



BRIEFS

Obama proposes new gun control plan

Staff Reports

The president released a new \$500 million plan to ensure gun safety in response to the massacre in Newtown, Connecticut among others.

The main points of the package are a universal background check and bans on military-style assault rifles and high-capacity ammunition magazines.

Obama has enacted 23 safety measures that don't need congressional approval that include making federal agencies provide more accessible background checks as well as appointing a director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and directing the Centers for Disease Control to research gun violence.

Obama's gun violence proposal to Congress includes putting 1,000 police officers in schools and promoting mental health care for school health professionals.

Business and Nursing gain national recognition

Staff Reports

Two graduate programs have been ranked in the U.S. News & World Report as top university online programs.

The College of Nursing was ranked 10th out of 72 nursing programs in the country while the College of Business ranked 40 out of 148 graduate business programs. U.S. News has consistently ranked the College of Nursing since 2004.

Camp Lejune Marine charged with urination

Staff Reports

Staff Sgt. Edward Deptola, a Marine based out of Camp Lejune, pleaded guilty to a court martial issued in July.

Deptola was charged with urinating on the bodies of dead Taliban fighters as well as posing for unofficial photographs with human casualties and failing to properly supervise lower-ranking marines.

He faces a maximum sentence of a year in the brig, two-thirds reduction of pay for one year, a fine and to have his rank reduced to Private First Class.

Coastal Studies Institute to open in Manteo

Staff Reports

An inter-university partnership among several UNC schools opened the UNC Coastal Studies building in Manteo on Tuesday.

The UNC Coastal Studies building was made in an effort to promote research and educational opportunities among universities as well as provide community outreach in the coastal areas. UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State University, UNC-Wilmington, Elizabeth City State University, as well as ECU came together to dedicate the new building to maritime studies.

The 83,791-square-foot, environmentally sustainable facility was built over two years on approximately 240 acres of marsh in Manteo. State appropriations funded the \$32.6 million dollar project.

Meal plan renewal benefits entice students

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Campus Dining is offering special promotions and incentives this semester for students to renew their meal plans.

Signs around campus and postcards in student's mailboxes have been advertising Chik-fil-A and Starbucks promotions for meal plans. Students who upgrade their meal plans will receive coupons for free Starbucks and students who get a meal plan for the first time this year will receive coupons for free Chik-fil-A.

"We try to do some big things to try to keep members on their meal plans as a way to say thank you and also as way to increase members," said Campus Dining's Marketing Manager, Stephanie Sumner.

The Chik-fil-A promotion is one of the promotions Campus Dining has throughout the year. Each semester they are required to do promotions on campus, so

they center them on student's meal plans in hopes that students will participate.

Danielle Butler, freshman and health service management major, believes the signs are misleading because of the fine print under the advertisement.

"I think they unfairly limit who can participate. The displays say free for a semester, but the small print says coupons for certain things on certain days," said Butler.

Campus Dining runs promotions year-round. Commuter Week, a week dedicated to students who have a commuter meal plan, occurs yearly. At the end of the week, a big drawing occurs. Other promotions always provide a reward or incentive to encourage students to partake in the promotion.

This semester, Provision on Demand brand - marketed after Whole Foods and Fresh Market stores - will be sold on College Hill. Pirate Bucks and meals can be used on these items, but next year, with



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Campus Dining offers new renewal benefits as a way to increase numbers.

the new meal plans, things will be different.

Campus Dining has new meal plans designed for the 2013-2014 school year, but information is not being released yet. The new

changes to meal plans will not take effect until the 2013-2014. Meal plans will be different and pos-

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SGA moves forward

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Matthew Paske has taken over as student body president after Justin Davis stepped down due to personal reasons.

A lack of "heart and passion" was the reason for Davis's resignation, according to a statement released by Davis to *The East Carolinian*. "I believe continuing to serve in this role would be a disservice to both the students and myself," Davis said.

As Davis did before him, Paske wishes to maintain the Student Government Association primarily as an advocacy group for students.

"I think (Davis) did a very good job in turning the focus of the organization on that end," said Paske. "I learned a lot from him and I'm honored to be following in his footsteps."

Paske has a lot of work ahead of him as he begins his tenure. The change in student body president left many issues unresolved including constitution and bylaws, filling positions within the SGA and establishing roles of its members.

"A lot of work we're going to be doing is forward thinking type things and restructuring, because quite frankly, a lot of this stuff was left in the rear view mirror," said Paske.

Paske's priorities are to assure that the longevity of the SGA is safe and to reach out to

students both on and off campus.

