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## HOMECOMING PARADE



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The ECU cheerleaders make their annual appearance at the homecoming parade. For full photo coverage of Homecoming 2013, turn to A4.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

# Student fees fund project

**Chelsea Cox**  
TEC STAFF

Throughout the month of November Student Affairs has conducted surveys and held several open forums to gauge students' opinion of the proposed student fee increase to fund the new student center and parking deck project.

The project, which will cost around \$160 million, will consist of a new student union on east campus, a parking deck with about 700 new parking spaces and a recreation center/student union hybrid building for the Health Sciences campus.

Stephanie Coleman, accountant for Student Affairs, said the students will pay about \$130 million for the project, and the other \$30 million will come from auxiliary sources.

Coleman said that next year undergraduate non-resident tuition will see an increase of \$1084, which was approved by the N.C. legislature. However, in-state students will see no change in tuition or fees for the 2014-2015 school year.

Undergraduates are currently paying \$218 in student fees, which will remain the same next year, although the fee will be allocated differently to fund the new project.

"This year it's going to Student Health, Student Recreation and the Ficklen fee. Now that that's paid for there's going to be a little bit left for Student Recreation. We're just transferring that fee from those projects to this new

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# Two missing children rescued



Jack Creech, 6, (pictured left) and Dana Thompson, 12, were rescued on Mon.

**Tyler Stocks**  
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Two Winterville children, Jack Creech, six, and Dana Thompson, 12, were rescued Monday night after walking away from their parents and becoming disoriented in the woods near Boyd Le Park in Winterville.

According to Greenville Police Sgt. Dale Mills, the children went missing at 2:15 p.m. Monday.

Crews from the N.C. Highway Patrol, Greenville Fire-Rescue, the Pitt County Sheriff's Office and Winterville Fire Department responded to the call.

"Working together is vital to locating a missing person," said Mills.

Officers from the N.C. Highway Patrol used a helicopter and were able to locate the children at 5:15 p.m. Monday.

The children were cold when ground units rescued them and were checked out by paramedics. They did not require transport and had no injuries.

"We give a large amount of credit to Highway Patrol for using their helicopter to locate these children in a timely manner," said Mills.

No charges are pending against the parents.

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# U.S. Senate passes historic LGBT act

**Christina Tucker**  
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A historic moment came for LGBT members on Monday, Nov. 4, as the U.S. Senate passed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act through a successful bipartisan majority vote.

Currently LGBT members are not protected and can be fired or for sexual orientation and gender identity. The ENDA is an act drafted to protect against such discrimination. In 29 states, including N.C., LGBT workers can be legally harassed or fired for reasons not pertaining to their job performance.

Only 16 county and city municipalities in NC provide some form of LGBT protection. Only three counties — Buncombe, Mecklenburg and Orange — protect transgender workers. Five cities — Asheville, Boone, Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Charlotte — also include protections for gender identity or expression.

However, the protection the bill offers does not extend to religious groups, the military or companies with fewer than 15 employees.

"I believe that everyone deserves an equal opportunity when it comes to employment," said junior psychology major Faith

Sipek. "Discrimination in any form, for any reason is unlawful."

Equality North Carolina, a statewide LGBT advocacy group, strived to have this act successfully instituted in NC by working with senators and congressional workers to fight the uphill battle they face with the U.S. House of Representatives.

"The new ENDA passing, I believe, will open up a lot of doors and opportunities for people here in our community at ECU, as well as across the state," said Sipek. "The act passing in the Senate is a small stepping stone on the way to

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The ENDA will protect LGBT employees from harassment and discrimination.

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## BRIEFS

### Dowdy to hold canned good and coloring book drive

Dowdy Student Stores will collect canned goods and coloring books on Dec. 3 from 5-6:30 p.m.

All canned goods will be donated to Campus Kitchen, an on-campus organization that provides meals for different operations.

Coloring books will be donated to ECU's radio station, WZMB, for their holiday drive for the TEDI Bear Children's Advocacy Center.

### Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits one million people

The Post-9/11 GI Bill has benefited over one million veterans, service members and family members since Aug. 2009.

The Veterans Benefits Administration has given over \$30 billion in tuition or other school-related funds.

Veterans and service members who served on active duty for at least 90 days or more since Sept. 10, 2001, are eligible for GI Bill benefits.

### NC Foreign Trade Promotion Conference held Nov. 13-14

The first North Carolina Foreign Trade Promotion Conference will be held Nov. 13-14.

The conference will be held at Cape Fear Community College's Union Station Building in Downtown Wilmington.

N.C. Secretary of Commerce Sharon Decker and Ambassador of Brazil, Mauro Viera, will be special guests to the conference.

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# Changes made to the MCAT

**Emily Gardiner**  
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The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) will undergo major changes that will make the exam harder for students who want to pursue the ever-changing field of medicine.

The MCAT exam is a standardized test that students are required to take if they desire to attend medical school. The test examines problem solving, critical thinking and knowledge of science and medical concepts.

The 2015 MCAT exam is expected to be much harder with three additional classes for students' undergraduate prerequisites, 117 questions added to the exam and a nearly doubled test time.

Students currently are required to take eight classes as prerequisites for the MCAT. Now students must take 11 total classes in preparation for the exam. Essentially the additional classes make for three extra semesters work.

Amanda Driggers, a junior psychology major, thinks that the extra coursework may affect a student's undergraduate career.

"I think that them adding three semesters worth of work could be detrimental to students' undergrad programs because they would have to be in school for longer," said Driggers.

"Then that would affect if students go to med school or not since they'll be in school for longer."

The three additional semesters will consist of classes in biochemistry, sociology and psychology.

Currently, 144 questions are taken over a three hour and 20 minute time span. With the changes, the test will have 261 questions that will be taken over six hours and 15 minutes.

Bryan McNinch, ECU's Kaplan representative and a junior finance major, thinks the test's time doubled because of the changing medical field and to evaluate students' focus and stamina.

"They figured they'd make it harder because of the changing medical field," said McNinch. "They obviously thought students needed to be more prepared. They add another dynamic to the test when they added three hours."

According to Kaplan, a graduate level test preparation company, the exam assesses research design and graphical analysis and data interpretation. There will be more focus on how to create research, derive conclusions and make inferences.

According to McNinch, students are nervous for the changes. McNinch's friend took the 2014 MCAT to avoid the changes to the 2015 MCAT.

"He was so happy that he did well on the 2014 MCAT. He was just relieved that he already took it because they made it harder and they made it longer," he said.

As to who will benefit from the changes, McNinch said patients would.

"I think it will benefit patients in the long run," he said. "I think people who go into med school will be more prepared, but I don't think it will really benefit students as much except they will have more knowledge and a broader base of subjects."

The changes to the exam were not done any sooner to allow time for students to take the extra prerequisite courses.

Test preparation companies, such as Kaplan, work closely with the creators of the MCAT to gain an understanding of what will be on each exam. Questions from previous MCAT exams are drawn to create review sources students can use as study materials for the next year's exam.

