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## Jane Goodall comes to ECU

### Lecture series brings "Seeds of Hope" to campus



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Jane Goodall had a private meet-and-greet with students and faculty from the anthropology department in Bate.

**Chelsea Cox**  
TEC STAFF

ECU welcomed Jane Goodall as part of The Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series on Tuesday.

Goodall participated in a small meet and greet with members of the anthropology department, and gave a lecture titled "Sowing the Seeds of Hope" at 7 p.m. in Wright Auditorium for the public.

The meet and greet took place at 4:30 p.m. in the Deans Conference Room in the Bate Building, where Goodall introduced herself and then participated in a Q-and-A with anthropology students and faculty.

Before Goodall began the Q-and-A, students from the anthropology department presented Goodall with a check for \$1,000 that they raised for the Jane Goodall Institute.

Goodall began by describing her goals for the lecture and her reasons for touring the world and being an activist.

"I always enjoy coming and meeting groups of people like you," said Goodall. "This is part of a lecture tour which goes on all year. It's partly to raise awareness about problems on the planet, especially for the great apes and their forests, but also of course to raise funds so we can carry on doing our projects."

During the Q-and-A session one anthropology student asked Goodall if she had advice for women entering the field.

"I'll never forget what my mother said to me," said Goodall. "She said, 'If you really want something, you have to work hard and never give up.' And I wouldn't worry too much about being a woman, just be yourself...it never bothered me."

Another student asked Goodall how students could make a difference in a world where problems are too vast for one person to tackle.

Goodall responded, "Find one area that you're interested in and find out what steps are being taken and see if you can take part in that. That's what I would advise you to do."

As part of her lectures, Goodall said she promotes her youth environmental and humanitarian advocacy program, Roots and Shoots, a worldwide program for students ages preschool through college in over 120 countries.

"There wouldn't be any point learning about or conserving anything if we're not raising new young people to be better stewards. Hopefully our Roots and Shoots program

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### STATE N.C. top state for gun trafficking

**Brittany Sanderson**  
TEC STAFF

North Carolina remains as one of the leading source states for illegal firearms.

ATF supervisory special agent, Earl Woodham said North Carolina as well as South Carolina and Georgia remain constant in the top six source states.

"These states are on what we call the Iron Pipeline, the interstates that travel North and South, these interstates run through these source states," he said. "Guns get carried from these states South to Florida and up North toward New York."

Woodham said this information comes from the ATF Trace Center.

"We can trace a recovered gun all the way to its first legal purchase. The gun shop or wherever it was bought is required by law to give us the information about the purchaser," he said.

According to the ATF Firearms Tracing System North Carolina was identified as the source state in over 8,000 total traces in 2012.

Graduate student and business administration major, DaJuan Lucas

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### UNC Board of Governors set to review new ECU mission statement

**Christina Tucker**  
TEC STAFF

ECU is currently awaiting approval from the UNC Board of Governors for a proposed revision of the university's mission statement.

In the spring of 2013 the UNC Board of Governors and the UNC General Administration gave the university a strict deadline to revise its mission statement by September. The new mission statement revision was drafted to ensure consistency

with "Our Time, Our Future," the UNC Strategic Directions Initiative.

In May Chancellor Ballard appointed a representative committee, consisting of Carol Mabe, a Board of Trustees member, and Ron Mitchelson, interim vice chancellor of research and graduate studies, to draft a revision of the mission statement and submit it to the campus community for feedback via an online survey.

After considering all responses,

Mabe and Mitchelson drafted a final statement, got approval from the Chancellor in June and approval from the Board of Trustees in July.

Since, the SGA, the Staff Senate and the Faculty Senate have all endorsed the revised mission statement. ECU is presently awaiting the UNC Board of Governors to give approval.

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### Understanding the

#### The previous mission statement states:

"Preparing our students to compete and succeed in the global economy and multicultural society, distinguishing ourselves by the ability to train and prepare leaders, creating a strong, sustainable future for eastern North Carolina through education, research, innovation, investment, and outreach, saving lives, curing diseases, and positively transforming health and health care, and providing cultural enrichment and powerful inspiration as we work to sustain and improve quality of life."

#### The new mission statement states:

"Uses innovative learning strategies and delivery methods to maximize access; prepares students with the knowledge, skills and values to succeed in a global, multicultural society; develops tomorrow's leaders to serve and inspire positive change; discovers new knowledge and innovations to support a thriving future for eastern North Carolina and beyond; transforms health care, promotes wellness, and reduces health disparities; and improves quality of life through cultural enrichment, academics, athletics, and the arts."

### CRIME Student hit by car

**Tyler Stocks**  
TEC STAFF

Greenville Police responded to the report of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle at the intersection of E. 10th Street and College Hill Drive on Monday at 9:28 p.m.

The crash investigation revealed that an eastbound car went through the intersection and hit an ECU student who was crossing the street, against the light.

The student was transported to Vidant Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. The driver has not been charged in the incident.

No further information is available at this time.

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#### To the Reader:

Due to Fall Break, There will be no paper on Tues., Oct. 8. There will also be no "72" issue on Thurs., Oct. 10. The regular schedule will resume after Thursday.

### BRIEFS

#### Government shutdown impacts NCDOT

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) gave 22 employees a leave-of-absence due to the government shutdown.

Since the NCDOT is partially funded by federal dollars, they did not have enough funds to pay all of its employees.

NCDOT said it would update information once it saw the extent of the impact.

#### Registration opens for SADD conference

People can now register for the 31st annual N.C. SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Leadership Conference.

The deadline to register is Oct. 25. There are scholarships for registration fees for those who cannot afford it.

The conference will be from Nov. 15 to Nov. 17 at the Doubletree Brownstone Hotel in Raleigh.

#### Community comes together to watch racially diverse film

A mixed crowd showed up to the premier of "Racial Taboo" at the City Stage Theater in Wilmington.

"Racial Taboo" is a documentary about how Americans find race a difficult thing to talk about and what people can do to change it.

The movie was shown on Sept. 27 and Sept. 28. The first night brought an almost black audience and the second night was an almost equally mixed audience.

### ONLINE

Check out:

**Safety Report released by ECU Police**  
By Tyler Stocks

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will catch fire here and continue to grow," said Goodall.

Julia Muler and Megan Baille were two senior anthropology majors who attended the event.

Muler said she has always admired Goodall.

"As I was growing up, my mom would always read me stuff about Jane Goodall," said Muler. "My Grandpa was a biologist, so I grew up learning about her. She's like my childhood idol. Through her I found out about primatology...she got me interested in the field."

Baille said meeting Goodall was a special opportunity for students in her major.

"It's pretty monumental I would say. I'm an anthropology major with an environmental studies concentration that I self-designed," said Baille. "My focus is conservation education, and that's what she does. I didn't even know the extent of her Roots and Shoots program or conservation work."

Goodall explained how she got involved with chimpanzees in Africa, from her mother's support to her luck finding a great mentor, Dr. Lewis Leakey. She discussed her work with prime apes and the steps she



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The lecture Tuesday in Wright Auditorium allowed Goodall to share her vision for the future.

took to get to where she is today.

In Oct. 1986 Goodall became an activist after attending a conference in Chicago where she was moved by the many social and environmental issues that were addressed. She said it was at that moment she decided to begin a lecture series and travel all over the world. In 1991, she founded Roots

and Shoots, and she hopes the program will continue to grow.

She said it is her mission to invest in the young people who will inherit the world at its current state.

"We cannot live through a day without making a difference in the world," said Goodall. "We have a choice. Young people want to do something,

It's young people that give me a hope for the future."

Adam Johnson, an anthropology major with a concentration in primatology, said, "She's a rock star to people in the primatology field so it was awesome to meet her. I got to shake her hand and get pictures with her."

Marilee Johnson, a junior

**On behalf of TEC, we apologize for the following:**

**CORRECTIONS:**

- In the Oct. 1 edition, the headline reading "Jane Goodall tomorrow" should have read "Jane Goodall tonight."
- In the Sept. 26 edition, the Classifieds pages was run in low quality, and the crossword grid did not match the clues.

**OMISSION:**

- In the Sept. 19 edition, under the headline "Lanterns light the sky", The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center was no recognized as the events main sponsor.

elementary education major, said she knew a little about Goodall from her Introduction to Anthropology course but learned a lot more at the lecture.

"I didn't realize she was such an activist for the earth and not just chimps," said Johnson. "She was very personable and didn't sound rehearsed at all. I was surprised by how active she still is in her work."

Chancellor Steve Ballard served as the master of ceremony, and Phyllis Horns, vice chancellor of health sciences,

formally introduced Goodall.

Tickets for the Tuesday lecture sold out fast. All tickets were sold out by Sept. 18, according to a press release from the Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences.

Two simulcasts were held in nearby buildings for those who did not receive tickets in time. One was held in the Bate Building and another in Hendrix Theater in Mendenhall Student Center.

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**SGA EVENT**

# Registration event held

The Student Government Association (SGA) held a Voter Registration Drive yesterday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Mendenhall Brickyard. SGA targeted freshmen during the drive, hoping to introduce the registration process to those who have recently turned 18. The event also informed students of the upcoming elections in Greenville for the mayor and council members.



