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SGA voting week begins today

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The SGA executive council candidates are using a variety of campaigning methods to prepare for voting season starting today and going through Feb. 28.

Candidates have been reaching out to students through fliers, social media, events and showing themselves on campus to students.

"We have fliers and we have a banner to put up on the mall," said Courtney Hartman, SGA elections chair.

The university is also putting on a "Rock the Vote" event on Wednesday. The event is designed as a way to provide students another opportunity to vote. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Mendenhall Student Center.

iPads will be available at the event as a method for students to vote. However, voting can be done online on OneStop.

Students who attend "Rock the Vote" will be given opportunities to win door prizes from vendors, such as Dowdy Student stores, Texas Roadhouse and McAlister's.

"[Vendors are] acting as sponsors for this event," said Hartman. "Door prizes can be anything from a gift card to a basket."

The first "Rock the Vote" event took place last year, and this is only the second time the event has occurred.

SGA is also using social media and other online advertising methods in order to increase voter turnout.

Hartman said the current SGA and executive council candidates have been reaching out to students.

"It's our job, but it is the candidates job as well," Hartman said. "They're not going to get elected without the voters."

Hartman thinks that, in the end, students will find deciding which candidate to vote for to be difficult.

"It's really going to be a tough decision for the student body to vote for because they're all really good candidates," Hartman said.

Hartman also said that the end result would be tough on the candidates that are running.

"They all want it really badly," said Hartman. "You can tell that through their campaigns."

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BELK HALL GOES DOWN IN HISTORY



Demolition crews work on Sunday afternoon to take down parts of Belk Hall. The dorm is being torn down to be replaced by a new facility for students.

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STUDENT CHARGED

Marine murdered in crash

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

ECU student, Jackson Davies is being accused for the death of a Camp Lejeune Marine, due to a vehicle accident.

Davies, 19, hit Corey Reese, 22, on Feb. 16, and turned himself in on Feb. 19 after he was released from



Jackson Davies

the hospital. Davies made his first court appearance on Feb. 20 and is facing DWI and a felony of death by motor vehicle charges.

"We do not have all of the information at the moment, but we do know that Davies was driving and hit the victim who was walking near the car and the victim ended up on the hood of the car," said Linda Rawley, Wilmington Police

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MASTER PLANS APPROVED

Student center plans move forward

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TEC STAFF

The university's plan to build two new student centers was approved by the UNC Board of Governors on Friday, Feb. 21, and will now move on to the North Carolina General Assembly for further approval.

The board voted to recommend the \$156.3 million project be authorized by the N.C. General Assembly when it reconvenes in May, according to ECU news services.

"Now the work really begins," said Bobby Woodard, associate vice chancellor for Student Involvement and Leadership.

With the approval from the UNC Board

of Governors, the university will continue to seek student input and begin to work on a schematic design for the buildings, said Woodard. At the next Board of Trustee's meeting, the board will vote on what the outside of the building will look like.

The student centers, along with a dozen other UNC system campuses construction projects totaling \$403.1 million are set to begin in the year ahead. UNC System President Tom Ross recommended that the Board of Governors approve all twelve, according to ECU news services.

When discussing the university's projects, concerns were raised over how the project will

affect student fees. A \$425 increase in student fees will support \$128.8 million of the \$156.3 million cost. The fee will be implemented in phases over three years.

Board Member Henry Hinton of Greenville, a university alumnus, said the university currently ranks eighth in the UNC system in the amount of student fees.

"After this project, ECU will be fourth or third, and I think that's reasonable and expected because it is the second-largest campus," Hinton said.

Because of the elimination of \$133 of existing student fees, students will not pay additional fees next year.

Student fees are not wholly funding the projects. Campus Dining, Dowdy Student Stores, Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, the Parking and Transportation Office, Student Health Services and Student Recreation are contributing \$27.5 million to the project.

The student center on main campus will serve as the prime meeting space for students and will become the living room of ECU's campus according to Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

"It's that place where ideas are generated

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BRIEFS

Literacy Project

On Monday two Brody School of Medicine students will mark Read Across America Day with their initiative to improve literacy and lifestyle behaviors among Hispanic youth.

The two students, Amber Heckart and Nyira Muhirwa, are Albert Schweitzer Fellows and will be hosting their program at the Bernstein Community Health Center.

Community College Transfers

Friday, Feb. 21, the UNC Board of Governors approved a plan to ease the path of N.C. Community College graduates moving to public universities.

The revised agreement allows students to take coursework which allows them to map their paths to universities as well as offers classes of which will all transfer. All students receiving Associate in Science or Associate in Arts degrees will be able to transfer into public universities as juniors.

Kay Hagan Files for Re-election

Yesterday, U.S. Senator to North Carolina, Kay Hagan, filed for re-election to the United States Senate at the N.C. State Board of Elections in Raleigh.

After filing Senator Hagan held a press conference in which she discussed her plans of putting North Carolina first saying, "I've always stood for North Carolina first, and I always will."

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Health campus to receive new student center

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The Board of Governors approved the building of a new student center on the medical campus last Friday.

The medical center will be between 68,000 – 70,000 sq. ft. and will be located between the East Carolina Heart Center and Laupus library. It will have meeting rooms, gymnasium basketball courts and group exercise rooms, along with cardio and weight equipment.

