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Students honor and remember Edward Blake Tolley, a fraternity brother and ECU student, on Dec. 1. Tolley died in a car crash over Thanksgiving break.

## Vigil honors student

**Ryan Clancy**  
TEC STAFF

Sigma Phi Epsilon held a candlelight vigil on Dec. 2 for fellow fraternity brother Edward Blake Tolley who died in a car accident on Friday, Nov. 29.

He died in a car accident Friday in Raleigh, according to President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Clay Schools.

An article on WRAL stated that the driver of the vehicle, Logan Aronson, was traveling around 90 mph with Tolley in the passenger when he went off the road and hit three trees. Neither Aronson nor Tolley survived the wreck.

Schools said the fraternity is working together to deal with the loss.

"It's sad, but having each other really helps

to deal with that pain," said Schools.

Tolley was also heavily involved in the fraternity, according to Alex Puente, a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon and close friend of Tolley's.

"He was a fraternity man," said Puente. "He took that seriously and he was involved in a lot of events we had."

Puente said that Tolley was great person to have around.

"Blake was a really smart guy, full of jokes, a really witty guy," said Puente. "He could talk to anybody about anything; that was the kind of guy he was."

Tolley was also a model of school spirit, and he also appreciated vinyl records.

"He wore more purple than anyone ever

did at any football game," said Puente. "He had a record player and had almost 100 records."

He was home visiting his family for Thanksgiving break when the crash occurred.

"He was a real family man he was always going home to see his family," Puente said.

Tolley was a construction management major at ECU and was planning on working at a construction firm he interned for in Washington D.C. last summer.

"He had a whole career set out for him," said Puente. "He knew what he was doing."

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### SAFETY

## Staying safe over the break

As Thanksgiving passes and the holiday season approaches, the Greenville Police Department reminds you that crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

Here are some safety tips to remember:

Always park your car in a well-lit area.

Place all your packages and valuables safely out of sight. Store items in your car's trunk.

Take notice of your surroundings. Keep your car keys handy. Once inside your car, lock your doors.

Never walk away from your car while your purse or other valuables are left sitting.

If something doesn't feel right, report it promptly to store management or call the police. Trust your instincts.

Ask a security guard for an escort to your car if you feel uneasy or afraid.

Use the buddy system. Shop with a friend and look out for each other.

The simplest tip of all: LOCK your car when you walk away from it.

Keep up with the delivery of your package with its tracking number, which will give you an expected delivery date.

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## SGA Senate passes bill for free scantrons

**Christina Tucker**  
TEC STAFF

The SGA Undergraduate Senate unanimously passed SB 07, "The Fall 2013 Free Scantrons and Bluebook Act", making scantrons and/or bluebooks available for free at the Pirate Tutoring center through Dec. 12.

SB 07, sponsored by Senator Adam Caldwell with support from Student Welfare Committee member senators; Pui Ki Lam, Madison McGraw and director of Student Affairs, Caroline Price, was designed to allow the SGA to appropriate funding for 2,000 Scantrons as well as 1,000 blue books to be purchased from Dowdy Student Stores and placed at the Pirate Tutoring center from Dec. 2 - Dec. 12.

Director of the PTC, Elizabeth

Coghill, is pleased with what the act offers and the recognition it brings from the SGA to the tutors and students who frequent the center.

"We've appreciated it very much," said Coghill. "So many students work really hard here, it's just great to hand them a nice little extra for everything they've done this semester. It's really more than just a Scantron, it's helping folks that need it."

Students who are interested in receiving their free Scantron and/or blue book are able to do so by attending the PTC for test preparation or tutoring.

The SGA offices located in Mendenhall began a program similar to SB 07 by allowing students to come by their offices and take free Scantrons. Caldwell who has been

actively involved with both the SGA and SWC has been proud to help sponsor the passing of SB 07 and thinks that it will be a great asset to students on campus.

"We saw that the program in our offices were working so well that we decided to branch out to the other side of campus," said Caldwell. "The Pirate Tutoring Center is such a valuable asset to campus and when people are there working hard and stressing out about exams,

The PTC tutors an average of 750 students per week and as many as 1,700 on Reading Day, ensuring that Scantrons and blue books will go quickly.

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Free Scantrons and Blue Books are available at the Pirate tutoring center.

### BRIEFS

#### New Vice Chancellor Announced

A new associate vice chancellor for human resources has been announced for the spring semester.

Melissa Bard will be coming to ECU from Penn State, where she is currently the director of human resources in the college of agricultural sciences.

She will begin working in her new position on Jan. 6.

#### ECU Board of Trustees to hold conference call

The Board of Trustees at ECU has scheduled a conference call for Dec. 4.

The call will originate from Spilman 105 on campus at 5 p.m.

After the open session via conference call, a closed session will be held in the office as well.

#### Study Abroad Photo Exhibit Begins at Joyner Library

Joyner Library began hosting the annual Study Abroad Photo Exhibit on Monday. Students will be displaying their amateur photos from their study abroad trips.

The exhibit is hosted by the Office of International Affairs and will continue until Feb. 1.

### ONLINE

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**GPD finds \$120K in meth**  
By: Tyler Stocks



**GPD arrest Hertford County man**  
By: Tyler Stocks

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# New misdemeanors passed by N.C. law

Tyler Stocks  
TEC STAFF

North Carolina lawmakers are easing up on misdemeanors sentences while cracking down on child abuse.

The move is expected to save over \$2 million, thanks to legislation that allows offenders charged with low-level offenses to pay a maximum fine of \$200 and avoid facing jail time and having to use court appointed attorneys.

The new misdemeanor laws went into effect on Dec. 1. In North Carolina, misdemeanors can be classified as class 1, 2 or 3, with 3 being the least severe offense. However, most class 2 offenses will now be considered class 3 offenses and can be dealt with by paying a fine.

The UNC School of Government Blog, North Carolina Criminal Law, provides a list of class 3 misdemeanor offenses that could previously be class 2 misdemeanors.

The main focal point for lawmakers during the 2013-2014 General Assembly was addressing child abuse. Child abuse offenses now bring 15 to 33 years in prison thanks to Kilah's law, a law named after Kilah Davenport of Charlotte who was nearly beaten to death by her father.

Two more laws that punish child abusers include Caylee's Law and Lily's Law. Caylee Anthony is a Florida girl who went missing in 2008 and found dead later. Lillian Broom of Alamance County was murdered in 2008.

