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## Two Pirate players injured in car accident

**Ronnie Moore**  
TEC STAFF

Heading to early morning football workouts Wednesday morning, sophomores Terrell Stanley and Isaac (Ike) Harris were involved in a single car accident.

According to a press release from ECU athletics, the two Pirate football players were traveling on the Alternate route of U.S. Highway 264 when Stanley, the driver, lost control of his vehicle and wrecked due to icy road conditions. Both student-athletes were transported to Vidant Medical Center where Harris was eventually released after passing precautionary evaluations.

Meanwhile, Stanley is still at the medical center and is listed as critical condition.



**Terrell Stanley**

In a statement from Head Coach Ruffin McNeill and ECU athletics, McNeill said, "Terrell is under the best medical care possible, and while he has showed signs of steadily improving, we ask that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers."

Both players were important pieces to the Pirate football team this past season. Harris, 6-foot-7 304 pounds, served as ECU's starting left tackle for 12 of the 13 games this season.

Stanley also busted on the scene this season as an important player on the defensive line as he garnered Conference USA



**Isaac (Ike) Harris**

and will continue to be a force that runs deep with support and inspiration."

honorably mention honors. He recorded seven sacks, 10 tackles for loss, while piling up 46 stops from his defensive line position.

McNeill asks for the support and prayers from Pirate Nation.

"His parents, sister and other family members are here with his teammates and coaches, and together we have been

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## Snow hits campus, again



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Left to Right: Freshman Christopher Kimberly and freshman Joshua Coachman wait for an ECU Transit bus as snowfall begins yesterday.

### ECU Alerts stay busy

**Summer Falgiano**  
TEC STAFF

With recent inclement weather upon Greenville, the ECU Alerts system has been working to keep students and staff updated on the status of school operations.

Yesterday at 12:10 p.m., students were alerted with "Classes to end 1 p.m. Feb. 12," due to the wintry mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain.

The decisions made regarding when to stop classes and transit, are based on a number of official meetings and outside resources.

"Throughout the day, we review weather forecasts and check road conditions,"

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### City clears icy roads

**Ryan Clancy**  
TEC STAFF

The city of Greenville has been taking steps to prepare for the recent snowfall.

"We've had crews spreading out salt," said Steve Hawley, Greenville's communication manager and public information officer. "That's about all you can do until it actually comes down."

The city is also focusing on important areas to make sure they are as free of snow as possible.

"We're concentrating on main roads starting around hospitals and major city roads," Hawley said.

However, some roads, such as

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### GPD deals with snow

**Amanda Adkins**  
TEC STAFF

Greenville's roads just recovered from the last snow storm and are now experiencing another wintry storm.

Over two inches of snow covered the ground on Tuesday and Greenville Police Department is prepared for anymore ice or snow that may come.

"Anytime there is a possibility for inclement weather, we have a comprehensive plan in place. We are doubling up officers in each vehicle and using only all-wheel drive vehicles to ensure response times remain consistent on all calls for service," said Kristen Hunter, GPD's public information

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AUDITORY HEALTH

### Professor awarded for research

**Edward Boseman**  
TEC STAFF

Professor Ning Zhou, with the department of Health Communication and Science, will receive 2014 new investigators award from the American Auditory Society for her research with cochlear implants.

The award is presented to researchers who have made consistent and productive articles to the organizations journal, "Ear and Hearing Journal."

Her submission titled "Integration of Electrical Pulses by Listeners with Cochlear Implants" explores how to better improve the implants for better hearing and acuity.

"When you are deaf, it does not mean you have lost the nerves but rather you have lost inner ear function, you have lost the hair cells," said Zhou.

Cochlear implants work by surgically implanting an electrical stimulus directly to the auditory nerve. A receiver and mini-computer translate sound waves to digital signals to apply to certain regions of the nerve.

"Figuring out the regions where neuron survival is better or where it is worse and the roles they have is the focus," said Zhou. "Furthermore, we look at the quality rather than the quantity and the role it plays."

Zhou has been given the opportunity to present her research at the upcoming 41st Annual Scientific and Technology meeting in March 6th through 8th in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"I will be presenting data from both guinea pigs and humans from my paper and research," said Zhou.

The almost two-year study included both guinea pigs and human subjects. Zhou will be specifically working with human patients in her lab.

According to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, in the U.S.

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### BRIEFS

#### GSAIS presents Solid Rock International tonight

The GSAIS will host guest speakers from Solid Rock International, who speak at 6 p.m. in the Science and Technology Building in Room 144.

Solid Rock International provides healthcare, education and medical services to the poorer populations in the Dominican Republic near the Haitian border.

#### Fast food restaurant robbers charged in restaurant robberies

Michael R. Gibson, Deshaun E. Spruill and Trevin M. Gibson were recently sentenced for a string of robberies of fast food restaurants around Greenville from Sept. 2011 through Jan. 2012.

Trevin was sentenced to 45 years in prison, Michael was sentenced to 36 years in prison and Spruill was sentenced to 33 years in prison.

#### Blue Ridge Hiking company founder to speak at the university

Author, hiker and businesswoman Jennifer Pharr Davis will speak at three events on Feb. 13 in Mendenhall Student Center.

She will present "There Isn't A Ceiling Outside" from 11 a.m. until noon in the MSC Social Room, "The Path That Works" from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in MSC Room 15 and "The Emotional Conservationist" from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Brewster D-202.

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# SGA presidential candidates discuss platforms

Ryan Clancy  
TEC STAFF

SGA executive council candidate campaigning has begun and the candidates for president have their own ideas that they would like to see implemented into the university.

Presidential candidate of Ticket 1 is Micah Lockhart, who is currently SGA's deputy chief of staff. He said the focus of his campaign is to make sure that SGA is accountable to students.

"We've agreed to have a promise tracker," said Lockhart. "We'll track the progress of each initiative. The entire ticket is based on accountability."

Ron Hinton, presidential candidate for Ticket 2, previously served as SGA's chief information officer and designed the SGA website. He has a variety of ideas he would like to put through, including making the city and campus more connected.

"With [Greenville] Mayor Thomas we'll work to get a spotlight at 33 East and Copper Beech," said Hinton. "Basically it's time to bridge the gap between the university and the city."

Michael King, presidential candidate for Ticket 3, has held leadership roles in his fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha and is advocating for a separate student legislature that allows student organizations to have their own representatives based on their size.

"We want to have a bi-cameral congress," said King. "We don't want to leave anyone out. With all the delegates we want to have, they'll be going to the faculty senate to advocate on our behalf."

Brooks Barrett, who is running without a ticket, is



Candidates clockwise from the top left: Michael King, Ron Hinton, Micah Lockhart and Brooks Barrett.

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currently the SGA treasurer and is a former SGA senator. Barrett wants to increase funding for the SGA appropriations process, which allocates money to student organizations.

"Due to the amount of positive impact this program has and the need for funding student organizations have, I'm actively

proposing an increase in the SGA appropriations budget for the 2014-2015 academic year," Barrett said.

The candidates are also advocating a variety of other changes

Barrett desires to pay more attention to the Allied Health Sciences campus and believes Laupus Library should also be on a 24-hour schedule similar to Joyner Library's.

King would like to put cross walk across 10th street where the ECU Police station to increase campus safety.

"Students are just dodging cars and it's ridiculous," said King.

Lockhart wants there to be limits set on student fees. He thinks students should not pay more than they need to.

"We want a floating student fee cap," said Lockhart. "It's so students don't pay more than necessary for the university to function."

Hinton is trying to implement a SGA scholarship program. He has ideas that will provide incentives to students and ideas that would turn donated money back into scholarships.

