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Etiquette event to be held at Heart Institute

The second annual 'Out-class the Competition' is being held on campus on Friday. The event aimed at students teaches professional etiquette skills. These skills are meant to give attendees a competitive edge in the job market.

The event is open to 40 students at the East Carolina Heart Institute on the health science campus. It will include a full day of workshops and activities on business protocol and etiquette.

"It provides a solid foundation of professionalism that will set our students apart," said organizer Mande Foushee Lancaster in a news release. "In this climate, it's important to give them an edge...employers are focusing on their qualifications, and not the way they're dressed or holding their fork."

The skills learned include making first impressions through body language and conversation, networking and building relationships, workplace professionalism, table manners and doing business in other countries and with the military.

Graduate school applicants will be helped with interview skills, as well as scholarship application procedures.

The inaugural event was held last year and was deemed a success by both students and faculty.

Health Symposium targets minorities

The College of Allied Health Sciences, Medical & Health Sciences Foundation and the Office of Continuing Studies is presenting the Ninth Annual Jean Mills Health Symposium. The theme for the March 1 event is Enhancing Minority Health in the Millennium.

Jean Elaine Mills succumbed to breast cancer in October 2000 and her donation to the Medical Foundation Inc. of ECU began the symposium. Its purpose is to bring attention to critical health care issues facing minority populations and to seek solutions.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Janice C. Probst is the director of the South Carolina Rural Health Research Center. She will share valuable knowledge about innovative methods to address minority health in rural communities.

The event is being held at the East Carolina Heart Institute. The Office of Continuing Studies will issue six contact hours to attendees for all those requesting them.

The event will address the application of social media, the impact of the environment and community/campus partnerships in North Carolina. They will also focus on rural healthcare, as well as reforming healthcare post-election.

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With the new meal plans, students have a choice of 15, 40 or 70 meals per semester to use as "Pirate Meals."

Campus Dining implements biggest change in 20 years

Andrew Bowers
STAFF WRITER

Campus Dining released plans for a new and improved meal plan for the 2013-2014 academic year, as well as a Panda Express restaurant and an additional Starbucks coffee on campus.

"This is the first major change since the meal plan program was started in the late 80s," said Joyce Sealey, director of dining services.

One of the biggest changes to come to Campus Dining is the fact that students will no longer have to use a meal each time they go to the dining hall. The dining halls will also be open almost continuously throughout the day instead of having breakfast, lunch and dinner "zones." This is meant to give students a larger window in which to go to the dining hall.

"Over the past several years, the national trend for college students eating habits has gone from traditional full meal experience to snacking every couple of hours," said Sealey. "We have seen it on this campus, so in an effort to provide the service that best meets our

customers' needs to have gone from structured meal periods to an all access, continuous dining model for the dining halls."

According to Campus Dining's website, "There are no restrictions on when you can go to the dining hall... whether you want to grab an ice cream or sit down to a full meal."

In addition to the walk-in schedule for dining halls, students have a choice of 15, 40 or 70 meals per semester to use as "Pirate Meals" at retail locations like Chick-fil-A and Subway. This change to the Pirate Meals will ensure that students get enough bang for their buck. Instead of having to use Pirate Bucks along with a meal, each Pirate Meal will account for the entire meal.

The new meal plans still come with Pirate Bucks. Fifteen meals come with 450 Pirate Bucks, 40 meals come with 350 Pirate Bucks and 70 meals come with 250 Pirate Bucks; however, they will not be used for the same purpose. Pirate Bucks will be used as supplementary money in order to buy snacks and smaller items from certain retail locations such as Starbucks

and Einstein's Bagels.

Another change coming to Campus Dining is the addition of two new retail locations. This addition includes a Panda Express at Destination 360 and a new Starbucks location at Joyner Library.

"I'm really excited about getting Panda Express at 360," said freshman business major Marvin Lloyd II. "Since there isn't any Chinese food on campus, I get China King, which costs a lot of money and just having to use one Pirate Meal will help me be sure that I'm keeping money in my pocket."

The general consensus among students is that this change will be worth it.

"I'm glad that they are changing the meal plans," said freshman communication major Evan Ball. "I ran out of Pirate Bucks pretty quickly last semester, and I think the changes will help with that."

Campus Dining feels that students will benefit by eliminating the conflict between meal times and classes. This way, students can

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Compensation provided for vaccinated students

Erin Standley
NEWS WRITER

In order to recruit more students to get the Genital Human Papilloma Virus vaccination, an organization is offering rewards to students after completing the vaccination cycle.

The Genital Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination is now available to all students through ECU's student health services center. HPV is one of the most common Sexually Transmitted Infections in the world, especially among college students. There are more than 40 different types of HPV that can infect the genital areas of both males and females.

The program entitled Knock Out HPV provides free HPV vaccinations to voluntary study participants who are of good health for compensations such as gift cards. Those who participate in the Knock Out HPV campaign receive a \$20 iTunes gift card and are entered in a raffle to win an iPad 2. The participant must complete the entire three-dose cycle to receive compensation.

"The vaccine is recommended for females ages 13 to 26 years and males 22 to 26 years old," says Jennifer Williams, a pharmacist at student health services.

The virus can cause serious health problems including genital warts and may sometimes result in the formation of certain cancers. HPV is the main cause of cervical cancer, which is the cause of about 4,000 deaths of women each year in the United States.

HPV is transmitted through skin



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Student Health offers vaccinations for HPV, the main cause of cervical cancer.

contact with the genitals or during sex and anyone who currently is or has been sexually active in the past is at risk. The disease can be passed from person to person even if they aren't showing any symptoms and it is likely several carriers of HPV aren't even aware they have it.

Carrie Beard, a first year clinical laboratory sciences major, is happy about both the students and the campus being proactive in the midst of HPV.

"I'm glad the vaccine is being offered to students so they can take measures to protect themselves and others," Beard said. "Even though I am already vaccinated I'll be sure to tell my friends that such a good opportunity is available to them."

Sophomore biology major Michelle Smith applauds the campus program that rewards students for getting vaccinations

and is proud that the university is so invested in student health.

"It's really great that the university offers a program that anyone can be a part of to get vaccinated for free," Smith said. "It also doesn't hurt that students can get prizes in return, that will probably encourage a lot of people to take charge of their health and get out there and get vaccinated."

Although the vaccination has been the source of controversy in the news for a variety of reasons, the vaccine itself does not seem to have any adverse effects on its recipients.

"The side effects are the same as any vaccines and may include soreness, redness or fainting," Williams said.

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African American Organization has banquet

Staff Reports

The university's Organization of African American Staff will host "A Red Carpet Affair" on Saturday to precede the annual 'A Tribute to Motown' concert and celebrate Black History Month.

"The Red Carpet Affair is an event that allows us to celebrate Black History Month with a celebration of the contributions of African American here in the ECU community," said Wayne Reeves, chair of ECU's Organization of African American Staff.

The event begins at 4:30 p.m. at the East Carolina Heart Institute. The night features a dinner banquet and a keynote speech by WITN News anchor Lynette Taylor at 6 p.m.

Also, the Organization of African American Staff will present the new ECU African American Awards of Excellence. Reeves said he was excited for the inaugural awards, which will be given to one faculty member, one staff member, a student and someone from the community.

