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Justin Davis steps down from SGA post

Transit tracker up and running

Staff Reports

The newly installed Transit Tracker for the university's buses is now in full working order this semester. A previously beta-test version was used last semester while the operating system began its opening service. This semester plans include full operation as well as additional marketing and educational incentives. The passenger information service hosted by NextBus allows students to access arrival and departure times for ECU Transit.

Parking deck downtown approved

Staff Reports

In an effort to revamp the economic development of downtown, the City Council approved a 256-space parking for the downtown area last month. The project will cost approximately 3.8 million dollars and be placed at the corner of Fourth and Cotanche streets. About 2.3 million dollars will be acquired through loans with the rest coming directly from the Council.

Two UNC School students use sugar daddies for college expenses

Staff Reports

Two UNC schools, UNC-Greensboro and UNC-Chapel Hill, have shown significant increase in sign-ups on a Sugar Daddy website that provides allowances and gifts to participants. Popularity among college students is due to the average revenue equaling out to about \$3,000 a month—enough for tuition and living expenses for most students. UNCG's sign-ups have increased by 136 percent, while UNC-Chapel Hill's have increased by 54 percent. Half of the top 20 colleges with users involved are from the South.

ECU Student competes in Miss America Pageant

Staff Reports

Arlie Honeycutt, a vocal performance major, competed Saturday in the 2013 Miss America Pageant. She won a University of Phoenix award for the talent competition. She sang, "Someone Like You" from the musical "Jekyll and Hyde." She took the year off from her studies to train for the competition.

Same-sex couples protest amendment in Wilson

Staff Reports

Yesterday, several couples went to the Wilson County courthouse to protest North Carolina's amendment banning gay marriage. They applied for marriage licenses despite knowing the documents would be denied. The couples worked in tandem with the "We Do" protest that also has been taking to courthouses in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee.



Davis served as president for the student government association during Paul Ryan's visit to campus.

Melanie Jock
NEWS EDITOR

Justin Davis stepped down from his role as student body president after releasing a statement to *The East Carolinian* stating that he is refocusing his time to his education.

In his statement released Sunday night, he cited one of the reasons he chose to resign being because he was too "burnt out."

"I no longer have a passion or heart for the Student Government Association," said Davis in his letter. "I simply do not have the passion or drive to continue serving as the foremost advocate for a student body of such magnitude. I believe continuing to serve in this role would be a disservice to both the students and myself."

However, he said his lack of passion was not a lack of caring. He still cares greatly about the university, the student body and SGA.

In his statement, Davis said he plans to direct more focus and attention to the reason he came to the university—to obtain an education.

"I think it is always beneficial, especially for those students who are heavily involved, to take a moment and evaluate our priorities," he said. "It is very easy to become consumed in things that will, if not careful, take precedent over the education that we are here to receive. Bottom line: I am here to receive a degree in political science not student government."

This year marked Davis's third year with SGA; he served previously as treasurer.

"During my time, I have grown both personally and professionally more than I could have ever imagined," he said. "I will forever be thankful for the opportunities I have been given during this time."

Davis said one of SGA's major accomplishments while he was president was identifying a clear vision, mission core values, and a strategic plan to move through the years.

"When my team took office, we knew it was going to be a year for laying a solid foundation

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Crime increases during break

Off-campus student housing sees major hike in breaking and entering



Student apartment complexes increase security during extended breaks, when break-ins are more likely to occur.

Ali Winslow
STAFF WRITER

Crime during the recent holiday season increased 66 percent compared to last year in "Area B," which encompasses 85 percent of student living in Greenville.

According to Public Information Officer Sgt. Joe Friday of the Greenville Police Department, the 35 reported break-ins occurred during the time period from Dec. 11 through Jan. 1. According to Friday, the problem has increased from last year, when the reported number of break-ins totaled 21 during the same time frame.

Taylor Cocke, a sophomore who lives at an undisclosed student housing, was a victim of one of the 35 break-ins reported over the break.

"When you move in, they say they have security. But how do you not know about numerous apartments being broken into? How do you not notice?" said Cocke

about the lack of security that was provided during the holiday break when students' apartments are left most vulnerable.

Sgt. Friday believes the rise in break-ins could be correlated with the larger number of students that live in student housing.

"There are more apartments now than in the past years," said Sgt. Friday. "That means more opportunity for robbers to break in. Also, apartments are more spread out now, which makes it harder for security to patrol."

Sgt. Friday suggests residents get to know their property managers so they can petition with them to hire more security over long breaks. He also urges residents who stay in their apartments over breaks to immediately call the police if they see any suspicious activity.

Student housing complexes throughout the community are collaborating together to help control this growing problem. The off-campus housing partners came

together last Friday to brainstorm ideas about how to better educate their residents on safety procedures. So far, they are suggesting ideas such as working with campus police, along with the Greenville Police Department, to send out monthly newsletters and email blast to all residents.

Holding events, such as seminars, is also big on their agenda. Campus police are pushing for the increase in attendance at the free Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D) classes that they offer to both male and female students.

Rebecca Pugsley, community manager at the The Landing apartment complex, made sure that her residents were well informed of the importance of safety before leaving Greenville. Pugsley and her staff put informational flyers on all of the residents' doors and in their mailboxes as well. Emails were sent out to residents and parents explaining procedures they should take to make sure their apartment was left

secured over the break.

"We had our maintenance team check all windows and doors to make sure they were locked," said Pugsley. "We also had our two on-site police officers check the residents' windows and doors as well."

Cocke believed student housing complexes should take added measures during extended breaks to prevent crime.

"I think they should watch the entrances over that time period, even if that means stopping the cars to check stickers and cards and keys," she said.

Bethany Farkas, a grad student studying for her MBA, suggested that more security cameras would be beneficial for apartment complexes to invest in.

"I think having more cameras in the parking lots and near steps would help," Farkas said.

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University students were affected by damage along the east coast left in Hurricane Sandy's wake. CONTRIBUTED

Outside firm helps build Greenville brand



Eihab Bahhur
STAFF WRITER

North Star Destination Strategies, a marketing firm, will visit Greenville next week to begin research for developing a brand of the city to sell to outside audiences. The goal of this branding campaign is to showcase the city as a market for industry and tourism.

The project to discover the Greenville brand started after City Council voted unanimously to approve a \$90,000 contract with the Nashville, Tenn. based research firm.

"This is something that the city has been talking about for several years," said Steve Hawley, communication manager of Greenville. "We identified a need of not only doing a better job of telling the story of the value of taxpayer's dollars, where they go and how much services they are getting, but also we need to do a better job of selling the city to outside people."

Greenville selected North Star to conduct its research based on the companies experience and record of success.

"These people have done this more than a 140 times all across the country and they've got a very special system set up whereby they come in and learn what our brand really is. It's not just creating the brand," Hawley said.

North Star is at the beginning of its research phase, where they learn what people think about different aspects of the city related to tourism, economic development, business expansion and quality of living.

"What our firm does is based in research. We work from research to strategy and then creative phase to action phase," said Ed Barlow, vice president director of planning for North Star Destination Strategies.

An effort to boost tourism was the major focal point in hiring the firm.

"It's probably the largest factor in trying to get this brand going. We want more tourism here in the city, beyond just the university and the medical facilities, which are obviously the two biggest draws for the city, but we are attempting to expand on that," said Hawley.

The city is also pursuing an increase in economic development and business investment from companies outside of the city.