However, test preparation companies are not affiliated with the creation of exams.

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# Two dogs attack woman

**Tyler Stocks**  
TEC STAFF

A Greenville woman and her chocolate labrador retriever are recovering from

a vicious attack that took place Sunday.

Greenville Police say they responded to an animal complaint call at 107 Dupont Circle at 9:47 a.m. Sunday. When Officer C.J. Conklin arrived, he found two pit bulls violently attacking a chocolate lab while the caller and another individual were trying to break up the fight.

Conklin jumped the fence where the attack was taking place. He fired his gun and struck a female pit bull. That didn't stop the female from continuing her assault. A Greenville Police news release stated the aggressive female pit bull had to be shot

three times and died at the scene. The other dog, a male pit bull, took off but was retrieved by animal control.

"Although dog attacks in Greenville are not common, citizens are encouraged to take steps to prevent dog attacks," said Greenville Police Lieutenant Carlton Williams.

The injured labrador was taken to an emergency animal clinic for surgery following the incident. Doctors said the animal had life threatening injuries and there is no further information on its condition at this time.

The individual trying to help the 911 caller get the pit bulls off the labrador received injuries to his hand in the attack but refused medical treatment.

The male pit bull is currently being held by Greenville Police Animal Control, and the deceased female pit bull will be taken to Raleigh for a necropsy.

Conklin is a five year veteran with the Greenville Police Department. He also serves as an instructor for the department and is assigned to the Field Operations Bureau.

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project," said Coleman.

In 2015-2016 student fees will go up \$150, and the following year (2016-2017) students will pay \$142, for a total of about \$300 in fee increases for the new project.

Bobby Woodard, associate vice chancellor of student involvement and leadership, said he held several discussions of the fee increase with student groups such as Muslim Student Association, Chat with the Vice Chancellor, Omicron Delta Kappa, Black Student Union, Resident Hall Association, and Victory Campus Ministries.

"I've met with 144 students," said Woodard, "Out of those, 70 percent of those students would pay a fee for

the new union, and 94 percent said there is a need for it."

Woodard said they have sent out surveys through Listserv, and so far students have high approval ratings for the proposed fee increase. Last spring they conducted a needs-assessment survey in which 1,700 students responded and a majority stated that they wanted more meeting space, more food options and more student organization offices.

"We currently have 402 student organizations," said Woodard. "When Mendenhall was built, we had 11,000 students, and we only had 37 student organizations. Today we're at around 28,000 students."

Woodard said the proposed fee will go before the Board of Trustees by the end of this month and in the spring it will go to the Board of Governors, which will be the final approval.

"The Board of Governors has the ultimate authority on the fee, but the legislature approves the project," said Coleman.

Woodard said if everything goes smoothly the new student union on main campus will be completed by late 2016 or early 2017.

"We're hoping to start moving dirt in the fall of '14," said Woodard.

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equal rights for people of all backgrounds and lifestyles. The closer we get to equality for all, the better."

Senior business finance major, Thomas Nelson, agreed.

"There is no reason to deny any person a job based on sexual orientation," he said.

The president of LGBT Student Union at ECU and junior political science major, Jackie DeJesus explained the process as it goes forward:

"Now that ENDA has passed in the Senate, it just has to go through the Republican-controlled House of Representatives. That is wor-

rying for LGBT students, who will be looking for jobs in the near future, and current LGBT employees, whose jobs may be at stake if protection is not passed... I am not saying that just because Republicans control the House ENDA will not pass. In fact, a strong majority of Republican voters support having a federal law protecting LGBT employees in the workplace."

In a survey conducted by the National Center for Transgender Equality, 90% of transgender and gender non-conforming respondents state that they have experienced harassment, mistreatment or discrimi-

nation on the job. This bill would extend rights to LGBT that is currently afforded to everyone else, according to DeJesus.

"It is time for those fighting for equality to rise up. The GLBTSU has been encouraged to call their representatives and express their opinions on ENDA. Our Representatives are elected to represent the will of the people he or she represents," said DeJesus. "Rights are not special privileges when you are asking for something everyone else already has."

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## PIRATE RANTS

Why the hwas there a campus security officer riding her bike inside the Bate Building? Does that mean I can too?

Someone please find out who owns the ECU confession page.

I miss the really nice guy at The East Carolinian.

Advisors are kind of pointless. How are you going to advise me when you aren't in my career field?

When all the other newspapers give you limited access to articles and then ask you to pay for access, I go to The East Carolinian.

Classified: Looking for a tall, strong, tan, athletic and mature man. I cook, clean and love watching sports....and yes I am a girl.

If "I'm graduated" is correct, I dare you to say it in a professional setting.

Dear ignorant State fan pretending to be an ECU student: You guys stole the strutting mascot from Wisconsin. Bucky Badger was strutting it up in the 1940s.

Watching people eat s\*\*t tripping over the little hump beside the big pine tree near Bate and Rawl has provided endless entertainment the past four years. #SeniorProbs

You work in a computer lab not a nightclub. STFU already so we can concentrate.

Is anyone else genuinely saddened when they see a college student who doesn't know the difference between "then" and "than"?

If I slip and sprain my ankle ONE MORE TIME on the steps at Sup Dogs...I swear I'm hiring a lawyer. FIX IT.

Don't worry, Pirate Rants, I still love you more than ECU Confessions.

Good call on the alumni vs. alumnus thing, but "I'm graduated" is still wrong. Backing up nursing major on that one.

I've done some pretty scandalous things in a library study room with a marine.

The legends are true. I walked under the cupola and am graduating a year late...

People who say that college is the best time of your life must not have been nursing majors.

To the gentleman who tied a blind man's shoes you have restored my faith for our generation. Thank You.

News flash: Professors don't need a license to teach, dear.

I thought I saw quintuplets on campus, but then I realized it was just sorority girls.

Don't come to your professor's office hours and ask questions that are clearly answered on the syllabus you received the first day of classes. That might explain the frustration.

Remember that website textsfromlastnight?

Entering yet another holiday season single.

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# Our view

## Support for all No athlete left behind

As the winter sports begin, students seem more concerned with losing their football, than gaining so many other sports to watch.

We, as an editorial staff, would like to remind the student body that there are 500 student athletes on campus that deserve your support as much as the football team. A lot of students spend \$50 on their Student Pirate Club membership, but only utilize the granted access for the football games. Some students don't know that this is a free pass to every home sporting event of the year.

It is common for students who did not purchase their Student Pirate Club membership to actually buy tickets for the Boneyard section. Students are rationing their ramen

noodles to afford football season, but they're ignoring sporting events they already have free tickets to go watch the athleticism. To add insult to injury, the sports that don't get enough attention are doing well this season.

Do you know Joran Vliegen? He's the first tennis player in ECU history to win the Carolina Region singles title. The student body should support Vliegen and the rest of the tennis team. Women's soccer finished second in the C-USA East Division, but their stands sat empty all season.

Maybe we should have the same spirit for other sports that we bring to Dowdy-Ficklen. After all, they are students who need the support of Pirate Nation, too.

