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Staff Reports

Hurricane Workshop to aid local residents

The Fourth Annual North Carolina Emergency Management/East Carolina University Hurricane Workshop will be held today at 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Murphy Center.

Commander Linda Sturgis, chief of emergency prevention, Coast Guard Sector, New York, will keynote the event and discuss the impacts of Hurricane Sandy.

Summer Science Camp for Kids to be held

The Science and Instructional Technology Education department will be holding a summer science camp for children in second-grade through eighth-grade.

Experienced teachers from Pitt County will instruct the camp with ECU students being utilized as instructive camp counselors.

Options for second-graders and third-graders include LEGO Exploration and Insect Detectives. Fourth and fifth-graders can explore a Myth Busters session among others. Middle school students can learn about robots, anatomy or participate in an event called CSI Greenville.

The 2013 summer sessions begin June 17.

Drama School Holds Camp for children

The School of Theatre and Dance faculty and students will be teaching classes in acting, improvisation, movement and creative dramatics.

Sessions are available for students in Kindergarten to twelfth grade.

The camp will be held from July 22-26 with a "Share Day" on July 27 for the participants to showcase their newly learned skills.

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Elizabeth Griffiths was a leader on campus with a presence in professional business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi as well as the Hispanic Studies department.

Fatal crash claims student

Jessica Richmond
NEWS EDITOR

A student was involved in a fatal car crash Monday afternoon on Arlington Blvd.

A Ford F-250 truck struck senior Accounting major Elizabeth "Lizz" Griffiths' Honda Accord around 1:30 p.m., according to police. She later succumbed to her injuries at Vidant Medical Center. Police believe rain and speed were involved in the crash.

Griffiths was heavily involved on campus with a business fraternity, the foreign language department and the accounting department.

"The last day of exams we talked about her future plans. She told me she loved the foreign language department and wanted to become more involved especially with volunteering. She wanted to keep up with her spanish and finish

her business degree. She was always so ambitious, so funny and absolutely always smiling," said classmate English and Hispanic Studies major Evelyn Inestroza.

Griffiths had become a part of Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity, last fall.

"She had just been given an award at our banquet for 'Most Impactful New Brother' because she was just so dedicated and always had a great attitude. I'm so sorry to see her go, she was one of the most well-known brothers. She'll be missed," said Alpha Kappa Psi President Maurice Thompson.

Last summer she flew to Granada, Spain to study at the University of Granada as part of the Intercambios Lingüísticos y Culturales Program. Professor Rosa Lopez-Cañete accompanied her overseas.

"I was at a loss of words after hearing of her loss. She was always in a good mood and never missed class, happy to participate and a solid student. After the summer, Lizz became a regular at my weekly conversation hour, La Sobremesa, and I would see her most Mondays, ready to 'keep up her Spanish'... She touched everybody, I cannot imagine Lizz having enemies. The entire department is very deeply saddened by her untimely passing," said Lopez-Cañete.

Alpha Kappa Psi is working on organizing a candlelight vigil in her honor, though details are currently unavailable. Social media outlets have been swarmed with condolences for Griffiths' family.

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According to Student Transitions, approximately 1400 new transfer students will be joining the pirate nation this fall.

Transfer orientation program aims to aid in student transition

Chris Lane
STAFF WRITER

The annual summer transfer orientation hosted by the Office of Student Transitions was held on campus on Monday to help new transfer student acclimate to a new campus.

About one-third of all college students—including those who start at community colleges—transfer to another school, according to a report by the National

Association for College Admission Counseling.

At ECU, on average, 1400 students transfer into programs from four-year universities, junior colleges and community colleges every year, said Executive Director of Student Transitions Mary Beth Corbin.

Students choose to transfer between schools for numerous reasons. Many students have to transfer for family obligations or

because of financial necessities, while other students may decide to transfer into a new major program that is unavailable to them at their current school. Some students even decide to transfer in search for a breath of fresh air and something new.

ECU offers many opportunities to ease the process of transferring

ECU Police investigate Peeping Tom tapes

Jamitress Bowden
STAFF WRITER

A man arrested and charged with peeping may have video of ECU facilities.

Zebulon Police charged LaDarryl Strong, a 33 year-old man from Ayden, with a felony of secret peeping. He was arrested and tried for the felony in April 2012. Recently, Strong appealed his sentencing of probation, which brought the information of past video footage back into question.

"We take every report of a crime that may have occurred on university property seriously. Our investigators are continuing to work on this case but are not at a point making a final report," said Lt. Chris Sutton, ECU Police.

In November 2012, Zebulon Police informed ECU Police Department about videos that might have footage of an athletics locker room. The only indication that the footage might be of ECU facilities, are the purple and gold colors featured in the video. Zebulon Police sent the material

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to a new college. Transfer student orientation is a program where incoming students get a chance to explore campus as well as sit through seminars to learn about the different things ECU has to offer. Topics touched on during transfer student orientation include campus-wide rules, regulations and policies specific to ECU.

Aside from policies and regulations, ECU transfer student also are given the chance to learn about helpful programs and organizations around campus. Campus tours for transfer student orientation include getting to check out the library as well as the Pirate Tutoring Center and Mendenhall Student

Center.

New at ECU in the fall of 2013 will be a program devoted strictly for transfer students. The transfer living-learning community will allow up to 40 transfer students to live in the same dorm (Scott Hall on College Hill). The 40-member group will attend two classes together and will be given a chance to meet other students in the same shoes as they are in. One of the classes taken will be a transfer-oriented section of COAD, which is designed to prepare students to be engaged and successful in classrooms as well as looking at potential career choices.

