



Local eatery hosts themed tea party. **A4.**

BRIEFS

Staff Reports

Interim Dean appointed to College of Arts and Sciences

John Sutherland has been appointed as the Interim Dean of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. Sutherland came to ECU and has spent the previous 12 years as the physics chair.

Sutherland has performed research with several institutes including the National Cancer Institution and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. His research has included the biological effects of ionizing and ultraviolet radiation, spectroscopy of biological molecules, biomedical applications of synchrotron radiation and free electron lasers as well as quantification of DNA damage by single-molecule laser-induced fluorescence.

North Carolina Literary Review 2013 released

The 2013 edition of the North Carolina Literary Review, an annual publication by East Carolina University and the North Carolina Literary & Historical Association, has been released.

The cross between a scholarly journal and literary magazine publishes poetry, fiction and nonfiction by North Carolina writers. This edition includes interviews with "Cold Mountain" author Charles Frazier; Maria DeGuzman, founder of the Latina/o Studies program at UNC-Chapel Hill; and novelists Wiley Cash and Anna Jean Mayhew.

The NCLR released this summer focuses on the state's historical, environmental, and literary landscape. The review has won numerous awards in its now 22 years of publication—most recently from the Council of Editors of Learned Journals in 2010 for Best Journal Design.

Student email receives upgrade by ITCS

The ECU student email will be upgrading to Office 365 today. The Information Technology and Computing Services has warned that intermittent use may occur until Friday.

The changes to the email will include a mailbox size increase to 25GB for every student, as well as a new program Lync that will allow students to instant message with fellow students and instructors.

Current emails, contacts, and calendar events will automatically transfer to the new inbox.

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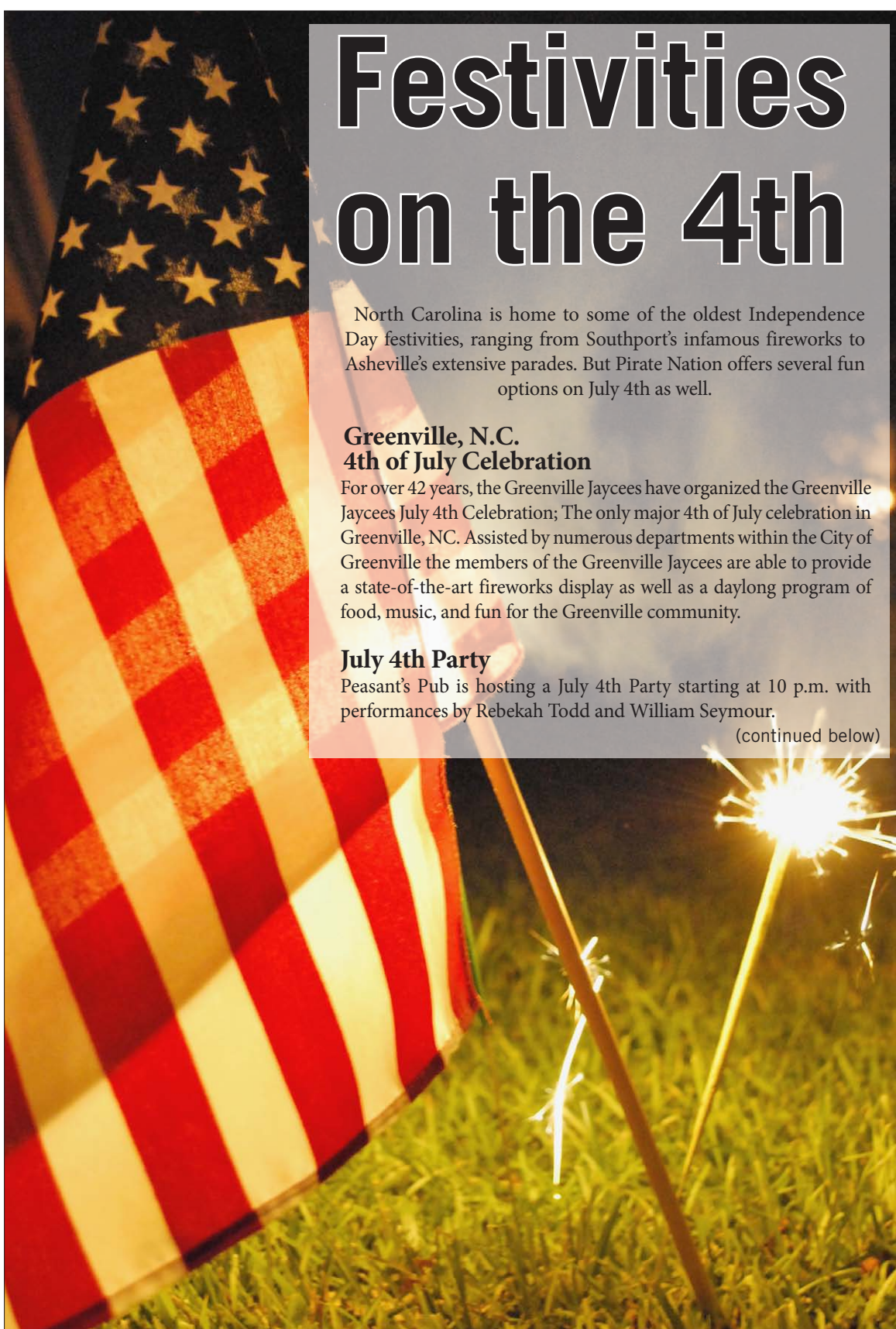


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Festivities on the 4th

North Carolina is home to some of the oldest Independence Day festivities, ranging from Southport's infamous fireworks to Asheville's extensive parades. But Pirate Nation offers several fun options on July 4th as well.