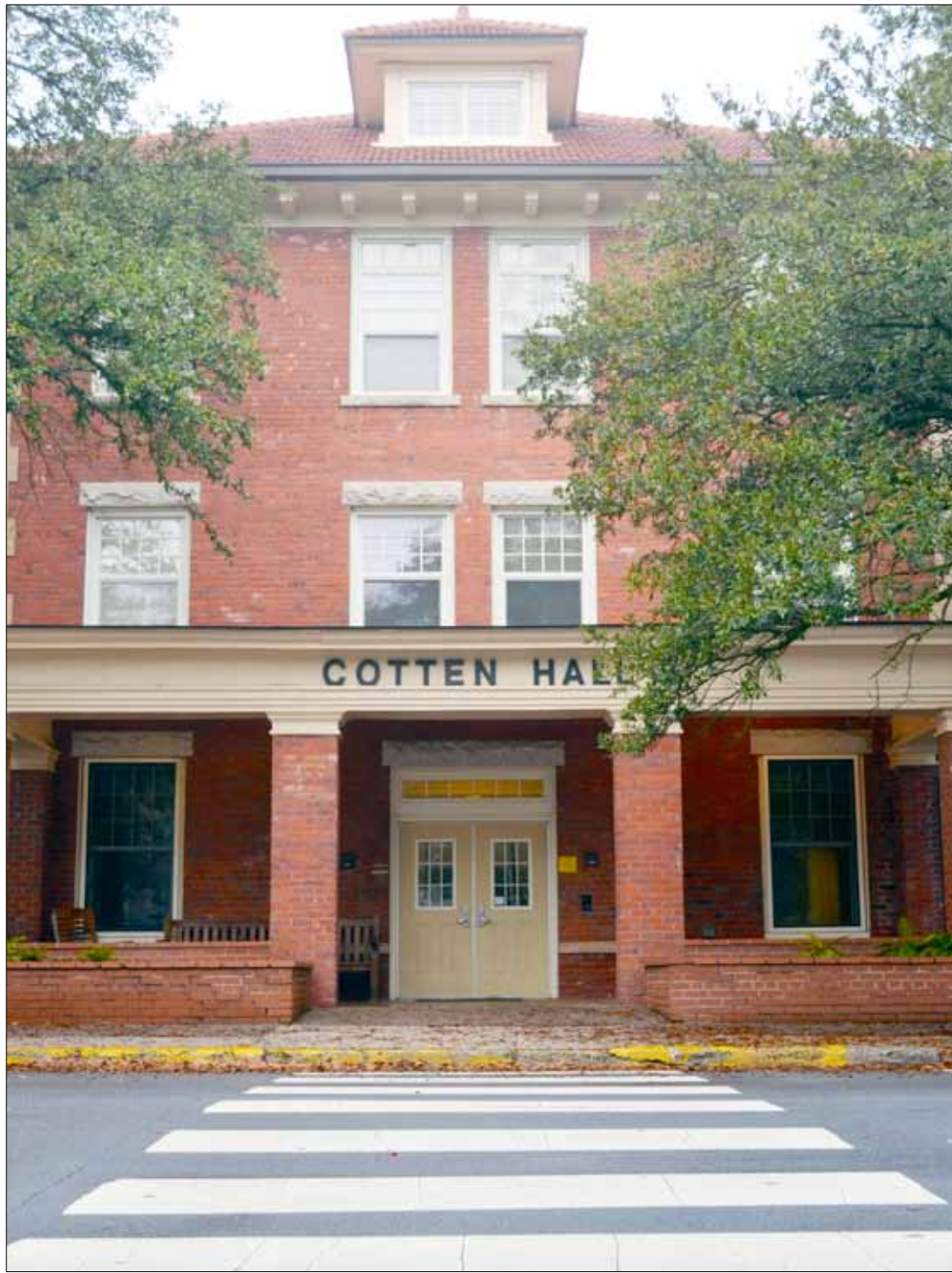
"I'm going to be handling a lot of sustainability issues that if they go unresolved, the organization could potentially sink," said Paske.

Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for student affairs, predicted a smooth transition for Paske from vice president to president.

"I don't see this as disrupting the SGA, because the SGA has a strategic plan already in place and will continue to operate the plan. The vice president (at the time) was in charge of constructing that strategic plan," said Hardy. Associate Vice Chancellor for Student and

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Residence halls adopt 'true break' schedule



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The university's residence halls closed during the winter holiday due to safety concerns for students.

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Campus Living has begun a new system of shutting down student residence halls only during the winter break between semesters. Prior to this year, the residence halls closed during most extended holidays, including Thanksgiving and spring break.

The residence hall schedule has moved to a system that better reflects the university's holiday calendar. This year, the university has moved to a "true break," where all employees had a break over winter rather than just the students.

"Winter break is the only time that the population drops down so significantly that we have to take action," said Director of Housing Operations Aaron Lucier. "It's hard to provide services when there are no professional employees on campus."

According to a study at Arizona State University, only 20 percent of all 4-year public universities offer year-round housing options. About 32 percent offer options for international students during holidays or extended breaks when dormitories would be closed.

Matt Reed, a junior psychology major said, "I lived on campus freshman year despite being from Washington. The dorms closing never bothered me, but honestly even if I was from far away I wouldn't want to stay in the dorms over Christmas. Not only would it be depressing, but it'd be really boring with everyone else gone."

The University of Minnesota conducted a study to better understand the cost of utilities and shut down the entirety of their university between Christmas and New Year's. They closed all buildings, turned off water, heat and even Internet services to the entirety of campus.

Some services such as OneStop were unavailable to student's off-campus during the time period. At the conclusion of the study the university saved \$182,000 over the approximately weeklong period.

While the savings the university incurs due to the closing of the residence halls is vast, Campus Living said the lack of

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staffing is the main rationale. Most employees return from the winter holidays after New Year's while student employees, such as resident advisors, arrive one day prior to the residents.

"Safety is always our number one concern," said Lucier. "A dorm that is usually occupied by hundreds moving to only having two or three students in it poses a real hazard. Staff might not be able to respond if there's an emergency especially from a resident advisor and hall staff perspective."

Prior to the residence halls closing, staff inspects each room for health and safety concerns before taking the dorms out of commis-

sion. Windows left ajar, food left out and electrical plugs are among the main concerns for extended breaks.

International students are given advanced notice prior to coming to the university that housing will not be provided over the break and are encouraged to make plans ahead of time. Many travel around the United States or back to their country of origin for the break.

Only 17 percent of all students are international or from out-of-state, and approximately 38 percent of those students live on campus. The university hopes to see that number rise with the implementation of the rule that all freshmen must

live on campus if they live outside the immediate radius.