All three laws are an attempt by lawmakers end to the problem of child abuse in the state by enforcing stiffer sentences. More than 134,000 cases of child abuse were reported to social service agencies between 2011 and 2012.

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## New Class 3 Misdemeanors

Obtaining property by worthless check. ▶ Simple worthless check. ▶ Failure to return rental property. ▶ Failure to return rental property with purchase option. ▶ Driving while license revoked. ▶ Failure to notify DMV of address change. ▶ Failure to obtain driver's license before driving motor vehicle. ▶ Failure to comply with driver's license restrictions. ▶ Permitting person's motor vehicle to be operated by unlicensed person. ▶ Driving vehicle on highway, or knowingly permit person's vehicle to be driven on highway, when vehicle is not registered with DMV or does not display current registration plate. ▶ Display, possess, etc. a registration card, title certificate, or registration plate knowing it to be fictitious or to have been canceled, revoked, etc., or willfully display expired license or registration plate on vehicle knowing it to be expired. ▶ Applying tinting to vehicle's window that doesn't meet window tinting restrictions. ▶ Driving a vehicle on a highway or public vehicular area with a window not meeting window tinting rules. ▶ Speeding more than 15 mph or more than speed limit or over 80 mph. ▶ Registered motor vehicle owner operating or permitting vehicle to be operated without insurance.

## New Infractions

Failing to possess valid license while driving motor vehicle. ▶ Operating motor vehicle with expired license. ▶ Failing to notify DMV of address change for driver's license. ▶ Violation of rule governing navigational lighting adopted by Wildlife Resources Commission. ▶ Violations concerning skin and scuba divers. ▶ Vessel livery that fails to provide basic safety instruction. ▶ No-wake speed violation. ▶ Failing to carry registration card in vehicle. ▶ Failing to sign vehicle registration card. ▶ Failing to notify DMV of address change for vehicle registration card. ▶ Fishing without a license.

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# University honors World AIDS Day

Chelsea Cox  
TEC STAFF

Sunday marked the 25th year of World AIDS day, which is celebrated globally every year as a day to recognize the fight against HIV, the people who currently live with it and the people who lost their lives to it.

ECU Campus Wellness honored the day with two passport events on Monday. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., various student and community organizations and departments came together and set up educational tables with giveaways in the lobby of Mendenhall, and HIV testing was offered downstairs.

The day concluded with a condom fashion show 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in which student organizations walked the runway in their very own condom couture outfits.

Shane Stephens, assistant director of Wellness Programming, said this was her first major event she has coordinated since joining Campus Wellness earlier this year.

"The theme we went for at this event was 'Getting to Zero,'" said Stephens. "Zero new cases of AIDS related deaths, zero discrimination and zero new HIV infections."

"Getting to Zero" is the vision state-

ment of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), a global network that advocates for and fights against the pandemic.

Campus Wellness student interns and LGBT could be seen driving a golf cart around campus on Monday to advertise for the event and pass out flyers.

ECU's Healthy Pirates brought a photo booth to the event, where students could take pictures holding a card that says something about the impact of HIV and AIDS and that picture could be uploaded to facing.aids.gov, a national strategy to decrease the negative stigma associated with HIV and AIDS.

Eta Sigma Gamma, a national health education honors society, lead condom demonstrations, the LGBT resource office gave out information pamphlets and condoms, and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center gave away buttons with slogans about HIV and AIDS awareness. Student Health provided information about where and how you can get tested for HIV/AIDS on campus, and gave away condoms.

The Pitt County AIDS Service Organization (Picaso) provided free and confidential rapid HIV testing

downstairs in a social room. The Pitt County Health Department came to provide counseling and education for people who got tested.

ECU Grad student, JT Williams, volunteers with Picaso, which is a non-profit organization that started in Greenville over twenty years ago as a grassroots mission to help those affected by AIDS.

"We offer free syphilis and HIV testing to the community," said Williams. "Our main target is people who don't necessarily have the funds to go to the hospital. We do community outreach, we go to churches, block parties...we just came from the jail. We go to a lot of places, even campuses, to offer free testing and education."

According to the Pitt County Health Department's 2011 Community Health Assessment, Pitt County had the 15th highest rate of HIV infections, and the 9th highest rate of AIDS in North Carolina from 2008-2010. In 2010, 504 people in Pitt County were living with HIV, and 264 with AIDS. In Pitt County, 20-24 year old males and 25-29 year old females were the age groups most affected.

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# Firefighters save dog from apartment fire

Tyler Stocks  
TEC STAFF

Greenville firefighters dealt with two early morning fires on Monday, both occurring a minute apart from each other.

The first house fire happened at 6:03 a.m. at 1989 Summer Haven Drive Apartment A. When fire crews arrived, they found the exterior of apartment A, a wooden yard fence on fire and smoke coming from the attic of the apartment.

Crews extinguished the fire inside the attic and prevented it from spreading to the adjacent apartment. After extinguishing the attic fire, they took care of the fence that was on fire. No one was home at the time of the fire and no injuries were reported.

A family dog was removed from the apartment. The Winterville Fire Department also provided mutual aid to Greenville Fire Rescue in fighting the blaze.

According to Greenville Fire-Rescue Assistant Fire Marshall Bryant Beddard, the fire started from a heat source that was too close to combustibles. The tenant used a heat lamp inside of a dog's house.

The second house fire was at 121 Riverbluff Road Apartments, a two story multi-family apartment building at 6:04 Monday morning. When crews arrived, they could see smoke coming from a second story window. Firefighters from Greenville Fire/Rescue's Engine Number 6 crew found a lamp that fell into an open drawer in an upstairs bedroom.

The clothes inside the drawer began to smolder and the crew extinguished and ventilated the area. There were no injuries reported and the apartment had minimal damage.

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## PIRATE RANTS

We've seen each other naked. You can say "hi" when we see each other downtown.

Step on an acorn, help out a squirrel. It's winter, times are rough.

Purple Teletubby: You left your pink purse on a Starbucks table in Dowdy.

To the lady posting in the Rants about the hot ECU Cop... MIKE LOWRY IS TAKEN!!!

I need a cuddle buddy for these cold nights. Any takers?

Are you a boobs or an a\*\* kind of man?

