters, now they have been taken over by radicals that didn't get the joke that the V mask referred to meme character "Epic Fail Guy" and not the eponymous mask-wearing anarchist from "V for Vendetta".

They run around exploiting MySQL vulnerabilities and taking down websites for "serious business" rather than for the fun. Anonymous has aligned itself in the past with extremist left-wing groups and causes like the Occupy movement. I figure it is only a matter of time before they find ways to hack into voting machines and modify votes so their preferred anti-capitalist candidates win elections.

Moreover, if enough votes are counted for a particular candidate, they can potentially avoid the necessity of having recounts, as many states have laws on the margins of winning candidates that can allow the candidate with the most votes to bypass the recount process.

With the move towards more digitization of the election process, we must enact new laws to ensure the integrity of votes. Part of that needs to be mandatory voter identification, but part of it also needs to be mandatory hand recounts and paper trails to ensure that votes have not been modified or miscounted by machine tampering.

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Voter ID's soon to be enforced

Uriah Ward
OPINION COLUMNIST

Sometimes you lose elections. It isn't a pleasant experience, but it happens. We are in a constant battle of competing ideas, slogans and candidates and power shifts. In this most recent election Republicans retained the North Carolina General Assembly and also gained control of the governor's mansion. We now have an overwhelmingly Republican state government.

I am not a Republican and I am sure that I will disagree with a lot of what our new leadership is going to do over the next two years, but being out of power does not mean that you are completely relieved of the responsibility to govern. It is irresponsible for any party to serve only as an obstruction to the progress of the other. While there are some issues that are not conducive to compromise, when we can, we should work together to attempt to

craft the best legislation possible.

I know that Voter ID is going to pass in North Carolina. This is a controversial policy that would require North Carolinians to show government-issued identification before they're allowed to vote. It was passed by our General Assembly previously but vetoed by Governor Bev Perdue. Now that Republicans have control of both the General Assembly as well as the governorship, there is nothing standing in their way to making this idea law.

This is a policy that I have been skeptical of due to the large number of North Carolinians that don't have government identification. More than a half-million North Carolinians have no government ID and many of these are students. While the policy mandates that free Voter IDs be provided to people who need them, they would only be able to receive the IDs if they request them and many won't know that they're supposed to ask.

My fear is that we will end up disenfranchising thousands of voters as we try to safeguard our elections. And as a student, I know many that wouldn't be able to vote under this policy. Quite a few students don't have driver's licenses or any other form of government identification.

I worry about the implementation of this program, but as I mentioned before, I am positive that it will become law. This is something Republicans have promised to deliver and they are poised to make good on that promise. I'm not bringing this up just so I can complain about it.

I think most of us would agree that students should be encouraged to vote. I believe it is vitally important that we be able to have a say in the decisions that will shape the direction of our future. As we saw during the last campaign, there are a wide variety of opinions here at ECU, and they deserve to be heard.

So when Voter ID passes, it is my hope that the policy will include student identification as an acceptable form of ID. If we do this, ECU students will be able to vote just by showing their OneCards. This would ensure that North Carolina's students could still participate in the democratic process.

This isn't a policy I'm fond of, but its success was determined when ballots were cast just a few weeks ago. And while there is no stopping it, there is the potential to improve it. I strongly encourage our leadership to take this state's students into account when crafting this legislation, and I hope that my fellow Pirates will embrace this idea and let their representatives know the importance of allowing students to vote.

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Taurus (Apr 20 -May 20)

Someone who's trying to get something out of you says exactly the wrong thing and you bristle. It might not be a deal-breaker, though—try to make sure that you're open-minded about them in the future.



Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

Your brainy energy is terrific for today's big, sometimes fun problems. You can bust out nifty solutions and make friends out of enemies just by spitting out new ideas at a ferocious pace.



Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

You and your people are not exactly seeing eye to eye right now—but that shouldn't stop you for long! Just make sure that you all share the same values, and the rest should sort itself out.



Leo (July 23 -Aug 22)

Your sense of pride is caught up in something that may have little to do with you—but it comes back to bite you today! Try not to worry too much about it, as things are sure to get better soon.



Virgo (Aug 23 -Sep 22)

Try something a little different today. It could be anything from a different route to work or school to a total rehaul of your schedule from top to bottom, but you need the change.



Libra (Sep 23 -Oct 22)

That big brain of yours is keyed up and ready for fun—so get out there and show the world how you do it! You are sure to connect with someone over a shared interest, so keep up the chatter.



Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

Domestic troubles make life a little harder for you and your people but the good news is that they are coming to a head soon. It might be uncomfortable, but the tension is sure to resolve quickly.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

You may be unsure about something new today—but keep listening. Even if it doesn't pan out, you can still glean some interesting facts or ideas out of the presentation. It's not stealing!



Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

You have got to make big plans today—the future isn't going to take care of itself! Things are looking weirder, but as long as you see them clearly, you can overcome the weirdest of it all.



Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

You crave change—even small stuff, like lunch options at work. Now is the time to put your power behind efforts to change the world for the better. With your energy, it's a sure thing!



Pisces (Feb 19 -Mar 20)

You're in a good position to help the world—or at least to help the community. Give it your all, and make sure you've got the right people working by your side. It really does take a village!



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At the movies

with Hunter Ingram



'Twilight: Breaking Dawn—Part 2' Grade: B-

For the past four years, America has been besieged by the power struggle between "Twilight" fans and pretty much everyone else. And as the final "Twilight" rears its sparkly head, Twi-hards will be reaching for the tissues while pondering their final allegiances to Team Edward or Team Jacob.

But before the vampires of Forks, Washington, can put Hollywood in its rear-view, their outrageously successful franchise must come to a satisfying conclusion that appeases the hordes of passionate fans waiting with bated breath.

Like its four predecessors, "Breaking Dawn—Part 2" follows expectations. The sappy romance, vampire-werewolf tensions and copious amount of gothic colors are all here and accounted for. But even with these obligatory ingredients, "Part 2" somehow meshes into a refreshingly entertaining film. And although it can't nearly be saved from the series' continu-

ous shortcomings, it does prove that "The Twilight Saga" could have been more than it was.

Maybe the rejuvenated feel stems from the new-and-empowered Bella, whose transition to vampire, ironically, brings life to a character that has remained stale for the better part of four films. Bella's new maturity and responsibility form a viable female lead out of the once-bland teenager. And while she is stunning in Bella's now-confident shoes, Kristen Stewart, whose awkward acting has become a staple of these films, misses the mark once again.

Bella's knights in brooding armor, Edward (Robert Pattinson) and Jacob (Taylor Lautner), are unchanged. As such, Pattinson remains a better actor than this role allows him, and Lautner is, at best, something pretty for the ladies to look at.

An interesting change of pace for the film is its level of gruesomeness, which has been hiked up a

'Lincoln' Grade: A

Today's world only knows the Abraham Lincoln who lives in the photographs, transcripts and legacy he left behind. His voice was never recorded, his intimate family moments never captured, and his internal struggle only evident from the deepening wrinkles on his face. But Steven Spielberg and, more importantly, Daniel Day-Lewis have changed that.

"Lincoln" is a landmark film; turning has been little more than a history lesson to a century of generations into a compelling recounting of the idealistic struggle of a nation and the will of one man to inspire change. Spielberg focuses only on the final few months of Lincoln's life and his fight to pass the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery. It's a political film that treats well-known history as a work in progress rather than a thing of the past—adding sincerity and tension to the tumultuous process of democracy.

In one of the greatest performances ever put to film, Day-Lewis moves past everyday impersonation and just is Lincoln.

The hardened voice, the messy hair, the sunken eyes, the slow limp and slouch as he walks down the halls of a crowded White House, and the visual wear-and-tear of being a Civil War president all construct an exquisitely personal and human portrait of Lincoln that is unparalleled and extraordinary to watch.

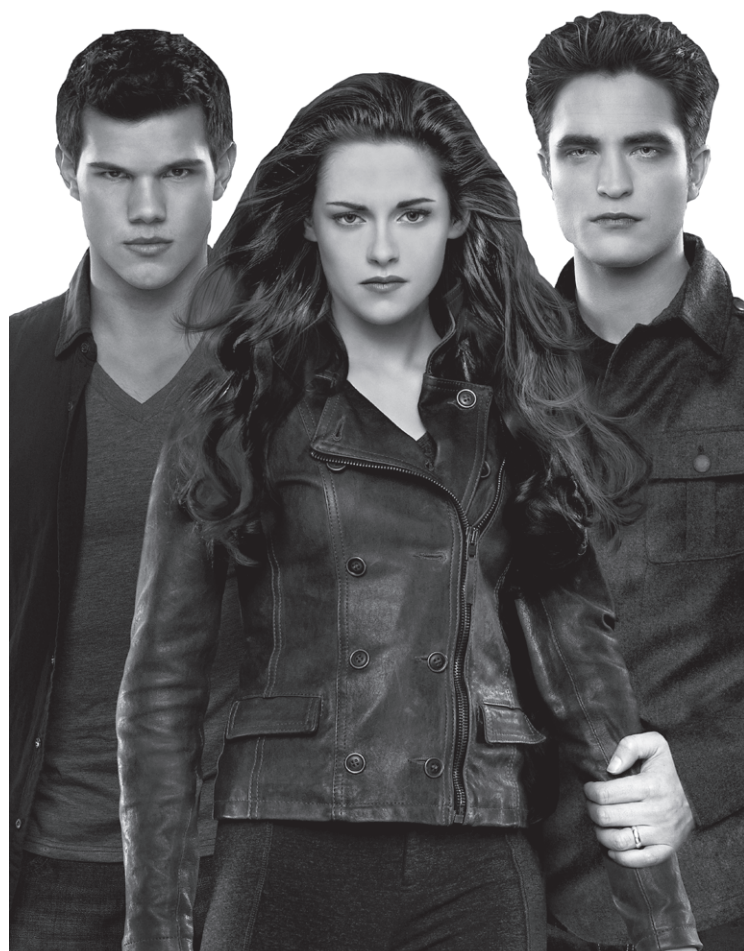
It's more than a likeness that Day-Lewis shares with Lincoln, but a quiet reserve needed to breathe life into a character that exists solely through two-dimensional image and text. It's a testament to his skill, and a pleasure for the audience, when a performer sinks so deep into character that no convincing is necessary to believe his authenticity. It's an awe-inspiring moment in cinematic history that only