"I want to tell students that the first 50 students that donate a book to the SGA will receive free scantrons [for] the rest of your tenure at ECU," said Hinton. "Students would also be in a raffle for a special prize. We'll take the total sellback value of the books and we'll sell them back to UBE or Dowdy. That money will be used for a scholarship."

Hinton is also planning on working with the mayor and Greenville Police to enforce an alcohol amnesty code.

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said Bill Koch, associate vice chancellor for environmental health and campus safety. "We drove the roads and consulted with ECU Transit to ensure the roads were safe throughout the day."

Officials also collaborated with local facilities in effort to make the safest decision for the community.

"Fortunately, we knew from conversations with the Pitt County Emergency Manager that roads were aggressively salted prior to [yesterday's] storm which kept the roads from freezing throughout the event," said Koch.

Because the university is National Weather Service StormReady certified, officials have access to National Weather Service conference

calls and individual consultation with their predictions about weather conditions.

Officials have been assessing the weather and how to go about operations around the clock for the past two days.

"Since we needed to make a decision early in the morning about classes and operations, our severe weather team discussed conditions,

forecasts and schedules via conference call so we could get a message out before 6 a.m.," said Koch. "We prefer to make these decisions the night before if possible, but this system has been somewhat unpredictable."

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# New women's organization forms on campus

**Puja Patel**  
TEC STAFF

The university is now home to W.O.M.A.N., a new organization hoping to bring minority women together to achieve their full potential.

The acronym stands for Woman Organization for Minorities Achieving Now, with the motto of: "we think, therefore we do."

According to the organization's mission statement, the club aims to, "empower, enrich and encourage females to be strong physically, mentally and emotionally."

The organization was started by five African-American undergraduate students who are building the organization from the foundation pillars of sisterhood, service, and self-worth.

Founder and President Glory Iliyomade thought of this idea herself.

"I've always been geared toward promoting self-esteem and issues towards minorities and troubled little girls," Iliyomade said, sophomore public health major.

Iliyomade has had this idea before she started college, stemming back to the months

before her freshman year. However, she did not pursue the idea until August 2013.

"W.O.M.A.N. really came about because I knew lots of misguided freshmen with no foundation," said Iliyomade. "They have nowhere to go."

After discussing the idea of this organization with her friends, roommates and family, Iliyomade decided to take steps to create it. She picked her executive board based on strengths and different things each woman could offer.

The current executive board consists of President Glory Iliyomade, Vice President Keylynne Cunningham, Secretary Ekene Akpom, Treasurer Amber Watkins, and Media Director Morgan Gibbs.

The executive board is working hard to build their image and promote the organization's name. They wish to build networks through roundtable events, reaching out to other organizations and using social media.

"We go out in the community as well, handing out fliers," said Amber Watkins, junior accounting major.

W.O.M.A.N. will be holding an interest

meeting soon, where they will discuss what W.O.M.A.N. stands for, why they created this organization, its goals/vision and what a potential member could expect.

The organization is open to students from all years and all majors.

W.O.M.A.N. is hoping to recruit 30 members. Membership will be a strict application process. They are looking for individuals with leadership ability, poise, grace and who are well put-together.

"This is all about joining a sisterhood with the same dreams and ambitions you have," said Cunningham, junior exercise physiology major.

The organization intends to fundraise through bake sales and selling African Ankara jewelry.

W.O.M.A.N. is open to collaborating with all university organizations to create events that can help others.

When asked about their female role models and motivators, the executive board all agreed there were a lot of different women that motivated them.

"There's a lot of different women who inspired the woman I am today," said

Cunningham. "I took different pieces of them and molded it into what was best for me."

W.O.M.A.N. is hoping to finish the organizational application process and become a chartered university organization by March.

Iliyomade and her executive board are hoping to make this organization a national and maybe even one day a worldwide organization that will stand to empower and motivate women all over the world.

"I want to make a difference [and] for this organization to make a difference at places other than at ECU," said Watkins, junior accounting major.

Many people may see this organization as a feminist group, but Media Director Gibbs wants to make sure students do not get that impression.

"This is a group that isn't about male-bashing, but female-empowering," said Gibbs, sophomore marketing major.

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officer. "We will also maintain constant contact with the Department of Public Works to address roadways needing immediate attention to allow for safe passage during emergency events."

On Monday, crews applied salt on highways and major city streets to help with the ice and sleet. Pitt County has trucks prepared in case plowing is needed.

The roads remained pretty clear after the snowfall, but the GPD did receive a significant amount of accident calls on Tuesday due to the heavy snowfall blocking drivers' views.

"We encourage people to use extra caution if they absolutely must drive, particularly on bridges because they ice first. Slow down and leave extra time to get where you are going."

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roughly 58,000 adults and 38,000 children have received cochlear implants.

"The good thing about human patients is that the experiments [are] noninvasive. We will be looking at physical properties of the stimulus. It is about perception," said Zhou.

Elements of research will include psychophysical methods and studying the relationship between physical stimuli and the sensations and perceptions they affect. Threshold measurement, among other aspects, of hearing will be collected and analyzed.

"The ultimate goal is to improve hearing in humans and while there is a correlation in the nerves of both [humans and guinea pigs], analyzing the data is quite different," said Zhou.

Zhou plans to continue studying the nature of nerve condition and

the properties and roles in cochlear implants.

"Cochlear Implants have improved dramatically over the 25 years since it first came about, from single electrodes to many electrodes," said Zhou.

Zhou arrived at the university last semester from Ohio University. Her past submissions include papers to the "Acoustic Society of America" and "Ear and Hearing."

"These papers basically are methods that we looked at to improve outcomes by selectively stimulating areas or adjusting parameters and finding ways [to] make it better," said Zhou. "There are a lot of factors and this research is continuing that line of study."

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Greenville Boulevard, are state roads and maintenance for them falls under the state of North Carolina.

"One thing a lot of people don't understand is a lot of main roads are state roads, so the state needs to take care of that," Hawley said.

Joshua Griffin, a junior biology and political science major, is glad that Greenville is salting the roads but says he worries it might not be enough.

"It is helpful but we're not very well equipped," Griffin said. "It's important to take care of our roads."

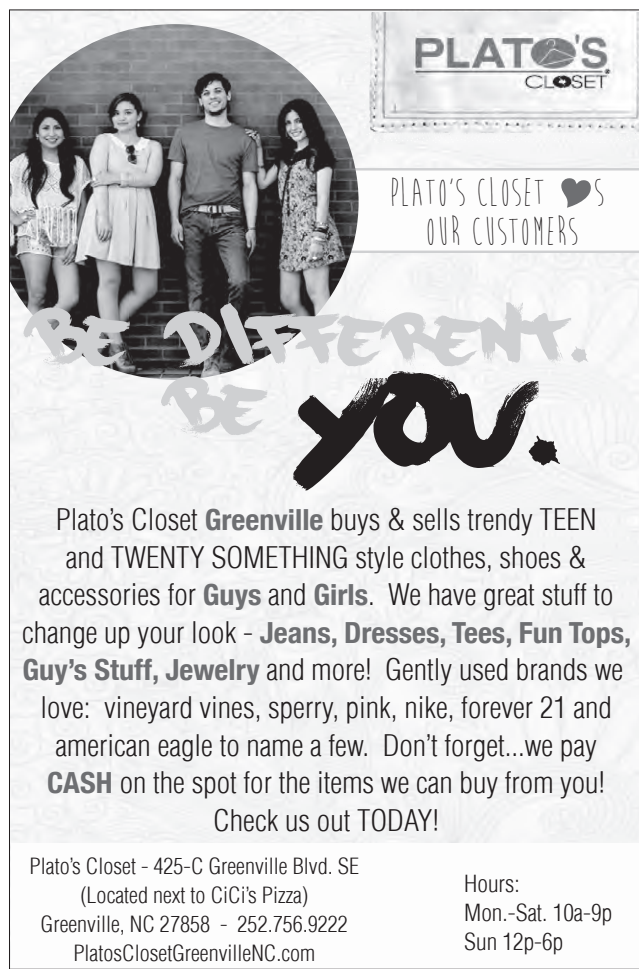
Taylor Huynh, a freshman health services management major, said she is glad Greenville is taking precaution.