"This is my home now," said freshman communication major Andrea Jimenez. "I can't afford to fly to my parent's house for winter break. I think they should put the international and out-of-state student in specific dorms and keep those open during breaks even if it's just an option for us to stay in those year-round dorms."

Campus Living hopes to leave the operating system schedule in the current condition to better alleviate student's distress around the holidays.

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sibly the same. There will be different ways of paying for meals at restaurants and there is mention of a new restaurant, adding a bit of variety of food choices.

"We did some data collection in spring 2012, and after gathering that data and interviewing faculty and staff, we found out that they're ready for some changes, so we did that," said Sumner.

The changes to meal plans and new additions were a result of the data and student feedback. Campus Dining worked with Student Affairs to find out what students really wanted, collecting the data and using it to form the new ideas planning to take place next fall.

According to the data collected last spring, Sumner said students were ready to

go in a healthier direction. Sophomore Skyler Everett, apparel merchandising major, thinks the change is better but is also limiting.

"I think it's good. It caters to people who want to eat healthier but it's lacking since it's only on College Hill," she said.

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Newly-appointed Matthew Paske is excited for his presidential term.

Vice President Bobby Woodard believes Paske's experience in the executive council and his work with the senate will assist his transition to student body president.

The previous administration that included Paske and his current staff worked so well together that the transition will be seamless, said Woodard.

"Matthew Paske has built relationships that will con-

tinue," said Woodard.

Issues that this administration will be tackling during Paske's tenure is the unexcused absence policy regarding the death of distant family members and they will be working with City Council to develop a new grid in attempts to make the university safer and cleaner.

In order for SGA to achieve these initiatives,

Paske stressed the importance of communication, organization and openness within the organization.

"I think if we did better communicating, we would be in a much better place right now," Paske said.

Paske values the importance of truth and emphasized teamwork within the SGA to accomplish goals.

"I want students to see me as an honest person, who will stand up for what they want and need. I want them to know that I am a man of integrity and I hope they see that this isn't about me, but about what we all did together," said Paske.

SGA officers only have four months to work on its various projects before the next election in April, but Paske believes they will get a lot done even if they do not stay to see the results.

"As long as someone gains benefit, whether it's our students right now or our students over time, that would really make us happy and proud," said Paske.

Replacing Paske as student body vice president is Ira Rushing, who will be leading the Undergraduate Senate.

Paske will be serving as student body president until he graduates in the spring with a nursing and psychology degree.

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I'm glad I go to school with "adults" who giggle at people with disabilities...Grow up.

I don't give you what you want solely because you constantly ask for it.

I am going to go more than dubstep on somebody if I get one more e-mail from girlsgonedubstep.com.

I am so unpopular the only e-mail I got today was from girls gone dubstep.

I know she's kind of socially retarded and weird, but she's my friend...So, just promise me you won't make fun of her!

New Year's resolution: get a Pirate Rant submitted without a mean girls quote...That would be so fetch.

To the girls hammocking on the mall Monday, you were all good looking, but the girl on the bottom hammock was smoking HOT!

I know I'm back at ECU when emails read, "Girls Gone Dubstep."

When I found out that I don't have any classes on Tuesday or Thursday, instead of being happy I was more concerned about who I was going to get to grab me the TEC on those days.

If students spend as much time studying as they do submitting rants about GPD, ECU would be the smartest university in N.C.

Oh so we're gonna ignore the new annoying sounds that replaced the ringing bell columns by Joyner? Cool.

To the girl who egged my car last semester...Yea, I just hooked up with your roommate.

To the guy who showed up just to hang out with me, you made my Tuesday.

You might be older, but as long as you keep coming to see me, I will make it worth it.

I've wanted us to hang out since I met you. Glad I got brave today and made it happen. It was totally worth the wait.

To those of you trying to lose weight; CONGRATULATIONS. I don't care if the gym is crowded; everyone deserves to feel better about themselves.

Stop being such a-holes, if someone wants to start going to the gym now, good for them.

I used to think there was something wrong when no one sat next to me; now I welcome it.

Art History teacher...We can't have two midterms.

Dear Career Services...We need professional employees, not kindergarten kids who take naps all day.

What happened ECU, did everyone's parents get them ugly sticks for Christmas?

Quitting is for student body presidents, not Pirates!

Don't let the glaring looks fool you, everyone around you LOVES it when you yell a whole conversation from one side of Starbucks to the other.

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Homophobia: the result of ignorance

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"I don't care if she is a lesbian or not! She is gonna have to tell me no!" "How do you wake up one day and just say I want a penis?" All of these statements, have left my mouth at one point or another in my life due to my homophobia, and I'm ashamed of that. I say this because homophobia in my opinion is a product of ignorance and should be stamped out like sexism, racism, and hatred all together. We are now living in the year 2013, and people come different walks of life and sexualities. Therefore, we as a culture and especially me as a person must be able to step outside our comfort zones and try to be more understanding and take steps to overcome these phobias.

Now a lot of you may think that homophobia is simply just avoiding, ignoring, or not approving in homosexuals all together, but it extends far beyond that. Homophobia can be taken to higher levels such as assaulting, firing, not hiring, or even verbally abusing their lifestyle. All of which, is unacceptable and has far-reaching on a person and a community. For instance, a few years ago when the young man from Rutgers was filmed having relations with his partner and his roommate broadcasted it over the internet, and it resulted in the young man taking his life. That example

extreme, but not uncommon all because a young man feared what he did not understand and wanted to exploit his roommate because of his ignorance. Now I must admit my homophobia never escalated to that, but I still have a lot to atone for and I'm taking steps to become more informed. When you have knowledge and understanding then you can eliminate the seeds of hatred and ignorance and truly evolve as a fully functioning individual.