Day-Lewis could deliver.

The supporting players effectively hold their own, morphing seamlessly into their historical counterparts with powerhouse performances. Sally Field takes on Mary Todd Lincoln, the emotionally drained First Lady worried that her despair over the death of her son and her hold on the beloved president will leave a shrill reputation. Field has her usual motherly charm working to balance a tremendous range of emotions, from heartbreaking loss to a razor-sharp wit ready for anyone who doubts her man, including Lincoln himself. In several scenes, she rises as his equal in passion and determination, shining a loving and tragic light on the life of the tough woman behind the powerful man.

Tommy Lee Jones also lands a few humorous jabs and emotional right hooks as the sarcastic Thaddeus Stevens, a Radical Republican who fought, for his own reasons, to end slavery. At first glance, Jones may be overshadowed by his dark wig, but it's his performance that ultimately

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Mary Claire Burke: 18
Freshman
Hispanic Studies Major

Q: What are your plans for the Thanksgiving holiday?

A: I am flying home and then I'm visiting my aunts and uncles and cousins in New Hampshire.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

A: My mom has always made pumpkin whoopee pies. I started making them a few years ago when she stopped. They are my favorite. I make them for me and I will eat all of them.

Q: Does your family have any traditions? If so, what?

A: Usually we just eat dessert for breakfast on Thanksgiving, don't really like eat a normal breakfast, just eat whatever.

Q: Where will you celebrate the holiday?

A: My aunt's house in New Hampshire and we will probably sleep over.

Q: What are you looking forward to most when it comes to Thanksgiving?

A: Actually eating turkey because I was a vegetarian for two years until October, so I'm excited about that.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving memory?

A: Watching football with my family.

Nathan Black, 28
Senior
English

Q: What are your plans for the Thanksgiving holiday?

A: Probably be at home for a while. This is actually an interesting year. My girlfriend is actually going to be making dinner. She will be cooking for the first time and for the first time ever I think my mom will not be cooking.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

A: I would have to say outside of the whole plate of food, which is the traditional turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry, my favorite thing is the thing I have been doing since I was a kid. I take a biscuit and I take some of the mashed potatoes and gravy and then I put some peas on top of it and like make this Thanksgiving sandwich.

Q: Does your family have any traditions? If so, what?

A: I don't know, we just get together and eat.

Q: What are you looking forward to most when it comes to Thanksgiving?

A: I'm really looking forward to just sitting down and feeling full. And probably watching a movie with the parents or football or having a beer afterwards that's what I'm looking forward to.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving memory?

A: I think there was one holiday we were all together. We all played football outside. My dad has three brothers and I think that for one of the few times in a long time they were all together there. So they were all there and that was a really nice memory and that was the last time my grandmother was there with us as well before she passed.



Day in the Life: Campus police officer

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It was a year and a half ago when ECU police officer Christine Caroon pulled a red Dodge truck over on Elm Street late one afternoon for running a stop-light. The young blonde thought it was going to be just a routine traffic stop.

While approaching the vehicle, Caroon smelled a faint hint of vodka on the barely legal male behind the wheel. She immediately asked him to step out of the car to perform basic field sobriety tests. After he failed the straight-line test, she pulled out her handcuffs to arrest him and the suspect took off running full force for the trees.

Caroon was stunned, but eventually she and the other officers tackled him and put him in handcuffs. "When we stood him up, his pants fell down and his stuff was hanging out the side of his boxers," Caroon said. "That's when he started peeing all over himself."

Caroon, 27, said that was the wildest thing that has happened to her since she quit her job at Cypress Glen, a local nursing home, and

began her career in law enforcement nearly two years ago.

This month, Caroon is working day shift, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. She works two days on, two days off, with every other weekend off. She, along with the rest of the officers, also work every home football game.

She enjoys working the games, but her favorite is the night shift.