"We've looked for and asked for nominations for those African American student, faculty, staff and community members who are doing a great job of supporting the university mission and supporting inclusion efforts at ECU...in academics, teaching and all the areas one could consider being a means in the method of looking at excellence," said Reeves. "We want to honor those who are doing such a fabulous job."

The banquet will be followed by the School of Music's 'A Tribute to Motown' concert, which takes place at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Reeves praised music director Carroll Dashiell for allowing the events to coincide.

"We have been in collaboration with him and the staff... it's been mutually beneficial," said Reeves. "Its some of the best live music that we can have in the Eastern part of North Carolina. We know this is going to be an exciting day and an exciting time."

Today is the last day to purchase tickets to the event, which are available through the ECU Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center, or available online at ecuart.com.

Greenville Police Officer given DUI

Staff Report

A 27-year-old off duty Greenville police officer was cited for drunk driving at a road check early yesterday morning.

Kyle Gaines was placed on administrative leave for the DUI. The officer is a two-year patrol officer with the department. Greenville police officers stopped him on East Fifth Street at 2:30 a.m. after witnessing him speeding. They conducted investigative steps, which led to him blowing a .11 BAC.

Public Information Officer Sergeant Joe Friday said, "It is significant that our officers are the ones that stopped Gaines and did the right thing. I think if you looked around the state you would see similar opportunities that did not go that way."

Internal affairs at the department will review the case and gather the facts. After the internal review a committee will issue a sanction recommendation for how to proceed. This recommendation will then move to Chief Hassan Aden's office for approval. Sergeant Friday said that termination could be included in the internal review recommendation.

Gaines's DUI will be reviewed in a separate case and be proceeded with normally on April 5th.

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In addition to the changes in meal plans, ECU will gain a Panda Express and a new Starbucks.

decide upon meals based on lifestyle instead of cost. It also believes that the new and more open hours will turn dining halls into community centers so that new buildings will not have to be built for that purpose.

With these changes for stu-

dents also come changes for the faculty. In an attempt to encourage more interaction between students and staff away from the classroom, Campus Dining is implementing a "Take a Faculty/Staff Member to Lunch" meal during one select week per

semester.

"I think this is a great addition," said Ball. "I think getting to know your professors is one of the most important parts of college."

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The vaccine has been proven to prevent the development of cervical cancer in women and is accepted by the Food and Drug Administration as safe and effective. The vaccine is also shown to be effective in the prevention of other HPV related cancers in women including vaginal, vulvar and other forms.

ECU's Student Health Services Center offers the

HPV vaccine to students conveniently on campus. For those who do not want to participate in the study, the vaccination costs \$140, but can also be paid through school insurance. However for those who may not be able to afford the cost, there is a campaign on campus designed to help students acquire these vaccinations for free.

Even though HPV is very common and relatively easy to acquire, there are several ways people can lower their chances of contracting HPV. Preventions include condom use, abstinence, having few sexual partners and vaccines.

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Nothing like doing the walk of shame across campus by a bunch of tour groups at 10:30 a.m. Judge me. It will be you one day.

Eight a.m. classes are about as cool as a case of the clap.

I hate it when my rant gets published online but not in the paper!

That awkward moment when you're smoking weed in your bra and underwear and the maintenance guy walks in for the quarterly inspection.

The Harlem Shake was f***ing awesome, can't believe there hasn't been a Pirate Rant about it yet.

A. The Harlem Shake is NOT new, 90's kids, are ya with me?! B. That is NOT the Harlem Shake.

Dude in my Philosophy class: take a hint. I'm not into you. Also, everyone sees you staring at me in class.

Show of hands, who here has seen a skateboarder on campus land a trick?... crickets...

I probably wouldn't do anything for a Klondike Bar.

To the guy wearing the eye patch in class, you have great school spirit! Go Pirates!

Putting things on the back of the bathroom stall is the best place to market things.

The term friend zone pisses me off. A romantic relationship isn't a reward for making friends with the opposite sex.

Watch the Notebook and cuddle? I prefer Star Wars and sex.

Noah wrote Allie 365 letters. I think you can answer my text message.

Are you a "nice guy," frustrated with women because they won't have sex with you? Pro tip: Get over it. The world doesn't owe you anything and you're not that nice.

Hey, just so you know: it's not that common, it doesn't happen to every guy and it is a big deal!

It's an amazing day when every girl in class is wearing leggings.

I still have not understood the logic behind monogramming your sweatshirt, backside of your jeans, phone charger, hat, t-shirt, bathing suit, underwear, etc.--A confused guy.

I just got a call from PETA because I didn't feed my Tamagotchi.

Loving the new TEC addition to the ECU Mobile App! Thank you :)

I'm too busy making A's to care about my appearance in class. I'm here for my Masters not my MRS.

If a math problem has more letters than numbers in it, I quit. "Ain't nobody got time fo dat."

Dear professor: if I tell you I don't know the answer, repeating the question isn't going to help...

When your calculus professor uses two entire white boards for one problem, I believe that crying IS the appropriate response!

Hey freshmen, save the PDA for your dorm room.

North vs. South

Dan Hunt
OPINION COLUMNIST

Regional rivalries in America have existed for longer than the Constitution itself. Each state in this country seems to have its own unique, and at this point, typically harmless quarrel with another state. Some people from North Carolina have a tendency to chastise their Carolinian neighbors to the South, just as New York and New Jersey, and Michigan and Ohio share their differences as well. But border-state rivalries revel in prominence and some enemies become allies in the age-old debate of the North vs. the South.

Every opinion, every expression and every little entity that gives us a self-identity stems from the way we were raised. Everyone involved in the argument—from the subway-riding, fast-paced-living Yankee to the Chevy-owning, sweet-tea-drinking Southerner, and all parties in between—has shaped their opinions through their cultural development, and most importantly, through their education.

Conveniently, my own story provides a perfect example of regional pride through acculturation. I grew up in Richmond, Va., capital of the Confederacy, and depending on whom you ask, I was either accurately informed or brainwashed into ignorance by my history teachers. A significant percentage of my textbooks were devoted to the

Civil War, as most of it was fought in our state. Although, I was taught about the horrors and hypocrisies of slavery and those who drove it, my instructors also told tales of war heroes and martyrs for Southern pride like Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and even black military units, who fought valiantly after being hired to fight for their state in exchange for freedom. The main theme of my Civil War education was: The South, substantially outnumbered, gained pride and respect by winning the majority of the battles and defending their home with honor, despite losing the war.

I do not think that I am going out on a limb in assuming that someone schooled in Philadelphia was never taught that theory. In fact, my friends from that area have told me that the Civil War, in general, was an afterthought compared to the Revolutionary War, with the relics like the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall calling Philly their home. So, maybe the score in the old, "Who fought more valiantly in the Civil War?" debate is in favor of the South.

North vs. South will always be a hot and intriguing debate, so I am not trying to end it, but who knows, maybe we can add some dignity to the discussion and filter out the irrelevant points by recognizing a moot point when we see one. Northerners will never care about how well we fought in the Civil War just like we will never care when we

hear them say that their service at the fast-food joint back home is so much faster.

When we banter from now on, it should be about themes we both care about, ones that really highlight our differences—for example, social tolerance.