"You've got to take precaution," said Huynh. "Last time we weren't prepared and we had 2-3 inches of straight ice."

Brooke Brushe, a freshman business management major, is also glad that Greenville's taking precautions.

"Whatever they can do to get rid of snow," said Brushe.

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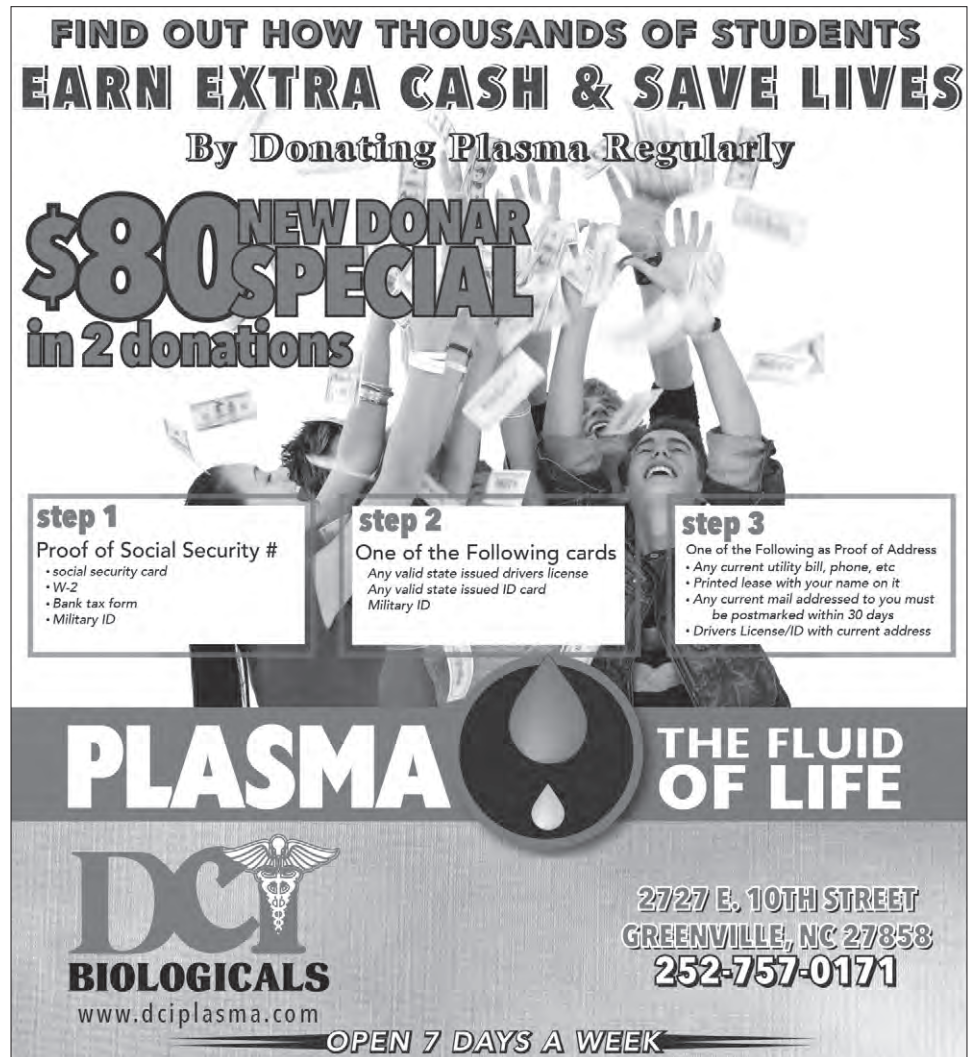
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## PIRATE RANTS

I don't know about everyone else, but I'm getting tired of this snow and ice.

Do you want to know why they call me marshmallow? Because you're a sweet potato pie and I wanna be all over you. :)

Everyone hates on Drake but a few facts: the dude has way more money than you'll ever have and pulls way more women than you ever will.

Sorry ECU, tell the snow that I don't have four-wheel drive.

Spotlight & crosswalk at Copper Beech? That's like the bridge over 10th Street. Oh wait. Enough broken Greek promises. #VoteTicket1

I don't know who it is but, y'all dudes are killing the stalls in the bathroom. Next thing y'all know your going to be unleashing fecal matter on the walls.... get a grip.

ECU needs a double-decker bus with how packed these things get!

I love how many people point at CEOs and businessmen when talking about income inequality. But rarely do you see anyone complain about those in the Entertainment industry who make significantly more, all while screwing up their own life through drug abuse, felonies (looks at Justin Bieber), and god knows what else.

Whoever is in charge of canceling classes on snow days: YOU CAN'T SIT WITH US!

I had a dream that ECU cancelled classes. Then I woke up.

On Wednesday we eat fried chicken.

Pretty sure that the City of Greenville are the ones who bought ALL the salt from the grocery store... I feel safe! (not)

Dear Students, I don't care if there is a blizzard outside... You better make it to class on time! Sincerely, ECU

It's bad when your parents have more sex than you do. (and you're in a relationship)

I can't believe I pay ECU to employ people to make us travel in dangerous weather.

Then, the ECU Alumnus said..."When I was your age, we had to walk 15 miles uphill both ways in the snow."

I've made a new commitment to not waste a single snow day in my life on waiting for ECU Alert.

\*Looks outside\*..."Nope, more than an inch of snow. Not doing s\*\*\* today"

I'm transferring to Hogwarts...maybe they will cancel classes if students aren't able to fly on their brooms to Potions class. Muggles suck.

Weekday baseball games are an excellent reason to get hammered on a Tuesday afternoon.

Every semester, there is always that one person, in at least one class that thinks they know everything. Shut the h\*\*\* up. No one likes you.

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# Our View

## Don't limit history to just one month

As we are in the heart of Black History Month, we hope people of all races are taking the time to learn and understand some of the notable African Americans that helped shape this country. We should all take the time to understand the history that helped shaped this country that we all call home.

However, it has come to our attention that some people may feel discouraged at the fact that Black History is limited to a month, or not more incorporated in everyday American history. While the Month long celebration is appreciated and

acknowledged by schools and people of all ages around the country, we should not limit ourselves to just one month of exploring Black history.

As an editorial staff we believe that Black History is a part of every day history that we learn from grade school all the way up into college history classes. African Americans have been vital in shaping one of the most diverse countries in the world, and we should all have a clear understanding of history for all of the races that are represented in America.

## Valentine's Day delivers pressure

### Take a Step Back



ReAnn Melaga  
TEC COLUMNIST

Love and heart-shaped balloons fill the air as Valentine's Day is making its presence known. Giant stuffed animals and bouquets of flowers can be found in almost every store along with rows upon rows of mixtures of romantic and humorous cards for that special someone. Don't forget the plethora of chocolate arrangements and other sweets people use to spoil their significant others.

For many, Valentine's Day is a holiday to look forward to and celebrate. The idea of spending large sums of money on candy and gifts is welcomed while for others, including myself, it is just another day and an excuse to dish out cash

In elementary school, Valentine's Day was something everyone could look forward to. There was no need to spend enormous amounts of money; the stress of finding the perfect gift did not cross our minds and everybody in class got something and did not have to feel left out. Unfortunately this is no longer the case now that we have grown up.

