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## Alumnus speaks on D.C. shooting

**Christina Tucker**  
TEC STAFF

At least 13 people, including the shooter, have been found dead after a shooting yesterday morning inside the Naval Sea Systems Command Headquarters at the Washington Naval Yard.

An active shooter was reported at 8:20 a.m. inside the naval building, which houses around 3,000 employees. Aaron Alexis, 34-year-old

Queens, N.Y., was identified as the gunman. According to the Navy, Alexis was enlisted as a full-time reservist from May 2007 to Jan. 2011.

ECU alumnus Kevin Jones edits videos, conducts interviews, and produces contents for social media in Washington, D.C. as a news reporter for WUSA, a CBS affiliate.

"No one walked into work today expecting this," said Jones. "Since it happened everyone's been running around the newsroom. We've had

people in the field and on-air non-stop reporting breaking news. It's just been absolute chaos."

Jones was born and raised in D.C., recalling, "The last time I saw Washington this crazy it was 9/11. There are police cars and sirens everywhere. The city's on high alert and everyone's in shock. It's definitely a very sad day for D.C."

The shooting is currently undergoing an investigation by agencies including the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, D.C. Metro

Police, as well as the FBI, which has the lead for the case.

"The Navy family today suffered a horrific attack," said Ray Mabus, U.S. Navy Secretary at a press conference held yesterday at Medstar Washington Hospital Center. Medstar is currently housing three shooting victims and has been told to expect more.

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### VICTORIOUS AGAIN



The Lady Pirate Volleyball team won the Elon Classic with a 3-game winning streak. To learn more, turn to A10.

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## GFD, Pink Heals hosts truck pull for breast cancer

**Tyler Stocks**  
TEC STAFF

Greenville Fire Rescue, in a partnership with Pink Heals, held a fundraising event called "Pullin' for Pink" on Sunday, which aims to help local residents who have been diagnosed with cancer.

This event consisted of 21 teams with six members per team. Teams pulled a pink fire truck 100 feet to raise awareness for women's cancer. This was the first year Pink Heals USA came to Greenville as part of a nationwide tour. The tour consisted of two pink fire trucks, a pink command bus and a towering 2-ton pink ribbon.

After the truck pull, the pink fleet visited three women in the community who are battling cancer.

"These visits were a pleasant surprise to these women when they opened their door and found a pink fire truck and firefighters donned in pink turnout gear with a bouquet of flowers," said Mckenzie Cox of Greenville Fire Rescue's Life Safety Division.

"Each woman was asked to sign one of the pink fire trucks. Their signature was a symbol of encouragement for other women affected by cancer, so they can see they are not

alone in this fight," said Cox.

Dave Graybill, a former firefighter and the founder of Pink Heals, has traveled for seven years promoting his organization around the country.

"We pull up in front of a lady's home with lights and sirens just to give her a hug," said Graybill. "We're not going to promise her anything, but to tell her we love her. We teach our kids to raise money for the American Cancer Society, but we don't teach our kids to raise money for Alice."

**"It's not a charity; it's about love"**

*Dave Graybill, Founder of Pink Heals*

Pink Heals has more than 87 trucks with 40 chapters and just recently the organization added three more chapters in Australia, Canada and England.

Graybill started the organization in 2007 and lived in his mom's guest house while going without a salary until 2012. Graybill talked about how unimportant his salary was, even if it meant making less than \$30,000 a year for seven years.

Graybill and his group of volunteer firefighters and retired policemen go across the country 150 days a year away from their families.

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## Counterfeit money found in Cashier's Office

**Christina Tucker**  
TEC STAFF

The Cashier's Office released a departmental announcement last week after receiving a \$100 counterfeit bill in addition to other forged bills found in recent weeks.

Since 2010, ECU's Cashier's Office has received four counterfeit bills, two in the past month, from either direct or indirect transactions with other departments.

Counterfeit bills equal monetary loss to the university. Although a lot of counterfeit currency, in comparison to recent years, has found its way on campus it is not believed to be a growing problem for the university.

The Cashier's Office is urging departments to exercise caution and double check when accepting cash payments. Departments have also been encouraged to purchase

counterfeit detector pens. The pen's ink contains an iodine solution that reacts based on the type of paper being marked. Counterfeit bills, typically made on copy paper and composed mostly of starch, will stain black whereas real currency made with a special fiber-based paper will not discolor.

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### How to spot a counterfeit

- Check the portraits, counterfeits are flat and more detailed.
- Check the treasury seals, counterfeits have missing or uneven saw-tooth points.
- Check borders, counterfeit borders are blurred or broken.
- Serial numbers on counterfeit bills are not uniformly spaced.
- Real bills will have blue and red fibers embedded into the paper. Counterfeits have fibers printed on top.

### BRIEFS

#### Staff Reports

#### ECU Religious Studies to hold international conference

The Religious Studies program will hold a conference in the Leo Jenkins building on Sept. 27-29. The theme of the conference is "Religion, Immigration, Health and Human Rights: Challenges and the Way Forward." The conference will address the role of humanities in social welfare issues. Health care, immigration and human rights will be addressed within the context of religion.

#### New chairwoman sworn in at the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs meeting

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs held a meeting on Sept. 13 where Ruth Revels, was sworn in as the new Chairwoman of the Commission by Justice Paul Newby. Chairwoman Revels is an enrolled member of the Lumbee Indian Tribe. She was the first Executive Director of the Guilford Native American Association in Greensboro and the Chairwoman of the Commission Economic Development and Employment Committee.

#### ECU dental center to be built in to help students with patient-care practices

A new dental center will be built in Robeson County. There will be one full-time employee, five to six dental assistants, two to three hygienists, and two general dentistry students. Students will be at the center in nine-week rotations. This center will cost \$3 million dollars and will be the seventh center ECU will build since the dental school's start in 2008.

### ONLINE

Check out:

**Weekend crime blitz**  
By Tyler Stocks



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**FANS** continued from A8



Fans flooded Dowdy-Ficklen for the Pirates game against Virginia Tech. The 50,096 fans rank seventh all-time for home games.

“Coming to Greenville for my second straight Family Weekend, I knew that I was going to get that southern gentleman hospitality that is a lot harder to find in Philadelphia,” Quinn said. Although it didn’t attract

the 50,610 spectators that the 2011 game against North Carolina established as the record for Dowdy-Ficklen, the crowd at Saturday’s game was strong and contributed to helping the Pirates almost score their first big upset of the season.

The support Pirate Nation shows across the nation as the Pirates have amassed an impressive .665 winning percentage in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium since it was opened in 1963. The Pirates next home

game is vs. C-USA foe Southern Mississippi on Oct. 19 in this historical 50th anniversary season for the beloved Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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The Pirates could not spark any offense in the second half, as they could not record a shot on goal for the remainder of the game. Baron finished with seven saves on the day, giving her 37 saves in just eight games as a Pirate. The Pirates were outshot, 17-1, but were still able to keep the game tight against USC.

On Friday, the Pirates picked up their third win of the season, as they shut out the Francis Marion Patriots. In the second shutout of the season for the Pirates, Sandra Baron tallied one save and received the win in 72 minutes of play. Junior Ally Glover came in for the Pirates, recording one save in the last 18 minutes of action.