"I like to be in my own zone, but when you're here during the day, you just have so many people watching you," Caroon said. "So you have to go and meet people, greet people, say 'hello.'"

While making her rounds throughout campus, Caroon will stop and say hello to just about anyone. She greets parking attendants at home basketball games with a simple, "Hey, how ya doing today?"

However, on days like today, when it's raining and cold, Caroon will spend the majority of her time on duty riding in her squad car.

Sergeant Kevin Stormer said most of the time what you'll see officers doing, is riding through parking lots. "We make sure everything looks normal," Stormer said. "Vehicles

look to be secure, no windows are broken." He said when they get into work, it's security first; persons and property.

Caroon also checks to see if anyone is sitting in their car doing something they shouldn't be. "Students like to come out to their vehicles to smoke their pot," Caroon said.

With nothing of the sort today, Caroon finds herself checking license plates of those who pull out in front of her.

While pulling out of one of the student parking lots on 5th Street, she spots an expired tag on the vehicle in front of her. After quickly running the plate through the database on her laptop, conveniently located just above her center console, she confirms the registration is indeed expired and flips the blue lights.

Before stepping out of the car, Caroon talks to the radio clipped to her police jacket. "Come in 125. I need 1035 on Reade Street near Human Resources with North Carolina Zebra Tom Charles-4796."

A voice responds back with a simple, "10/4." The telecommunicator on the other end then looks up the plate and registration and confirms the expiration date.

Caroon then issued the citation to the white Ford Escape for expired registration, just one of the many traffic violations she attends to a day.

However, those traffic citations will never add up to their most common call—larcenies.

Stormer said textbooks are their highest priority with larcenies. "This time of year with the semester ending, more people are going in the library and leaving book bags unattended...lap tops lying around," Stormer said.

Caroon said the second most calls they get are accidents on campus. "Little fender benders, mostly when people are backing up," she said.

She recalls last week, two girls were fighting over a parking spot in front of the library. She said they literally would not give up until they hit each other trying to pull into the spot.

"Every year you say nobody can top that, or I can't believe that," Stormer said. "And every year somebody tops it."

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Becca Moore: 20
Junior
Criminal Justice

Q: What are your plans for the Thanksgiving holiday?

A: I plan on going to see my family in Wilkesboro which is four hours away and we are going to have a big ole' Thanksgiving feast as my family usually does.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

A: My favorite Thanksgiving food is probably a ham when I know turkey is stereotypical, but my mom makes the best ham ever. But dessert now, my grandma makes homemade, from scratch, pumpkin pie. She peels the pumpkin and everything, it is from scratch and nothing comes out of a can.

Q: Does your family have any traditions? If so, what?

A: We do. This is going to sound very strange, but every night before Thanksgiving my grandmother will make a pot of chicken and dumplings and that's what we will have that night. And then the next day the women always get up at 6 and we start cooking. Me and my grandma do nothing but bake all day. Once it is ready we always put it out on the counter and the men fix the plates and put them on the table.

Q: Where will you celebrate the holiday?

A: We always celebrate it at our house. It is always at our house because my mom makes a spread. Counter to counter food, nothing but food.

Q: What are you looking forward to most when it comes to Thanksgiving?

A: I always look forward to going home and seeing my family because we have foster children and I don't get to see them a lot because I didn't grow up with them. So I always look forward to going home and seeing my little brothers and my doggies and all my friends. I have a lot of really good friends back home and I always love going and seeing them.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving memory?

A: One year my mom, she always puts an onion in the turkey, and you are supposed to take it out halfway through and she didn't. She forgot about it and left it in there the whole time. And it was really oniony. My dad can't stand onions. My dad, the first thing he does is take a big ole' bite of that turkey. He spits it everywhere and it goes all over my grandma.

Q: What are your plans for the Thanksgiving holiday?

A: I plan on going home to see my family. I don't really go home much. I think two months is a sufficient time away from family.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

A: Fried Turkey. God. Fried turkey is of God. I swear it is.

Q: Does your family have any traditions? If so, what?

A: Me and my cousins will get up super early in the morning and go to the stock yard, which is pretty much a flea market where minorities sell very, very low price things. We will do that and my aunts, they will be at home all day cooking.

Q: What are you looking forward to most when it comes to Thanksgiving?

A: Definitely the fellowship. I have a really big family, we are not only fat but there are a lot of us. Because we have such a large family it is good to have everyone to come down from up north and fellowship together. I love my family, they are amazing.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving memory?

A: My cousin Will, he got these miniature pinchers. My aunt, his mother, let him bring them in the house. She doesn't like the dogs in the kitchen because she thinks they are disgusting. So when it came up under her feet she dropped an entire big thing of macaroni and cheese all over the floor.

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stands out.