"We have to go about trying to build industry in a smart way. You try to identify sectors that may or may not already have representation here and that is especially where you try to go for larger industries. There are manufacturing companies that need places to be and we think we have a competitive environment," said Hawley. "Greenville has a quality workforce, great education system, great health care and a good quality of life here in town, and that's what companies are looking for when they come here."

ECU students are excited about the push to bolster industry and it's potential decrease of Greenville's unemployment rate.

"With more business growth comes more job growth and more jobs is always a good thing," said biology major Brad Dunn.

ECU students are confident that Greenville is ready to progress toward an industrial powerhouse.

"We have been growing steadily for the past several years and I think business development will grow along with the city," said Valerie Garrett, business management major.

The firm's job is to point out the advantages that Greenville has to offer and build a brand that reaches this message across communities.

"We will identify through research why Greenville is compelling and make recommendations how to reach some of those audiences," said Barlow.

The university, the hospital and Greenville's environment are all elements the city will use to attract new businesses and research developers.

"We could end up with our own medical research park and labs so we can really capitalize on the fact that we have outstanding medical facilities, medical school and tremendous pool of talent that can be utilized in that research," said Hawley.

This project is not just a media push, said Barlow. "It's about uncovering the true competitive advantage of Greenville."

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Financial help offered to Sandy victims

Emily Gardiner
STAFF WRITER

ECU is providing one time financial assistance to students who were affected by the damage Hurricane Sandy caused in the Northern United States. The money given to these students was set aside by Provost Marilyn Sheerer and Vice Provost John Fletcher. The financial aid department is only acting as the university's agent for students who may receive this money.

Financial Aid asked students in an email if they needed assistance. If they were in need, they were asked to return a document describ-

ing their current situation. Financial Aid wanted to know if students lost anything, if their parents lost their income or any other circumstances that affected their family's finances.

"We are asking the family to document for us what their losses are," said Financial Aid Director Julie Poorman.

Poorman said by families documenting their situation and losses, the financial aid department is better able to understand their situation and provide the student with the money that will help them return for the spring semester.

Some students have received aid while others have

not, but only students who write in to the financial aid department will receive financial assistance. So far, financial aid has not received many responses. Most responses are from students who are from Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Delaware and the outer banks of North Carolina.

Students were asked to provide documentation if they received Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance. If a student did receive FEMA assistance, they will not receive more or less money than someone who did

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not receive FEMA assistance. Both cases are treated equally though documentation is still required.

Hurricane Sandy assistance will not affect any money a student already receives from federal aid. However, on a student's FAFSA form for the 2013-2014 academic year, they will need to list that special circumstances need to be considered and they will need to describe their situation. When the FAFSAs are reviewed, their special circumstance will be reviewed and will be a factor determining how much money they will receive for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Financial assistance from a university or special consideration of circumstances is a common response to situations like Hurricane Sandy. During 2008 and 2009, universities paid special attention to families who lost their

jobs in effect of the economic recession, and much like Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Katrina in 2005 was another situation that was given special attention.

Poorman said that financial assistance from universities and the government is a common response. "This is kind of a typical thing to happen when a disaster like this happens," said Poorman. Kent Pittman, a sophomore communication major, agreed with the university's decision to provide financial assistance to these students.

"As a person who grew up on the coast, I realize exactly what it's like to be affected by a hurricane, and insurance does not as much as you think it would," said Pittman. "I've seen so many families have a hard time getting back on their feet after a natural disaster. I definitely think a one-time little help would

certainly be a good way to get students back to a normal life and allow them all the opportunities as everybody else."

Freshman interior design major Bethany Dower also liked the decision.

"I think it's nice for anyone to reach out to those in need, especially something like college that has a significant impact on your future," said Dower.

ECU is not the only school providing financial assistance in response to Hurricane Sandy. Universities up and down the east coast are also providing financial aid for their students who were affected.

The money given to students is only given once for the spring semester. Poorman said that ECU has different plans for the 2013-2014 semester.

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and groundwork so that SGA could be a sustainable organization and maximize its impact on the student body."

As for his replacement, Davis said, "You are left in good hands with a new student body president that is more than capable of leading you to the end of the school year. Matt Paske is an exceptional leader and someone

who I greatly admire. I truly believe he will leave the Student Government Association better than he found it."

Paske, who served in the fall as vice president, will immediately take over as president for the spring semester.

"I'm definitely excited for the opportunity...given to me by the students," said

Paske. "This is completely unexpected, but I plan to make the most of it."

Paske said he plans to continue bringing integrity, honesty and loyalty to the role of president. He will serve until his graduation in May.

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BRIEFS CONT.**ECU student From Newtown supports former elementary school****Staff Reports**

Sarah Feinstein, an elementary education major at ECU, started a non-profit organization called Angels of Sandy Hook Elementary, along with others in Newtown, Connecticut. Feinstein attended the elementary school as a child and her mother is a teacher there. Thus far, they've raised \$75,000 for the victims and their families.

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To the dude who was having the most pointless argument over the phone with his chick outside my door: Next time, tell her you're busy, ain't got time and got to go. College is for sexing, not dating, bruh.

I absolutely HATE the +/- system.

Whoever turned my debit card into the bus driver on the drunk bus... thank you so much!!

To the person in the Fletcher practice room that was playing the Chocobo theme from Final Fantasy: Marry me, please?

Just found out I am able to still read my Pirate Rants after having to transfer schools and move to Germany. der beste Tag überhaupt.

To the guy who helped me study for my microeconomics final: I hope you enjoyed the sexual favor I gave in return.

To the guy who dumped me on Thanksgiving: The next time you see your best friend, think of me. I went there!

To the person who stole my anti-seizure medication because it was in a Percocet prescription bottle: Enjoy having vertigo for several days

Dear ECU, please get a better speaker for the May 2013 graduation. Thanks, May 2013 graduating seniors

Rockin' my holiday weight like a champ. Forget resolutions.

Just redid the floors in the Student Rec and the fumes are killer. I think ECU is trolling all those who made resolutions.

I wonder how long I can go without buying my textbooks... Beer money is crucial.

Gosh, FASFA refund time is just around the corner. I can't wait to see all those HigherOne cards at the mall. #not #governmentfail

New Year's Resolution: Try to lose weight so I don't look like a beached whale at Copper Beech this summer.

Holiday Break: Tumblr all night. Classes resume: Worrying about the homework I'm not doing while on Tumblr all night.

New Year's resolution: Get laid.

Had my wisdom teeth removed a few days before Christmas. Talk about a crazy holiday if ya catch my drift.

Pathetic or Awesome: Graduated six years ago and I'm still reading Pirate Rants.

Girls, squeezing into a 2' long, spandex-like tube sock and calling it a dress is not cute. You look like a whore.

Brace yourself Student Rec, the resolutioners are coming.

To the Tyler Lockwood lookalike bus driver, on behalf of all female pirates: THANK YOU!

Good luck this semester, Pirate Nation!

FIRST DAY BACK AND I AM ALREADY SUBMITTING RANTS!!! LIFE'S GOOD!!! PIRATE NATION!!! :P

To the Bellamy bus driver playing "Beer for my Horses"... You just made my day. What a great way to start my last semester.

Do you really love your sunglasses more than being able to use your truck's back window?

To the girl at U. Suites always wearing a headband: You are beautiful!

