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The Zuzu acrobats performed the limbo for one of their acts. The show also included audience participation and performed jump rope tricks and stacking chair tricks. NICK FAULKNER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

SPRING BREAK SAFE Snow day make ups released

Ryan Clancy
TEC STAFF

The university's faculty senate met Tuesday and agreed on a proposal that would make up days lost to snow by having classes on Reading day and Good Friday.

According to faculty senate resolution 12-51, these two days are the first two days university officials will use in case make-up days are needed for the spring semester.

"Basically we'd lose reading day," said Mark McCarthy, an accounting professor and chair of the Faculty Senate's calendar committee. "The state holiday in April would be lost as well."

However, the proposal has to be confirmed by the chancellor before it can be finalized.

"There's nothing official right now," said McCarthy. "It's not final."

If the proposal is confirmed, reading day and Good Friday would be the only days used as make-up days.

"It would not affect spring break," McCarthy said.

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Diversity celebrated

Black History Month kicks off with acrobatic moves

Puja Patel
TEC STAFF

African acrobatic tricks were the main attraction at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center's Black History Month Opening Ceremony on Monday.

The LWCC and Student Activities Board hosted the Zuzu Acrobatic African Team at Wright Auditorium at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Melissa Haithcox-Daniels, director of LWCC, began the evening with a brief

introduction to Black History Month.

Shortly after the African Student Organization gave the introduction, the acrobatic show began.

Their performance started with a traditional limbo. They chose 10 audience members to go onstage and take part of their limbo act. Eight students and two children made their way onstage as traditional, upbeat African music blared in the background.

Each acrobat helped volunteers limbo as the bar was lowered each round. They laughed

and encouraged each volunteer and pushed volunteers to their limit.

Afterward, the volunteers received a standing ovation by the audience and the Zuzu acrobats started their next act involving jump rope.

For volunteer Marcus Martinez, it was a nervous experience.

"I can't limbo," said Martinez, junior Hispanic

ADMINISTRATION

Provost Sheerer steps down

Caroline West
TEC STAFF

After seven years as provost, Marilyn Sheerer announced to students and faculty that she plans to step down from her current position and return to the College of Education in Aug. 2015.

Sheerer said she will spend one year with pay in a retooling program, designed to help her re-enter the classroom and teach online courses.

"I do miss the students and that is the honest truth," said Sheerer. "In this job I deal so much with faculty... but I am looking forward to going back to working with the students."

During her time as provost, Sheerer led the university through the Southern Association of College and Schools reaccreditation and helped to pursue the creation of the Honors College while balancing budget cuts, according to ECU News

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VOTING ON PAY RAISE

SGA debates potential new pay raise

Ryan Clancy
TEC STAFF

The SGA Senate is currently considering whether to raise the salaries of the secretary, chief of staff and speaker of the senate.

Currently, the attorney general, vice president and treasurer receive a salary of \$500 per month. However, the secretary receives a salary of \$400 a

month and the speaker of the senate and chief of staff receive \$200 a month. The proposed bill, SB 09, would raise those other positions to a monthly salary of \$500 as well.

SGA senator Bradley Winter says he sponsored the bill to raise salaries because he believes that positions that have the same time commitment should have the same pay.

"Office hours are the same for all the positions and they all have to stay over summer," said Winter. "Raising salaries would create more accountability and responsibility."

Winter also believes the new bill is important to balance the different branches of SGA.

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National Signing Day recap

Dan Hunt
TEC STAFF

On Wednesday, Head Coach Ruffin McNeill received 23 Letter of Intent and welcomed new student athletes to Pirate Nation, joining four early enrollees and wrapping up the class at 27-strong.

"The first Wednesday in February is always a special day," said McNeill.

McNeill and his staff wrapped up a successful recruiting season on National Signing Day, adding depth and balance across the board. McNeill expressed that ECU's move to the American Athletic Conference was an area of emphasis.

"Moving to a new conference played a lot into our thought process and the type of personnel we wanted," he said.

Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley

welcomes 15 new Pirates to his unit, including seven offensive linemen.

Second-year Defensive Coordinator, Rick Smith, has 12 new freshmen to evaluate. There are six linebackers, four secondary players and two linemen in the class. Speed on the outside was an area of emphasis.

"Defensively, we look for outside-backer types that can play in space."

"Our coaches really attack the road," said McNeill. "We have to go anywhere and everywhere to find the right guy."

The next process for McNeill and staff is getting as many of his newest recruits on campus and enrolled as soon as possible.

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Head Coach Ruffin McNeill addresses Pirate fans on Wednesday. DREW CARTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

BRIEFS

ECU hosts gun control debate

The university will host a debate on national gun control legislation at 7 p.m. tonight in Hendrix Theatre.

Facing off on the topic is John Lott Jr., author of several books including "More Guns, Less Crime" and Paul Helme.

The debate is part of the "Talking Across Difference" series, and no tickets are required to attend.

Jean Mills Health Symposium set

The 10th Annual Jean Mills Health Symposium will be held Feb. 7 in the East Carolina Heart Institute at ECU.

Attendees will learn about reducing health disparities and increasing access to care.

Dr. Beth Velde and Dr. Donald Ensley, both in the College of Allied Health Sciences, will present highlights of symposiums from the past 10 years.

Clay Aiken to run for N.C. Congress

Former American Idol runner-up, Clay Aiken, is running for a democratic nomination for Congress in North Carolina.

Aiken has been a special education teacher in Wake County. He said he decided to put his entertainment career on hold and seek to represent the state's 2nd Congressional District.

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PROFESSIONALS WANTED

Career conference offered to students

Summer Falgiano
TEC STAFF

The Career Center is presenting students with a chance to learn professional skills outside of the classroom by hosting the Third Annual Career Leadership Conference.

The conference is a one-day event dedicated to educating students on career planning, leadership and community involvement through collaboration with faculty, staff, community partners, alumni and parents. The conference will take place on Feb. 22 in Mendenhall Student Center from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The conference will provide students with opportunities to gain career readiness and professional skills. These include: learning effective strategies to make career decisions, increasing awareness and self-efficacy related to their leadership potential, learning effective networking protocols and job search techniques, as well as gaining skills to career planning and building mentor relationships.

When Anthony Stallings, a junior graphic design major, received an email regarding the CLC, he jumped right on board.

"Why wouldn't I go? You get good food, information on leadership and a great networking opportunity all for \$10," said Stallings.

Academic Advisor Dinecia Gates, encourages students to take advantage of this experience to better themselves as working professionals after graduation.

"It is great to see students get excited and engaged with [an event] that offers such a unique and hands-on opportunity to increase their knowledge and preparedness," said Gates.

The conference will start off with a Networking Breakfast, where students can interact with several key university administrators and local professionals different industries.

There will also be an etiquette lunch, led by Karen Thompson, nationally certified business etiquette trainer and director of ECU Career Center. Twelve presentation workshop sessions and three panel discussions will be offered following the lunch.

Some workshop topics include value-based leadership, resume basics, development of a professional brand and career and marketing skills.

"We have an exceptional array of speakers with lots of leadership experience," said Gates. "I believe students will greatly benefit from the opportunity to learn from the wisdom of the speakers and special guests."

The workshops offered will inspire "self-exploration, self-reflection, identification of leadership style and an examination

of the dynamics of career development"

Stallings, who is attending this year's CLC, is eager to learn vital information from professionals who will be speaking during the conference.

"I am hoping to learn motivation techniques. It is incredibly important to learn from other successful people on how they motivate," said Stallings.

According to Gates, there are 50 spots remaining and those interested are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

"Attendance grew 27 percent from year one to year two," said Gates. "Last year, there were 123 participants and this year's goal is to reach 200 participants."

Registration will be open until Feb. 14. Those interested can register by going to ECU CareerNET and creating a profile. Registration comes with a fee of \$10 that can be paid with Visa, Mastercard, check or cash. The fee goes toward the etiquette lunch. Business attire is required.

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The African ZuZu acrobats stacked chairs and stood upon them as an act for their performance.