The Pirates attack was virtually unstoppable for the Patriots, recording 19 shots, seven of which came in the first period and 12 in the second. Senior Katelyn Custer opened the scoring when she netted her first career goal as a Pirate in the 41st minute of play. Junior midfielder Brett Thomas

crossed the ball to Custer, who headed the ball past the Patriot goalkeeper.

The second half of play started off slow for both sides, before the Pirates struck again. Lexi Miller found teammate Stephanie Seagrave in the 59th minute, and she netted a shot in the top right corner. The goal was Seagrave’s second of the season, which ties the team high.

The Pirates kept all momentum when they scored the third and final goal of the game just moments later. Freshman Abby Noble found fellow freshman Kelsey Reeves with a cross down into the right side of the box. Reeves gathered the shot and rocket in the ball, recording her second goal on the season.

ECU now sits at 3-3-2 on the season. The Pirates are back in action this Friday, when they travel to in-state opponent High Point University, before starting conference play next week.

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# Volleyball continues winning ways under Torbett

**Cameron Stephenson**  
TEC STAFF

After earning their first two wins of the season in last weekends’ tournament, the Pirate volleyball team kept the ball rolling, as they conquered three opponents to take home the trophy in the Elon Phoenix Classic.

In this weekends’ tournament, the Pirates faced the Eagles of NC Central University.

In the first set, the Pirates then went on 7-1 run to extend their early lead and cruise to the 25-16 win. ECU

dominated the second set as well, forcing the Eagles into a negative .125 hitting percentage, as opposed to a Pirate .333 percentage, before claiming the game 25-13.

The third set proved to be somewhat competitive, the two schools remained at a stalemate for the first few points and exchanged the lead twice early in the set. However, ECU claimed the set and match after a 25-19 victory. Willis walked away from the match with a total of nine kills, while teammate Torre Blake registered seven.

Zarah Cecich recorded a match-high 19 assists.

In their second match the Pirates competed against Gardener-Webb University. Dominating the set early, ECU beat Gardener-Webb 25-15 and they limited the Runnin’ Bulldogs to an attack percentage of just .037 and collected 13 kills. ECU never surrendered the lead.

In the second set, the lead was exchanged four times, as the Runnin’ Bulldogs battled hard with the Pirates. With the set tied at 19, Zarah Cecich recorded

a kill that broke the tie and carried ECU to the 25-23 victory. Much like the previous set, the third and final set was close until the teams were tied at 18. Despite the neck and neck match, ECU pulled away with a late run and sealed the match with a final score of 25-20.

Finally, in their last match of the weekend, the Pirates faced off against tournament host, Elon University. ECU conquered Elon in the first set, 25-23, they accumulated

15 kills and held the Phoenix to a .194 hitting percentage.

In the second set, the lead was exchanged four times with 10 ties as well, before ECU pulled away.

The Pirates dominated the third set, in all facets. The Pirates won the set and match, 25-16.

Under the leadership of new Head Coach Julie Torbett, the volleyball team has seen more than two wins for the first time since the 2009 season and they

currently sit at 5-5. Nicole Willis, Kierra Lee-Dunson and Zarah Cecich were the three Pirates named to the All-Tournament team. Willis was named MVP after finishing the tournament with 40 kills and 25 digs among other stats, respectively.

They return to action on Sept. 17 as they face NC Central for the second time this season.

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# Graduate student attends three day conference in Washington

**Emily Gardiner**  
TEC STAFF

The National Association for Graduate and Professional Students Legislative Action Days occurred on Sept. 14-17 in Washington D.C.

Thirty-three student representatives from Graduate and Professional Students associations (GPS) across the U.S. met with congress to address current affairs and bring awareness to graduate issues.

Diana Wright, ECU's GPS vice president, attended the NAGPS Legislative Action Days as the only representative from North Carolina. She said that this was the first time someone from the university has gone in a couple of years.

Wright met with North Carolina representative offices of congressmen G.K. Butterfield, Richard Burr, David Price and George Holding. She talked to members about lowering the graduate student loan interest rate cap.

According to the Bipartisan Student Loan Cer-

tainty Act of 2013, the U.S. Department of Education set the current interest rate for Stafford Loans for graduate students at a 9.5 percent cap.

"[We] want to unify the borrowing rate between graduate and undergraduate students," said Wright.

She also petitioned for an increase in funds for graduate and science research attempted to amend the Higher Education Reauthorization Act.

"It would be really great to make a difference to these kind of things," said Wright. Wright said that she received a positive response from all the representatives concerning their issues. Representative Burr was interested in issues facing graduate students.

"Everyone was very open and willing to listen to our voice. I guess I wasn't expecting that," said Wright.

ECU's GPS association represent graduate student organizations and work to address concerns on campus.

Graduate students can bring campus issues to the GPS Senate. Issues are dis-



WEB PHOTO  
**Wright is one of 33 students and the only in N.C. to attend the NAGPS conference.**

cussed and action can be taken. An issue discussed in the past was police escorts to student's cars at night.

Other graduate organizations on campus can receive funding for conferences. Funds come from Student Fees.

Recently the GPS funded two ECU student's trips to Germany to a research conference.

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CARSON MORRISI THE EAST CAROLINIAN

**The Greenville Fire Department and Pink Heals organization worked to raise awareness for cancer.**

"It's not a charity; it's about love; it's about administering our labor of love," said Graybill.

"I want to change how the way we view people in our communities. It has to be loved based and it has to be for a human being rather than a cause. It's about people, not causes. Our organization guarantees the money goes to people."

For Greenville Council Woman Kandie Smith, coming together to support

causes like Pink Heals is what it's all about.

"I think this is an awesome cause," said Smith. "As a city, we would like to thank each and every one of our citizens for coming out. It's important that we come together for causes such as this to make sure we do what we can to help find a cure."

During the event, all of the Greenville Fire Rescue personnel wore pink to the event to show their support for the Pink Heals cause.

"This is such a great event that offers an uplifting experience for those affected by cancer," said Cox. "All the money raised stays right here in the area. We have chosen the nonprofit group Gardeners for Hope to receive all proceeds. They are a cancer support group local here to Pitt County."

During opening ceremonies, Smith read a proclamation on behalf of Mayor Allen Thomas making September 15 "Pullin' for Pink Day" in

## COUNTERFEIT continued from A1

Senior ECU management information systems major, Corde Kukahiko, is an assistant manager at the Sheetz located at 1000 Charles Blvd., near campus, who has handled counterfeit currency. According to Kukahiko there are three determining factors he uses when finding coun-

terfeit bills:

"The first is whether or not the bill reacts with our iodine pens. Then there's the feel of the bill. You can just feel the difference between real and fake," said Kukahiko. "Finally, I look for watermarks and the silver U.S. Treasury stripe. Whenever

I come across a counterfeit I inform the customer and immediately contact law enforcement."

ECU Police has only dealt with three cases of counterfeiting since the start of 2013. "Rarely it's the man in the basement wearing the green fanned hat printing money;"

said ECU Police Lt. Sutton. "A lot of times people just don't realize they have counterfeit currency because it's been duplicated so well."