Yanks, I am not going to insult your intelligence by claiming that you think we are just a bunch of backwards hicks, who are stuck in their intolerant ways. With that said, I know a lot of you really do feel that you have more love for your culturally different neighbor than we do. Maybe you're right. Hate and prejudice has proved repeatedly to be a dark cloud of evil that hangs over this world, and it is true that a man should be judged by his character rather than his background or appearance, but is it possible that Northerners could be considered over-tolerant? The term, "tolerance" has an extremely positive connotation, so I am aware that "over-tolerance" could be interpreted as an oxymoron, but there is a point to be made.

The results of the last few elections have provided a clear demographical statement about the North and the South. For the most part, the Northeast United States has voted overwhelmingly Democratic and the South overwhelmingly Republican, so the North has voted for high Federal government aid, and the South has voted for small government.

In my eyes, this is not a statement about the South's racial or ethnic tolerance, but rather its tolerance for apathy, and admittedly, this voter has none. It seems that for every single mother of four who works hard, but relies on support from the government, there are three bums who use government handouts to buy drugs, and three college graduates who struggle to find work in a society that is devoted to helping its lazy population achieve equal footing with the go-getters.

There is no one I respect more than the person who has come from nothing to receive an education, stardom, or even a job right out of high school. These little miracles are possible through government spending, such as financial aid, but in my opinion, we need to draw a line at handouts for weak-willed citizens, and that is a sentiment that I believe many Northerners would not agree with.

My beliefs are not shared by everyone, and that is part of what makes this country free. Hopefully, most of us can embrace that freedom and find more pride in being American than being Northern or Southern, but one thing is for certain: We will never completely see eye-to-eye, and that's okay because after all, there is nothing quite like a heated debate.

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A college campus has the unique ability to house several cultures in one small area and the people here are obviously going to disagree from time to time. The North vs. South debate has been echoed from every corner of campus lately, especially when people take to anonymous rants on the Internet. There seems to be no topic more worthy of debate than the things we cannot change: the color of our skin, who we love, or where and how we were raised.

When I first moved from New York to North Carolina, my first declaration was that we should need a passport to cross below the Mason-Dixon line. I was effectively culture-shocked by the complete change in everything I was ever

taught. I was forced to hide my accent behind a "neutral" sounding one that would free me from the ridicule of the pronunciation game associated with middle school taunting. For the first time in my life I was not identified as 'Italian,' I was identified as 'Yankee.' The only Yankee I had ever heard of before that had pinstripes.

The Civil War was a topic that would often have Southerners pointing at me asking for my opinion. Prior to my move, I was under the impression that the Civil War was over, but like most things, I was wrong about that too.

It is a fact universally acknowledged that the winners of wars are the ones that write the history books. I had always learned that the Civil War was about slavery and the North was fighting for the obviously wrong practice of owning another

person. When the Confederacy lost, it was because the good guys came out on top. Learning about the war from the point of view of the confederates was like trying to watch "Star Wars" from the point of view of Darth Vader and The Empire.

I grew up on a street in New York that had a Puerto Rican family, a Korean family, a Filipino family, a Greek family, an Indian family and a Haitian family. I was constantly surrounded by culture and I learned a tolerance of cultural difference simply because I was drowning in it.

The South does not have that luxury; there are broad categories of white, black, Asian and Hispanic that everyone must fall into. These categories have great big walls around them that do not intermingle. They have not had to become tolerant, so they don't.

I've come to love parts of the

South; I love hushpuppies, I love the extended family dynamic, I love when Southerners say, "bless your heart." I'll never love frying everything but the kitchen sink and I'll never say 'y'all,' but I've come to accept the culture for what it is.

Growing up feet away from Ellis Island has shown me that America is a harbor not a fort. The great thing about this country is the ability to accept people from all walks of life and cultures.

Northerners have made the decision to escape the escalating tax prices and ludicrous blizzards; maybe it's about time Southerners stop hating these Yankees and put their hate towards A-Rod, the Yankee who deserves it.

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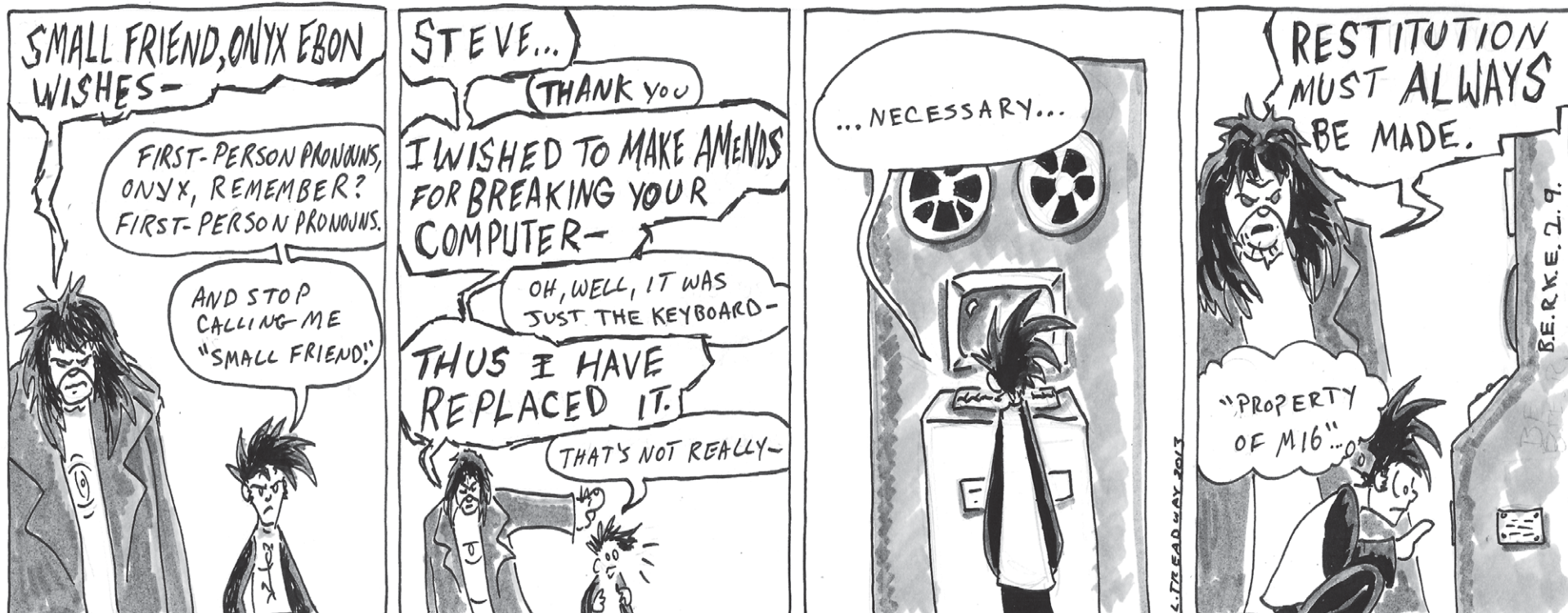
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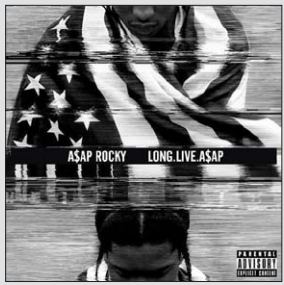
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Album Reviews

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A\$AP Rocky
Album: "Long. Live. A\$AP"
Released: Jan. 15

A\$AP Rocky has reached the epitome of flow in his debut studio album, "Long Live A\$AP." The album blends rudimentary instrumentals with a great cast of featured artists, including Drake, 2 Chainz and Skrillex. While this album has a few bad apples, most of the songs are lemons. "F**king Problems," while utilizing America's favorite curse word, gives listeners a progressive flow and arguably one of Kendrick Lamar's best lyrical performances. "Wild For The Night," featuring Skrillex and Birdy Nam Nam, displays a modern take on rap, integrating the harsh, wild tones of Skrillex with the smooth flow of A\$AP Rocky. This album will be the foundation behind future A\$AP Rocky projects.



