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Student demand has led to Joyner Library staying open 24 hours a day during the weekday. The new program will be in a trial period this fall and spring.

Joyner shines bright Library moves to 24/5 schedule

Ryan Clancy
TEC STAFF

Joyner Library will now be open 24 hours five days a week for the upcoming fall and spring semesters, according to Mark Sanders, Assistant Director for Public Services.

This expansion of Joyner's hours is designed to meet student demand.

"One of the most frequent requests we get from students is to expand the time the library is open to 24 hours a day," said Sanders.

Joyner will open at 10 a.m. on Sunday and remain open until 9 p.m. on Friday, according to

Sanders. After 2 a.m., students will be required to have a valid OneCard to enter the building.

The program, known as 24/5, is a pilot and whether or not it becomes a permanent change will be dependent on the amount of students who use the library between 2 a.m. and 7 p.m. In order to accurately assess how many students use the library during that time, the library is turning to some unique technology.

"We installed at our entrance about six months ago cameras that are people counting cameras," said Sanders. These cameras will count how many people are coming in and how many

people are exiting by the hour, the day, the week, ex cetera.

Sanders has also set a rough goal for the average amount of students he'd like to see in order to continue the program.

"If we can average during that overnight period a hundred people I think that would be considered a success," he said.

The decision to keep Joyner open 24/5 originated with Jan Lewis, the interim dean of Joyner

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STATE NEWS

Campus life affected by gun laws

Brittany Sanderson
TEC STAFF

ECU police are concerned that the negative effects of the new North Carolina gun law will outweigh the benefits.

Lt. Chris Sutton of ECU police said he thinks the law was intended to make people who are traveling feel safer. He said he doesn't see how having the firearms on campus is beneficial to anyone.

"In no way is the operator granted provision to move or use the firearm, and it [gun law] doesn't give them authority to take it in buildings," said Sutton. "If they decide to move the firearm from the interior of the vehicle to the trunk, that's a violation of the law."

Sutton said it's likely the gun laws will increase vehicle break-ins more than any other crime on campus.

"Now, instead of searching for electronics, they will be targeting weapons," said Sutton.

Sutton said ECU police are concerned this gun law will cause operators to interfere with the duties of the police. He said civilians should run from threats, but if they are carrying a firearm that could change.

"The body plays tricks on you in stressful situations and officers put tons of training into knowing how to handle those situations," he said. "People don't have the opportunity to mentally prepare for that."

Freshmen Psychology major Victoria Powers said she isn't a big

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Police handle Greenville gang problem

Tyler Stocks
TEC STAFF

Over 18 different gangs exist in Pitt County. According to the N.C. Department of Crime and Public Safety, a gang is defined as three or more members who associate and engage in criminal acts. Identifying gang members can be difficult according to the N.C. Gang Investigators Association. The association classifies an individual's involvement from level one to level five.

The five levels are as follows:

Fantasy: May or may not know about real gangs. Becomes moti-

vated by watching TV, watching movies or reading the newspaper. Also includes individuals who have a fantasy of living the gang lifestyle.

At risk: Hangs out with gang members on occasion. Lives near the gang. Admires gang members and leaders.

Associate/wannabe: Thinks gang activity is normal and is okay with committing crime. Knows gang members well and hangs out with them frequently. Is serious about becoming a member of a gang.

Gang member: Officially validated as a member of a gang. Has

rejected their family and value systems in favor of the gang. Actively participates in gang related crime. Has little regard for authority figures.

Hardcore gang member: Will commit any crime to promote the interests of the gang. Rejects any authority other than the gang. Has no regard for human life, family values or laws. Willing to die for the gang.

Identifying gang members and determining what level they are is an important task according to ECU Police Lt. Chris Sutton. Collaboration among police depart-

ments is crucial in combatting gang activity. ECU Police officers receive annual training to combat the problem while also working with other law enforcement agencies.

At ECU, gang activity occurs sporadically said Sutton.

"The most popular thing we do have that involves gang activity is tagging or graffiti artwork that gangs do," said Sutton. "We see a lot of it when there's not as many people around over breaks."

Summer is the peak time for gang related larcenies and vehicle break-ins as few students are on campus. While gang activity is

infrequent on campus, gangs are a major concern throughout Greenville and Pitt County said Sgt. Joe Friday of the Greenville Police Department.

"The department utilizes a gang force to investigate gang crime, gang related incidents, to gather intelligence, to combat gang crime and violence," said Friday. "We partner with state and federal agencies like the SBI, FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol and Firearms. To investigate gang activity, we participate in gang database training and

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BRIEFS

Staff Reports

New Degree awaiting full implementation

The UNC Board of Governors approved the Bachelor of Science degree in University Studies during their monthly meeting on August 19.

Nelson Cooper, associate professor of recreation and leisure studies, will be the

interim director of the program effective immediately, according to Marilyn Sheerer, provost and senior vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Curriculum approval of new courses is required before full implementation of the degree and students are admitted into the program.

Shooting early Saturday morning

Aramark employee, Ceira Clark, was shot in her car early Saturday morning and later pronounced dead at Vidant Medical Center.

The incident occurred at W. 14th street. Police have a few leads and they will be continuing the investigation in the coming days.

Teen shot at North Campus Crossing

According to The Daily Reflector, an early Monday morning shooting at North Campus Crossing sent former North Pitt High School student to Vidant Medical Center. Trayvon Harris was shot with a semi automatic handgun during a fight. Harris was still recovering on Monday.

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gang related network information exchanges to better understand and anticipate gangs and gang trends across the state.”

Friday said one way the Greenville Police makes the community safer is by using a community-oriented approach. Each year, the department participates in National Night Out, which is an initiative to bring members of the community together while also deterring gang related activity.

“The Greenville Police Department is committed to taking violent offenders off the street,” said Friday.

Confronting gang activity is not only a job for officers

patrolling the streets but also for the officers who work at the Pitt County Detention Center (PCDC). Maj. Jeff Phillips discussed how inmates are classified upon arrival to the jail.

“Your basic line of defense when it comes to identifying gangs normally starts at the Department of Corrections (DOC) level,” said Phillips.

Gang members—validated or official gang members who have served time in prison before—live at the PCDC while they’re awaiting trial. In many cases, the inmate has been incarcerated at the PCDC on multiple occasions. In addition, any infractions that an

inmate has tallied are put in their DOC file.

Certain body markings or tattoos also assist officers in identifying gang members. This information can assist officers in separating the most violent offenders from general population.

Inmates will also self-admit to officers regarding their gang affiliation.

“Your motorcycle gang members—Aryan Nation, Aryan Brotherhood, white supremacists—a lot of times they will tell you out of fear of reprisal from the inside gang members,” said Phillips. “Predominant gangs in our area are Bloods, Crips and MS-13. If you have a

white supremacist between Bloods and Crips, there can be problems.”