Gun violence: The larger issue

Andrew Ray Gorman
OPINION COLUMNIST

Time for another hit piece attacking the lack of gun control in this country, right? Or perhaps should I appeal to emotion, such as most of the mainstream news did in their constant "breaking news" in the wake of the Connecticut shooting. Or maybe I should avoid talking about political affairs in the face of a national tragedy, and just send prayers to the departed?

The opposition to talking about gun policy is understandable to those who do not like divisive conversation. But how else are we to resolve the issues that we face if we do not talk about the potential solutions? At the same time there is a false political divide in policy support. Typically it is portrayed as liberals who support gun control, and conservatives who support as little restrictions on weapons as possible. Political ideology is much more complicated than this, as it so turns out.

If weapons are taken out of the hands of the people, to whose benefit is this serving? What happens when those who control government are not as warm and cuddly as you would like to believe? What happens when you are unable to defend yourself and your family if something were to occur? What happens when one of those right-wing nutjob militias tries taking over the town? Working

people should keep themselves armed and have discipline in using them. Anders Behring Breivik, who murdered almost 80 youth members of the Norway Labour Party in 2011 due to his hatred of Marxists and Muslims, might have been stopped a lot quicker had there been stronger checks on mental health.

There are some polices that should be supported which may be considered "restrictions" but they are

sane and sensible. If society took care of the mentally unstable, and had sufficient protections to avoid such people attaining weapons, we wouldn't have any of these problems.

How is it that we see these isolated incidents of "illegal" murders as wholly unjustified,

yet the mainstream media is silent regarding president Obama's use of drone warfare, which have resulted largely in the death of innocent civilians, including many children. He is a hypocrite for even expressing his fake crocodile tears, as each one that fell is an insult to the memory of those who are being killed as you read this.

Find genuine solutions to genuine problems. What, then, is the problem? A culture that promotes violence, with both material reality influencing our thoughts, and our thoughts influencing material reality. We must put a halt to the promotion of gun culture while at the same time ensuring that working people are allowed to keep their arms and form organizations for self-defense.

If we wish to keep a check on the institutions of power which currently have authority to use lethal force, such as police and the military, the people must be allowed to form public commissions to evaluate such organizations and to change them if need be.

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Solutions needed to end rape culture

Andrew Ray Gorman
OPINION COLUMNIST

What was supposed to be a pleasant outing to see the "Life of Pi," became something much more carnal and cruel. An unidentified young woman, accompanied by a male friend, took a bus home after watching a movie together in Delhi, India. Upon boarding, they noticed the bus was not taking them the direction it was supposed to go. When the male protested, he was bound and beaten by other passengers.

The six passengers proceeded to beat the woman with an iron bar, and repeatedly rape her. They ended up tearing out the majority of her intestines. When they decided that they had enough fun, the two were tossed off of the bus. The woman survived for a few more days, during which time protests began to ring out against rape.

After her death, the protests spread even more, and resulted in

the death of a police officer. According to Al Jazeera news, her father has voiced his support for stronger laws against rape, and that he would lend his daughter's name for the law.

Now even though this occurred in India, I hope no one believes this to be some sort of occurrence unique to the country. It could have occurred anywhere, and indeed rape crimes manifest in a multitude of ways, not all of which are as graphic as this one was. This should not discount the severity of the sin.

There seems to be a trend of victim blaming, which typically involves someone who doesn't have to worry about rape insinuating that the reason a person was raped was the way they dressed. This argument involves many presuppositions, such as men being unable to control themselves in the presence of someone scantily clad.

This does not take into account that rape occurs regardless of how one is dressed. If on your way to class you stumble across a woman

who, for some reason or another, lacks clothing, she is not asking for you to do anything to her.

Things get complicated when you consider what protections individuals have from the government. After the Delhi gang rape, many of their political leaders commented on the matter and gave various solutions, some of which involved the death penalty for rape. Five of the six rapists are facing the death penalty not for the rape itself, but for the fact that they killed her.

My own feelings on the death penalty for rapists are mixed. On one hand, if a loved one of mine was victim to such a crime, then my gut reaction is one of revenge, but I think there is a better solution toward reducing rape: rehabilitating those who commit it into society rather than just locking them in a cage or killing them.

I want a solution to the problem of rape itself, and it starts with ending a culture that promotes the objectification of women and

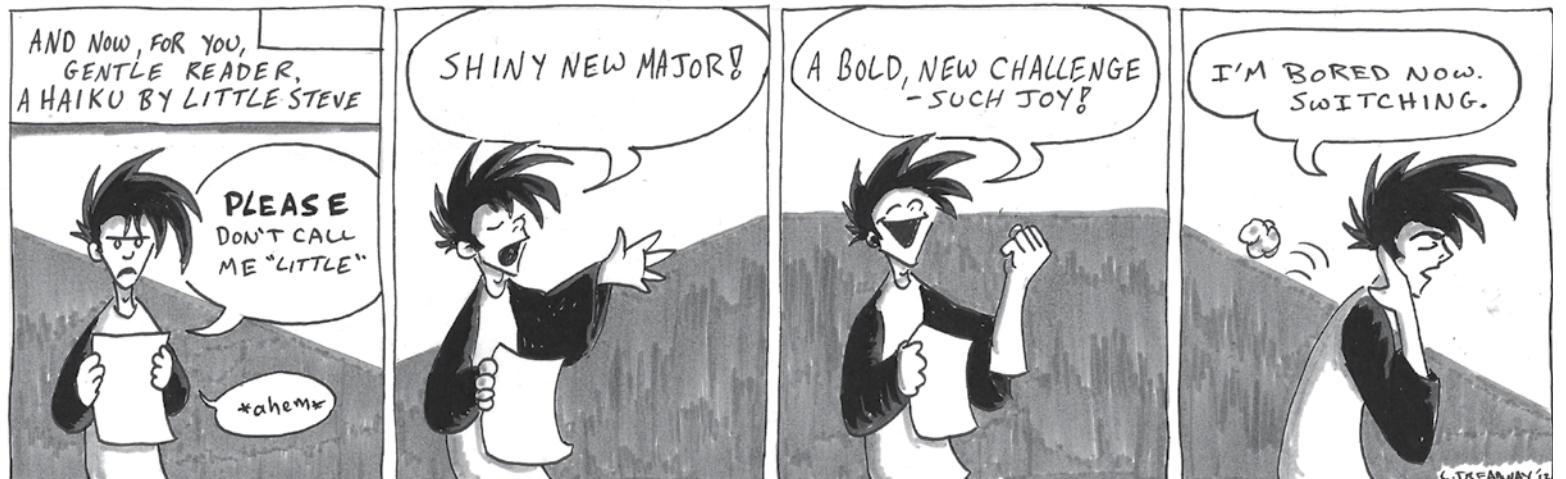
the patriarchy that defends this mentality.

Consensual sex is great sex, and this message must be pounded into the heads of those who disregard the feelings of another. Moreover, it often needs to be pounded into the heads of our judges and politicians, who are apt to make controversial remarks, pass legislation harmful to victims, and make rulings that hinder progress.

A good example of this is a 1979 N.C. Supreme Court ruling, which has been used against victims if they initially gave consent for sex, but if they took it away during the act of penetration, then legally it isn't rape. Just because something is technically legal doesn't make it morally right.

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Student body president explains resignation

For three years I have been involved in some capacity with the ECU Student Government Association. During my time, I have grown both personally and professionally more than I could have ever imagined. I will forever be thankful for the opportunities I have been given during this time. However, there comes a time in each of our lives when it is time to embark on the next chapter. That time has come for me. I am stepping down as the student body president.