For guys, there is the pressure to find the perfect gift for their lucky lady. Most of the time this pressure comes from the girls themselves. The constant reminders and the not so subtle hints; we have tried

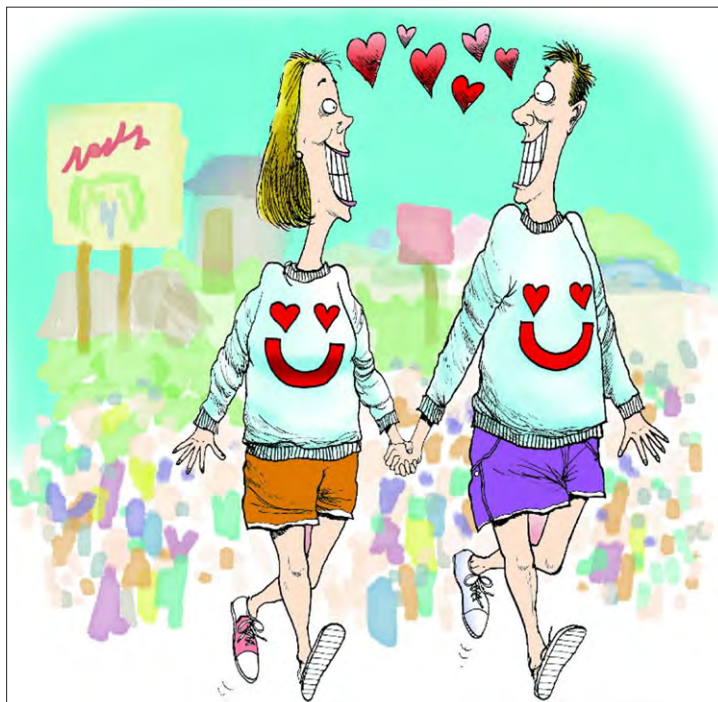
it all. Personally, I think all of the stress to buy fancy presents and arrangements of flowers is a bit much. If Valentine's Day is going to be celebrated, it should be about the people instead of the gifts.

Another negative aspect of Valentine's Day is that everyone cannot celebrate it in the stereotypical way, i.e. by going on a date or having someone to spend it with. Those who do not have a significant other or are not in a relationship might feel left out if they have nobody to go out to dinner with or to receive a card from.

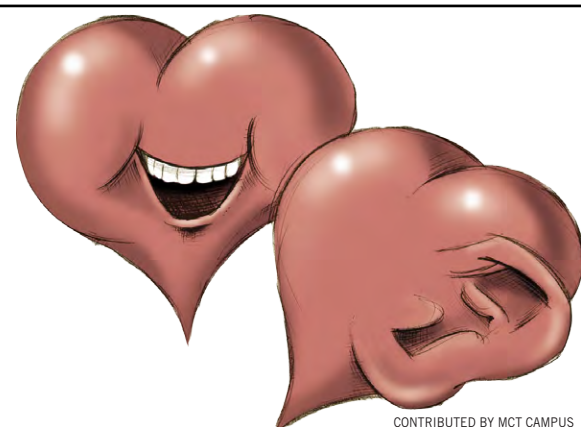
I think that society has put too much pressure on men and women to have that special someone to spend the day with. Just because someone is single does not mean they should not be allowed to enjoy the day as much as those who are not single.

If Valentine's Day is going to be celebrated, I think it should be about the relationship between the two people who choose to celebrate it instead of the monetary gifts. Forget the expensive and unnecessary stereotypes that society has attached to the holiday and make it your own, even if it means sitting on the couch watching Netflix all night.

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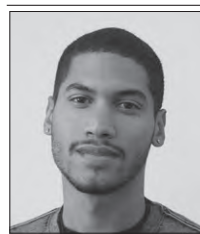
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## Love in college is a gift and a curse

### Line of Fire



Dana Morgan  
TEC COLUMNIST

Valentine's Day is either heavily revered or profoundly resented. It seems the older we get the more

significant the day becomes. It's rather shocking how instructive the day can actually be. Either you spend it merrily courting your significant other, or you're realizing how incredibly desolate your life is as you gag at all the sappy social network posts. Regardless, with Valentine's Day looming ever so closely, it only seems fitting to assess college relationships.

College is usually considered the time where you're supposed to find yourself; but what happens when you end up finding someone else? At this point, I think it's safe to say we're all aware we can't help who we love, nor can we control loves timing. Whether be it inconsistent or in the nick of time, love has its own agenda, selfishly disregarding our feelings or sanity.

It's this neglect that burdens us students whenever the situation arises. To be in a relationship you have to be prepared to sacrifice your time and efforts among other things. Commitment is a bite many can't bare to swallow at this age, for whatever reason. Or maybe the thought of giving up life as you

know it for someone who might just be 'temporary' accounts for the hesitation. Whatever the logic, the lack of loyalty is distressing.

The limitless opportunities of college are a gift and a curse, for obvious reasons. Although we all look to have the quintessential college experience, I do think it's possible to have fun while still balancing a healthy relationship. I just think it's more effort than some would choose. It's all about gains. If you find someone worth investing in, you will do whatever is needed to sustain it.

I'm not saying college relationships are frivolous endeavors, I just see significance in retrospect. Many people are in relationships with people they can't even see themselves marrying. I understand everyone is different and "special in their own way," but this never made any sense to me. If I'm investing anything in you it's because I see beneficial qualities for the future. Our generation has found a way to depreciate meaningful relationships, all the while glorifying independence.

The capacity for love is much like being a man. Age doesn't dictate it. It is a personal decision to accept whatever may result and handle it accordingly. If you find your relationship in the line of fire, it may be time to re-evaluate.

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Do you celebrate Valentine's day?  
Yes - 44%  
No - 56%

### Poll question

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# Valentine's Day Pirate Rants

# what is LOVE?

To the light skin girl riding the U. Suites bus, you are perfect. If you are single, please marry me! #VDay

Thanks for two amazing months Jess. Sincerely, your boy toy #vday

You have been my best friend for the past four years. I love everything about you. I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. You'll always be my goose (: #VDay

#VDay You are the greatest good that I'm ever going to get.

It's been over five great years with you and I can't wait to see what our future holds. #VDay #ECUSenior

To the girl who I ran into in Joyner, I tend to forget things when you are around. I forgot to ask you to be my Valentine.

This Valentine's Day I'm looking for a little Tinder, love and care.

I've got a crush on the Campus Calzones delivery guy. Be my Valentine? #VDay

valentine: I know we just met, but I really hope things work out between us because I would treat you like the African queen that you are. #Vday

Rachel Blihar you are beautiful! Marry me?! #Vday

Sven, Are you a geologist cause your body is ROCKin'. Happy 1st Vday <3

Taking my lady out to Burger King, we're gonna have it our way #VDayPlans

To my Doctor: I'll always love you more than all the stars in the universe. -Your Girl, Rose #VDay

Dear Patrick: I lurve you... and stuff. Yeah J #VDay

#VDay True love is the greatest thing in the world, except for a nice MLT.

Shae Nelson, will you be my valentine? #VDay

Valentine's Day is just another day to us, because everyday is special 2/26/11

To my #Vday To my favorite medical Pirate, leave your island and come home soon!

#Vday To my favorite medical Pirate, leave your island and come home soon!

This Valentine's Day my date is Jesus.

Three Valentine's Days together and we are officially in the Tupperware phase!

I love you Ashley H #VDay

I'd walk a thousand miles just to see you tonight, Cole!

Happy #vday Josh, love RJ



## Shooting the breeze with Shae Nelson

Corey Keenan  
TEC STAFF

It was easy to see her frustration as she shot just 1-5 against Bethune-Cookman and 4-12 against Florida Atlantic. These types of performances summarized the first half of Shae Nelson's season.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, her career high performances of late have left her with an ear-to-ear smile in postgame interviews.