However, Phillips considers certain gangs as “sleeping gangs” because many members are not forthcoming.

Recruitment of new gang members at PCDC is another area that is being addressed.

“What we look for is jail-house tattoos,” said Phillips. “That is a prime indicator. Someone hanging around with a gang member... we address that. Because [gangs] will try to recruit from within.”

PCDC Captain Robert Rompf discussed how gangs use coded language. Gangs give new recruits a list of codes to memorize.

“When we go to cell search, you might find a list of what the codes are,” said Rompf.

Gangs can be complex, well organized and communicate by sending and receiving mail according to Phillips. The PCDC processes over 90,000 pieces of mail per year. While each letter cannot be read, the mail is scanned for contraband and the envelope is not given to the recipient.

The 2012 Gangs in North Carolina: An Analysis of GangNET Data report revealed that there are over 14,000 validated gang members in North Carolina. People join gangs for multiple reasons, but the area of concern for law enforcement is that recruits can be as young as eight and nine years old according to Friday.

“Many kids don’t have stable families and are look-

Five levels of gang association

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May or may not know about real gangs. Becomes motivated by watching TV or movies or reading the news paper.

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Hangs out with gang members on occasion.

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Is serious about becoming a member of a gang.

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Gang member
Officially validated as a member of a gang.

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Hardcore gang member
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ing for love and security,” said Friday.

Being aware of gangs and working together as a community can help deter gang activity. The Greenville Police Department host annual events, such as Shop With a Cop where officers take at risk youth shopping for school supplies and clothing, are held annually. According to Friday, these

events allow youth to connect with police officers that can be a positive role model for them.

“The Greenville Police Department is committed to enforcing the laws in the fairest way we can and respecting people’s rights and making our community safer,” said Friday.

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Library.
 “It was an initiative I wanted to make happen...it was definitely important to me last year when I became interim dean,” said Lewis.
 With the help of Mark Sanders, who she described as “critical and supportive through the whole process,” she worked on making the necessary changes to keep Joyner open longer.
 “It took a while because we had to install some alarms

on doors and we had to put up a new door that goes back to our technical services area so we could lock that after hours,” she said.
 The library has also had to hire additional personnel in order to stay open overnight.
 “Staffing is one of the biggest concerns in order to provide a basic level of service during the overnight period,” said Sanders. “So we have hired a person in circulation

who will work that overnight period and we worked with our security department to have somebody there overnight.”
 All the new hires are being made within the library’s existing budget.
 “We didn’t get any additional funding,” said Sanders.
 The extended hours are not only designed to benefit students who work at late at night, they are also designed to help students who do their

work in the morning.
 “Sometimes students want to be here before 7:30 as well if there’s something they’re trying to finish up before class,” said Lewis.
 Now that Joyner has extended its hours, it joins major North Carolina colleges, like NC State and UNC, that currently leave their libraries open 24 hours for part or all of the week.
 “This is an increasing trend with academic librar-

ies to go to a 24/5 or 24/7 schedule,” Sanders said.
 Kate McPherson, a sophomore chemistry major, said she thinks it will be convenient to have the library open more often.
 “It’s great that it gives students a quiet place where they can study at all times,” said McPherson.
 Whether or not the program will become permanent will depend on the use library gets during the next two

semesters.
 “A large portion of the student body won’t utilize it that late into the night,” McPherson said.
 Sanders however, believes that while there may not be many student using it at first, those numbers will pick up eventually.
 “I suspect that after mid-terms, we’ll see pretty good use.”
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Lt. Sutton of the ECU Police will be affected by the new gun law.

fan of guns.
 “I think it would be best to keep guns off of campus, but students will have them anyway,” she said.
 Powers said she is afraid there will be some students who try to take control of situations on campus which could cause harm to a lot of people.
 Sutton said the issue of campus shootings has been brought up because college is a good place for undiag-

nosed mental issues to be heightened.
 “Active shooters in the past were never lawfully allowed to have weapons on campus,” said Sutton.
 “Shooters need two things, intent and opportunity, without the firearm you eliminate part of that equation.”
 Sutton said ECU police will do their best to educate people on firearms and what the law will mean. They are

working with housing as well as implementing information into COAD classes.
 “The big thing is they need to know if they bring a gun to campus before the first of October, it’s illegal,” he said.
 Sutton said there is no legal way the university can regulate who has a gun on campus.
 “ECU could make a registration policy, but it would have to be voluntary,” he

said. “The law doesn’t say you have to register the gun with your university, so they [ECU] wouldn’t have the teeth to make it mandatory.”
 Senior Public Health major Edgar Tinajero said knowing the university can’t require gun holders to register their firearms makes him feel less safe.
 “I am completely supportive of gun rights, but there should be some kind of registration, we need to