Dear white girls dancing to "Mercy" in the West End Subway on Sunday: NEVER DO WHATEVER "THAT" WAS AGAIN!!! - A black guy

You're wearing a suit with sneakers? You should not be a business major. Get it together!

Dear N.C. State, we may have a better team than you, but your fraternity tailgates got it going on.

PeeDee's in the playoffs. Don't forget to vote for him! #GoPirates

Great! Just what we need, another liberal who wants to take our guns, money and freedom. Sit down, shut-up and quit ruining my life.

I need to rant about "Camelot" because it was AWESOME!

If I hear the term "basic" one more time...

Soon the word will get out that an AT slept with a football player.

It's almost Girl Scout cookie season!!!

This Friday's display of football was embarrassing. So much for one last Conference USA title match.

Nice try boys. Looks like one last C-USA title just wasn't in our treasure chest for the year. Bring back a bowl game win!!!

That chick who rides the green motorcycle is a babe. Marry me.

To the guy who complained loudly about me texting in a study room: Excuse me for taking a five second break from my all-night study session. You obviously should have reserved a room.

I just want to sleep through finals week.

You know you're a freshman when you are playing in the steam outside Joyner.

"You're David Lindhagen?!"

If I were graded on my Pirate Rants this semester, I'd receive an A since there is no A+.

I'm glad No Shower November is over.

I know the second floor of the library is not the quiet floor but damn, get off your speaker phone!

To the girl in my econ class: How about we talk some over a cup of coffee.

Sorry I stared at your butt even after you caught me. It looked really good, by the way. Those pants were definitely doing what you wanted them to do.

Reading day? More like recovery day from partying the night before.

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

## Our view

## Proper holiday greetings

As the Winter holidays have already started, most of us will be spending a lot of time in checkout lines and in those checkout lines comes the dreaded "Happy Holidays" vs. "Merry Christmas" annual argument.

We as an editorial staff would like to remind you that Happy Holidays is appropriate in all situations and to be mindful of your greetings this holiday season.

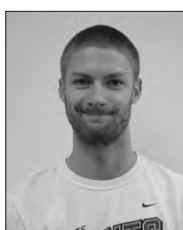
Not everyone celebrates Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or whichever holiday

you celebrate. When wishing someone happy holidays, that covers all your bases and allows for the holiday spirit to spread amicably.

If, however, someone greets you improperly during this holiday season, with a colloquial derived from a holiday of which you don't celebrate, just remember to keep the holiday spirit alive and say thank you. No matter what holiday you celebrate this time of year, it is about being thankful and being charitable to all people.

# Smoking's added cost

### Turning back time



Alex Rodriguez  
TEC COLUMNIST

Nicotine is all too familiar in today's society.

It's most widely used by the tobacco industry as a psychoactive drug and the chief ingredient in cigarettes, chewing tobacco and other tobacco products. It is universally accepted that the drug is highly addictive, yet cigarettes are still heavily smoked throughout the world. The dire health risks and awareness related to them have put a dent in the number of smokers, but now lawmakers are trying something new in their fight against big tobacco.

Obamacare recently created a smoker surcharge in their health insurance policy, one that, according to the Chicago Sun-Times, can increase insurance premiums by almost 50 percent for smokers. This is meant to be a disincentive to all smokers in the hopes that the ridiculous premium will force them to seek out means of quitting their habit. There are a few problems working against this strategy.

Firstly, a majority of smokers in the U.S. are low income Americans, according to a study done by the Institute for Health Policy Solutions. By upping an insurance policy for these people, which CNN estimates can reach nearly 400 percent, they are phasing out their ability to access any health insurance at all, never mind the programs designed to help people quit their addictions.

The Obamacare smoker surcharge aims to function much like the sin tax of the upper northeastern U.S. in that it'll make it economically foolish to continue buying cigarettes. Although this surcharge assumes, that smoking is a choice and not a drug addiction. The American Lung Association has even said that a nicotine addiction is harder to tackle than cocaine or heroin.

According to NewsMedical.net, the chemical nicotine was discovered in 1848 by Wilhelm Posselt and Karl Reimann, two chemists who agreed that they'd found was nothing less than a poison. Since then it's been used as an insecticide, a medical therapeutic, but more popularly as an easily available drug in the form of tobacco. The United States has made tobacco advertising use

illegal and placed strict controls on it, yet it remains a prominent figure in our economy and our lives.

I think that levying these high financial burdens on smokers is not only shortsighted, but also willingly ignorant of the facts at hand. You can say that the smart smokers who make the decision to quit ought to escape the punishment of the surcharge, but it's not as easy as that. Mark Twain said, "Quitting smoking is easy. I've done it a thousand times." Something that dependence forming doesn't sound like a choice but a problem that requires medical attention, not robbery and economic barring from access to "affordable" health care.

Alcoholics and drug abusers do not have these sky-high premiums to deal with and maybe that is because their addictions are easier to break? Maybe that is because health insurers know their recovery is much more likely than that of a smoker? I believe that bringing this kind of tax to the table is silly. If you want to break someone of an addiction, you help them with therapy and medical assistance.

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## A fond farewell

Captain Scribbles



Jamitress Bowden  
OPINION EDITOR

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Opinion Editor this semester.

Although we did not begin the semester together, it has been a great journey with you all. We have seen the Opinion section grow and it has been so exciting.

Through the hilarious published Pirate Rants — and those too crude and inappropriate to be published — I have enjoyed interacting with the readers of this page.

I hope that the columnists and myself were able to provide news and entertainment for you as well as give you something to think about. We all enjoyed producing this page every week and we hope that you enjoy your winter break.

As the semester comes to a close and we prepare for finals and another graduation of Pirates, take a minute to reflect on your semester and bask in your accomplishments.

Stay safe, Pirates, and I hope that you all continue to submit rants, write Letters to the Editor and vote on the Poll questions. May the Opinion section live long and prosper.

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# Black Friday comes early

### Take on the Nation



Houston Davis  
TEC COLUMNIST

It's the time of year in which everybody is happy, cheerful, charitable and full of the holiday spirit.

A month full of families sitting by the fire with hot chocolate and being thankful for one another, picking out the perfect tree that will be decorated by happy children while classic Christmas Carols play in the background and making snowmen in the front yard.

Well, from what I see, that isn't really the case. Lots of stores decided to open up Thanksgiving night to start its black Friday sales. That means black Friday sales started on Thursday night. When I heard about this change from how Black Friday normally is, I was a little bothered.