“[Students] will no longer feel that they don’t have advantages the main campus has because it will have access to parking and transit, a student health center, a food court and rec center,” said Bobby Woodard, vice chancellor of Student Involvement and Leadership.

More food options will become available at the student center. Starbucks and The Wedge, which is located at the Laupus medical library, will move to the center. A convenience store is also planned to open.

Woodard explained that this new student center will unite the main and health campuses, and the new center will allow all kinds of health sciences students to socialize and meet together.

“This will bring the two campuses closer together and will allow collaboration



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The health sciences campus student center will house a gym, convenience store, Student Health Service office and meeting rooms.

and mingling of both the students and the faculty,” said Woodard. “Dental students will talk to medical students and medical students can talk to nursing students because when they graduate they will all be working together.”

The whole project will be

\$123 million for both centers and \$32 million for the allied health student center. Campus Dining and student fees will mostly fund the new centers. Students will be able to access to both student centers.

“There will be no increase in fees or tuition for students

next year except for out-of-state students for tuition, not student fees,” said Woodard. “In 2016-2017, there will be a slight increase in student fees... this is funded by the students for the students.”

Design plans are still being finalized and construction

plans are scheduled for

January 2015. Eighteen months is the expected construction time for the allied health student center.

“The new main campus student center will take longer because it is bigger and the location is different

and tighter,” said Woodard “Everything is set up for construction and in ground on the medical campus but here on main campus the underground is a mess with fiber optics and telephone lines.”

Future plans for expanding the medical campus include building cancer center and allied clinics, according to the 2012 ECU Master Plan, which outlines the goals and development of ECU campuses.

“The medical campus is relatively new and is still finding its culture and identity, this building will bring it together,” said Woodard. “It will provide a hub and give a connection to the campus, ultimately changing the face of the medical campus.”

Brenda Morales, a junior nursing major, said she is excited about the changes to come. “We don’t really interact much; they all have their own building, and I think part of that is because we don’t have one place where we can all meet,” said Morales. “I hate going all the way to main campus to work out, because I have to go home first and get everything, and this would save on gas. We would have everything here.”

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NEW TEACHER INCENTIVES

Governor McCrory proposes salary raise for starting teachers

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On Feb. 10, North Carolina introduced a pay raise for starting teachers.

Governor Pat McCrory, Lt. Governor Dan Forest, Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger and House Speaker Thom Tillis introduced the plan at Ragsdale High School of Guilford County. Starting teachers in the state will see a rise in pay of \$4,400 over the next two years.

This aforementioned raise has been long awaited by career-beginning teachers, along with their concerned family members and friends. Also concerned were students training to be teachers who upon graduation have shown great migration to other states to receive higher pay and jobs in more urban settings not offered by our state.

Pitt County Schools welcomes this new pay raise as an addition to a raise the county school system approved in 2013 for its starting teachers. The raise, formally approved on Jun. 28, 2013, gave Pitt County’s beginning teachers a \$650 sign-on bonus.

Junior elementary education student Sara Moore believes the increase will do good for the county.

“I think that the raise will help attract new teachers to stay in North Carolina instead of moving to another state where they would be paid more,” said Moore.

According to Pitt County Schools Spokesman Brock Letchworth, a two percent supplement for first year teachers was also included as well as an additional five percent for any educator ranked proficient on the North Carolina Teacher Evaluation Rubric after their yearly evaluation.

Dr. Beverly Emory, former Pitt County Schools superintendent, pushed this decision in an effort to avoid a teacher shortage in North Carolina.

In 2013 the North Carolina General Assembly cut \$500 million from education spending, this budget cut did not offer teachers better pay.

Sophomore criminal justice major Carson Wofford worries that this may cause a future budget issue.

“I think the raise will require a lot of money we may not have or can not sacrifice right now,” said Wofford.

Dr. Linda Patriarca, dean of the university’s College of Education sees this pay raise as North Carolina’s “first step towards becoming more

competitive in pay.”

According to Patriarca, the university alone graduates about 725-750 teachers per year. With all other UNC System universities education graduates combined, these colleges are only producing 60 percent of the teachers the state requires.

Sophomore dance major Nicole Gemmell, believes the increase will bring more teachers to the state.

“More people will be willing to become teachers,” Gemmell said. “The people who have a passion for teaching, but are afraid of not being financially stable, will pursue a teaching career.”

The \$4,400 raise is only a segment of the full plan that North Carolina Senator Kay Hagan has to improve state schools; this step will help to retain the best teachers.

In the past North Carolina ranked 25th for teacher pay. This ranking has fallen to 46th since the recession and finally the state is seeing efforts to raise the ranking, better schools and pay teachers better salaries.

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and plans are developed and hopefully executed,” said Hardy.

A new parking garage will house 700 new parking spaces. The parking garage will be available for use through permits, meters and even hours when students can use it free of charge.

The 68,000 sq. ft. Health Sciences Campus student services facility is in the works to be a neutral territory where students from different health care professions can come together and learn from each other.

“Once it receives approval from the General Assembly, ECU will issue bonds to pay for the student centers. Officials said the project’s expense will not put undue pressure on the university’s debt service fee, which at \$168 per student is the 14th lowest in the statewide system,” said ECU news services.