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studies major. "But it was very fun."

Chelsea Scott, freshman sociology major, joined Martinez on the stage for the limbo.

"It was cool to participate and be included in their dance culture that they love so much," said Scott. "It was interesting learning their culture."

After the Zuzu acrobats finished their jump rope tricks, they picked a student volunteer out of the audience to learn how to juggle three straw hats on and off his head. The acrobats then juggled

four hats simultaneously.

The acrobats moved in rhythm to the fast African beats of the tribal music, with jumps, hip swings and dances.

The acrobats then set up chairs and jumped over and under chairs and tables.

One acrobat balanced on top of chairs as the audience cheered and watched in amazement.

The students enjoyed learning about Africa through the Zuzu Acrobat's performance.

"It educated people that Africa isn't just what's seen on

TV with animals everywhere," said freshman biology major Kathryn Townsend.

The Zuzu Acrobats are self-taught acrobats ranging from the Zuzu village outside of the city of Mombasa in Kenya. Members were from a low class in Mombasa and decided to unite and pursue something they love.

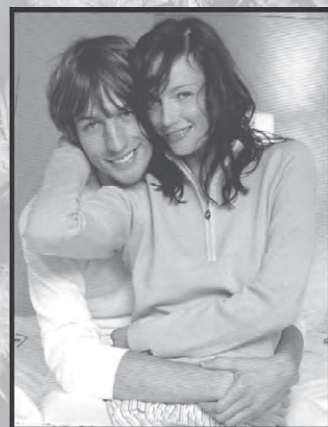
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Sheerer said she will remain at the university.

Service.
 Sheerer was promoted from her previous role as the Dean of the College of Education when Chancellor Ballard joined the university. Since her promotion the two have worked closely.

"She is largely responsible for initiating huge game changers at ECU, including the Honors College and the expansion of the Department of Engineering. Most importantly, she is an exemplary team player and colleague to all of our academic leadership," said Ballard.

In her Monday e-newsletter, Sheerer said she would spend the next seven months bringing closure to particular projects she has worked on.

The projects include finishing service on various UNC-GA committees and university committees, working closely with Faculty Senate officers on various initiatives and other projects.

At ECU, she was professor and chair of the Department of Elementary and Middle Grades Education, before serving as dean of the College of Education from 1998 to 2006.

Sheerer stressed in her e-newsletter that she is not retiring anytime soon.

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SGA continued from A1

"It's mainly for the equity among branches and to have better representation among students," Winter said.

While the bill was put up for a vote on the SGA senate meeting on Jan. 27, the bill was amended by the senate to have a committee research whether or not the bill should be passed.

SGA senator Adam Caldwell, who sponsored the amendment, said he believes it is important to do research before raising salaries.

"I don't really think there's a lot of justification behind raising pay or restructuring pay until a study is done," Caldwell said. "The biggest thing I worried about is if a student came up to and asked me about that bill, would I be able to justify it? In my mind, I would not be able to justify it until a report was done on why it needed to be raised."

The committee report was originally supposed to be given on Mar. 17, but was

brought forward to Feb. 24 so any senators voting on the bill would not have already been chosen for executive positions next year.

Currently, the committee to investigate the salary increase has yet to be formed. The speaker of the senate will form the committee and has power to appoint members he or she desires to the committee.

Caldwell explained what the committee would be looking for.

"If I was a committee member, I would be looking for [what exactly] each officer does," said Caldwell. "I would also take into consideration comparable universities such as N.C. State or Chapel Hill and seeing how they pay their SGA officers and at what rate."

Caldwell said that currently he does not think there is enough justification for the bill.

"The students are paying

for it, and I don't think it's justified," said Caldwell. "They're seeing tuition increases and fee increases right and left every year and it would not look good for the SGA to say we've decided to pay our officers more."

However, Winter believes that the salaries could be increased without any extra cost to students.

"There's no increase in student fees," said Winter. "We [would be] reallocating the excess SGA budget that hasn't been used in the past. We would also be cutting costs in other unneeded areas."

Marisol Lopez, a second degree chemistry student, said she thinks the salary increases could be beneficial.

"I think it's a good incentive because it makes them put in more effort in the work they do," Lopez said.

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MAKE UPS continued from A1

Three and half class days were missed due to the snow, and only two of them will be made up.

Resolution 12-51 states if classes are only canceled for part of a day, then professors must create make-up assignments to replace the missed days.

"Days can be made up by assigning extra work," McCarthy said. "It's up to faculty to make up that work as they see fit."

Professors are encouraged to provide make up assignments, or assign extra reading to make up the work lost to the snow days.

The calendar committee gave their recommendation based on information in the faculty handbook.

"What we made was a recommendation that the faulty senate approved," said McCarthy.

If more make-up days are needed besides the two days, the faculty senate's Executive Council and Calendar Committee will determine make-up days.

Sam Roebuck, a sophomore accounting major, says he hopes the proposal goes through.

"I'm OK with them taking away reading day because I had plans to go to New York for spring break," said Roebuck.

According to Resolution 12-51, fall semester designated make-up days are Reading Day, Monday and/or Tuesday of fall break and the Wednesday of Thanksgiving break.

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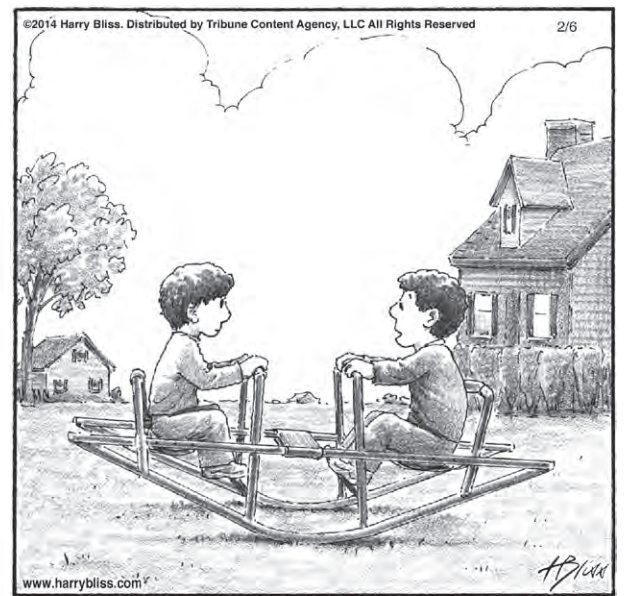
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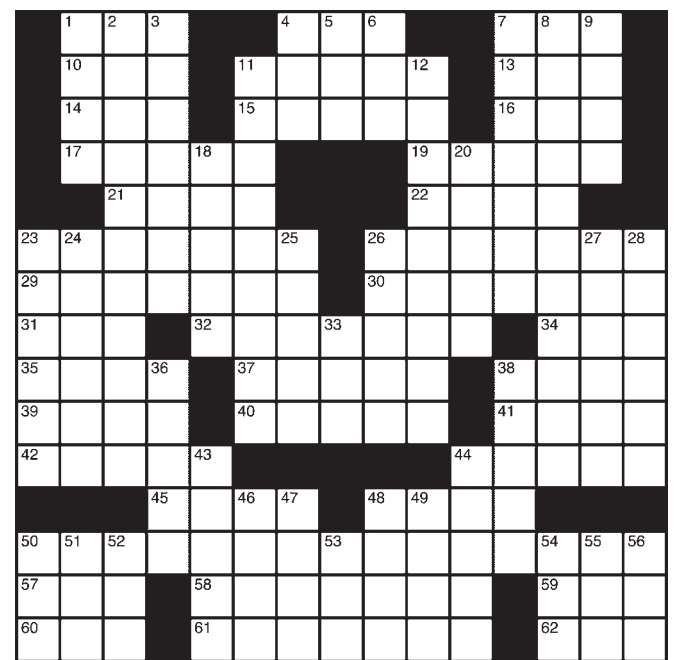
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- 31 Chased (after)
- 32 Whirling
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- 37 Biscuit, maybe
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- 41 Actress Charlotte et al.
- 42 Fountain near the Spanish Steps
- 44 Buddy
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- 50 Big enchilada
- 57 Babysitter's handful
- 58 New evidence may lead to one
- 59 Fawn spawner
- 60 With 62-Across, a hint to the starts of this puzzle's four longest Down answers