In making this decision, it has been very important to me that I remain completely transparent and honest with those who elected me concerning the reasons associated with my decision. That said, I am going to be very frank, while brief, in explaining my resignation: I no longer have a passion or heart for the Student Government Association. Please do not mistake my lack of passion for lack of caring. I deeply care about our great University, Student Government Association, and student body. I simply do not have the passion or drive to continue serving as the foremost advocate for a student body

of such magnitude. I believe continuing to serve in this role would be a disservice to both the students and myself.

It is also time for me to direct more focus and attention to the original reason I came to East Carolina - to obtain an education. I think it is always beneficial, especially for those students who are heavily involved, to take a moment and evaluate our priorities. It is very easy to become consumed in things that will, if not careful, take precedent over the education that we are here to receive. Bottom line: I am here to receive a degree in political science not student government.

As most of you know, I am a Christian. Over the past few months I have re-evalu-

ated a lot of my life and have determined what is most important to me. In doing so, I have been presented with several oppor-

tunities to serve and be

“ I no longer have a passion or heart for the Student Government Association. ”

involved with ministries that are becoming close to my heart. With my resignation, I hope to commit more time to serving these ministries and impacting lives therein.

You are left in good hands with a new student body president that is more than capable of leading you to the end of the school year. Matt Paske is an exceptional leader and someone who I greatly admire. I truly believe he will leave the Student Government Association better than he

found it.

More important than any announcement I've made or explanation I've given, I want to thank all of you. Whether you voted for me or not, I have had eight wonderful months to represent the most amazing student body in the state of North Carolina. I have made mistakes, experienced failure, and had days that I just simply wanted to quit for no good reason. But I do not regret one minute of my time or experience as the Student Body President of ECU. So thank you all for giving me that opportunity.

I leave you all with one of my favorite quotes of all time by a man named John Wesley: "Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn." In whatever you do, be sure to do it with your whole heart and for the good of others.

God Bless,

Justin Davis
Philippians 3:7-9

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Aries (Mar 21 –Apr 19)

One of your favorite people is moving into an exciting new phase of their life, and their happiness is rubbing off on you! You couldn't be more excited and proud that they are having all their good deeds rewarded. Get involved with what they are doing with enthusiasm, and some of their good karma will also rub off on you! Not everyone can be this big hearted, and your stature in their lives will benefit from your support. This is a growth phase for your relationship.



Taurus (Apr 20 -May 20)

Embarking on new beginnings is always important, but make sure that you aren't losing appreciation for your old connections. Every step you have taken in the past has led you to where you are today — and where you are today prepares you for getting you where you are meant to go. So make time for old friends in between hanging out with new friends. Send a thank you note to that teacher or mentor who helped you. Realize that your life is not just about the future.



Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

It's a good idea to reexamine your toughest goal today — because it is probably too unrealistic for you to reach, at least just yet. Frustration is not a good motivator right now, so ratchet things back and give yourself a more reasonable expectation of what can happen in your given time frame. You deserve to feel like a success, not like someone who can never quite reach that brass ring. Adjust your sights and be more reasonable. The win will feel just as good.



Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

Spice up your day by making a connection with a stranger — go on and smile, flirt, or simply start up a casual conversation with someone you've never met before. Having genuine, face-to-face contact with an unknown entity will give both of you a rush — and a reminder that people are just people, and everyone likes being liked. You can choose to have a pleasant experience instead of an average one, it just take a tiny little bit of effort. And the reward is always interesting, at the least.



Leo (July 23 -Aug 22)

Your professional life is getting lighter and brighter, but you can expect things to get hot and heavy in your personal life! This is something you have been waiting for, and you are more than ready to take advantage of it. Call up your sweetie or your crush and plan something social with them as soon as possible. They are in this phase too, and when the two of you get together the energy will be palpable. Where you are going may not be clear, but it's clear you are going there together.



Virgo (Aug 23 -Sep 22)

Before you get involved in any new project, competition or relationship today, you need to put things on pause — take another long look at the last project, competition or relationship you were involved in. There are some loose ends that still need to be tied up in a neat little bow. Make sure you finish it up completely before starting on something new. You know that you've got to close that door before you will be totally ready to open up another one.



Libra (Sep 23 -Oct 22)

You've been riding on a wave of positive energy lately, and today it's your task to help others get on that wave with you! It's easy for you to create good times for your favorite people, because you know all their favorite activities! So why not plan something that you know they'll love? Be



Five unusual ways to get healthy in 2013

Rex Rose

ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR



It's that time of year again, people. Not only is it the beginning of another spring semester, but it's also the time of year where we vow to change our ways. It may be drinking less,

putting in more gym time, and for some, it is as simple as cutting back on all the soft drinks and greatly reducing visits to campus' Chick-fil-A.

So, yes, I guess you could call this a "health" article, but you can bet your bottom-dollar that I am not going to feed you the normal new-year,

new-you pitch. I am not going to tell you to "drink more water" and "exercise for 30-minutes three times a week," but instead, I am going to give you five unusual ways to have less stress and more laughs in 2013.

Nap More

While it sounds easy enough, napping for 20-30 minutes a day does wonders for your brain. According to the Sleep Foundation's website, NASA conducted a study on sleep with military pilots and astronauts. The study found that after a 40-minute nap, their performance was increased by 34 percent and their alertness was increased by 100 percent. It is important to remember, though, that the best kind of napping is the short kind. Naps that are too long affect your nighttime sleeping patterns.

Punch something, and do it often

While I do not recommend trying out your new karate moves on your roommate or professor, you should totally take a kick boxing class. Not only does punching a heavy sand bag improve your physical health, it also works to reduce stress. A study conducted in the "Psychosomatic Medicine Journal" proves that keeping your rage inside leads to poor quality sleep, which ultimately could lead to higher blood pressure and a higher risk of depression.

Get outdoors

And, I don't mean walking from class to class. The type of outdoor experience I am talking about is one that can be found in places like Greenville's Greenway. So, how do looking at trees help me become a healthier person? Well, according to drweil.com, Japanese researchers have been conducting studies on "forest therapy," and their results have been interesting. They have found that it can lower cortisol levels, the chemical present when someone feels stress, as well as reduce blood pressure. Breathing in the fresh air and experiencing nature has also been shown to increase the activity of natural killer (NK) cells. These cells help fight off cancer and increase the immune system.

Clean, clean, clean

No, your mom did not tell me to slip this one in here to help keep your apartment looking presentable. Cleaning actually improves your overall health. According to rodale.com, Scottish researchers proved that people who do some type of cleaning everyday live longer than sedentary people. Also, a study in psychological science "found that people in clean-smelling rooms were more likely to donate money and volunteer to charitable causes than people in a room that hadn't been cleaned recently."

Get a Furry Friend

What is not to love about a cute, loving animal that will always be there for you? Well, there is actually not a lot. In fact, having a pet is scientifically proven to improve your physical and mental health on many levels. According to care2.com, the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institute of Health have done studies that prove that pets help your heart. "The findings showed that pet owners exhibit decreased blood pressure, cholesterol and triglyceride levels — all of which can ultimately minimize their risk for having a heart attack down the road," said their website.

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Leaders leading leaders



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This semester, the Leadership Resource Team, a new program through the Center for Student Leadership and Engagement, will train students how to be leaders.

Melissa Phillips
STAFF WRITER

The Center for Student Leadership and Engagement is offering students more opportunities for leadership development through their new program, the Leadership Resource Team, this semester.