Greenville, N.C. 4th of July Celebration

For over 42 years, the Greenville Jaycees have organized the Greenville Jaycees July 4th Celebration; The only major 4th of July celebration in Greenville, NC. Assisted by numerous departments within the City of Greenville the members of the Greenville Jaycees are able to provide a state-of-the-art fireworks display as well as a daylong program of food, music, and fun for the Greenville community.

July 4th Party

Peasant's Pub is hosting a July 4th Party starting at 10 p.m. with performances by Rebekah Todd and William Seymour.

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Greenville as well as surrounding communities will be celebrating Independence Day with fireworks and other events.

Washington, N.C.

Lee Chevrolet's 4th of July & the City of Washington Fireworks

Waterfront will be hosting The Best Old Classic Car Contest with cash prizes, followed by a Corn Hole Tournament and Hot Dog Eating Contest and a live performance by The Dickens, ending the evening with fireworks starting at 9:15 p.m.

Morehead City, N.C.

Downtown Morehead City will host a 4th of July festival with live music and fireworks launched from Sugarloaf Island across from Jaycee Park on the waterfront at 9:00 p.m. The Main Event Band will perform at Jaycee Park from 7-10 p.m. The Carolina Princess ship will be offering a waterfront cruise at \$15 a person.

Beaufort, N.C.

Fireworks Cruise with Pirates

Renegade and its costumed crew will set sail for a Fourth of July celebration. Fireworks will be seen from the deck, while seafarers can interact with Pirates on the Morehead City waterfront. The Renegade will depart from the town docks towards MHC, where the area's largest and longest festivities will take place.

Jacksonville, N.C.

30th Annual Freedom Festival

Onslow Pine parks will host activities at 3 p.m. including vendors, face painting, fossil digging and performances by The Embers at 5 p.m. and The Buzz Rocket Band at 9 p.m. Fireworks start at 9 p.m.

Belhaven, N.C.

The 71st independence celebration is the oldest in North Carolina. Vendors will open in the town of Belhaven at 9:00 a.m. The Little Miss Independence Pageant will open the day, as well as helicopter rides, sailboat tours and rides. A mile-long parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. A hole-in-one golf contest and lawn mower pull will begin at noon. At 9:00 p.m. fireworks will begin over the water.

Emerald Isle, N.C.

The Bogue Inlet Pier will be lit up by the Emerald Isle firework performance. The fireworks will be visible from the Bogue Sound, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, as well as NC 58.

Campus Health targets tanning

Marcella Camera
STAFF WRITER

ECU Campus Health tackles a myriad of issues that affect students on our campus throughout the school year. They've hosted programs and distributed educational information on health issues ranging from STD's to body image.

Ongoing and previous Campus Wellness campaigns include, "Have You Been KISSED (Keeping it Safe and Sexy Every Day)," "Arrrrgh you eating well," "Pirates Party Smart," and the wellness passport events sponsored throughout each school year.

Starting in May, the staff at Campus Wellness tackled a new health issue: tanning. They recently launched a new campaign called "Protect Your Birthday Suit: Spray, Nix the Ray," which seeks to provide awareness on the dangers of tanning, education about proper sun health, and encourage spray tanning in lieu of sun tanning.

Campus Wellness, which is located in the Student Recreation Center, decided that a healthy tanning campaign was necessary because sun tanning is a frequent activity for many students at the university.

Assistant Director of Campus Wellness Georgia Childs said that our campus needed the campaign because "college students spend an enormous amount of time in the sun, especially during the summer months."

Greenville has approximately five tanning salons, not including the tanning beds that are included as amenities at many local apartment complexes. Whether it's one of Greenville's local tanning salons or soaking up the sun while lying out on "the Mall," tanning is a major part of some students' lives. According to Childs, tanning is part of many student's beauty and self-maintenance regimens.

Tanning beds and repeated unprotected exposure to the sun has various health risks including premature skin wrinkles,

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Transit system grows, improves on campus

Brittany Sanderson
STAFF WRITER

The ECU transit system made small changes that have shown growth in use and benefits to students.

Wood Davidson, director of ECU Transit, said there was a huge increase in the users of the NextBus service. The service allows students to track their bus from anywhere using the mobile phone app or computer.

"In November, we had about 8,000 NextBus users; in January it was 11,000," said Davidson. "Over the spring semester the numbers jumped to 25,000 users."

Davidson said students can benefit from using the service during the summer sessions because the buses don't run as often. The run times are cut by two-thirds compared to the peak times during the fall and spring semesters.

"They can see where the bus is



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> TRANSIT page A2 The addition of a tracking system to the student transit system has improved the wait time for student commuters.

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and when it will arrive at the stop. This way they don't have to wait 40 minutes for their bus," said Davidson.