By Jill Denny and Jeff Chen

2/6/14

- 61 Slogan sites
- 62 See
- 60-Across

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- 1 Bit of mudslinging
- 2 Fruit of ancient Persia
- 3 Vatican Palace painter
- 4 Pet rocks, e.g.
- 5 News agcy. since 1958
- 6 Regret bitterly
- 7 Preceding
- 8 Numbskull
- 9 Bunches
- 11 Daedalus' creation
- 12 Combativeness
- 18 Cremona artisan
- 20 Red Square honoree
- 23 Lacking purpose
- 24 Juice extractor
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 27 Like most bawdy films
- 28 Lays down the law
- 33 Fig. on 26-Down
- 36 Gave in care
- 38 Groom with care
- 43 Unmoving
- 44 Hull stabilizers
- 46 "___ bien!"
- 47 Big name in IRAs
- 48 Rustle
- 49 "Take ___!"
- 51 Angst-filled genre
- 52 Killer Birds, e.g.
- 53 Calendar abbr.
- 54 Recipe instruction
- 55 Soft murmur
- 56 Barrel at a bash

PIRATE RANTS

Flush the toilet you animal. I find it ironic that the IT Help Desk website is messed up.

If the computer lab is full, don't waste a seat watching vines and taking selfies.

That awkward moment when you're reading the pirate rants and can't remember if one you read is one you submitted.

To the bearded guy that works in the Writing Center in Bate, you are seriously so cute and so nice.

Maybe if you spent as much time getting into dental school as you do being extremely rude to other people you'd actually get it in.

Please get off your HIGH HORSE.

Raise your hand if Peyton Manning has personally victimized you.

Does anyone else think that the only thing America is missing are some really nice castles?

Complains for years about bicyclists and skateboarders on campus -- Walks in bike lane from day 1.

Oh, yes sir. Bit me right in the buttocks.

The parking situation at the rec center is a wreck. Wordplay five!

Life is a beach, and the sand is all over ECU's campus.

To the Broncos fan in Subway on Sunday afternoon: I AM SOOOO SORRY DUDE. I really screwed that prediction up by telling you guys you were going to win hours before kickoff.

You're hotter than a Peruvian puff pepper.

Belk was a very poorly designed building that needed to come down for the safety of the students that live in it. I mean who thought exterior hallways was ever a good idea? Especially in Greenville.

To the girl in my 11 a.m. Sociology class that sits in the middle of the fourth row with the brown hair and glasses, I think you are the most beautiful girl at ECU.

If you take up computers in Joyner to play games or goof off, you are annoying and I hate you.

Spring break cannot get here fast enough.

Run Forest Run!

Rain, Rain, go away.... Screw the rest of the song, just go away!

I wonder what the QB thinks of the new logo since he has the old one tattooed on his arm.

The new logo sucks. Nuff said.

What is it with girls on West End who can't simply say thanks when the door is held for them?

The new Vice Chancellor looks like Hank from Breaking Bad.

My nose is freezing...does it really have to be THAT cold in Joyner library?

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Our View

Women's swimming team undefeated

ECU Swimming and Diving shines bright like a diamond. Last weekend the Pirate swimmers and divers made a splash by winning, once again, and giving Head Coach Rick Kobe his 500th career victory.

Accomplishing that feat is nothing short of amazing as only five other coaches have 500 career wins. Kobe has served as the face of ECU swimming for the last 32 years and in that time he has racked up a winning percentage of 73.4 percent.

We as an editorial staff believe that the Swimming and Diving team needs more recognition and

attention from the students of ECU.

Some Pirate sports don't get the credit they may deserve, but yet they garner national attention. Just like the larger and high profile sports, these student-athletes still attend class and strenuous practice and workout schedules.

While the Lady Pirates swim team is still undefeated they have a chance to make history and finish without a blemish. The only team that is left in their path is the Campbell Camels.

Discrimination at Sochi



Jessica Richmond
TEC STAFF

Shortly after the beginning of preparations for the Winter Olympics, Russia passed a gay propaganda ban that would last for at least the next 100 years. As word spread as to what this meant for the Olympics, boycotts became commonplace.

More than 50 Olympians mostly from the U.S., Canada and Australia have called on the Russian authorities to repeal the "human rights violating condemnation of LGBT." In addition, Coca-Cola, Visa Inc., Panasonic, Samsung and Procter & Gamble have boycotted the games due to the Russian stance on homosexuality.

The law prevents the tradition of a Pride House at the games, which is a dedicated temporary location, which plays host to LGBT athletes, volunteers and visitors attending the Olympics. The ban was upheld by Krasnodar Krai Judge Svetlana Mordovina on the basis of the Pride House inciting "propaganda of non-traditional sexual orientation which can undermine the security of the Russian society and the state, provoke social-religious hatred, which is the feature of the extremist character of the activity."

Last week a coalition of 40 international groups, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, sent an open letter to the 10 biggest Olympic sponsors urging them to run ads promoting gay rights.

Russia has worked for years to promote a "modern Russia" and this ban throws it back into the soviet stone age. Though the Russian president Vladimir Putin promises that the games will be fair and comfortable for all competing athletes regardless of sexual orientation, but his other



The opening ceremony for the Winter Olympic games is set for tomorrow at 12:14 p.m. in Sochi, Russia.

statements regarding gay athletes are concerning. He has promised that no international homosexual athletes will be arrested as long as they "stay away from the children."

The country's obvious homophobia is something of a concern for a competition that should be more about celebrating international cooperation and sport. The Olympics are supposed to be about putting politics aside and hosting the world's greatest athletes but an insistence on discrimination against an entire group of people brings back the problems of past international competitions. Any event with this much controversy prior to the actual beginning of it is sure to have a plethora of problems to deal with post-opening ceremonies.

Back in October, Germany debuted their team's uniform, which displays rainbow jackets for their country, an obvious tribute against the homophobic laws in Russia. I don't think this will be the last blatant protest against the law.

The first Olympic games were held in 776 BC in Ancient Greece, a society whose treatment of homosexuality wasn't as controversial as it is today. Maybe we can put aside these anti-human rights laws, at least for the time being, and celebrate what the Olympics used to stand for—a time for countries to show off the raw might of their people in a safe environment of inclusion.

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Slang promotes new vocabulary

Line of Fire



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Language: both exceedingly imperative and dismally neglected. Words are life's middle child. It's safe to assume there is nothing more vital to our progression as a species, yet it's importance is profoundly overlooked. It is assumed that there are over a million words in the English language, experiencing substantial growth by the day. But who makes these words? What determines their popularity?

The answer is: we do. We as a society create, destroy and revise the language of popular culture through slang.

Webster.com describes slang as, "words that are not considered part of the standard vocabulary of a language and that are used very informally in speech especially by a particular group of people." I however, think the definition is in need of revision. It isn't rare that arbitrary jargon finds itself a home in our regular vocabulary, all while being considered formal in use. The best example you might ask? Twerking. Thots have found a way to twerk the phrase right into the dictionary. I commend the banshees (and Miley Cyrus) for mainstreaming an otherwise slang term.

The point I'm trying to make here is that every new word has to initially start as slang. After a word is proposed (as of how, I'm unsure) we spread it verbally in hopes it will catch on. After "the majority" is aware and actively implementing its use, it becomes a defined word. This shows how malleable the English language is, as well as the blatant correlation between slang and established words.

The fact that there are multiple uses for many words confuses me. For instance, "set" has more definitions than any other word in the English language.

It reminds me of the grocery store - like how there are 20 different brands of tissue. As long as the job gets done who really cares? I've always wondered, why have more than one use for a particular word? I'm over it.