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Samantha Harris (left) junior political science major and Haley Sartor (right) junior management information system major help register students.



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Marcus Scott, freshman exercise physiology, registers to vote for the upcoming city elections during the SGA registration voter event on campus yesterday.



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Jackie Grexa, freshman, volunteers at the registration booth on the Mendenhall Brickyard to help students register to vote.

**SGA**

# New funding process discussed

Ryan Clancy  
TEC STAFF

SGA's appropriations committee is using new guidelines this year to determine which student organizations receive funding. "The goal was to make it a little more transparent," said Patrick Edwards, associate director of student involvement and leadership.

The new guidelines, "Giving Student Fee Dollars Back to Students: Your Comprehensive Guide to the SGA Funding Process," lists requirements an organization must meet in order to be eligible for funding.

According to SGA President Tim Schwan, the SGA came up with the new instructions this summer, and this is the first year they're being applied. Guidelines for student organization funding have existed before, but the SGA believed they were not clear enough.

"Before it was the same vision, the same thought process, but it wasn't written out; it wasn't well displayed," said Schwan.

The new outline was designed to make it easier for student groups to understand how they can receive funding from SGA's appropriations committee.

Schwan said the SGA wanted to "cleanup what the guidelines are so when organizations come in, they have some sort of understanding of what we're looking for and how we want to display what they're looking for funding for."

Brooks Barrett, the SGA Treasurer, agreed.


"It helps when organizations directly see it," Barrett said.

The new guidelines are also designed to help the appropriations committee make good decisions, now and in the future.

"We're very confident in the people that are on the committee to make the right decisions with or without guidelines," said Schwan. "We just think it always good to have those in case of turn-

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said he thinks North Carolina is a source state because we still have a "southern mentality."

"We're a progressive southern state, but it's still the south, we're ready to pull our guns out," he said.

Woodham said the ATF always has a trafficking investigation in the works. They investigate small cases and also large cases involving gun trafficking rinds.

"We follow traffic patterns because illegal firearm trafficking is a problem," said Woodham. "It's a steady problem."

Woodham said the best way to help prevent illegal firearms trafficking is to know where your firearm is at all

times.

"You don't have to take it out and play with it, but make sure you don't go five years without seeing it," he said.

The ATF tracing statics showed that the age range with the highest number of traces was 31-40 years old.

"We see a lot of people who shouldn't have firearms," he said. "We see them in domestic violence cases, drugs, shootings, even traffic stops."

Mitchell said the charges for these firearms vary depending on the situation.

"First we check to see if the gun is stolen, in some cases the person bought the gun and didn't know it was stolen," he said. "We also check to see if the possessor has a criminal

charge or felony which prohibits them from legally carrying a gun."

Mitchell said there are combinations of reasons for gun trafficking. They range from burglary to straw purchases.

"We see cases where a girlfriend will go out and buy a gun and she is buying it for the boyfriend," he said. "When this happens it's called a straw purchase."

Mitchell said straw purchases can't be prevented because it's a poor choice on the buyers part, but if caught, they could go to prison.

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over...in case something happens."

"It provides consistence," said Barrett.

According to the new student funding document, a few of the requirements include: having a professional and informational funding request, showing how the request has a positive impact on East Carolina University, and that the request include a detailed budget.

While this student organization funding document is new, there have always been some basic guidelines the committee followed in deciding whether to give funding, as well as how much to give.

"It's has to benefit the university as a whole," said

Bobby Woodward, executive director for student involvement and leadership. "I would say the majority of our money went to academic conferences or academic presentations for students."

Barrett said she thinks these conferences are important because of the information students can learn and share with the ECU student body.

While there are many activities benefitting students that receive funding from SGA's appropriation committee, there are also certain requests that are not approved.

"We do not pay for t-shirts or retreats," said Woodward. "No food is ever approved."

Schwan elaborated on why the SGA generally avoids funding retreats.

"The purpose is for the education," said Schwan. "We don't want to fund just students trying to go and have a good time because then everyone would apply for it."

Not only does the SGA not fund retreats, they also do not fund similar events like spring breaks for fraternities or sororities.

"That is a common misconception that we give them money to go," said Woodward. "We would not give anybody money for spring break."

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#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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Late night wandering around the Leo Jenkins Art Center. The architecture of this building is represented by the tilt of this photo.

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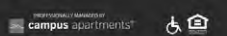
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## PIRATE RANTS

To the group of girls in Todd last night: "Latte" is not the Spanish word for milk. Maybe you should double check before you try giving a Spanish lesson.

If grading papers is such a pain to you, why do you insist on assigning us so much work?

"On October 3rd he asked me what day it was. 'It's October 3rd.'"

I've been spending so much time in the library. I'm seriously considering trying to find someone to date here instead of downtown.

To the person who said ECU got J. Cole as a result of a majority ruling: When did ECU ever ask the student body for their opinion? Oh that's right, they didn't.

Losing weight is like trying to pay off a credit card. Every time you lose some, you gain it right back.

There's no season like yoga pants season.

It's official, the American government sucks and I'm moving to Canada, where gay marriage is legal and everyone can get healthcare.

Someone made a good point today, ladies. If you want a guy to make the first move, stop staring at your phones all day and start making some eye contact and cracking some smiles!

I'd rather be curvy with a rack, than skinny with two backs.

Hey ECU, I hate the new Outlook. Thanks.

Good job cast of Dracula!

Candidates for city council are trying to tell students that they'll save the bars and lower our rent. Their opposition isn't trying to do anything other than that. Don't believe their lies!

I feel bad for all the sluts during the winter. How do they get guys? Its not like they have a decent personality.

My RA came banging on our door at 1 a.m. just to give us our roommate agreements. How about we make an RA agreement that you don't do that again?

I'm still on cloud nine from Saturday's game.

Can the Air Force Pilot who drives buses marry me?

Is it really that difficult to say thank you to someone holding the door for you?

To the guy in the back of my Monday/Wednesday class: please stop commenting on everything! I pay to hear the professor not you!

Attention last year's 7th floor White Hall girls: It happened... I'm engaged!!

If I don't have the money to buy a parking pass for campus, you think I have the \$35 to pay for a parking ticket?

I refuse to talk to people that don't know who loves orange soda.

You are all I think about now and can't even bring myself to tell you.

Dear professor: Your lecture today was like an Elephant Dart to the students' face.

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# Our view

# Two-way street to safety

Another student was hit by a car at the intersection of Tenth Street and College Hill Drive on Monday night, as reported in today's issue of The East Carolinian.

With six residence halls and one dining hall – separated from majority of Main Campus – by a busy street, ECU is not a pedestrian-friendly campus. Currently there is a construction project in the middle of Main Campus to help make the campus more conducive for pedestrian traffic. Although the area at the bottom of College Hill is not under construction right now, it should be addressed.

We believe that the university should consider an investment in a pedestrian bridge. If students could walk from main campus to College Hill without worrying about the traffic traveling on Tenth Street, that would decrease the risk of students, faculty and staff crossing the street at any time of the day.

While the university is limiting automotive traffic to increase campus safety, we encourage ECU to not overlook

other areas of campus that are not accommodating pedestrians. We as an editorial staff believe that the traffic on Tenth street is more of a risk to our safety, than the traffic driving through campus and dropping people off for class in the Bate Building.

We cannot put the entire blame on the university – the responsibility is a two-way street. We also encourage students to take responsibility and cross the busy street responsibly. We encourage students not to text while crossing the street, and to be aware of their surroundings.

Students also need to follow laws that are put into place to protect them, like using crosswalks and following the pedestrian lights. Drivers need to also take caution when driving near campus, especially during peak class times and at night.

Improving safety on campus will have to be a group effort put forth by the university, pedestrians and the drivers. We are going to have to work together to make ECU a safe place for all.

# Congressional mission still incomplete



**Houston Davis**  
TEC  
COLUMNIST

The only areas not included in the shut down are those that

are completely necessary, such as the postal service, social security, Medicare and – last but not least – Congress.

That's right, Congress. Despite its complete and utter uselessness, congressmen and women, and Senators are still being paid. Even though the shut down was directly caused by their inability to successfully do their jobs. The members of Congress get paid a ridiculous amount of money to make decisions and they could not even do that.

The purpose of congress is to

represent the citizens. The members are supposed to come together, discuss legislation, find compromises, and then put forth legislation that is in the best interest of all the citizens. Congress has totally neglected these responsibilities.

In all the interviews I saw on the news, I kept hearing about how the members will not compromise because they are looking out for the citizens. But for some reason I don't quite believe them. The Republicans are refusing to pass a budget until they can change whatever they feel is necessary to Obamacare – also referred to as the Affordable Care Act.

It is completely understandable that they want to change some things to the budget. Obamacare is far from perfect, but I think passing a budget and keep-

ing the country running should be the first priority right now. I guess they did not think about that since they will still be receiving their paychecks.

It just really shocks me that the members of Congress are so worried about citizens receiving government healthcare. They seem to be doing pretty well with theirs.

Something here doesn't seem right to me. I was always taught that when you don't do your job you get fired. Is what I've been taught my entire life a lie? Why is it so hard for the members of Congress to come together and find some kind of common ground? Is it so hard to find a

middle ground that would make our country run more effectively?