"It was all about focus and preparation," said Nelson. "At first I was spending a lot of time in the gym, but it wasn't productive time or quality time that I was doing things that I needed to get things done. The more I started to focus and put in the work that was necessary to get it done, it just started to come together."

Nelson netted her ECU career high in points in back-to-back games against Old Dominion and Charlotte with 17 points.

Following Nelson's career night against Old Dominion, Coach Heather Macy said, "We know she can do this every night and we hope this is a breakout game for her."

As it turned out, Macy's hope became reality as Nelson's hot streak continued as they took to the road to face Marshall and UAB. Nelson picked up a then career high 24 points in just 21 minutes against Marshall. Then, just three days later, she did it again as she picked up 27 in the overtime win against UAB after logging just 23 minutes.

Early on in the season, the Lady Pirates looked to two explosive scoring options in Jada Payne and Abria Trice. With the addition of Nelson as a major scoring threat, the Lady Pirates attack has become much more dangerous.

"I'm very comfortable now," said Trice. "On my off days in games, I know that I have teammates to come and step up in the game and help our team win."

Trice also expressed how exciting it has

been for her to watch Nelson's game reach a new level.

"It's great to see her start to hit shots, because it's not only making her better as a player, but it's making all of us better," said Trice.

Nelson took the long road to ECU. Her collegiate career started in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) as she attended Ole Miss. After her freshman season, she transferred to Northwest Florida State College. From there, Nelson started to look for a new home for her junior season.

"I was supposed to initially go to Auburn, but things did not end up happening that way," said Nelson.

That's when ECU assistant coach Ollin Dunford stepped into the picture. Nelson met Dunford through one of her old coaches.

"Talking to him and Coach Macy made me feel like this was the place for me," said Nelson.

Given his long relationship with Nelson, his excitement for her is obvious.

"Shae has started to understand the system and that is what we want for all of our players," said Dunford. "We want them to learn their place in the system and to peak and make the most of their opportunities."

Nelson's game could not have reached this level at a better time in the season as just six games remain in the season. Three of the six games will be against top-tier conference teams - including Middle Tennessee who has spent most of the season ranked in the AP Top 25.

"It comes down to competitive greatness," said Dunford. "It's about being your best when your best is required."

Nelson and the Lady Pirates will look to continue their stellar season Saturday at home against North Texas at home.

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Shae Nelson (1) has notched a new career high in scoring each of the last four games for ECU.

## Pirate baseball takes to the diamond

### Diamond Bucs start season with JMU

Brian Wudkwyh  
TEC STAFF

ECU baseball opens up their highly anticipated 2014 campaign when they host the James Madison University Dukes for a three game set starting Friday.

JMU is coming off of a 25-30 campaign and returns four key-players from last year's team including outfielder Chad Carroll.

Carroll is the Dukes best offensive player. He is a solid contact hitter, but what sets him apart is his speed. He finished second in the nation last year with eight triples. He also hit .389 with 55 RBIs and 21 stolen bases.

Sophomore catcher Travis Watkins will be charged with keeping Carroll in check along the base paths. Watkins started 34 games last season for the Pirates and gunned down 13 base runners.

Also returning for the Bulldogs are second baseman Conner Brown, third baseman Ty McFarland and first baseman Matt Tenaglia.



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Jeff Hoffman is the opening day starter.

The trio of seniors all hit above the .300 mark for the Bulldogs and are the heart of their lineup.

Pitching wise, the Bulldogs return two starters. Junior's Michael Howerton and Patrick Toohers. Both Howerton and Toohers are

right-handers and will be tasked with matching up against ECU's strong rotation.

Chase McDonald, now graduated, provided the Pirates with power last season. With his departure, there is a gap in the middle of the lineup and Godwin will have to look elsewhere to fill the void.

If no one is able to step up and provide the Pirates with consistent power the rotation will have to carry a heavy load

The battle of replacing Jack Reinheimer at the shortstop position will be between junior college transfer Hunter Allen and freshman Kirk Morgan. Both players have seen equal reps in the preseason and it will be interesting to see who Godwin chooses on opening day.

This series could be a pitchers duel and whichever team commits the least amount of errors should have the advantage.

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### ECU has the tools to fix what went wrong last year

Josh Graham  
TEC STAFF

The ECU baseball team will begin the 2014 season this weekend at Clark-LeClair Stadium, but with snow on the ground and less than favorable weather conditions, does it really feel like baseball season?

"Weather-wise, no, but it feels like it's about time," said Pirates right-hander Jeff Hoffman.

Hoffman has garnered several accolades, which include preseason All-America honors by Baseball America and Perfect Game, after his impressive summer in the Cape Cod League. As a result, nobody was surprised when ECU coach Billy Godwin named Hoffman his Friday starter for the second consecutive year.

"Last year, I think I was really young and I didn't really understand what I was supposed to do in that role, but as I've grown and as I've

matured over the past two years, I think I've really come to realize that 'all eyes on me' kind of (leadership)," said Hoffman.

He will be on the mound when the Pirates open a three-game series against James Madison Friday at 3 p.m.

ECU also returns both its Saturday and Sunday starters, Ryan Williams and David Lucroy, from a season ago, but Godwin plans to have Williams, who was given Keith LeClair's No. 23 last weekend, come out of the bullpen this season.

"He'll be one of our go-to guys," said Godwin. "The comfort level of having a Ryan Williams come out of your bullpen, whether it's in the fifth inning or the seventh inning, that's a lot of comfort for me as a head coach."

Sophomore righty David Lucroy

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### TAKEAWAYS

**ECU GOLF**

Eric Brady and Frida Gustafsson Spang swept the Conference USA Golfer-of-the-Week awards.

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

The Pirate volleyball team has announced the signing of Sydney Darden, Nicole Higgins, Alex Jessett and Ashton Mares on Tuesday.

**MEN'S GOLF**

ECU rallied from 11th after day one to finish tied for 4th after day three.

**ECU FOOTBALL**

Terrell Stanley (DL) and Ike Harris (LT) were involved in a single car accident Wednesday morning. Both were taken to Vidant Medical.

**CHARLOTTE BOBCATS**

The Bobcats are 23-29, eighth in the Eastern Conference.

**CAROLINA HURRICANES**

The Hurricanes are fifth in the Metropolitan Division of the Eastern Conference with 61 points from a record of 26-22-9.

**SWIMMING AND DIVING**

ECU swept the Conference USA Swimmer and Diver of the Week honors as junior Lauren Chew and senior Colleen Jones were honored after the ladies' perfect season.



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# Pirate hoops hits the road

Jesse Deal  
TEC STAFF

After an impressive win against Texas-San Antonio Saturday night in Minges, the Pirates have won two of their last three games and are playing with more confidence.

ECU (13-11, 2-7 C-USA) will take on the Tulsa Golden Hurricane tonight at 8:05 p.m in the first installment of a two-game road trip. Tulsa (11-12, 6-3 C-USA) struggled earlier this season but has hit a stride in the midst of conference play. The Golden Hurricane have won eight of their 11 home games and will surely be a test for the Pirates.

Senior Akeem Richmond is seeking revenge for Tulsa's 79-72 home win against the Pirates in last season's conference tournament.

"I was telling Paris [Roberts-Campbell] and some of the other guys that we owe them for last year," said Richmond. "We're going to come out and play hard."

Tulsa's success stems from their young guards. Guard James Woodard leads his team with 14.4 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

Three weeks ago, Woodard had 16 points, as well as the go-ahead shot, in the Golden Hurricane's home win over Middle Tennessee (17-7, 7-2 C-USA).

The Pirates should be weary of Golden



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**Akeem Richmond scored 31 pts. last game.**

Hurricane forward D'Andre Wright. His 6-foot-9, 250-pound frame could pose a threat to ECU's shorthanded frontcourt.