know who has these guns,” said Tinajero.
 Tinajero said he is most concerned with what kind of effects this law will have on downtown life.
 “Drunk students and guns...only God knows what could happen,” he said.
 Tinajero said despite his support of gun rights he doesn’t feel the need to carry a weapon on campus.
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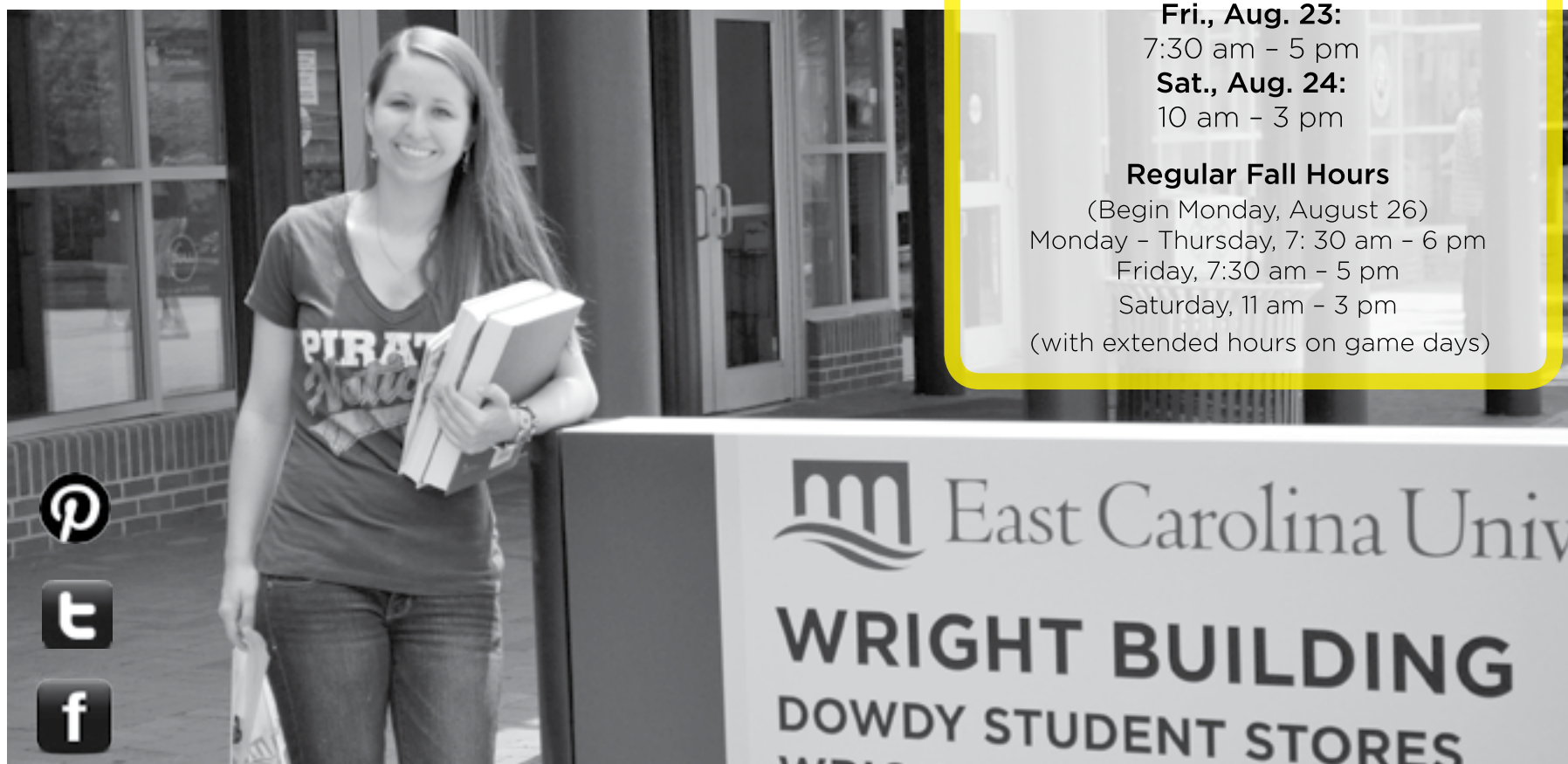
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Playing it safe on and off campus

Tyler Stocks
TEC STAFF

Greenville Police responded to a shooting Sunday at 1 a.m. at North Campus Crossing. To address the problem of off campus violence, Chief Hassan Aden said officers are stepping up patrols.

"We began our increased patrols last week," said Aden. "The student housing areas and the entire university area remain as focus points for our patrol shifts and specialized units."

With classes getting back in session, the ECU and

Greenville Police remind students to be aware of their surroundings always err on the side of caution and to report suspicious activity. Lt. Chris Sutton with the ECU Police Department offered the following advice.

"It's important to walk in pairs or have someone pick you up or drop you off whenever possible," said Sutton. "ECU Safe Ride provides on campus escorts, and ECU Transit provides routes while night classes are held."

The university also offers safety escorts for students at no charge. Students can

arrange this by calling (252) 328-6787. Just provide a name and location 15 minutes prior to being picked up.

Throughout campus, cameras are placed on blue light phones, which are available in case of an emergency, and can give dispatchers critical information when a crime is in progress.

"Blue light phones are strategically positioned throughout campus to provide an immediate link between the caller and campus police," said Sutton. "Most are placed within line of sight of another blue light phone."

Personal vehicle break-ins have been a problem on campus, and Sutton recommends students keep vehicles locked and keep valuables out of plain sight.

Throughout the school year, local police departments offer personal safety presentations that cover resident safety, personal safety, reporting suspicious activity, etc. For women, the department also offers Rape Aggression Defense (RAD); and for men, Resisting Aggression Defense. These classes are free of charge.

Additionally, students can take advantage of Operation ID, which offers the chance to register property and assign it an identification number that can be tracked. Marked items, according to the ECU Police website, can be a theft deterrent.

"It has been a very busy back to school period with lots of activity in the Uptown bar district as well. We have a strong relationship with ECU police and are working in tandem to maximize patrols at peak times," said Aden.

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CAMPUS SAFETY TIPS

- Tell a friend or roommate where you're going
- Avoid leaving your electronics or other belongings unattended
- Report suspicious people or vehicles to campus security
- Avoid walking alone on campus, especially at night. If you don't have someone with you, call security and request an escort.
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Pirate Port to replace OneStop

New student portal moves to be fully operational by Fall 2014

Chelsea Cox
TEC STAFF

Information Technology and Computing Services (ICTS) has developed an online system, Pirate Port, which will soon take the place of OneStop. The Pirate Port has an up to date interface that is both easy to use and aesthetically pleasing.

Steven Forehand, developer and administrator for Pirate Port, agreed that the new system was needed in order to meet the changing needs of students in our

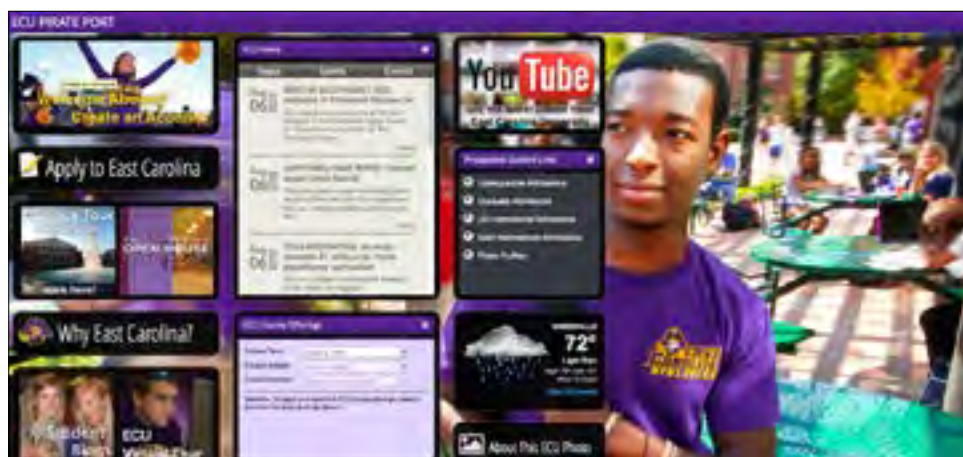
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“The OneStop experience was not what I would consider a modern experience,” said Forehand, “we released OneStop in 2001... it was perfectly acceptable then to say to somebody, ‘Hey you have a hold tag, but you have to go find it.’ That’s not really acceptable now...if you have a hold tag, we kind of need to let you know without you having to go search for it.”

Pirate Port will let stu-

dents know up front about hold tags, or other important notifications. “With the email within Pirate Port, the library will be able to send you a message that says, ‘Hey, you need to get that book back so you can register for classes.’ Or, if Student Health needed to get up with you for something they could say, ‘Hey, stop by,’” said Forehand.