In this day and time, I feel that if you are bashing someone because of their sexuality then you are no less than a Klansmen, black supremacist, or any other individual who thinks less of other cultures. That notion may seem extreme, but so is hatred when you dissect what it represents. For instance, this past year I had the pleasure of meeting a young lady who was a lesbian and she truly touched my life. She is spiritual, musical, athletic, and beautiful. When I met her I must admit I was attracted to her, but then one of my

friends informed me that she was completely homosexual, and being the guy I am I was like "Oh word?!" Anyhow, I got to know this young lady over the semester, and her faith in God, her love for the same music as me, and our attraction to the same women made her the ultimate friend. She sparked in me an understanding I have been missing in my life when it comes to homosexuality. Now I find myself throwing out far less derogatory slurs about homosexuality, and getting to know a person and not their sexual preference.

Yet, to bring this all home is the stereotypes being thrown around out in our society about homosexuality. For example, some people believe every gay man wants both straight and gay men...that are false because we all have types. Another one is that most lesbians are butch and dress like men... which is another false statement because there are some very attractive lesbians like Jillian Michaels (personal trainer from The Biggest Loser). Then there is the idea that homosexuals are not religious and have forsaken their values in Christianity or their religion. This is the biggest fallacy of all of them, and say that because the individuals I have come across have been the most devote Christians ever, and in my opinion carry a burden heavier than most because they are a part of a world that is far less understanding of their lifestyle.

In conclusion, this is a topic that many will overlook, some will applaud, and a lot small-minded people will call me a "down-low brother". Yet, at the end of the day I know how it feels to be judged because I'm different, and I'm simply saying take a chance to understand a persons way of life and you may make a lifelong friend afterwards because this leap of faith. If not continue to live in ignorance.

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OneCard taking on new challenges

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Have you ever accidentally reached for your OneCard at an off-campus store? I did it reflexively when I lived on campus because I was so used to using my OneCard for meals and groceries.

I've seen it happen repeatedly to students at the restaurants close to campus and often hear people say that they wish Pirate Bucks were accepted everywhere.

It has been a running joke whenever students are presented with new or increased expenses. "Four dollar gas? You take Pirate Bucks, right?" "You're going to sue me? Enjoy your Pirate Bucks." "Hey, want to go out with me? I'm rolling in Pirate Bucks and I can treat you right so long as we stay on campus."

The idea of using our OneCards off-campus is a routine joke, but I'd like to take the idea seriously. It starts to seem less humorous once you research and find out that

other schools have actually done it. Wayne State University in Michigan, Towson University and Goucher College in Maryland and Worcester State University in Massachusetts all allow their students to use their OneCards at certain off-campus locations.

The selection these students have been successful in expanding OneCard use to popular stores such as Domino's, Blimpies, CVS Pharmacy, Cold Stone, T.G.I. Fridays, Shell and Exxon gas stations and Denny's. Many local shops and restaurants also participate in the program.

The idea that we can use our Pirate Bucks off campus is not a laughable impossibility. It is an opportunity for us to make ECU a better place. If we as a student body decide to take this seriously we can make a real difference at our school and in our community.

Obviously, students would benefit greatly from this policy change. It doesn't take long for us

to get tired of dining hall food and the two Chick-fil-As. You'd have a hard time finding a student that wouldn't enjoy a wider variety of options when it came to shopping and dining. I know that personally I would love to be able to use my Pirate Bucks at Domino's.

And from that, we can also make an appeal to prospective students. When looking at colleges many consider quality of campus life as a serious factor. If we can provide a larger variety of uses for their OneCards, we can definitely use that as a recruiting point.

We can also use this as a tool in our ongoing effort to revitalize our downtown. We all know that downtown is the place to go if you're looking for a bar or a club, and sometimes it's a good place to get a meal. But often students are dismayed that there isn't much variety near campus. Other types of businesses seem hesitant to open downtown, but if we made this change, some might seize the opportunity to bring in student

customers.

It would also be a great way to support existing businesses downtown. It would be pretty great if you could go to SupDogs, Michelangelo's, The Scullery, or The Tipsy Teapot and swipe your OneCard for a meal.

There are many downtown stores that students greatly appreciate but are struggling. They aren't getting enough business to remain profitable and without help may have to shut their doors.

Expanding OneCard use to off-campus locations would help existing businesses, could attract new shops and students, and would provide us all with a better college experience.

It may make Pirate Bucks less funny, but I think it would be worth it. This is a chance for us to work together to make a real and impactful change at our school. Let's do it.

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HOW TO...

Keep your New Year's resolution

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It's a new year and for many people that means an opportunity for new beginnings. Maybe you want to fit into those skinny jeans again or finally put down that cigarette. Making a New Year's resolution may be a good first step to achieving those goals, but how many of us actually stick with our promises? Well, according to the University of Scranton, only eight percent of people will stick with their New Year's resolutions for the entire year.

But, hey, don't let that statistic make you give up now. This year, stop the cycle of resolving to make change and then not following through. If your resolution is to take better care of yourself and get healthy, chances are you will have a much better year if you stick with your resolution. If you're feeling motivated and want a prosperous 2013, then here are some tips to help you get started.