On Feb. 6, Tulsa nearly took down conference frontrunner Louisiana Tech (20-5, 8-2 C-USA) on the road, but fell short, 66-61.

The Pirates will be Texas-bound for their matchup against the North Texas Mean Green at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

The Mean Green (11-12, 2-7 C-USA)

are coming off four straight conference losses and are tied with ECU in the C-USA standings. This game should be a good opportunity for the Pirates to notch another conference win, but nothing is certain on the road.

Junior guard Jordan Williams and senior guard Alzee Williams have been efficient for North Texas. Jordan averages 12.7 points and 6.3 rebounds per game while Alzee scores 11.8 ppg this season.

In a home match versus UAB on Jan. 23, Jordan and Alzee combined for 34 points and led their team to a 76-65 victory.

If ECU can ride its momentum and win these two approaching road games, the Pirates will move up from the lower tier of the conference ladder to the middle of the pack.

Richmond was 15-for-15 from the free throw line in Saturday night's victory over UTSA and carried the Pirates with his 31 points. Richmond has expanded his game lately by drawing fouls and getting to the charity stripe where he makes 86 percent of his attempts.

"If the defense gives me an open three, then of course I will take it," said Richmond, who has the second-most three pointers in the NCAA. "If not, I'll drive or do whatever I have to do to help this team win."

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Pirate tennis heads south

Shane Cuthrell  
TEC STAFF

The men's tennis team is coming off three consecutive shutout victories and they are one win away from surpassing last season's longest winning streak of eight matches. Their opposition today is The Citadel at 2 p.m., as they try to continue their winning ways.

ECU has momentum on its side, but The Citadel look to upset the away team and add to their own streak.

The Citadel started the season off losing their first six matches, five of which were complete shutouts, while the other was a 6-1 romping. The team was looking bad, but things turned around once February came.

The Bulldogs are 2-0 this month with wins against Benedict and Spartanburg Methodist. Both wins were Bulldog shutouts.

Even though The Citadel's record is only 2-6, they have faced higher profile opponents in the form of Florida State and South Carolina.

Arguably, the only tough school ECU has faced was the University of North Carolina, which happens to be their one and only loss of the season.

Coach Shawn Heinchon says he is excited about today's match. It will be ECU's first outdoor match of the season and he's ready to see how the Pirates stand against the Bulldogs.

"They've played a really hard schedule so far, so we're looking forward to a good test there," said Heinchon.

The Citadel's last loss was against Coastal Carolina. Ironically, ECU's next opponent is Coastal Carolina, so the match against The Citadel will certainly show how the Pirates measure up.

Saturday's match will start at 1 p.m. in Conway, S.C.

The Chanticleers have a record of 3-3; of their three losses, two were against the likes of Wake Forest and Virginia Tech.

Coastal Carolina has yet to lose a home match, which could be a tough test for the Pirates.

"That's always a very tough test," Heinchon said. "We lost to them last year at home, so we're hoping we can go down there and avenge our loss at their place."

The last time these two teams faced was March of last year at ECU's home court. Coastal Carolina defeated the Pirates 4-3.

If ECU manages to defeat the Chanticleers, then they will be one step closer to reaching their goal of becoming ranked, but first they must beat The Citadel.

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is slated as ECU's Saturday starter after he thrived in that role as a redshirt freshman last year. Lucroy had the lowest ERA (2.49) among the Pirates' weekend starters in 2013 and was second on the team to Hoffman in strikeouts (82). Fellow righty Tyler Bolton will get the nod Sunday to close the series. Bolton appeared in 10 games last season.

Drew Reynolds will be relied on again for his talents as a closer and a revered hitter at the plate. He led the Pirates with a .322 batting average and 68 hits in 2013 and has 24 career saves—three away from

setting the school record. As a result, he has been tabbed Conference USA's Preseason Co-Player of the Year along with Florida International's catcher Aramis Garcia.

Outside of Reynolds, ECU has a large hole to fill in the middle of its batting order. Chase McDonald, who led the Pirates in home runs (11) and slugging (.519), was drafted by the Houston Astros, last July.

Third baseman Zach Houchins will likely fill the void at the clean-up spot. He finished just a couple points behind Reynolds and McDonald in

batting (.317) and slugging (.513) and led the team in extra base hits (25).

"I think Reynolds, Houchins, (Ian) Townsend and (Luke) Lowery have really had good preseasons and I think they are poised to make a formidable middle of the order," Godwin said.

Another spot that needs to be filled is the middle of ECU's defensive infield. The Pirates need to replace Bryan Bass and Jack Reinheimer and Godwin said he's been impressed by freshman Kirk Morgan and junior Hunter Allen at

shortstop. Reynolds will likely be asked to play second base when he's not pitching.

The most notable matchups on ECU's schedule are its home-and-home series' with both North Carolina and N.C. State, who each reached last summer's College World Series.

"It's unbelievable. You see (local teams) having so much success and you want to be a part of that," said Hoffman. "This year we've got goals set for each other, we know we can trust each other."

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# VALENTINE DEALS AND STEALS

Jessica McGettigan

TEC STAFF

Chocolates, dinner and flowers are just a few of the many popular items purchased or received on Valentine's Day. Since it is considered one of the most romantic days of the year, many people take part in the festivities.

It is important for one to know all of the deals and specials being offered in order to make for the perfect date night. From restaurants to nightlife, Greenville is full of offers that are sure to not break the bank.

Art Avenue located downtown, will be hosting Prints Charming, a screen-printing event that will allow guests to print a design of their own onto a t-shirt. A creative way to spend the holiday with a special someone, or even some friends!

Fedora Boutique, located on Red Banks Rd, has a selection of clothing to fit the Valentine's Day theme. From dresses to handbags, Fedora can help you dress to impress for date night or girl's night this Friday.

Besides the many restaurants and boutiques, the movie theatre is a classic date night. Two new movies will be released tomorrow that will fit in with the romance theme, "Winter's Tale" and "Endless Love." Be sure to check out "The Scoop" for show times and locations.

Campus Recreation and Wellness along with Student Affairs will be having an informational table outside of Umstead Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. where students can take a picture in a photo booth with written messages to send to friends and loved ones. They will also be offering information about healthy relationships or how to celebrate Valentine's Day while single.

The Student Activities Board will be presenting "About Time," a romantic flick chosen appropriately for the holiday. It will be showing tonight and tomorrow at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 7 p.m. It is also a double feature with

"Ender's Game" to prelude on Friday and follow on Thursday.

ed and on each piece of candy there will a card with either be a free give away or a special discount. Che Bella also has many Valentine's themed outfits and accessories to choose from to create the perfect Valentine's date outfit.

Even though dinner and a movie may have ended, Valentine's Day is still going on especially at StillLife.

"This year we're going to do something different and play a little interactive game with everyone as soon as they walk through the door," said Travis Hixon, manager of StillLife.

The winners of the game could win a gift card to different restaurants around town or another sort of prize, but only if they meet their match.

"We wanted to do something where everyone can come in and interact with each other, especially the single ones that come in and want to meet people," said Hixon. The club will be decorated with red and pink lighting, and drinks that night, such as the popular Cupids Arrow Shot, will also follow the Valentine's Day theme.

Greenville will be red-hot will special deals and giveaways on Valentine's Day, whether or not you have a date. Celebrate with friends and loved ones by taking advantage of all of the amazing offers for dinner, entertainment and fashion to make this Valentine's Day sizzle.

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## FRIDAY'S TO-DO LIST MORNING



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Grab a cute Valentine's themed outfit from Fedora to start off the day.

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Then, head to Sup Dogs for a quick, fun meal and free funnel cake.

## EVENING



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Don't let the night end. StillLife is hosting a Valentine's Day themed bash.