Forehand said these features are not available yet but will be in the near future.



The user-friendly system will eliminate a lot of the problems that students currently experience.

Everything that is in Pirate Port is in Onestop, but not everything that’s in OneStop has made it to Pirate Port yet. For example, the GPA calculator and the message boards have yet to be finished. The new webpage is made up of widgets instead of the typical home screen with “Tools” on OneStop. Students are able to customize the widgets they see on their home screen using a drag and drop feature.

“The purpose of the widget was so that you could place what you want on your page and it’s right there so you don’t have to dive so deep to find it,” said Forehand.

The transition will be smooth, though ICTS hopes to have Pirate Port be able to take the place of OneStop in Fall 2014. “It’s not really a switch flipping event,” said Forehand, “were not going to say this day is OneStop and the next day is Pirate Port...it’s out

there now and what we’ll do is continue to release features.”

According to Belinda Perkinson, a member of the ICTS communications team, they will be starting to market Pirate Port more this fall although students are able to log on now.

Perkinson said the new system is so user friendly and self-explanatory that formal training for students and staff will not be necessary. “With PiratePort it really is so easy that there doesn’t need to be a ‘how to’ because once you log in you’ll go ‘oh, this is really nice.’ It’s easy to find things and it goes with widgets and apps just like your phone.” Perkinson also added that Self-Service Banner will not change, because Banner is a separate system that is accessed through OneStop.

Most students are familiar with using OneStop’s mobile version if they access it from their smart

phone or tablet, but to take things further, ICTS is developing an app that can be downloaded and used to access Pirate Port. “We will release an app, but no word yet when. It could be late fall or early next year,” said Forehand, “rather than just the website we’ll have something you actually download.”

ICTS has a blog to keep everyone updated on new features and changes to the system, which can be found at blog.ecu.edu/pirateport.

Forehand said he would listen to any feedback from students and faculty about the new development, since the focus is on the user. “One thing we want to stress with Pirate Port is that if there’s something you want to see, even if it’s crazy, just let us know and we’ll put that in there,” said Forehand.

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Students mourn fellow pirates

Skateboard injury causes death

Hit-and-run claims alumnus

Emily Gardiner
TEC STAFF

ECU student Casey Kane, 21, died on July 25 at Vidant Medical Center due to head trauma from a skateboarding accident.

Kane was a very active student on campus participating in several organizations. Kane was part of Phi Mu Alpha, a music fraternity, and was a Teaching Fellow. He was also a rising senior music major and played saxophone for the ECU Marching Pirates.

Kelly McLees, a senior elementary education major, knew Kane from Teaching Fellows. In spring of 2010 McLees and Kane met at a mutual friend's birthday party. At the time, McLees was unsure where she desired to attend college.

"Casey stood out to me in particular," said McLees. "He just smiled and calmed my nerves. He made me feel like I maybe wanted to go to ECU."

To McLees, Kane was an accepting, outgoing and artsy individual and should be remembered in a positive way.

"Casey should be remembered for his genuine interest in what everyone had to say," she said.



Kane was a teaching fellow and marching pirate.

His parents are beginning a program to promote skateboarding safety.

There will be a vigil for Kane at a later date during the fall semester.

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Emily Gardiner
TEC STAFF

ECU Alumnus Weston Vandemerwe's body was found off of I-40 on August 13, said WRAL. The death is being investigated as a hit-and-run crash.

Vandemerwe went missing after leaving The Oxford bar on August 10.

When Vandemerwe's friends and family heard that he was missing, they organized a search party, said Mills.

"I wish he wouldn't have tried to walk off and not get a cab," said Mills.

Vandemerwe was an Apex, N.C., native who graduated from ECU in December 2012 with a degree in finance.

Mills and Vandemerwe were members of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity brothers and financial majors.

"Together, we studied and we were learning and growing and becoming friends," said Mills.

Schuyler Grant, Vandemerwe's friend, pledged Phi Kappa Tau with Vandemerwe. They met the first day of rush in 2008.

"Weston made me feel at home. He was probably the reason I joined Phi Kappa Tau," said Grant.

Vandemerwe was Phi Kappa Tau's vice president and he did a lot of the fraternity's house management.



Weston Vandemerwe's body was found on Aug 13.

Yeti described Vandemerwe as a great friend and a good person to always have around.

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GPD bust brings down large heroin operation

Tyler Stocks
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Regional Drug Task Force completed a two-month investigation, which led to the arrests of three heroin dealers on Aug. 9.

Agents seized over 900 bags of

heroin and two thousand dollars. Latravian Daniels of 301 Cadillac Street was the focus of the investigation as he had known ties to drug dealers in Brooklyn, NY.

Daniels was charged with seven counts of trafficking heroin, two counts of conspiracy to traf-

fic in heroin, possession with intent to sell and deliver heroin and maintaining a vehicle for felony drug use. He was booked at the Pitt County Detention Center (PCDC) under a \$1 million secured bond.

Joseph McCrary of 4205 Brook

Creek was charged with attempting to traffic heroin and Jody Elbert of 111 Trent Circle was charged with two counts of conspiracy to traffic heroin. Both have been booked in the PCDC under \$200,000 bonds each.

Members of the Greenville

Regional Drug Task Force include the Greenville Police Department, the Pitt County Sheriff's Office, the State Bureau of Investigation and the Farmville Police Department.

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PIRATE RANTS

Welcome back Pirates! These rants were hand picked by your official weekend DD, @ECUBusDriver. See you Thursday night!

Private clubs downtown... Come on man! We need penny liquor back, not memberships.

Some people think Pirate football is a matter of life and death. I assure you, it is much more serious than that.

Freshman indicators: lanyards, maps, ECU attire, and no STD's.

Oh I got a text? Must be an ECU alert.

Of course WVU would talk s**t about ECU a year we don't play them.

Thousands of dollars in tuition and I still can't use the Rec during the summer?

Worked the keg at the frat house the other night... so many hot boys with so much beer.

Today is the first day of class... AKA first nap time of the semester.

Dear freshman girls: Yes, he is spitting game at you. No, he does not want to date you. No, you should not sleep with him. Please learn from the mistakes of your predecessors.

Freshman boys may possibly be the most obnoxious individuals on the planet.

Insert clever rant about this AWFUL construction on campus... you couldn't have finished it during the summer... really?

Actually, ECU Anon Twitter accounts are like being at a costume party where every costume is recycled and none of them are funny.

You smell that? Smells like Pirate football!!!!

To the kid that tried to walk in my house to let his girlfriend pee... Nice try bro!

Can't afford a sauna? Walk through the OP on a Sunday night.

Who else is ready to corrupt these Freshman boys?