The last argot topic is the complete apathy for substantial significance in the slang or phrases created. Tell me, are some of the phrases we make relatively worthless, or nah? I understand Yolo but that doesn't have to be the only reason we turn up. Slam pieces are used to flexing, but clearly there has to be a line drawn at some point. I'm still waiting for someone to explain to me where boogawolf came from.

Anyways, I guess you could say jargon is in the line of fire today; and yes, I did this article for the ratchets.

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Poll results

Do you like the new ECU logo?

Yes - 20%
No - 80%

Poll question

Do you celebrate Valentine's day?
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Fossil fuels need replacement

Take on the Nation



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President Obama has recently allowed construction of the joint Canadian-US oil pipeline project, Keystone XL, to begin. The pipeline will be massive and start in Alberta, Canada, and run to multiple oil refineries in the United States. A company named TransCanada owns the pipeline and they ensure nothing but good things will come from the massive project. They have learned from BP and has stated on their website that they will contain any spill and restore and landscape any land that it damages.

The sides are split, as usual, when it comes to deciding if the pipeline is a good idea or not. I'm not a fan of fossil fuel, but the benefits of the pipeline are pretty convincing.

The public has assured that none of the oil would be exported and that means we could stop importing so much oil. That means the price of gas should go down a fair amount. The pipeline will also bring thousand of jobs to the United States and, lets face it; jobs are not just being thrown at us these days. I just read on the Washington Post the other day that the pipeline won't even increase the amount of our carbon emissions, which can help win over those of us concerned with our atmosphere.

All of that sounds pretty awesome, right? I think it sounds great, but then that idealistic and annoying voice in the back of my head starts talking. That part of me looks at the pipeline and thinks that we aren't getting any worse, but we aren't getting any better.



The Keystone pipeline will start in Alberta, Canada and stretch to Oklahoma through the middle of the US.

We should not be searching for new ways to get oil cheaper. We should be searching for ways to stop using oil at all. We know the effects of burning fossil fuels, but we keep doing it. With all of the brilliant minds on this planet, we should have found a reasonable replacement for burning fossil fuels.

There are plenty of alternative ideas. We just don't have the major funding for them because that would mean that every business that uses fossil fuels would have to change the way they operate completely. It will cost them too much to change over to a new fuel source.

Don't even get me started on the oil companies. They will do anything they can to

stop a new fuel source from becoming affordable and accessible. This is their money we are trying to take from them. How dare we?

I just think that we look at this in a rather shortsighted way. Yeah, fossil fuel is there and we already have everything we need to operate with it. It's what we are used to, but that is like Thomas Edison giving us the light bulb and telling him our candles work just fine.

The next time you drive just realize that dead liquefied exploding dinosaurs fuel the machine you're driving. That just isn't natural.

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RANTS CONT.

If SGA doesn't stop emailing me. We already know the Greeks are going to win, so don't bother trying to cover it up this year.

To the girl in my sped 3001 class, please stop talking. Everybody thinks you're annoying and we can't hear what's going on.

So a random girl told me I would look cuter without a mustache...I replied, "so would you."

The trio in the Sup Dogs bikini competition in the snow were all F-I-N-E.

Whoever quoted The Water Boy, I love you. Marry me?

I love the new logo. I don't know why y'all hate it so much.

For the record, the 305 Gold buses do leave Belk at the six. The schedule is posted online with the new times for this semester if you would bother to look. Sincerely, a bus driver.

To the rude girl in SOCI class FYI not everything is going to go your ways!!! Welcome to the adult life.

I'm pretty sure that I got more excited about Dowdy having Lunchables than the snowstorm last week.

An identical Pirate statue that's at Minges should be put somewhere on the mall. That would be dope.

Who is the @ECUlesbian? Hit me up girl!

When you're the only one on the row of seats in a lecture hall don't take the first seat and get pissed when people have to get on the inside and you are inconvenienced just a little bit.

To the two guys sitting in the Toyota by Brewster on the snow day. My roommate and I would love for y'all to warm us up.

ECU has some amazing Accounting professors!

Anyone else tired of having to go through borderline airport security to get into football games, or any ECU sporting event, for that matter?

I'm addicted to Tinder! Thank you "That Girl With The Laugh" for turning me on to it!

My weekend consisted of cleaning vomit, washing my bed, clothes and dishes, and making two grilled cheese sandwiches at 5 a.m. for my drunk friend. #notsogoodtimes #lovethemthough

I really want to carry a torch into a cave just like one time.

"Hurray, we're going back to school Monday!" Said no one ever.

I've been an undergrad for almost 6 years, I'm getting a useless social science degree, and I still don't know what I want to do with life. Thanks ECU advising center!

Dating is like investing in the stock market, you have to diversify your portfolio.

Shout out to the women's basketball team. We beasting this year.

I almost died eating a lifesaver. The irony.

Someone needs to do this at graduation: "Congratulations, how do you feel?" "I got to pee."

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Coca-Cola sparks controversy

Because Laura said so...



Laura Said
TEC COLUMNIST

Like many other multi-million and billion-dollar corporations, Coca-Cola used Super Bowl Sunday to promote its business during the most watched event in America. Coca-Cola aired a beautiful commercial during Super Bowl 48, only to receive a backlash of discrimination and racism. In the commercial "America The Beautiful," our nations famed patriotic hymn was sung in multiple languages to beautiful scenic and cultural graphics. While English is the primary language for America, it is not the only language of America.

Comments were made on social media, and it caused uproar by people all over the country. Comments such as, "you can't sing the song if you don't speak English," and, "Nice to see that Coke likes to sing an American song in the terrorist's language," were seen on Twitter, Facebook and other popular social networks. Both of those are some of the most ignorant things I've ever read.

Since when did a different language make someone a terrorist? And if someone loves America, why can't they sing along as well? Comments came from many sources, even from individuals in the military and women pageant state representatives and winners. Some were more graphic than others, while some were subtler.

I found humor in the ignorance of the comments, though. For example, the misuse of grammar, "you're" and "your" were often mistakes made by those claiming to stand proud in their English language. Before you protest something like this, make sure you actually know how to be grammatically correct with the English language first.

Oh, and how about that Mexican food you're so faithful to? Or that pizza you crave after downtown? Or that Jambalaya that mama makes that comforts you when you're home for a visit? And if you live in a big city, one of the best parts is exploring the cultural diversity of the food options. Do you think that's "American" food that you're eating and craving?

If you've made statements like, "This is America, we speak American," then this article is specifically for you because that can be seen as ignorant and you need to be slapped in the face with a good old reality check. First of all, American is not a language. English is. English is the primary language, but it's derived from England, which is not in America.

America is of cultural diversity and that is what makes it so beautiful. People with negative thoughts about different cultures and backgrounds are the same people that interrogate wars, and create a generalized idea for other nations that all Americans are as ignorant as the people that think like this. When in fact, we're not. So before you speak, think about the things you're saying. Because none of it makes sense, and I just proved my point in exactly 463 words.



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Lady Pirates win again

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

Fueled by Shae Nelson's career-high 24 points, ECU overwhelmed Marshall 66-52 Wednesday night to win its third consecutive game and six of its last seven.

Nelson, who drilled 10 of her 16 field goal attempts, has now captured or tied her career scoring-high in each of the last three games.

ECU (19-3, 7-2 Conference USA) owned the edged over Marshall (7-13, 0-8 C-USA), who remains winless in league-play, in nearly every statistical category, but its lopsided advantages in assists and on the offensive glass were the difference in the game.

The Pirates assisted on 19 of their 28 field goals with junior point guard Janesha Ebron tying her career-high for helpers (9). They also scored 14 second-chance points, which stemmed from 17 offensive rebounds.

Nelson's career-night coincided on a rare off-shooting night by ECU's top scorer, Jada Payne. Payne typically averages around 20 points per game, but was just 4-for-18 on her shots for 11 points. However, she did collect a team-high four offensive rebounds and three assists to just one turnover.

As for Nelson, she has continued to trend as the Pirates continue their tear through C-USA-play.