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## TONIGHT

**Walnut Street Theatre performs:**  
**Driving Miss Daisy**  
 8 p.m.  
 Wright Auditorium

**Comedy Night**  
 8 p.m.  
 Tippy Teapot (see directory)

**SAB Films:**  
**About Time**  
 9:30 p.m.  
 Hendrix Theatre

*Ultraviolet Hippopotamus*  
*(Rock/Electronica/Progressive)*  
 10 p.m.  
 Peasant's Pub (see directory)

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## FRIDAY

**Baseball: ECU vs. James Madison**  
 3 p.m.  
 Clark-LeClair Stadium

**SAB Films:**  
**Ender's Game**  
 7 p.m.

**About Time**  
 9:30 p.m.  
 Hendrix Theatre

**Valentine SPAZZ**  
 8 p.m.  
 Tippy Teapot (see directory)

**Prom Night: Peasants by the Sea**  
 10 p.m.  
 Peasant's Pub (see directory)

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## SATURDAY

**Baseball: ECU VS. James Madison**  
 2 p.m.  
 Clark-LeClair Stadium

**Women's Basketball: ECU vs. UNT**  
 5 p.m.  
 Williams Arena at Minges

**SAB Films:**  
**The Best Man**  
 7 p.m.  
**The Best Man Holiday**  
 9:30 p.m.

Hendrix Theatre  
*Carolina Still*  
*(Country/Hillbilly/Punk)*  
 8 p.m.  
 Peasant's Pub (see directory)

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## SUNDAY

**Baseball: ECU VS. James Madison**  
 1 p.m.  
 Clark-LeClair Stadium

*Young Dems*  
 3 p.m.  
 Tippy Teapot (see directory)

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# Enjoy Valentine's Day



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When it comes to Valentine's Day, everything everywhere is decorated with pink and red, hearts and flowers. For people that have a valentine, all the decorations and lovey-dovey gifts are warming and cute. Now for the rest of you folks that are single, tomorrow is more of a Singles Awareness Day where all the love in the air is about enough to make you want to buy all the teddy bears and chocolate as bonfire fuel.

Rather than brooding over the fact that you're single on this over-worshipped and over-priced day, there is so much more you can do to enjoy your Friday. Celebrate your freedom and take advantage of the chance to focus on yourself and your friends.

## 1. CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE.

Since Valentine's Day is focused around showing love—try to emphasize the importance of everyone in your life. Call up your mom or dad and tell them how much you appreciate them, text an old friend you haven't heard from in a while and wish them a great week, or do something small for your close group of friends. Whether it's picking flowers for them, baking them something small, or even just writing a little note thanking them for their friendship, show them their value in your life.

## 2. LOVE ON THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE.

You might be alone and feeling miserable but why should this day be any different than every other day? The only real benefit of Valentine's Day is realized by companies who make little heart shaped chocolate boxes, florists who hike up the prices for this one day, or restaurants that hold romantic dinners. There's no need to be upset about saving money, right? You will have plenty of time to find "the one," so try not to feel pressured to find a random Valentine's Day date. Enjoy your single time now.

# without a Valentine

## 3. SHOW LOVE TO STRANGERS.

One of the best ways to demonstrate love is to do something nice for a stranger. Think about the little things such as telling a stranger how beautiful or handsome they look, or you could simply buy a meal for someone. Even on Valentine's Day, people love fast food. If you ask at a drive-through window for the total of the car behind you and if you can spare a few bucks, go ahead and buy their food. Seeing the smile on their face in your rearview mirror can change your whole day around. If you want to make a bigger difference, find some volunteer opportunities around town and spend your day helping people in need. Their appreciation of your love can override any negative attitudes you may experience today.

## 5. HAVE AN "ANTI-VALENTINE" CELEBRATION.

Who needs fancy dinners and flowers anyways? You aren't the only single person in town today and if you ask around, you can easily round up a group of friends who are flying solo as well. Celebrate the single life by vowing to spend the entire day avoiding the topic of relationships. Cook dinner with friends, wear anything BUT red and pink, play board games, go bowling, exercise together; get creative and find things to do that aren't focused around your love lives, or lack thereof.

## 4. CELEBRATE YOURSELF.

Since Valentine's Day is about loving one significant person in your life, make that person yourself. You'll never have to stress about pleasing someone else, and who knows you better than you? Spend your day focusing on yourself. Whether it be treating yourself to a spa day, going on a solo adventure in a nearby park, or engulfing yourself in a book, find something you love and go do it. There is no better way to celebrate the single life than loving on and reflecting on yourself, your strengths and your passions.





# THE SCENE

## >> 5th STREET DISTILLERY AND ANNEX

120 and 122 E. 5th St.  
Wednesday – Saturday: DJ

## >> A.J. MCMURPHY'S

1914 Turnbury Dr. 355-7956  
Monday: Trivia  
Tuesday: Blues night with David Dixon  
Wednesday: Mark and Kellie (Folk/Rock/Soul)  
Thursday: Karaoke with DJ Captain Morgan  
Friday: Chuck Mears  
Saturday: Stairwell

## >> BUFFALO WILD WINGS

426-N E. Arlington Blvd. 758-9191

## >> BRUEGGER'S BAGELS

109 S.E. Greenville Blvd. 321-6731

## >> CAROLINA ALE HOUSE

704 S.E. Greenville Blvd. 317-0005  
Thursday: Crazy Karaoke

## >> CHICO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

521 Cotanche St. 757-1666

## >> CHRISTY'S EURO PUB

301 S. Jarvis St. 758-2774  
Open mic night first and third Tuesday of the month  
Sunday: Live Music

## >> FIVE 19

519 Cotanche St. 752-4313  
Sunday – Saturday: DJ. Doors open at 9 p.m.

## >> HARD TIMES

211 E. Fifth St.  
Friday – Saturday: DJ

## >> LIVE

Bells Fork Square, N.C. 43 756-8474  
Sunday: House band  
Monday: Garrett Bissonette and Mike Santos  
Tuesday: Open mic night  
Wednesday: The Big Show and karaoke

## >> MELLOW MUSHROOM

2020 Charles Blvd. 565-8220  
Wednesday: Music on the patio

## >> PEASANT'S PUB

114 E. 5th St. 364-2367  
Monday: Open Mic Night  
Tuesday: Comedy Night  
Wednesday: Trivia  
Thursday – Saturday: Live music

## >> STARLIGHT CAFE

104 W. Fifth St. 707-9033

## >> STILL LIFE & TIKI BAR

511 Cotanche St.  
DJ. Doors open at 9 p.m.

## >> SUP DOGS

213 East 5th St. 752-7682

## >> THE VARSITY CLUB

113 E. 5th St. 756-6499

## >> TIEBREAKERS SPORTS BAR AND GRILL

113 E. 5th St. 756-6499  
Monday: World Tavern Poker  
Tuesday: Live Acoustic Music  
Thursday: Team Trivia  
Friday: Blake Kearney Band  
Saturday: Karaoke with DJ Captain Morgan

## >> TAVERN ON 4TH STREET

110 E. Fourth St.  
Doors open at 10 p.m.

## >> THE HALFWAY HOUSE

420 Cotanche St. 355-8265.  
Open all week: DJ.

## >> TIPSYPOT

409 S. Evans St. 413-0087

## >> WINSLOW'S TAVERN

120 W. Fifth St. 364-8921  
Tuesday: Karaoke  
Wednesday: Jazz Night

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College Sweethearts Garrett Campbell and Meredith Barker take the time to walk with each other to class. Cover photo by Katie West.

# >>>>> THE SCOOP



HAILEY PORTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Sophomore business major Shannon Carter teaches freshman biology major Joseph Chukwu a unique twist just in time for the Contra Dance being held at 7 p.m. this Saturday.