Be realistic. We're setting ourselves up for failure when we make a resolution that is simply unattainable. Resolving to look like a Victoria's Secret angel is unrealistic for most people, but resolving to cut back on soda or stop with the late-night munchies is attainable. Kelly Hayes, former psychology graduate, said to evaluate how your schedule, social life and personality might influence the outcome of your resolutions. "Also, be specific when making your goals," Hayes said. "You're more likely to succeed when your goals are precise and measurable."

Outline your plan. First, develop specific, concrete ways to reach your goal, but keep each step along the way small. Now, make a schedule and write it down. However, you can't forget to follow through. Hayes said it helps to tell other people about your resolution. Have a support system. "I didn't know my girlfriend could be such a good motivator," said Will Valmassoi, senior accounting major whose new year's resolution is to spend more time in the gym. "She talks me into getting off the couch and going when I would probably just end up sitting there."

Forgive yourself. Don't give up if you miss that workout or eat pizza when you said you wouldn't. According to researchers at Yale University, the trick to sticking to your resolutions is to stay focused on your commitment to a certain course of action (like eating healthier, spending less, or exercising more) and not to pay too much attention to your results or progress toward a specific goal. "Do the best you can each and every day," Hayes said. "Take each day at a time."

Reward yourself. Treat yourself for meeting goals, even the small ones. I'm not saying to eat that whole tub of ice cream if your resolution is to lose weight. Instead, Hayes said to celebrate your success by treating yourself to something you enjoy that won't contradict your resolution. "If you've committed to running a mile every two days, promise yourself a reward, like a new pair of running shoes or a new top," Hayes said.

Don't give up. Experts say it takes about 21 days for a new activity to become a habit and six months for it to become part of your personality. It won't happen overnight. If your resolution has totally run out of steam by mid-February, don't despair. Be persistent and recommit yourself. Valmassoi said it helps him to have a good mental image of what he's trying to achieve. "If you're trying to get 'swoll' at the gym, it may help to have that Hulk Hogan view of yourself in your head while you're pumping."

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On Monday, the university will be closed and classes will not be in session for a day dedicated to the legacy of service sacrificed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For many students, it may just seem like a day off to sit around and do nothing, but the National Day of Service was designed to be a "day on."

Through the Volunteer Service Learning Center and the help of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Monday is a day for students to have the opportunity to give back to their community.

Brothers in the Alpha Phi Alpha Inc., DuJuan Lucas and Eric Green, have been a part of the fraternity since they re-initiated MLK Week at the university.

Lucas said that upon coming to the university, MLK Day was just a day off from school. "I had no idea that anything went on MLK day until I joined a fraternity," said Lucas. "They told me that they usually do marches and work with the volunteer service-learning center. So, I got together with a couple of my brothers for a new initiative to bring MLK week back."

King Jr. pledged in the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity when he attended graduate school at the University of Boston.

"We actually get the day off of school, and we choose that day off of school to do a service for others, instead of staying in and resting or going out the night before," said Green. "It actually embodies his message."

Last year, the fraternity assisted the American Red Cross building a ramp for one of their facilities. "The building was not ADA accessible, so a lot of people that need assistance from the Red Cross weren't able to do so because of that. So, we were able to really help them," said Lucas.

"It was something I thought was out of the ordinary because I've never built a ramp or built anything," said Green. "It was real good just to get our hands dirty and show the community that were not only fraternities, but we actually want to help the community."

This year's MLK Day of Service coordinator, Elizabeth Corney, said it will include many environmental and renovation projects with some



Elizabeth Corney, MLK Day of service coordinator, said that four community agencies are hosting projects next week.

new agencies in the community.

"The motto of the National Day of Service is a day on and not a day off, and I think that really sums up why it is really important," said Corney. "It helps get people into volunteering if that's not something they would normally do."

Corney said this is an opportunity for students to "be aware of the community that they're living in right now...and see what people are doing off campus and know what's going on around you and get engaged."

Corney also said this service is also an opportunity to create a positive image of the student and the university to the community.

"We have four community agencies that are hosting projects, including the food bank, the sylvan heights water fowl sanctuary, Love a Sea turtle, Time for science, and the Third Street Community Center."

She hopes this year, the agencies are given a chance to interact with the students of ECU, especially the ones that haven't participated in the past, so that it can form some positive relationships that we can continue to build on.

"As far as students, I hope they

have a good experience and also something to reflect on that will continue to inform their lives," said Corney. "Hopefully, it will spark an interest that might inspire them to continue in some way... they'll keep (volunteering) as a part of their life even after MLK Day."

Prior to the service activities, Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. will give a presentation on Martin Luther King Jr. and why there is the National Day of Service.

"He is a role model to all people. He's not just a role model to African American males or females," said Green. "He can be a role model to anyone, because he put others before himself. He risked his life for us, so you have to put that into retrospect."

This year, the fraternity will be assisting the American Red Cross, cleaning up local rehabilitation facilities.

"We really wanted to help individuals that are less fortunate or just don't have the same opportunities that we have," said Lucas. "So, we really connected with the Red Cross. They really help people in crisis."

MLK Week will begin with the

MLK Day of Service on Monday morning. After the volunteer service, there will be a speech made at 6 p.m. at Belk Hall to initiate the march led by Greenville Police to Mendenhall. After the march, there will be a discussion on critical social issues and MLK open to anyone.

Tuesday will begin the Hoodies for Homeless, where someone can give coats, blankets or clothing items for the homeless until Friday.

Wednesday will feature the Premiere Passport Event, "Visualizing the Dream," when Mark Morail, president of the National Urban League and former Mayor of New Orleans, will speak in Hendrix. There will also be a discussion of MLK's dream and visions of equality and whether or not he would be satisfied with where we are in society today.