"The most important thing [after transfer-

ring] is to get acclimated with campus and to get involved," said Corbin.

Different student organizations, clubs and events can all assist this process, added Corbin.

Junior business major Patrick O'Brien recently transferred to ECU from a small, private school in New Jersey in the fall semester of 2012. Along with the transfer student orientation, intramural sports helped O'Brien get to know other students around campus.

O'Brien said that intramural sports helped him learn about different locations off campus like the North Recreational Complex

and Blount Intramural fields.

Whether students are transferring from Pitt Community College across town or from large four-year universities on the opposite side of the country, ECU offers many programs that will ensure an easy and smooth transition guided towards success.

An additional transfer orientation will be held on June 10 for students who were unable to participate in May.

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in question to ECU Police, once the possible connection was made.

Since many other schools have the official school colors of purple and gold, the investigation may be in void. The videos are made with a hidden camera with limited indication of where or when the material was recorded. Zebulon Police took the materials in connection with the initial incident. Once authorities looked at the computer, they discovered hundreds of videos in Strong's possession.

During the ECU investigation of the

videos, no persons captured in the videos have been identified. The videos are said to be blurry and faces unrecognizable. It was also reported that some of the videos taken from Strong's computer might have been filmed in the state of New York.

ECU Police have been investigating this case since they received the videos, according to Sutton. There are over 400 videos, but not all containing footage of possible ECU facilities. Another challenge to the investigation is the timeline in question.

Some of the footage seized by police in

2012 has been reported to date back to 2004. Over the past 10 years, ECU has renovated and upgraded its athletic facilities, which makes this investigation more cumbersome. This situation now requires ECU officials to find old pictures of the athletic locker room facilities and compare them to the footage in their possession.

"I don't believe that it's actually ECU facilities in these videos. Everybody knows who is supposed to be in the locker rooms and who does not belong," said McKenzie.

Strong was originally arrested following

a peeping incident in the visitor's locker room at Mudcats Baseball Stadium. There are no records, according to the university registrar and human resources representative, showing that Strong was ever a student here or an employee.

Sutton said that this action — if proven to involve ECU — is an invasion of privacy.

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Reuse old news

Recycle this paper



Freshmen numbers soar, enrollment remains the same

Jessica Richmond
NEWS EDITOR

This fall, ECU will open its doors to the largest freshman class in history with 4,300 students admitted this May. The total number of enrolled students, however, has dropped.

"Enrollment is more of an art than a science," said Associate Provost of Enrollment Services John Fletcher.

Fletcher said the drop in continuing student numbers is due to several factors including: loss of financial aid, increase in tuition, housing expense increase, academic probation or failing grades. He says these factors affect all students, not just underclassmen.

In order to compensate for the loss of continuing students, admissions has begun making the freshmen class larger. The Admissions department has raised the number of admitted students from 3,900 last year to 4,300 this year. This is being done in hope of maintaining total enrollment numbers, which according to Fletcher have been dropping in the past three years.

With more enrolled students, admission standards are falling. The school's profile begins to drop as more students with lower grades, SAT and ACT scores are admitted to the university.

"I feel like we should start requiring essays for admission. Every other school I applied to last year required an essay except ECU. It makes us look like a community college," said Erica Johnson, sophomore elementary education major.

A university with a more selective process and admits less freshmen are able to maintain a higher profile of students with high GPAs, SAT and ACT scores, etc. The university still makes an effort to admit the most competitive class, according to enrollment services.

"If we're ever to get away from our party school image, then we need to start requiring more out of our applicants than being capable of putting their shoes on the right feet," said junior chemistry major Bradley Mackerell.

This fall, a total of 1,400 transfer students will be added to the enrollment numbers. Fletcher says

they hope to increase the number of transfer students admitted in the future.

"Transfers have experience with secondary institutions and already have a handle on university life. The problem is they're harder to recruit too because we don't know who they are. The best we can do is to build up a good relationship with the two-year colleges in the area and hope for the best," said Fletcher.

With the large number of incoming freshmen, admissions have been working closely with housing to make sure all freshmen can be accommodated. This process has been made much more complex due to the requirement of all first year students to live on campus.

Official enrollment numbers are released after Census Day, the tenth-day of classes each semester. The Board of Governors must approve the numbers before enrollment services are allowed to publish the numbers.

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Is anyone else craving ECU football?

It has been decided. A shot or twelve of Kahlua added to my coffee every morning will be absolutely essential this semester.

I wish Rumors would open up for just one night only.

My favorite thing girls say: "I wasn't thaaaaat drunk."

Girls in Greenville either look like they're about to walk a red carpet or they're homeless.

Would it be rude or considerate for me to put in a work order for my neighbors squeaky bed?

If a guy claims he got tested for STD's "last week," he is definitely lying to you. That is what they all say.

I wonder how hard it would be to convince everyone to just go tailgate. I could arrange a flag football game if necessary.

Lets play "spot the drug dealer" in Joyner.

Some of these frat boy shorts are so small they could be considered khaki thongs.

To the girls arguing about a vibrator at the bus stop, I'm not sure if that was the time OR place.

I feel like I live a double life when I'm drunk.

Your orange tan does not hide your cellulite, ladies.

I'll say it every semester; textbook prices are a damn joke.

I walked into Speight and heard a loud fart... then realized it was just asbestos removal.

Dear dining hall: get the shrimp out of my mac and cheese. I am allergic. You almost killed me.

Pirate Rants on Wednesday's now? So that is what the world has come to...

So far my summer has consisted of sleeping in, lying by the pool, and drinking large amounts of alcohol. Holla!