When a department comes across a counterfeit bill the ECU Police is notified and an investigation report is drawn up. Most, if not

all, cases are handled by the United States Secret Service. The Secret Service will then investigate and, depending on the severity, could result in a fine or imprisonment for up to 15 years, or both.

All counterfeit bills are to be reported to the police immediately upon find-

ing. The bills are not to be returned to its owner, nor given in exchange for real currency. A counterfeit note report form can be found online on the United States Secret Service website.

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# Walgreens ATM dragged through doors

Tyler Stocks  
TEC STAFF

Greenville Police responded to a burglary alarm at the Walgreens located at 103 SE Greenville Blvd. on last Thursday at 11:45 p.m.

When officers arrived, they found the front doors smashed apart and the ATM machine in the parking lot emptied out.

Police believe three suspects were involved in the crime based on evidence collected. Further investigation that took place from Thursday night and into Friday morning led officers to the Roadway Inn at 301 SE Greenville Blvd. Officers located a 2006 Ford pickup truck which was reported stolen from Okeechobee, Fla.

After further investigation, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Chris-



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**Christopher Hoover is one of the three suspects allegedly involved in the robbery.**

topher Earl Hoover, 32, of Okeechobee, Fla. Hoover is wanted for breaking and entering, felony safecracking and possession of a stolen vehicle.

“Detectives spent the entire night and following morning following leads in the case, working with Winterville Police, and quickly identified one of the sus-

pects. We are now working closely with law enforcement officials on the state and federal levels to locate and arrest these suspects,” said Sgt. Joe Friday of the Greenville Police.

According to Greenville Police, Hoover has an extensive criminal history in Florida and is considered dangerous.

Anyone with the whereabouts of Hoover should call Greenville Police at 252-329-4315 or Pitt-Greenville Crime Stoppers at 252-758-7777

The investigation is ongoing at this time and additional arrests are possible. The Greenville Police Department is working with the Winterville Police Department, who are investigating a similar case in their town.

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## PIRATE RANTS

To the polite bus driver who is always singing, I want your babies.

To the professor whose student kept calling her "Mrs." instead of "Dr.": don't worry, if she/he can't be bothered with learning a proper title, then the only thing he'll ever learn is "Would you like fries with that?"

I miss the days when people would actually dress up to go downtown. That was people-watching at its finest.

A big thumb's up to whoever put the Soko song in the Week's Singles to Check Out. Good to finally see some good music in there.

You guys take a lot of crap, but TEC is looking really great this year.

Don't get jealous when I talk to other girls when you have friend-zoned me.

I want a boyfriend who is gentleman enough to hold the door open, yet smacks me on the a\*\* once I'm inside.

To the driver of the bright-red SUV I parked reeeeeeally close to because I was in a hurry: I am indeed an a\*\*hole. Sorry for ruining your day. - Dirty Jeep Guy

You'll only address a person as "Dr." if he/she teaches in your major? So you only acknowledge an accomplishment if it directly affects you? Does that mean you don't believe in other countries because you don't live in them?

Why all the hate for students who dress nicely early in the A.M.? Let them feel pretty! Just because you're grumpy at 8 a.m. doesn't mean you need to rain on other people's parade.

Random Fact: Our generation holds up Cory and Topanga as a perfect couple yet few acknowledge they waited to have sex until marriage.

I just met the most beautiful man ever. Smart, sexy, fit, and taken. I hate life.

The girls on this campus make me glad that I like boys.

I called you "Mr." the first time by accident. You stuck your nose up and immediately corrected me. Every other time I do it will be to watch you cringe.

Who else agrees that Hendrix Theater should've been showing a 9/11 movie on 9/11? Like, "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" or "United 93." Come on! Really? Get it together.

To the handsome guy on the Minges bus wearing neon yellow shorts and shoes: not to rush anything, but can we get married and have babies?

Can TEC create a Pirate Rant submission app? It would make this so much easier.

Why can't I get love from any ladies. I'm long (lanky), tan, and handsome. I'll treat you better than your guy does.

To the person who proposed we use the Harvey Dent Act: the Harvey Dent Act is for organized crime. We all know that the recent weekend crimes were anything but organized. Learn your Batman lore before you come talk to me.

How about I write your letter of recommendation just like you write emails to me? I'll address the letter with 'hey there' and then type the rest as if I'm texting. Does that sound like a fair deal?

1990: She's mad, she tells you. 2013: She tweets about it.

I would love to take a woman on a date.

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding rants can be directed to Jamitress Bowden at [opinion@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com).

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# Our view

## Credits roll for N.C. filming industry

'Wilmywood' may be a distant memory if the cuts to film incentives go forward as planned.

Wilmington, as well as other cities in North Carolina, has long thrived as one of the biggest US movie capitals outside of Los Angeles. TV shows like Dawson's Creek and One Tree Hill along with movies like Weekend at Bernie's, A Walk to Remember and Iron Man 3 were filmed in Screen Gems Studio in Wilmington. Recently, Steven King's critically acclaimed drama, Under the Dome, was shot, and debuted, in Wilmington.

The cuts will move these productions elsewhere, but where? The first indication of this was during the production of The Last Song.

However, due to the tax incentives, the project was moved to Georgia for filming. This might be bad news for North Carolinians who have held a sense of pride whenever actors such as Robert Downey Jr. would walk into their hometown Starbucks for a cup of Joe.

The film productions would also bring booming business to the areas of filming. We as the Editorial Staff, believe that lawmakers should be fighting tooth-and-nail to keep the entertainment industry in North Carolina for as long as possible, instead of chasing them off to other states. Like the furniture market that left High Point for an alternative location like Las Vegas.



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## Embrace the perfect imperfections



Jared Roach  
TEC COLUMNIST

We are human and we are not perfect. We all have flaws, but more impor-

tantly we have strengths that make us individuals.

September is International Self-Awareness Month. This creates an opportunity for us to take an introspective look at ourselves and examine the positives and negatives. We should choose to focus on both and embrace our individualities.

Often in our society, individuality is not celebrated as it should be. The media often portrays one idea, one clothing item, one vehicle, or one size as the only

acceptable option. If one does not fit the current description of perfection, they are seen as inadequate or inferior. In reality, we need people with different ideas and strengths to innovate and progress society.

For example, we've all seen NBA star LeBron James play basketball. He excels offensively as well as defensively. He is arguably the most athletic person in professional sports, but there is only one LeBron. Most NBA players find and perfect that one skill or combination of skills that makes them valuable to a team. Athletes like Bruce Bowen, Steve Kerr and Robert Horry have made a name for themselves by playing to their strengths and subsequently contributing to championships. Yes, there are a few freakishly gifted

people like LeBron, but it takes a group of diversely talented individuals to make a winning team.

Similarly, on the other side of the spectrum, many celebrities have found ways to turn their superficial shortcomings into an advantage. For example, Kevin Hart, a comedian who seemingly made a whole career out of "I'm short" jokes, really stands out because of his brutal honesty about his personal life. He often talks about realizing as an adolescent that he would never be the tallest or smartest guy, but he did have the ability to make people laugh. His self-awareness and openness about his shortcomings makes his global audience gravitate toward him.