Ira Lawson, graduate assistant for CSLE says the resource team is a group of students that they want to empower to be pure educators...teaching other students to be leaders.

The LRT will reflect one of the key aspects of the university's goals by combining ECU's mission to "serve as a national model for public service and regional transformation by distinguishing ourselves by the ability to train and prepare leaders," and the mission of the CSLE to "building intentional opportunities for students to create positive sustainable change."

Members of the LRT will be facilitating workshops and creating opportunities to make a positive impact on the community we live

in. By bringing together leaders with different backgrounds, the LRT creates a dynamic learning environment where students acquire a greater understanding for more leadership skills.

"Empowering students to grow was the goal," said Lawson. "Creating this team allows for that." Lawson said the CSLE believes that leadership is a collaborative process. He said the leadership office initiatives developed this program and the LRT will act as a liaison to the CSLE, bringing students together to build a university of leaders and educate each other on different leadership skills.

Students that become involved in the organization will have the chance to utilize their personal leadership style by applying the knowledge and leadership practices to programs and initiatives made by the CSLE.

"Students that are a part of this opportunity will gain personal and professional development skills that are transferable to every major and career," said Lawson. "Companies spend millions of dollars on leadership training for their employees. The students here at ECU can utilize those leadership skills prior to interviewing for these major companies, making them a market-

able applicant."

This semester, the LRT will serve as a facilitator for the leadership workshops and consultations requested by students, COAD classes and organizations, on behalf of the Center for Students Leadership and Engagement.

"This group of students will also be responsible for selecting two leadership speakers," said Lawson. "Someone that they feel is important for students to have an opportunity to interact with."

The resource team was first developed in the fall, where the members helped fill the requests of the CSLE to provide an introduction to leadership presentation to freshman in the COAD classes. "We have a foundation of what the team will be, but if someone has an interest or passion for something in particular they can incorporate that into LRT," said Lawson.

The LRT is open to all students who are interested in membership. "There is no deadline to be a part of it," said Lawson. "We want the group to grow."

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Food Review: Noodles & Company

Rex Rose

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Grade: A



I'm not sure about you, but I get antsy over long breaks from school. While I love my family and hometown, after about three weeks, Greenville begins looking better and better. This Christmas break was no different from the rest — and on Jan. 3 my silver Honda civic began the familiar trip with Greenville marked as its destination.

One of my first meals back was at a pasta place that had opened just the week before. Noodles & Company quickly won me over, and just a few days ago a friend and I made a return trip to the restaurant, which is located on Evans St.

It was a grey and rainy day outside, but as we made our way into the restaurant the bright lighting immediately set the mood for what was to be anything but another dreary meal.

After we rounded the corner of the entryway, we walked to the counter and began perusing the menu board above the cashier station. While I was deciding on what I wanted to eat, I began to notice just how clean the entire restaurant was.

The kitchen, which was visible to the entire restaurant, was composed of the cleanest stainless-steel counters that I have ever seen in a restaurant. The open, clean kitchen spoke highly of the level of work the staff puts into keeping the place presentable.

I ended up choosing their most popular dish, the Penne Rosa with grilled chicken, along with the Tomato Basil Bisque soup. My friend chose the Pesto Cavatappi with a Caesar Salad.

While the mounds of pasta and rich soup were the highlight of the lunch, the next best part came right after we ordered. Yes, I'm talking about paying. My bill, which included a regular size Penne Rosa with grilled chicken added, soup and a drink, came out to be only \$11.20.

After I handed over my debit card with glee, I approached the most high tech drink

machine I have ever seen. The coke machine was touch screen and offered more selections of fountain sodas and lemonades than I even knew existed.

Within five minutes of sitting down, our food was ready and brought out to us. While admiring the gorgeous plate that sat before me, I realized just how much food my \$11.20 had bought. The pasta, which covered the plate, was almost spilling over the edges, and then on top of the mountain of pasta was an entire chicken breast. And the soup, which was only a dollar, was in a bowl big enough to have been a meal by itself. Needless to say, I finished off both of the dishes.

The pasta dish was composed of penne noodles in a creamy, somewhat spicy, tomato based sauce. My favorite part of the dish was the contrast between the salty feta cheese and the soft penne noodles, which were lightly covered with the rich and tangy sauce. I also enjoyed the vegetables that were included in the dish. The tomatoes, spinach and mushrooms were some of the freshest ingredients that I've ever tasted in a pasta dish. And, instead of the sauce overwhelming them, the taste of the vegetables stood out.

The Tomato Basil Bisque soup was completely different than your normal tomato soup. The consistency was thick and creamy, and the basil worked great to give the dish flavor. My favorite part of the soup, though, was the fact that it had a rich, cheesy taste. It was almost as if they had added milk and possibly cheese to thicken the soup, while simultaneously giving it the creamy, rich taste.

I also tasted my friends Cavatappi, which was light and would make for a great choice for someone eating healthy.

All-in-all, this restaurant's amazing food and the Panera-meets-Starbucks atmosphere made for an enjoyable meal and experience. This modern café style restaurant, which combines the cheap prices and speed of fast food with the service and high quality dishes of a five-star restaurant, is a great addition to Greenville's restaurant scene for anyone looking.

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Hey, it's okay... Spring 2013 Edition



Lindy Maddox
FASHION COLUMNIST

1 To be excited about coming back to school solely because of your friends, freedom and spring weather. We can't lie; the classes aren't at the top of our list.

2 To try an adventurous new hair trend for 2013. Change isn't always bad!

3 To already have your living situation sorted out for next year...and to be more excited about that place than where you are now.

4 To be pumped for some ECU baseball, whether you're going to actually watch the game or just tailgate and size up the cute boys in uniform.

5 To be undoubtedly positive that going out during the weekend is more fun when you aren't freezing your butt off every time you go outside.

6 To possibly, maybe, probably, use almost all of your excused absences within the first month of the semester.

7 To obsess over this season of *The Bachelor*. A hot, sculpted God-fearing blonde hunk that's funny and family oriented? Wait, does that really exist?

8 To be so eager to wear spring clothes that you actually pack up your coats and hats until next year, even though it's only January. Don't worry, we're all excited about sunny days. Why not wear a baggy sweater over a sundress with knee high socks and combat boots? This look is a simple mix of both seasons.

9 To admit that you can't wait to go school supply shopping just for the adorable notebooks, folders and fun pen colors.

10 To still be overly addicted to the "one glittery fingernail" nail-polish trend.

11 To workout and tan every single day until spring break and then once it comes around, ditch those gym days for drinks and lazy afternoons by the pool.

12 To start a "U-S-A" chant as soon as the credits of "Zero Dark Thirty" start rolling.

13 To wear every single new clothing item that you got for Christmas during the first 5 days of classes. First impressions matter most, right? Who doesn't love flaunting their new duds!

14 To slip on your aviators, roll your car windows down and rock out to country music every time you drive anywhere.

15 To come back to East Carolina University for the second semester and know, without a second thought, that you're in the place you're supposed to be.

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Libra cont'd...

encouraging and try to help a blue friend see the bright light waiting for them at the end of the tunnel. As for grumpy strangers, all it will take is a smile from you to get them to smile back.

Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)



Your creativity could use a nice workout, and right now the kitchen is the perfect place for it. How about hosting a dinner party? Cooking for your favorite people is a great way to express how much you care for them, and it can be as elaborate or as simple as you want. Whether you serve an elaborate five-course meal or just order in some pizza, the people who care about you are going to feel well cared for. Get ready for laughter, nourishment and warm feelings.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)



The past will have a strong grasp on you today, as well it should. There are lessons there that you still need to learn. So listen to others reminisce about the past, and you will gain some incredibly valuable insight into your own future. It's the perfect day to visit with older relatives, too. These people love you and have a special message to give you. It will be wonderful to remind yourself how important they are to your life and to refresh their place in your heart.

Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)



If you wake up in a blue mood, remember that you can turn things around just by willing them to be different. You can make yourself start feeling good as soon as you start thinking good thoughts! Toss out your worries, your fears, and your preoccupation with unconstructive things. It's important to feel your feelings and give yourself time to process them, but there comes a point when you just have to say 'no' to negative thinking. To help switch your emotional gears, watch a sitcom or visit with a funny friend.

Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

Things are just not going to go the way you want them today, no matter how feverishly you wish or how hard you push. But your mood is so great that you probably won't care too much. The earlier you give up your adamant beliefs, the sooner you will get back to being in a good mood. You have to choose your battles, and today you should choose none, thank you very much. And don't fear that you are losing influence! Just because you can't get your way today does not mean that you won't get it tomorrow.



Pisces (Feb 19 -Mar 20)

You are starting to think about making some big changes in your life, probably because one of your friends has been going through a dramatic transformation lately and you are feeling inspired! Start today by asking this person for a few pointers on how to go about a new evolution. They have some excellent advice to give you, and some of their inside secrets should surprise you. Your attention will be very flattering to them, and it will encourage them to keep on going on their new life path!



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Overtime thriller in Minges

First spring softball practice

Staff Reports

Sunday the ECU Softball team participated in their first practice of the spring. New Coach Beth Keylon-Randolph held a three-hour practice and worked on fundamentals with her team. There was a pitcher and catchers only segment to get familiar with each other. Then the whole team came together and worked on hitting in the batting cage and also inside of the ECU Softball Stadium. Then Keylon-Randolph led the Lady Pirates in defensive drills and situationals. The Lady Pirates first game is at home on February 8th versus Cleveland State.

Meet the Pirates-Baseball

Staff Reports

Eighth-year Head Coach Billy Godwin and the Pirates baseball team are hosting a "Meet the Pirates" event on Saturday, Feb. 2. This will be the 13th annual "Meet the Pirates" event and it will be held in Harvey Hall inside of the Murphy Center. At this event, Godwin will announce the recipient of this year's No. 23 jersey in honor of the late Head Coach Keith LeClair. This will be the 10th season that a player has been honored with LeClair's jersey number.

Pirate earns All-Pro recognition

Staff Reports

Vonta Leach, a former ECU football player, has been awarded with a Pro Bowl nomination. The Baltimore Ravens fullback was also recognized as being the best fullback in the NFL as coaches named him an All-Pro. This is his third Pro Bowl and All-Pro nod.

Leach was a member of the Pirates during the 2000-2003 seasons.

Pirate you need to know:

Coach Heather Macy



CONTRIBUTED

Women's Basketball Head Coach Heather Macy is on her way to the best record so far at ECU. With 15 games in the books, the Lady Pirates are 11-4 almost matching their win total of 12 from the previous season. This is Macy's third season as head coach and she has a record of 39-38 to this point. The women's team is 1-1 in conference play this season and their next test is on the road versus Memphis on Thursday.



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Maurice Kemp averages 17.5 points per game.

Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With 11 minutes left in the game, the Pirates had all but tapped out. Down by 17, they faced what seemed an insurmountable deficit and the UCF Knights would ease to the finish line with the victory. But ECU showed heart and completed a successful comeback to force overtime. In the extra period, the Pirates won the game, 88-85, on a Corvonn Gaines buzzer-beating, three-point shot.

The 4,954 fans that showed up in Minges were not disappointed as the Pirates showed the comeback attitude like they have all season. Except this time, the Pirates were able to finish the game and did not come up short.

The Pirates found a spark in the second half and the comeback trail was on. The Pirates stormed back and went on a 24-13 run to pull within six points. The fireworks were just beginning as Pirates found their rhythm late in the second half.

All the starters scored in double figures. Miguel Paul, Maurice Kemp, Ty Armstrong and Shamarr Bowden all scored a team-high 16 points. Paul also chipped in a season high 11 assists.

It seemed fitting that Bowden scored a season high 16 points when he was given the opportunity. The senior

has seen fewer minutes than he normally receives, but since Bowden has been inserted into the starting lineup, he has proven to be a great outside shooter.

Bowden knocked down four important three-point shots. Two of those came with less than four minutes remaining in the game and he also knocked down one more in the overtime session.

Robert Sampson also continued his great effort on the boards as he got his fifth double-double of the season. He finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

For UCF, Keith Clanton scored a game and career high of 36 points. Clanton was efficient as he shot 15-19 from the field. His layup with 17 seconds left was the equalizer and it sent the game into overtime. Clanton also had eight rebounds and two blocks for the Knights. Tristan Spurlock was also important for UCF as he notched a career high 23 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

With the win, the Pirates recorded their first conference win of the season and their 10th win overall. Over the last 10 games the Pirates have alternated wins and losses, a streak that started with their first loss of the season at Charlotte on Dec. 1st.

ECU has shown their ability to comeback against teams in the second half, but many times the Pirates have fallen short and have failed to capitalize on important opportunities. So far this season, Coach Lebo's team has come back from double-digit margins against UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Chapel Hill, Memphis,

UMASS, UNC-Greensboro and UCF. They only won two of those games, against UNC-G and UCF.

It's nice to see the Pirates pile on the points in a comeback, but I'm sure the ECU faithful would rather see the Pirates with a double-digit lead, instead of trailing on a regular basis.

The 10-5 Pirates are 16th in the nation in scoring, averaging 78.1 points per game. Rebounding is a key factor though. The Pirates have struggled to pull down more rebounds than their opponent on a consistent basis and it has shown in certain games.

Charlotte exposed that part of ECU early in the season, but the one promising player on the boards has been Robert Sampson. Sampson has over seven rebounds in 11 of the Pirates first 15 games. He has been a consistent force on the boards as he averages 9.1 points per game, which is good for fourth in Conference USA. Maurice Kemp has also shown improvement and growth as he has six double-doubles this season and he is averaging 17.5 points per game (second in C-USA) and 8.3 rebounds (eighth) for the Pirates.

An encouraging sign was the ball control by the Pirates. Point guard Miguel Paul logged his first game of the season with double-digit assists Saturday against UCF. Paul is averaging 5.5 assists per game and a key factor in the win over the Knights was the turnover differential. ECU had 21 assists and only seven turnovers

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Winter Break: What you may have missed

Josh Graham
SENIOR WRITER

For the past month, while the vast majority of the ECU student body was likely at home spending time with family, the Pirate Athletics programs have been busy making headlines. Let's catch you up to speed on everything that has happened.

Dec. 12: Athletics Director Terry Holland announced that he would be stepping down from his position and into the emeritus role until his successor is found. Holland, 70, has had a decorated 48-year career in college sports and brought ECU from the depths of obscurity in 2004 to what it is today.

Dec. 15: A week before the Pirates bowl game, ECU hoops took its show to the Dean Smith Center to face then No. 21-ranked North Carolina. It was the third all-time meeting between the schools and first since the 1993 NCAA tournament. It appeared the Tar Heels were going to rout the Pirates when they



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Ruffin McNeill and the Pirates finished up the 2012 season over winter break.

led 42-26 at halftime.