Just because it is summer outside, that doesn't mean it needs to be summer inside. Fix the air conditioning in Bate!

Finally had sex in Joyner. I can now die happy.

Do they think we don't get drunk in the summer? Where is the drunk bus?

I am going to assume that you are moving furniture the next time I hear your headboard slamming against the wall.

Judge my interracial relationship if you want, but he only looks white until his boxers come off.

Summer classes only allow two absences, choose your hangover days wisely.

Going downtown does not suffice as a date, although I will probably end up going home with you anyway.

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EDITORIAL

Our View

A party school mentality

With the growing number of students enrolling at ECU, we can't help but wonder if this is due to our party school reputation. Although the university ranks well on the academic scale, our ranking on "Playboy Magazine's" list of party schools overshadows our academics because of the publicity we receive for our crazy antics. Known for pre-gaming harder than most schools party, it is a concern as to whether these assumptions and generalizations will affect future employment opportunities because of the wild lifestyles of many students at the university.

Upon receiving our hard-earned diplomas, it would be devastating to consider whether or not our job prospects are taking our outlandish party mentality into



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consideration. We do not believe this is the case, but this possibility is still debatable.

It is clear to us that both the city of Greenville and the school's faculty are trying to deter away from these views. Between the changes from "down-

town" to "Uptown" Greenville, and the disgusting portrayal of our hard-working students on MTV network shows, it is no wonder that our prideful Pirate Nation is known as "Ea-sy-U."

When wide-eyed, adventurous students

are searching for colleges to spread their wings at, Pirate Nation is a top choice in our great state of North Carolina. Maybe their parents are oblivious, but the upcoming prospects are well aware and are ready to rage.

The students that are able to balance work and play are a perfect fit for our well-known academic programs, but the focus for our school needs to be placed on the all-nighters we spend in Joyner, rather than the 2:00 a.m. antics at the local bars.

Looking back on our college years, the excitement for the alcohol-paved road ahead beginning freshman year shaped us into more mature thinkers, and we will leave with experiences we will never forget, and a diploma proving our seemingly endless hours of devotion.

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A morning without regret



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INSIDE THE MIND OF JOURNALIST JESS

Many parents are quality communicators when discussing important issues with their children, but others are not. I don't know about you, but my parents never sat me down and had a talk about "the birds and the bees," but let's face it, sex is the last thing I would prefer to talk to my parents about. Although,

there is a talk that is of the utmost necessity to have with young girls: birth control. Confused pre-pubescent and adolescent girls typically have no idea what other alternatives there are to birth control. Usually, the talk consists of "don't have sex, you will automatically get pregnant," or "use a condom, maybe two" demands a stern, uninformed mother or father.

As if the "birth control talk" isn't hard enough, there is a not-so-new issue buzzing behind pharmacy counters and among government officials. The sale of Plan B, also poorly nicknamed "the abortion pill" or the "morning-after pill" was under a revision that would allow any girl of any age to purchase the pill over-the-counter without parental consent. While many are up in arms regarding this decision, I believe this is the best idea possible for young teens.

Parents are concerned with the fact that their young daughters do not feel comfortable speaking to them about personal issues such as an accidental slip-up where the condom broke, but the daughter may prefer to be safe rather than sorry in preventing a pregnancy. When tossing ideas around in her young mind, she decides to go against asking her mother to take her to get Plan B, which if taken within 72 hours will wipe out any possibility of pregnancy. Although this is a simple solution to a potentially lifelong commitment, religious conservatives and concerned parents once again have pounced on the opportunity to take away another bodily right we have as women.

There are many arguments for and against the decision to supply Plan B to girls of any age without parental consent, but my question is: Would a parent rather spend a mere 50 dollars to eliminate any possible chance of pregnancy, or would they prefer watching their pregnant 16 year old struggle for the rest of her life?

Whether parents choose to believe it or not, their children do crazy things behind their back and this should be the least of their worries. If your child is mentally capable to make the mature decision to avoid an unwanted pregnancy, then they should be allowed to make a decision such as this on their own.

Ignorant-minded traditionalists believe the sin of killing a "baby" is utterly disgraceful, but so is premarital sex and pregnancy outside of mar-

riage. Clearly within 72 hours of sperm entering a woman's body, there is no possible way that a levelheaded person would consider this prevention of ovulation as an "abortion." By definition, an abortion is the removal of an embryo or fetus from the uterus in order to end a pregnancy. Now, I am not a OBGYN or scientist, but I have never heard of an embryo or fetus growing within 72 hours, so that argument is disputable.

I believe that this issue comes down to control. Everyone likes to have a say in everyone else's personal life, but it is a woman's right to make a decision to not have a child if she believes there is a possibility she could be pregnant, no matter what age, or what parents' opinion. It is obvious that many parents do not mind showing Ritalin, Adderall, and caffeine down their children's throat, so why not allow them access to a mildly harmless, non-addictive, preventative pill, without having to consult their close-minded parent first.

In a perfect world, parents would instill logical alternatives to ensure safe sex, and immature teenagers would never have sex, but this is not realistic. I do not think that allowing teenagers to obtain Plan B would evoke sex-crazed debauchery, but a possible alternative to decreasing the chance of teenage pregnancy would be beneficial to all parties involved.

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Local vendors gather uptown for the first Umbrella Market of the season last Wednesday. Uptown Greenville hosts the market at Five Points Plaza across from Winslow's Tavern.