Occasionally, students will complain about the tracking service not working on a certain bus. Davidson said when this happens they pull the bus out of service until the problem is repaired.

"These things fail from time to time," said Davidson. "We slap a maintenance sticker on it and it's another issue to tackle."

Davidson said the last major changes to the bus routes were the additions of Copper Beech and The Bellamy.

"That makes a total of eight large apartment complexes that we have service contracts with," said Davidson. "The students living in those complexes have to pay the \$146 transit fee as well as pay their complex for the bus service."

Davidson said this is because these students receive exceptional service. These buses go straight from the place these students live

to campus.

"It doesn't make sense to give regular students a fee increase to cover the cost and equipment used by the students living in large complexes," said Davidson.

During the summer sessions, the afternoon routes are the same as the night routes during fall and spring. Some apartment complexes, like The Bellamy and The Landing, share a bus. Davidson said this is how they keep the cost of the transit system low for students.

"We think about the capacity, how we can group together," said Davidson. "We explain to people that's how we keep the cost down and they understand."

Davidson said students are enjoying the extended night service offered by the transit system. The night service goes until 10:30 p.m. and is an extension of the afternoon combo routes.

"We had a lot of students complain about not being able to get back to campus during the evening," said Davidson. "They

didn't understand why they couldn't get on the bus when it was at their stop to drop students off."

Family and Community Service major Kristina Campbell said she was surprised there wasn't always a night service.

"Sometimes students need to come back to campus at night, especially during exams in the fall and spring semesters," Campbell said.

Campbell lives at The Bellamy and she has to ride on the combo route bus. "It sucks, but I understand," she said. "There aren't a lot of people here during the summer."

Campbell said because of her bus stopping at two complexes using NextBus makes it easier.

"I use the system probably once a day," she said. "It's nice because it picks up on your location and tells you only the buses that are available to come to you."

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74 percent of individuals who expose themselves to the sun are more susceptible to melanoma.

loose skin, brown spots and other skin deformities. The ultraviolet (UV) rays projected by indoor tanning beds and the sun can also cause various types of skin cancers, including basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma.

Seventy-four percent of individuals who engage in tanning of any kind are more likely to get melanoma than those who have never tanned.

"Protect Your Birthday Suit: Spray Nix the Ray" aims to spread facts like these, as well as tackle misconceptions about tanning beds and sun exposure. It strongly encourages spray tanning as a healthy and easily accessible alternative. Various brands of healthy and nontoxic spray tans are available at various stores

throughout Greenville.

The main components of Campus Wellness' tanning campaign are "stall talks" and information displayed outside of the Campus Wellness center.

"Stall Talks" mirror a newsletter, and are posted on the inside of bathroom stalls throughout campus. They are geared toward students, and provide information specific to the particular wellness campaign. "Protect Your Birthday Suit: Spray Nix the Ray" stall talks give facts and tips about sun tanning, and encourage spray tanning.

Outside of Campus Wellness are mannequins in bathing suits and other summer wear. They act as a symbol of the dangers of sun tanning and give brief information about tanning.

According to Childs, the summer clad mannequins have been received well. "Students appreciate the mannequins and the many different educational messages they offer," said Childs.

Childs said that even the Campus Wellness staff is benefiting from the campaign. "Our staff has been very responsive to the message and we find that many of them continue the education throughout their day talking to students."

Overall, Childs and her colleagues hope that "Protect Your Birthday Suit: Spray, Nix the Ray" continues to resound throughout campus and spread a message of safe spray tanning and tanning dangers.

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Since when did the library become a community center? Like there are no other buildings on campus to hold the feeding of orientation. There are still classes going on and there are still students trying to study in a quiet place once known as THE FREAKING LIBRARY!

Almost ran over someone. Instead of focusing on the ECU lanyard around your neck, watch where you're going. STUPID FRESHMEN.

Have you ever noticed that The Cookie Monster drops more pieces of cookie than he eats?

You know you're a s**t when you cancel a weekend trip only because of your period.

The bus drivers are mean. I only like the hot dude. I am always sad when anyone else is driving the bus when I get on.

Working as an intern this summer and they just hired an ECU Alumni MILF... Pirates just get better with age.

I wish my teachers were hot, I tend to learn better while staring at a beautiful face.

If I didn't spend so much money on alcohol, I might be able to afford to eat right now. The struggle is real.

The city of Greenville is apparently tightening down on drinking and driving. Honestly, is that anything new?

The year that I should be looking the most professional, I look the sloppiest. Senior problems.

Charging local small businesses \$150 to have patio seating is ludicrous. Don't you realize they are already struggling to stay open?

If you didn't see "Those Meddling Kids" at Peasant's Pub the other night, you missed a sick show.

It seems like guys are starting to use those three unspoken words a lot more often. You don't love me; you just want to have sex.

Ask Dust Bowl survivors of the 1930s if all of this rain is a bad thing.

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EDITORIAL

Our view

Equality for all

Supreme Court Declines DOMA

Editorial Staff

After a 5-4 vote from the Supreme Court deeming The Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional, many same-sex couples' elation could not be veiled.

Created by former President Bill Clinton in 1996, DOMA prevented same-sex couples from receiving hundreds of benefits that heterosexual couples have access to.