Our View

The activity that takes and gives nothing in return

Editorial Staff

The Surgeon General estimates the current number of underage drinkers to be around 11 million people this year. If you've been in Greenville for longer than a fortnight you've probably assessed that, from Thirsty Thursday to Sunday Funday, most of those 11 million underage drinkers seem to be stumbling around 5th Street.

Though most students are aware that underage drinking is illegal, it is the opinion of our editorial staff that most

students are unaware of the logistics of underage drinking laws if convicted. The laws vary depending upon the situation, but no matter the case, the punishment is severe. Don't drink if you are under 21. The 11 million people who do are putting themselves at risk to these punishments:

According to the NC Department of Transportation "Governor's Highway Safety Program," If a person under the age of 19 is convicted of drinking alcohol it

is defined as a Class 1 Misdemeanor. This conviction can include a fee in the discretion of the judge, community service hours, plus court costs of \$180.

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A person under the age of 21 who is convicted of purchasing or attempting to

purchase alcohol will suffer a one-year driver license revocation, punishment as a Class 1 Misdemeanor, community service hours and a \$250 fee, court costs of \$180, attorney's fees of \$500 to \$1000 and an increase of insurance rates for three years.

Be smart, Pirates. The cost of drinking underage is far greater than the advertised penny liquor suggests.

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Pyramid of graduation importance

Making the best of your upcoming years



INSIDE THE MIND OF JOURNALIST JESS

School is back in session and a mix of excitement and dread looms in the air around campus. The traffic is hectic,

the students are piling back in and the level of partying will only lower slightly in preparation for the fall 2013 semester.

As a senior, I am more than ready to graduate in May, but many wide-eyed freshman are preparing for their first days in large, crowded classrooms where unknown knowledge will be crammed into their minds, and stress levels will increase.

In my four (plus) years in college, I have learned a lot. I remember my first day of college classes, where my nerves were exploding throughout my body and the adventure I was about to embark on had commenced.

Although school is stressful, there are many ways of getting through it alive. A few golden rules will allow for an easier transition for freshman, as well as college veterans.

Naturally, put school first. Yes, we all have jobs, in fact, I have three. But, when I am walking across that stage to get my diploma, I will not recall how many tables I have waited on, or how many drinks I mixed downtown. Instead, I will remember the endless hours spent in Joyner Library, how many articles and papers I wrote, and the dedication to the enhancement of

my knowledge.

Let's face it, most of us thoroughly enjoy the party-school mentality that ECU lives up to. Freshman that normally did not enter the downtown scene are now waiting in hour-long lines just to get that glorious "X" on their hand that takes days to scrub off.

Now, prioritizing is key in college. It is a marvelous feeling to go out on a Friday night after you just aced your first test, finished your paper, and have all of your homework crisply tucked away in your new, pristine folders neatly placed in your backpack.

and the dreaded DUI are never worth it. No amount of fun can be had in Greenville that is worth thousands of dollars and a cute orange jumpsuit. This is Greenville, not Disney World.

Many students will stay on the straight and narrow, while others delve right into the party lifestyle. Even strolling down 5th Street, you will pass more than ten house parties on a typical night. It's all fun and games until you fail that math test the next day.

Another issue in college is definitely money. Whether your mom and dad are paying your way through college or you are earning your own, budgeting is imperative. These are the years that are preparing you for adulthood, and learning responsibilities is a hard pill to swallow once you are out from under your parents' watchful eyes.

Don't get yourself in a mess by overdrawing your bank account when you were fully aware that you had 33 cents left in it. Believe me, it happens.

All in all, college is amazing. When you live life enjoying the journey rather than strictly focusing on the destination, then life is worth living.

Strive for perfection and try not to get distracted on your road to success. The friends you will make, the lessons you will learn, and the knowledge you will gain will all be worth it in the end.

To all incoming and current students, have the time of your life. Welcome to East Carolina University—your adventure has begun.

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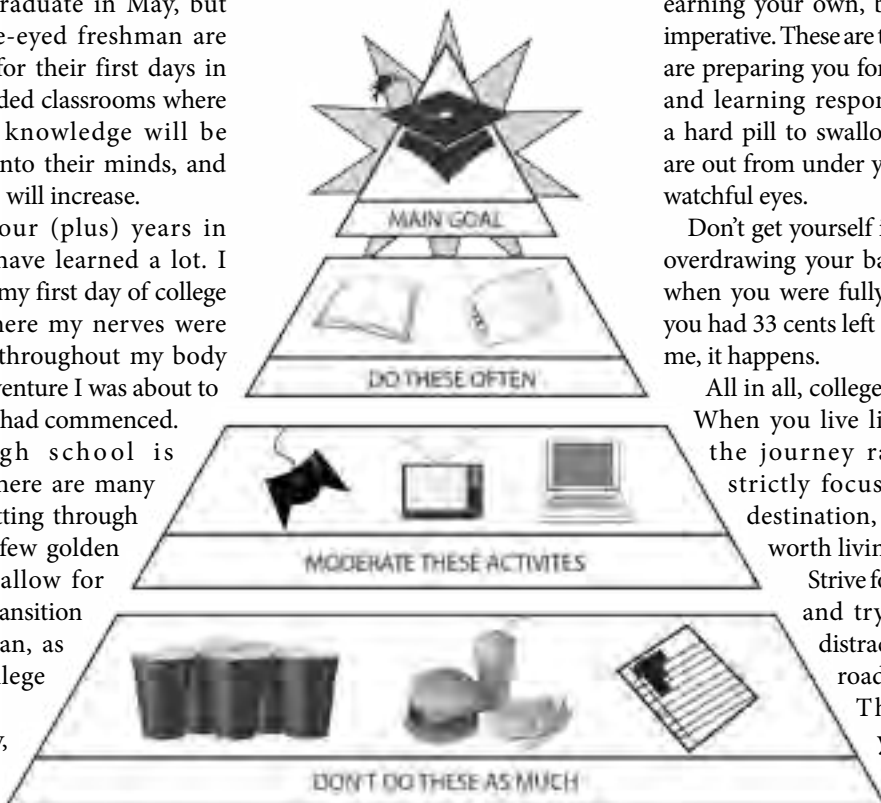


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Partying becomes an issue when you put it first, and school falls to the wayside. The freedom you get in college can easily overwhelm you if you do not remember why you are here. Yes, great times will be had, but not at the expense of your degree.

Also, stay out of trouble. Fake I.D. tickets, drinking underage,

Editors note: Welcome to the new TEC

Today's issue has been months in the making here at The East Carolinian. Our staff began this summer by looking at the newspaper's structure, and refocusing it from the inside out. For each change that you notice within the new design, know that there is similar change behind the scenes.