Greenville vendors on display

Uptown Umbrella Market shows off local talent

Kristen Martin
STAFF WRITER

Every Wednesday this summer, Greenville citizens can gather, socialize and purchase homemade goods in the parking lot on the corner of Evans and 5th Street during the Uptown Umbrella Market.

"The Uptown Umbrella Market is essentially a market every week that provides a space for vendors with vegetables, fruits, plants and other artists," said Kelsey Anderson, the Umbrella Market manager.

"It's just a central gathering spot for vendors to be able to put their stuff out for people to see," said Anderson.

The Umbrella Market has been a success in several people's eyes.

"I love it because of the local vendors," said Mallorie Parks, a

recent graduate of ECU. She also commented on how much she loves the atmosphere.

The range of products for sale at the market varies widely. Items such as pillows, wind chimes, jewelry and birdhouses are for sale along with an extensive variety of produce. The market focuses on homemade or homegrown items.

"It's for people who have local talents and who have local produce to provide a space for them... and to get people aware of the matter of fact that we have that in Greenville," said Anderson.

The Umbrella Market has been around for approximately 13 years. When it first began, it wasn't in the same location; instead, it was located down Evans Street.

"I don't think it was necessarily different, but it was specifically

umbrellas," said Anderson. "You could only have umbrellas if you were to have shade. You couldn't have those big pop-up tents that we have now," added Anderson.

Some of the vendors that are regularly at the Market are Moore's Farms, Possum Hill Antiques, Mackey's Ferry Peanuts, Nooherooka (which sells meats), Succulent Plants, Nu Soap and Reed Belt (who makes belts and watches out of recycled tires).

Anderson can only technically spend 10 hours a week working on the Market, but she probably spends a little more than that with all of the phone calls and emails she gets.

"That 10 hours consists of planning and gathering everything for this specific market," said Anderson. "Most of that time is talking to the vendors. This upcoming week I'm

probably going to have to really delve in and probably call every single vendor."

Every week, the market has musicians play. Generally all of the musicians are local. They also feature a kids' corner where children can make hula-hoops and other fun projects.

When the weather isn't suitable for the market, all of the vendors set up on the venue side of Tippy Teapot.

"There are farmers that get more service if they're outside, so there will still be farmers who will stay outside in their location," said Anderson. "They might be the only ones out there that day unless it's a crazy downpour."

When the Market is held inside Tippy Teapot, the market hours are 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The market is one of Uptown

Greenville's initiatives to get people to visit the businesses in this district.

"As we have the market from 5-8 p.m., we want people to go elsewhere and really remember that we have other places to go downtown," said Anderson.

Uptown Greenville uses Five Point Plaza parking lot for other events that they host, such as Freeboot Friday.

There is still the possibility of getting a vendor space at the Market.

"There will be vendors every week. There's a waiting list, so you're still able to contact us," said Anderson. "We are really trying to push the produce and food."

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Home away from home: A freshman's experience

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STAFF WRITER

Life is all about moments. From birthdays to graduations, people reach milestones day after day. One milestone in particular being college: four years of a new place, new people and most importantly a new experience. Some attend a local college or university while others embrace diversity and begin a whole new adventure in a new place. Sophomore Allison Strehl chose to take on a challenge and headed south for her college experience.

"In the beginning, I was not nervous thinking about being so far from home at college. It didn't really phase me much," said Strehl. "I also had one of my best friends coming along with me, which made it a whole lot easier."

As a resident of Washington Township, N.J., Strehl was facing a nine-hour separation from what she knew and called home.

Though nervousness and fear didn't strike her in the beginning as emotions to describe her departure from N.J., she soon recognized the reality.

"The drive down was when I got really extremely nervous," Strehl said. "I didn't want to go anymore. I begged the whole car ride for my parents to turn the car back around and let me stay at home, but of course they didn't."

As school began and classes started, Strehl became extremely

"I made the best friends I could have asked for. None of my friends are the same, which makes me love them all even more."

involved in school activities. She began joining clubs, participating in Greek life recruitment and even getting more involved in her major, dance performance.

"I joined Alpha Phi sorority two weeks into the school year and I also got very involved in the School of Theatre and Dance since my major is dance performance," said Strehl. "As a dance performance major, you get to participate in a lot of performance opportunities throughout the year, which I really took advantage of."

Many incoming freshman or even transfer students don't know a single person before attending ECU.

Some may see it as a disadvantage, but making the most out of adverse situations is what college is all about. It's the extra push some students need in order to put themselves out there to meet new people.

Strehl's extensive involvement in extracurricular activities also helped broaden her circle of friends.

"I made the best friends I could have asked for. None of my friends are the same, which makes me love them all even more," said Strehl.

After completing the first year of college, the most popular questions asked by family and friends are, "did you make the right choice?" or "are you happy?" For Strehl, her reply was simple.

"After completing my freshman year, I am sad to think that I only have three more years to spend in this place I call my home with all of my best friends. I wouldn't change a thing about any part of my freshman year, even the times I messed up, because they have taught me the best lessons."

As students prepare to leave freshman year behind, they stop and ponder the same sad thoughts they had prior to attending ECU when leaving family and friends. Though their true residence may lie in New Jersey, like Allison, or anywhere else in the country, students realize ECU is their new home, Pirate Nation is their family, and purple and gold mean a lot more than just colors.

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Allison Strehl will begin her sophomore year this upcoming fall semester.

EVENT CALENDAR

Tippy Teapot

Friday

10:00 p.m.

One Small Step for Men

Tree Versus Sky

All-Star ME

Peasant's Pub

Thursday

10:00 p.m.

Former Champions

Friday

10:00 p.m.

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10:00 p.m.