Our editorial staff believes that this issue is irreparably blown out of proportion. If you do not believe in gay marriage, do not marry someone of the same sex.

This vicious cycle of discrimination has tended to focus on a certain group of people throughout each era we venture through. Whether it is race, religion or sexual preference, people seem to thrive on having control over the lives of others, when their opinion should actually be irrelevant in such

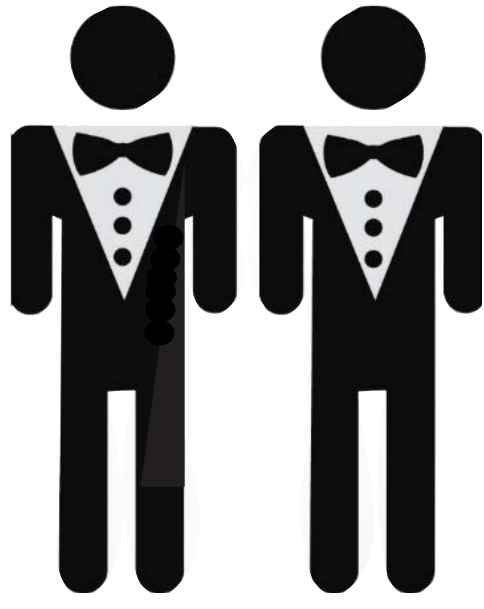
grandiose decision making processes. DOMA "humiliates tens of thousands of children now being raised by same-sex couples" and "makes it

even more difficult for the children to understand the integrity and closeness of their own family and its concord with other families in their community and in their daily lives," the majority of the Supreme Court said.

DOMA is a confusing embarrassment to the children of same-sex marriages. How could a homosexual couple possibly explain to their children that "mommy and mommy" or "daddy and daddy" cannot get married due to religiously grounded laws put in place eliminating this option?

Love is a beautiful thing, and if we as humans are fortunate enough to find it during our lifetimes, we should not be shamed into thinking that anyone is in the wrong for loving someone of the same sex.

Millions of people are rejoicing over this great leap towards equality love for all.



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Graduating upside down

Student loan rates offer no relief for alumni

Tyler Stocks STAFF WRITER

On Monday, interest rates on student loans doubled. Instead of students paying a rate of 3.4 percent, they will be paying 6.8 percent. According to CNN Money, the average student loan debt for college students in 2013 was \$25,000.

Student loan debt is a huge burden to deal with, especially given our fragile economy and high unemployment. To make matters worse, graduating with such a large debt may prevent students from pursuing other financial goals. After all, many of us, someday, wish to marry, buy a home and buy a car. With a \$25,000 debt to deal with, these goals become pipe dreams.

Banks are making it harder to borrow money. I wish our elected officials in Washington would wake up and do more to help those of us who wish to have a better life. We are just starting out in the world and not all of us have wealthy families to help us out when times get tough.

College is a worthwhile pursuit, but graduating with excessive student loan debt, and paying double on interest rates will take us backwards financially. Surprisingly, in other developed countries, people graduate with a master's degree and pay less than half of what a bachelor's degree cost us here. The problem is becoming so bad in our country that many students have had to drop out of school and go to work instead.

Washington needs to make education more of a priority instead

of politicizing the crisis. Recently, I transferred to ECU and for the first time ever took out federal loans. And, although it's troublesome to borrow money, college is important as it prepares us for the wide-awake world and gives us essential job skills. But, along with that, students pay the cost dearly.

In fact, for many of us, college is becoming financially grueling.

In 2011, lottery sales topped \$6 billion dollars. Out of \$6 billion dollars, one would think that college tuition in North Carolina would be less expensive. At the least more scholarships should be available. But, the meager 10 percent of money funding college scholarships proves in fact that elected officials have other priorities.



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With the high costs of tuition, books, finding a place to stay, even when working part-time jobs, paying the bills can be a challenge.

As many of you are aware, North Carolina began an education lottery that was supposed to make education a priority. According to the 2011 NCEL financial report, only 10 percent of the budget goes to funding college scholarships.

The few scholarships awarded by the NCEL are "need based." Basically, this means the government decides who gets assistance and who doesn't. This is a shortsighted approach as many of us come from very average families. And household income does not accurately reflect one's ability to pay for college. Consequently, millions of families face undue hardship in

sending their kids to college.

For rates to double in times like this is just another example of how out of touch politicians are with us. No matter who we vote for, paying for college should not be this depressing. For most of us, we still have rent to pay, a car that needs gas, an empty refrigerator that needs food, and after all of that, the thought of having some spending money left over is a joke. Forget having a savings account or investing. We are just trying to survive here.

Washington continues the political "hunger games" while the future of college students' looks bleak. People think that politics in Washington doesn't matter and voting is not important. With so much at stake, voting and becoming involved in the political process is crucial, and not really an option.

The reality is that the ones who rule in Washington make the decisions that directly affect our daily lives. This is a huge deal.

The emphasis should not be on political parties. Voting for someone because he or she is a Democrat or Republican is just plain stupid. Our focus should be to elect individuals who will look out and protect our interests and make sure our voices get heard. Right now, college students are being neglected as the costs keep rising year after year. For now, all we can do is deal with it, and hope that things improve.