"People really need to learn to take the time to really take an interest in other people," said Lucas. "Kind of get away from their self interest and focus on other people, I think the world could be a better place."

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Serving a need with art

Kristen Martin
STAFF WRITER

The School of Art and Design integrates academics and ECU's motto to serve with ART 3860 Classroom Participation in Art.

This class isn't a typical lecture class. Instead, it's a learning experience for university students and elementary through middle school students that has been taking place for 40 years. Three art education majors and one professor teach a class of elementary or middle school students after the normal school day ends.

"We always hope to have three university students, plus one university professor design the lessons in the program," said Cynthia Bickley-Green, the program coordinator and a professor in the school. "That gives each of those students an opportunity to teach a number of classes and plan a number of classes."

All four people are in the room simultaneously interacting with the younger students. "Each young participant gets a great deal of attention. That may be one of the real benefits of the program," said Bickley-Green.

These classes give art education students the opportunity to meet a diverse range of young people while providing a service. "It allows us to participate in the broader community," said Bickley-Green.

Currently, parents can enroll their children in four different classes. There are two classes for 3rd-5th graders, one for middle school students and an inclusive class for students who have special learning needs.

In the beginning, classes were only offered to 3rd-5th graders until parents asked if a section could be opened for older students who wanted to join.

A similar opportunity created was the inclusive art class. A parent group wanted to broaden the art experience to children with special needs since there aren't many local opportunities like this. "There are a lot of things in Raleigh and places like that, but



For the past 40 years, students in ART 3860, along with one professor, have helped teach a class to local elementary school students after their normal school day ends.

not so much in the East and the more rural section," said Bickley-Green.

Participation in the program is voluntary for children. "Parents have learned about the program and sign their students up," said Bickley-Green. "Public school art teachers recommend students if they think those students will enjoy the program." Homeschooled children and private

school children also attend.

"The children who come to the after school program are so interested in art," said Borim Song, an assistant professor in art education.

In the class, children participate in two and three-dimensional activities such as painting, drawing, ceramics and mural creation.

In the process, they also make

friends who are their age and who love art. "They learn a lot from us and from their classmates," said Song. "They voluntarily get really into their art-making."

Near the end of the semester, there is an art exhibition where the students talk about the artwork they created.

While the program isn't free, it's cheaper than privately taught art classes. "It does cost \$10 for the whole semester," said Bickley-Green. "It's the best deal in town." This money partially covers the cost of materials, and the rest comes from the department.

University students reap many benefits from this program. "They can get the experience of teaching while contributing to the community," said Song.

This course helps to prepare the students for life after college when many of them might teach art to children in elementary and middle school. "It's important for them to build self-confidence and realize 'Oh, I can teach children,'" said Song.

Amanda Stancil, one of the students participating in the alternative licensure program, already has her B.F.A. from UNC-Chapel Hill and has taught as a substitute teacher previously. "I'm excited about teaching students who love art," said Stancil.

Normally, only art education majors participate, but this year is different. "This semester we don't have enough majors to cover four sections. This varies from semester to semester," said Bickley-Green. "Now we're asking for volunteers if anyone wants to try it out and see if they think that working with children would be an interesting experience or potential career."

For university professors, the program is a rewarding experience. "I think all of us really enjoy it because it keeps us in touch with young people. Otherwise the professors would only be teaching university students," said Bickley-Green.

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Softball walk-on Tryouts

Staff Reports

The ECU Lady Pirates softball team will host walk-on tryouts starting on Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. The tryouts will be at the ECU Softball Complex. All participants must complete a Health History Questionnaire prior to 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18. The form can be downloaded on-line or picked up in the ECU Athletic Training Room, which is located on the first floor in Ward Sports Medicine Building.

You must give the form to Assistant Coach Leah Kelley no later than 5 p.m. on Jan. 18 to be eligible. In order to participate in walk-on tryouts you must be a currently enrolled student at East Carolina University (at least 12 credit hours undergraduate and nine credit hours graduate), meet the NCAA's certification requirements and have a complete physical including sickle cell screening results prior to trying out.

National players commit to ECU

Staff Reports

ECU Head Women's Tennis Coach Tom Morris announced Tuesday that four high school players who currently hold regional and national rankings have declared their intent to attend and play tennis at East Carolina University beginning this fall.

Morris's 2012-2013 recruiting class includes Michelle Castro from Oakton, Va., Emily Groeneveld from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Samantha Light from Cramerton, N.C. and Scarlett Walston from Greenville, N.C.

Castro ranks 131st in the nation, among high school seniors. Groeneveld helped her school win back-to-back state championships in 2011 and 2012. Light is currently ranked sixth in the state and in the top 40 of the southeast region. Walston also ranks in the top 40 of the southeast but she is in the top 15 for North Carolina.

Former ECU pitcher charged

Staff Reports

Foye Minton Jr., 33, was arrested for engaging in sexual activity with a student. Baltimore County Police arrested the former gym teacher and placed him under a \$250,000 bond.

Minton Jr. pitched for ECU from 1998-2001 and his career highlight was a no-hitter versus N.C. State in 1999. The abuse began in 2009 and the victim, who is now 20 years of age, finally contacted Police and they arrested Minton Jr. on Monday.

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'Comeback Kids' ...at it again



Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Pirate Nation relocated to cloud nine on Wednesday night, after another comeback victory at Minges Coliseum. The Houston Cougars had a firm grasp on the game, and seemed to always one-up the Pirates for the majority of the contest, but Maurice Kemp and company rallied past the Cougars and won convincingly, 89-78.