Those Meddlin Kids

You have to be at least 21 to attend any shows after 10 p.m.

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DIY: Paint chip calendar

A splash of color to your organization



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Kristen Martin
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Summertime is the perfect time to catch up on all of those craft projects that you've been pinning on Pinterest. Being able to create something useful and aesthetically pleasing on a small budget is extremely useful to know, especially for a college student.

Paint chip projects fall into this category. Paint chips are free at any hardware or other store that sells paint. The amount of items that you can create with these free blocks of color is limitless.

One of the most useful paint chip projects is the dry erase paint chip calendar. A calendar is essential for any college student in order to keep up with exams, due dates and projects.

Supplies:

A frame. I chose a simple black 18" x 20" from Wal-Mart for \$7. You can choose any size photo frame that you want. I chose a larger one because I like to write down all of my due dates, exams, and my work schedule on a large calendar.

Paint chips. I picked up paint chips in blues, greens, purples, and yellows since they're my favorite color. You'll use approximately 48 chips.

A dry erase marker, black is generally the best color because it can be seen clearly against any color.

Glue.

(Optional supplies: a pencil and ruler).

Method:

I personally like for everything to be as even as possible so I used my ruler and pencil to draw out equal size rectangles for each chip. I had seven columns, one for each day of the week, and seven rows, including a header to write the month and year.

I started from the left at the bottom and worked over and up. The best way to approach this project is to arrange your chips in the position you want them before you begin gluing to make sure you are happy with the way it looks.

I chose to layer my paint chips, but you can leave a small amount of space around each chip to define it. The way I designed my calendar was with a gradient technique. I put the lightest chips at the very time and gradually got darker until I got to the bottom. If you choose to do this method, make sure you will be able to see whatever you write on top of that color.

When gluing the chips down, use a very thin stream of glue so that the paint chips don't warp or wrinkle. I used tacky glue because paint chips are very glossy, but any strong hold glue will work.

After gluing all of the paint chips down, give the board time to dry before you put the picture frame over it. Once that is done, write the month and days of the week down and hang it up!



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Paint chips can be found at any local home-improvement store.

A paint chip calendar isn't the only thing that you can do with paint chips. You can also use the multicolor paint chips in origami to add depth to the typical origami forms.

Many people create mosaics using variations on one color scheme. These mosaics can be framed and hung on the wall or as the backdrop underneath a glass-topped coffee table.

For Christmas time, you can use white paint chips to create snowman ornaments and green paint chips to make little Christmas tree ornaments.

Paint chips can also be used to create free confetti. Get a large amount of paint chips in the desired color and use a hole puncher to create confetti for parties or invitations.

For a casual dinner party, you can create cheap name cards by getting the larger paint chips and cutting two slits in them. You slip a napkin through the slits and write the person's name that will be sitting at that particular seat in the space between the slits.

With a little creativity, there is no end to the things that you can do with paint chips. From mosaics to calendars to name cards, these free chips of color can add a splash of color to your life.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

David Cucchiara
MUSIC COLUMNIST

Phoenix
Album: "Bankrupt!"
Released: April 22



"Bankrupt!" the fifth studio album from Phoenix, is topping charts and propelling the French band to the pinnacle of this year's alternative rock scene. While preserving the classic sound heard in their 2009 album, "Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix," "Bankrupt!" provides listeners with a more mature instrumental backdrop. The album proves that singer Thomas Mars' vocal range is still capable of hitting the heavens, even taking the music risk of singing a cappella at times. The first song on the album, "Entertainment," meshes perfectly with singer and synthesizer and really introduces what the listener will hear for the rest of the album perfectly. "S.O.S In Bel Air" and "Drakkar Noir" deliver and keep the album moving along. "Bankrupt!" lives up to the hype and is an excellent follow-up to "Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix."

Grade: 8/10

The National
Album: "Trouble Will Find Me"
Released: May 20



Tragedy and despair plus anguish is the formula The National has worked off of to produce award winning albums for over a decade. "Trouble Will Find Me," the sixth

Vampire Weekend
Album: "Modern Vampires of the City"
Released: May 14



This is not your traditional Vampire Weekend. Ezra Koenig and company has thrown out the baroque sound, replacing it with a fundamental indie rock feel in their third studio album, "Modern Vampires of the City." It's the cleanliness of this album that sets it apart from its predecessors. "Step," while different, still provides listeners with a mellow version of the customary Vampire Weekend sound, but ditches the bongos and fast-paced drive we heard in "A-Punk." In essence, this is lyrically a much darker Ezra Koenig, noticeably in "Finger Back." The song tells of a heavily abusive relationship, going into gruesome and somewhat unexpected detail. The album is an excellent follow-up to their 2010 release, "Horchata," and will be taking home some awards this summer.

Grade: 9/10

studio album released from the Brooklyn based group, takes the listener on a dark journey through lost loves and personal fears. Like their 2010 release, "High Violet," The National uses somber guitar riffs and tones, along with baritone vocals of Matt Berninger, to reinforce their lyrics. The album begins with, "I Should Live in Salt," one of the better alternative rock ballads released this year, thus far. "Demons" delivers by providing the lowest of vocal ranges from Berninger with instrumentals that keep the track moving. This album will find itself at the top of Billboard's charts in the coming weeks.

Grade: 7/10

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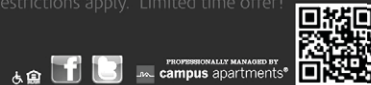


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Baseball garners All-Conference awards

ECU's Chase McDonald and Drew Reynolds were named First-Team All-Conference USA the league office announced Tuesday afternoon. Three more Pirates took home second-team honors: Jeff Hoffman (RHP), Zach Houchins (3B) and David Lucroy (RHP).