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Victorian High Tea Party at Tispy

Last Saturday, Tispy Teapot hosted their first themed tea party. Delia's (top right) first theme of choice was Victorian high tea. The Hors d'oeuvres (top left) included fancy finger sandwiches, crumpets, scones with cream and jam along with a variety of choices of tea. Guests to the soirée were invited to play "dress-up" (bottom) to add to authenticity of this 19th century tea party and complementary tea leaf readings (center). Tispy Teapot has started planning their next themed tea party around a zombie apocalypse extravaganza for July 21st.



Graduates develop fitness podcast

Jessica Gribbon
STAFF WRITER

The use of technology is the most common means of communication in today's society. From social media to news websites, technology plays a pivotal role in society. Two ECU graduates, Jonathan Powell and James Brown, are taking the exercise market by storm with the creation of their weekly podcast called Ergogenic.

By definition, ergogenic means anything that could help improve performance. For example, the popular drink Gatorade may be considered an ergogenic beverage.

The partners got their idea to create this podcast when Brown came to Powell seeking a partner to explore the business world. Since both have an extensive knowledge in health and exercise, they decided that it was the route they should take. Creating software applications was the original path, which led them to podcasts.

Their typical podcast lasts anywhere from minutes to hours, discussing various topics and even some mainstream stream music. Powell and Brown saw the opening in the market and took the chance to create something that could really benefit listeners of all audiences.

"We really want to help people filter through false claims," said Powell. Health and exercise tips vary in accuracy and many myths have caused confusion for the average and even most experienced athlete, dieter and even fitness enthusiasts.

The twenty to thirty minute podcasts are posted every week. In order to gain an audience base, the partners have been posting two episodes per week and have five on iTunes available for download.

"We've been focusing on interviewing experts in the fitness field as well as the supplement field, to get the facts and provide our listeners with accurate advice," said Powell. The podcast will cover everything from diet plans, workout routines and weight lifting, to fitness shows and modeling.

Like any growing business, sponsorship is a key element in selling a brand that advertises to different audiences. "Essentially, we are looking for five sponsors. We would prefer middle range companies looking to grow so we can grow together," said Powell. "We don't have any specific names of sponsors yet, but we have been receiving positive responses."

Over the course of the next few years, Powell and Brown hope to make Ergogenic a household name and have their advice and knowledge be heard and used by as many people as possible.

The creators hope for Ergogenic to be the informative podcast that pushes all false advertising and misleading information aside to promote healthy lifestyles.

For Powell and Brown, this is not just a hobby. This idea has turned into a brand that they eventually hope to turn into a full fledged business that will have people talking.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Tispy Teapot

Today
7 p.m.
ODM

Friday
7 p.m.
AETHER REALM

Saturday
8:30 p.m.
I Forgot

Peasant's Pub

Thursday
10 p.m.
4th of July Party
Rebekah Todd
William Seymour

Friday
10 p.m.
Redhorse Black

Saturday
10 p.m.
The Heritage

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

Uptown Events

Today
5-8 p.m.
Umbrella Market

Thursday-Saturday
1-9 p.m.
Greenville's Fourth of July
Celebration

Sunday
7 p.m.
Sunday in the Park
The Supergit Cowboy Band

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ALBUM REVIEW

David Cucchiara
STAFF WRITER

Kanye West

Album: "Yeezus"
Released: June 18

Kanye West is the center of attention in the rap game once again with the release of his sixth studio album, "Yeezus." The album takes West's award winning lyrical flow and supplements it with a revamped instrumental sound unlike anything the rapper has ever released. Using heavy, almost industrial instrumentals, West raps over unsteady beats that give way to electronically carried choruses, making for an unpleasantly off-setting feel. West called on the talents of Daft Punk's Thomas Bangalter to produce four songs on the album.

While only 10 tracks appear on the album, some songs, including "I Am God" and "New Slaves," end entirely differently from how they begin, hinting that West may have merged two songs into one. "Hold My Liquor" is a typical hip-hop anthem mixed with the omnipresent electro-fused beat that blends exactly how West intended—uncomfortably.

West took a musical risk attempting to adapt to the age of electronic music. In retrospect, West was able to integrate his classic flow and controversial lyrics into his new instrumental style. "Yeezus" has shot up to top *Billboard's 200*.