The Pirates found themselves down by only six points at halftime, which is a relatively small number compared to previous games. Maurice Kemp had a phenomenal night on the hardwood as he scored 15 points in the first half and finished with 30 to set a new career-high for the senior from Miami. Along with his 30 points, Kemp also pulled down nine rebounds. He was the glue that kept the Pirates together when shots weren't falling.

A poor shooting night was an understatement as the Pirates missed their first 13 three-point attempts.

With 13 minutes left in the game, Paris Roberts-Campbell hit ECU's first three pointer and that lit the fire for the Pirate shooters. Following the 0-13 streak, the Pirates shot 8-11 in a 10-minute span.

Akeem Richmond came in a contributed immediate offense as he knocked down four shots from downtown.

"It helps when you have the microwave [Richmond] right here," said Kemp. "He randomly comes in cooking and he just can't miss."

Richmond certainly has made a name for himself, shooting 42.4 percent (39-92) from long range and is proving to be one of the Pirates best weapons. It wouldn't be surprising for Richmond to knock down a shot from the parking lot.

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Maurice Kemp (2) scored a season-high 30 points en route to ECU's thrilling come-from-behind victory over Houston.

Pirates rally from 10 down to beat Houston and earn their second conference win in a row.

The Pirates trailed by as many as 10 points and they were behind for the majority of the game until finally the Pirates took control and never looked back. ECU didn't trail for the remaining four minutes and change.

Miguel Paul was rather quiet for most of the game and it seemed like he was looking for his shot everywhere. Paul was figuratively searching in the stands, under the basket and everywhere he could get into any sort of rhythm.

He probably would have looked under the hardwood if he had the chance, because his shot was nowhere to be found, going 4-17 on the night.

With his poorest shooting performance of the season, Paul still found a way to be helpful. He made tremendous passes and, for the most part, conducted the offense at important times. Paul had a game-high eight assists and only committed two turnovers the entire night.

"Keep shooting," Kemp advised Paul. "Keep shooting with confidence."

Kemp continued, "[Paul] is, in my opinion, probably the best guard in the league, we have complete trust in him."

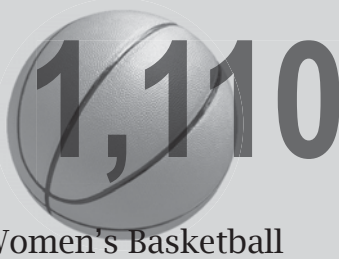
Houston challenged ECU in the paint for most of the night, as the Cougars kept attacking the interior defense. The deciding factor was the points off turnovers, as ECU racked up 19 and Houston only had two. Paul and the team only gave the ball away five times, that was what put the Pirates over the top.

ECU lives and dies by the three-point shot and, tonight, the Pirates prospered. Now 11-5 overall and 2-1 in Conference USA, ECU sets their sights on a road matchup Saturday against the Marshall Thundering Herd. Tip off is set for 7 p.m.

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Britny Edwards (42) is coming off a double double in ECU's loss to UTEP.

Pirates vs. Tigers

Craig Barnes Jr.
SPORTS WRITER

The Lady Pirates are looking to rebound tonight after a tough defeat against UTEP as they travel to Memphis, Tenn. to take on the Memphis Tigers at Elma Roane Fieldhouse. The game is schedule for an 8 p.m. tip-off.

The Pirates and Tigers are meeting for the 21st time in program history with the series knotted up 10-10. Last season, the Tigers swept the Lady Pirates. In the first contest, the Pirates were edged out by three (62-59). In the second meeting in Minges Coliseum, the Pirates would lose 69-56.

The Pirates are looking for its first victory over Memphis since March 9, 2010, when the Pirates held off the Tigers, 73-66, during the Conference USA tournament. The Lady Pirates will enter Elma Roane Fieldhouse with an 11-4 overall and 1-1 in C-USA play.

The Pirates are currently 3-3 in road games with wins at William & Mary, Virginia Commonwealth

University and George Mason University. The defeats came to the likes of Navy, UNC-Chapel Hill and University Texas-El Paso.

In the first conference match for the Lady Pirates, they handled the Rice Owls 60-41. Celeste Stewart provided the offensive spark pouring in a game-high and career-high 21 points. The second conference match the Lady Pirates did not have the same results as they travelled to El Paso to take on the defending conference champions.

The Lady Pirates started the game well and led the entire first half limiting UTEP to a mere 25 percent shooting from the field. The Miners came back in the second half and surged past the Pirates to defeat them by a score of 81-66.

Memphis comes into the game 10-6 overall and 1-1 in C-USA play. The Tigers opened conference play with a 77-74 loss at Houston before rebounding to defeat Southern Miss, 63-57. Memphis is averaging a

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CALENDAR

Head Coach Jeff Lebo has directed the Pirates' two largest come-from-behind victories in C-USA play, overcoming a 17-point deficit versus UCF and a 15-point deficit at Marshall.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1/19	Cont. Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1/17 Away- Women's Basketball Memphis 8 p.m.	1/18 Away-Track Day 1 Blacksburg, Va.	Home-Women's Tennis App State 10 a.m. Home-Swimming and Diving Old Dominion 1 p.m.	Away- Men's Basketball Marshall 7 p.m. Away-Track Day 2 Blacksburg, Va.	1/20 Home-Women's Basketball Tulsa 1 p.m.	1/21 Away-Men's Tennis George Mason 11 a.m.		1/23 Away-Men's Basketball UAB 8 p.m.

Weekend Preview: several sports set to start new season

Patrick Meine
SPORTS WRITER

Various Pirates will take to the fields, courts and pool this weekend as most ECU teams kick off their spring schedule. Tennis and swimming both had fall events earlier this season, so they will be in full swing. But, for track, this weekend represents their first major competition, with the exception of the distance team, which competed in cross-country over the fall.