## More time for honor



Tyler Stocks  
TEC STAFF

Veteran's Day is just another day for many people to sleep in and buy things on sale from stores, who care less about the men and women that have given their lives for our country.

I suppose that when you don't have friends who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, patriotism isn't a big deal. Many proponents of going to Veteran's Day sales and going to class although not intentionally, slap those who gave their all, in the face.

Spending time to talk to a veteran and thank him or her for their service is not hard. If not that, attending a Veteran's Day parade or other event is also a way to say thank you. However, in choosing to resume normal activities and not pausing to honor the memory of the more than 771,000 North Carolina veterans is quite sad.

According to the News & Observer, only 1 million veterans from the "Greatest generation" or WW2 are still alive today. Most of them cannot travel to parades and reunions due to ailing health and aging.

During his weekly address on Saturday, the president stated that he is proud of our veterans and what they have done for this country. "To all our veterans, on behalf of our entire nation, thank you for everything you've done and will continue to do for our country, said President Barack Obama,"

We should join the president in honoring the members of our nation's military. Instead of this, ECU decided to hold classes instead of taking the day to honor our men and women.

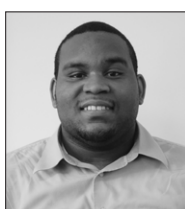
What educational value is lost by postponing classes one day?

When it comes to Veteran's Day, becoming educated on why Veteran's Day is important is educational and rewarding. Yet, this fact is ignored and it is just business as usual at ECU.

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## What not to say when you achieve

### The Blueprint



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For those of us who will gain that wanted success, Drake is not serving as a guide of what to say when you make it big.

The late teen years and twenties is the perfect time to follow your passion for careers. You are young enough to still dream passionately but you are old enough to accumulate resources and network independently.

In Drake's song "All Me" from his recently released album Nothing Was the Same, one part of the chorus says "No help, That's All Me," and though it sounds really cool to chant in a rap song, saying it in a real life situation can be detrimental to meaningful relationships.

Yes, it takes a great amount personal determination and perseverance to reach your goals, but no one can do it alone. No one has done it alone. In order to become and remain successful, you need a strong support system. If you ana-

lyze the success of great people in any profession, you will see many mentors, teachers and coaches who were contributors to their success. For example, Michael Jordan had Phil Jackson as a coach and without Jackson, it is quite possible that Michael Jordan would not have reached his full potential. Chances are if you made it, someone caught a glimpse of what you were capable of and put effort into bringing that out of you.

There's also the fact that a young person's close friends are a great influence on their life trajectory. We've often heard horror stories about good kids with vast potential throwing their life away because they fell in with the wrong crowd. The opposite holds true too. Our closest friends are important because those are the people we've chosen to be around us in our most vulnerable states. Finding friends who can give you honesty, praise and criticism can help you go considerably farther in life. Although, some friends, even good, well-intentioned friends, are only seasonal, we should not forget or devalue the effect they had us.

Problems begin when people reach a certain level of success and believe that they no longer need

those individuals who help them get there. They may become so prideful that they disregard wise counsel and surround themselves with "Yes Men" who don't have their best interest in mind. Those people usually end up on a struggling reality show promoting their pitiful comeback tour.

If you are fortunate enough to have the people who propel you to do great things, then you should always give credit to them when it's due. Usually, those mentors, teachers and friends have your best interest in mind, so keeping the lines of communication open can be very beneficial.

In Drake's defense, many of his songs do stress family, loyalty, trust and friendship. He often talks rising to stardom with the help of longtime friend Noah "40" Shebib. In his song "Look what you've done," he goes in detail about the influence that his mother and uncle had on his career. His has never hesitated to give credit to the people around him.

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## Changing seasons bring different feelings

### Take a step back



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The masks have been put away, costumes have been hung up and decorations are put into storage to collect real spider webs.

As the craziness of Halloween is behind us, we prepare for the joys of the holiday season that are ahead. But, this is just the calm before the storm.

The theme of Thanksgiving is in the name itself: giving thanks.

In school, children are taught the history of the holiday and why it is important to be appreciative of what has been given to them. At home, the smell of turkey and the sound of laughter fill the air as preparation for the annual celebration is underway. Whether families

are sharing laughs or sharing food, the tradition of being grateful still remains centuries after the first time it was practiced. However, a new and much less relaxed tradition follows closely behind.

As dawn approaches, mobs of people can be seen waiting outside of stores all across the country. Some even go as far as setting up tents for the yearly event known as Black Friday.

For those who do not know, Black Friday takes place the day after Thanksgiving. Stores sell products at all-time-low prices and each year thousands of people show up for this chaotic occasion.

Personally, I have been too afraid to immerse myself in the throngs of crazed patrons who subject themselves to the madness of Black Friday. The pandemonium has even led to the death of one Walmart employee in 2008, according to BusinessNewsDaily.com. The man was trampled to death as a rush of people stampeded through

the doors when the store opened at 5 a.m.

It seems as if the spirit of Thanksgiving disappears just as quickly as the food. Once the family has gone and the dishes have been put away, the essence of thankfulness goes as well.

It is surprising how people do not appear to value the holidays and time spent with family as much as a good deal on the latest electronics or hottest clothing trends.

I believe that people should appreciate any quality time they

get with family. We live in a time where meeting face-to-face is not required for communication with relatives and loved ones and I think that has aided in the lack of care for any sort of family get-together.

The relationships you have with family are unique, special and one-of-a-kind. These bonds will last longer than any Black Friday sale ever will.

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### Poll results

Do you think Daylight Savings is pointless?

Yes - 75%  
No - 25%

### Poll question

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Homecoming's featured artist, J. Cole, originally from Fayetteville, N.C., makes a memorable performance at the 2013 Homecoming Concert last Thursday.

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## J. Cole raises the bar at concert

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TEC STAFF

North Carolina native and chart-topping hip-hop artist J. Cole stepped onto the fog saturated stage encircled with 4,000 screaming fans on Thursday and delivered an energy-infused performance that engaged all those in attendance.

From the moment J. Cole greeted the fans to his exit stage left, Minges Coliseum buzzed with energy like no other homecoming concert in recent memory.

"They all were falling head over heels for him," said Neha Dogia, a senior and Student Activities Board (SAB) special events committee member. "There wasn't a moment the crowd wasn't singing along with the songs. They were singing every single word. There was just a lot of good vibes going on."

Before J. Cole stepped forth into the purple and gold spotlights, his protégée, Parisian-born rapper Bas, left his mark on the evening with two songs off his mixtape, "Quarter Water Raised Me II." The young rapper transformed the ground level into

pulsating sea of hands that moved in unison with the heavy beat.

Bas finished off with "New York Times," a song off of J. Cole's 2013 release "Born Sinner," and comfortably set the stage for the main act.

In the time between acts, the seats filled as the anticipation was eminent. Sporting a full band, J. Cole walked onto stage and was greeted with a deafening applause. SAB special events committee chair Maya Sinno stood backstage and watched the introduction unfold.