Unless our federal legislators can come together and find some middle ground, our country will only get worse. If the politicians really care about the country and its citizens they will put their personal squabbles aside and fix this pointless shut down.

Our current form of government seems to be losing its effectiveness because the people who run it are not worried about the welfare of the country. They are too worried about their paychecks. It just bothers me to think that these people are making more money than I ever will to do less work than I will ever do.

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# Not helping, but hindering



**Tyler Stocks**  
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Despite the rumors that Democrats would have you believe about the

new exchange program offered through the Affordable Care Act being an easy solution to healthcare, buyers beware. Already the online system has crashed and the specifics of how a family qualifies for subsidies are quite confusing.

One thing is for certain; you will be paying through the nose for insurance, unless you meet specific criteria that pertain to income, employment or group affiliations. Since the exchange system is new, the requirements will be changing from year to year. To make matters worse, in North Carolina there are only two insurers participating in the exchange program. They are Coventry One and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

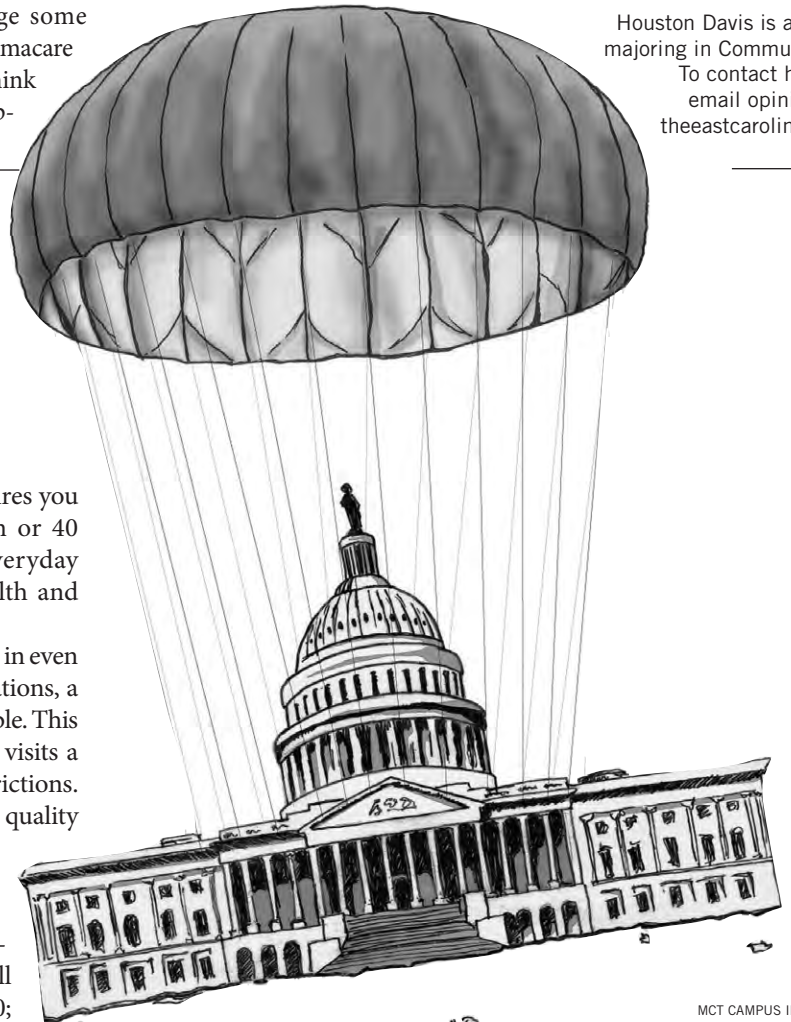
Under the ACA, program levels range from Bronze to Platinum. The cheapest plan being the Bronze plan – which offers the

lowest deductible – requires you to fork out a hefty sum or 40 percent to cover the everyday services needed for health and well being.

For those under 30 and in even more hard financial situations, a catastrophic plan is available. This plan allows three doctor visits a year and even more restrictions. How's that for providing quality healthcare?

According to a News & Observer report published Sunday, deductibles under most plans will range from \$250 to \$5,000; co-payments will remain at \$15 to \$25 per doctor visit with hospital trips costing ten times more. If you smoke, be prepared for an added 50% increase in your premium. Talk about discrimination against smokers. If you don't enroll in time by March 31, 2014 you will face a fine. If you have kids, the fines for not purchasing insurance will be even more severe. For 2014, a fee of \$95

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### Poll results

Do you think substance abuse is on the rise at ECU?

**Yes - 67%**  
**No - 33%**

### Poll question

Do you like the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)?

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# Editors note: Let there be more



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By the sweat of our brows and the strength of our backs... increase the Opinions on campus.

I am excited to announce that the Opinion section is expanding and starting today, there will be two pages of Opinion every Thursday.

This means that we have the chance to publish more Letters to the Editors, more content than ever before and more of the popular Pirate Rants, to get you through the weekends.

The Opinion staff works hard on every issue to bring information to the ECU community, in our own special way and we hope that you enjoy what we produce.

As always, we welcome the opinions of Pirate Nation as we collectively express our opinion on the many topics concerning the country, the state, and of course – our campus. Some readers have sent me emails about what they would like to see in the paper, and I encourage that.

If you are interested in coming into the TEC Newsroom and picking the Pirate Rants, stay tuned because more chances are coming up when we return.

Enjoy the weekend, have a great Fall Break and good luck with the rest of the semester.

Have a safe Fall Break!

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# The battle for respect



**Laura Said**  
TEC COLUMNIST

First of all, way to go Pirates

on your win against UNC – Chapel Hill!

Perfect way to show all the non-believers just how great we are! We seem to have a lot of doubt being thrown in our direction, especially concerning academics. We are known as a party school and have been recognized for being number one in the United States for our Halloween escapades. That is not a horrible thing, because I love to party and I love ECU.

I love the energy, the people and the way that we all have fun on any given day of the week. Even though most are proud of our “party hard” reputation, it is understandable that it has put a label on Greenville as a whole.

When the facts come to facts, we are a party school and we are well known for it. It is not a horrible thing, as it brings in a lot of revenue to the city of Greenville via the college students who travel from all over to come party with us.

Some people use partying as a reason if an individual flunks out of ECU or does

not do well in their classes. That responsibility relies completely with them. We all have control of how well we do in college; we each know how much we can balance at one time.

I'd hate to say it, but some people even choose ECU for the sole purpose of its reputation as being a fun, crazy, party school. As much as someone might hate the reality of in that fact, it is almost unavoidable. But it is also obvious that our strengths are being ignored and overlooked by many people including employers and onlookers of the community.

Has anyone taken into consideration that we party hard, but we work hard, too?

Our nursing program is tough to get accepted into, our classes are not easy, and the recent changes to the GPA system are all examples to show people that ECU is academically striving to provide a better education for its students.

Not only that, but we have had prestigious people come to campus to speak, such as: Bill Cosby, Jane Goodall, Sherman Alexie, Mae Jemison and Nikki Giovanni.

Our university does what it can to be the best that it can in all aspects, not just partying. I definitely appreciate how opportunities to grow and learn are

constantly presented to us.

The Career Center is a huge example of providing students with opportunities, including online job search engines and physical career fairs and events.

Changes are constantly being made to the programs to ensure that each student meets the academic needs. Even sororities and fraternities hold GPA standards as well as the athletics department.

So yes, we party. We drink too many beers before noon. We invite and host popular groups such as I'm Shmacked, Paint Drop and Red Cup Nation. We get a little rowdy during football and walks of shame are common.

But at the end of the day, we work just as hard for that A on an exam and we do it with a hangover. It's time to embrace what we are, ECU, because there's no fighting it. But don't let our reputation keep you from building a successful future.

To everyone that doubts us: we are the next leading generation. Have a little faith in us. I promise, we aren't as bad as the liquor we drink.

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## RANTS CONT.

No I don't want the other biology tutor; I want the sexy Canadian tutor!!

To the girl in the black and white dress at 519 Monday: Please make it a habit to dance on top of the bar.

To the girl in my health class: Can you stop sharing loosely related stories for every example the teacher gives?

You know you're a broke college student when your dinner is a spoonful of Peanut butter I support the big people that are in the gym everyday exercising.

I support the big people that are in the gym everyday exercising.

I MET JANE GOODALL.

I couldn't be a transit driver; I would run and hit everything like in Grand Theft Auto V.

Why are southern girls so hot?

Thanks for the email upgrade ECU. Love the new spam blocker! ... oh, wait... there isn't one. Still.

I'm cool with seeing an empty airplane bottle of vodka on a bookshelf on the third floor of Joyner; but it bothers me that it has been sitting there for over a month. #wasting-mytuition

Why are you wearing short shorts and a sweater? Are you hot or cold?!

Do you think Jane Goodall likes black guys?

To the girls in the back of PSYC 4375 who won't stop talking: either stfu or don't come to class

Dear ROTC boy that was sitting in the library next to me this past sunday, you're gorgeous. Sincerely, the girl that was trying not to stare.

That awkward moment when your roommate hangs out with a drug dealer on a regular basis.

Some girls need to squat some more before they put yoga pants on.

Snow bunny season is slowly approaching.

Who were those girls dressed up as fairies yesterday on campus?