Catcher Travis Watkins rounded out the Pirates all-conference selections after being named to the All-Freshman Team along with Lucroy.

Reynolds named to All-Academic team

ECU Junior Drew Reynolds was named to the 2013 Conference USA All-Academic Team for the second straight year. The leagues baseball sports information directors selected him based on their academic criteria. Only few players are eligible for these accolades as you need to be at least a sophomore in the classroom, players must maintain a 3.2 GPA or higher and they have to be a starter or key reserve for their respective team.

Reynolds, the Pirates' designated hitter and closer, is a three-time C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll member (2011-13), a 2011 C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal Winner and a six-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll recipient. He holds a 3.43 cumulative GPA as a physical education major.

Diamond Bucs team up to help community

Just one day after defeating UCF and securing a No. 3 seed at the upcoming Conference USA Baseball Championships, the ECU baseball team held its annual Exceptional Community Baseball League (ECBL) game at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

The ECBL began in 2005 as part of Greenville's Little League division called Challenger League. The objective of this league was to provide the Special Needs Population of Greenville and the surrounding areas with a baseball program.

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After once being one of the bottom teams in Conference USA standings, ECU won six straight conference series to earn the three seed in the CUSA tournament.

Baseball earns No. 3 seed

Dan Hunt
STAFF WRITER

The Diamond Bucs finished their wild weekend on a positive note this Saturday, winning the rubber match 6-5 to take the three-game series against the UCF Knights.

ECU jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning after Chase McDonald, down 0-2 in the count, sent his conference-leading 11th homer far beyond the left field wall.

Following the inning, the tarp was stretched across the diamond as the teams sat through a severe weather delay that lasted almost three hours.

The Pirates' bats stayed hot in the bottom of the second frame after the break, loading the bases for center fielder, Ben Fultz, who turned on a fastball and launched a grand slam over the right field wall. The blast gave ECU a commanding 6-0 lead and was the first grand slam by a Pirate since McDonald in 2011.

"He threw me two sliders and then surprisingly threw me a fastball inside, and that's usually my cookie hole right there," said Fultz.

The Knights trimmed the lead to 6-5 over the next three innings.

Reliever, Andy Smithmyer came

in the game in the top of the fifth with a 6-4 lead to replace the starter, Ryan Williams. Smithmyer struggled, retiring no batters and walking in a run, so head coach Billy Godwin turned to Jake Harris who came up huge for the Pirates. He retired the next three batters to get out of the jam and help the Pirates maintain the slim one-run lead.

After the Pirates failed to produce a run in the bottom half of the inning, Harris proceeded to shut down the Knights in the top of the sixth.

The game ended in the bottom of the sixth inning, due to a conference rule, stating that 11 a.m. getaway games must end by 3 p.m. So Harris ended up earning the win in what would typically be a save situation.

"I just try to stay even keel, stone-faced on the mound and not show a lot of emotion," said Harris. "Just one pitch at a time, one out at a time and that's all you can control."

The win on Saturday followed a victory in Friday night's game.

It was a gritty, high scoring affair. The Pirates, down 6-1 early, battled back and ended up winning 10-8 with a big contribution from a couple of seniors in their final weekend at Clark-LeClair Stadium. Bryan Bass

scored three runs and added three hits on his senior night. Chris Gosik made the most of his starting role, going 3-for-4 with a run scored and two RBIs.

"It was awesome for [Chris]," said Godwin. "You know, he's kind of platooned. I just had a hunch today, with a lefty on the mound, that he was going to go out and do a good job for us."

The Pirates received a big lift from the back end of their bullpen, as right-handed reliever Brett Mabry notched the win for ECU in one-and-a-third shutout innings. Lefty closer Drew Reynolds picked up the save, giving up zero runs in one-and-a-third innings.

The wins on Friday and Saturday were preceded by a series opening 2-0 loss to the Knights on Thursday.

ECU's offense could not capitalize on a strong performance from starting pitcher, Jeff Hoffman, who only allowed two runs in eight innings for the Pirates.

UCF ace, Ben Lively, stole the show, hurling a complete-game shutout in the win, allowing only four hits, while recording seven strikeouts.

"[Lively] is a great pitcher," said

Hoffman. "He threw well all game. To throw a complete game, the way our hitters are hitting, that's a pretty good accomplishment."

The win on Saturday night clinched the sixth series win in as many tries for the red-hot Pirates. It also secured ECU as the third seed in the Conference USA tournament hosted by Rice. A loss on Saturday would have dropped them to the sixth seed.

Their tournament pool consists of Southern Miss (second seed), Houston (sixth seed) and Tulane (seventh seed). Each team will play each other one time, with the recipient of the best record moving on to the conference championship. In the event of a tie for first, the advantage goes to the team with the better seed.

The winner of that division will take on the winner of the division that consists of: Rice (first seed), Memphis (fourth seed), UCF (fifth seed), and UAB (eighth seed).

The Pirates will take the diamond in their first round matchup against Houston on Thursday at 11 a.m.

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Pirate graduates look to keep playing

Josh Graham
SENIOR WRITER

A handful of members of ECU's graduating class of 2013 are still working this summer to make rosters in major professional sports. Even though the odds are stacked against them, there is still a hope that through time and hard work, their goals will be accomplished.

No Pirates were selected in April's NFL draft, but nose tackle Michael Brooks and offensive lineman Robert Jones were pursued as undrafted free agents.