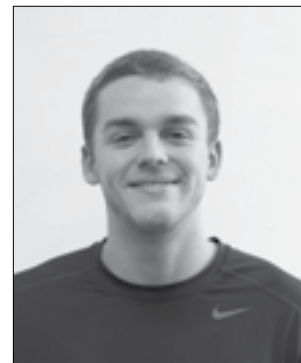
Our goal is to be ECU's premier news outlet. We modeled our new design after professional news sources and removed outdated practices. The Lifestyles section became Arts & Entertainment and was reworked to include more hard news on the local music scene.

Catering to our readership was another important goal. The Opinion section added puzzles and comics to help entertain our readers during a long day on campus. We will also be debuting our new Thursday pullout, 72, to showcase all of the events going on each weekend.

But, our biggest change was an internal agreement to hold ourselves to a higher standard. TEC is initiating a candidate program to train all new reporters. Our current reporters will operate under beats, becoming experts of their particular focus. Exclusive content will be available online, not just in our new-and-improved publication.

Our staff is open to any and all suggestions and criticisms. With the amount of change that is taking place, we are leaning on Pirate Nation for support. So, when you pick up today's paper, know that it is just the first step of TEC's process to better serve ECU.

Best,
Chase Kroll



Editor in chief

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BRAIN TEASERS

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE 8/20/13

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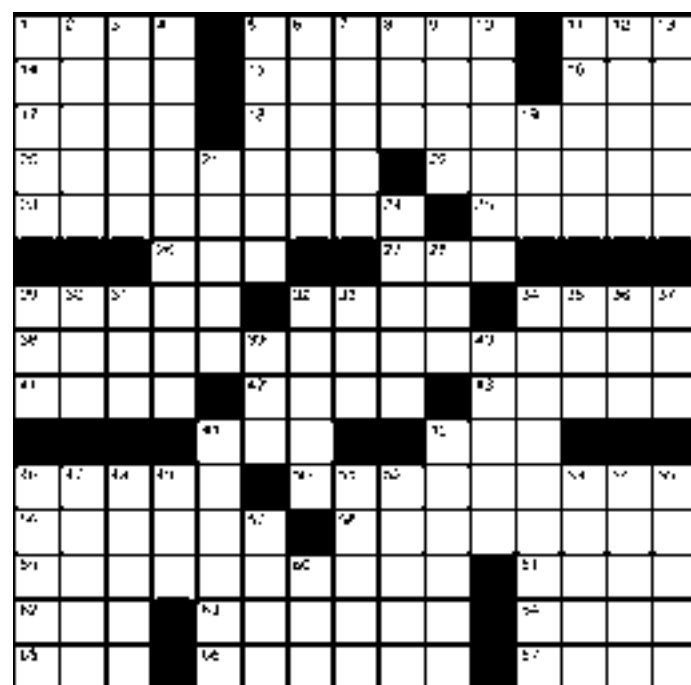
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- Red planet
- Put down stakes, maybe
- Jack Sprat's no-no
- "Yeah, whatever!"
- It traditionally translates to "O come"
- Elem. school basics
- Facts and figures
- Thing to make when a Post-it isn't handy
- Surgeons' tools
- Call it a night
- Fan magazine for teens
- Exclusive, as communities
- Veto vote
- "Blessed ___ the peacemakers": Matthew
- Carrying a weapon
- Clearance event
- Enveloping glow
- Best Picture of 1965, and a hint to the ends of 18-, 23-, 50- and 59-Across
- Geologic periods
- Any time now
- Not up to the task
- Distant
- Supermarket chain with a red-and-white logo
- Take off
- Warm, muted color
- Former Indian prime minister Gandhi
- College class staples
- Frenzied state
- Shabby wear
- Prefix with cycle
- Sprawling property
- To be, to Berlioz
- Scale fifth
- Game with falling blocks
- Revolutionary Trotsky



By Steve Blais

8/20/13

DOWN

- Central position
- Beaded calculators
- Change the price of
- Blah quality
- Paid a visit
- Fred's dancing sister
- High-IQ group
- Pasadena winter hrs.
- Florida, par exemple
- Downpour
- Forward-facing side
- Clarinetist Shaw
- The way things are going
- Gun lobby org.
- Site of much Spanish art
- Shagle's picker-upper
- Gridiron enforcer
- Had a bite
- Pi follower
- Dudes
- Sleep-disturbing sound
- Excitement
- In the altogether

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- Take advantage of
- Month after diciembre
- Aleve competitor
- Be in the game
- Raised church area
- Prefix with linear
- Give a speech
- Part of UNCF
- Church recess
- Former comm. giant

In the running

ECU RBs face higher expectations this fall

Dan Hunt
TEC STAFF

Depth was a major question mark during spring practice for the running back position. As we approach the first game of the season, that has all changed.

The most familiar face in the unit is last year's team rushing leader (1049 yards/seven TDs), number 21, Vintavious Cooper.

Last season, the junior and first-year Pirate became ECU's first 1000-yard rusher since the 2009-2010 season and the first of the Ruffin McNeill era. This summer, Cooper was recognized by Conference-USA with a pre-season First-Team All-Conference selection.

Cooper was suspended from spring practice after receiving an on-campus drug-related citation in March. By all accounts from coaches and players, "Tay" has returned to summer camp, accomplished everything that his coaches have asked of him and asserted his role as the senior leader of the unit.

"I feel like with the experience I had last year, I should be able to speak up and let the 'fellas know what will make us better," said Cooper. "We have all the talent in the world at the running back position. It's definitely a competitive group."

Cooper's success last season gave rise to the utilization of offensive-coordinator, Lincoln Riley's pistol and spread-run formations and a heavier emphasis on the running game than in the previous two seasons.

"It had been there, but we had not really stressed it. Then Coach Riley started using it when we started running the ball more effectively," said sophomore, Chris Hairston.

Hairston (number 22), who is known for his speed, is in the mix for playing time at tailback this year and could play a significant role with the special teams.

"The coaches like every player to be involved with the special teams," he said. "I've been doing kick return and punt return."

At 6-foot-1-inch and 201 pounds, freshman Marquez Grayson is already the biggest back in the mix at running back. The Lexington native is still adjusting to the college football player lifestyle.

"It's been incredible," he said. "I'm not going to say it's been bad or anything, but I'm being pushed a lot at practice."

Grayson has been as impressive as anyone at tailback this offseason, so it will be interesting to see whether or not the coaches choose to redshirt him.

Former walk-on Corey Hunter has also realistically placed himself in contention for playing time at running back this year. The sophomore has impressed coaches with his ability to pass-block, which is a weakness for the relatively small-sized unit.

Hunter says the best advice he can give a walk-on player who wants playing time is: "Work hard like everybody else and your time



Vintavious Cooper (21) leads the Pirate running backs this season.

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might come."

The fifth option in the backfield is junior college (JUCO) transfer Breon Allen. Allen, who was 2012's JUCO leading rusher, will face an uphill battle for playing time because he has missed most of fall camp due to a hamstring injury.