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## OBAMACARE continued from A4

or one percent of income applies, along with a fee of \$47.50 per child you have. The fees significantly increase in 2016.

Charging the uninsured is simply an attack on the poor and middle class. Penalizing Americans for not enrolling in government forced insurance that's substandard is not the only problem, though. In addition, according to reports from US News and World Report, families on employer provided healthcare will see their premiums double, even triple.

President Obama has

failed to follow through with two major campaign promises he made prior to his getting elected. He promised to lower premiums for a family of four by \$2500 a year, but his plan raises health care costs by more than \$7000 a year according to a Forbes.com report.

The president's other promise was to reform healthcare by reigning in costs. The reality is that the ACA will give taxpayers a bill of \$620 billion over the next ten years. How is that reigning in costs? In some states, under Obam-

care, the elderly can face premiums exceeding \$600 a month. This is nothing short of discrimination. How much premiums cost depend on where you live and how old you are according to a New York Times article. Why should we be penalized for where we live or what age we are?

To make matters worse, more than 10 million dollars is being spent to hire “patient navigators” to help you choose a plan that works best for you. Excuse me, but I'm competent to make my own healthcare choices and government

has no right to cross that line.

While some small exemptions apply to being required to purchase insurance based on income levels, the documentation to prove that you deserve an exemption is more tedious than the voter ID law ever thought of being. For instance, a driver's license, social security card and recent utility bill may not be enough. The complete requirements can be found at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

At the end of the day, the so-called Affordable Care Act is another way that Big Brother Government is taking over and taking down the poor and middle class with it. The President issued the following statement that can be only taken as my way or the highway with regard to the Affordable Care Act.

“An important part of the Affordable Care Act takes place tomorrow no matter what congress decides to do today,” said Obama. “The Affordable Care Act is moving forward. That funding is already in place.

You can't shut it down. This is a law that passed down both houses of congress; a law that the Supreme Court upheld as constitutional, a law that voters chose not to repeal last November,” said Obama.

The president fails to realize that House Republicans and even democrats have opposed the Affordable Care Act and if it isn't a big deal like the president would have us believe, the government wouldn't be facing a shut down. The reality is that the president has taken it personally that his plan to provide health insurance simply doesn't work.

The Affordable Care Act is poorly thought out and offers no relief for those who are uninsured, especially considering the very limited choices consumers will have. If the president doesn't want to follow our democratic process and listen to congress, perhaps he should resign.

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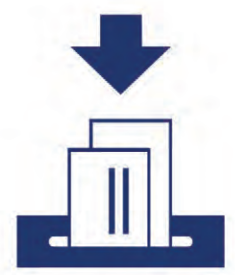


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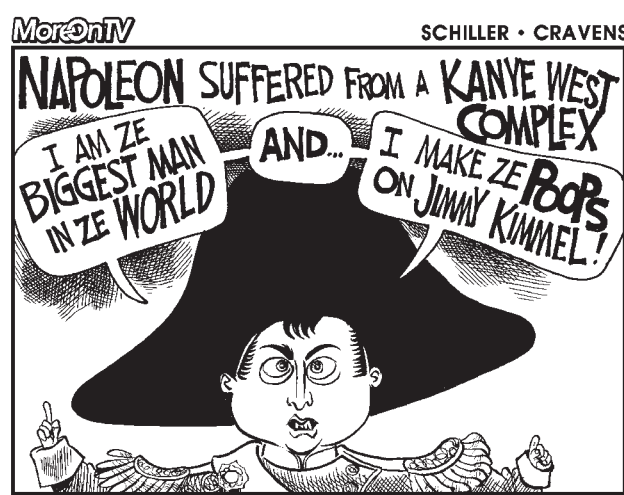
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### Majoring in Awesome

Brent Koehler



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## BRAIN TEASERS

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE 10/3/13

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 Like bars in noir films
- 6 Brouhaha
- 10 Workout woe
- 14 Salsa singer Cruz
- 15 BMW competitor
- 16 Invalidate
- 17 See 49-Down
- 20 Platte River settler
- 21 Spoil, with "on"
- 22 "Cagney & Lacey" Emmy winner
- 23 Scripture section
- 25 "I am just \_\_\_ boy, though my story's seldom told": "The Boxer"
- 27 See 49-Down
- 31 '60s-'70s "Fearsome Foursome" NFL team
- 34 Reported for the first time
- 35 Payable now
- 36 Is after
- 37 Oyster's spot
- 38 Peak in a Trevanian title
- 40 Capri crowd?
- 41 "The Birdcage" wrap
- 42 Emerges from the wings
- 43 See 49-Down
- 47 Cosmetician Elizabeth
- 48 Governor who opened the Erie Canal
- 52 Jazz pianist Ahmad \_\_\_
- 54 Moscow news acronym
- 55 Court
- 56 See 49-Down
- 60 1-Down holder
- 61 Exxon forerunner
- 62 Hosiery thread
- 63 Bottom of the sea?
- 64 Hardly a sophisticate
- 65 Really worry

### DOWN

- 1 Ice cream serving
- 37 Deck department supervisor, briefly

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By Pancho Harrison

10/3/13

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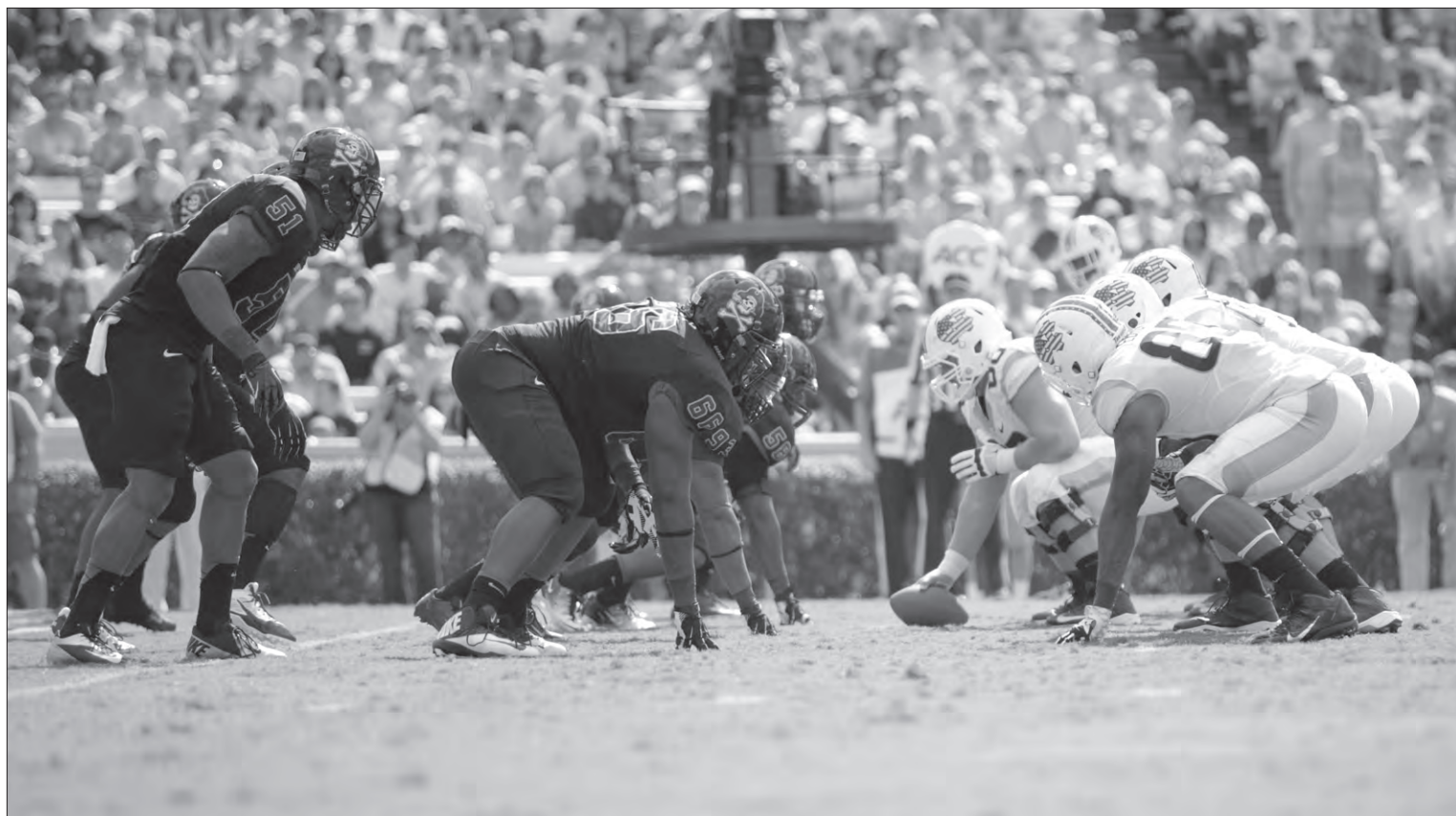
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- 45 Between jobs
- 46 Represent officially
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- 50 Alley Oop's girl
- 51 Large jazz combo
- 52 Prom king, often
- 53 Sunburn soother
- 54 In that case
- 57 Lee follower
- 58 Granada bear
- 59 \_\_\_ Maria: liqueur

## Pirates face Blue Raiders

### MEN'S GOLF ECU starts off strong



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After a strong showing against the UNC Tar Heels last week, ECU will head to Murfreesboro, Tenn. to face off against the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders.