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Some students approve of the way the SGA has reached out to students.

“I think they’ve done a good job of letting people know,” said Brent Stancil, freshman undecided major.

Voting will be for the SGA executive council as well as the SGA senate. Each candidate will be listed by the position they

are running for.

“They’re not going to be listed by ticket,” Hartman said. “It’ll be in alphabetical order by position.”

Students who vote do not have to vote for every position, but they must vote for at least one candidate.

The election results will be announced at a banquet on Friday in Mendenhall. This is the first year this banquet will be held and the

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Department public information officer.

According to Rawley, Davies continued driving after Reese was on his hood and he then hit a utility pole and a tree, which was the cause of the death of Reese.

“Investigators talked with witnesses who saw the event and some say that there was an altercation before the accident, so that information is still being taken into account,” said Rawley.

Before the accident occurred, Davies was asked to leave the Sigma Nu fraternity in Wilmington, but he did not want to leave. Reese then asked again for Davies and his friends to leave, according to The District Attorney’s Office.

After Reese asked them to leave for a second time, Davies head-butted Reese in the face and that is when Davies and his friends went to their car. Once they were in the car, Reese and other fraternity members surrounded the car. The driver panicked and left the vehicle and Davies then got behind the wheel, which led to Reese being knocked onto the hood of the car.

Davies was also injured in the wreck and was treated at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Rawley says that the investigation is still ongoing as police continue interrogations.

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PIRATE RANTS

You're responsible for teacher pay? Do N.C. a favor and pay them a bit more!

The lack of respect between professor and student is sad. The student has almost no effect on the teacher's current paycheck, yet the teacher is in charge of the student's future paycheck.

Freshmen should only be allowed to buy D passes.

Can we just have a three-page section for Pirate Rants?

Parking sucks.

Purple > any shade of blue.

Who did I cheer for when Duke and Carolina played? Shoddy construction. I hate both teams.

I'd rather write Pirate Rants than go to class.

Pirate Rants: the reason why Tuesday sucks less than Monday.

I worry about getting a real job, but then I look at those who graduated before me and realize they will hire anyone.

Did that RA really document someone for sitting in a walkway?

Professor, your jokes aren't funny. They just make us all uncomfortable.

If you are a junior in the art school and your work looks like you have not taken foundations, you may want to switch majors.

I paid for an A2 parking spot, let us all park where we live or give us all refunds.

Spring break cant get her fast enough.

I'M A SENIOR POST MY RANT.

I'm pretty sure Joyner is a library, not a meat locker. Whoever is in control of the temperature in here should be fired.

It's not about the size of the boat, but the motion of the ocean.

Super stoned in bed trying to think of a Pirate Rant, but can't think of anything.

I got to save Bubba!

It's Girl Scout Cookie season again!!!!

Does anyone actually like his or her roommates?

To the guy living above me at University Manor: you are not a DJ. Please turn your music down. And keep the domestic dispute down as well; I'm trying to watch KUWTK.

Huge thanks to the girl driving the NCC bus Friday who kept us from colliding with a car who pulled out in front of us. You know how to swerve that bus!

The first blatantly fake tan sighting occurred...spring must be here.

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Our View

Student center brings excitement

The new student center is quickly making its way through the approval process. It was recently passed by the UNC Board of Governors and is now in the hands of the North Carolina General Assembly. The \$156.3 million dollar project has the editorial staff quite excited.

We are looking forward to the new 210,000 sq. ft. facility that is accommodating all of our wants and needs as students. From the ballroom to the auditorium and the parking garage, the new student center will have many attractions that are geared

towards us as a student body. Unlike Mendenhall Student Center, this facility will have a new, more welcoming look that will be much more user friendly.

We are appreciative that the designers are continually taking ideas and requests from students in order to meet all our needs. The new facility has a lot to offer students and the parking garage will definitely help with the daily parking struggle. Though the construction may get in the way at times, we are excited about the final product of the new student center and all of its benefits to the student body.

Olympics promote peace

Taking a Step Back



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Originating in Greece nearly 3,000 years ago, the Olympic games have provided a pedestal for some of the best athletes on

the planet to showcase their talents. After their arrival in America by the late 1900s, the games instantly became the most distinguished sporting competition in the world.

Countries from all across the globe come together every two years, alternating between the Summer and Winter Olympics, to celebrate and honor their love for nearly every type of sport one could think of. Although stakes are high, the participating athletes manage to maintain great sportsmanship while setting a perfect example of different cultures being able coming together in peace.

Starting from the opening ceremonies, viewers from



This year's Winter Olympics had participants from 88 different countries.

around the world are able to see various types of cultures and different groups of people coming together. Smiles and laughs are often exchanged between the Olympians, along with the occasional "selfie" or two.

Even during competition the bond and respect the athletes share is quite clear. Whether it involves giving praise for a fellow competitor in a post-competition interview or sharing a handshake, great examples are being set for the world to see. The examples being set are ones that I think could be applied to many situations, one being great

role models for college athletes.

As with the athletes participating in the Olympics, college students are quickly immersed into a diverse pool of people and cultures. Students from various parts of the world go through the process of learning to coexist with one another.