Every person has something unique and important to con-

tribute, whether it's teaching, creating or inspiring the world. Finding that ability or idea could help people find a lasting feeling of fulfillment. It is also likely that a person who is more self-aware would be more understanding and supportive of the strengths and flaws of others. This could build an environment of ingenuity, innovation and involvement. Individuality may become contagious.

In the words of J. Cole in his song "Crooked Smile," "We aren't picture perfect, but we're worth the picture still."

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## Bandage for global wound



Houston Davis  
TEC COLUMNIST

Just a couple of weeks ago it seemed as though Presi-

dent Obama was going to be sending missiles into Syria in an attempt to persuade President Bashar al-Assad to turnover his stockpile of chemical weapons.

Most of the world, including most Americans, disagreed with this plan of action, but the egos of Obama and the American government, was sitting on drawn red line and the President needed to save face.

Obama was ready to pull the trigger and the world sat hoping it would not happen. Then a miracle, Russia stepped up and decided to take the higher ground for a resolution. Russian President, Vladimir Putin, stepped in as the voice of reason and called out President Obama. He said that a military strike could not be permitted because he would be undermining the authority of the

United Nation's Security Council.

Putin went on to describe how a military strike would only spread more war and violence in the Middle East. I personally agreed with him. What logic is the U.S. using? We kill people who kill people because killing people is wrong?

Putin explained that a diplomatic approach is the only way this should be handled. There should be no more violence added to the already violent situation with Syria. With a death toll of more than 100,000 since 2011 and thousands of displaced Syrian citizens, the United States, nor any other country, needs to get blood on their hands.

Putin proposed that al-Assad would give his chemical weapon collection to international control. Al-Assad has supposedly agreed to comply and we can only hope that he sticks to his word. Even though the U.S. is skeptical of Russia's involvement and of Assad's compliance to give up his chemical weapons, this solution seems much more desirable than unsanctioned military action by

America.

Russian intervention has spurred support from other countries, for the confiscation of Assad's chemical weapons stockpile. I believe this is because majority wanted a diplomatic resolution. No country was strong enough to push al-Assad to give up his chemical weapons without help.

It is kind of shocking to see Russia come in and teach America a lesson in peaceful diplomacy, but it needed to be done. Putin has really played the hero in this situation. He told America that the point is not to protect Syria, but to

protect international law.

International law, as stated in the United Nation's charter, says that military force can only be used in self-defense or if the Security Council deems it necessary. If any military action is taken outside of that it is looked upon as an act of aggression. I commend Putin for enforcing diplomacy instead of using military force. The United Nations was formed to prevent war and to enforce diplomatic resolutions, so lets use it.

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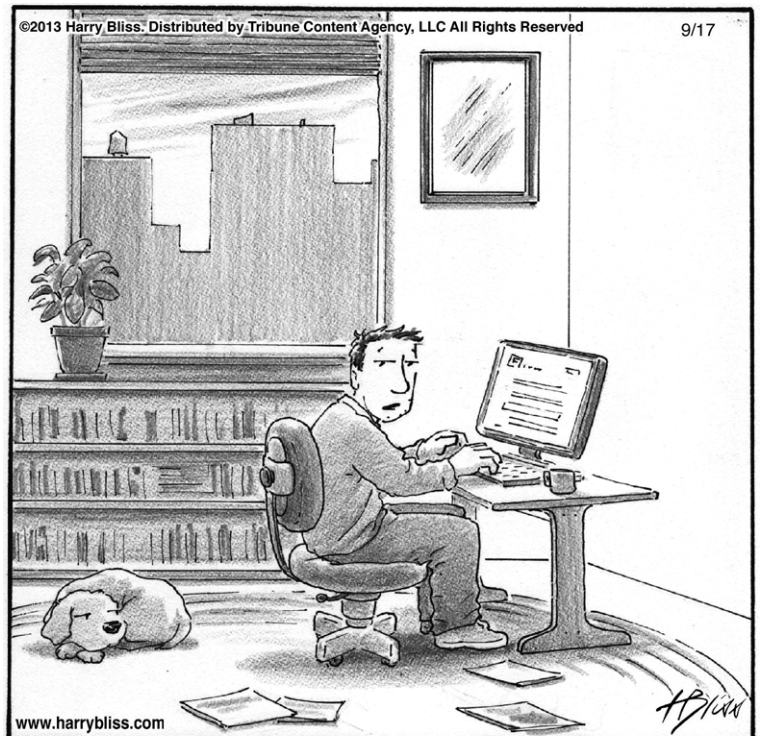
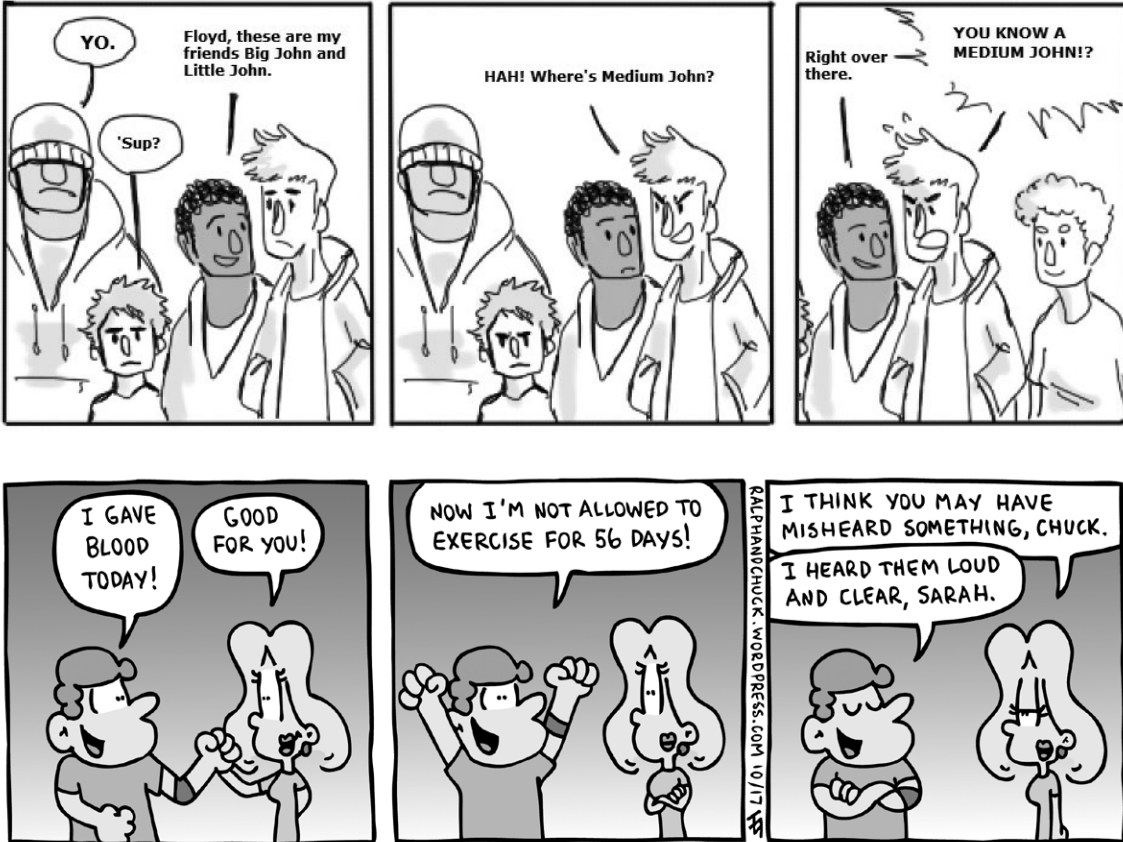
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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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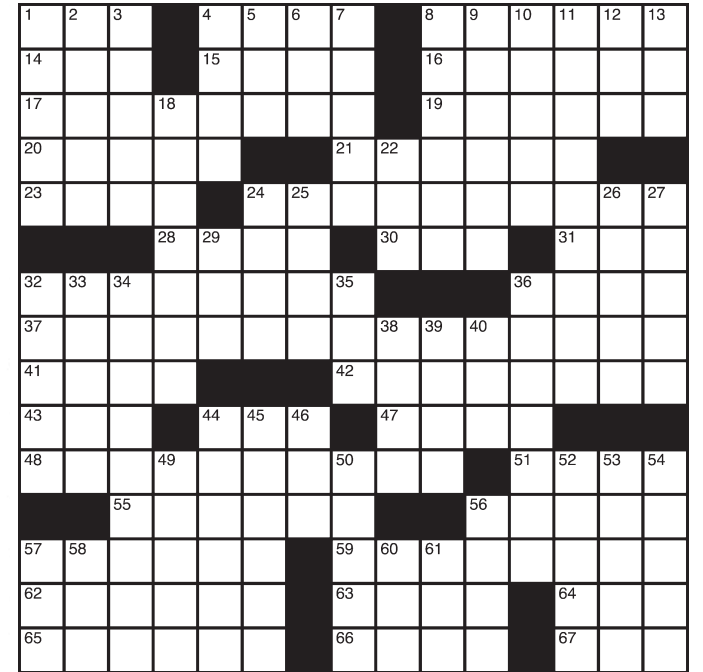
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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