On a national stage, ECU responded with the most points ever scored against a Roy Williams-coached team in a half of basketball. The Pirates outscored the Tar Heels, 61-51, in the second frame and, if not for an unfortunate call in the game's final minute, might have completed the comeback. Instead, they were forced to settle for a hard-fought 93-87 loss.

Since that game in Chapel Hill, the Pirates have alternated wins and losses (3-2). They enter tomorrow night's game against Conference USA-leading Houston (12-3, 1-1 C-USA) with a 10-5 record (1-1 C-USA), after coming off a dramatic last-second overtime win against Central Florida on Saturday.

Dec. 15: After ECU accepted an offer to join the Big East in 2014 as a football-only member; the conference experienced more shake-ups. The basketball heavy 'Catholic-7'

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The search for a defensive coordinator

William Farrar
STAFF WRITER

With the Pirates' season ending just days before Christmas, head coach Ruffin McNeill made the announcement that defensive coordinator Brian Mitchell will no longer be with the Pirates. Mitchell joined the coaching staff in 2010, and it has been announced that his contract will not be renewed. Before Mitchell came to ECU, he spent four years as a cornerback's coach at Texas Tech and also spent 11 seasons at his alma mater, Brigham Young University.

"There's never a good time to make a coaching change, especially one that involves a friend and colleague who I respect professionally," McNeill said. "However, I have the responsibility and commitment to maintain the best interest for this program and East Carolina University."

It was no secret that the Pirates had a tough time on the defensive side of the ball this season. Opponents averaged nearly 32 points against ECU this season. The team had its worst defensive performance in the last game of the regular season against Marshall, where



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When the new Defensive Coordinator is named, he will have returning leadership in players like LB Jeremy Grove.

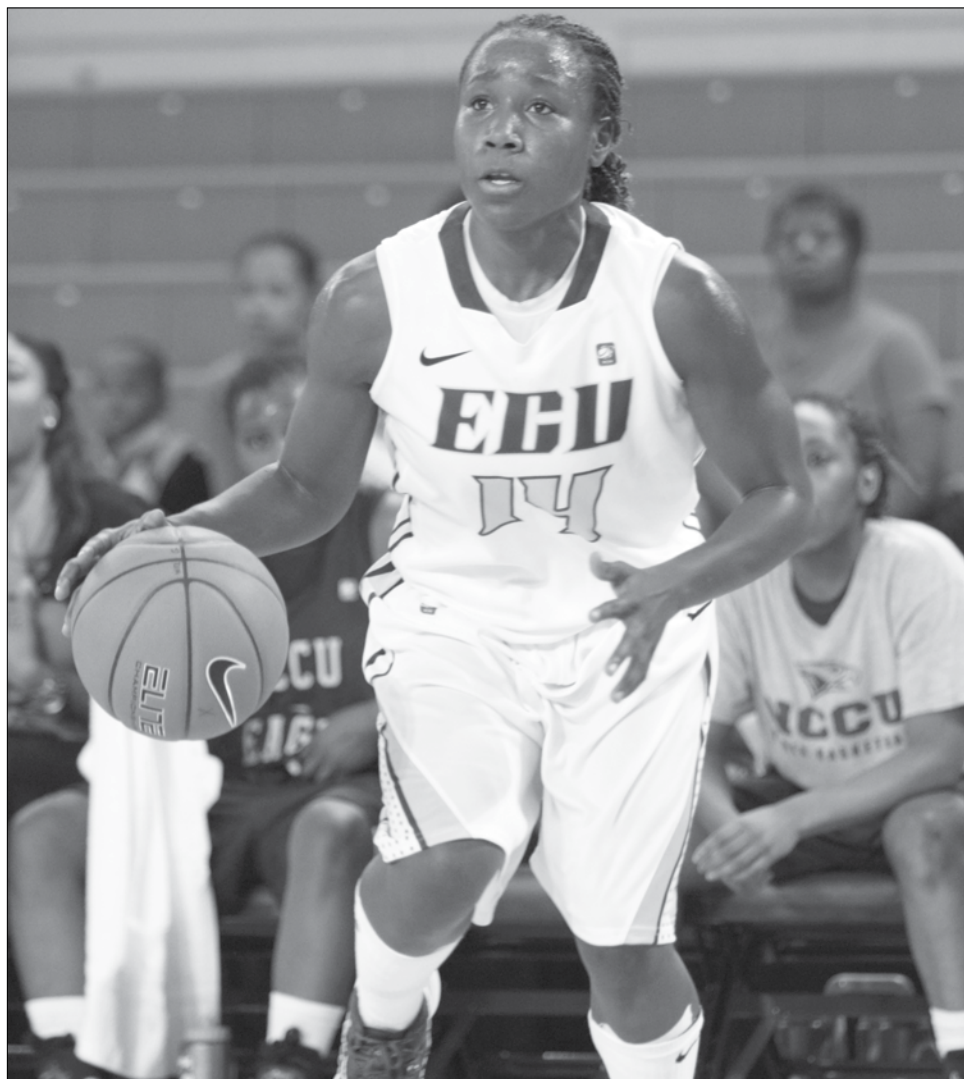
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CALENDAR

"I knew Miguel (Paul) was going to try to make a good play and he found me in the corner and I just let it go. This is my first game winner." - Corvonn Gaines on making a three-pointer to win the game against UCF on Saturday.

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Lady Pirates fall short to defending conference champs



Celeste Stewart (14) and the Pirates are 11-4 (1-1) and tied for fourth in the Conference USA standings.

Craig Barnes Jr.
SPORTS WRITER

Britny Edwards provided the low post presence, notching her team-leading fifth double-double in East Carolina's women basketball 81-66 loss to UTEP.

The Miners (14-1, 2-0 C-USA) used a strong second half surge to pull away from the Lady Pirates (11-4, 1-1 C-USA). The Miners are the defending conference champions with their only blemish coming at the hands of New Mexico State on Dec. 5. The Miners were riding an eight-game win streak headed into the contest.

Edwards provided the Lady Pirates with 13 points and 10 rebounds also chipping in with a pair of assists and a block. Celeste Stewart, coming off a career-high (21) against Rice, had another complete game providing 12 points, eight rebounds, five assists, a steal and a block. Stewart leads the team in assists and sits ninth all-time in the ECU record books with 303 assists.

Whitney Edwards continued to add on her consistent season with a 12-point outing. Kyani White also chipped in with 11 points. The starting five for the Lady Pirates would be responsible for 52 of the team's 66 points.

The Lady Pirates started the game off with stellar defense limiting the Miners to a mere 25 percent shooting percentage from the field. The Lady Pirates only allowed 27 first half points and limited the leading scorer for the Miners, Kayla Thornton, to seven first-half points.

During the first half, the Pirates controlled the game in every statistical category. They used the paint to secure their lead with a 12-8 advantage. The rebounding by the Pirates provided them eight second chance points. The Pirates went up nine (35-24) on a Stewart three-point field goal with 1:27 remaining, before the Miners' Anete Steinberga connected from behind the arc to cut the lead to seven. The Lady Pirates went into half time up 35-27.

The second half was the difference in the game, as the Miners knocked down three straight baskets to pull within two, 33-35. The Lady Pirates started the second half cold, missing on their first six shot attempts before White knocked down a three-pointer with 16:48 remaining. The Pirates and the Miners battled back and forth for the next five minutes while the Pirates maintaining a slight lead.