It is very important for students to take the opportunity to educate themselves on the way that other people live, regardless of how close or far away their cultures originated. We are in college to learn and to expand our knowledge on matters that are important,

including the interaction between students of different backgrounds.

Another lesson that can be taken away from the Olympics can be found from observing the way athletes behave during their particular sporting event. It is nearly impossible to see any form of poor interaction between competitors. I am fully aware that sports are all about the competition and giving fans a good show, but not to the point where punches are thrown and players speak poorly about one another.

Even with the pressure of the world watching along with the opportunity to win a gold medal, Olympians still manage to demonstrate incredible sportsmanship for future athletes to follow in the footsteps of.

Watching the Olympics has become more than finding out who wins the gold medal. It also gives opportunity to learn about other nations along with offering a glimpse of what true sportsmanship is.

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An argument against the wiretap

Time spent arguing



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One of the great public debates of current is the role of the National Security Agency (NSA) and surveillance on the United States' citizens. Though this debate has just come to the forefront of concern in the United States, the debate itself can be traced back to the first governments that ever existed—and it has commonly been known as the Original Dilemma or Freedom versus Order. Though the arguments for and against can get rather complex and nuanced in discourse, the argument can always be reduced to two main cases.

First, the argument for Order over Freedom states that: the sacrifice of Freedom is necessary to provide Order to the state. Second, the argument for Freedom over Order states that: Freedoms of individual citizens are not worth the Order that infringing on those Freedoms would cause.

While both would seem to have their merits (and for that matter their downfalls), I would like to suggest that the sacrifice of freedom, the spying on of citizens the United States Government, is in fact more costly than at first glance. While there will be those who say that the spying is necessary because it protects our country, for example, from terrorists attacks—they should begin by asking: at what cost does order come?

The short answer is that it comes at the cost of the freedom of United States Citizens. One of the truly great things about this country through the years is the way that it has protected its citizen's freedoms, even if the relationship has been paradoxical in the past. When we begin to infringe on those freedoms we are in part making a concession by saying that the enemy has drawn us to such extreme ends as to resort to spying on our own.

By constructing a justification for such an infringement it creates a

"slippery slope," if you will, that creates precedent for the next infringement that will occur. And this is where the real problem lies—by allowing a government to interfere once like this it allows them to continually interfere. Though it is not bad now, what will occur if spying on citizens continues will be erosion? There is plenty of precedent of this and that is one of the reasons that the Bill of Rights places such great emphasis on providing those freedoms to the citizens.

In conclusion the citizen should not consider what they gain by being spied on, rather what it is that they lose. It is freedom that is paramount and should be defended with uncompromising fervor. If that doesn't convince you consider the words attributed to Benjamin Franklin when this country was just being formed, "Any society that would give up a liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both." The greatest threat to a democracy is not the people who are fighting against it, but the unchecked authority of a government.

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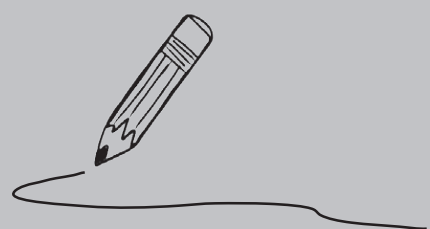
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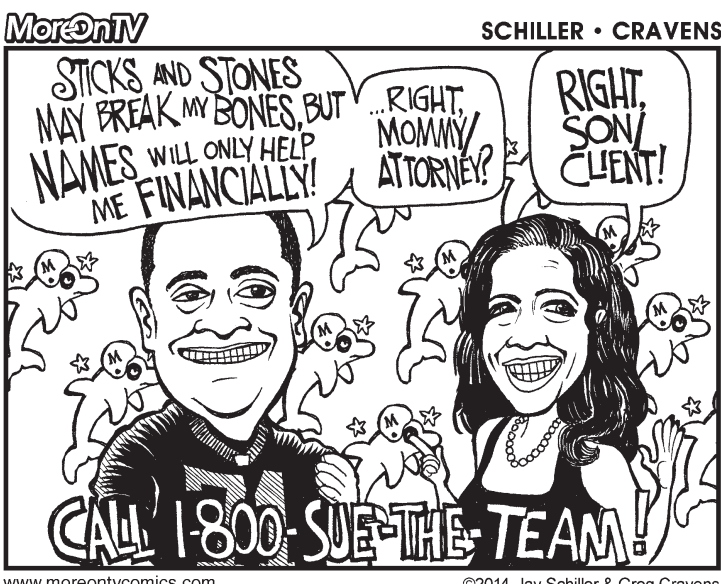


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Solution to Thursday's Puzzle

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Lunchbox staple, initially
- Handy, say
- Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
- Pakistani language
- Pakistan neighbor
- Tablecloth fabric
- Striped fish
- Dangerously sharp
- Ranch nightmare
- "Wake Up Little Susie" singer Don or Phil
- "Curb Your Enthusiasm" creator
- Next-to-last Greek letter
- Difficult turn on the slopes
- Fellows
- Cape Town's land: Abbr.
- 1983 Streisand film
- "From ___ to shining ..."
- Has-___
- Common pump choice
- Early garden
- La-Z-Boy room
- Very unpleasant, weather-wise
- Country south of Turk.
- Costly cracker-topper
- 35-Across, e.g.
- Boxer's stat
- Gnarly one on the waves
- "Beat it, kid!"
- "I'm serious!"
- "Star Wars" droid, and a hint to letters shared by 17-, 22-, 35- and 47-Across
- Eyelid trouble
- Taxi fixture
- Clothing Strauss
- Traffic sound
- Glimpse
- Lose sleep (over)
- Mario Brothers console