Black Friday has been on the list of my least favorite days of the year for a while because it seems to bring out the worst in a lot of people. Now they are going to lengthen black Friday by half a day? I cannot say I am a fan.

The idea that the holiday season is about buying absurd amounts of gifts for people is surely taking over the original innocence of the season. I thought this time of year was supposed to be about people helping each other and spending quality time with our families and loved ones. It seems as though the season is about getting the best deal on as much stuff as you can.

Go capitalism, right? Large companies take advantage of this time of year to boost their sales. They shamelessly push their products on us and tell us we would be foolish not to take advantage of the deals. I can't blame them because it is their job to sell their product. But seriously, is it

really a deal if their products were overpriced in the first place?

I just do not like how the holiday season does not seem the same anymore. It feels more like the shopping season than holiday season and it is our own fault. I have heard multiple people talk about how they think it is that places opened up Thursday night, but they still went shopping.

The extreme consumerism is degrading to the holiday season and I just want everybody to slow

down and think about what this time of year is really about.

To some, that may mean the celebration of some religious holiday. To others, it is just a time of year to be with the people you love and to show them that you care. No matter the case, just know that this time of year is not about the super awesome mega sales at the mall.

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### Poll results

Do you measure success with money?

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### Poll question

Did you start holiday shopping on Thanksgiving?

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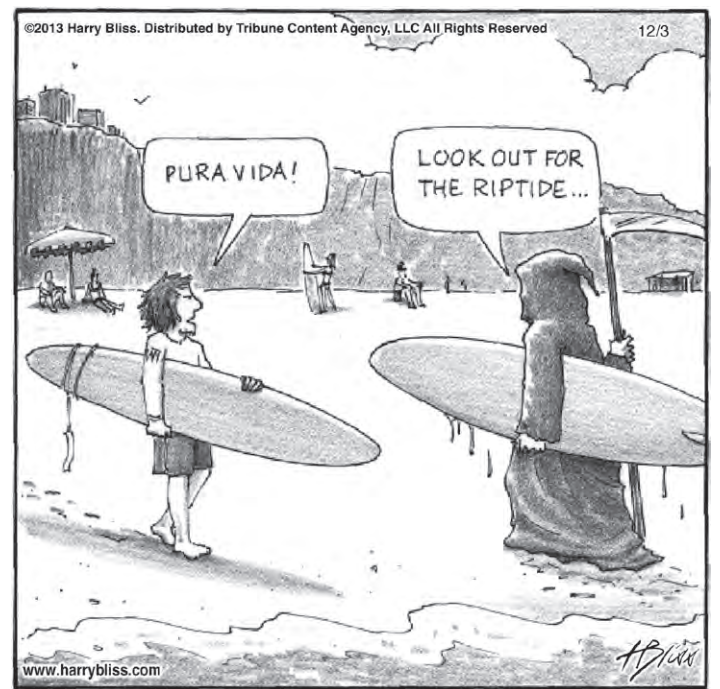
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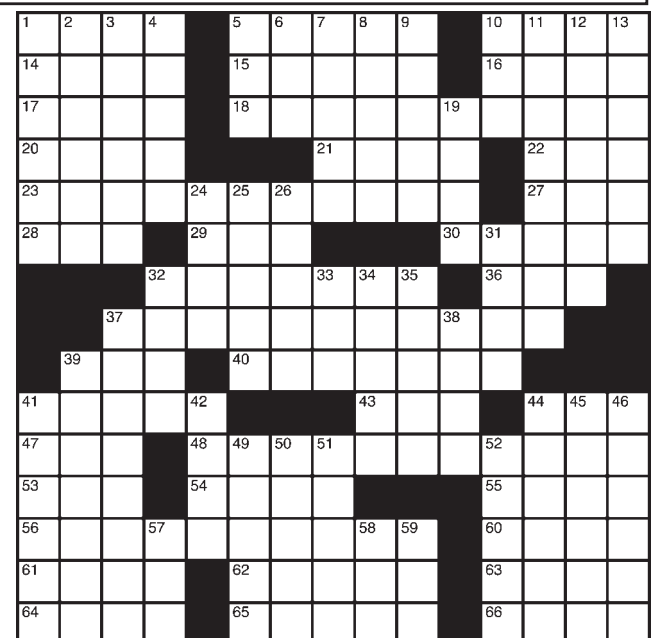
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  - 21 The last Mrs. Chaplin
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  - 23 Gets married
  - 27 This, to Michelle
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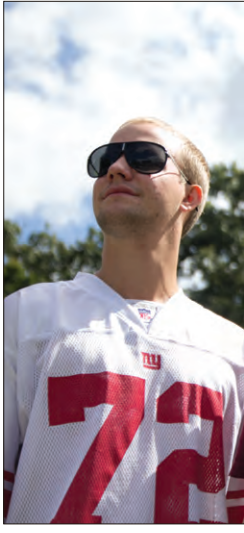
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Its hard to believe another semester is already in the books. *The East Carolinian* has had the opportunity to cover a lot of memorable events as the year has gone on and here is a quick look back through pictures of some of the big moments during the 2013 Fall semester.