**Dan Hunt**  
TEC STAFF

The Pirates will travel to Murfreesboro, TN for a 3:30 p.m. road game against the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders on Saturday. The matchup will mark the first time that the two schools have met on the gridiron.

ECU and MTSU have already played two common opponents so far in the young season. The Blue Raiders lost 40-20 in Chapel Hill to North Carolina and defeated the Florida Atlantic Owls 42-35 on the road in overtime.

While common opponents don't decide the outcome of games, it should be noted that the Pirates defeated the Tarheels and Owls by an 86-44 combined total.

ECU looks to improve to a 2-0 divisional and conference record. The Pirates need to avoid falling victim to the dreaded "trap" game, with an emotional win over their in-state rivals still fresh in their minds.

"We have to move on and get ready for this one," said Head Coach Ruffin McNeill. "The thing I've asked of [our players] is to drown out the noise."

MTSU, led by fifth-year Head Coach Rick Stockstill, is looking to get back on track after being

dominated by the BYU Cougars, 37-10, on the road.

The Blue Raiders entered this season with high hopes after returning 17 starters (8 on offense, 9 on defense) from an 8-4 team in 2012, but the Blue Raiders have not yet hit their stride.

The Blue Raiders have an overall record of 3-2. However, MTSU's first win was over Western Carolina, who is overmatched against FBS teams. The other two wins came in unconvincing fashion over Memphis and FAU.

Ugly or not, they are 1-0 in the division just like the Pirates, so they will likely be fired up for this one. The winner of this game will take a big step forward toward controlling the East Division of Conference-USA.

MTSU features a run-first offense, much like FAU. They have a nice combination of runners at the tailback position in sophomore Jordan Parker and junior Reggie Whatley.

Parker was the Blue Raiders' leading rusher last season, and he has carried that success over to this year to the tune of 466 yards rushing and four touchdowns.

"They both have breakaway speed," said McNeill in regards to the running backs. "Like our

offense, they involve the running backs in the passing game. We're facing a spread offense, but [Coach Stockstill] has that old school part of him where he likes to run the football."

MTSU's best unit is their offensive line, which returned four starters from last season. Their front has been opening up some nice holes for the running backs thus far in the season.

The Blue Raiders have been relatively one-dimensional this year. Senior quarterback Kevin Kilgore has been inconsistent at times with six interceptions to five touchdowns. However, Kilgore was named to the Sun Belt Honorable Mention team last year; McNeill believes he can hurt opponents.

"He's a great general for their offense and reminds me a little of Taylor [Heinicke] from Old Dominion," said McNeill. "He has good arm strength and can make all the throws from hash to sideline. He started all 12 games last year, and he's a great leader."

The Middle Tennessee defense has struggled so far this season, but they have a good coordinator in Tyrone Nix, whom McNeill is very familiar with.

"Kevin Byard [safety] is their leader on the back end," McNeill

commented. "He reminds me a little of [UNC standout safety] Tre Boston in that he has a great instinct for the ball. Others that we need to look out for are T.T. Barber at linebacker and Jimmy Staten on the defensive line. They really fly to the ball and have attacking-type mentalities."

MTSU will be ready for this one in hopes of getting back on track at home and picking up a huge conference win. ECU will need to be on its game to avoid a letdown.

The ECU defense excels against offenses that prefer to pound the football (like FAU and Virginia Tech). The Pirates enter this game with the fifth best rushing defense in the nation at 78.5 yards per game.

MTSU has some good athletes on defense, but there aren't many defenses in the country that can stop Shane Carden, Vintavious Cooper and company if they play like they did in Chapel Hill.

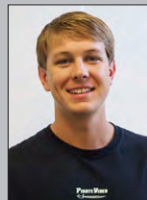
The Pirates enter this game as seven-point favorites. Expect a larger margin of victory if ECU plays with focus in Johnny Floyd Stadium on Saturday.

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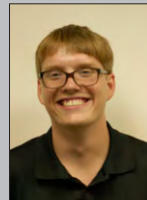
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The East Carolinian's sports experts predict this weekend's football game



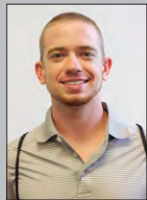
**Ronnie Moore**  
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Who Wins? ECU, 41-17  
Why? There will be no let down after the big win over UNC. ECU will take care of business in the so called "trap game." The offense has found a groove and expect Cooper to be big again.



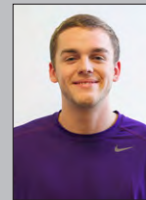
**Josh Graham**  
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Who Wins? ECU, 31-24  
Why? Middle Tennessee is at home and has some offensive weapons, but ECU has more talent and should win the game.



**Dan Hunt**  
@DanHuntECU

Who Wins? ECU, 34-17  
Why? MTSU's spread-run offense will be stuffed by ECU's talented defensive front. Carden and Cooper keep rolling.



**Chase Kroll**

Who Wins? ECU, 45-21  
Why? Both teams rely on their offense to light up the scoreboard, but the ECU defense has proven it can put its foot down come crunch time.



**Bradley Harwood**  
@HarwoodB19

Who Wins? ECU, 42-20  
Why? The Pirate offense keeps rolling. Middle Tennessee State will score points, but ECU should control this one throughout.

### TAKEAWAYS

#### MEN'S GOLF

The Pirates return to action at the Wolfpack Intercollegiate in Raleigh. The two-day tournament starts on Oct. 7.

#### CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers play the Arizona Cardinals this Sunday at 4:05 p.m. They are looking for a second straight win.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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

#### MEN'S TENNIS

Senior Joran Vliegen moved on to the main draw of the ITA All-American Championships.

#### FOOTBALL

ECU LB Gabe Woullard was nominated for the FedEx Orange Bowl/FWAA Courage Award. The award winner will be announced at the end of the season.

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

ECU finished second out of 11 teams at the Old Waverly Bulldog Invitational. They shot 1-over for the tournament.

#### ECU BASEBALL

The Diamond Bucs host Winter Hitting Camps on Oct. 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4. Registration is now open.



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# Recruits choose ECU hoops

Corey Keenan  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Lance Tejada and Grant Bryant sat in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, talking about their potential basketball careers at ECU. As the game and conversation wore on, the two made a pact to commit to Head Coach Jeff Lebo and the Pirates for the 2014-2015 basketball season.

Tejada is the 96th-ranked player in the country according to ESPN, and a four-star recruit. He is a pass-first point guard who can rack up assists and shoot from the perimeter. He finished his junior season with 11.9 points per game and 8.2 assists per game. Tejada helped lead his school to their second straight Florida 7A State Championship last season.

Bryant is a two-star commit from Georgia with great upside. The 6-foot-6-inch small forward had a 50-point, 35-rebound game this January. He has great length, which will help his transition to the college game. He averaged 19.1 points per game and 12.5 rebounds per game as a junior.

Both Tejada and Bryant took their official visit to campus over the Labor Day weekend. The two sat in the stands and talked about what it would be like to play together



ECU basketball started official practice on Sept. 30 in their new home, the Smith-Williams Center.

and what goals they could help the basketball team accomplish.

"It came down to an 'If you commit, I'll commit' type of thing, so we both told Coach Lebo that day we would be coming here next year," said Bryant.

Tejada and Bryant chose ECU over multiple power conference schools. According to Tejada's twitter, his final five college choices were Murray State, Connecticut, Florida State, Connecticut, Florida State, Miami (FL) and ECU.

"It came down to my comfort level with Coach Lebo. He's a fellow point guard, a great coach and has a great background," said Tejada. "Getting the chance to see the court early was a big factor as well."

The Pirate coaching staff had a similar effect on Bryant and his commitment.

"I really made a commitment to Lebo and the other [ECU] coaches," said Bryant. Georgia, Georgia Tech and Auburn also recruited Bryant.

The new basketball facility has already made an impact on the future of the program.

"I saw it being built while I was on a tour in June, so I knew it would be nice," said Bryant. "But when I saw it finished, all I could say was 'Wow'... It will pretty much be my second home [away from] the dorms."

The new facilities are not the only improvement for the Pirates' basketball team. Pirates Athletics will be joining the American Conference

starting in June of 2014.

"There are no joke teams in this conference," said Bryant. "I remember looking at the other schools in the conference and seeing Connecticut, Cincinnati and South Florida — there's some good competition there. There will be many big games and I'm excited."

Tejada shared Bryant's excitement for the new conference.

"Moving into a bigger conference creates national exposure, which is important for everyone," said Tejada. "All of this, the new facilities and new conference, ties into an improving program which I look forward to helping out."

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Vliegen vies for title

Shane Cuthrell  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

After three days of tennis, senior Joran Vliegen has fought his way to the Main Draw of the Saint Francis ITA Men's All-American Championships.

Vliegen is a 6'3", 155-pound senior business major from Belgium. He is currently the only player in school history to be included in the final ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) singles rankings.

For the ninth straight year, the Michael D. Case Tennis Center hosts the tournament.