DOWN

- Stout servers
- Unruly kid
- Holden Caulfield creator
- Cable stations, e.g.
- Vintage sitcom stepfamily
- Vegged out
- Ambient music pioneer Brian
- Assisted through a tough time, with "over"
- Caltech grad, often: Abbr.
- Hose holder
- Race nickname
- West Point letters
- "Deathtrap" playwright Ira
- Disclose
- Suave shelfmate
- "So true!"
- Funereal piles
- Like some rye bread
- Comedian who ended his show with "... and may God bless"

By C.C. Burnikel

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 29 Make arrangements for
- 30 Raggedy dolls
- 32 Winery cask
- 33 Baltimore daily
- 34 Cry from a flock
- 36 Loved to pieces
- 37 Scuba spot
- 38 Come after
- 43 Gossip fodder
- 44 Vinyl record feature
- 45 Cleverly skillful
- 47 "Here, piggies!"
- 48 "It's open!"
- 49 Imprecise cooking measure
- 50 Pool or polo
- 51 Raw rocks
- 52 Web address opening
- 54 Harp kin
- 55 Strong urges
- 57 Pixie

Student directs Spazz Fest film

Brooke Rowe
TEC STAFF

A documentary filmed by an ECU student in Greenville's annual music festival Spazz Fest, will be shown tonight at 8 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre. The 35-minute documentary "Spazz Out!" by Evan Kidd explains the history behind Spazz Fest and captures the lively and hectic atmosphere of the music scene. Spazz Fest began as a series of performances by artists across the state and country in the living room of Jeff Blinder, the creator of the festival, who would push his furniture against the doors and windows to create more sound insulation.

With no real name for his living room venue, he went with The Spazz House, drawing inspiration for the now-closed music venue, The Spazzatorium.

"Spazz fest to me is a celebration of what we have in Greenville and what you can do if you really put your heart into it," said Blinder. "It's about a community trying to bring all kinds of people and genres of music together at the same time."

As more bands asked to join in, Blinder's living room became too small and too loud. For the past four years, he has hosted a weekend festival of concerts at multiple venues such as The Topsy Teapot, Peasant's Pub and Christy's Europub.

The remaining profit from last year's Spazz Fest IV was used to help support and cover treatment for a musician, and friend, of Blinder who was diagnosed with cancer. Blinder intends to continue contributing the generated profit from future Spazz Fests to musicians and venues that give back to the arts community in Greenville.

"It's a really unique atmosphere of music and art and creativity all coming together for a greater good," said Kidd, the 21-year-old filmmaker for "Spazz Out!" "I love music but it's cool to see them use it as a vehicle to make a big change in some peoples' lives. I'm a drummer myself but I do more filming than drumming nowadays."

Filming has been a lifelong interest for Kidd, a senior majoring in cinematic arts and media production, who said he was always stealing his parents' camera as a kid until he bought his own in high school.

After playing around with his new camera and taking a few video courses, he knew he wanted to work with film for the rest of his life.

"The biggest thing about being a filmmaker is you get to tell stories that aren't always around but you get to subtly put a little of yourself in there and get other peoples' stories out," he said.

"It's a neat way to express yourself I would say."

Though the festival lasted only three or four days, Kidd began filming about a month in advance.

With the events being stacked on top of one another, Kidd needed help from fellow senior and cinematic arts and media production major Brian Korff.

"It was just me and Brian out there with a camera and people were very interested in the documentation process," said Kidd. "It was really hectic for me as a filmmaker because I was trying to get a quick interview with the bands and they would say 'give me five minutes' but I'd have to be somewhere else in five minutes."

Kidd has been going to Spazz



Evan Kidd, the director of "Spazz Out!" is showing his documentary on Spazz Fest tonight in Hendrix Theatre at 8 p.m.

Fest since arriving to Greenville as an ECU freshman, but looks forward to taking it all in as just a fan this year.

"Knowing me, I'll probably find a way to bring out my camera and do something, even if it's just take pictures," he said.

The tradition continues this year with Spazz Fest V, held March 20-23. More information for this year's festival is available on the Facebook event page Spazz Fest V.

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Japanner, a Brooklyn duo, will be performing during Spazz Fest in March.

'Master of marimba' visits

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Friday evening, Fletcher Music Hall featured the musical talents of Andy Harnsberger, from Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. This was one of 40 recitals at college campuses that Harnsberger will play this year. Out of the countless options, Harnsberger's instrument of choice is an odd one: the marimba.

Harnsberger is an assistant professor of music at Lee University and has been the Director of Percussion Studies since 1997. Harnsberger received his doctorate in Musical Performance and Literature from Eastman School of Music in Rochester NY. He has been a featured artist at several festivals, worked with several reputable symphonies, and was applauded by Percussive Notes Journal as "a master of musical nuance."