Grade: 7/10

Ra Ra Riot
Album: "Beta Love"
Released: Jan. 22

Ra Ra Riot has completely altered their genre in their third studio album, "Beta Love." With the departure of founding member and cellist Alexandra Lawn, the group has lost the foundation upon which their previous albums, "The Rhumb Line" (2008) and "The Orchard" (2010), were built. Violinist Rebecca Zeller does an excellent job in supplementing the instrumentals, but it's not enough to make up for the loss of Lawn. Ra Ra Riot compensates for the loss of the cello with an electro backdrop that shields the bass, making it practically inaudible. The lyrics are unimaginative and the vocals don't fit the band's new style. Frankly, this album is a bust and a poor follow-up to "The Orchard."



Grade: 3/10

Darwin Deez
Album: "Songs For Imaginative People"
Released: Feb. 11

Darwin Deez's second studio album, "Songs For Imaginative People," stylistically takes his first self-titled album and cleans it up. The lyrics are eclectically appealing, ranging from long distance relationships to lost loves. His use of metaphors and similes to convey messages is unlike anything in the indie scene today. The instrumentals merge wild electronic instrumentals and quick-paced rhythms, which present a product unlike any other. "Moonlight" delivers with a great guitar infused beat, powerful lyrics and a liberating guitar solo that caps everything off. His psychedelic indie rock style and intricate lyrics make this album the most unique indie album released this year.

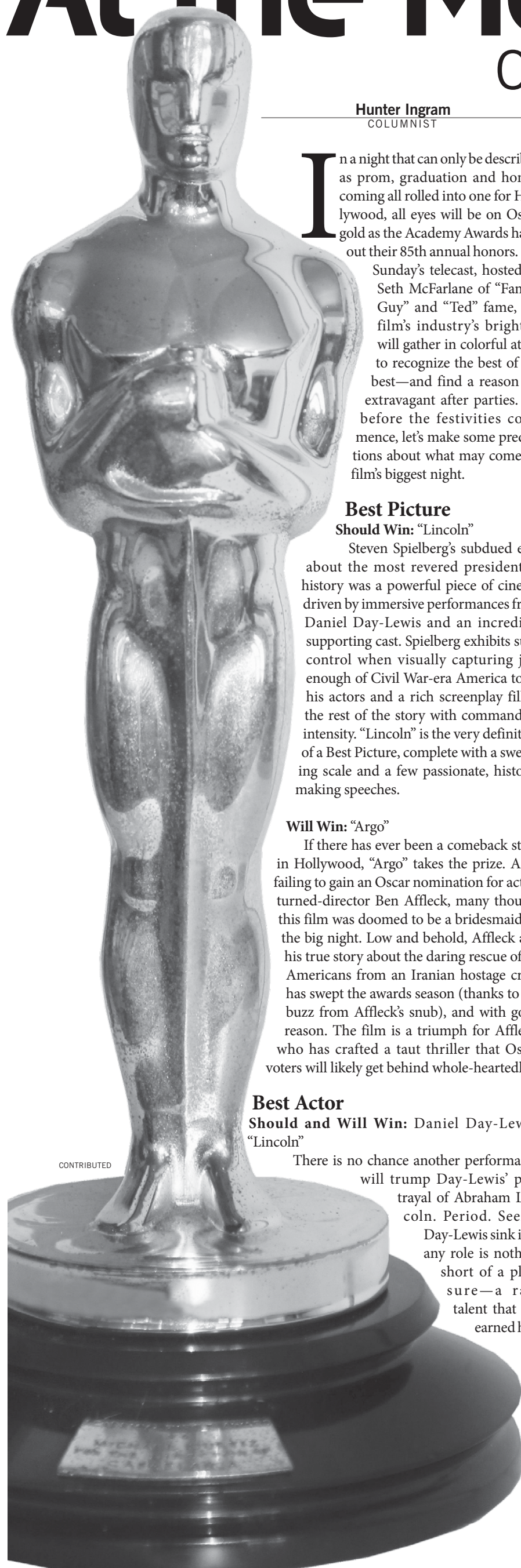


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At the Movies:

Oscar predictions



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In a night that can only be described as prom, graduation and homecoming all rolled into one for Hollywood, all eyes will be on Oscar gold as the Academy Awards hand out their 85th annual honors. For Sunday's telecast, hosted by Seth McFarlane of "Family Guy" and "Ted" fame, the film's industry's brightest will gather in colorful attire to recognize the best of the best—and find a reason for extravagant after parties. So, before the festivities commence, let's make some predictions about what may come on film's biggest night.

Best Picture

Should Win: "Lincoln"

Steven Spielberg's subdued epic about the most revered president in history was a powerful piece of cinema driven by immersive performances from Daniel Day-Lewis and an incredible supporting cast. Spielberg exhibits such control when visually capturing just enough of Civil War-era America to let his actors and a rich screenplay fill in the rest of the story with commanding intensity. "Lincoln" is the very definition of a Best Picture, complete with a sweeping scale and a few passionate, history-making speeches.

Will Win: "Argo"

If there has ever been a comeback story in Hollywood, "Argo" takes the prize. After failing to gain an Oscar nomination for actor-turned-director Ben Affleck, many thought this film was doomed to be a bridesmaid on the big night. Low and behold, Affleck and his true story about the daring rescue of six Americans from an Iranian hostage crisis has swept the awards season (thanks to the buzz from Affleck's snub), and with good reason. The film is a triumph for Affleck, who has crafted a taut thriller that Oscar voters will likely get behind whole-heartedly.

Best Actor

Should and Will Win: Daniel Day-Lewis, "Lincoln"

There is no chance another performance will trump Day-Lewis' portrayal of Abraham Lincoln. Period. Seeing Day-Lewis sink into any role is nothing short of a pleasure—a rare talent that has earned him

two Oscars previously. However, his time in Lincoln's top hat glides beyond mere impersonation and becomes about giving a voice to a man that exists solely in pictures and legend. His presidential actions are famous, but Day-Lewis puts a living, breathing, conflicted, compassionate leader and family man behind the mammoth name—proving even the most well-known history can still have a little more story to tell.

Best Actress

Should Win: Naomi Watts, "The Impossible"

In a role widely admirable but often overshadowed, Watts delivers the most demanding performance of the year as the matriarch of a English family caught in the Thailand Tsunami in 2004. She is beat, battered and emotionally exposed in almost every scene, whether she is clinging to a tree immersed in rushing water or fighting infection and gruesome wounds in a makeshift hospital room. The film is a harrowing and emotionally exhausting journey, and Watts is fantastic in the driver's seat.

Will Win: Jennifer Lawrence, "Silver Linings Playbook"

Even with "Zero Dark Thirty's" Jessica Chastain nipping at her heels, I am giving the upperhand to Lawrence here for her role as a damaged, yet spirited young woman looking for love and sanity after the death of her husband. It was two years ago that Lawrence received her first nomination for "Winter's Bone" and has since become a staple in Hollywood. With "Silver Linings Playbook," she gets a chance to flex her acting muscles with a very unique role that allows her to show her darker side, while still giving a lot of heart. If she takes home the gold man on Sunday, it is a well-deserved win for the young actress with a bright career ahead of her.