## Folk Arts Society hosts dance

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This Saturday at the Drew Steele Center, the Folk Arts Society of Greenville (FASG) will hold a Contra Dance. The FASG describes contra dancing as a “self-inflicted amusement park ride.” The Hollis Family Band, a local group, will perform live music at the dance and freshman Sarah Hollis will be

playing fiddle. The band typically plays a mix of old-time, bluegrass, and Celtic music.

The FASG is non-profit, was established in 1986 and began sponsoring dancing events such as Contra dance monthly since the 90s. Contra dance is a type of folk dance similar to square dancing, and the FASG holds a contra dance every third Saturday of the school year.

Although contra dancing is similar to square dancing,

there are small differences in the two styles. In square dancing it is common for the caller (music player/band) to improvise calls (music) on the fly, allowing for a dynamic interaction between the caller and the dancers, whereas contra dances are highly repetitive and include a variety of waltzes.

Leanne Smith, an English professor, is on the board of the Folk Arts Society here in Greenville and says no

partner or experience is necessary.

“Some of the movements in contra dancing, like circles, stars, allemandes, and swings are also elements of square dancing, but the overall group formation for contra dancing is lines,” said Smith. “In pairs of lines, couples progress ‘down the hall’ (away from the band) and ‘up the hall’ (towards the band), interacting with most or all of the other dancers in the line during a single dance.”

While walk-throughs typically precede each dance during an evening, new dancers will find the lesson (a definition session) useful, and dancers from beginner to experienced are welcome. Prior to the actual dance, retired ECU dance teacher Pat Pertalion will give a lesson.

Sophomore business major Shannon Carter has danced her entire life and is a fan of contra dancing.

“Partner dancing is always more fun than other styles of dancing because of the interaction,” said Carter. She also thinks attending the contra dance, as a valentine date would be a great idea.

Carter was asked to teach freshman biology major, Joseph Chukwu the basics of contra.

Chukwu had no prior dancing experience but was a good enough sport to try it out. At the beginning, Chukwu was less than enthusiastic about contra dancing. With such little experience, and a male mentality that dance is an art best left to females, some of the dance steps were challenging to him. However, after a little practice he began to smile and enjoy himself.

“I’m not much of a dancer, but as the dance went on I felt a little bit more confident and got to feel the joy of dancing,” said Chukwu. “Especially since my partner was so experienced.”

Carter and Chukwu both highly recommend contra dancing to the novice dancer and experienced alike.

The Contra Dance will be in Drew Steele Center at 7 p.m. this Saturday for lessons, and those not needing a lesson should arrive at 7:30 p.m. The event lasts until 10 p.m. and costs \$5 for students and seniors and \$8 for the general public.

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# CONTRA DANCING 101:

## 1.



HAILEY PORTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Shannon Carter teaches Joseph Chukwu the basic waltz stance.

## 2.



HAILEY PORTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
After getting comfortable with the basics, Chukwu and Carter try a classic dip.

# DRINK of the WEEK

## BURNIN' LOVE MARTINI

### Brought to you by Christy's Euro Pub

Freddie Wyrsh, bartender for Christy's Euro Pub brings you the Valentine's Day Drink of the Week. The red-hot martini is crafted to bring up the heat with the day of love. 72 does not condone underage consumption of alcohol. 72 asks those who legally partake in the consumption of alcohol to drink responsibly.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 oz Vanilla Vodka
- 1 1/4 oz Fireball cinnamon whiskey
- 3 oz cranberry juice

Shake well with ice  
Strain into martini glass



# Films to celebrate love

Jessica Gribbon  
TEC STAFF

## "VALENTINE'S DAY"



This romantic comedy is the epitome of "Valentines Day," although it may not be the best film. With a star studded cast including Ashton Kutcher, Jessica Biel, Jennifer Garner, Julia Roberts and Bradley Cooper, the film follows each character in their personal lives on Valentines Day to see how various types of people spend their day. Singles throw parties with their friends with the hopes of avoiding the holiday all together while others spend it with their companions. The film was released in 2011, and has since been a popular V-Day movie.

## "LOVE ACTUALLY"



This film was produced in a similar way to Valentines Day, in the sense that one film follows the lives of several people. With over a dozen main characters including Keira Knightly, Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson, Colin Firth and Emma Thompson, the cast alone is reason enough to see this film. The film follows several different couples by delving into their love lives. The characters stories are loosely intertwined throughout the film, which takes place in London around Christmas time. This film was released in 2003 at the Toronto International Film Festival.

## THE "NICHOLAS SPARKS COLLECTION"



"Winters Tale" is based on the popular 1983 novel by Mark Helprin. Opening Feb. 14, this film is the picture-perfect new love story to see. Set in a mythical New York, the film tells the tale of a burglar who falls in love with an heiress as she dies in his arms. The heiress, played by Jessica Brown Findlay, has a gift of reincarnation. Upon this discovery, the burglar, played by Colin Farrell, sets out to save her. Russell Crowe, Matt Bomer and Will Smith also make appearances in the film.

## "WINTER'S TALE"



This romance novelist has had basically all of his books portrayed in films. Sparks' most popular film was The Notebook, a whimsical love story portrayed by Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams. The story tells of the strength of love and how it can last a lifetime and beyond. A second selection is "Nights in Rodanthe" which was filmed in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Richard Gere and Diane Lane are the lead actors in the film who engage in a weekend love affair while staying at a beach-inn. Other films include "Dear John," "A Walk to Remember" and "The lucky One."

## "50 FIRST DATES"



This comedic film starring Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore and Rob Schneider was released in 2004. The film takes place in Hawaii where Sandler is your typical ladies man. His character, Henry, meets Lucy, Barrymore, and he believes he meets the girl of his dreams. He is overjoyed at his new crush until he realizes that she has short-term memory loss and forgets who he is the very next day. The film certainly has funny moments along with sad, but overall it is a perfect mix of love and comedy.

## "ENDLESS LOVE"



What could be considered the modern day "Romeo and Juliet," "Endless Love" tells the tale of a privileged girl and a charming boy whose instant connection ignites a love affair. However, it is not as magical as it seems, their affair becomes even more reckless once their parents try to keep the pair a part. This film is a remake of Franco Zeffirelli's 1981 film of the same name. Alex Pettyfer and Gabriella Wilde portray the two main characters. The film will be released Feb. 14, just in time for a Valentines Day date night.



# THE SPIN

WITH



## WZMB'S MUSIC CHOICES FOR THE WEEKEND

### "VALENTINE'S DAY"

In celebration of Valentine's Day, here are ten songs to play while enjoying the holiday of love.

1. **Miley Cyrus** – "Adore You"
2. **Mariah Carey ft. Miguel** – "#Beautiful"
3. **John Mayer** – "Gravity"
4. **Oasis** – "Wonderwall"
5. **Jhene Aiko** – "Drinking and Driving"
6. **Beyonce ft. Drake** – "Mine"
7. **Wale** – "The Manipulation Pt. 2"
8. **Alabama Shakes** – "Be Mine"
9. **Carleen Anderson** – "Maybe I'm Amazed"
10. **Dave Matthews Band** – "Crash Into Me"

### HOT UPCOMING RELEASE



#### SCHOOLBOY Q "OXYMORON"

New and improved gangsta rapper Schoolboy Q will be dropping his latest album, Oxymoron, on February 25. Oxymoron will feature Q's latest singles "Break the Bank" and "Man Of The Year." WZMB is hoping for features with the nostalgia black hippies, but is also looking forward to female artist, SZA.

### UPCOMING SINGLES TO CHECK OUT

#### 1. MACEDO "17"

#### 2. MOLASSES CREEK "My Window Faces the South"

#### 3. ANTENNAE "50 Inch Rims"

#### 4. AER "Pretty Lady (Around Me)"

#### 5. ANDREW ST. JAMES "The Lost, The Vain"