For the story of Lincoln and a nation engulfed by civil war, Spielberg's usual epic approach seems only fitting. He has put together a beautiful film that resonates as much through its visuals as it does through its well-crafted dialogue. It's in the depictions of Lincoln's quieter moments, like crawling on the floor to nurse his own fire, small cabinet meetings in the badly lit and cluttered White House meeting rooms, or playing with his young son during historic Congress votes, give this film its edge of

heart and soul. Spielberg has a keen eye for the powerful moments in life, even if they lie in the simplest of places.

Through his admiring lens and Day-Lewis' flawless portrayal, Lincoln is finally a person, not just the lanky man in the tall hat. He lives and breathes, schemes and outsmarts, loves and laughs, and above all else, reminds everyone why this man truly "belongs to the ages."

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few notches to, no doubt, send the franchise out with a bloody bang. While the customary battle sequence is not groundbreaking for a finale installment, some of the more violent moments are eye-opening. People are beheaded, quartered, dropped into giant cracks in the earth and one unfortunate child is thrown in a fire. That visual surge bleeds over into the film's unusually healthy dose of sex as well, which is fueled by the young newlyweds' desire to christen their new abode.

But possibly the most disturbing facet of this film is its excessive reliance on special effects. Whether it's the unnecessary use of green screen or the continued absence of a believable pack of wolves, the film is plagued by displeasing visuals. And the creepy factor is sent through the roof with the decision to have Bella and Edward's newborn be played, for the majority of the film, by a computer-generated baby. Once introduced, it's hard not to watch this all-too-obvious computer creation and cling to the hope that it's some cruel joke being played on the audience.

However, "Breaking Dawn - Part 2" does succeed with potent accuracy in one area: making sure the audience knows this is a finale. Throwing in a twist ending just to get its fans' blood flowing, the film then employs several blatant and unintentionally hilarious tactics to try to desperately invoke tears and nostalgia from its most loyal followers. If a series is as memorable as it strives to be, it shouldn't have to resort to tricks to coat its finale in bittersweet emotion.

Like as been the case with the entire saga, "Breaking Dawn - Part 2" is sob-inducing for its fans and entertaining in the most inadvertent ways for everyone else. Its love is corny, its thrills are cheap and its blood ran cold several films back. But if nothing else can be said about this five-film journey, one thing is certain: right up until the very end, "The Twilight Saga" and its finale fed its adoring fans all the love and blood they so desired, and it won't be retracting its fangs from their hearts any time soon.

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Freshman wins award

Staff Reports

Freshman forward Marshall Guilmette was named Conference USA Freshman of the Week by the media panel of the 12 conference teams. Guilmette has averaged 10.7 points, 6.7 rebounds, two assists and one block per game this season. Guilmette helped lead the Pirates to victories over Methodist and UNC-Greensboro.

Soccer team honored

Staff Reports

Head coach Rob Donnenwirth and the Lady Pirates soccer team were honored with a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for the 2011-12 academic calendar year. This is the ninth straight season that ECU has won this award and they have received it 12 of the last 14 years. With a cumulative team GPA of 3.34, the Pirates join nine other Conference USA women's soccer schools getting this award.

Conference Re-Alignment

Staff Reports

Maryland and Rutgers are on the move. Maryland has left the ACC and is getting set to join the B1G (Big Ten) conference. With Rutgers apparently on the move, it once again opens a spot in the Big East, which could be filled by the Pirates. ECU has been previously mentioned as a possible candidate to fill a spot in the Big East conference. With several teams changing conferences in the coming years, it is possible that the Pirates could also be on the move.

Player you need to know:

Akeem Richmond



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Akeem Richmond is a first year player and junior at ECU. Richmond transferred from Rhode Island and sat out the 2011-12 season while redshirting. He has provided a spark this season, as he is the Pirates best three-point shooter as he has made seven of his 15 attempts. He is averaging just under 11 points per game and he leads the team with eight steals.

Pirates overcome large deficit

ECU rallies to beat UNCG



Maurice Kemp (2) posted a double double for the Pirates, finishing with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

William Farrar
STAFF WRITER

The Pirates men's basketball program advanced their record to a perfect 3-0 after defeating the UNC-Greensboro Spartans, 76-73. With senior Miguel Paul back in the lineup, after missing the first two games due to a violation of team rules, ECU was able to overcome a 14-point deficit to defeat its first Division-I opponent of the season.

Miguel Paul, who was selected to the preseason first team all-conference-USA team, finished the game with 24 points, three assists and a trio of steals.

"After missing the first two games, I just wanted to come out and show my team and coaches I was ready to play," said Paul after being asked how it felt to be back on the court. "Missing the first two games, I felt like I was letting myself and teammates down, so I just wanted to contribute from the start of the game."

After being down by eight at the half, the Pirates quickly failed victim to a 14-point deficit in the second half. With everything going in UNC-G's favor, senior Maurice Kemp and junior Akeem Richmond sparked a comeback that gave the Pirates life.