Best Supporting Actor

Should Win: Tommy Lee Jones, "Lincoln"

Even in a film frontloaded by Day-Lewis' towering performance, Jones aptly holds up his end as Thaddeus Stevens, a congressional leader who also fought for abolition in the face of so much criticism. Jones, like Day-Lewis, brings a man formerly known only through history books to life with light-hearted sarcasm and a political fervor that more than justifies his place in the historical epic.

Will Win: Robert De Niro, "Silver Linings Playbook"

The legend that is De Niro hasn't been nominated in 21 years and hasn't won in 32. But after a few years of fluffy and flat roles just for the paycheck, De Niro gets back in the game as the father of a man returning to the real world after a stay in a psychiatric hospital. De Niro plays the role from a reserved angle, quietly masking that fact that he is just as capable of losing his cool as his son. It's a meaty role for the veteran actor and voters should have no problem rewarding him for his return to dramatic form.

Best Supporting Actress

Should and Will Win: Anne Hathaway

Hathaway has swept the award season and hasn't looked back, almost solidifying her odds of taking home her first Oscar as the ill-fated, working-class woman who must turn to prostitution to provide for her young daughter. Hathaway is only onscreen for roughly 30 minutes, but she uses every second and every song to set the heartbreaking foundation for the film that literally translates to "The Miserables." Her overwhelmingly raw performance of "I Dreamed a Dream" may have been overplayed at this point, but that never lessens its impact or her performance. She deserves this win.

Best Director

Should and Will Win: Steven Spielberg, "Lincoln"

Even for a director with more than a few epics under his belt, Spielberg grew with "Lincoln." Some may say that Ang Lee deserves the Oscar for his work on the "unfilmable" masterpiece, "Life of Pi," but it's Spielberg who shows that even

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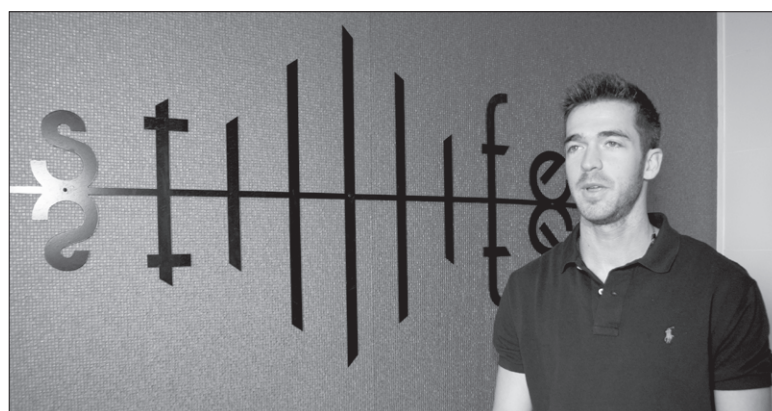
Still Life serves up fresh atmosphere

Rex Rose
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While other nightclubs are shutting down and changing names, this one is still managing to attract crowds of people willing to wait for extended periods of time—even in the cold. But don't worry; they have heaters to keep their waiting customers warm.

Travis Hixon is one of three owners of Still Life, who works to serve the customers' needs.

"I want every single person that comes in here to feel special, feel like we are going out of our way to make sure that they have a good night," said Hixon. "That's the biggest thing. That, I think in turn, comes with me going to the university. I saw what it was like coming downtown."



Travis Hixon, part owner of Still Life, uses social media to help their reputation.

But it isn't just his customer service skills and experience with downtown that makes Still Life successful; it is also his business skills. His management information systems degree and his year in the masters of business program, directly translates into the running of the business.

"All those classes prepared me for the workload and the respon-

sibility that you were given in the class. A lot of it was working together creating these business plans," said Hixon. "I wrote a business plan for a lawn service business, but then I turned around and less than a year later I was writing a business plan for a night club."

Outlining the operations of the business isn't the only part of his schooling he implements. He also

uses his technology background to promote the business.

"Social media has helped the business grow in so many ways," said Hixon. "We have people driving two hours a night to come down here now to the club."

With over 3,300 friends on Facebook and followers on Twitter, Still Life is able to share moments through photographs to people all over Eastern North Carolina. This idea of capturing a "still life" picture is one that was thought up by the original owner, Sharif Hatoum.

"His original creation of the name, Still Life, was to take that moment in time... and freeze frame it and bring yourself back to that moment and remember how much fun you were having at that time," said Hixon.

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Tegan and Sara
Album: "Heartthrob"
Released: Jan. 29

The Canadian synth-pop group Tegan and Sara is at it again with their seventh studio album in 13 years. Beware: this isn't your Tegan and Sara of old. "Heartthrob" has closed the door on Tegan and Sara's classic indie rock style and transitioned to more of a synth-pop and new wave sound. However, the new style is nothing to ridicule; in fact, it should be embraced. The first song on the album, "Closer," introduces the listener to the new sound and forecasts for what they will hear for the next nine songs. Tegan and Sara also received a Grammy nomination for Best Long Form Music Video in this year's Academy Awards.



Grade: 7/10

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Tim McGraw
Album: "Two Lanes Of Freedom"
Released: Feb. 5

Tim McGraw's 12th studio album, "Two Lanes of Freedom," is a prime example of McGraw's flexibility in terms of style, as well as the advantages his voice has over other modern country artists. "Two Lanes of Freedom" features a progressive acoustic beat that balances perfectly with McGraw's lyrics about traveling on the open country roads. Other standout songs on the album include: "One of Those Nights," a single released in November and "Southern Girl," a peppy tune explaining how southern girls are far superior to other girls. "Two Lanes of Freedom" will set the precedent for country albums to follow in 2013.



Grade: 8/10

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While they have been using these avenues for a while, they are always exploring new ones.

"They already like pictures, so we were like, 'hey...we are going to make a YouTube channel and put a minute long clip every week of the wild and crazy stuff that happens here,'" said Hixon.

Hixon and his staff of 50 people also have an Instagram account they started, along with the YouTube account, just last week.

"I am always trying to come up with new things, too. The biggest thing with here is always coming up with something fresh," said Hixon. "Our biggest thing that has been working out for us is our college nights."

College nights, which are every Thursday, are a mix of creativity and business sense. Each night has a specific theme and then different local companies sponsor some nights.

Another thing that they are always thinking about is renovations. One of these is the outside area.

"It is definitely its own environment, plus they have an outside and an inside, which makes it a lot more unique, because not everywhere has such a great outdoor space," said 22 year-old senior communication major Jenn Salerno.

While some people like the event and contest nights, Salerno doesn't. She also likes to go to places that are for an older crowd.

"Being older, I like to go to the 21-and-older places," said Salerno.

Another that she does like about the club is the heaters.

"They have heaters outside and in the line, which is really nice," said Salerno.

Whether Still Life is the "hottest" club in town, with-or-without the heaters, is debatable, but Travis Hixon is definitely using his business education and social media presence to try to keep the dance floor burning up with the feet of downtown goers.

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Passion equals leadership

Kristen Martin
 STAFF WRITER

Without passion, you cannot pursue your dreams and become the leader that you are capable of being. This was the main point of the speech that James Morgan, the president and CEO of Krispy Kreme, gave on campus Tuesday.