If you don't know what a marimba is, just picture the mix of a really big xylophone and a piano. It consists of different sized wooden blocks that are arranged like a piano keyboard - shorter blocks produce higher tones and longer blocks produce lower notes. These blocks are hit with wooden mallets to produce tones. There is also a system of tubes underneath the blocks that amplifies the sound.

Just to add to the complexity, the marimba is played with two mallets in each hand, requiring a substantial amount of coordination. Some marimba players even use three or four mallets in each hand to create chords or melodies. This produces a sound unlike any instrument that I have ever heard.

The upper notes sound light and airy, very latin-esque, while the low notes resonate with an almost haunting beauty.

This ethereal mix allows the expression of several emotions to be interwoven by a skilled player.

The instruments tranquility was contrasted by Harnsberger's energy throughout the night, as he unleashed a barrage of notes at the audience. While behind his marimba, Harnsberger exudes confidence. While playing, the look on his face is one of intense concentration that slowly melts into a playful grin as his mallets dance down the boards.

Harnsberger has the skill level that he can personify his emotions through his instrument, and make his audience feel. His program was truly an impressive display of coordination and musicality.

His performance consisted of six compositions, most of which Harnsberger composed himself. One piece, entitled "Palmetto Moon," was accompanied by students Nick Nichols, Max Braunstein and Jonathan Fick. The students played an eclectic mix of instruments ranging from bells and muted cymbals to tuned wine glasses.

Before each piece, Harnsberger would take the time to explain the songs themes, and demonstrate a broken down selection to describe what influenced that particular song. Harnsberger says demonstrating sections helps "keeps the audience from being overwhelmed."

Some pieces were dark and foreboding, others were light and uplifting. Some pieces were slow, others were a frenzy of notes. Harnsberger covered every aspect of human emotion throughout his performance.

School of Music's Jonathan Wacker said that last time Harnsberger was here was 14 years ago, when he graced the stage at Fletcher with "a breathtaking performance." Harnsberger



Dr. Andy Harnsberger is a highly praised world-class marimba musician.

actually auditioned to attend ECU's School of Music for both his bachelors and masters degrees, but later, decided to attend Virginia Commonwealth University.

Harnsberger plays several other percussive instruments, however, it wasn't until he got to VCU that he started playing the marimba.

"I fell in love with the instrument when I started playing it," Harnsberger said. "In school, I had this teacher tell me I couldn't make a living playing marimba. Not that I set out to prove him

wrong, but I kind of did."

Throughout his career as a musician, Harnsberger has traveled to every corner of the world behind his marimba. Harnsberger says the best part about being a musician is getting the chance to perform.

"Every time I get on stage it is a brand new memorable experience for me. Its a gift that I get the opportunity to share my music with an audience."

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TECH-VERSE

A surge in app reliance

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In 2013, Apple users spent \$10 billion on apps alone. Whether students are playing Candy Crush Saga or checking the latest tweets on their Twitter feed, apps have become a part of people's daily routines.

Most students said not only are they finding themselves consumed in apps but also they have multiple apps running at once on their phones.

Today you can download anything from games and social media networks, to calorie counters and date finders. Like the 2009 iPhone 3G commercial says: "There's an app for that."

Students are checking their apps in class, while working out in the gym, even when out to lunch with their friends. Ironically social media and other types of apps seem to be making society less social.

Students say it has become the norm to be on their phones when they're out with their friends.

"It's a good go-to in an awkward situation," said AJ Rhimes, sophomore.

Rather than asking for directions or where a good place to eat is, today's society can download a GPS app or an app that shows us where the best restaurants near us are located.

The time students spend on their phone playing apps varies, but the majority says that they spend at least 5-7 hours each day using apps on their phones.

Our smartphones and these apps allow us to connect to the rest of the



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Many student are becoming reliant on their smart phones and applications that they could be missing life beyond the screen.

ADDICTION continued from A5

world in numerous ways.

Social media apps such as Twitter and Facebook have continuous feeds that people check throughout the day. Students say they use these networks to stay updated with what is going on around them.

"I can see what all of my friends did that day just by scrolling through a feed," said Lauren McNeal, hospitality management major.

In the app "Find My Friends" users can see the exact location of where their friends are who also have the app downloaded on their phone. This and other similar apps allow us to know what

is going on without even talking to a single person.

The latest popular app that students have been playing, "Flappy Bird" — created last summer — was taken off from the app store by the creator.

People can no longer purchase the app unless they downloaded it prior to its removal.

The creator of the app, Dong Nguyen, tweeted, "I am sorry 'Flappy Bird' users, 22 hours from now, I will take 'Flappy Bird' down. I cannot take this anymore."

After the tweet he received numerous threats and backlash from Twitter

users wanting the game to stay available. Since the app was taken down people worldwide have been selling their phones for a substantial amount of money to people wanting a phone with the Flappy Bird app on it.

What is it that makes these apps so addicting? For social media apps students say it is the convenience.

"Your phone is on you 24/7, it is all right there," said Connor McKenna, sophomore communication major.

Because these apps are so accessible it is easy for students to be on their phones all day. Other students say they don't want to be out of

the loop on what everyone else is doing.

When it comes to the apps that are games most people say it is the thrill of the competition, who can get to the next level or score the most points amongst their group of friends.

"I think it's the reward system that makes it so addictive, the feeling you get after finally beating a level after hours of trying," said McNeal.