"I was looking at him," said Sinno. "I was looking at the crowds. I was looking at what the dancers were doing and was very impressed. I wasn't expecting such high energy."

Blinding strobes and an overly animated performance acted as a stimulant to the crowd. J. Cole opened with "Trouble" and quickly transitioned to his hit, "Land of Snakes." After a short monologue, he maintained the liveliness by seemingly cranking out as many tracks as he could.

Audience participation was encouraged and came naturally

throughout the night. "Work Out," the hit song from his 2011 album "Cole World: The Sideline Story," turned Minges into its own unique version of karaoke night. The audience belted out every lyric to the point where the Fayetteville native was hardly audible.

"He brought a lot of energy and charisma," said Josh Shoemaker. "My favorite song was definitely 'Work Out.' I would definitely go see him again."

J. Cole moved through a collection of notable songs off "Born Sinner," including "Forbidden Fruit" and "She Knows."

J. Cole later paid homage to those fans that have stuck with him since his inception into the rap scene in 2007. He simply told the crowd, "Sing this s\*\*\* as loud as you possibly can." Seconds later, the familiar piano-infused drop of "Lights Please" filled the Coliseum and triggered one of the loudest audience reactions of the night.

Like clockwork, "In the Morning" followed with a reaction mirroring the latter. Afterwards, an unprecedented montage of colorful solos from the band gave those in the foreground

the opportunity to display their musical prowess. Each element got 30-plus seconds of freedom, ending with impressive eardrum-shattering falsettos from both backup singers.

As J. Cole finished his set with "Power Trip" and arguably his most famous track in "Can't Get Enough," the crowd seemed to draw closer to the stage in an embracing manner. Beating the traffic wasn't an option.

"The first year that I was a part of the homecoming concert we had OAR. The second was Walee and Meek Mill," said Sinno. "This concert blows them all out of the water from the size of the crowd to the energy J. Cole put forth. I was definitely blown away at how he performed. He didn't treat this like a college performance. He gave it his all."

The fans exited the Coliseum Thursday night having attended one of the most complete and unforgettable homecoming performances in recent memory. J. Cole exceeded expectations and raised the benchmark homecoming performances to come.

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## LOL Series presents Steve Gillespie

Jordan Registrar  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Nationally acclaimed comedian Steve Gillespie will be performing at ECU in Hendrix Theater tonight. Gillespie has opened for renowned comedians such as Dave Attell, Harland Williams, Jim Breuer, Gilbert Gottfried and Doug Benson.

Gillespie says his biggest influence is probably his family.

"There are some interesting characters in my family. They're pretty goofy funny people, they definitely influence me."

Gillespie wasn't always into comedy. He grew up in Wisconsin and went to college there and began his undergraduate in political science and history. He then moved to the University of Minnesota and gained a graduate degree in social economics.

"There is nothing funny about any of those things," Gillespie says. "I had a regular job when I got out of grad school and got bored pretty quickly and Minneapolis just happened to have a fantastic standup comedy scene."

According to rooftopcomedy.com, Gillespie first began showcasing his skills at the Acme Comedy Club in Minneapolis. Acme is located in the basement of the Warehouse District's Historic Itasca Building and prides itself of honing local talent to improve the twin cities comedy scene since 1991.

According to their website, acmecomedycorpany.com, Gillespie's resume is already impressive. In 2012 he performed at the Laugh your Asheville off Comedy Festival.

In 2011, he appeared in the prestigious Boston Comedy Festival, and in 2012, Steve was named a finalist in CMT's "Next Big Comic" competition. Gillespie describes his comedy style as "dark, but really absurd to the point where it's funny."

That statement can be validated by Metromix Magazine, which dubbed Gillespie as "one of the top comedians of the twin cities." Minneapolis is known as one of the most competitive comedy scenes in the Nation, so this is no simple feat.

Gillespie says students attending his

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## Greenville cashes in on designer labels

Jessica McGettigan  
TEC STAFF

Within the town of Greenville, hundreds of stores and shops are peppered all along Greenville Boulevard and its adjacent roads. This week, Platos Closet, a new addition to the wide variety of stores, opens its doors to the public providing shoppers with a new experience with retail.

To some, Platos Closet may seem like a second hand store. However, that simple label couldn't be further from the truth. Platos Closet is much like a consignment store, where you can sell your gently used fashionable clothing and walk out of the store with a profit or a shopping bag full of new items to fill your closet.

Although this store is brand new to Greenville, many students have encountered Platos Closet before in at least one of their 370 locations in the United States alone. Almost all of the locations are franchise owned, including Greenville.

When owner Colette Tresslar's husband was told the company he worked for was relocating to Raleigh, she decided that looking into opening a Platos Closet in the area would be a good investment.

"When we found out my husband was being relocated to Raleigh, we decided to check around and see if there were any markets open and fell in love with Greenville," she said. "We loved everything about it, everyone here was so friendly."

The Platos Closet brand is not unfamiliar territory to the Tresslar family. "My husband's dad owns a couple Platos Closets, his uncle owns a few, some cousins and his brother," said Tresslar. "We've been wanting to open one for a long time."

To Tresslar, opening a Platos Closet seemed like something

would benefit both herself and the community.

"The thing about Greenville was that there wasn't really any consignment stores or market for resale for teenagers," she said. "It just seemed like a win-win situation."

Over the past six weeks, Tresslar and her team of employees have been buying clothing for the new store and filling the space with everything from shoes, handbags, accessories, and men's clothing, but most importantly brand name clothing for college-age girls at an extremely affordable price.

"Our market is strictly teens and twenty some-things, which is so specific to this area," said Tresslar. "It's so helpful to be near the college."

Styles and brands range from Charlotte Russe to Lilly Pulitzer, even the occasional brand names such as Gucci and Oscar de la Renta.

"I think Platos Closet is hugely beneficial to the students in the same way that its beneficial to us to be in this location," said Tresslar. "Here we have students who want to sell their clothes and want to buy. Kids need money, so how great is it to have cash on the spot?"

Across the board, Platos Closet generally tends to sell casual chic clothing. However, Tresslar is planning to take a slightly different approach to her store's unique location.

"Different Platos Closets will sell different things," she explained. "We've heard here that club wear is really big because students like to go to the clubs so we're testing that market and if it sells well we'll buy more."

Selling unwanted or barely worn clothing to Platos Closet could majorly benefit a few closets, making room for new items and receiving some cash can support the new shopping bill. However, buyers at Platos Closet are trained to be particular



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Platos Closet opens its doors for sales at the grand opening today.

about what the buy.

"We like to buy our items as close to gently used as possible," explained Tresslar. "We want to be higher quality at a nice price, something that is affordable but not something that teenagers will be embarrassed to wear."

As a new storeowner, Tresslar is very excited about the future her Platos Closet.

"My husband has his day job, but this is my baby," she said. "We're so excited to be here and we're so grateful for the warm outpouring from the community and we're really looking forward to finally being open."