#### ACROSS

- 1 Terrible grade
- 4 Don of radio
- 8 Got smart with
- 14 Not feel well
- 15 "Brave New World" drug
- 16 Developed a liking for
- 17 "American Idiot" punk band
- 19 James of "Gunsmoke"
- 20 Most insignificant
- 21 Hopefully helpful track info
- 23 Once, formerly
- 24 Performer who is heard but not seen
- 28 Thames school
- 30 QB's successes
- 31 "\_\_\_ were you ..."
- 32 Meat-and-potatoes bowlful
- 36 Mil. school
- 37 1996 Hillary Clinton best-seller, and what might be said about the start of 17-, 24-, 48- or 59-Across
- 41 "High Hopes" lyricist Sammy
- 42 One printing defamatory text, in England
- 43 Prefix with gram
- 44 Bars to scan, briefly
- 47 Boy of la casa
- 48 Table scraps, to the dog
- 51 Zero-calorie protest
- 55 War hero played by George C. Scott
- 56 Sitcom sergeant
- 57 Like citrus juices
- 59 Boob tube
- 62 TV's "\_\_\_ & Greg"
- 63 Remove from power
- 64 Sch. in the smallest state
- 65 Patronize, as a restaurant
- 66 Source of some psychiatric grants: Abbr.
- 67 Whitney or Washington: Abbr.



By Steve Blais

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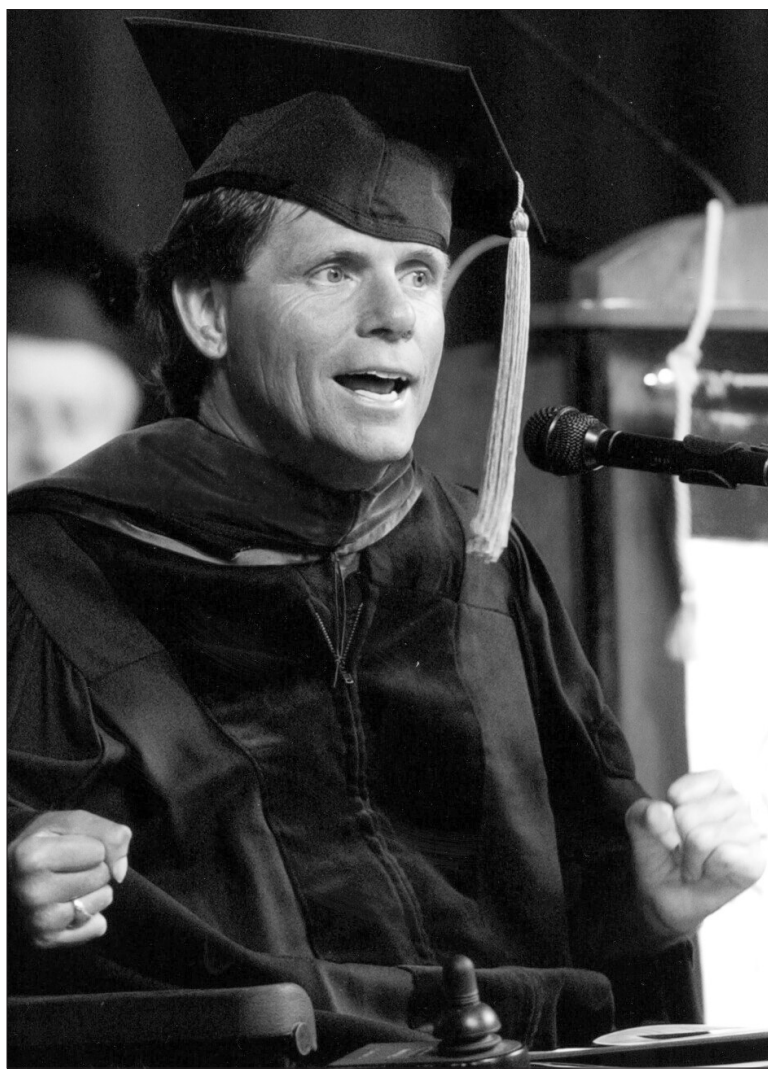
#### DOWN

- 1 Apollo 11 moon lander
- 2 Pink-slip issuer
- 3 Bugs with bounce
- 4 Fails to be
- 5 Stylish, '60s-style
- 6 Hollywood's Thurman
- 7 Greet someone casually
- 8 Uttered
- 9 Major heart vessels
- 10 Former Seattle NBAer
- 11 Doubtful
- 12 UFO pilots, in theory
- 13 Hair styles
- 18 Grammy winner Gloria
- 22 Halloween mo.
- 24 Cast a ballot
- 25 Dollar bills
- 26 Old enough
- 27 Bill attachment
- 29 Sound of disdain
- 32 \_\_\_ tendonitis: arm muscle ailment
- 33 Daylong military march
- 34 Addis Ababa native
- 35 Mart opening

#### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 36 The whole thing
- 38 Ristorante carafe contents
- 39 Footnoter's "ditto," briefly
- 40 Deighton of spy-fi
- 44 Final syllable
- 45 Scratcher on a post
- 46 Corp. money manager
- 49 Father of la casa
- 50 Hamburger topper
- 52 Wedding memento
- 53 Hybrid tennis garment
- 54 Wasp venom, for one
- 56 "The other one, too"
- 57 Throw in
- 58 Cubs' home: Abbr.
- 60 MADD concern
- 61 Doctrinal word ending



Toney Lineberry has traveled the country inspiring audiences with his story.