Richmond, who came off the bench for ECU, caught fire after scoring 11 consecutive points on three three-pointers and a huge steal that lead to a fast-break lay-up.

With less than 10 minutes remaining in the game, Kemp slammed a pass in from Paul to bring ECU within one. Minutes later after failed shot attempts from both teams, Richmond drained his fourth three-pointer of the night to give the Pirates the 64-62 advantage.

"I gained a lot of confidence after seeing my first shot go in," said Richmond. "We also did a great job of sharing the basketball and Paul did a good job running the offense and finding me and everyone else."

After taking control of the game and shifting all momentum in their favor, the Pirates did not look back and kept the lead for the remainder of the game to close out the win. Richmond, who led the comeback, finished with 16 points, all in the second half.

Another contributing factor to the Pirates' comeback was the defense of senior Corvonn Gaines in the second half. Although Gaines did not have a single shot during the game, teammates are crediting Gaines for contributing a major part in slowing down UNC-G's offense.

"Gaines is the anchor of our defense," Paul said. "He has great size and speed, so we can usually match him

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Runner profile: Bjork Olsen

Patrick Meine
SPORTS WRITER

Junior Bjork Olsen has led the ECU women's cross country team to its best season ever. The team finished third overall at the Conference USA championship meet, and a ninth place finish at the Southeast regional championship meet. Both are new bests for the Pirates.

Olsen chose to leave Torshavn, Faroe Islands and come to ECU because of Head Coach Dan Lee and the overall impression the school and training facility made on her.

"Everything looked really nice and Coach Lee seemed like he's a nice coach and seemed serious about everything," said Olsen.

Before coming to America for school, Olsen played handball and soccer in addition to running. She said she got into running because her parents are runners as well.

"My dad's athletic and my mom is getting into running too," said Olsen.

Olsen is currently majoring in public health studies and plans on moving back to Europe once she graduates.

"I want to be a dentist. I might go to the dental school in Copenhagen," said Olsen. "I'm defiantly going to study in Denmark and then we'll see what happens."

However, living in America has made her not sure about moving back to the Faroe Islands.

"It's a small country and since I've been here, I've been used to how America is so big. Moving to an island is going to be so different," said Olsen.

While she has been here she has taken trips to Washington D.C., N.Y. City and Florida.

As ECU's top runner, Olsen has been awarded with First Team All-Conference, the All-Region Team, and most recently the C-USA All-Academic team. In addition to being the team's top runner, Olsen also maintains a 3.98 GPA. Even

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Too close for comfort



Andrew Bodenheimer was cool in the clutch, scoring the final ECU touchdown and recovering a late onside kick against Tulane.

Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Ruffin McNeill and the Pirates recovered from an early deficit to secure a late lead and hold on against the Tulane Green Wave, 28-23.

The Pirates played in New Orleans, La. at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. Fan turnout was less than stellar as only 14,041 were in attendance.

It was a slow start for the Pirates as they went scoreless in the first quarter, finding themselves down 7-0. Shane Carden and the offense began to find a rhythm in the second quarter when they drove down the field and Justin Hardy capped off the drive with his 10th touchdown catch of the season.

Hardy finished the game with 55 yards on five catches and his lone touchdown. Hardy led the team in receiving yards for the seventh time.

Carden threw two touchdowns and two interceptions in the game. Carden's second touchdown came late in the fourth quarter to put the Pirates over the top and seal the win.

Andrew Bodenheimer caught the late game touchdown and he continued his streak of consecutive games with a catch, which is now at 31 games. Carden passed for 215 yards in the game, which is not as many as expected from the budding star at quarterback.

"(Carden) led us; he wants to do well for the team," said McNeill. "He will bounce back and have a great game."

Carden also ran in a five-yard touchdown before halftime. The Pirates led 14-13 at the half. Reggie Bullock also scored for the second-straight game as he provided great balance along with starter, Vintavius Cooper.

Cooper ran for 87 yards and he now has 978 yards this season. With only 22 more yards, Cooper will reach the 1,000-yard mark for the season. The last ECU running back to accomplish that feat was Dominique Lindsay in 2009.

Defensively, the Pirates were stellar. While only giving up two touchdowns in the game, the Pirates also forced Tulane to kick three field

goals in the red zone. Time and time again, the defense bent but didn't break as they prevented the Green Wave from scoring touchdowns. The defense only gave up 315 total yards and they limited the weak running game to only nine yards.

Stopping the run forced quarterback Ryan Griffin to pass the ball 57 times. Ryan Grant led Tulane in receiving as he had nine catches for 94 yards. The defensive line put much-needed pressure on Griffin. They managed to sack Griffin six times and outside linebacker Derrell Johnson had one and a half sacks in the game. Johnson leads the team with four and a half sacks this year.