On Monday, 128 players began fighting for a spot in the main draw. Now 64 of the best tennis players are still alive and vying for the chance at the championship.

Vliegen faced a ranked opponent in the championships for the first time in his third round matchup. Virginia Tech's Andreas Bjerrehus is currently ranked 66th in the 2013 preseason rankings and is the 16th seed in the tournament. Vliegen defeated Bjerrehus in consecutive sets (6-3, 6-2).

Before losing to Vliegen, Bierrehus had not lost a set in the tournament.

To get to the third round, Vliegen faced off and beat Nebraska's Dusty Boyer, who won his first round match against the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Rafael Rondino, (6-3, 2-6, 6-4). The ECU tennis player defeated Boyer in a close match in which Boyer won the first set 6-7 and Vliegen won the second set 7-6. After a hard fought third set, Vliegen came out on top, 7-5 to win.

In his first round match, ECU's Vliegen defeated Oklahoma's Nick Papac, even after losing his first set 6-7. Vliegen battled back to win a pair of sets 6-2.

According to the ITA, Vliegen is ranked 87th in the 2013 preseason rankings. He is the 32nd seed in the tournament.

Vliegen will now move on to face 13th-seeded Patrick Pradella of Baylor at 12:30 p.m. Pradella is number 16 in the 2013 ITA Division I Preseason Singles Rankings.

If Vliegen wins he will advance and play at

This matchup will be the first of the Main Draw event with only 16 tennis players remaining in the tournament.

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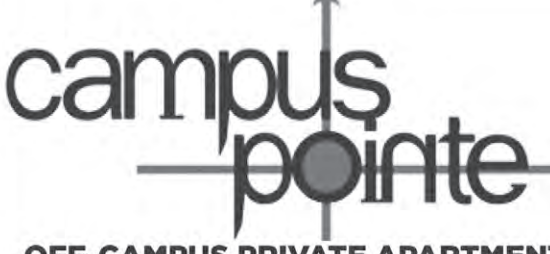
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# Pirates impact recruiting trail

**GOLF** continued  
from A8

**Josh Graham**  
TEC STAFF

It is ECU recruiting coordinator Donnie Kirkpatrick's job to build a rapport with college football's next wave of young stars, and it can be quite a challenge.

"When you get with these young kids, you're just trying to find something to connect with them," said Kirkpatrick.

Particularly in ECU's case, another challenge is its location. ECU resides in a highly competitive region that includes four ACC programs — all located within a couple hours of each other. Despite the crowded recruiting trails inside the state, the Pirates have earned an advantage for both their on-field productivity and business decisions off the field.

One of those decisions was introducing an alternate black uniform earlier this season. Yes, the vast majority of ECU fans enjoy them — not to mention they look good on TV — but the effects these new uniforms are having, in terms of recruiting, are even larger.

"After we wore them the first game against Florida Atlantic...it was bigger than I ever dreamed it would be, and I thought it would be pretty big," said Kirkpatrick. "One of the top two or three things kids are talking about is 'What uniforms are you wearing?'"

Another decision that has blossomed for ECU is the schedule. Not the teams on it but rather, the weekends that the Pirates don't have to take the field.



Senior Damon Magazu (11) wears the all black jersey's that ECU released earlier this season.

ECU's schedule consists of two open dates and a Thursday night game — a 31-13 win against FAU on Sept. 5 — which allows the coaching staff ample opportunities to watch potential prospects play and visit with

them during their seasons. Especially in today's college football, these visits are valuable because they generally come so few and far between.

"It's like dating," said Kirkpatrick. "You've got to

be around them if you want to have any chance for them to go out with you. Obviously, the schedule has been pretty nice."

These two off-the-field decisions met when ECU visited Kenan Stadium

to face in-state opponent North Carolina last Saturday. A week removed from their first open date, the Pirates dialed up an impressive 55-31 beating of the Tar Heels while wearing their all-black uniforms.

More importantly, the Pirates beat the Tar Heels in front of numerous recruits who are considering both ECU and UNC. FOX Sports Next regional recruiting analyst Michael Clark says winning is the best sales pitch for any program, especially when it occurs against an in-state opponent like last Saturday.

"It's a big thing, especially for East Carolina," said Clark. "(North Carolina) had a lot of top recruits there ... and those guys might not have known a lot about East Carolina going in, but with a dominating performance like that, you got to take a step back and maybe you notice a team like East Carolina."

ECU will go into another in-state opponent's backyard on Nov. 23 when the Pirates travel to Raleigh to face the N.C. State Wolfpack. As for whether or not the black uniforms will continue to be worn, ECU is 2-0 this season while wearing them, which has begun to spark some conversations.

"I will say I'm a little superstitious," said Kirkpatrick. "We're very appreciative that now we've got more things to put together to keep people guessing or to keep people interested in it."

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"Individually, I want to get a win," said Brady. "I haven't had a college win, so that's definitely something I'd like to achieve throughout the year."

Both Brady and McPhaul realize that this year's team is unlike teams of the past.

"I'd describe this team as being talented, hungry, but untested," said McPhaul. "Compared to some other really good teams that I've seen or been involved with, this one's a little lighter on experience."

Brady acknowledges the youth of his teammates but is satisfied with their dedication to the game.

"Our chemistry and atmosphere is totally different than last year. It's a more serious-minded approach to practice and to the season."

The Pirates are gearing up for the Wolfpack Intercollegiate in Raleigh. The two-day event, located at the Lonnie Poole Golf Course, will begin on Oct. 8th. McPhaul wants to improve upon last year's second place finish at the tournament.

ECU is currently ranked 58th in the nation, and a win in Raleigh would be a huge stepping stone in reaching his team's overall goals.

"Our dream is to do several things," said McPhaul. "[First,] we'd like to finish the season at the NCAA finals. We went in 2012 and we'd like to go again in 2014. We would [also] like to be in position to win the conference championship."

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# DRINK of the WEEK

## The Blue Dragon

**Brent Riggs**, bar manager for The Varsity Club, brings you the drink of the week. 72 does not condone underage consumption of alcohol. 72 asks those who legally partake in the consumption of alcohol to drink responsibly.

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- » 3/4 oz peach schnapps
- » Dash of blue curaçao
- » Equal parts Sprite and lemonade

Combine ingredients in tumbler.  
Shake with ice.  
Garnish with orange slice.



# Greenville's got the moves for ECU dancers

**Caroline West**

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Known for its lively nightlife, Greenville is a perfect place to show off dance moves. With an array of clubs, dance programs and organizations, the possibilities are truly limitless with what you can do when you are ready to put on those dancing shoes.

College is about finding out who you are, and what better place to start than by participating in an art that is unique among others.

“College is all about expanding your horizons and learning about things that you didn’t know before,” said Marissa Nesbitt, professor of dance.

Dance is an art that uses the human body to create expression. Without saying a word it expresses your thought and emotions while implementing great exercise that produce numerous health benefits.

“Dance is a great form of physical activity. It keeps people active,” said Suzanne McDonald, Assistant Director for Physical Activity and Wellness Education. “It’s fun, and it doesn’t feel like you are working out.”

For those students wanting to learn about the art of dance, there are several outlets available at ECU and the surrounding community where you can learn how to dance.

“[Students] love dance because there is a sense of release or the chance to do something out of the ordinary,” said Nesbitt.

ECU’s Department of Dance gives students the opportunity to learn about the background of dance and exposes them to all areas of dance. Not only are students who are majoring in dance given the opportunity to learn, but students majoring in something other than dance can take introductory dance courses. The art department has plans to offer a course in modern dance in the spring, so look out for it when registering for classes in the upcoming weeks.

If you are interested in joining an organization here on campus, there are several that will fulfill your boogie fever. Some of them include ARRRya Pirates, East Carolina Dance Association, East

Carolina Ballroom Dance, ECU Bhangra and ECU Club Dance Team.

For students on a budget, the campus has events available to those who want to learn but not necessarily want to pay for a lesson.

The Student Activities Board Initiatives and the Spanish Association for Spanish and Latino Affairs (SALSA) have come together to give students a taste of a popular Latin American Dance.

Through Campus Recreation and Wellness, several classes are available to students during the fall. Classes include the high-energy movements of ZUMBA, Cardi-YO and also a ballet barre – a dance conditioning and pilates based-movement infusion known as Ultra Barre.