## Lineberry to give inspirational speech

Amanda Adkins  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Only eight days after his 18th birthday, Toney Lineberry was involved in a life-threatening car crash that would forever impact his life. He was left paralyzed from the waste down and spent one year in the hospital, with three of those months on life support, and in rehabilitation centers.

He graduated from high school as a functional illiterate, but is now a nationally recognized motivational speaker. He chose to not break from this horrific accident but to rise in courage and positivity.

Toney Lineberry's story is both amazing and inspirational. This Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Hendrix Theater, students will have the

opportunity to hear him speak and learn how he obtained the strength he has today.

Lineberry was a champion wrestler in high school and admits that his focus was on cars, sports and girls. But after his accident, Toney has realized that "not being able to read or write was a greater disability than not being able to walk."

He chose to improve his education and enrolled in J. Sargent Reynolds Community College. He maintained a 4.0 GPA and was then awarded with a full scholarship to Randolph-Macon College. After graduating with Magna Cum Laude, Lineberry was awarded another full scholarship to the University of Virginia School of Law

where he received his Juris Doctor.

Since then, Lineberry has traveled all throughout North America delivering motivational speeches. He encourages everyone to accept life's struggles, while still seeing the positive aspects. Toney has traveled to 36 states to inspire students, military personnel, and corporate and civic organizations. He has had the opportunity to speak with over one million people.

He was awarded for all of these amazing efforts by being named one of 10 outstanding young Americans by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce in 2000. He was also awarded with Virginia Reha-

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## Award-winning magician returns to campus

Jordan Register  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Tonight, Hendrix Theater will be hosting national award-winning magician Norman Ng (pronounced "ing") at 8 p.m. Those interested in an exciting fusion of mind-blowing magic, hilarious comedy, and tons of audience participation should plan on attending.

Norman Ng is a touring magician who has performed in 48 states and in front of over 500,000 people live. According to Normanmagic.com, Ng has gained national recognition in the magic and performing arts community by being named "Americas Best Live Novelty Act," by Campus Activities Magazine in 2011. He has been performing his unique brand of magic throughout the U.S. for over 21 years.

Not only has Ng performed on college campuses, fairs, festivals and theaters across the nation, but he has also performed in the Hilton Hotel in N.Y. and the World Famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, Calif.

According to his website, "Ng is known for bringing a fresh and dynamic energy to his shows. He views his act as a conversation with the audience in ways no other magician does. Norman combines original and amazing magic tricks with his unique style of storytelling, action, and audience interaction. Clever scripting, strategic blocking, and dynamic body movement are all signature themes to Ng's performing style."

Recent graduate of ECU Sarah Smith saw Ng's show when he came to perform in 2010 and recalls it being a "great time with some pretty amazing magic tricks."

"It was neat when he picked people from the audience to be involved in the show," said Smith. "It made it a little different than other shows I've seen which was awesome."

The Norman Magic Experience is being brought to the university by the Student Activities Board (SAB). SAB is always looking for new and exciting talents to bring to ECU and Norman the Magician fulfilled all

requirements and then some.

According to SAB coordinator Justin Jack, they found Ng at a NACA (National Association of Campus Activities) showcase. NACA holds a bi-annual showcase of acts from all around the nation trying to persuade schools to book them.

Norman happened to be one of the acts in the showcase and after a period of deliberation and many good reviews, Norman was a sure pick.

"[He is] high energy and very funny," said Jack. "He does things you have never seen before from smashing a cell phone to making a bowling ball appear. I think he is going to be amazing."

Since August, Ng has hit 13 different states in his tour, and multiple colleges in each state. Ng tweeted on Aug. 15th, "I got a really legit standing ovation on my first college show of the fall!"

Just for his fall 2013 tour, Ng is scheduled to perform for over 30 colleges and universities across the nation.



Norman Ng has a reputation for asking audience members to come up on stage.

Freshman criminal justice major, Ashton Herring has seen the flyers all over campus advertising the Norman Magic Experience and is planning on attending Ng's show.

"I have seen numerous performances and this one is supposed to top all others," said Herring. "I am looking forward to hopefully being a volunteer in his act."

Ng has a reputation for involving

the audience and is even rumored to give away cash prizes at some of his shows. In the past, students have even got to keep the money. He randomly selects volunteers from the audience so be sure to get a seat up front. Students are allowed one guest, space allowing.

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## 'Festival of Lanterns' set to brighten up night sky

Caroline West  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Student Activities Board is working with several other organizations, including the International Student Association, Japanese Language Classes, Study Abroad and Asian Studies Program, to create the Festival of Lanterns, set to occur at 5 p.m. tomorrow at North Recreational Complex (NRC).

This is the second year the event is being held at NRC. Not only are students invited, but also all ECU faculty and staff are invited to participate in a variety of events expressing the Asian culture.

Participants will be able to immerse themselves in a culture that is not widely known and one that hasn't been well represented in the past.

"This festival is all about diversity," said Janice Raines, SAB Chair of Initiatives. Recently the Asian Student Association on our campus was disbanded, leaving a whole population of the minority not well represented.

The SAB Initiatives saw this event as a great way to pull together both Asian and non-Asian students to come and enjoy learning and experiencing a culture firsthand.

"Initiative's main focus is to show diversity on campus, broadening students horizons about culture,



The Festival of Lanterns originated 2,000 years ago to celebrate Asian culture and has now spread across the globe.

causing students to become more aware and more accepting of other cultures," said Taylor Porter, SAB Initiatives Committee Member.

The Festival of Lanterns is one of the most important festivals in the Asian Culture. Originating over 2,000 years ago, it is still one that people all over the world celebrate. In the original festival, important performances such as the dragon lantern dance, a lion dance, a land boat dance, and beating drums

while dancing, all take place. In the evening, lanterns, cultural music and bright fireworks fill the night sky.

Krista Wilhelm, SAB adviser, said the original intent of the Festival of Lanterns was to "ward off bad spirits and wish you luck and prosperity for the New Year."

The festival will provide guests with two ways of relieving their stress and bring luck and prosperity for the new school year through the creation of water lanterns and sky lanterns.

For the water lanterns, each participant will be given a single petal, where guests will write a wish and throughout the evening will be assembled to create flowers. Part of the ceremony will include a lighting of the flowers and having students help to send these flowers out onto the lake.

Sky lanterns will be launched off the beach into the night sky, lighting the way to grant participants with a great start to the new school year.

Students will insert an "appropriate wish," as Porter points out, and once lit will watch them take off into the Greenville night sky.

Along with the lanterns, a number of other activities will also be provided. There will be opportunities to test their skills at origami, the art of paper folding. Japanese language students will be in attendance at NRC, helping participants to learn and write Katakana, the Japanese syllabary.

Brand new to the activities this year, attendees will have the opportunity to show off their moves in a "Gangnam-style" dance competition, the song performed by well-known artist PSY, with the winner receiving a prize.