Terrell Stanley had a sack for a 12-yard loss and was able to push Tulane out of field goal range with a late sack in the fourth quarter. Gabe Woullard led the Pirates in tackles with seven and Jacobi Jenkins chipped in with six.

This week's matchup against Marshall will be the last regular season game for the Pirates. The

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CALENDAR

"I think anytime we can get national exposure for our university and football program through a televised game is a good thing. We get a lot of attention from recruits from all over the country and playing on TV will allow us to reach some people that may not normally be exposed to our program." - Ruffin McNeill

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Lady Pirates avenge loss in blowout over Converse



Kyani White (2) puts in a layup as the Lady Pirates rout the Converse College Valkeries, 79-23.

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Craig Darnes Jr.
SPORTS WRITER

Coming off a tough defeat to the College of Charleston, the Lady Pirates would indeed give the Pirate faithful a game to remember Sunday evening at Minges Coliseum, beating the Converse College Valkeries, 79-23.

The Lady Pirates created six points off of five turnovers before the Valkeries could think about scoring. Through the entire game, the Lady Pirates scored 57 points off of 45 turnovers by the Lady Valkeries.

Kyani White led the Lady Pirates with a career-high eight steals as they provided their offense with 32 steals, two away from breaking the team's all-time record.

With a tremendous defensive effort, plus the combination of Janesha Ebron and Whitney Edwards on the offense, the Lady Pirates built a 36-6 lead with 11:48 in the game to pull away from the Lady Valkeries.

In the first half, Edwards would go 6-9 from the field with 15 points in only 14 minutes of play, as she would connect on consecutive three-point jump shots before Ebron would connect with two baskets. This was a great combination for the Pirates as they would go a combined 10-16 and 23 points in the first half.

Edwards netted 17 points on a very efficient 7-12 shooting night, shooting 3-5 from behind the arc with four assists, four rebounds and four steals. She provided the Lady Pirates with a constant

threat on the court from the opening tip.

"Coach Macy and the other coaches talked a lot yesterday about our defensive effort. They wanted us to do better today, especially recognizing shooters and transitions," said Edwards. "I think we did a better job today just making sure they were taking contested shots and going in and rebounding."

The Lady Pirates were able to sustain defensive intensity and offensive performance as they would hold Converse to 21 percent shooting from the field and go 40 percent from the field after only going 34 percent in their 72-62 loss Saturday to College of Charleston.

"We were a little bit sharper in the anticipation and rotation defensively, so I'm pleased with that," stated head coach Heather Macy.

The Lady Pirates look to be headed in the right direction defensively after the game against Charleston that left Macy feeling quite different.

"We played exceptionally well, but I felt like our defensive efforts were below average. We allowed the 21-percent shooting in the first half to effect the way we defended," said Macy. "We can never do that. Our identity needs to be in how we defend and how we rebound."

Saturday evening, Lady Pirates could not find an answer for either Alyssa Frye or Latisha Harris, as they would combine for 42 of their team's 72 points.

Frye, a 5'8" junior, burned the Lady Pirates from deep

connecting on 7-10 attempts, while Harris would haul in 15 rebounds and 21 points.

The game was much closer than the score displayed, as the Lady Pirates decreased the deficit to one (55-54) with 6:31 in the game. Then Frye would hit a three to put the Cougars up four. Frye and the three-point shot would be a big difference in the game.

"She shot incredibly well from the three-point line—71 percent. She had a great night and we give her all the credit for that," said Macy during the post-game interview.

Britny Edwards would notch her first double-double on the season in the game. She contributed 15 points and 12 rebounds and a team-high three blocks. Whitney Edwards would chip in 12 points, nine rebounds and be the only other Lady Pirate in double figures.

The Lady Pirates improved their overall record to 3-1 with the victory over Converse as they prepare for Thanksgiving Day weekend tournament. With Norfolk State and Campbell University coming to town, the Lady Pirates would like to improve to 5-1 before heading to the Navy Classic.

"I love the fact that we had that this weekend, because the next two weekends we have the exact same thing occurring with back-to-back games in tournament format," said Macy.

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up with anybody's best and he can shut him down for us."

Shutdown defense was exactly what ECU executed in the second half. UNC-G shot 50 percent from the field in the first half, being led by Corey Van Dussen. Van Dussen had 16 points in the first half, after shooting

a perfect 4-4 from behind three. In the second half, the Pirates held the Spartans to a 37-percent shot percentage. Gaines and company ended Van Dussen's night early, as he only scored two points after the break.

ECU shot 56.5 percent in the second half after only

shooting 42 percent in the first. Along with Richmond and Paul, Kemp also accumulated double digits, having 16 points and 10 rebounds. True freshman Marshall Guilmette contributed another 10 points.