Grade: 8/10



J. Cole

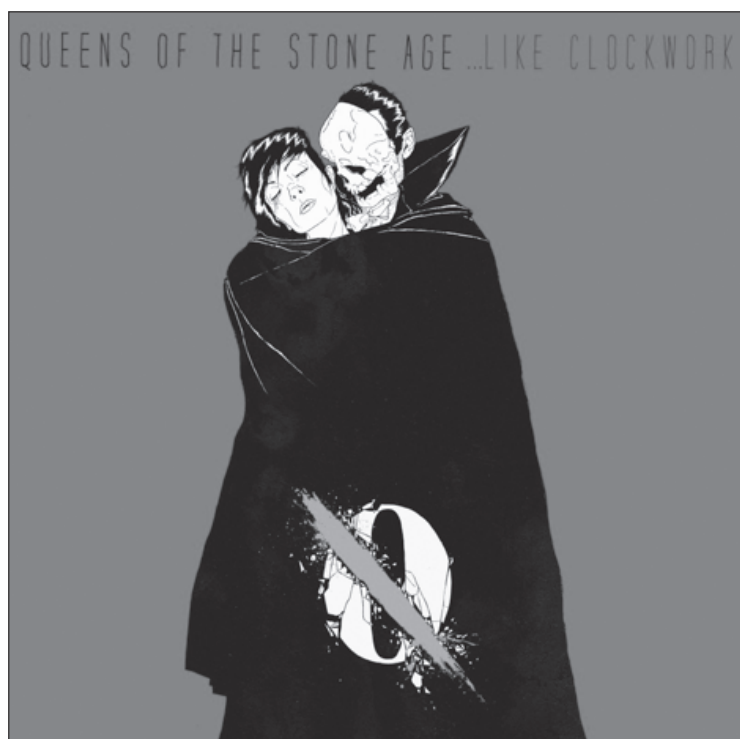
Album: "Born Sinner"
Released: June 18

The same day Kanye West released "Yeezus" another prominent rapper released an album of his own. "Born Sinner," the second studio album from North Carolina native J. Cole, is stylistically a continuation of Cole's first album, "Cole World: The Sideline Story." The album features rudimentary, sometimes lagging instrumentals with Cole's classically smooth flow and crisp lyrics. "Born Sinner" features an excellent supporting cast of Miguel, Kendrick Lamar and even an appearance from 50 Cent.

Lyrical, Cole touches upon some of the common social issues in society today, including racism and homophobia. While comprised of multiple standout tracks, "Born Sinner" fails to deliver that one hit, that one defining piece to the puzzle. "Forbidden Fruit" has a spunky, vocally enhancing beat and a fast paced flow that proves to be one of the better songs on the album. "Power Trip," has a stunning chorus from Miguel and some great lines from Cole, but contains a troublingly and awkward beat. "New York Times," is the closest thing to a hit on the album, consisting of a strong brass-piano beat with powerful verses from 50 Cent.

The album's 17 songs, two skits and two interludes gives the listener more than their money's worth. "Born Sinner" currently sits second behind "Yeezus" on the *Billboard 200*.

Grade: 6/10



Queens of the Stone Age

Album: "...Like Clockwork"
Released: June 4

In a market that continues to be saturated by mainstream pop and electronic music, it takes a lot to create a successful and popular hard rock album. "...Like Clockwork," the sixth studio album from Queens of the Stone Age, has the dexterity to possibly rejuvenate the rock industry and, at the very least, win the group their first Grammy.

The album also features some big contributors, including Dave Grohl, Trent Reznor and even the great Elton John. With riffs and vocals somewhat resembling an early Muse and powerful lyrics, this is sounding like one of the better albums we've seen from Queens of the Stone Age thus far.

"I Sat By The Ocean" gives listeners that powerful late-80s-sounding rock ballad that rockers have been yearning for over the last few decades. The song send chills down the spine as Josh Homme belts out those upper register lyrics. "The Vampyre of Time and Memory" is another powerful track with some deep, heavy guitar parts. Finally, "Fairweather Friends" catches the listener off guard 30 seconds in when elegant voice Elton John comes in over hard rock. It's an odd but uniquely fitting combination.

Grade: 7/10

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Binegar named Associate AD for External Operations

Shelley Binegar, former Northern Illinois Huskies assistant athletic director, will join the ECU athletic department. Binegar has been appointed to the newly created position of associate athletics director for external operations.

Binegar will serve ECU in a supervisory capacity on the administrative staff overseeing all marketing, promotional, ticketing and video/media relations' efforts for all 19 intercollegiate athletic programs.

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Binegar will be the athletic department's top liaison with IMG College.

Harvey and Tignor added to Special Teams Watch List

The special teams dynamic duo of Warren Harvey (placekicker) and Trent Tignor (punter) has been added to the College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) Special Teams Watch List.

Harvey earned a spot on the Watch List after a season of success. Harvey finished last season an All-Conference USA Honorable mention after converting all 50 PATs and 15-of- 20 field goal attempts. Harvey led the team with 95 points while finishing in the top team among league leaders in PAT percentage (1st), kick scoring (6th), field goal percentage (6th), field goals (6th), and total scoring (9th).

His special teams partner, Tignor, has also been added as the top punter for the Pirates. Tignor was also an All-Conference USA honoree after logging 65 punts for 2,779 yards. Tignor finished the season with nine touchbacks, 14 punts inside opponent's 20-yard line, and 10 punts for 50-plus yards. Tignor also garnered a C-USA Special Teams Player-of-the-Week award after a career-best 10 points for 422 yards against the University of Southern Mississippi.

Fight for the top

Football programs compete for state-wide dominance

Dan Hunt
SPORTS WRITER

Throughout the state of North Carolina's long football history, dominance by one school has been short-lived, with the borderline exception of UNC in the 1930s and Duke (yes, Duke) in the 1940s. There has not been a one-loss team or better in the state since UNC in 1997. The battle to be N.C.'s flagship football program is wide open.

Having no dominant program maintains a competitive domestic recruiting battle within the state, but it also prevents any one program from keeping the elite high school talent in state and away from SEC powers with consistency.