The likely contenders for play-

ing time at tailback have been revealed, but other than Vintavious Cooper, no one has much game experience, so playing time is up for grabs for all of these candidates.

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FOOTBALL

Beating the heat: ECU-ODU at night

Craig Barnes
TEC STAFF

Blazing temperatures and scorching heat are common in Greenville. Players and coaches are used to that and are expected to play and perform in the elements but that's the beauty in the game of football.

Fans and players both have to deal with the weather issues. The 2012 season opener against Appalachian State brought the reality of the weather to the forefront. With the game scheduled for a noon kickoff, it was a guarantee that this game would be a hot one. No one realized how hot this game would become. The stadium reached 100 degrees and for the players, it felt like 110 degrees on the field.

"The heat was tremendous last year, I cramped up going into halftime and I had to get an IV," said Chip Thompson.

The coaches, fans and players were all under extreme conditions and had to deal with them in different fashions. The fans suffered from the heat and many passed out due to the harsh conditions.

During the summer leading up to the season opener, strength and conditioning coach Jeff Connors prepared the players for the type of severe weather they may face. Players practiced during the

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Offensive Line: ECU's Band of Brothers

The tight knit and veteran ECU offensive line is in the business of protecting QB Carden

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

Consisting of three returning starters, East Carolina University's offensive line is undoubtedly one of the team's most experienced units.

The three returning starters, all of which are seniors, include right guard Will Simmons and right tackle Adhem Elsawi, whom each received numerous preseason accolades this offseason. The third senior on the line is left guard Jordan Davis.

Aside from the experience and the accolades, the brotherhood between these large, young men is what makes the Pirates' offensive line so intriguing.

"When you have a group of five guys who are that big and that tall, nobody messes with us, we all stick together," said Elsawi, who is listed at 6-foot-5-inch, 305 pounds.

Off the football field, the unit remains seemingly attached at the hip – working on similar eating, lifting and class schedules. Even during the offseason, they found time to meet, which has not only built continuity along the offensive line, but the offense as a whole.

"I bet out of the year, they're probably together about 340 days. They live together, they have class

together, they have study hall," said offensive line coach Brandon Jones. "They're definitely the closest group we've had thus far and I think that shows on the field."

Simmons, a 6-foot-5-inch, 342-pounder from Ahsokie, N.C., has been handed the bulk of the recognition by the national media. In July, he was named to the Outland Trophy Watch List, which is annually awarded to the country's best interior offensive lineman, and voted to the preseason All-Conference USA team after earning all-conference honors last season.

Despite the individual attention he's been given, Simmons modestly attributes his success to his fellow teammates in the trenches.

"Accolades are always good, but I always know it's about me and my brothers, and us working together," said Simmons. "As we go, the offense goes."

In addition to being a senior, Davis brings an unmatched element of durability. He has started every game for the Pirates in each of the last two seasons, without missing a start and is highly regarded for his



Adhem Elsawi (57) anchors the right side of the line with senior Will Simmons.

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BRIEFS

Women's Tennis Earn ITA All-Academic Team Honors

The East Carolina women's tennis team earned Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team honors. Junior Dana Gray and sophomore Nicole LaDuca garnered individual ITA accolades. The ITA All-Academic Team award is open to any ITA program that has a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher on a 4.00 scale.

Crossley Named to All-USA Boys Track & Field Team

Incoming Freshman John Crossley was named to the All-USA Boys Track & Field Team by *USA Today*. Crossley earned the honors in the 800-meter run after setting a North Carolina State record. Crossley will come to ECU with a number of honors under his belt including winning the 2013 New Balance Championship. Crossley is also the 2013 3A State Champion in the 800-meter run and was ranked No. 1 in the state in both 800-meter and the mile run.

Hoffman Named CCBL Outstanding Prospect

Junior Jeff Hoffman has been named the 2013 Robert A McNeece Award Winner for Outstanding Pro Prospect in the Cape Cod Baseball League. Hoffman went 2-0 in his short stint with the Harbor Hawks striking out 33 batters and holding his opponents to a .217 average. Hoffman also earned the Coca-Cola Pitcher-of-the-Week honors after a throwing 7 2/3 innings of shut out ball.

Lady Pirates open season with exhibition

Women's soccer started the season with a home match versus Coastal Carolina before hitting the road

William Farrar
TEC STAFF

Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth and ECU's women's soccer team are ready for another year of competition. After having an exhibition match on Sunday against Coastal Carolina, Coach Donnenwirth and the Lady Pirates was able to get a first time feel on playing together before opening up the season on Friday against Davidson. The Pirates take the field this season with 13 new members on the team, which includes four freshmen in the starting line up.

Although the Pirates lost a close match to Coastal Carolina, 1-0, Coach Donnenwirth saw the match as an opportunity to get everyone on the team involved in a live match format. The team also used to exhibition game as an opportunity to get the younger players into the game and let them get their first minutes in on the Division 1 level.

In Sunday's gameplay, the Pirates recorded nine shots against Coastal Carolina's six. Despite giving up the only goal of the match, the team appeared to play better later in the game, when they recorded five of the nine shots in the last 20 minutes of competition. Juniors Kelly Miller and Skylar Poole led the attack for the Pirates, as they both recorded three shots a piece.

"There were moments of good possession play, but too many times things were disrupted by a technical error," Donnenwirth said about the team's offensive performance.

Donnenwirth was satisfied with his team's performance but noticed plenty of areas for the team to get better in.

"We need to learn to play quicker and not be as hasty in our decision making," Donnenwirth said.

Defensively, the Pirates

looked strong considering the defense is filled with new faces in the starting line up. Coastal Carolina's Fia Johnson, the 2012 Big South Freshman-of-the-year, scored the only goal on the day.

"We've got an entire new back line and I'm really proud of their performance today. They didn't allow Coastal many opportunities in the danger areas," said Coach Donnenwirth.

With the Pirate's losing Christiane Cordero, an all-conference performer at goalie, the team used the exhibition to give two new faces some experience in the posts. Juniors Erika Lenis and Ally Glover look to protect the net this year for the Pirates, as they both recorded a save against Coastal Carolina. With a completely new backline and two goalies fighting for the starting spot, Donnenwirth is hoping his defenders can find the same

chemistry we witnessed in last year's defense.

With season starting this Friday, the Pirates are hard at work this week preparing for a weekend in-state road trip to Davidson and Elon. After the road trip, the Pirates will host the ECU Soccer tournament, which starts August 30 when the Pirates face UNC Greensboro and then Western Carolina later in the weekend.

The Pirates will also face UNC-Wilmington and South Carolina before conference play begins. Coach Donnenwirth and company will look to junior Lexi Miller for leadership this season, as she was named to the C-USA preseason watch list. Miller has started 11 games at ECU and tallied a pair of game-winning goals last year before suffering a season-ending injury.