"If you're not pursuing your dreams, you're either pursuing somebody else's dreams or you're pursuing somebody else's dreams for you," said Morgan.

There are three questions to ask yourself to find out if you're happy and passionate about your work: Are you excited about what you're going to do? Do you enjoy who you work with? Are you proud of the platform that you're a part of?

Morgan said that if you cannot answer "yes" to these three questions, you shouldn't be in that career path.

"The happier you are, the more passionate you are about what you're doing, the greater chance there is in your life to provide leadership to others," he said.

Morgan said there are 10 keys to living. The first is to not pursue fame or fortune as the reason to live.

"If you don't pursue fame and fortune and instead you pursue a passion and love what you're doing, one of two things will happen," said Morgan. "You're either going to, because you love it so much and you're so successful, have all the fame and fortune and titles that you ever dreamed of, or it won't matter because you're happy with what you're doing."

There is no specific way to measure success. "Success is measured by who you are, not what you do or accomplish," said Morgan. He offered an anecdote from his own life to drive this point home.

When in the Navy, Morgan had two different captains in a three-year span. The first captain had graduated from Annapolis and his only goal was to be an admiral in the Pentagon. He was willing to use other people to reach that goal and lowered the crew's morale.

The second captain, however, had been a captain for several years and, although he knew he was never going to be an admiral, was happy with where he was. He praised people and instilled confidence and trust in his crew.

Even though the first captain became an admiral and the second captain retired to a relatively unknown place, Morgan said, "In my opinion there's no question that my second captain was not only the most successful of the

two, but he was the leader of the two." The third key is to learn that there is a difference between internal joy that is permanent and outer happiness that is temporary.

"You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give," said Morgan. "I think it's worth remembering that."

Mission statements are crucial in life and in companies. When Morgan first came to work at Krispy Kreme, the company was in bad shape financially. After going into a company meeting and meeting some of the workers, Morgan asked someone, "What do you think our mission is?"

That person and many others responded with making more doughnuts to make more money. Morgan told the team, "If that's our mission, this is my last day here. Life is too short for that to be our mission. Our mission has got to be greater than that."

After approximately a year, Krispy Kreme had a new mission statement: "To touch and enhance the lives through the joy of Krispy Kreme."

You should make a difference through servant leadership and focus on relationships. "Do not let technology interfere with relationships," said Morgan.

Approaching a less desirable ending as a new beginning is Morgan's seventh key to living. "A bend in the road is only the end of the road if you fail to make the turn," he said. He believes that a good attitude in tough times is one of the best attributes a person can have.

The wisdom of hindsight should only be used as a learning tool, not a way to judge. Morgan believes that we should treat ourselves the way we treat our best friends. We always tell our best friends that their mistakes are nothing, but when we mess up we punish ourselves.

Morgan's last two keys are to, "Share your successes and celebrate the successes of others," and "Never move forward at the expense of your faith or your family." Humbleness is one of the main characteristics that he believes all great leaders have.

"As you live your life, you're actually writing your epitaph," he said. Morgan believes it's not just the writing on the stone after you leave this earth; it's about the memory and legacy you leave on this earth.

He also believes that being unique is important. "One of the things I see people do is that they envy and admire someone so much that they start trying to become them," said Morgan. "If you do that, you lose the greatest asset that you have because you are a unique individual."

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an experienced artist can still have room to mature. He has made a beautiful film, and it works because he knows when and where to let the material and the actors shine through.

Best Animated Feature:
"Wreck-It Ralph"

This animated romp in the video game world is wholly original and has a heart as big as its nine-foot, 643-pound hero. The creativity required to bring all the nostalgia of playing video games to a story of finding the hero within gives this future Disney classic the edge over Pixar's more-traditional "Brave" and Tim Burton's latest Oscar-hopeful "Frankenweenie." But seeing as how all three are Disney films, the Mouse House won't go home empty-handed.

Best Original Song:
"Skyfall" by Adele

While the Bond theme songs are an unmistakable part of the longest-running franchise in history, none of them have ever taken home the honor of Best Original Song. Soulful record-breaker Adele is going to change that. Her haunting lyrics and 77-piece orchestra set the tone for one of the best Bond films ever, and made the successful jump to radio—two achievements that Academy can't help but honor. Plus, she is also performing the smash hit on the Oscar stage.

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Softball game broadcasted on TV

The final contest of the ECU softball team's three-game set at UAB on March 17 will be televised live on the FOX Sports Network (FSN), according to an announcement by Conference USA officials. The contest will begin at noon inside the UAB Softball Field.

The game will be ECU's fourth television appearance in as many seasons. The C-USA Championship victories in 2010 and 2011 were broadcasted on the CBS Sports Network and the program had a regular season game at Houston shown on FSN last season.

CBS Sports Network will also televise the 2013 C-USA Championship game on May 11 at 2 p.m. ET in Tulsa, Okla. inside the Collins Family Softball Complex. ECU is one of six conference schools featured in the softball package this season along with UAB, UCF, Tulsa, Marshall and Houston.

Track nabs Athlete of the Week

Tyshonda Hawkins was named the Conference USA Female Athlete of the Week after her outstanding performance at the Kent Taylor Invitational last weekend. The league office made the announcement on Tuesday. The award is the first-ever for Hawkins.

Hawkins won the women's 60-meter dash finals with a time of 7.48. She was just .04 seconds shy of tying her personal record time of 7.44, which she set at the Penn State National a few weeks ago. Earlier at the Kent Taylor Invitational, Hawkins placed second in the preliminaries with a qualifying time of 7.63.

Hawkins and the Pirates will return to the track on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the C-USA Championships in Birmingham, Ala. The championships will conclude the following day on Sunday, Feb. 24.

Pirate you need to know:

Drew Reynolds

INF/RHP for ECU Baseball
East Carolina junior Drew Reynolds was named
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Louisville Slugger Second-Team Preseason All-American last weekend as announced by the publication. Through three games this year, Reynolds has a .417 average (5-12) at the plate and he has scored two runs.

Reynolds' Preseason Honors:

- Second-Team All-America (CollegeBaseballInsider.com Louisville Slugger)
- First-Team All C-USA (league coaches)
- First-Team All C-USA by CollegeSportsMadness
- NCBWA Stopper-of-the-Year Watch List
- Listed as best player in C-USA by College Baseball Today

Smooth sailing through the Hurricane



Prince Williams (4) filled in after injuries to Corvonne Gaines and Shamarr Bowden.

Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Before last night's game against Conference USA foe Tulsa, the Pirates had a dismal 1-9 record against the Golden Hurricane. After a big night from Maurice Kemp and Akeem Richmond, ECU prevailed 72-63 and broke an eight-game losing streak to Tulsa.

Maurice Kemp didn't have a problem scoring Wednesday night with 23 points. The senior forward has shown his explosive side on the offensive end of the court. He has been the one mainstay on the offensive end all season.

The only flaw for Kemp was his foul trouble. He picked up his fourth foul around the six-minute mark in the second-half and had to sit for a substantial length of time. Otherwise, it was another well-played game from No. 2.

With the loss of Shamarr Bowden to a shoulder injury, ECU will need to rely on Richmond as the only consistent scorer off the bench for Jeff Lebo's team. Bowden dislocated his shoulder in practice and, after missing the game against

Tulsa, is expected to miss ECU's next game against Southern Methodist. His availability for the rest of the season is yet to be determined, but if he is finished, then that is another cramp in the backcourt as Corvonn Gaines has already been put on the shelf.