"[The Festival of Lanterns] is a wonderful opportunity as to what it offers students," said John Tucker, Director of Asian Studies. "Students should fit into their schedule and experience it firsthand."

Amidst the activities, free food will also be provided. Fulfilling the cultural event, several Asian specialties including eggs rolls and rice, among others, will be available for consumption.

"This is a family event [because] we are all united here at East Carolina University," said Raines.

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# Fletcher School of Music presents 'Bandorama'

Brooke Rowe  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU music students are coming together to put on a massive show called Bandorama. After a month of rigorous preparation, ECU performers are ready to fill Wright Auditorium with a variety of music on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Scott Carter, Director of the School of Music—as well as director of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble—said the performance group will consist of about 150 ECU students.

During the concert, three different bands in the School of Music will play in order based on experience level. First will be the concert band, directed by Dr. William Staub, followed by the Symphonic Band and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, directed by Scott Carter.

According to Staub, the concert band, which is open to non-music major students who have a passion to play and perform, has been practicing a mixture of classical and concert pieces, as well as marches and overtures for this night.

“They have been practicing since the first day of classes and this will be their first major performance as a group,” Staub said.

The last two bands are by audition only and were finalized two days before classes started. The symphonic band is considered

the mid-level stage and the symphonic wind ensemble is the most advanced musical group, said Carter.

Many of the students performing in Bandorama are in other school bands as well, so the directors must be careful to balance the difficulty and amount of music with their school work. “Some of them are in the Marching Pirates,” said Carter. “Some play in the basketball pep band, or in the musicals with theatre, or with the orchestra so they’re really busy.”

Carter said they have had about 8 rehearsals total, along with the responsibility to practice the music on the side, including his responsibility to practice it himself. Carter studies the music scores often to make sure every part of the music is clear so he cannot make a mistake that would affect the whole ensemble.

“Knowing the music well is the only way to keep from getting nervous on stage,” said Carter.

The musicians will be playing mostly band performance music such as marches and overtures, but will also have a few recognizable pieces thrown in the mix. One piece is an arrangement of Mambo No. 5, a dance song originally by Lou Bega in the 50s that resurfaced and became popular in the 90s.

Another song will be a collection of music from the 50s movie “On the Water-

front,” easily recognizable by those who have seen the movie. Leonard Bernstein, who also wrote the music for West Side Story, wrote the music for this movie.

The original movie score for the movie has been transcribed specifically as a concert piece. The version that will be played Thursday night is a new transcription by Jay Bocook, an acquaintance of Carter’s and a professor at Furman University.

Carter says he chose this piece for three reasons: for one, he repeatedly saw it on lists of pieces other concerts have featured. He also thought it would be a good piece because the songs really work well together and have an interesting theme. His main reason was that he did not want students to leave ECU, a school known for its excellent music program, without playing Bernstein.

Junior, Michael Norman looks forward to seeing the performance. He said it is beneficial for students in the school of music to check out.

“For music majors, it’s life,” Norman said. “You have to appreciate it to one day to perform it. You have to get a feel for life as music.”

The concert will last for about 2 hours, with small intermissions between each band, and is free to the public.

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bilitation of the Year. In 2009, he was given the great honor of being appointed to the State Rehabilitation Council where he currently resides as Chair. There he is able to support and assist disabled individuals throughout the state of Virginia.

In 2003, he had the great honor of being inducted into the Hermitage High School Athletic Hall of Fame for being an undefeated wrestler just before his accident. He was also the keynote speaker at the 2004 J. Sargent Reynolds Community College graduation. He doesn’t just stop there though, he recently spoke to the Ameri-

can Legion’s Virginia Girls’ State group and there he remains the most invited motivational speaker.

Sigma Phi Epsilon will be sponsoring this passport event.

“Toney plans to discuss his life story and how he managed to turn his life around in hopes that it may motivate students to work even harder at their education,” said Clay Schools, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon and nephew of Toney Lineberry.

“You will be inspired by this amazing story and learn from his example and be motivated to be positive,”

said Schools. “We just know Toney is going to knock this out of the park!”

Students only need to provide their Banner I.D and show their ECU OneCard to get into the event. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend this speech. He will connect with his audience and teach them to make the right choices in certain situations. This will not only be an educational event, but students will leave feeling positive and ready to push yourself to go far in life.

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## Defense shows 'No Quarter'

Dan Hunt  
TEC STAFF

If the Pirates were able to make one or two more impact plays on Saturday and defeat the Hokies, it would not have been considered a huge upset, at least not to the players and coaches.

After the 15-10 loss, Ruffin McNeill commented, "We believe in ourselves. We expected to win the game. [Our players] know what's expected of them—a team of this caliber."

Losing to an ACC team hurts, especially at home, even though ECU put up a fight and lost by less than a touchdown.

There is no moral victory here, but if you're a Pirate fan, do not hit the panic button or throw up the white flag because defensive coordinator Rick Smith and his squad put together an inspired effort on Saturday that should encourage even the most pessimistic ECU fans.

Losing the field-position battle the whole second half, the Pirate defense responded with disciplined, fundamental football, possession-after-possession.

There were no hanging heads after the ECU offense failed to produce; there was no letting the guard down because Virginia Tech had the ball in scoring position with time running down.

Instead the Pirate defense played most inspired in the fourth quarter, something you did not see against Central Florida last year, for example. In that instance, UCF took command early in the second half, and the Pirate defense allowed the floodgates to open after taking a punch. The unit allowed 40 points instead of, what would have been around 30 points with the right mindset, and left Orlando embarrassed by their conference-rival, 40-20.

Reaction to adversity was a theme that first-year defensive coordinator Rick Smith harped on all summer because it was generally absent from the defensive teams



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Defensive back Adonis Armstrong (3) tackles Demetri Knowles (80) along the sideline during Saturday's game against Virginia Tech in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

that were coached by Brian Mitchell these previous few years.

Virginia Tech finished the game with three straight trips, deep into ECU territory and walked away with zero points.

Hokies fans will blame this on their kicker, Cody Journell, who missed two field goals (not including a third that was revoked by an ECU "running into the kicker" penalty), as they probably should. However, the Pirates block unit put a ton of pressure on Journell in all of these instances because they, feeding off their defense that forced the fourth down, were "hungry".

Rick Smith has his unit playing with the ideal mindset right now. They are focused and in the right

position, so they can use their athleticism and get in a flow without distraction.

For the first time in years, ECU's defense faced a gifted team personnel-wise and played faster and more physical than the opponent. They held their gap assignments and hit them with intensity, knocking the Hokie offensive line backwards all game.

Granted, the few times that ECU was unable to get pressure on Virginia Tech quarterback Logan Thomas came in crucial third-and-long situations, they still played well enough to put their offense in a position to win.

Lincoln Riley and his offensive unit are dealing with their share of

issues, especially on the offensive-line, but do not expect them to score ten points in another game this regular season. The Hokies have a top five-caliber defense nationally.

If ECU's defense plays like they did this Saturday, they will win almost all of the games remaining on their schedule. The progress that unit has shown does not seem to be a fluke, considering they have allowed only 2.3 yards-per-carry on 68 total attempts from FAU and Virginia Tech, two teams that predicate themselves on rushing.