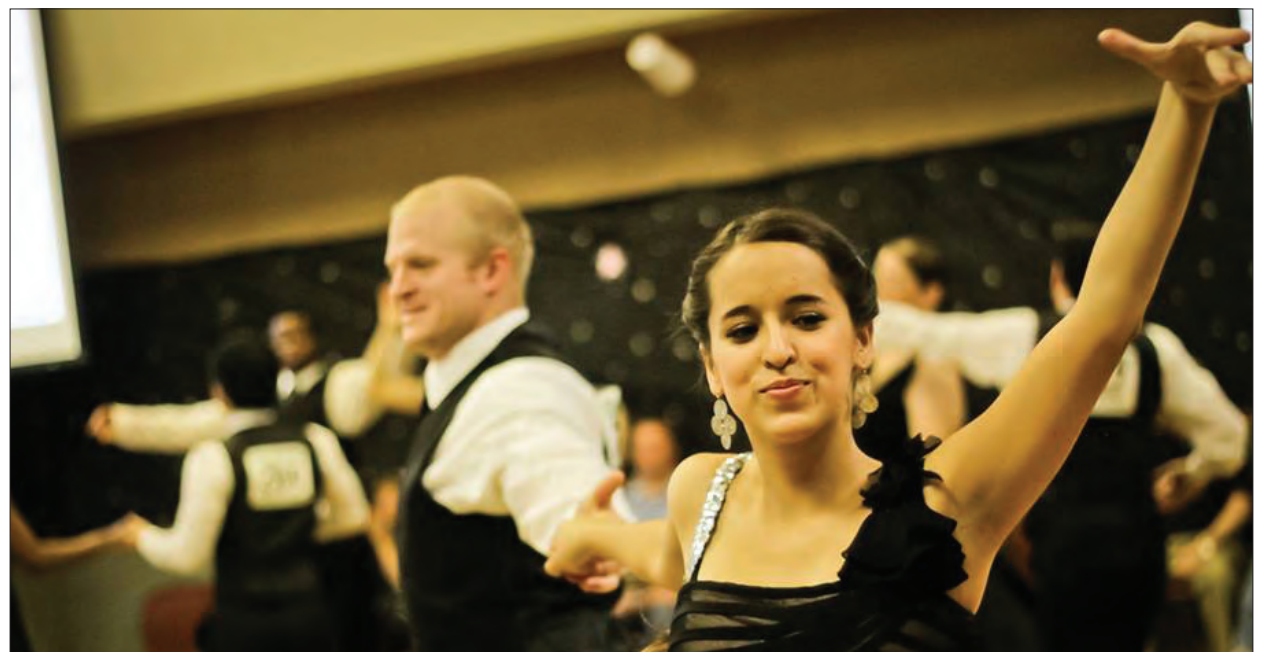
Off campus choices are limitless. At the Topsy Teapot, classes will be offered throughout the next few months. Past classes have included contra-dance, salsa, square dancing and ballroom.

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CONTRIBUTED BY ECU BALLROOM DANCING CLUB

**Sheridan Rucker (left) and Lindsey Thorton (right) pair up to perform.**



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**Aaron Dean (left) and Victoria Centeno (right) compete with ECU Ballroom Dancing Club against other student dancers.**



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Timberlake’s third album, “The 20/20 Experience,” was a monumental success, going double platinum in less than a month after its release. The second installment, “The 20/20 Experience 2 of 2,” will feature a similar combination of pop, R&B and soul. Guest appearances include Timbaland, Drake and Jay Z.

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# Art Avenue hosts 'Studio Tour Gala'

Jessica Gribbon  
TEC STAFF

Art can be one of the most effective ways to express oneself. Whether it's drawn, painted, worn or photographed, it can radiate intrigue and personality. Art Avenue, a gallery downtown, provides a cultural experience to all who visit.

The gallery has been operating since November 2010 and has been gaining momentum ever since.

Andy Denton, the coordinator of the gallery, along with Claire Edwards, who oversees the operations of the gallery, shared their goals, as well as their plans, for their upcoming events.

"We want to bring everybody downtown," said Edwards. "We want to bring people from all walks of life downtown to experience our culture since downtown is like a melting pot."

The Artist Studio Tour Gala is their next upcoming event. It will be held on tomorrow, hosted by Art Avenue and Friends of the School of Art and Design in hopes to make their third annual event even more successful than their last.

The Gala is a part of First Friday ArtWalk, which is held monthly on the first Friday of every month, and includes a self-guided tour of art venues, as well as free entertainment downtown. It will be taking place at Art Avenue from 5–8 p.m., exhibiting the artists who will be participating in the Studio Tour in early November.

The artists to be showcased at the Gala and a part of the tour are: Robert Ebendorf, metals; Trisha Oniskey, oils; Michael Knoch, pastels; Cindy Reed, ceramics; Judy Bernhardt, watercolors; Jeremy Fineman, ceramics and Lisette Fee, metals and jewelry. Both Fineman and Fee are artists from Art Avenue. The Gala will also be featuring prints by Kelly Adams, Michael Elbeck, and Scott Eagle.

The Gala is open for all to attend to get a taste for what the Studio Tour has to offer, as well as purchasing tickets to attend the tour. All of the artists who will be featured will have their artwork up for display during the

Andy Denton (right), School of Art and Design alumnus, manages the gallery space, which can be rented by artists to display their work.



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Art Avenue is located downtown next to Pita Pit, Rum Republic and Sup Dogs.

Gala for all attendees to appreciate.

In addition, there will be a raffle for those in attendance to win a piece of art.

"We want to show people that downtown isn't just a place for nightlife," said Denton. "It's a place where you can spend your day shopping and looking at art, as well as experiencing the diversity of downtown."

The proceeds from the event go to a scholarship fund for the School of Art and Design. "The goal for the Friends of the SOAD is to connect with the students, as well as raise money for scholarships," said Edwards.

This scholarship goes directly to ECU students and is a way for the art community to give back and connect with the artists.

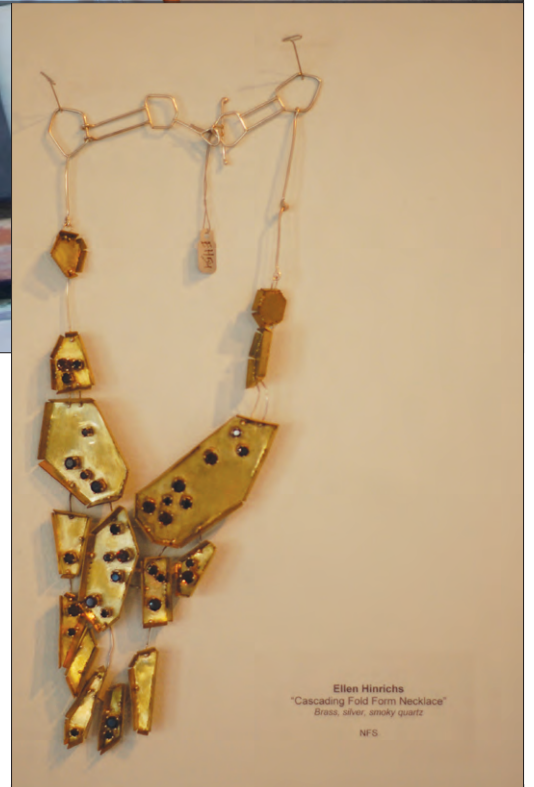
Tickets for the tour be purchased at Uptown Art located upstairs at UBE, The Gray Gallery on Campus and The Art Room.

The event will take tour-goers to the studios of all participating artists so they can experience their environment and watch the artists produce their craft.

"It's a pretty cool way to spend your day, just getting to hop around town from studio to studio," said Edwards. The Studio Tour will be taking place on Nov. 2. □

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ECU School of Art and Design alumnae, Ellen (above) and Margaret (below) Hinrichs', jewelry is on display at Art Avenue. More pieces by them can be found at [etsy.com/shop/geoflora](https://www.etsy.com/shop/geoflora) and can be contacted at [geoflorajewelry@gmail.com](mailto:geoflorajewelry@gmail.com).



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**Singer/Songwriter: *Tori Vazquez***  
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**Bands: *Sumilan* (Rock/Progressive)**  
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Peasant's Pub (see directory)  
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***Disappearing Cowboy***  
***Sirens and the Mariners***  
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# Joyner Library second floor gallery exhibition

School of Art and Design graduate students' works to be displayed until Nov. 9

**Brooke Rowe**

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A selection of ECU Art and Design graduate students' work will be competing for several awards in Joyner Library starting today.

The 7th annual Graduate Student Art and Design Exhibition will be hosted on the 2nd floor exhibit gallery of Joyner Library. This display will last from Oct. 3 to Nov. 9 and features only the works of graduate students working towards their masters in art or design.

About 28 graduate students have submitted a total of 70 works of art to the gallery. Joyner Library's Exhibit Committee, made of library staff members, chose the final 38 pieces to be featured and judged.



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Graduate student Cathy Perry's steel and copper sculpture.

"We wanted a good variety of media to be shown. We wanted ceramics, textiles, paintings, photography, jewelry design," said Margaret Earley-Thiele, the chair of the committee. "We judged based on innovativeness and quality of craftsmanship and how they work together as a set."

Earley-Thiele, whose jewelry design was accepted into the exhibition a few years ago, said having work accepted into this gallery is a great resume builder and is great for the students to compete among their colleagues.

"We as grad students really appreciate the university doing this," said Sydney Sogol, a third year graduate student and textile artist. "It's a nice showcase and shows support for the graduate art students."

Sogol submitted two conceptual weavings based on the human and animal relationship. She said her inspiration originated from the 13-year relationship she had with her horse, Dolly.

Second year photo graduate student Ernest Atkins saw this exhibition as an opportunity to display his hard work. The three pieces he submitted were a conceptual body of works he made over the spring and the summer.

"I want to start to introduce to the eye the idea of a balance between selflessness and selfishness," said Atkins. "It's about reawakening, returning to non-materialistic values and ways of being."

He said he chose ECU for graduate school because of its good reputation for quality education and is now working as a graphic designer in Joyner Library.