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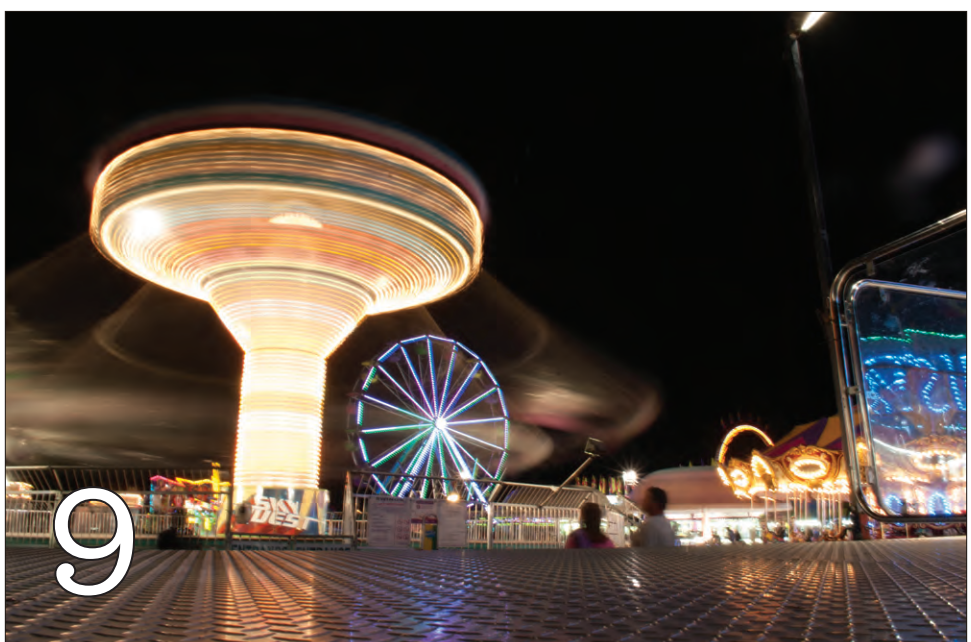
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1. The construction zone became a familiar sight for students throughout the semester as the school reworked it's brick pathway across campus.
2. The Student Activities Board and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center hosted the annual Festival of Landerns.
3. Jane Goodall spent time with ECU students and faculty during a trip to the university.
4. Three students were recognized for heroically saving a girl in distress from an attacker while walking home one night.
5. Damon Magazu (11) celebrates the Pirates 42-28 win over NC State.
6. Hip Hop artist J. Cole performed in front of a packed Minges arena as a part of ECU's homecoming concert.
7. The Volleyball team celebrated a much improved season under first year head coach Julie Torbett.
8. Theatre students perform a rendition of Dracula.
9. The annual Pitt County fair enticed crowds of students.



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# Exam Week Survival Guide



Students hit the keyboards at Joyner library to study for their final assignments in the economics of engineering course.

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## Inside Joyner after dark

Jordan Register  
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With exams quickly approaching, students are buckling down now more than ever. Joyner Library, with its quiet atmosphere and group study rooms, is a popular spot for those wishing to get good grades. Commonly referred to as "Club Joyner," the library does have a thriving nightlife.

Many students will find themselves pulling an all-nighter at Joyner at least once in their academic career.

According to research from St. Lawrence University, students who never stayed up all night to study had an average GPA of 3.1, while those who regularly relied on the no-sleep strategy only averaged a 2.9 GPA.

Although studies may prove pulling all-nighters are detrimental to someone's health, freshman business accounting major Mark Matulewicz thinks otherwise.

"When you're busy during the day and then remember that you have an exam coming up, you just

have to drink a red bull and hit the books," said Matulewicz.

Matulewicz is confident in his grades and study habits, regardless of not-so-great sleeping habits.

Some study habits Matulewicz recommends are highlighting textbooks, outlining notes and making flashcards.

"It really helps to meet with a professor if you're not sure about something," said Matulewicz.

In response to the massive influx of students wanting to study in Joyner, faculty members find themselves working just as hard as students to meet the demands of the population.

Assistant Director for Public Services Mark Sanders says the week before exams is hectic at best.

"We are constantly breaking records on the number of people using the library," said Sanders.

The number of people using the library this past November was about 109,000. This number is up from last year's 99,801. Sanders estimates this school year's cumulative numbers will surpass a million.

There are many resources located in Joyner Library to assist students that are underutilized. One of those resources is asking a librarian for help.

"Students are sometimes inhibited from approaching the service desk on the first floor," said Sanders. "They shouldn't be intimidated to ask for that help."

A frequently used feature of Joyner Library is the study rooms.

Finding a seat at the library can be a big issue if someone doesn't get there early, if possible, reserving a study room can save time and frustration.

Freshman information and computer technology major Nick Schaut recalls how he's had to sit on the floor of Joyner due to the number of people.

"I get here at about 7 p.m. and there are literally no seats," said Schaut. "Usually I just have to find a spot on the floor close to an outlet so I can charge my laptop and get to work."

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## Making healthy choices for finals

Amanda Adkins  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Extreme studying for finals week can result in a lot of fast food bags and candy wrappers, but healthy food is necessary to keep the mind working without a sugar crash.

Fast food lacks nutrients and is mostly processed. Students need whole and unprocessed foods for meals and to snack on during finals.

"The best food to eat will be foods with protein, carbohydrates and small amounts of fat," said Tara Smith, dietician at Student Health Services. "I would recommend trail mix, vegetables with hummus, fruits and yogurt."

All of the dining halls on campus have large bowls filled with apples, pears, bananas, oranges and a fruit bars with cantaloupe and yogurt. For students who don't have a meal plan, all of the other dining operations, including The Galley in the basement of Jones Hall, have fruit stands. Many of the dining areas also sell vegetable packs with hummus or yogurt.

"Exercise is something that needs to be a priority during and after exams. It is important to keep it the same if it is a habit and if you do not like exercising, then walks are also good breaks from studying," said Smith. "Exercise does not have to be in the gym. Students can walk and run around the walking paths near dorms."

Physical activity can help to relieve stress and calm nerves. Yoga is also known to help with stress. Yoga mats can be found at the Student Rec Center.

After exercising, sleep is another important area students should consider. Mental breaks are needed after long study hours to give the students a chance to rest their brain.

"Students should also try to really avoid unnecessary eating when they are stressed," said Smith. "Do not consume food if you are not hungry and be mindful of excess eating."

Late night study sessions are inevitable during finals week, the Starbucks located in Joyner Library will be staying open until 2 a.m. during exam week so that students have the chance to grab coffee or an antioxidant enriched green tea while staying up late studying.



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### Healthy alternatives for study snacks.

A lot of stress during finals can also be a bad mix for maintaining a healthy body. The Center for Counseling and Student Development will be ready to make appointments for students who need help alleviating some of their stress.

"I strongly recommend the counseling center for times of stress during the next two weeks," said Smith. "The counselors will be good resources to help students with time management and ways to deal with the stress."

The counseling center is located in room 137 in the Umstead Hall. Meetings are free and available during the week.

Different sleep schedules and extra stress can lead to bodies over exhausting and a compromised immune system. Touching library books, elevator buttons and door handles can increase the possibility of getting sick.

All of the dining halls on campus have hand sanitizing dispensers and a medicine aisle at Dowdy Student Stores to help students fight against germs when they're most vulnerable.

ECU will continue helping students during exam week by having the Pirate Tutoring Center provide free scantrons and bluebooks during finals week. Student Government Association President Timothy Schwan approved this on Nov. 26. The scantrons and bluebooks can be picked up during normal week day hours.