Although it is never smiled upon to trail by 14,

ECU is confident after seeing they can fight their way back into a game against a good team. The 14-point deficit marks the largest for the Pirates during this still early season, but helped the Pirates gain a valuable learning experience.

"We have a lot of talent on this team this year on both sides of the ball," said Paul after the game. "We know we have players like Akeem (Richmond) and Shamarr (Bowden) who can get hot at any point, and that is going to make us a tough team to beat, as seen tonight."

The Pirates go back to action tonight when they play host to the Appalachian State Mountaineers. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. at Minges Coliseum.

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Pirates are still in the hunt for a conference championship. With a win versus Marshall and a UCF loss to UAB, the Pirates would take over first place in the East Division. They would face off against Tulsa to compete for a Conference-USA title. This is all riding on whether ECU can win and UCF finds a way to lose.

The Pirates will be playing the day after Thanksgiving at home against Marshall at 2 p.m. Last season, the Pirates lost in overtime to dash the hopes of a bowl berth.

This season, the Pirates won't have to worry about that as McNeill is guaranteed his first winning season at ECU, as the Pirates are already 7-4.

Marshall quarterback Rakeem Cato leads the nation in total passing yards with 3,883. Cato and the offense is predominately an air-raid offense, but the Thundering Herd can effectively run the ball as well. Cato has thrown for 32 touchdowns and only 10 interceptions while completing 68.9 percent of his passes. Cato's favorite target is Tommy Shuler who has 96 catches for 997 yards and four touchdowns. With 10 more catches, Shuler can tie the all-time, single-season record for receptions in a season.

Aaron Dobson is also a standout in the wide-receiving core as he had 110 yards and two touchdowns against the Pirates last season. Gator Hoskins is the Herd's touch-

down leader this season as 10 of his 35 catches have resulted in a touchdown.

This offense is prolific but the Pirate defense has been able to take other outstanding offenses out of the game.

The Marshall defense is giving up over 41 points per game, so the Pirates should be in for another shootout in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

With offensive balance from Carden and Cooper, the Pirates should dash the hopes of a Marshall win and bowl berth with a victory. I think the Pirates will get it done and win 48-42.

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though she has been highly recognized this season, Olsen is just happy to be improving.

"It's not really the awards that mean so much, it's that I've improved so much," said Olsen.

This team was not expected to do as well since they lost most of the top runners to graduation or redshirt. But, due to drastic improvement, the team has fared much better. The previous season was the best ECU has done in the past, finishing fourth at conference and 11th at regionals.

Hard work is the main reason for the drastic improvement in this off season according to Lee.

"It's impossible to run a sub four minute mile unless you prepare. With what these girls and guys do in this sport, a hundred percent of it is the product of hard work," said Lee.

There was nobody who improved more from last season than Olsen. She improved her finishing position at conference by 40 positions and improved on her previous year's regionals

finish by a staggering 121 spots. Olsen also set personal records throughout the season.

The expectation for next season will be high with the team returning all of their current runners and getting Brooke Kott back from a redshirt season. Kott was one of the top runners from two seasons ago and is expected to challenge Olsen for the top spot on the team, though Olsen says that the challenge is a good thing.

"You know, there's going to be a lot of positive competition. I'm definitely going for being number one on the team and she's going to be going for the same thing," said Olsen. "I want to improve, but I want them to improve a lot to because we're a team."

Olsen will now take a short break before she begins to prepare for the track season. The track season will also carry some high expectations, as the women's team will try to defend the indoor conference championship and try to improve on a second place finish in the outdoor season.

Next year Olsen will compete in her final season with ECU as she and Kott look to lead the team to some lofty self-imposed goals, which include qualifying for the NCAA championship meet.

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Cross Country runner Bjork Olsen led the Pirates to their best season ever.

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OTHER

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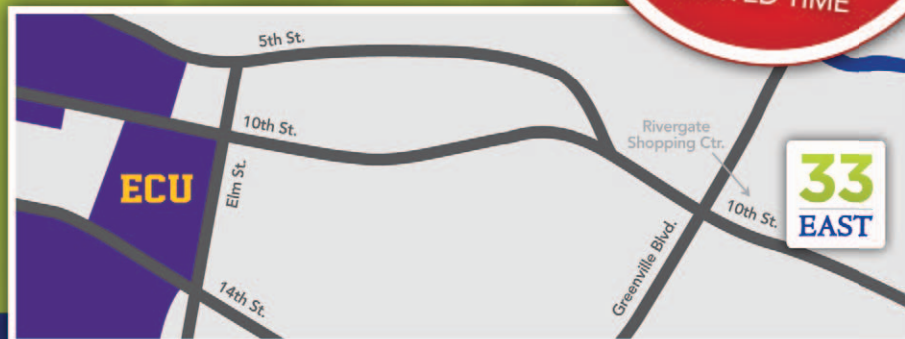
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