Although no program has been able to dominate the state in recently, some have had the title of flagship in their sights.

If UNC and N.C. State are considered favorites to sail the flagship, Wake Forest and Duke are unlikely candidates, the sleeper for the future might be ECU.

ECU has one of, if not the best, football cultures in the state, and it shows in recruiting—many of their

signees site the atmosphere as the top reason for their commitment. Pirate fans are optimistic that their new conference's television deal will increase exposure and let the rest of the country see what makes Saturdays in Greenville so special.

Head coach Ruffin McNeill, who just signed a three-year contract extension, is a former player at ECU. If he can start producing a consistent winner, then the Pirates would find themselves in the fortunate position of having a coach who is highly unlikely to leave for a higher profile job. This is the model set by Frank Beamer at Virginia Tech, the ideal situation for Pirate fans, and the only chance ECU has of claiming the title Flagship of North Carolina.

Conventional knowledge could lead to the belief that UNC should be situated atop the list of state schools gunning for the title because the name "University of North Carolina" gives them a distinct advantage from a branding standpoint.

To some, UNC seemed poised for a monopoly on the state at the

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Head Coach Ruffin McNeill has the ECU football program in contention to be North Carolina's flagship program if he can produce consistent winning seasons.

Ranking the Carolinas

2012-2013 athletic programs reviewed

Josh Graham
SENIOR WRITER

Throughout the football season, it became a weekly fixture for *The East Carolinian* to rank the best teams of both North Carolina and South Carolina. Now that the spring sport seasons have concluded, it's time to look back and see which universities had the athlete programs.

1 North Carolina (Chapel Hill): The Tar Heels edge out their rivals from Raleigh, mostly because what they did against the Wolfpack during head-to-head play. In football, it was the infamous punt return by Giovanni Bernard – serving as the game-winning score in the final seconds – and if not for NCAA sanctions, they would have won the ACC Coastal Division and played in the conference title game. The Pack and Heels split their regular season meeting on the hardwood, but UNC was able to advance out of the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Lastly, in baseball, both teams ranked in the top 10 for the lion share of the season and met five times, including an eighteen-inning classic in the ACC Tournament and twice in the College World Series.

The Tar Heels won the season series (3-2), the ACC Championship and ended the Wolfpack's season in Omaha. Outside the major three sports, UNC won its first NCAA championship in women's lacrosse and 21st women's soccer title in just 30 seasons.

2 N.C. State: Even though the Wolfpack didn't top our list, they did enjoy a memorable year in their school history. The baseball program finally clinched its first trip to the College World Series since 1968, and if not for the substantially-deeper fences at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, it may have been in the final round playing for a NCAA title. Aside from the success on the diamond, some Wolfpack fans believe the year was a let-a down. N.C. State sputtered against Vanderbilt in the Music City Bowl—which prompted the firing of head football coach Tom O'Brien—while the basketball team fell far short of its lofty preseason expectations. Those arguments are valid, but what can't be debated is that N.C. State was nationally relevant in all three of the major sports, which earns them the No. 2 spot.

3 Duke: The Blue Devils did what they normally do on the hardwood. Sure, they didn't win either the regular season or ACC titles, but Mike Krzyzewski still led Duke into Indianapolis, where they lost in the Elite Eight to the eventual national champions, Louisville. That's not why they're No. 3 on our list, though. Rather it was decided on a memorable night at Wallace-Wade Stadium. Trailing UNC 30-26 with 0:19 left and facing an important fourth-and-two, quarterback Sean Renfree found Jamison Crowder for the game-winning touchdown that brought the Victory Bell back to Durham. When the clock showed triple-zeros, the Duke students stormed the field knowing their Blue Devils were bowl eligible for the first time since 1994. In the spring, the Duke men's lacrosse team won its second national title in the last four years.

4 South Carolina: ECU learned early on how powerful South Carolina's football team was when they got floored 48-10 on Sep. 8. If that wasn't enough to impress you, just YouTube Jadeveon Clowney's earth-shaking hit on Michigan running back Vincent Smith in the Outback Bowl. That'll do it. In the latter stages of that game, Dylan Thompson dropped back and pin-pointed a pass between three Wolverine defensive-backs to find Bruce Ellington for the game-winning touchdown. The score came with just 0:11 left and sealed a 33-28 Gamecocks win to cap an 11-2 season. Even though USC advanced to a super regional on the diamond, the 2013 season was viewed as a setback since the program appeared in Omaha the previous three years and won it all twice.

5 Clemson: Yes, Clemson beat two of the teams ranked higher on the list—N.C. State and North Carolina—in route to an ACC Championship title and a dramatic win over LSU in Chick-Fil-A Bowl. But I couldn't put the Tigers any higher after their dismal basketball season and loss to South Carolina in the regular season finale. Not to be forgotten, Clemson went 40-22 (18-12 ACC) on the diamond in a loaded baseball conference.

ECU was on the fringe of making the cut following an 8-5 campaign (7-1 Conference USA) in football and statistically their best basketball season ever. That isn't to say 23 wins and the school's first ever postseason tournament crown in the CIT should be in anyway overlooked. It's undoubtedly a large step for the program and getting back onto the scale of relevancy in a state notorious for its college basketball.