For whatever the reason, people are downloading, and app stores are making money.

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450TH BIRTHDAY

Shakespeare celebrated

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Over the next three months, the university's English department will be celebrating Shakespeare 450th birthday with the series "Shakespeare 450."

Professors in the English department have been organizing this series that includes lectures about Shakespeare and his play as well as performances of the Shakespeare inspired play "Return to the Forbidden Planet."

Thomas Herron with the English department, said, "The goal is to celebrate Shakespeare in his own time, as well as today, not just in North Carolina but America as a whole."

According to Dr. David Wilson-Okamura, an English professor, the high point of the series will be Dr. James S. Shapiro's, a Columbia University professor, lecture discussing Shakespeare in America. His lecture will occur on Mar. 27 at 7 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

Shapiro is the author of several books, such as "A Year in the Life of Shakespeare: 1599" and "Contested Will: Who Wrote Shakespeare." Shapiro is the Larry Miller Professor of English and comparative literature at Columbia University in the New York City.

Written by playwright Bob Carlton, "Return to the Forbidden Planet" is a musical inspired by Shakespeare's play "The Tempest."

The play will include

1950's and 1960's musical numbers. This modern twist on Shakespeare's play will run from Feb. 27 to Mar. 4 in McGinnis Theater and will be \$15 to the public and \$10 for children and current university students.

"Shakespeare plays after 400 years are still funny," Wilson-Okamura said. "So much about Shakespeare, seeing it on stage, you still get it. It is still funny."

In addition to the play many other events will take place through the "Shakespeare 450" series

Dr. Kelli Marshall of DePaul University will visit the campus on April. 7. She will be giving a lecture about Shakespeare and contemporary culture. This lecture will be held in Bate Building's Room 1031 at 5 p.m. and is a free event open to the public.

On April. 23, the university's Downtown Dialogues on the Humanities will host a birthday party for Shakespeare. It will take place at the Greenville Museum of Art at 5 p.m.

"We don't want to just reach the students, we want to reach beyond the students; for everyone to give Shakespeare a second chance," Wilson-Okamura said.

As well as all the events going on around campus, university Shakespeare professors will be visiting local high schools to share information about Shakespeare.

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ECU swept in Charlottesville

Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

Things didn't go the way the Pirate Baseball team had hoped they would when they traveled to Virginia this past weekend to play the top-ranked Cavaliers.

After a 6-2 loss to UVA on Sunday, the sweep was complete. Virginia proved to be too tough of an adversary for the Pirates, and with a lineup loaded with veteran stars, ECU was unable to match their firepower.

ECU starter David Lucroy looked as if he was going to bounce back from a rough season debut in which he went two innings and allowed four runs against James Madison.

Lucroy got to the third inning allowing three hits and no runs, but from there, it went downhill. Lucroy didn't make it out of the third as he allowed four runs and five hits in the inning before eventually being spelled by Ryan Williams.

The Pirates were never able to bounce back after falling behind and Lucroy was charged with the loss.

Saturday and Friday's games were much of the same for the Pirates. Their offensive woes were exploited by the deep Cavaliers rotation.

Josh Sborz took the mound for the Cavaliers in the second game of the series and pitched five innings of shutout ball. Sborz kept the hitters off balance all day with his curveball.



The ECU pitching staff was decent at UVA over the weekend, but the Pirate bats failed to give them any insurance.

The Pirates were shutout in that game, losing 4-0. They were able to muster seven hits in the game, but they were all scattered.

"We just couldn't string anything together," said Head Coach Billy Godwin after their game-two loss. "Credit them, they have a pretty good pitching staff."

Reid Love toed the rubber for

ECU in his first start for the Pirates. Love went four innings, allowing five hits and two earned runs while striking out four.

"It was his first start in a (Pirates) uniform," said Godwin. "I thought he was a little amped up early and elevated some balls, but I thought it was a solid start."

Brett Mabry and Nick Durazo

came in to spell Love and allowed just one run.

Friday's game-one contest was the most anticipated of the series as Pirate ace Jeff Hoffman took the mound to face the Cavaliers loaded lineup.

Hoffman held his own and proved why he is a top-prospect. He went six and two-thirds innings,

striking out six and allowing three runs.

Despite Hoffman's best efforts, the ECU offense was unable to muster much of anything offensively on their way to a 3-2 loss.

Hoffman was charged with the loss as his Cavalier counter-part Nathan Kirby earned the win, going six and one-third innings and holding the Pirates to two runs on four hits.

The Pirate lineup was able to manufacture only 17 hits in the series. Third baseman Zach Houchins had four of those hits and extended his hitting streak to ten games, while first baseman Luke Lowery extended his streak to seven.

The Pirate bullpen was also very active in this series with Ryan Williams being their go-to guy. Williams saw time in game one and two of the series as he went six and two-thirds innings and allowed two runs.

ECU returns to action on Wednesday when they host VCU before turning their attention to the 11th annual Keith LeClair Classic.

The Keith LeClair Classic, named after the late ECU Head Coach and player Keith LeClair, is held in Greenville annually. Western Kentucky, Pittsburgh and Ohio State are slated to face the Pirates this weekend in the classic.