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HOMEcoming

# Homecoming '13: Visual recap



NICK FAULKNER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
HOF inductee, Steve Logan is ECU's winningest football coach.

Freeboot Friday hosted this year's homecoming pep rally, where student organizations presented skits and live band Spare Change, announced the homecoming court.

Large crowds of students, faculty, ECU alumni and guest gather on 5th Street for the 2014 homecoming parade, Saturday morning.

At halftime of Saturday's football game against Tulsa, SGA President Tim Schwan and SGA Treasurer Brooks Barrett were crowned Homecoming king and queen.

During halftime, ECU inducted six former athletes and coaches into the Pirate Hall of Fame.



KATIE WEST | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
La Grange, N.C. band Spare Change preformed at Freeboot Friday's Homecoming pep rally.



NICK FAULKNER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
David Garrard played quarterback from (1998-2001).



NICK FAULKNER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
SGA officers claim homecoming court.



ALEXANDRA STONE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Center snare Emily Young leads ECU Marching Pirates drumline in a cadence during the parade.



ALEXANDRA STONE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Athletic director, Jeff Compher, rides through the Homecoming parade before the football game.

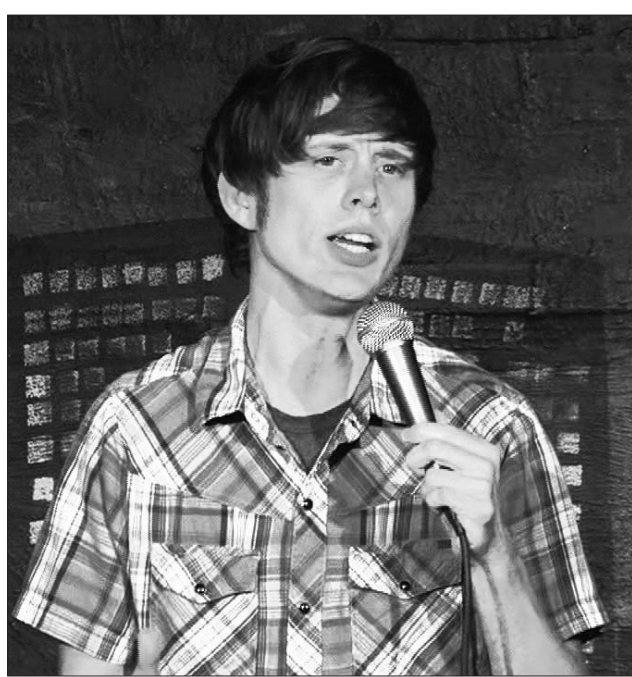
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show can expect, "a good time with good laughs," but to "come in with an open mind." His comedy routines cover a series of subjects that he manages to turn into controversial subjects such as teen pregnancy, NFL Combine, women living together, and testosterone commercials, to name a few.

Freshman exercise physiology major, Tom Clark plans to attend Gillespie's show and says, "I look forward to a good show, I saw a few of his videos online and he seems like a really funny guy."

Gillespie is known for his, "boyish charm, mid-west accent, and is known for delivering audacious and brash humor," by Americascomedy.com.

His future plans are to move to Los Angeles and hopefully gain a TV special or late night show. Gillespie is part of the "LOL series," presented to you by Student



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LOL Series brings national touring comedians like Gillespie to campus.

Activities Board (SAB). The LOL series is a selection of comedians hand-picked by SAB to perform at ECU. Those planning on attending Gillespie's show should be at

Hendrix Theater slightly prior to 8 p.m. for good seating.

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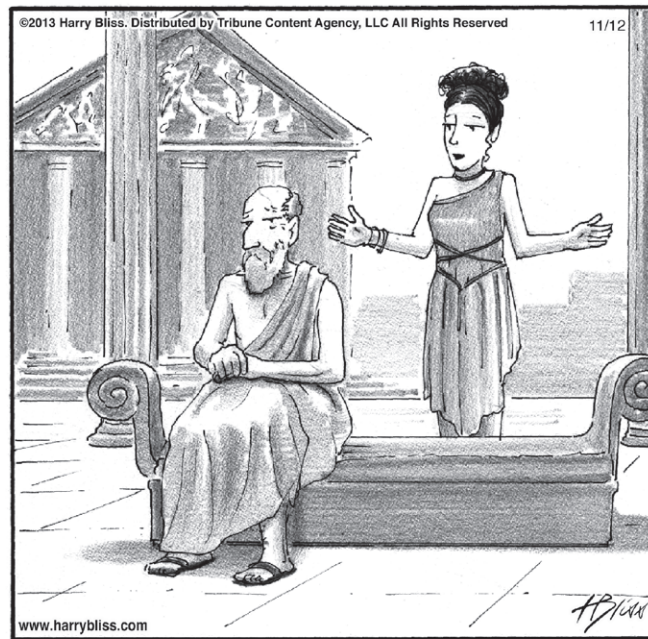
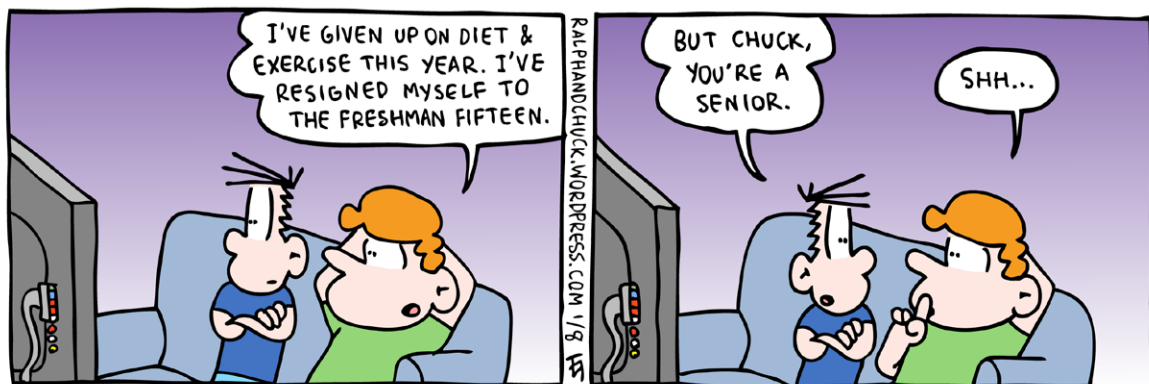
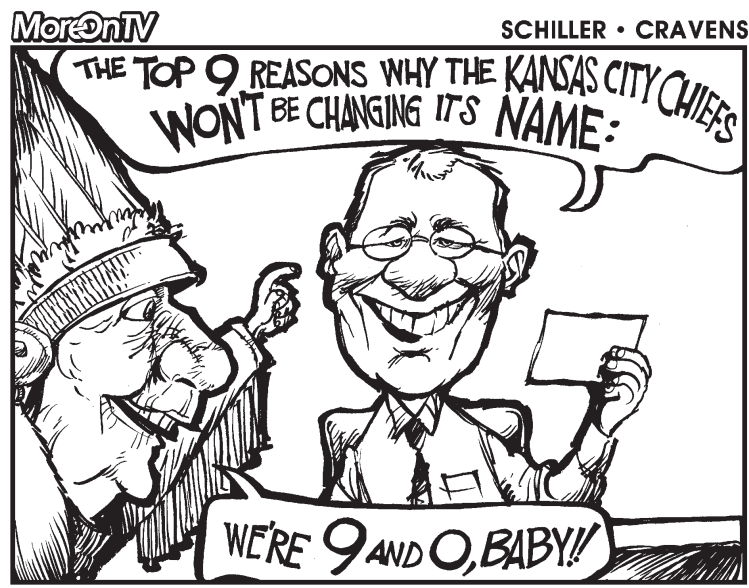
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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE 11/12/13