Emily Branch, who is in her first year of graduate school and is working towards her master's degree in painting and drawing, chose the university after researching several professors.

"I want to become a better artist and refine my work," said Branch. "I want to be in the community of people who are pursuing art seriously."

She submitted two oil paintings, sharing a common theme for abstracted realism, inviting the viewers to think about the relationships between individuals and how they change the environment. Branch saw the exhibition as a way to represent the starting direction of where her art is going.

The pieces that were accepted into the gallery will



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Margaret Earley-Thiele speaks about the art works on display.

go through one final judgment for a series of several monetary awards. Charlotte Fitz-Daniels, director of the Greenville Museum of Art, will choose each winner.

The awards include the Friends of Joyner Library Purchase Award, which can be \$1,000 and the art will stay in the library permanently. The College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean's Merit Award and the School of Art and Design Director's Award will be given for \$400 each. The Graduate School Dean's Award winners will receive a \$150 and a \$100 gift certificate to Uptown Art Supply and Gallery at UBE.

A reception will be held in the gallery today at 4:30 p.m. to showcase the exhibition. Food and drinks will be provided. To find the gallery, go up the main steps of Joyner Library near the elevator and turn left when you reach the second floor.

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# 'Master of the Impossible' comes to campus

Amanda Adkins

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

On Friday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. ECU students and families will have the opportunity to come see Tomáš Kubínek, an internationally acclaimed solo performer, at the Wright Auditorium.

Tomáš Kubínek was born in Prague, but smuggled out of the country by his parents when he was three years old and taken to a refugee camp in Austria. After

shortly afterwards joined a Brazilian clown duo as the rear half of a two-person horse.

Kubínek started working any job that was related to showbiz and he was soon able to save up enough money to travel to Europe to study with famous theater teachers such as Monika Pagneaux and Pierre Byland.

All of his studying and hard work led him to his award-winning solo stage performances in over 30 countries. He has performed at theaters, opera houses, and television broadcasts throughout the world and international art festivals.

Kubínek has been awarded with The Moers Comedy Prize, The Schneestern Award, and The Samuel Beckett Theatre Award. He was also awarded with the title "International Grand Champion of Housefly-Catching" at the Moucheville Open in Moravia where he beat contestants that came from twelve other nations. The New York Times has even called his work "absolutely expert" after a sold-out run on Broadway.



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Tomáš Kubínek will preform in Wright Auditorium on Oct. 11.

two months, his family and him were granted acceptance into Canada.

It was in Canada that Kubínek witnessed his first circus at the age of five and he instantly became interested in circuses, clowns, theater and magic.

Only four years after witnessing his first circus, he performed a show in front of elderly magicians. Shortly after that performance, Kubínek started his performing career with an agent.

He first began performing in coffee shops between folk-music acts, but he

Kubínek has performed guerilla-style absurdist theater sketches at the HBO Workspace in Los Angeles, and has been featured on the Czech National Television with Boleslav Polívka, Czech actor and clown. Kubínek has even co-created two shows, one in which he himself stars in, and he created a surreal comedy about three men braving the elements of the Arctic Tundra called "Moose."

"Moose" toured Europe for one year and was awarded with #1 Critic's Choice Award by Time Out Magazine. He has also appeared with U.S theatrical circus

"Circus Flora" where he played a guest villain that was the mastermind of an elephant kidnapping and was ended with him jumping 40 feet into a ring after fencing on a high-wire.

"The show will be filled with magical events, and Kubínek brings so much drama to his performing that you can't help to empathize with him. He's a silent comic performer, but he is not a mime," said Michael Crane, producing director of Family Fare Series and planner of this event. "I saw his work a few years ago and I thought he would be a perfect performer for ECU. He is such an uplifting actor and does acts such as lighting items on fire...hopefully not the audience," said Crane jokingly.

The show will feature comedy, vaudeville, and charm. The performance

is suitable for ECU students and families with children over the age of five. Children and infants are not recommended for this performance because of the focused atmosphere of the show. Tickets are \$7 for ECU students/youth and \$10 for the public. ECU students will need to bring their OneCard to receive the discounted ticket price.

Tickets are currently on sale at the ticket office in Mendenhall for students who wish to purchase their ticket before the show.

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Tuesday: Blues night  
Thursday: Karaoke

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Wednesday: Trivia  
Saturday: College Game Day

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## >> FIVE 19

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2020 Charles Blvd. 565-8220  
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114 E. 5th St. 364-2367  
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Tuesday: Comedy Night  
Wednesday: Trivia  
Thursday – Saturday: Live music

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## >> STARLIGHT CAFE

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511 Cotanche St.  
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## >> SUP DOGS

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752-7682

## >> THE VARSITY CLUB

113 E. 5th St.  
756-6499

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# >>>>> THE SCOOP

## Still Life: Being the new kids on the block has its perks

Melissa Phillips

TEC STAFF

**T**ravis Hixon, owner and manager of Club Still Life and Tiki Bar, came to East Carolina University in 2006 on a football walk-on invitee.

Before college, Hixon never experienced nightlife the way he did his first semester at the university. After getting a taste of the wild side he decided that committing to football wasn't what he wanted to do. With so many intermural and club sports at his fingertips he continued to participate as much as he could, supporting himself through odd jobs on and near campus.

"I pretty much did everything when I first came here in the fall," said Hixon. "I cleaned the football stadium; I looked for anything I could possibly do to get a little bit of money. I love working."

While working around campus during his first fall semester he fell into a position at a fairly new nightclub in downtown Greenville called Still Life. Offered the position of bar-

back, young Hixon was naïve and unprepared.

"I didn't really understand the position. The first night I worked I thought it was just somebody who served beer," said Hixon. "Any supplies that the bartender may need to give back to the customer, the bar-back is suppose to provide it for them. Well, I didn't do any of that. And I actually got fired my first night at work."

The irony of Hixon's early start with Still Life would surprise many who know him today as the owner and manager, as well as one of the youngest bar owners in the city at the ripe age of 26 years-old.

With the past aside, when Hixon was offered his job back the following day it was a gear in the machine that drove him to where he is today.

Taking advantage of the slow summers here in the college-fueled town, Hixon used that opportunity to learn every area of the business that he could.

"I bounced [we call them peace keepers here]. I learned how to DJ. I did every position in here except bartending because I wasn't old enough to start working [behind the bar]," said Hixon. "It



After being fired his first time working at Still Life, Travis Hixon is now back as the owner and enjoying a success nightlife business.



Club Still Life and Tiki Bar also has a branch in Raleigh, after the success of its Greenville location.

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Many students are willing to wait in line to experience Still Life's atmosphere.

was a very good experience for me because, now looking back at it, I can do any position and also train anybody that comes in here for that position."

After the second opening of Still Life in Raleigh, the original nightclub needed an extreme makeover. With fresh eyes and new perspective, Hixon's crisply printed business degree was exactly what Still Life need.

"We opened a brand new Tiki bar at that time and turned it in to two different venues and we built a lobby and put the line on the side of the building," said Hixon.

Obsessed with perfection and customer satisfaction, Hixon likes to go to great lengths to please the masses.

"If I just have one person tweet something bad about us or say the didn't have a good time I will personally go and talk to that person and ask what I can do to make there experience better

next time," said Hixon.

Often times this translates into his management styles, where his worries can hinder the workflow of his employees.

"I think he would be less stressed if he trusted people more," said Cameron, a bartender at Still Life. "When he hires people, he gets really worried. And he is trying to make sure people are doing there job instead of letting them just do it."

Travis said his desire to help his employees grow and succeed it a constant goal for him.

In recent news, a popular area of Uptown Greenville recently closed, including The Other Place. New additions to the now vacant area could include new restaurants, retail businesses and office spaces. With the recent closing of nightclubs, Hixon views the changes in a positive light for his business.

"It's more foot traffic down

here, and it's balancing out downtown," said Hixon. "I really like it because it's actually driving more business downtown. Downtown can't solely survive on nightlife, just like downtown can't sole survive off day life. So it's balancing out. Its driving more foot traffic downtown, and I like that."

With only two years of owner/management experience, Hixon has brought on a lot of changes to the venue, as well as the community. With a common stigma attached to the nightlife, Hixon is determined to change people's perceptions.

"I hate how there is such a stigma between, you have your

business and you have your bars," said Hixon. "It shouldn't be like that at all. It should be your downtown businesses in general. Your restaurants, your bar, your retail, bicycle shops. All of this is part of uptown and we should be working together as a collective unit instead of separating ourselves, and that's the problem."

In an attempt to bring together the community, Hixon has collaborated with various community events and businesses, as well as student organizations, to help bridge the gap between the ill perceived night-life of downtown Greenville and the positive renovations to

what is now Uptown.

"It's mostly perception, the way that they think and the way that they feel about downtown," said Hixon. "But hopefully by doing these events, interacting with other business downtown, it will change peoples perceptions and bring downtown together collectively."

Last spring, Still Life collaborated with local boutique Catalog Connection for a Fashion Night Out. This month, Still Life will be hosting a fundraiser in light of Breast Cancer Awareness month called "Breast Fest"

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The club offers multiple DJs through out the week, that play music ranging from hip-hop to electronic.