Richmond stepped up for the third straight game; he has averaged 19 points per game in that span. Richmond knocked down five three-pointers and scored 17 points off the bench. He has made 69 three pointers this season (43 percent) and has been the best long-range shooter for the Pirates all season long.

Miguel Paul played 34 big-time minutes for the Pirates as the number of available guards has been diminishing week by week. Paul only scored six points, but he made all of his free throws down the stretch to seal the victory. He dished out 10 assists while only turning the ball over four times on the night. Tulsa's Scottie Haralson scored a season-high 20 points against the Pirates. He was a big factor in the Tulsa offense. Along with his 20-point performance

he grabbed nine rebounds. The former guard at the University of Connecticut showed his shooting ability, and he is a solid rebounder for a guard. Haralson and ECU guard Paris Roberts-Campbell led the game in rebounding with nine apiece.

As a team, Tulsa struggled from the free throw line. The Golden Hurricane team only shot 6-19 for the game, only making 2-9 in the second half. Tulsa shot better from the three-point line than they did from the charity stripe.

At the halftime buzzer, ECU led 34-29 over Tulsa. The Golden Hurricane went on an 8-0 run at the end of the half to cut the deficit from 13 to just five. Kemp led all scorers with 13 points on (5-8) shooting. Kemp also chipped in two rebounds and two steals in the first half.

Three other Pirates had six or more points in the first half as Roberts-Campbell chipped in seven points and Ty Armstrong had six points at the center position for ECU. Richmond picked up where he left off against Southern Miss, as he hit two early three-pointers

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'Diamond Bucs' fall to 0-3 for the first time since '94

Patrick Meine
STAFF WRITER

ECU dropped its third straight baseball game Tuesday night in a 6-4 loss to the Campbell University Camels. With the loss, the Pirates boast a 0-3 record, while in-state rival Campbell improves to 2-1. This is the first 0-3 start for ECU baseball since 1994.

"Slow starts are slow starts," said Head Coach Billy Godwin. "But it will be a great story if we can turn this thing around, and we're going to do that."

Andy Smithmyer had his first start of the season and pitched five innings, allowing three runs off

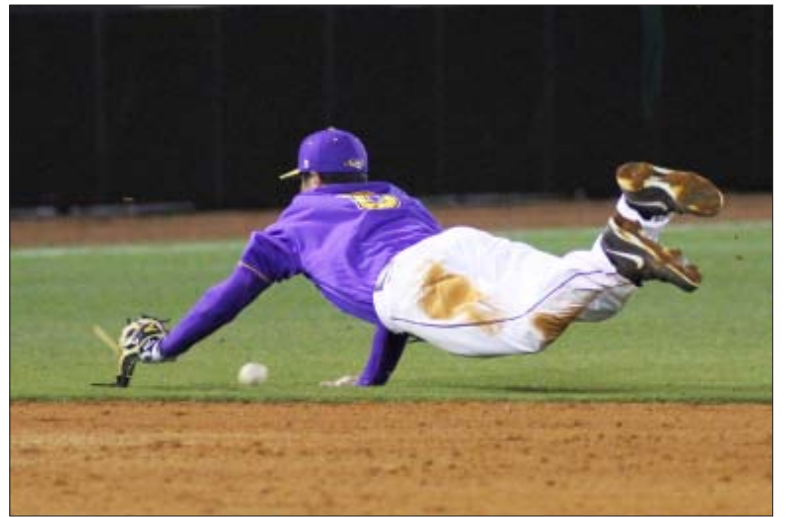
of five hits, striking out five while walking two and hit one batter.

The bullpen woes continued after Smithmyer's solid start, when Brett Mabry allowed three runs off three hits in one-third inning of work.

Campbell was clinging to a one-run lead going into the sixth inning, but pulled away from ECU, scoring three runs off five straight hits.

Jake Harris closed the game out allowing zero runs and three hits, while striking out three, walking none and hitting one batter.

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Jack Reinheimer (8) dives to make a play in Tuesday's game against Campbell.

Pirate Invitational up ahead Tennis set for big weekend

Craig Barnes Jr.
STAFF WRITER

After inclement weather disrupted the final two games of the Pirate Clash Tournament, the Lady Pirates softball team will finally be back on the diamond. The program looks to capitalize on the time off as they host the Pirate Invitational from Feb. 22-24 at the ECU softball stadium.

The Lady Pirates have started the season 5-3 under new Head Coach Beth Keylon-Randolph and have worked hard to find an identity for this year's team.

"We are striving to be aggressive, attack, go all out and not be afraid to make mistakes," said Keylon-Randolph.

The other teams that will be playing in the Pirate Invitational include Lehigh, Fairfield, Notre Dame and Liberty. ECU takes on Lehigh at 2:30 p.m. to kick off the tournament then they will have to regroup quickly after that contest to play Fairfield at 4:30 p.m. The Lady Pirates will host a pair of games on Feb. 23 starting at 3:30 p.m. beginning with a rematch against Lehigh before a 5:30 p.m. matchup against Notre Dame. On Feb. 24 the Pirates finish up the tournament against Liberty at 1:00 p.m.

The Lady Pirates begin the tournament taking on a Lehigh program that has been very successful in the Patriot League.



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ECU has five games set for this weekend.

Lehigh has been Patriot League Champions seven times in the past nine years. Lehigh has been a regular in the NCAA Regional Tournament.

The returning pitcher for Lehigh, Becca Bliss, finished the season with 19 wins placing her in the top five all-time in Lehigh record books. Lehigh has 13 players returning from last season's team who conjured 40 victories to 19 defeats. They will kick off their season against Liberty in the Pirate Invitational.

Fairfield University is the second team the Pirates will take on in the invitational. The Stags have not played any games so far this season and will take on Liberty in its first contest. The Stags finished the season 31-27

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Mitch Kalik
SPORTS WRITER

This weekend the Pirates will travel to Statesboro, Ga., to take on the Georgia Southern Eagles Friday afternoon and the University of Central Florida Golden Knights Saturday morning.

The two games are rematches from last year where the Pirates swept the Eagles 7-0 but lost to the Golden Knights 4-0.

"These are two big matches for us, the guys are excited to play both teams, they know we need to play well and be ready to go if we are going to get through these teams," ECU Head Coach Shawn Heinchon said.

Georgia Southern will look to come out and play better than what they did against their matches this past Sunday, when they lost to the University of South Carolina Upstate Spartans 4-1.

"We were not disciplined enough, point in and point out, to stay on top of our tactics and block out distractions," said Eagles Head Coach Nick Zieziula. "We need to use this disappointment to fuel our training and continue trying to improve each day."

The Golden Knights are looking to keep on track on their upcoming five-game road trip with their first matchups against the Pirates and the Eagles. The Golden Knights swept the University of

Connecticut Huskies 7-0. The Pirates need to come out with all momentum in their favor after starting the season off 7-1.

"Yes I do think it will help. Winning breeds confidence, and that's never a bad thing," said Heinchon.

Also in action this weekend is the women's tennis team. Lucky for the Lady Pirates, they won't have to travel anywhere to face the Campbell University Fighting Camels, the Gardner Webb Runnin' Bulldogs and the Western Carolina Catamounts.