"She's really gotten into her flow and she's really become that third scorer we've been looking for. I'm just happy for her and happy for our team," said Head



MIKE SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU's season scoring leader, Jada Payne, scored 11 points Wednesday night.

Coach Heather Macy. The result of this game was never seriously in question. ECU jumped out to an 8-0 lead before Marshall cracked the score sheet. The Pirates' first five field goals

came from different players. From that point on, the closest the Thundering Herd ever came to ECU was 15-9.

But before Marshall could completely recover, ECU countered

with a 22-6 run to provide itself a comfortable advantage that it wouldn't relinquish.

Playing primarily in man-to-man defense, the Pirates limited the Herd to just 18 percent (4-for-22) shooting—Marshall had more points from the free throw line than from the field—and drew five charges. As a result, ECU went into the locker room leading 40-19.

"I was really pleased with the way that we played and I thought that our focus was really narrowed," Macy said. "Defensively, I thought it was one of the best 20 minutes that we played."

The Herd tried several times to get back into striking distance – they opened the second half on an 18-5 run to trim the deficit to 45-37 – but just as it did in the first half, ECU snuffed out Marshall once more and put the game out of reach. The Pirates answered with a 19-2 run behind Nelson and a trio of Payne three-pointers.

Wednesday's game marks the schools' last meeting in the foreseeable future since ECU will be transitioning to the American Athletic Conference in July. The Pirates own a 13-7 advantage in the all-time series.

ECU will close its two-game road trip at Alabama-Birmingham Saturday. Tip-off time is set for 3 p.m. from Bartow Arena.

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WOMEN'S BBALL Chapple key to success

Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

It's possible to miss her presence completely when scanning a stat sheet, but ignoring her during a game is hard to do. She can always be spotted low to the ground in her defensive stance, playing tight defense against the opposing team's best scorer or setting a screen to give her teammates a chance to score. She is the most unselfish player and spends a lot of time fine-tuning her game for the Lady Pirates basketball team.

Tatiana Chapple has averaged only 2.8 points per game this season and has only scored in double figures once, yet she has been as crucial to the team's success just as much as anyone else.

Chapple is the team's leading defensive player and takes great pride in her role on defense.

"I've always honed in on defense. That was a big part of my game," said Chapple. "From the beginning, I've taken on that role. When [Coach Heather Macy] found out that I could actually guard guards, that's when we really understood what my role would be with the team."

Chapple is matched up with the opposing team's highest scorer

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Journeyman senior finishes strong

Shane Cuthrell
TEC STAFF

The men's tennis team has become one of the most impressive programs that ECU has had this spring season. Their record is 6-1 with their only loss being to UNC Chapel Hill, but before then, senior Joran Vliegen brought interest to the team with his history-making fall season. But whom else on the team do you know about?

Another player that is having a successful spring and who also will be ending his college career within the following months is Mario Martinez and he is one of only two seniors on the men's tennis team.

Martinez was a young kid that grew up in a military family. Traveling from town to town made his childhood difficult. Martinez moved multiple times, from Texas to Arkansas to North Carolina.

"You go from one school to the next, not all programs are the same and you have to meet new people

every time," Martinez said. "It's kind of frustrating having to leave your home and come to a new one every couple of years, but I got used to it after a while."

After being in North Carolina for a while, he went back to Arkansas where he stayed until he became a Pirate.

He is a graduate of Little Rock Central High School, where he led his team to four consecutive state championships. He was also the team captain during his time.

Martinez came to ECU after being recruited by Coach Shawn Heinchon after turning down multiple offers from other schools.

As an athlete, Martinez has increased his success year after year. During his freshman and sophomore years, he was playing the No. 5 and No. 6 spot respectively, but starting his junior season, he went up to the higher spots until he reached No. 1— an achievement that should not be overlooked.



DREW CARTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Mario Martinez (above) is one of two seniors on the roster along with Vliegen.

His freshman year, he was named Second Team All-Conference USA. From his freshman year to his junior year, Martinez posted a 33-26 record and he ended the first half of his senior year with a 5-3 record.

It's not all about the athletics though. As a student-athlete, he was on the Conference USA

Commissioner's Honor Roll his sophomore and junior year. He says good grades are a result of good time management. He had to do most of work on his own because his teammates were mostly business majors and he majored in health. So he didn't have much help when they had away matches.

Health is a tough major to go into, but Martinez has a good reason to why he chose it. During his freshman year, Martinez and the Pirates were in Tulsa because they had a match that day. As he woke up, he suffered from a Corneal Abrasion, which affects your vision.

Martinez couldn't see out of either eye and he had to get pushed in a wheelchair through the airport. After visiting the doctor, he researched about it and became interested.

When Martinez graduates in May, he will continue his education as he enters med school. His first choice is the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

With a record of 5-2 this spring, Martinez will show off his talents as the men's tennis team faces Georgia Southern Friday at 2 p.m. at home.

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CALENDAR

TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU won on the road over Marshall, 66-52 on Wednesday night.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates hope to continue the momentum from their first conference win when they host UTEP on Thursday. The 9 p.m. matchup will be nationally televised by Fox Sports 1.

MEN'S GOLF

ECU finishes seventh in Sea Best Invitational.

ECU FOOTBALL

Head Coach Ruffin McNeill received 23 Letter of Intent on National Signing Day. The new commitments join four early enrollees pushing ECU's class to 27.

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS

The Bobcats are 22-28, eighth in the Eastern Conference.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes are fifth in the Metropolitan Division of the Eastern Conference with 59 points from a record of 25-21-9.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Head Coach Rick Kobe picked up his 500th career win this weekend. He is only the sixth coach in NCAA history to accomplish the feat.



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Improvement on the horizon

After a lackluster 2013, ECU's Lady Pirate softball team looks to right the ship heading into a new season

Wayne Hall
TEC STAFF

A 21-31 record with a fifth place conference finish was not on the agenda of now second-year Head Softball Coach Beth Keylon-Randolph.

A 2013 season in which the Lady Pirates went 12-18 at home with a losing record of 7-8 on the road is a far stretch from the types of numbers Keylon-Randolph is used to putting up.

Randolph, just the fourth coach in ECU's 36-year program, came from an 11-year stint with Chattanooga State, winning over 600 games, nine regional titles and one conference championship. In her 20 years there, Randolph also led Chattanooga to 11 consecutive top-20 rankings.

Now in her second season at ECU, Randolph is hoping to bring those same winning ways to a Pirate Softball team that was bounced early by Marshall in their only C-USA tournament appearance.

Randolph's road back to

softball supremacy will not be an easy one as she lost five players from last year's team. Among those five was Kai Clark. The senior catcher who played in 51 games for the ladies was a consistent bat in the lineup. She racked up 28 hits, five doubles, four home runs and reached base 45 times. Her services will be missed.

This season, ECU returns 11 difference makers from last year's team. Among those is senior Jordan Lewis who shared the team lead of seven home runs last season with Alex Fieldhouse; Lewis also led the team in steals and stolen bases.

Senior Jill Jelnic will also be returning. Last spring, Jelnic led the team with 49 hits, 169 at bats and was second on the team in runs scored.

The Lady Pirates also bring in a host of fresh faces. Among those is Kacie Oshiro, the freshman sister of current Lady Pirates' senior Kristi Oshiro. The older Oshiro led the team with a .331

batting average, 39 runs scored and five triples last season. The ladies will also welcome in Andie Johnson, a transfer who won a championship playing under Keylon-Randolph for two years at Chattanooga State.

The experience of the returning seniors and transfer players mixed with the talent of the team's newcomers could provide an immediate spark for a Lady Pirate team searching for its identity under Randolph.

There are tough matchups on the schedule that pit the Pirates against teams such as Georgia and Baylor, while also playing host to Marshall, UAB and Tennessee Tech.

This Friday however, the Pirates will have a chance to put all of their preseason preparation to the test as they travel to St. George, Utah for a three-day competition against Grand Canyon, BYU, Utah State, Southern Utah and Nevada.