Teams who run an up-tempo, pass-oriented offense (like ODU) will test the ECU defense. However, most teams like ODU feature a worse than average defense, evi-

denced by their ideology of scoring quickly, trying to win a shootout.

Some advice to Pirate Nation: After you get over Saturday's loss, understand the Pirates were one dropped pick-six from winning, know that ECU is still the favorite to win Conference-USA, and embrace the return of the ECU defense of 2008-2009, when they won back-to-back conference title years.

As outside linebacker Montese Overton put it, "This is how ECU defense is supposed to play, and this is how we're going to play going forward."

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## Family weekend brings over 50,000 to Dowdy-Ficklen

Jackson Sipperly  
TEC STAFF

Despite the hard fought loss ECU endured against Virginia Tech Saturday, support for the Pirates was strong, as the Family Weekend festivities attracted a crowd of 50,096 spectators.

Many parents that made the trip to Greenville to experience the amazing atmosphere Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium had to offer and

it was bolstered the first maximum capacity game of the year.

"I loved everything about the game, the constant cheering, dancing and clapping shows the whole student body is very excited about cheering for the Pirates," said Joanne Quinn, mother of sophomore business major Kevin Quinn. "Sitting in the Boneyard provided us with a memorable experience we won't soon forget." The game day presence

provided a unique atmosphere that Jim Ravina had never experienced.

"My first time at the school was awesome. ECU has a really big time program feel, yet it's kind of quaint so the program really provides you with the best of both worlds," said Ravina.

ECU has the reputation that is unmatched by any other Conference-USA program, as the Pirates have led C-USA in average atten-

dance for the fifth consecutive season with an average of 47,013 fans attending each home contest.

This mark places ECU 45th in the nation in average attendance, as well as at the top of the list when it comes to schools in conferences that don't receive automatic qualifying bids to BCS bowl games.

These statistics signify that despite the fact the Pirates play in a less nationally recognizable

conference, they provide a big time football atmosphere that definitely gives our team a leg up on game day.

Along with a big time college football atmosphere and a unique college town experience, Quinn said the hospitality and general friendliness of the ECU community impacted the experience she had at Family Weekend.

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### CALENDAR

#### TAKEAWAYS

##### ECU FOOTBALL

Kickoff for the ECU-UNC Sept. 28 matchup is announced for 12:30 p.m. in Chapel Hill.

##### CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers gave up a touchdown with two seconds remaining to lose to the Buffalo Bills on the road.

##### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Head Coach Heather Macy and the Lady Pirates host a Coaches Clinic on Oct. 12.

##### CONFERENCE USA FOOTBALL

Players of the Week: (Offense) North Texas QB Derek Thompson, (Defense) FAU DB D'Joun Smith and (Special Teams) Rice K Chris Boswell.

##### ECU VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pirates travel to Durham to play NC Central for the second time this season.

##### ECU FOOTBALL

DB Josh Hawkins (concussion) was released from the Hospital following the VT game.

##### MEN'S TENNIS

For the first time in school history, the Pirates start the season with a ranked individual. Joran Vliegen ranks 87th in the nation.



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# Don't push the panic button just yet



**Josh Graham**  
TEC STAFF

Ever since ECU's 15-10 loss to Virginia Tech on Saturday afternoon, I've heard the words "moral victory" thrown all over the place.

Yes, ECU had numerous chances to defeat an ACC opponent and fell short by the narrowest of margins at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, but aren't the Pirates past this narrative?

Moral victories are for programs like Akron - who was just four yards away from upsetting the mighty Michigan Wolverines in the "Big House" Saturday - not programs expecting to be nationally relevant on an annual basis.

In order for the Pirates to earn that respect, they cannot let games slip through their fingers as they did on Saturday, especially since Virginia Tech did everything in its power to keep ECU within striking distance.

The Hokies' shortfalls were due in large part to a poor outing from place-kicker Cody Journell, who missed a pair of field-goal tries from 40 yards or closer, along with an extra point attempt. And if not for a running-into-the-kicker penalty on the Pirates, he would have added a 32-yard miss to his abysmal afternoon.

For those keeping score at home, that's 10 points left on the field. Meanwhile, ECU's offense was never able to recapture any of the momentum gained on its



A stumble by Shane Carden (5) and the Pirates on Saturday may blur fans perspective on the rest of the ECU season. DREW CARTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

opening drive of the game - a five play, 75-yard series capped by a 22-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Shane Carden to inside receiver Bryce Williams.

The lion share of the credit must be awarded to Virginia Tech defensive coordinator Bud Foster for making the appropriate adjustments and subsequently applying ample amounts of pressure on Carden. The Hokies compiled seven sacks, including a game-sealing sack-fumble in the endzone that resulted in a safety.

Not to be overlooked, the Pirates shot themselves in the foot at times by suspect play-calling. As the game

progressed, ECU offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley seemed to move further and further away from the ground game and into more pass plays.

Of course, this is to be expected since Riley runs the pass-happy "Air Raid" offense that he brought over with him from Texas Tech to ECU. But early on in the game, it was senior tailback Vintavious Cooper finding holes in the Hokies' vaunted defense on the ground and catching the ball out of the backfield. In the second half, Cooper had just four touches (two rushes, two receptions) and didn't have much of a say in the result.

As easy as it can be to

cast blame, the end-all, be-all for ECU is that it's another loss to an ACC school. Since their last win against the Hokies in 2008, the Pirates have dropped 11 of its 12 meetings against ACC programs.

Fortunately for ECU, they won't have to wait long for another crack at the ACC. Its next game is on Sep. 28 against the North Carolina Tar Heels at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill. But in the meantime, ECU will utilize the off week to put Virginia Tech in its rear-view and sure up some key injuries on defense.

If there is one thing that can erase a gut-wrenching loss to an ACC team on

your home field, it's a win against an in-state opponent in their backyard; although, doing so in Chapel Hill will be no easy chore—the last time the Pirates won there was in 1975.

If that trend was to hypothetically end on Sept. 28, it would undoubtedly be a large step forward for ECU in its quest for relevancy in the state of North Carolina and nationally. But until that moment arrives and respect is given, the Pirates will continue to play with a chip on their shoulders, a chip that after Saturday's loss isn't getting any smaller.

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## Lady Pirates win Friday, lose Sunday

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TEC STAFF

The Lady Pirates Soccer team was back in action this past weekend as they hosted Francis Marion on Friday and traveled to South Carolina on Sunday.

The Pirates picked up a 3-0 victory against Francis Marion on Friday. On Sunday, the Pirates suffered a 1-0 loss against the eighteenth ranked team in the country.

The Pirates struggled to find offense against the South Carolina Gamecocks, as they failed to score a goal for only the second time this season. The contest started in a defensive battle between the two teams, as neither team could register a goal in the first half. Sandra Baron was strong for the Pirates, making five huge saves against the Gamecocks early offensive scoring attempts.

Baron's play and defensive communication amongst the Pirates helped keep ECU in the game against one of the best teams in the nation. USC found a chance to take the lead when Christa Neary scored the only goal of the game for either team when her shot snuck past Baron in the 66th minute. The goal came on a bending shot from the right side of the box that got lost in traffic, and ended up being out of Baron's reach.

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