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Junior Lexi Miller (22) leads the young and inexperienced team.

CALENDAR

"Our main goal this year is to win a Conference USA championship rather than being divisional co-champs like last year."
- Senior Wide Receiver Lance Ray's goals for the ECU upcoming season.

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The 5-foot-8-inch running back excels at blocking despite his short stature. The main thing that the Pirates lack in the backfield are runners who can keep linebackers in front of them during pass blocking situations. Lowe may bring that aspect to the Pirates depth chart.

Lowe received the MVP award at the Nike Football training camp in Washington D.C. "I had confidence with all of the footwork drills I competed in because of my preparation beforehand," said Lowe.

Another aspect that can be beneficial to the university's case for recruits is

the atmosphere of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. With 50,000 fans every weekend, the excitement can hardly be mimicked elsewhere. Not to mention that after this season, the Pirates are moving to a brand new conference with expanded television coverage and press.

It remains to be seen if highly talented recruits will hop aboard the Pirate ship, but Head Coach Ruffin McNeill and his staff are willing to aim high to get who they want.

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Numerous receivers look to breakout

With multiple playmakers at Lincoln Riley's fingertips, the scoring potential is limitless for Shane Carden and the ECU offense

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

With just over one week until the 2013 college football season kicks off, teams are in the process of cementing starting positions and substitution rotations. ECU is no different, particularly with its receivers.

It's been no secret that inside receivers Justin Hardy and Danny Webster will likely start the Pirates' opener against Old Dominion on August 31, but aside from them, the conversation gets interesting.

At one of the outside receiver slots, senior Lance Ray has stepped in and will likely start. Ray became a household name when he returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown in last season's

"I'm comfortable with not just the system, but my teammates also." — Lance Ray

opener against Appalachian State. Even though his success wasn't sustained, a full year learning the offense has worked wonders for him.

"It's a whole lot better," said Ray when asked about his current grasp of the offense in comparison to last year. "I'm comfortable with not just the system, but my teammates also."

One of the most compelling position battles is still taking place at the outside

receiver positions. At the conclusion of fall camp Monday, senior Reese Wiggins left with the slight edge over Cam Worthy and Davon Grayson.

Wiggins, a 5-foot-11, 193 pounder from Durham, burst onto the scene as a sophomore by compiling 29 receptions for 432 yards and three touchdowns. With his success, heightened expectations followed in 2012. Expectations that Wiggins struggled to meet—finishing with less receptions, yards and touchdowns.

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Even though the statistics indicate Wiggins took a step back, he says that's not the case.

"Everybody said I fell off, but that wasn't the case, with the different types of things that were going on – a new quarterback, the scheme and things like that – I did what I was supposed to do as far as my assignments," said Wiggins. "I don't really base everything on the number of catches."

Worthy was handed a redshirt last year after he transferred to ECU from Yuba Community College. The bulky, 6-foot-2, 217-pound redshirt junior is notorious on the team for his performance in the weight room. Unfortunately for Worthy, those talents haven't translated to playing time yet, but has kept him in the equation.

Grayson threw his name into the hat this summer when he joined the team this summer. As a true freshman, he emerged in ECU's first fall scrimmage with the offense's only touchdown. Now that fall camp is complete, Grayson must continue impressing in order to avoid a redshirt.

Fellow freshman Isaiah Jones can relate. Jones, the son of former ECU great and Super Bowl champion linebacker Robert Jones, has been a standout at inside receiver over the past three weeks. During last Saturday's scrimmage, Jones hauled in a touchdown in the back of the end zone in a bounce-back effort for the offense.

Another potential breakout player at inside receiver is redshirt freshman Quataye Smyre. Though, it is uncertain how or where he will contribute. During April's Purple-Gold spring game, Smyre was featured in the backfield in addition to catching passes in the slot. If that wasn't enough, Smyre will likely receive playing time returning kicks or punts.



Quataye Smyre (4) looks to use his speed to contribute wherever the coaches need him. NICK FAULKNER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Similar to Smyre, there is a lot of fluidity to how sophomore Bryce Williams will be utilized. Williams, a hulking 6-foot-6, 240-pound transfer from Conference USA-rival Marshall, has appeared at both inside and outside

receiver and even experimented at tight end. On Saturday, he had a team-best four catches for 43 yards.

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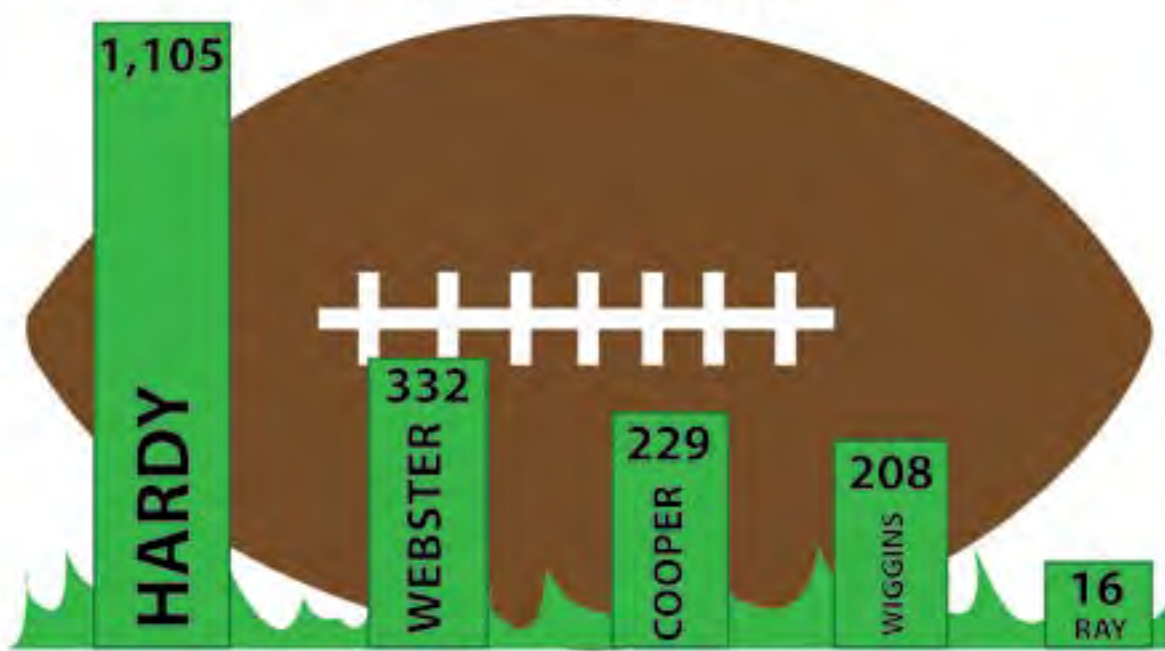


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