Shortly after the draft wrapped up, Brooks signed on with the Detroit Lions. The 6-foot-3-inch, 276 pounder from Roxboro, N.C., started three years along the defensive line and was a staple of the Pirate defense.

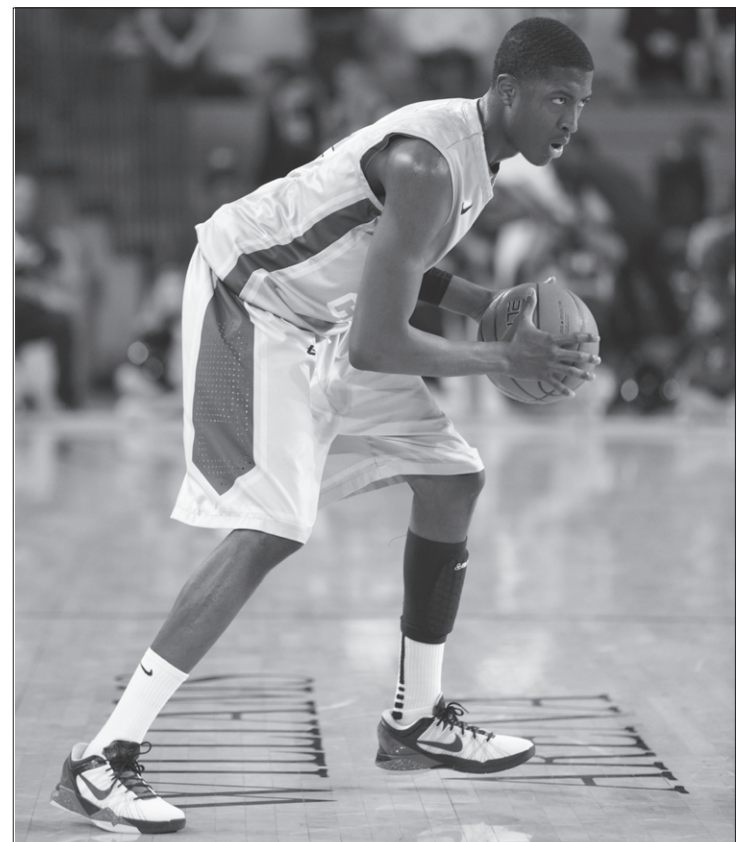
Brooks missed two games in 2012 because of knee injury, but still compiled 35 tackles. As an upper-classman, he provided leadership to

a talented front-seven and looks to translate that to the Motor City.

On April 28, the 6-foot-3-inch, 309 pound Jones signed with the Carolina Panthers, which shouldn't surprise anyone given his massive build. After spending three years along the defensive line—including a lost season in 2009 due to a knee injury—the Stone Mountain, Ga., native made the switch to the offensive side of the line in 2011. He struggled and spent the year on the scout team.

Instead of getting discouraged, Jones made the starting rotation at right tackle for his senior season. What likely made him attractive to the Panthers and other NFL teams was his performance in the weight room and workouts. In addition to reaching "elite" status during ECU's strength and conditioning period, he clocked one of the team's better

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Miguel Paul (2) continues to train for a shot at making an NBA team.

CALENDAR

10—The number of consecutive seasons in which ECU baseball has had a player named to the All-Conference First Team.

Wednesday 5/22	Thursday 5/23	Friday 5/24	Saturday 5/25	Sunday 5/26	Tuesday 5/28	Wednesday 5/29
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Transformation: ECU Basketball

Pirate hoops has felt the benefits of recruiting transfer players

Ronnie Moore
SPORTS EDITOR

Recruiting classes are a crucial part of college athletics and each year teams fight for highly talented players looking to make a difference and win a national championship.

Over the last three seasons, ECU has been on the upswing on the hardwood. The men's basketball team has risen from the basement of irrelevance to a contending program. The nine years before Jeff Lebo's arrival were lackluster to say the least. The Pirates managed only 94 wins in those nine seasons and the best finish in Conference USA was a ninth place ranking after a 5-11 record.

In Lebo's three seasons at the helm, the Pirates have 55 victories including two winning seasons. This past season was one for the record books as ECU won 23 games, including the CollegeInsider.com tournament. Along with success on the court, ECU has expanded their notoriety in the public eye.

Years ago people wouldn't know anything related to Pirate basketball but now with their winning seasons players are more interested in playing for Lebo in Minges Coliseum.

Within Lebo's tenure he has attracted the attention of multiple players, including transfers from other schools. With the additions of Miguel Paul, Maurice Kemp, Akeem Richmond and Shamarr Bowden, the Pirates built their winning seasons from attracting players from other schools.

Miguel Paul, a former Missouri player, transferred from Columbia, Mo. to play in Greenville for his final two seasons. Paul scored only 221 points in his two seasons at Missouri. After transferring to ECU, Paul was thrust into a more prominent role on the court. In his junior and senior seasons he scored a combined 908 points while dishing out 419 assists as a starter.

Maurice Kemp had somewhat of a different route taken to Greenville. The Miami, Fla. native played his freshman season at Alabama A&M and after averaging 5.5 points and 2.8 rebounds he transferred to Dade College in his home area.



Incoming transfer Terry Whisnant will be eligible for the 2014-15 season due to NCAA transfer rules.

At the division-2 level he averaged 16.9 points and 9.9 rebounds, garnering high rankings regionally and nationally. Once he arrived to ECU he made an immediate impact, scoring 10.5 points and 6.3 rebounds.

Building on his successful junior season,

Kemp came back to break records and make his mark on Conference USA. His senior season was one that hasn't been seen many times in the history of ECU basketball. Scoring 18.9 points per game and grabbing eight rebounds put Kemp on the C-USA first team.