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## Dress to impress while beating the stress

Jessica McGettigan  
TEC STAFF

The end of every semester is a time of both excitement and anxiety. Cramming for finals and putting finishing touches on portfolios and papers can easily stress out even the most organized, well-prepared students. Although you may feel stressed out to the maximum on the inside, there are a few simple tricks to maintaining your composure on the outside.

Sleep is probably the single most important factor to surviving exam week. For those who absolutely have to pull an all-nighter, a little touch of makeup can help hide those obvious

under eye bags.

Apply a few tiny dabs of concealer under your eyes and on blemishes. To blend them in, apply a bit of foundation to the area and then seal it in with a quick swipe of translucent powder. To give your face a touch of color, swipe the apples of your cheeks with either bronzer or blush and finish with a little bit of mascara.

This entire process requires about five minutes to complete and can make a world of difference in how you feel and will help you look less tired and frazzled.

Doing your hair can be one of the most frustrating tasks on a normal day, let alone during exam week. For time-saving purposes, avoid straightening or curling your hair. Instead, try to simply blow-dry your hair.

"Use a large-barrel, round brush to give hair volume and curves," said Sally Beauty's. "Use a paddle brush for blow drying, super-straight styles." It also suggest using a boar bristle brush, as they are the gentlest on your hair.

Save yourself the embarrassment of a professor asking you to remove a baseball cap covering up greasy hair by using dry shampoo as a substitute. "A dry shampoo is really just an oil-absorbing powder that, when applied to hair, can soak up excess grease and dirt without necessarily getting the hair wet," explained Allison Ford, author of "Why Use Dry Shampoo? Fab Hair Fewer Washes." Some cheap brands that can be found at local drug



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Alison Sant'Anna, freshman communication major, chooses style and comfort for her exam attire.

stores include Suave Professionals, Tresemme and Batiste.

There are multiple quick and simple hair styles to try during exam week to save both time and energy. —the simplest of all being throwing in a head band or pinning your bangs back, just to keep your hair off of your face. For those who have a few minutes to spare, try a messy ballerina bun. Having a few wisps of hair sticking out can make your hairstyle seem effortless, yet still put together. A second idea to try is a French braid or for the more skilled, a fishtail braid.

One last hairstyle is a simple chic pony tail

that can be done in three easy steps. First, tie your hair back into a regular ponytail. Second, grab a quarter inch thick piece of hair from the bottom of the ponytail and wrap the hair around your hair tie. Lastly, secure the wrapped piece of hair with a bobby-pin or two and a touch of hairspray.

Even the slightest bit of hair and makeup can lift anyone's mood, but completing your look with a comfortable outfit can boost your mood even more. Some comfortable

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#### Tackling finals tension with music

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# TV REVIEW

## Kirstie Alley makes her sitcom debut



Jessica Gribbon  
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With fall television seasons coming to an end, winter premieres are just around the corner. Like any new show, the first thing most people look to see is who is in the cast. TV Land announced the arrival of a new show called "Kirstie", starring a few famous actors from previously popular sitcoms.

The East Carolinian was able to preview the first episodes before the series officially airs tomorrow. Within the first few episodes, it is clear to see that some of the comedic aspects of the show are hit or miss. However, the show definitely packs an interesting storyline.

The show opens with Madison Banks, played by Kirstie Alley, leaving rehearsals for her new Broadway show. Banks is a Broadway diva who lives a lavish lifestyle. Upon her departure, she meets a bystander on the street named Arlo, played by Eric Petersen. During their brief exchange, Banks discovers that Arlo is her estranged son who she gave up for adoption 26 years prior.

Kirstie Alley plays one of her best roles in recent years. When it comes to acting, her range is incredible and her comedic side really comes into play in this

series. Alley has won a Golden Globe, two Emmys and two Peoples Choice Awards. Her comeback to television is just getting started. In addition to her starring in "Kirstie", she is also the executive producer.

Along with Kirstie Alley, the show also has three other returning actors, one of the most notable being Michael Richards, who plays Alley's chauffer named Frank. Richards is famous for his role as Cosmo Kramer on NBC's "Seinfeld". His acting career spans over 25 years and his return to television highlights his cumbersome tendencies.

Rhea Perlman is another familiar face returning to the spotlight. She is known for her role as Carla on NBC's "Cheers", which ran for 11 years. That role landed her four Emmy awards and numerous acting jobs.

Unlike the other cast members, "Kirstie" is the first major TV show for Eric Petersen. Peterson got his start on Broadway and later landed guest

appearances on shows like "Modern Family" and various Disney Channel shows. This is definitely an actor to watch since his style is still developing. He is new to TV in the sense that he has never held a long-term role like his co-workers.

The pilot episode sets the tone for the rest of the season and introduces the theme and storyline. The season is all about Banks and Arlo beginning a relationship as mother and son. Initially, Banks is hesitant to pursuing a relationship, but then discovers that it is something missing in her life. The duo decides to begin their relationship as friends since Banks isn't sure she is cutout for motherhood. Their lifestyles definitely clash, causing tension, which is usually severed by comedic relief.

The initial episodes definitely lay the groundwork for a potential new hit comedy. However, in order for viewers to maintain interest, the storyline needs to evolve and create new conflicts. Although the show is based off of Alley and Petersen's characters bonding over their newfound relationship, it gets repetitive and dragged out fairly quickly.

In addition to the star-studded cast, numerous guest stars are scheduled to make an appearance throughout the season. To name a few: John Travolta, Kristen Chenoweth, Kathy Griffin, Gilles Marini and several others. The star power is definitely present in the series, but only time will tell if that, along with the comedic elements, are enough to keep the show rolling. "Kirstie" premieres tomorrow on TV Land at 10 p.m.

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pieces include leggings, jeggings, oversize sweaters, flannels and loose fitting tees. Try to minimize accessories and jewelry, as they can easily become distractions during testing and study times.

One look to try during exam week is pairing an oversize sweater with a comfortable t-shirt underneath, all over leggings or jeggings. Accessorize with an infinity scarf and a simple pair of earrings. Add combat boots or riding boots to complete the look.

A second look to try is a comfy plain t-shirt, loose or fitted, and accessorize with a plaid scarf. Plaid is one of the

top styles this season and can be easily incorporated into any outfit.