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Until Pirate Football begins

Local players selected in NBA Draft



Mason Plumlee was one of four N.C. players selected in the draft, going 22nd overall to the Brooklyn Nets. WEB PHOTO

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end of last decade. Former head coach Butch Davis had stockpiled an eye-opening amount of NFL talent, but failed to produce a winner before he was fired in relation to recruiting violations, and the Tarheels were placed on probation.

In 2012, an investigation revealed evidence of grade tampering and fake classes involving a significant percentage of the football team. There remains a dark cloud over the program, but it may be leaving sooner than expected.

Head coach Larry Fedora, who is entering his second season at UNC, has an impressive resume, and recruiting has not been a problem thus far. The Tarheels are also returning a lot of talent this upcoming season. A breakthrough year, coupled with a very forgiving media, could place UNC within striking distance of the throne in their state.

N.C. State boasted a five-game winning streak against their archrival before losing last season. Despite their recent success on the field against the Tar Heels, recruiting races between the two programs have been neck-and-neck.

The Wolfpack have not achieved a 10-win season since 2002 and sunk into mediocrity for most of last decade, but three straight bowl appearances have fans in Raleigh feeling optimistic about their future.

Head coach Dave Doeren enters his first year as the leader of the Pack, one season removed from leading Northern Illinois to their best results in school history. N.C. State lost a substantial amount of personal experience after this past season, and Doeren is just beginning to implement his philosophies and strategies, so the Pack may have their struggles on the field this year. However, Doeren is piecing

together arguably the best recruiting class in the state for 2014, inking an impressive 23 recruits already.

The future is very unclear for the Wolfpack, but fans hope that Doeren will capture the state.

In the race for flagship program, Wake Forest is on the outside looking in. Jim Grobe has had a longstanding tenure at the helm of the Demon Deacons, only four wins behind the school record, and Wake boasts the most recent ACC title in the state (2006), but the program has been trending in the wrong direction as of late. Questions are starting to arise, as to whether or not Wake has reached their ceiling.

Duke reached their first bowl game since 1995 last season under head coach, David Cutcliffe.

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Practice, games, workouts and late nights; these are some of the things needed to take your game to the next level.

For college basketball players and international players around the world, the NBA draft is the culmination of everything they have dreamed of and it is their opportunity to seek professional employment doing something they love.

Many local teams were represented last Thursday when they had players called to the stage, and this meant that the next step of their career was already underway.

The state of North Carolina saw four of their tobacco road products walk across the stage Thursday evening.

Mason Plumlee from Duke was the first player from the state taken in the draft with the 22nd selection in the first round by the Brooklyn Nets. Plumlee has great athleticism for a seven-foot player. Playing under a coach like Mike Krzyzewski for four years makes Plumlee even more desirable because you can expect him to have discipline incorporated in his game.

Three picks later, Reggie Bullock from UNC walked across the stage as the newest Los Angeles Clippers player. Bullock showed he could play a big man's position on a small Tarheel team last season, while also being a great outside scorer to boot.

With Grant Hill retiring and multiple contracts expiring, Bullock may get an immediate roll off of the bench in Chris Paul's offense.

Two more players were taken later in round two. With the 48th pick, the Los Angeles Lakers selected Ryan Kelly from Duke. Kelly can jump right in and contribute off the bench because of how versatile he can be. Not only can he handle the ball, but he can also score efficiently and rebound well. Standing at 6-foot-11-inches, he will stretch the floor and allow players like Pau Gasol (and possibly Dwight Howard) to score in the paint while Kobe Bryant handles the playmaking duties on the wing.

Wolfpack point guard Lorenzo Brown heard his name called with the 52nd pick to the Minnesota Timberwolves. Brown provides size at the point guard position, and his defense will help him hang around NBA rosters at least for a few seasons.

In regards to Conference USA players, none were selected in the 60 picks, but a few were picked up to compete for a roster spot this summer. Adonis Thomas (Memphis) was invited to play for the Atlanta Hawks summer league squad. The sophomore averaged 10 points and four rebounds in his two seasons at Memphis.

Conference USA Defensive Player-of-the-Year, DJ Stephens (Memphis) was picked up soon after the draft by the back-to-back

NBA Champion Miami Heat franchise. Stephens, a freakish athlete, had the highest ever-recorded vertical jump at the NBA combine of 46 inches. No doubt, this guy is athletic enough to compete in the pros.

Big man, Keith Clanton (UCF) was picked up by his local team the Orlando Magic. This pick up is a low risk, high reward move for the Magic organization who are taking a chance on a proven player that is physical and seasoned.

CJ Leslie (N.C. State), Richard Howell (N.C. State) and CJ Harris (Wake Forest) were all scooped up by teams after the draft and they will also represent the state of North Carolina in the NBA Summer League while competing for a roster spot.

Leslie will play for the New York Knicks this summer, while Howell and Harris will play for the Denver Nuggets.

Unfortunately, former Pirates Maurice Kemp and Miguel Paul were not drafted or signed later on, but these players still have to option to continue their careers like some Pirates before them. They can go the international route like Darrius Morrow and Jontae Sherrod or they can stay in the states and try to make a NBA D-league team to get into an organization.

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