With 10:47 remaining in the game and the Lady Pirates up three, UTEP's Kelli Willingham connected on a momentum swinging three-point basket that tied the game at 48. The tie was short lived as Willingham

connected on a free throw to finish a four-point play giving the Miners their first lead of the game, a lead that they would not relinquish.

The Miners continued to score as the Lady Pirates offense became a bit stagnant. The Miners outscored the Lady Pirates 18-7 during a crucial seven-minute span. A seven-point lead heading into halftime turned into an 11-point deficit with 4:02 remaining.

The Lady Pirates got it as close as nine, 73-64, before desperation fouls and a quick ECU lay up led to the game's final score.

The women's basketball team entered the contest against UTEP riding a three-

game win streak coming off an impressive 60-41 conference opening victory against Rice University.

The Lady Pirates look to improve their conference record Thursday night in a tough road conference game against Memphis University. Memphis averages a league best 73.5 points per game while the Lady Pirates are only allowing a league best 51.6 points per game. This game will be a battle of the best offense taking on the best defense. Something has got to give.

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the Pirates gave up 65 points in a two-overtime loss. ECU gave up at least 24 points all season, while giving up at least 40 points in seven games this season.

After an 8-4 season, the Pirates were invited to play in the R+L Carriers New Orleans bowl against LA-Lafayette. Although the Pirates had a strong offensive effort, they still came up short after allowing 43 points, which was powered by a 24-point second quarter by ULL.

While the defensive coordinator position has not been filled, the Pirates are in a constant search for someone to fill the position. At one point during the search, Greg Hudson was headlining all candidates after showing interest in the position. Hudson, who was the linebacker's coach at Florida State University, was also a former defensive coordinator for ECU. He decided to accept a position at Purdue. With

Hudson out, the Pirates are evaluating virtually anybody interested in the job.

Art Kaufman has also shown interest in the position, just days after being named defensive coordinator for the Cincinnati Bearcats (Jan.4). Kaufman worked at Texas Tech under the same title.

Kaufman was ECU's defensive coordinator and linebackers coach from 2003-2004. North Carolinians might also recognize him as the former defensive coordinator for UNC-Chapel Hill during Everett Withers stint as interim head coach of the Tar Heels in 2011.

Tyrone Nix, defensive coordinator at Middle Tennessee State is another candidate who has shown interest in the position. Nix made his career at Ole Miss, where his defense was among the nations best in tackles for loss and sacks. While the defensive coordinator at Ole Miss, his defense was tied for

the most tackles for loss in 2008, and topped the Southeastern Conference in 2009. Nix has produced many NFL draft choices, including Greg Hardy of the Carolina Panthers.

While news has just stirred up of Randy Shannon being interested in the job, this could slow down the process of making a decision. Randy Shannon is the current linebackers coach at Arkansas, but is most known for serving as Miami's head coach from 2007-2010.

With the search for a defensive coordinator still an ongoing project, one of these coaches could be seen on the sidelines at Dowdy-Ficklen. Both Nix and Kaufman seem to be qualified for the job, and with spring football coming soon, look for the football program to make a decision in the next few weeks.

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– Marquette, St. John's, Villanova, Georgetown, Seton Hall, DePaul and Providence – bailed out of the conference. They were soon to be followed by Boise State, who decided to stay in Mountain West Conference.

It is expected that San Diego State may follow Boise, and if so, the Big East would look to continue its expansion. The teams that are reportedly in consideration are Tulsa (Conference USA) and Massachusetts (Atlantic 10). Big East Commissioner Mike Aresco hinted that ECU may be on the verge of joining the conference as a full-time member.

Dec. 22: ECU football appeared in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl. After missing out on bowl season in 2011, the Pirates fell just short against the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns, 43-34, inside the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. In his third campaign with the Pirates, head coach Ruffin McNeill

captured his first winning season—finishing 8-5 with a 7-1 Conference USA record.

However, that wasn't enough for defensive coordinator and secondary coach Brian Mitchell to save his job. McNeill made the decision not to extend Mitchell's contract after the Pirates ranked No. 87 in overall defense and No. 105 in pass defense. A replacement has yet to be named.

Following Alabama's annihilation of Notre Dame in the national title game, USA Today released a final coaches poll. ECU was slotted in the No. 57 spot; four spots ahead of N.C. State at No. 61.

Dec. 26: Jeff Charles, "The Voice of the Pirates," returned home from the hospital after having three emergency surgeries in a nine-day span to combat his colon cancer diagnosis. Charles has another surgery scheduled and is set to begin chemotherapy soon as he continues to fight his way back to good

health.

Jan. 4: ECU Hall of Famer and former head football coach, Ed Emory, passed away at the age of 74. Emory coached the Pirates for five seasons (1980-1984), including the memorable 1983 team that finished 8-3 and No. 25 in the AP's national rankings.

Jan. 12: ECU alum and Baltimore Raven's fullback, Vonta Leach, helped the Ravens punch their tickets to this weekend's AFC Championship game with a 38-35 double-overtime win at Denver Saturday. Leach was named to his third Pro Bowl in December.

The Falcons, and former ECU quarterback Dominique Davis, are also still alive in the NFL Playoffs. Atlanta narrowly defeated the Seattle Seahawks, 30-28, to advance to the NFC Championship game against the San Francisco 49ers.

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Scribbles to the captain

Dear East Carolinian,

In all my years here in Greenville, I have noticed that most everyone lives in the present with no memory of the great accomplishments of the past. Such is the fate of Ed Emory, ECU head coach in the early 1980's, who died Jan. 4, 2013.

On paper, with a record of 26-29, you would think no big deal. But that was not the case. Emory was a former East Carolina College football letterman with the right combination of heart—bleeding Purple and sweating Gold.

There have been two truly exciting football seasons at East Carolina. When Coach Bill Lewis beat NC State in the Peach Bowl in 1991, and then the season we should have been undefeated in 1983. In that year, we were 8-3 losing only to nationally ranked No. 1 Miami, Florida State, and Florida. But that doesn't tell the whole story. East Carolina led all three of those games to the last two minutes when questionable penalties mysteriously gave the games away.

Emory's team was based around a run-and-gun quarterback playing the Option named Kevin Ingram. In the offensive line, he had Terry Long, the strongest man in college football. The Sunshine State was totally bewildered. Fans were disappointed that there was no bowl offer that year, but there was something more phenomenal about to happen. You see, Coach Emory put us on the map with credibility.

This year, Athletic Director Terry Holland may have gotten ECU into the Big East Conference, but it was Coach Emory that put an enlarged photograph of a Purple helmet with "PIRATES" on the side in Sports Illustrated—a picture worth a thousand words.

--Van Brown
ECU Class of '78

OVERTIME

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compared to UCF's 13 assists and 16 turnovers.

The Pirates lead the conference in assists as a team and they have the best assist/turnover ratio, which shows promise as they face a daunting upcoming schedule.

Halfway through the season, the Pirates are 10-5 and to get to 20 wins, ECU will need to finish 10-5. It has become almost a requirement to win 20 games if a team wants a berth in the NCAA tournament. Unless, of course, the Pirates win the C-USA tournament and receive an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The Pirates haven't registered a 20 win season in the last 50 years, so the opportunity is waiting for this year's Pirates to make the most of it.

ECU next game is against Houston on Wednesday in Mingos. Tip off is set for 7 p.m.

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