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Jill Jelnic (17) returns for her senior season for the Lady Pirates softball team.



Tatiana Chapple (20) is a solid defender for the Lady Pirates and spaces the court well on offense.

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in each game in the Pirates man-to-man defense. In half of the games this season, she has held her match up below their season average.

"You just have to use the access our coaches give us," said Chapple.

The access she referred to is a board that displays stats, strengths, weaknesses and style of play of each player for their upcoming opponent.

"We talk about what they like to do with their game individually and you really have to hone in on personnel and on-ball accountability," said Chapple. "They [the coaches] put us in a position to shut them down."

Chapple is not only a defensive presence however. Her teammates recognize her importance on the offensive end of the court as well.

"She sets great screens, she's a great offensive player and does a great job of getting her teammates open," said team-scoring leader Jada Payne.

Effort level is another part of Chapple's personality that everyone around the team notices on a day-to-day basis. It makes her and her teammates better.

"I've said since Tat's freshman year that she's come in and always led us in every single sprint and her effort level is so good that she really jumpstarts the way we defend and rebound," said Macy.

"She goes hard in every practice; that's a constant for Tat," said Payne. "She's always pressuring me in practice. It's a constant thing that is always making me and everyone else on the team better."

Chapple's high school, Northland High School in Columbus, Ohio, has produced not only one of ECU's best basketball players, but two NBA players as well. Trey Burke and Jared Sullinger of the Boston Celtics attended Northland High at the same time as Chapple.

Like Chapple, Sullinger

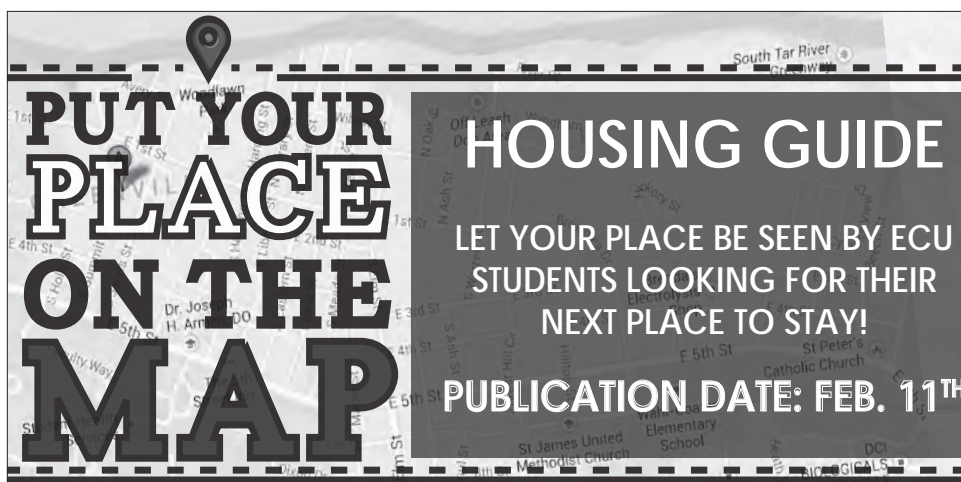
was a great defender in college and has translated that into his NBA play. Chapple gave some credit to her high school experience to making her into the defender she is today.

"At Northland High School, we just wanted to win ball games and to win ball games, you have to play defense," said Chapple.

The Pirates are led by their defense in Macy's coaching system. Chapple and the Lady Pirates have allowed 60.3 points per game (45th fewest in the country). The Pirates' defensive prowess has been the anchor to their success this season and their 18-3 season record.

The Lady Pirates look to Chapple to anchor their defense and they hope it continues as they close out conference play next month and prepare for the conference tournament.

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ECU looks for revenge

Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

Following a road-trip that saw the Pirates (12-10) pick up their first conference victory of the season, ECU returns home to take on University of Texas El Paso and University of Texas at San Antonio.

Thursday night's matchup against UTEP (16-6) provides the Pirates with a chance to beat one of the best teams in the conference on national television. When the Pirates face the UTEP Miners, it will be for the nation to see. Fox Sports One is nationally televising the game in a primetime 9 p.m. slot.

The Miners come in to the game boasting an impressive 6-1 record in conference play. Perhaps even more impressive is the fact that they beat Tennessee earlier in the year and also played the Kansas Jayhawks—oh so close.

ECU is a team that can score points if it can get open looks from behind the arc. The Pirates are averaging 77.7 points per game this season – good for second in the conference. UTEP, on the other hand, is a team that plays sound defensive basketball and ranks second in the conference in scoring defense.

ECU's feast or famine approach against the Miners staunch defense could provide an interesting storyline. Despite the Pirates' 1-6 record in conference play, they rank near the top in several Conference USA offensive categories.

Akeem Richmond is a player that every opposing coach and player will have to keep an eye on. However,



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Akeem Richmond (1) will need to be sharp from downtown Thursday.

Paris Roberts-Campbell is coming off of a 21-point performance in the win over University of Alabama-Birmingham and seems to be gaining more confidence. Roberts-Campbell has the ability to shoot the ball from the perimeter, but he can also cut to the rim. If Roberts-Campbell can put the ball on the floor and find a way to the rim, it could open up Richmond on the outside.

UTEP is a team that can exploit the Pirates' main weakness—the paint. The Miners boast a talented core of forwards. Freshman Vince Hunter averages 12.4 points

and 6.9 rebounds per game. One thing that Hunter is susceptible to is foul trouble. He has fouled-out in eight games this season. And to put that in perspective, the rest of the Miners have fouled-out a combined seven times.

Joining Hunter inside are Julian Washburn and John Bohannon. Washburn and Bohannon check in at 6-foot-8 and 6-foot-10-inches respectively. The size inside and the fact that they are the three leading scorers for UTEP are going to provide the Pirates with a stiff challenge.

The Pirates will also have

the revenge factor on their side as they were beaten by a McKenzie Moore buzzer-beater last season. Moore was the leading scorer for the Miners until he was kicked off the team, along with two other teammates (Jalen Ragland and Justin Crosgile) for gambling on games.

Saturday will give the Pirates an opportunity to play a UTSA team that, statistically, has been underwhelming.

Despite a 7-13 record, UTSA is a team that has been able to sneak up on conference-foes Charlotte and Marshall, and with three conference victories this season, UTSA will be a tough test.

UTSA features guard Keon Lewis, who averages 14.5 points per game. Lewis is a shifty player that draws a lot of fouls.

Accompanying Lewis is Jordan Sims, the team's leader in threes. Sims, much like Richmond, isn't afraid to shoot when need be.

The Roadrunners are a team that gets scoring throughout their lineup and their depth could give the Pirates some trouble.

Much like the UTEP game, the Pirates will rely on Richmond and Roberts-Campbell. Caleb White is another player who has been coming on strong as of late.

White, a 6-foot-7 freshman, has shown a new tendency to drive to the basket, providing the Pirates with more offensive options. White has also done a nice job of taking some pressure off of centers Michael Zangari and Brandan Stith.