This season will be filled with high expectations for the Pirates, due to strong fall performances and the previous season's successes.

Track and Field:

The ECU Track and Field team got off to a strong start in the Christopher Newport Invitational, held

in Newport News Virginia, by winning five events to start the indoor season. High Jumper Tynita Butts recorded a NCAA indoor qualifying jump with a mark of 6' 1.25".

The track and field team will head to Blacksburg Va. to compete in the Virginia Tech invitational on Jan 18th and 19th.

There is a high expectation this season for the Women's Track and Field team. They won the Conference USA indoor championship last season and took second in the outdoor season.

In addition to the success from the previous season, the Women's Cross Country team had their best season in the fall by taking third in conference. Bjork Olsen led the team. She took First Team All-Conference, All

Region and Conference All-Academic Honors.

The recent success for this team's distance running adds plenty of weapons to a team that is already stacked in the field events.

The men will look to improve on a disappointing cross-country season that saw the runners battling an illness that affected almost every member of the team. The Virginia Tech Invitational will be the first major competition for the team this season.

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving:

The swimming team finished strong in the fall totaling nine medalists at the 27th annual Janis Hape Dowd Nike Cup Swimming and Diving Championships, held in Koury Natatorium

on the UNC-Chapel Hills campus in late November.

The swim team will look to build on that success this weekend. The women will compete at home versus the Campbell Camels. The men will also be at home versus the Old Dominion Monarchs. Both meets will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Minges Coliseum.

The men and women were a combined 9-2 in individual meets in the fall, and placed high both as a team and as individuals.

The men set several individual school records in various events last season and look to improve on that in the spring.

Men's Tennis:

The men's tennis team had a productive fall season and should fair well in the team-oriented spring season.

The men will compete against George Mason on Monday, Jan. 21, in Fairfax Va. This will be the team's first competition of the spring as they look to build on a strong individual performance in the fall season. However, the team did struggle in doubles play.

Junior Joran Vliegen has been named C-USA Men's Tennis Athlete-of-the-Month for November.

Women's Tennis:

The women will open their spring season on Saturday when they host the Appalachian State Moun-

taineers. Like the men, the women had a strong fall season and look to carry some of that momentum into the sprint team competition.

The women wrapped up the fall season by hosting Campbell and N.C. Central, where they had a strong showing. Yilian Zhang, Nicole LaDuca, Danielle Terpko, Dana Gray, Abby Richmond and Karling Watson went undefeated throughout the contest.

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league-best 72.9 points per game and is holding its opponents to 66.5 points per game.

Memphis also has the league's top scorer in Nicole Dickson. Dickson leads the squad and conference with 19.9 points per game. Dickson is also leading the team in steals with 32. Memphis is also boasting reigning C-USA Freshman of the Week Asianna Fuqua-Bey, who is coming off her first career double double (14 points and 11 rebounds against Southern Miss).

The Lady Pirates are averaging 66.7 points per game and only allowing 53.5 points for a scoring margin of 13.1, which is second in the conference. The women's teams also rank in the Top 50 in seven NCAA Division One statistical categories.

The Lady Pirates are currently third in the nation in steals per game (13.9), ninth in turnover margin (7.2), 24th in assists per game (16.6), 30th in scoring defense (53.5), 43rd in field-goal percent defense (35.0) and 46th in assists to turnover ratio (1.89).

The Pirates have several players in the top 10 in

conference statistics. Kyani White is second in the conference with a 1.9 assist to turnover ratio. White is fifth in steals per game (2.9). Stewart is currently second in assists per game (4.6) and 5th in the assist to turnover ratio (1.6).

As a team, the Lady Pirates are in the top five in 13 of 21 conference statistics.

The women are looking to utilize the bench again Thursday night. The Lady Pirates bench has outscored its opponents' bench 348-216. Junior Kristine Mial has made an immediate impact since returning to the lineup after sitting out the first 10 games of the season due to a lower leg injury. Since returning to the lineup she has averaged 9.6 points per game and provided leadership off the bench.

The Lady Pirates are looking to improve to 12-4 overall and 2-1 in conference play before they return to the friendly confines of Minges Coliseum for a Sunday afternoon contest against Tulsa on January 20, at 1 p.m.

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PLUNGE INTO PURPLE **EVENTS**

01/21/13 8:00AM MLK Day of Service @ Hendrix Theater, MSC
01/22/13 8:00PM LOL Comedy Series - Ronnie Jordan @ Hendrix Theater, MSC
01/23/13 8:30 - 10:00AM Hot Chocolate Giveaway @ Wright Plaza & Brewster
01/23/13 6:30PM Marc Morial, MLK Week Speaker @ Hendrix Theater, MSC
01/24/13 12:00 - 3:00PM Service Opportunities Fair @ Old Cafeteria Comp.
01/24/13 2:00 - 3:00PM Dine w/the Dietician @ Croatan Chick-fil-A
01/24/13 7:00 - 9:00PM Get A Clue @ Student Recreation Center
01/24/13 7:00 - 9:00PM Polar Bear Plunge @ Student Recreation Center
01/25/13 1:00 - 4:00PM Scrap Exchange Workshop @ MSC Brickyard
01/28/13 8:30 - 10:00AM Hot Chocolate Giveaway @ Wright Plaza & Brewster
01/28/13 6:00PM DiversiFYI Bollywood @ MSC Social Room
01/29/13 8:00PM Big Booty Bingo @ Hendrix Theater, MSC

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