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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**

- In short supply
- Basics for Dick and Jane
- XT computers
- Mandel of "America's Got Talent"
- Actress Lollobrigida
- "La maja desnuda" artist
- Primary artery
- First name in advice
- Baseball's Hershiser
- Amt.
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- Mugs, e.g.
- Old British coin
- Clinic helper
- Big concert setting
- Gambler's IOU
- Lawyers' org.
- Peer pruriently at
- Kermit's color
- Coffee-brewing choice
- Boozer
- High-fiber food
- Longtime "Masterpiece Theater" host Alistair
- Decree that spells things out
- Nighttime shindig
- TV warrior princess
- One's toughest critics, often, and, literally, three different words hidden in 21-, 26- and 43-Across
- Internet letters
- Uses a straw
- Fairy tale start
- D-Day beach
- Promote big-time
- Slangy turnarounds
- Poe's "ebony bird"
- Tiny hill builders
- Criteria: Abbr.
- Trapped on a branch

**DOWN**

- Cager-turned-rapper O'Neal, familiarly
- Old grump
- Haywire
- "Picked" complaint
- Olympians in red, white and blue
- Andre of tennis
- Netanyahu of Israel, familiarly
- "Squawk on the Street" ailer
- "Huh?"
- Outfielder's cry
- B in chemistry
- "Poppycock!"
- Doritos scoopful
- "What can Brown do for you?" shipping co.
- Manhattan's \_\_\_ Fontanne Theatre
- Mr. Peanut prop
- Vietnam neighbor
- Golden Fleece vessel
- Suspenders alternative
- What a hound follows
- With 53-Down, stadium fans' rhythmic motion
- Yankee infielder, to fans
- Ride the Harley
- Copycat
- Heartrending
- Scavenging pest
- Cartoon explorer
- Uncle Remus's \_\_\_ Fox
- Monarch's spouse
- Tears (away) from
- Superabundance
- Maiden name intro
- Slangy sibling
- Bulb in a garden
- Addition to the conversation
- Attending to a task
- Like some coffee or tea
- See 30-Down
- Roller coaster cry
- Hand-held scanner
- Vandalize

By Ed Sessa 11/12/13

**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

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## Pirates blowout Wesleyan



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Paris Roberts-Campbell (22) led the Pirates in the opening game with a career high 21 points. He also had four steals, two rebounds and two assists.

### ECU wins home opener

**Brian Wudkwyh**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The ECU men's basketball team picked up where they left off after last season's record-breaking 23 wins.

With a 97-51 victory against the North Carolina Wesleyan Battling Bishops, the Pirates notch their first win of the 2013-14 season.

Even without the experience of Miguel Paul and Maurice Kemp from last year's squad, the Pirates played Head Coach Jeff Lebo's up-tempo offense efficiently.

"I saw 26 assists tonight," said Lebo. "We only had nine turnovers."

The Pirates dominated the interior with stellar play from sophomore Marshall Guilmette as he led the team with 11 rebounds.

With a good mix of shots from both beyond the arc and inside the paint, the Pirates found offense from a lot of different sources. Eleven different Pirates had points in the win. With the starting line up subject to change weekly, it was important that Lebo gave a variety of players and lineups chance to prove themselves.

Senior Akeem Richmond, who was one of the top three-point shooters in the country last year,

was held without a single three-pointer in the first half. He found his stroke, however, hitting three threes in the second half and finishing with 15 points on the night.

Despite the Pirates large margin of victory, they did fall behind 6-0 right out of the gate. As miniscule as it was, falling behind was a chance for the Pirates to experience some adversity. They responded well by going on a torrid 42-14 run to end the half.

"They made some shots to start, but I thought we settled down and got into a rhythm offensively," said Lebo. "Defensively I thought we were really solid."

On defense, the Pirates recorded five blocks and 12 steals on the night and picked up 34 defensive rebounds.

The win is the Pirates seventh consecutive victory at home, a trend that is all too familiar to Lebo, who is 38-16 at home in his last three seasons. The Pirates fed off of the loud Minges Coliseum crowd the entire night.

The Pirates look to build off of this win as they travel to Greensboro to play the Spartans today.

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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Macy and crew win

**Corey Keenan**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Lady Pirates basketball team experienced their first real test of the season against the George Mason Patriots.

The Lady Pirates again took advantage of their deep bench, as 60 fouls were called in the game. The Pirates improved to a 2-0 record with a 75-66 win over the Patriots.

George Mason kept the game close in the opening minutes and held an 18-17 lead before the Pirates used an 11-3 run to take a 30-21 lead. Early foul trouble led to Head Coach Heather Macy using 12 players before the half.

"[The bench players] probably played more minutes than we wanted them to, but they were ready when their number was called," said Macy.

The Pirates expanded on their lead with great play from Kyani White, Kristine Mial and Carly Vendemia—all making their season debuts. The three returning players cashed in 18 points in the first half, all off the bench.

In the second half, the Patriots tightened up their play. The once 17-point lead in the second half evaporated to just four points (65-61) with five minutes remaining. ECU's defense tightened up and finished the game on a 10-4 run to pull away from George Mason.

This was the first adversity ECU faced early in the 2013 season.

"We need [adversity] early on in the year to see how we're going to respond, and I was really proud of that response," said Macy. "When all of a sudden we were facing adversity, we pulled together."

The Lady Pirates scored 28 points off of George Mason's 26 turnovers.

"I like the fact that we're forcing 26, but we didn't handle the ball as well as we've got to," said Macy. "We've always been a program that was about defense and rebounding. We want to win basketball games even when we're not shooting incredibly well."

The Pirates shot 33.8 percent from the field, but thanks to the defense (17 steals) and the rebounding—a 52-46 advantage—the Pirates took the win.

Ondrea Shaw, Vendemia and Trice led the team with seven rebounds apiece.

Trice, a redshirt junior, is playing in her first season with the Pirates and has lead the team in points for the first two games of the season with 21 points in each game.

Trice and the Lady Pirates will look to continue their early season success Friday at home versus William & Mary.

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## Freshmen players make an immediate impact

**Jesse Deal**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With a relatively young team, Head Coach Jeff Lebo will funnel through lineups throughout the early parts of this season. Many of those lineups will include first year players.