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Florida (5)
 LB – Joe Carter... Ponte Vedra (Ponte Vedra HS)
 OL – Erik Lenzen... Fort Lauderdale (Cardinal Gibbons HS)
 OL – Garrett McGhin... Tallahassee (Florida State HS)
 DB – Blake Norwood... Pensacola (Pensacola HS)
 LB/DL – Markel Winters... Tallahassee (Rickards HS)

California (1)
 OL – Dontae Livingston Harbor City (Santa Monica College)

Georgia (3)
 OL – Des Barmore... Columbus (Hardaway HS)
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Maryland (1)
 LB – Ray Tillman... Lithonia (Miller Grove HS)
 DE – Alex Evans... Silver Spring (Springbrook HS)

North Carolina (7)
 OLB – Yiannis Bowden... Kernersville (Glenn HS)
 WR – Trevon Brown... Wilmington (New Hanover HS)
 WR – Curtis Burston... Apex (Middle Creek HS)
 OL – Kyle Erickson... Fayetteville (Jack Britt HS)
 WR – Quay Johnson... Knightdale (Knightdale HS)
 DB – Cody Purdie... New Bern (New Bern HS)
 DB – Drew Turnage... Ayden (Ayden-Grifton HS)

South Carolina (6)
 TE – Steve Baggett... Beaufort (Beaufort HS)
 WR – Malik Gray... Inman (Chapman HS)
 WR – Terrell Green... Charleston (Hanahan HS)
 WR – Dre Massey... Mauldin (Mauldin HS)
 OT – Messiah Rice... Orangeburg (Wilkinson HS)
 DB – Corey Seargent... Rock Hill (Northwestern HS)

Virginia (4)
 DL – Shaun James... Virginia Beach (Green Run HS)
 RB – Anthony Scott... Virginia Beach (Green Run HS)
 LB – Kyron Speller... Virginia Beach (Kempsville HS)
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Basil's Italian restaurant brings global food local

Jessica McGettigan
TEC STAFF

Basil's Restaurant, located off of Firetower Road, is completely unlike the hundreds of fast food and restaurant chains that are scattered everywhere throughout Greenville. For the past fifteen years, this local family owned restaurant has brought flavors from Italian and Mediterranean style dishes. "We offer quality, consistent dining at affordable prices," explained owner Jeremy Spengeman.

Basil's expansive menu offers several different types of food, such as pasta, pizza, burgers, calzones, and specialty sandwiches. "Almost all of our food is made here in house and it's made to order," said Spengeman. "We have a lot of menu items and new cooking techniques that we've come up with in house."

Because there are so many delicious options to choose from, there are several popular dishes that keep customers going back to Basil's for more. "I think probably the dips are one of the most popular menu items," said Spengeman. Basil's offers seven different signature dips, including buffalo chicken dip and beer dip, all served with delicious pita.

Although the crowd pleasing dips may be the first options on the menu, each item after them is just as mouth-watering. "Our hamburgers are interesting because they are actually stuffed," explained Spengeman. "The bleu cheese is stuffed in the middle of the Black and Bleu burger and in the Bacon Cheese Burger, the bacon and cheese is inside the actual burger."

As an Italian and Mediterranean style restaurant, of course there is no shortage of pasta or pizza. "We have traditional spaghetti and lasagna and one of our best sellers is our bow tie pasta," said Spengeman. "Its been on the menu since we opened."

However, while a few items on Basil's menu have been featured since the beginning, Spengeman knows that the key to success is changing things up and adding on some new options. "We try out new menu items every four to six weeks," he said. "We'll offer a new entre, salad, pasta or pizza and then we decide if it's something we want to add to the menu."

Not only is their food amazing, but their drinks are the perfect complement to each and every menu item. One of their most popular drinks is the Carolina Basil Lemonade, made with North Carolina distilled rum.



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Basil's Italian restaurant is a unique mix of standard Italian cuisine with Mediterranean style influences.

"It is made with fresh basil, fresh squeezed lemonade, rum and sprite and its really popular," said Spengeman.

All week long, Basil's offers daily drink specials that are hard to beat. Monday offers \$2.50 domestic bottles, Tuesday is \$3.00 corona, Dos Equis, and margaritas. Wednesday all North Carolina beers are \$3.00, Thurs is half price wine and Friday offers \$5 martinis made with absolute vodka. Even into the weekend drink specials are still available.

Other specials that Basil's offers includes their lunch menu that is available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. "We have a lunch menu that offers a smaller size of certain pastas and an assortment of other items," said Spengeman.

One extremely important special that is coming up this month is the celebration of Basil's fifteen anniversary.

On Feb. 10 they will be offering twenty-five percent off all orders. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week, they will be offering fifteen percent off all purchases. "We have to support our customers just as they've supported us," said Spengeman. "Fifteen years is a long time for an independent restaurant to be around."

Community involvement is something that is very important to Spengeman and his wife. "My wife and I shop as local as possible and we try to feature North Carolina beers and rum," he said. "I always say eat local, drink local."

Basil's offers carryout, but does not delivery. "Some things are better in house but we still will sell them to go," explained Spengeman.

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The Best Man Holiday

9:30 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre

Family Fare Series:
The Gizmo Guys

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Men's Basketball:

ECU vs. UTSA
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Williams Arena at Minges

Flute Studio Recital

7:30 p.m.
A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall

SAB Films:
The Best Man

7 p.m.

The Best Man Holiday

9:30 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre

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'Gizmo Guys' perform on campus

The comedy juggling duo prepare their world renowned unique talents to dazzle students

Jordan Register
TEC STAFF

Tomorrow evening Wright Auditorium will host critically acclaimed comedic juggling act "The Gizmo Guys". Allan Jacobs and Barrett Felker began juggling as a hobby and in 1987 met each other, refined their acts and created the performance group "The Gizmo Guys". Since their creation, The Gizmo Guys have traveled the world and received rave reviews everywhere they go.

The New York Times describes them as "master jugglers with ebullient energy and exquisite skill . . . Human virtuosity with a touch of lunacy." Jacobs and Felker have made numerous television appearances, won international juggling competitions, and taught at top circus schools.

Felker said the overseas performances are the most interesting but the most memorable performance they've ever done was in the Middle East.

"We did some work in Saudi Arabia about 20 years ago," said Felker. "That was definitely a little bit odd with the Burka clad women in the audience but we still had a good show."

The Gizmo Guys performance is in high demand and when asked how they keep the performance unique, Felker says he has a trick.

"Amongst jugglers, we try to work very closely with the music," said Felker. "So when other jugglers just use it as background music, we think it's very important to use the music to our advantage." Whether it's the music or the comedy, their act has impressed across the globe.



rapport with the audience made their sold out shows everything they had promised to be . . . and more.”

Although their show has reached almost every corner of the globe, they weren't always this popular. “I actually started juggling as a hobby. I started when I was 15, I learned from my cousin it just started as a hobby and Allan learned when he was 21 in college,” said Felker. “We both found that we really had a passion for it. Eventually we learned we could make a living doing it so that's kind of how we got into it. We have been working together for 27 years and we love what we do.”

He also said that comedy is a large part of their act. “We try to combine comedy with juggling.”

said Felker. “There's a lot of comedic element to what we do, it's definitely a central part of what we're about.” This performance will not be their first time on Pirate territory.

Felker says he and Jacobs traveled to the university in 2009 and had a great experience. “We look forward to being back in Greenville,” said Felker. “ECU is a beautiful facility with top-notch accommodations.”

The Gizmo Guys show will begin tomorrow in Wright Auditorium at 7 p.m.

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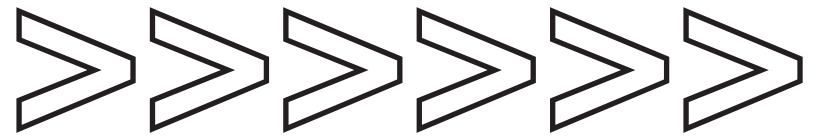
Felker says Jacobs and him have traveled many places including Chile, France, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Canada. Barrett currently speaks nine languages.

Their show appeals to a wide variety of cultures, ages, and venues. “We really try to entertain a cross generation so ideally we see kids out there with their parents and grandparents and that's our goal to make it a family show,” said Felker. “For us it's important that not only the kids enjoy the show, but the parents do also.” This family friendly attitude seems to be working for the dynamic duo.

According to Strings in the Mountains in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, “The Gizmo Guys' professionalism, friendliness and



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Mipso has performed in Greenville three previous times and is once again stopping by Peasant's Pub to perform. They have traveled internationally and been fortunate enough to perform at the Takarazuka Bluegrass Festival in Japan. The three band members have been together for three years.

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Mipso band members, Jacob Sharp (left), Wood Robinson (center) and Joseph Terrell (Right), have a unique sound, combining bluegrass sounds with upbeat, narrative stories.

Internationally known band brings folk and fun to downtown Greenville

By Brooke Rowe
TEC STAFF

After holding tours from California to Japan, the folk-inspired and bluegrass style music of the trio Mipso will bring their talents to the rooms of Peasant's Pub tomorrow night, with doors opening at 9 p.m.