Even though Akeem Richmond has only worn a Pirate jersey for one season, the impact of his transfer is already evident. His three-point jumper at the buzzer of the CIT Championship game gave the Pirates the victory and a championship trophy to celebrate in Greenville. Richmond began his career at the University of Rhode Island. As a Ram he had a reputation as a deadly three-point shooter.

Richmond set the single season three-point record last season with 105 made three pointers. He still has one more season at ECU but the impact of college transfers is evident.

Even with the rule preventing transfers to play right away, the year of sitting out can help build a team.

As of this week, ECU has gotten a new recruit that will transfer from Florida State and will play in Greenville starting in 2014. Terry Whisnant played under head coach Leonard Hamilton in a Seminoles jersey for his first two seasons. The 6-foot-3-inch Cherryville, N.C. native averaged 5.2 points per game as a sophomore and he started 19 of his 30 games last season.

The addition of Whisnant was confirmed on Monday when he signed and submitted a financial aid agreement to complete his transfer to ECU. On twitter, Dave Telep, ESPN recruiting analyst, dubbed Whisnant as the best shooter ECU will have come 2014.

This shows how much recruiting has changed in the last decade. Transfer players are being sought after sometimes more than some of the "one and done" freshmen that are highly recruited and courted year in and year out. If you are not a basketball powerhouse, recruiting transfer players may be the way to go.

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times in the forty-yard dash for his position (5.03 seconds).

With ECU's rich football history, it has become a goal and expectation for players to reach the highest level of competition in the NFL. That is not the case for the Pirate basketball program.

Even after the school's most successful season in hoops--winning a program-best 23 games and its first postseason tournament (College Insider.com Postseason Tournament)--it is a long shot that any former Pirates hear their name called in June's NBA draft.

ECU's best chance is Maurice Kemp, who led the team in scoring (18.9 points per game) and was seen frequently on ESPN's Top Plays. Kemp, a 6-foot-8-inch forward from Miami, Fla., is currently working out

from his hometown, preparing for a couple workouts his agent lined up in the coming weeks.

"I'm just trying to tighten up my game," said Kemp. "The ideal situation will be me ending up in the NBA. Realistically, it will be tough for me to get drafted and I'll have to take the long road."

His collegiate teammate and point guard, Miguel Paul, is also vying to impress NBA scouts in his workouts as well. Paul, who transferred to ECU from Missouri, was second to Kemp in scoring (13.3 PPG), while collected a team-best 7.2 assists per game.

"The idea of getting paid to play basketball is a dream come true," said Kemp.

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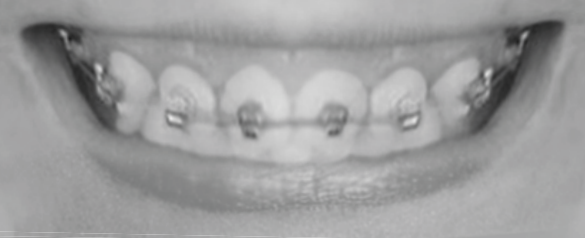


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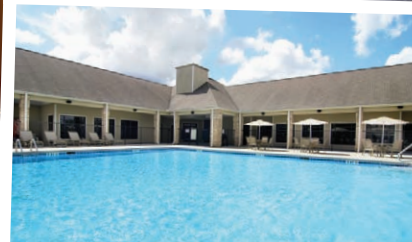
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Graduating college? Start new life thoughtfully

Lorraine Murray
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Many commencement speeches are peppered with clichés that spread a ripple of yawns throughout the crowd. Here's some advice I wish someone had dished out years ago when it was my turn to teeter across the stage in those treacherously high heels: First, be deeply grateful for your degree. Someone made big sacrifices to help make it happen. Take the time to write that someone a heartfelt thank-you note.

If that someone was your parent, and they went into debt for you, do everything in your power to settle that debt. Get two jobs, use the bus, eat peanut butter sandwiches, shop in thrift stores and forgo credit cards. Same advice holds if you're the one who signed on the dotted line.

And please, don't sit around waiting for Job Charming to show up. Maybe you can't find a job that matches your degree and pays hand-

somely, but that doesn't give you a free pass to live in your parents' basement and sponge off them. Get a job and get a life!

Speaking of a life, don't put off marriage and children until some future time when everything is perfect. That time will never come because the loose ends of life are never tied up. And as my wise old aunt once said, it's easier to chase a two-year-old when you're 25 than when you're 35.

My aunt would also tell you that if you lost your faith in college, as many sadly do, it's not because God is dead but because many professors believe that he is. So here's a challenge: Go back to church or synagogue for a year and give your faith a chance to revive. I'm betting you will be much happier by the end of that time. Send me an email and let me know.

Don't let things control your happiness. If you lose your car, your house and your flat-screen TV, you can still be happy, as long as you don't define yourself by these things.

Happiness comes from a life that has meaning and purpose. Yes, in some cases, a job can give your life meaning, but not always.

In all cases, use your God-given talents to find activities that make you say each evening, "I wish I had a few more hours."

Alas, Americans waste about four precious hours a day watching TV. Buck the trend by planting a garden, teaching a child to read, volunteering, taking walks, reading the classics, learning a musical instrument, baking bread or cooking a meal for friends. On their deathbed, no one ever said, "I wish I'd watched more reality TV."

Finally, be grateful every day for small things and big things. Small things include the birds you see, a flower blooming, a child's smile, a good meal, an aqua sky, an evening with friends.

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