Exam week may seem ominous and never ending, but with these few tricks to looking your best, surviving is possible. Staying comfortable while studying and testing is important so you are not easily distracted.

For those who want to sleep in as much as possible the morning of an exam, lay your outfit out the night before so you can get that last five minutes in and still look your best.

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# Blocked at the buzzer



Paris Roberts-Campbell (22) drives to the basket against UNCW on Sunday. DREW CARTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN



Freshman Brandon Stith (25) was the victim of one of Cedrick Williams' three blocks during Sunday night's game. DREW CARTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

## Cedrick Williams blocks ECU's dunk attempt as Pirates lose heartbreaker

Jesse Deal

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Prince Williams potentially game-tying dunk was blocked in the final second as UNC Wilmington edged out ECU, 70-68, Sunday night in Minges Coliseum.

Poor shooting from the field and a lack of second chance points were too much to overcome for the Pirates. In a competitive game with 10 lead changes and five ties, ECU came up short at the final buzzer.

With eight seconds left, junior transfer Antonio Robinson made an acrobatic floater in the lane and cut the Seahawks' lead to 69-68. UNC-W then converted one of two free throws and Prince Williams went to the hoop for one final play.

The Seahawks' Cedrick

Williams jumped up and blocked the dunk, leaving Minges Coliseum in shock of what could have been an overtime-producing jam at the end of regulation. Cedrick Williams finished the game with 17 points and nine rebounds.

"We got right where we wanted to get and [Cedrick] Williams just made a great play," said ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo. "That was good offense, good defense and a great blocked shot at the end."

UNCW (5-5) gave ECU (6-2) its first home loss of the season. The Pirates only made 39 percent of their field goals while the Seahawks converted on 48 percent of their own.

During a stretch from 11:05 to 6:43 in the first half, Paris Roberts-Campbell erased an early UNCW

lead with 13 straight points for the Pirates. Freshman forward Caleb White made a three pointer with five seconds left in the half to tie the game at 31 going into halftime.

The second half of play was a back and forth physical contest for both teams. At the 15:08 mark, the Seahawks' Shane Reybold dunked the ball and gave his team a 41-35 lead. The Pirates proceeded to go on a 7-0 run fueled by three pointers from Akeem Richmond and White.

White's trey with 13:23 left gave ECU a 43-41 advantage and its first lead of the contest. He shot 80 percent from downtown (4-5) and tied his career high of

14 points. "I came into the game with a lot of confidence," said White. "We have guards that penetrate well so I was trying to step in and hit shots."

Roberts-Campbell hit a jumper at the 6:46 mark to end an 8-0 UNC-W run. Two minutes later, Richmond drained a three pointer and gave the Pirates a 60-58 lead. UNCW's Freddie Jackson made three buckets in the final minutes to snatch the lead from ECU.

"I think they just outplayed us tonight," said Roberts-Campbell, who finished with 15 points. "We fought hard at the end, but we

learned that we have to put a full 40 minutes together if we want to win these games."

Forward Marshall Guilmette missed his third straight game because of an injury to his right knee. The lack of his presence has clearly hindered the Pirates in their last few games. According to Coach Lebo, the status on his return is still unknown.

The Pirates will regroup and challenge the Fayetteville State Broncos (4-3) tonight at 7 p.m. in Minges Coliseum.

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### TAKEAWAYS

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
ECU beat Cleveland State and IUPUI over the Thanksgiving break to improve to 7-0 on the season.

**CAROLINA PANTHERS**  
The Carolina Panthers beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 27-6, to improve to 9-3.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
ECU lost a nailbiter to UNC Wilmington on Sunday evening. The Pirates lost 70-68 to the Seahawks.

**CHARLOTTE BOBCATS**  
The Bobcats are the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference with a 8-10 record.

**FOOTBALL**  
Shane Carden was named North Carolina Player of the Year by Capitol Broadcasting.

**FOOTBALL**  
ECU lost 59-28 on Friday to the Marshall Thundering Herd. The Pirates will find out what bowl game they will play in on Sunday.

  
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# ECU sweeps Thanksgiving tourney

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The ECU women's basketball team continued its strong start to the season by taking both games in the ECU Thanksgiving Tournament this past weekend.

The Lady Pirates improved to 7-0 for the first time since 2009-10 seasons with wins against Cleveland State and Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis behind the performances of the tournament's most valuable player, Jada Payne.

Payne scored a career-best 33 points on 10-of-17 shooting, while going 6-for-9 from three-point range in ECU's 75-66 win over Cleveland State Sunday. She has averaged a team-best 20.6 points and 6.6 rebounds in her first seven games as a Lady Pirate.

"There's nothing that we don't expect from her every single night," said ECU Coach Heather Macy. "She's not coming in and doing anything differently than she does in practice and in workouts. When you start looking at performances ... Jada has proven to be incredibly consistent for us."

Prior to transferring to ECU, Payne played one season at La Salle University. Her fellow Pirates teammates Kristine Mial and Abria Trice joined her on the ECU Thanksgiving All-Tournament Team as did Cleveland State's duo of Imani Gordon and Haley Schmitt and IUPUI's Nevena Markovic.

Mial played a large role in the second half of Friday's, 71-51, win to open tournament-play against IUPUI. The Jaguars clawed their way back to even the score, 32-32, in the opening stages of the second half when the 5-foot-10 senior took over. Mial scored 10 of the

Pirates' next 13 points and gave them a 45-34 cushion, capped by a lay-up off a forced IUPUI turnover.

The duo of Payne and point guard Janesha Ebron took it from there. Leading 48-40, ECU scored 11 unanswered points to put the game out of reach while Ebron and Payne had a hand in each scoring possession during the run.

Ebron has been the perfect accomplice to Payne's scoring prowess. She collected a game-best nine assists to only one turnover, while scoring seven points as well Friday. Payne

closed with 18 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Trice set the tone during Sunday's win against Cleveland State by hitting her first two shots of the game. Thus, giving ECU an advantage it would not relinquish en route to a 20-point performance. The Vikings closed the first half on a tear that trimmed the Lady Pirates' lead to 34-28 at halftime, but just as she did in the opening minutes of the game, Trice ignited a spark for ECU coming out of the break.

Her back-to-back lay-ups to start the second half

stretched Cleveland State's deficit back to double-figures. Soon after, the Lady Pirates reeled off a 9-0 spurt that gave them their largest lead of the game at 51-32.