The story of Mipso begins with two high school seniors as they visited the campus of UNC Chapel Hill.

When mandolin player Jacob Sharp and guitarist Joseph Terrell met, they each had their instruments

with them and were inspired to play together. After they spent their first few moments playing music with each other, a spark of musical connection led to being musical pen-pals and good friends.

Bass player Wood Robinson, who was originally in an electronic cover band with Terrell, joined the band after expressing a love of bluegrass, folk, and other music with an old-time feel to it. And thus, the successful Mipso trio was born. As the three young musicians were enjoying their last few years of undergraduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill, the harmonious bluegrass trio planted their seeds in

the music world and branched out to audiences locally and internationally.

The strange name of the band is a made-up word created by Terrell, and after three years of playing 140 shows a year across eight states and three countries, the name Mipso proves itself as a significant representative of their unique sound.

"At this point, we all have different goals but we envision our songs together," said Sharp. "Joseph is the primary songwriter and brings the ideas to the table, and Wood is a great arranger and composer to he's a good resources to flesh out ideas and make it come together."

Although they didn't plan on becoming a full-time band, they love the travel and excitement the job encompasses.

"This is what we want to put our full energy into and we get excited about what we accomplish," said Sharp. "It's cool because this new album [Dark Holler Pop] from last October debuted at Billboard Bluegrass Charts number eighth selling record for three weeks."

Tomorrow night's performance will focus mostly on the newer CD for their Peasant's Pub audience and will be the trio's fourth time playing in Greenville. Their performance will include a fourth member, female fiddler and vocalist Libby Rodenbough.

"Not every town brings the energy, but Greenville really brings the party," said Sharp. "We appreciate the energy and we try to match their energy on stage, which is a fun challenge in Greenville. We always have rowdy fun shows."

Mipso men have close ties with their local music base in Tarborro, including multiple performances at the classic venue Cat's Cradle, their tours led them to perform nationally in Tennessee, California, and Georgia. They've also held shows in China and took part in the third oldest bluegrass festival in the world, the Takarazuka Bluegrass Festival in Japan. "I did my honors thesis on the geography of music in Japan and did research on it while I was there," said Sharp. "It kind of gave me the connections to book a tour and get in touch with the indie music scene over there."

Their music, a sound mix between classic bluegrass bands and younger bands like The Avett Brothers, focuses on giving people a way to connect with others. Each song has a different theme and allows listeners to interpret lyrics through personal emotions, experiences, and narrative stories. Sharp said he loves when fans develop their own interpretations for their music, even for a reason other than what it was truly written about.

"We are all living similar lives, even if they are different on the surface," said Sharpe.

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Mipso's newest album, *Dark Holler Pop*, was released on Oct. 23, 2013. Their album tour started shortly after.



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Libby Rodenbough (center) is the band's new fourth member and will perform with Mipso for the first time in Greenville this Friday. She will bring female vocals and the fiddle to the mix.

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THE LEGO MOVIE (PG): The directing team of Phil Lord and Chris Miller (“Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs,” “21 Jump Street”) return with this animated, sure-to-be-wacky adventure based on the popular toys. Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks, Will Arnett and Will Ferrell provide the voices.

Showtimes Carmike 12:

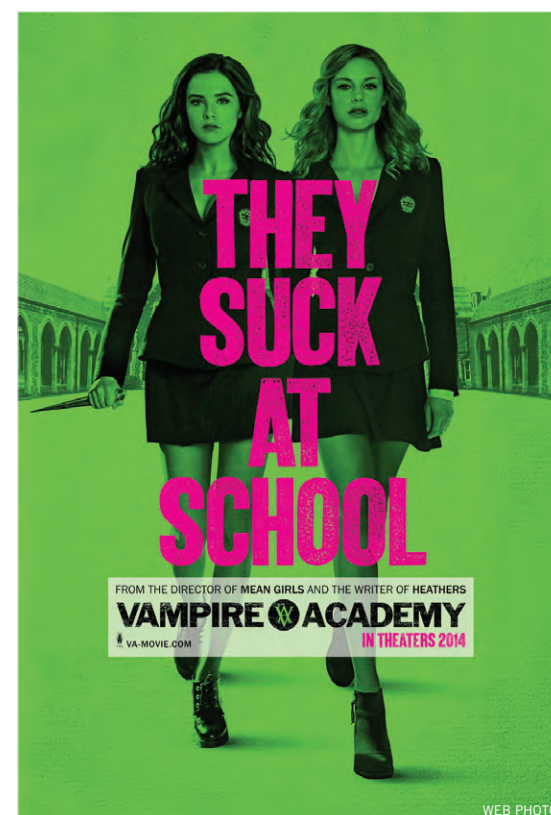
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| 12:45 p.m. | 12:45 p.m. | 12:45 p.m. |
| 3:05 p.m. | 3:05 p.m. | 3:05 p.m. |
| 10:05 p.m. | 10:05 p.m. | 10:05 p.m. |



THE MONUMENTS MEN (PG-13): George Clooney wrote, directed and stars in this crime caper about a World War II platoon assigned to steal art masterpieces from the Nazis and return them to their true owners. Matt Damon, Bill Murray and Cate Blanchett round out the squad of thieves.

Showtimes Carmike 12:

| Friday: | Saturday: | Sunday: |
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| 12:50 p.m. | 12:50 p.m. | 12:50 p.m. |
| 4:05 p.m. | 4:05 p.m. | 4:05 p.m. |
| 6:50 p.m. | 6:50 p.m. | 6:50 p.m. |
| 9:35 p.m. | 9:35 p.m. | 9:35 p.m. |



VAMPIRE ACADEMY (PG-13): Zoey Duth (“Beautiful Creatures”) stars as a breed of half-human, half-vampire whose legacy is to protect peaceful, non-violent vampires living in secret among us mortals.

Showtimes Carmike 12:

| Friday: | Saturday: | Sunday: |
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| 1:15 p.m. | 1:15 p.m. | 1:15 p.m. |
| 4:30 p.m. | 4:30 p.m. | 4:30 p.m. |
| 7:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. |
| 9:30 p.m. | 9:30 p.m. | 9:30 p.m. |

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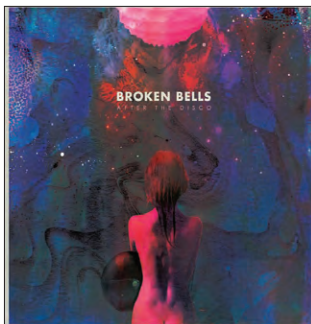
WZMB'S MUSIC CHOICES FOR THE WEEKEND

“NOSTALGIA”

Here are songs that bring you back in time and remind you of the good ol' days.

1. **S Club 7** – “S Club Party”
2. **Aaron Carter** – “Aaron's Party”
3. **Ike & Tina Turner** – “Proud Mary”
4. **Mariah Carey** – “Fantasy”
5. **Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell** – “Aint No Mountain High Enough”
6. **Vitamin C** – “Smile”
7. **Spice Girls** – “Wannabe”
8. **Britney Spears** – “Oops, I did it Again”
9. **Christina Aguilera** – “Genie In a Bottle”
10. **Blackstreet** – “No Diggity”

HOT UPCOMING RELEASE



BROKEN BELLS “AFTER THE DISCO”

2014 has been the year for new sounds in the music scene. Broken Bells, a duo indie rock band WZMB can't get enough of. All songs on the album like “Holding On for Life” and “After the Disco” have been written by lead vocalist and guitarist, James Mercer and Brian Burton. This album will be available to all on Feb. 4.

UPCOMING SINGLES TO CHECK OUT

1. **FULL HEAD OF STEAM**

“Roosevelt Dime”

2. **JESSICA CHILDRESS**

“Walk Away”

3. **FALTY DL**

“Danger”

4. **ILLUM SPHERE**

“Sleeprunner”

5. **THE PACK A.D.**

“Big Shot”