ECU had no problem scoring points, with four players reaching double figures, in an overall dominating performance. The Pirates demonstrated a balanced effort that showcased the reliability of the team veterans as well as the immediate impact of freshmen Caleb White and Brandan Stith.

ECU expanded greatly upon its lead over N.C. Wesleyan and showed off the talents of its newcomers. Forward Caleb White connected on six of his eight shots including multiple monstrous dunks. Nearing the end of the first half, he received an alley-oop from Prince Williams that sent Minges Coliseum into a frenzy. White's 13 points off the bench in his first college game point to his promising future as a Pirate.

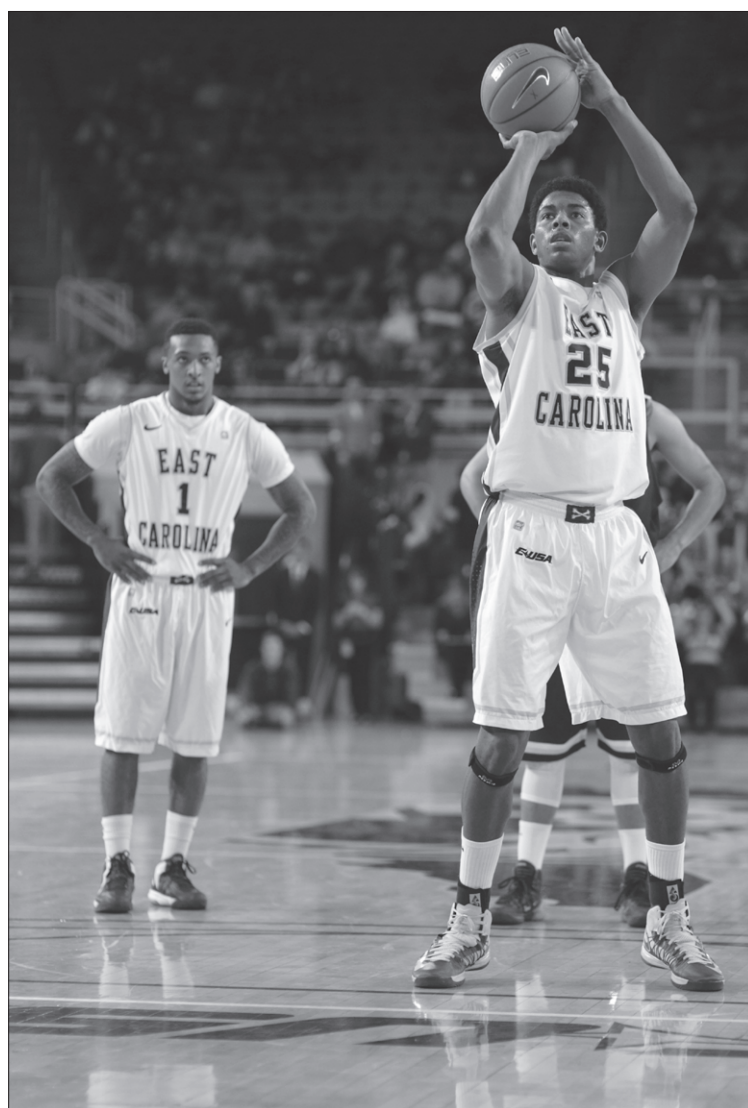
Forward Brandan Stith also turned heads in his first game as a member of ECU. In fact, he led his team in three different categories. Stith had a field goal percentage of 100 percent, three blocks, and five steals. He made all five of his shots in an efficient 20 minutes and netted 12 points. Junior transfer guard Antonio Robinson came off the bench and contributed a team-high six assists in only 14 minutes.

"We got in a rhythm offensively, and defensively I thought we were really solid," said Head Coach Jeff Lebo. "It's always nice to win your first game, but also play as many players as we got a chance to play tonight."

Greg Alexander should see early playing time as well. Alexander, freshman from Hampton, Va., scored two points in the Pirates win on Friday.

ECU will return to action today when they face UNCG in Greensboro. Lebo and his squad are hoping to record their second win of the 2013-14 season after their impressive victory Friday night.

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Freshman Brandan Stith (25) registered a double-double in his first career game at ECU. Stith had 12 points and 10 rebounds in Friday's blowout win.

<p><b>Tuesday</b> (Away) Men's Basketball UNC Greensboro 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> Men's Basketball Chowan 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> Women's Basketball William &amp; Mary 7 p.m.  Women's Volleyball UTSA 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> Football UAB Senior Day 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> Women's Volleyball UTEP 2 p.m.  Women's Basketball Loyola Maryland 2 p.m.</p>
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### TAKEAWAYS

- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
The Lady Pirates lost in five sets to the Charlotte 49ers at home on Senior night.
- CAROLINA PANTHERS**  
The Carolina Panthers (6-3) beat the San Francisco 49ers 10-9 on Sunday.
- WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
The Lady Pirates lost to Colorado College (the eventual C-USA champions) in the second round of the conference tournament.

- CHARLOTTE BOBCATS**  
The Bobcats are 3-4 so far this season after falling to the Atlanta Hawks last night.
- FOOTBALL**  
Shane Carden was named Conference USA Offensive Player-of-the-Week for the third time this season after his seven touchdown performance against Tulsa.
- ECU BASEBALL**  
Fall Prospect Camp is officially open for registration. The ECU baseball staff will host its annual camp Nov. 23-24.

**ECU BASKETBALL**  
The men (1-0) and women's (2-0) basketball teams are a combined 3-0 after the first weekend of the season.

  
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# ECU gelling at the right time

Josh Graham  
TEC STAFF

Regardless of the sport, the team that is playing its best at the end of the season is normally successful. Considering how the ECU football team has played in recent weeks, it hopes this ancient adage stays true.

The Pirates (7-2, 5-1 Conference USA) have won by an average of 32 points in their last three games—surpassing the 50-point plateau in two of them—and currently sit in first place of Conference USA's East Division with just three games left in the regular season.

This is due in large part to the play of junior quarterback Shane Carden, who continued to put up astronomical statistics Saturday against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane. He amassed 384 yards and five passing touchdowns and added a pair of scores on one-yard quarterback keepers for seven touchdowns altogether.

Through nine games, Carden has 24 passing touchdowns, seven rushing, and ranks seventh in the nation in passing yards per game (330.3). To put that in perspective, that is just one yard less, on average, than the totals of last season's Heisman trophy winner: Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel.

His go-to target is undoubtedly wide receiver Justin Hardy. The six-foot, 186-pound junior broke the school record for career touchdown receptions, previ-

ously set by Lance Lewis, with his 23rd touchdown catch on Saturday.

But on the other end of the experience spectrum, freshman receiver Isaiah Jones has progressed exponentially into one of the Pirates' premiere offensive weapons. For the first time in his young career, Jones caught multiple touchdowns and eclipsed the 100-yard receiving mark in a game with eight receptions for 104 yards and a pair of scores.

If both Hardy and Jones are able to continue clicking, the duo would create several problems for opposing defensive coordinators.