Trice's 20-point outing was the third time this year that she has scored as many points. Similar to Payne, she had to sit-out all of the last season due to NCAA transfer rules. She previously played for ECU Assistant Coach Ollin Dunford when he coached at UNC Wilmington.

The Lady Pirates are in the midst of their 12-day

hiatus between games. Following exams, they will travel to Monroe, La. to play in the Warhawk Classic on Dec. 13 and 14. If ECU wins its opener against Alcorn State, it will be just the second team in program history to start its season 8-0. The other team won its

first 18 games and finished the 1972-73 season 19-2.

"It is a great start, but we're just getting started. We're not playing nearly as well as we're going to play," said Macy.

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Tatiana Chapple (20) scored 10 points and grabbed eight rebounds in Sunday's home victory.

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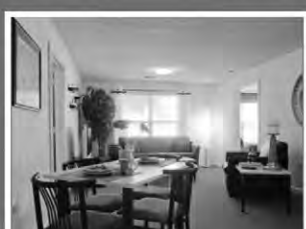
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FOOTBALL

# Pirates fall to Thundering Herd

## With the win, Marshall advances to the C-USA title game

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The Pirates were on the fast track to the Conference USA championship game, but Marshall stood in their way. Winner takes all with the opportunity to host the C-USA championship game still on the table.

Marshall, with the same stakes on the line, bruised and battered the Pirates defense en route to a 59-28 victory for the Thundering Herd.

Rakeem Cato, C-USA's 2012 player of the year, finished off his regular season strong as he added 272 yards passing, two passing touchdowns and two rushing scores to his already inflated statistics.

Although Cato had a big game, the story was all about the ground game. Marshall's running backs controlled the tempo and forced their will on the frigid field inside of Edwards Stadium.

Senior running back Essray Taliaferro closed out his final regular season game with his best rushing performance of the season.

Taliaferro took his 26 carries and ran for 161 yards, a 6.2 average per carry.

As if that wasn't enough, Steward Butler added 90 additional yards and a touchdown. Devon Johnson also made a few appearances and made the most of his touches. Johnson, the backup tight end, had three carries for 12 yards and two touchdowns.

To make matters worse, Johnson put the nail in the coffin with a 52-yard catch to extend the Herd's lead to 45-20 late in the third quarter.

In the receiving game, Tommy Shuler was as advertised. The 5-foot-7 wide receiver caught nine passes for 147 yards. Shuler caught at least five passes in every game this season.

On the flip side, the ECU offense never got solid footing on Marshall's frozen turf. The Pirates struggled to move the ball early and often. To add onto the dismay, quarterback Shane Carden had two passes intercepted by defensive lineman Gary Thompson.

With a short field and a 10-point lead, Marshall ran five plays resulting in a Cato rushing score. Staring down the barrel of a 17-point deficit, ECU never fully rebounded or recovered. Thompson added to his disruptive day when he returned his second interception for a touchdown later in the game.

Justin Hardy and Isaiah Jones were reliable targets all day for Carden as the two receivers caught 19 passes for 211 yards combined. The rest of the Pirate receivers had 10 combined catches. Jones had a career high 123 yards in the loss.

Hardy's 10 catch-88 yard performance was overshadowed by the big deficit, but Hardy broke the single season reception record at ECU. Dwayne Harris, the previous record holder, caught 101 passes in 2010. Hardy now has 105 catches on the season with one game remaining. What Hardy has meant to the Pirates can be summed up in one word: consistency. This game marked the 35th consecutive game with at least three catches for Hardy.

Vintavious Cooper led the ground attack for ECU and his 93 yards rushing leaves him five yards short of 1,000 for the season.

Carden had one of his worst games of the season for his standards as the junior gunslinger threw for 291 yards with three interceptions. Although Carden added a rushing score, his three turnovers were not the stellar play that Pirate fans are used to seeing.

Two of those turnovers were batted down at the line of scrimmage while the third was a pass off the hands of senior Zico Pasut.

What's next for the Pirates? ECU will take its 9-3 record to a bowl game in December. But what is disappointing for Head Coach Ruffin McNeill and the Pirates is the absence of a conference title. In their final season in Conference USA, anything shy of a title game is a disappointment for ECU.

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# Bowl game on the horizon after tough loss

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The Pirates' regular season ended with a major disappointment in Huntington, W. Va. this past weekend due to what was at stake. With the loss to the Thundering Herd, ECU missed its opportunity to win Conference USA in its final year in the league, an achievement that would have given the Pirates momentum heading into a tougher American Athletic Conference (AAC).

The truth of the matter, however, is that the Pirates lost to an extremely talented Marshall team. The Thundering Herd have

always been a tough out when playing at home; this year was no different, as all three of their losses came away from Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Marshall is also stuck behind in the musical chairs game of conference realignment, while its rival, ECU, is fortunate enough to leave the thinning C-USA. That fact alone seems to add motivation to Thundering Herd players as they sent ECU out on their own terms. They did just that on Black Friday.

Yes, the Pirates lost probably their biggest game of the season, but there is still plenty to play for. ECU is looking at one of two likely bowl scenarios: the Military

Bowl in Annapolis, Md. against a middle ACC team like Boston College, Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Maryland or Georgia Tech; or the Beef 'O' Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl in Florida against a MAC team, such as Ohio, Toledo or Central Michigan.

That hardly sounds like a consolation to many Pirate fans – who were hoping to take on an SEC team in the Liberty Bowl – but it is important that Pirate players see it differently.

This may not be the second best team in ECU history, but with a bowl win, it has the chance to be the second team in ECU history

to win 10 games. Truthfully, a 10-win season with victories over N.C. State and North Carolina (and possibly a third ACC team if the bowl picture plays out that way) is rather impressive.

Double-digit win seasons are important for recruiting; they are barometers for the relative success of a program, and it is crucial for ECU to keep up with its contemporaries in the AAC. Central Florida and ECU have developed a fairly notable football rivalry over the last couple decades, and while the Pirates hold a 9-3 advantage in the series, UCF is skyrocketing in terms of program prestige

at the moment. The 16th ranked Golden Knights have just sealed their fourth 10-win season in seven years, something ECU has only done once in its history.

Lose this upcoming bowl game and this successful season starts to look fairly average. Yes, Friday's blowout loss to Marshall was crushing, but it is extremely important for Ruffin McNeill's squad to realize there are still goals intact and more than this season to play for.

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