Unlike last year, ECU is hoping to beat all three teams this season after losing to the Fighting Camels 5-2 and losing to the Bulldogs 4-3. They did however beat the Catamounts 5-1.

After being swept 4-0 by the UNC-Wilmington, the Camels are hoping to turn around their season by beating the Lady Pirates like they did last year.

The Bulldogs have to play two matches in three days. On Thursday, they will play Wofford before playing against the Lady Pirates. The thought of beating the Lady Pirates last year will be in the back of their mind to help urge them on to perform strongly in their games this weekend.

After having their first two

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"We are very excited for Tyshonda. It's a testimonial for all of the hard work she has put in up to this point. Nobody could be more deserving of this award. She does a great job of representing this institution. We are very proud of her," Head Coach Curt Kraft said about Tyshonda Hawkins' performance at ECU

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	Home-Softball Lehigh/Fairfield 2:30/4:30 p.m.	Home-Baseball Lehigh/Notre Dame 3:30/5:30 p.m.					
	Home-Baseball New Mexico State 5 p.m.						

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for the Pirates. To go along with Roberts-Campbell's seven points, the sophomore shooting guard also pulled down a first half high of seven rebounds.

For Tulsa, Haralson led the way as he scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds in the first 20 minutes of the game. The Golden Hurricane team had eight assists on its 11 made baskets.

Tulsa showed good ball movement, especially late in the half when more shots

started falling for them. The bad news of the first half for Tulsa was their inability to hit free throws, shooting a dismal 40 percent (4-10).

The Pirates shot somewhat better than their counterparts making 12 of 27 from the field, with Tulsa shooting 11 of 32 in comparison. Both teams had eight assists and six turnovers in the first half.

Foul trouble was an early problem for the Pirates as multiple players had more than two fouls. The big

men were fouling like it was going out of style as Robert Sampson, Armstrong and Kemp all had two fouls. Marshall Guilmette had three early fouls as well.

This series has been heavily one-sided, as Tulsa has beaten ECU nine out of 11 times in the past. With the loss, first year Head Coach Danny Manning, has the Tulsa Golden Hurricane sitting at 14-12 overall and 6-6 in C-USA.

On the flip side, ECU needed this win for

momentum to get rid of the bad taste of a home loss to Southern Miss. The Pirates improve to 15-10 and 6-6 in conference play. ECU is now the front-runner for fifth place in the conference standings, which would give the Pirates a first round bye in the tournament due to UCF's exclusion from postseason play this season.

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"Jake Harris settled in there, and that was good to see, but we didn't do enough," said Godwin.

ECU continued to perform well in the field, allowing no errors in the game. The Pirates also did well at the plate, racking up 12 hits in the game highlighted by lead off hitter Jack Reinheimer who hit four-for-five in the game and scored a run.

"(We) just try to do the same thing every day, come out and do as much as we can," said Reinheimer.

Campbell finished the game with a final box score of six runs, 11 hits and three errors, and the Camel pitchers

only walked two batters.

ECU finished with three runs on 12 hits and no errors. Pirate pitching walked two batters and hit two. The Pirates left 11 base runners stranded during the game.

Pirate pitching has hit 10 batters in their first three games this season, for an average of three and one-third per game. If this problem continues, ECU is on pace to shatter the current single season mark of 99 batters hit.

Up next for the Pirates will be the 10th Annual Keith LeClair Classic. The Classic is an early season invitational, which pits teams from all over the country against each

other. The series is played in a round robin format with every team playing three of the four other participants, with the champion decided by overall record for the four days.

In Addition to ECU, this year's participants are the Ohio University Bobcats (0-2), the University of Illinois Fighting Illini (1-2), the New Mexico State University Aggies (2-2) and the Boston College Eagles (1-2).

The series will start Thursday at 5 p.m. when the Pirates take on Illinois. There will be two games on Friday (Ohio vs. Illinois at 1 p.m. and New Mexico State vs. ECU at 5 p.m.). Saturday will feature three games

(Ohio vs. Boston College at 10 a.m., Boston College vs. ECU at 2 p.m. and Illinois vs. New Mexico State at 6 p.m.). There will be two games on Sunday (Boston College vs. Illinois at 9:30 a.m. and New Mexico State vs. Ohio at 1 p.m.).

Boston College returns 18 letter winners and will look to use the series as a starting point to improve on their disappointing 22-33 2012 season.

The Illini also bring back a lot of familiar faces from the 2012 season that went 28-25 and should provide stern competition in the Classic.

The Ohio Bobcats have a less experienced team and

will use this weekend as a measure to see how they stack up nationally.

New Mexico State is coming off of a strong 35-24 season and will look to break .500 this season and build some momentum.

ECU would normally be the favorite out of this group, but after a slow start, this series is up for grabs.

The Pirates will need to address their relief pitching issues if they expect to contend this weekend and as the season continues.

The real measure for the Diamond Bucs will come Friday evening when they take on New Mexico State.

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overall and finished 11-5 in the MAAC.

Fairfield only returns one player that started every game last season. Kristen Filicia was an All-Region selection with the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Filicia finished the season as the team's top hitter with a .314 batting average and a team-high 58 hits in 58 games.

Filicia was also the team leader in seven other categories including doubles (13), walks (26), on-base percentage (.407) and stolen bases (24). Filicia is going to be a player to watch for in this weekend's tournament.

The Lady Pirates softball team will face off with

another NCAA Regional Tournament team when they take the diamond against Notre Dame.

Notre Dame is currently 4-5 on the season and is on a two-game losing streak. Notre Dame finished 2-3 in the Campbell Cartier Classic losing to No. 16 Washington, San Diego State and No. 2 Oklahoma. Notre Dame gave the No. 2 team all they could handle in the matchup. During the contest Notre Dame snapped a 35-inning shutout streak held by the Sooners.

The Irish have five players batting at least .300 with Jenna Simon leading the team with a .409 batting average. Emilee Koerner is

leading the team with 12 hits and Kelse Thornton is second with 10. The Lady Irish will start the tournament against Liberty University, who is currently 1-3 on the season.

Liberty University kicked off its season in the Kennesaw State Classic. They faced Tennessee Tech, Eastern Kentucky, SIU Edwardsville and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. The Flames lost the first three games by a combined 12 runs. Their lone victory was a 5-2 win against IUPUI.

Liberty will play Lehigh University first, then two games against Fairfield before closing the

tournament against the Lady Pirates.

If the weekend goes well, the Lady Pirates softball team could possibly be 9-4 before they head on the road for 16 games.

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matches canceled and their third postponed, the Catamounts were finally able to take the court against Presbyterian and beat them 5-2. The Catamounts should be excited for this weekend, as it is just their second time playing against people other than themselves.

The Lady Pirates are hoping to have different outcomes against the Fighting Camels and the Bulldogs this weekend after losing to them

on back-to-back weekends.

The one factor that might affect the matches this weekend is the 70 percent chance of rain.

"We (might) have to play indoors and our indoor facility only has three courts," said junior Neena Wanko. "Having a limited amount of courts can be draining for those who have to wait to go on court. It'll be a very long Saturday if it rains."

All the Lady Pirates

need to do this weekend is keep on playing like they have been so far to continue their momentum later into the season.

"Each team is going to present a certain challenge for us, but if we're playing well as a team and giving our best effort then we should come out on top this weekend," Wanko said.

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