"I think it makes it just about impossible to stop us. We feel like if we do what we're supposed to do and we execute the way we're supposed to, we should score every time. That's our goal," said inside receivers coach Donnie Kirkpatrick.

ECU's success is not all about the offense, though. Rather, the way the offense and defense have played off of each other throughout the season. Each of the Pirates' four turnovers on Saturday led directly to touchdowns, culminating with a 100-yard interception return by freshman defensive back DeShaun Amos on the last play of the game.

"It really felt like we were pretty in-sync. [The defense] was getting stops and getting turnovers and we were punching it quickly," said offensive coordinator Lincoln



NICK FAULKNER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With multiple injuries to the wide receiving core, freshman Isaiah Jones (7) has stepped up for the Pirates in the last few games.

Riley. "We're a good enough football team that if we can get on one of those runs then we can create some separation and make it where we're tough to beat."

A year after finishing 89th in total defense and surrendering 431 yards per game, the Pirates are currently ranked 15th under first-year defensive coordinator Rick Smith by allowing just 336 yards on average.

The secret sauce for

Smith and his defense has been stopping the run and applying pressure on pass plays. And even after allowing 188 rushing yards to Tulsa, ECU's rushing defense ranks seventh nationally and opponents average just 2.9 yards per rush against it.

As for getting to the quarterback, the Pirates are tied for fifth in the country in sacks per game (3.3). Last year ECU had 25 sacks in thirteen games. Thus far in

2013, it already has 30 quarterback takedowns.

To make matters even more frightening for the opposition, quarterbacks in particular, Smith expects his defense to play even better during the last portion of the season.

"They know they can play better," said defensive coordinator Rick Smith. "As long as they realize they can play better, then they will continue to get better. And we're going

to have to play better to win the next three [games]."

ECU is listed as a double-figure favorite for the fourth consecutive week for this Saturday's game against Alabama-Birmingham (2-7, 1-4 C-USA). It will be senior day at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and another step for the Pirates in their quest for a conference championship.

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# Ruff report: Stressing Senior day attendance numbers

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On Monday, ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill addressed the media. The press conference came freshly removed from the Pirates' 58-24 throttling of Tulsa on Homecoming weekend.

"It was great to get a win. Homecoming was special. We knew we would catch Tulsa's best shot," said McNeill. "I thought we played extremely hard and executed [fairly] consistently."

One of the main points of emphasis by the coaching staff heading into the last quarter of the season is what McNeill likes to call "complementary football"—one unit between the offense, defense and special teams consistently feeding off or picking up one another.

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"We had some spurts of it the other night, but not in the consistent manor that I would like," he said.

It was a milestone game for quarterback Shane Carden, who racked up seven touchdowns en route to his third Conference-USA Offensive Player of the Week award of the season. Carden ranks eighth in the nation in passing yards (2,973), sixth in touchdown passes (24), third in completion percentage (72.9) and 10th in total offense (335.3 yards per game). But the junior was not content after the win over Tulsa.

"[Carden] mentioned to me that we need to be more

consistent," said McNeill. "We have an agreement, not just from players but the coaches as well. If I'm not pushing them hard, they have the right to come tell me that. If they're not doing what I expect, I have the right to tell them that."

As expected, the fourth-year coach maintains that there is no update on suspended Pirates—Terry Williams, Danny Webster and Quataye Smyre.

The injury report remains unchanged from last week for this Saturday's matchup against Alabama-Birmingham, while McNeill likes the chances of getting two key injured Pirates



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Shane Carden (5) has garnered national spotlight with his play on the field this season. Carden is highly ranked in many statistical categories for Division I quarterbacks.

back on the field in the near future.

"Offensive-tackle Adhem [Elsawi] may get

cleared in a week or two," said McNeill. "It'd be great to get him back. Tight end/fullback Zico [Pasut] is on

that same path."

ECU went with a dual-kicker (Warren Harvey and Davis Plowman) approach against Tulsa, and McNeill thinks he might stick with it this week, noting simply:

"They've both done a good job in practice, so we may do that."

McNeill concluded, "We're looking forward to the [UAB] game and playing in Dowdy-Ficklen for Senior Day. I'm going to keep challenging Pirate Nation [to make] sure we have 50,000 in Dowdy-Ficklen. Family can ask family to do things for them."

ECU has the opportunity to finish off their home schedule with a 5-1 record if the Pirates can beat UAB on Saturday.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Pirates lose on Senior night

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Sunday afternoon, the Lady Pirates took on the Charlotte 49ers in a 'win or go home' match with conference tournament implications on the line.

For seniors Andrea Queck, Whitney Campbell, Shelby Beasley, Virginia Fitch and Nicole Willis, it served as their final match at Minges Coliseum for their collegiate careers. The match against Charlotte was a must-win for the Pirates—who look to make the conference tournament for the first time since 2008.

Before the match, Shelby Beasley was presented with the Golden Shovel Award, which is presented to players who reach 1,000 career digs. During Tuesday's 3-0 win over North Carolina A&T, Beasley moved into second on ECU's all-time career digs list. Her 29 digs in the match

Sunday is good for third in the single game digs record book.

The Pirates battled against a tough Charlotte team that rarely gave the Pirates opportunities to close out sets. The Pirates had a .154 hit percentage in the match—a product of Charlotte's great net play.

The first set was tightly contested the whole way through with 13 ties and 12 lead changes. After calling a timeout, the Pirates, who trailed 21-19, used a 6-1 run to win the set 25-22.

Throughout the second set, both teams made runs to swing momentum. A 6-1 run by Charlotte pulled the 49ers away from the Pirates early in the set. The Pirates responded later in the set with a 7-1 run of their own, but the 49ers eventually clinched a 25-22 set win over ECU.

In the third set, the 49ers had a .436 hit percentage and took advantage of three Pirate errors to take the set 25-18. With the score at 22-15, Nicole Willis came down awkwardly on her previously injured left leg. Willis stayed in the game despite clearly struggling with the injury.

"Charlotte [targeted] her after she went down; they served at her, they hit at her, they set the ball where she was at to try to make her jump for blocks," said Coach Julie Torbett.

The fourth set was highlighted by a series of great plays from Kierra Lee-Dunson that led the Pirates to a 6-1 run. Using those big plays, ECU eventually won the fourth set 25-22. The set victory knotted up the match and forced the fifth and deciding set.

"[Coming back] seems to be what we like to do, they've been fighters the whole year," said Torbett.

In the fifth set Charlotte came out early and took a 5-0 lead. The Pirates battled back and tied the set at 12 apiece before the 49ers picked up consecutive points. Torre Blake picked up a kill to make the score 14-13. ECU found itself on the wrong side of an out of bounds call. The Pirates attack went array and as a result, gave Charlotte the victory.

The Pirates were helped out by Middle Tennessee who beat Florida Atlantic to keep the Pirates tied for the 12th position in Conference USA. The Pirates will need to win at least one of their final two matches against UTSA and UTEP to make the conference tournament.

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