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Pirates take three of four in Florida

Wayne Melvin Hall Jr.
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A walk-off victory in Sunday's final game was icing on the cake on an a relatively successful weekend of competition for Pirate softball. The Lady Pirates' (8-4) matchup against the Fairfield Stags (1-2) was all pitching as Pirate junior Sarah Christian and Fairfield pitcher Lauren Falkanger both drilled zeroes into each team's run total for five straight innings.

It wasn't until early in the sixth that either team to made any headway. Fairfield found the chink in Christian's armor first as Christian allowed multiple runners on base for the first time all evening.

Shortly thereafter, a Fairfield runner would go on to score, putting the Stags up for the first time in the game. Their celebration was short-lived however as senior first baseman Jordan Lewis later hit a three-run shot to put ECU up 3-1.

Early in the seventh, the Stags came marching back to retake a 4-3 lead against the Lady Pirates, but their efforts were for naught. After Mitchell hit a triple that led to a 4-4 tie, the speedy Texas Tech transfer

Shelby Johnson worked a single and stole her 11th base of the season.

Johnson's partner in crime, Kristi Oshiro later drew a walk that set up redshirt junior Abby Wynne for a deep shot that drove Johnson home for the game-winning run.

The Lady Pirates' earlier matchup against (2-7) Delaware had more scoring but less nail biting as ECU breezed by the Fighting Blue Hens, 9-1. The Pirates put on an absolute onslaught as they blasted the Hens for 12 hits and eight RBI's in 31 plate appearances.

The game belonged to Sarah Christian who faced 27 batters, allowing only one run off of three hits to compliment her six strikeouts through seven innings of work. Senior Chelsea Kaluhiokalani-Glackin also had things going as she went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two stolen bases. Jordan Lewis filled out a stat sheet, going 2-for-3 with another home run, three RBI's, three runs and two stolen bases.

The Lady Pirates' first game of the tournament came down to a wish and a prayer as they beat an (1-1) Albany team, 7-6 in their Friday evening contest. The Pirates

started off red-hot, scoring five runs in the game's first inning, while tacking on two more runs later in the fourth. These were the last runs the Pirates scored however. With pitching and defense breaking down late, ECU surrendered six unanswered runs starting in the fifth and lasting early into the sixth as the Pirates had no answer. It took Sarah Christian reentering late into the game to finally put the contest on ice.

Nerves may have been shot as the ladies went into their second contest against 19th ranked South Alabama. The only score for the Pirates came off of an Alex Fieldhouse home run. The Pirates failed to muster any real offense as South Alabama's 6-1 victory brought an end to the Lady Pirates' previous four-game winning streak.

After a brief road visit, next Saturday the ladies will begin an eight-game home stand. They play host to Head Coach Beth Keylon-Randolph's alma-matter, Tennessee Tech in a weekend double-header.

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Alex Fieldhouse (12) and the Lady Pirates took three from Albany, Delaware and Fairfield respectively before falling to nationally-ranked South Alabama.

<p>Tuesday 2/25 (Away) Baseball VCU 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday 2/26 Women's Basketball Middle Tennessee State 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday 2/27 Men's Basketball UNC Charlotte 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday 2/28 Baseball Western Kentucky 5 p.m. Women's Tennis (Away) App State 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday 2/29 Swimming & Diving C-USA Championships Final Day Atlanta, GA</p>
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CALENDAR

TAKEAWAYS

ECU BASEBALL
ECU dropped all three games of its weekend series against top-ranked Virginia. The Pirates play away at VCU Tuesday at 3 p.m.

ECU SOFTBALL
The Pirates came away with a 3-1 record after competing in the Diamond Citrus Classic last weekend. Two games were cancelled due to weather.

ECU MEN'S BASKETBALL
The Pirates defeated Louisiana Tech and Rice at home last weekend. They take on UNC Charlotte for ECU's regular season home finale Thursday at 7 p.m.

ECU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
ECU dropped both road matchups against UTSA and UTEP last weekend. The Pirates look to extend their 26-game home winning streak against Middle Tennessee State Wednesday at 7 p.m.

NASCAR
Driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. (88) won Sunday's 56th Annual Daytona 500. Denny Hamlin (11) and Brad Keselowski (2) finished second and third respectively. Next race: Phoenix, AZ, Sunday at 3 p.m.

ECU MEN'S BASKETBALL
ECU announced on Monday that Head Coach Jeff Lebo's contract has been extended through the 2020-21 season.

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Richmond makes history in win

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

The Pirates (15-13, 4-9) survived a second half surge by the Rice Owls (7-19, 2-11) on Saturday and won their second consecutive game in Minges Coliseum, 67-55.

It was a contest consisting of three main scoring runs, the first and third of which belonged to ECU.

Senior guard Akeem Richmond was the star of the show early on with four three pointers that fueled a 29-4 Pirate run in the first 12 minutes of the game. At the 6:30 mark, Richmond buried his fifth trey of the night and became the all-time three-pointer leader in ECU history.

Richmond passed former Pirate Lester Lyons' record with the incredible achievement of 230 three pointers in only 63 games. He finished the game with 23 points, four assists and three rebounds.

"I told myself this morning that I was going to break it; I only needed five," Richmond said. "I was really focused when I went out there tonight."

By halftime, Rice had clawed back into the matchup and narrowed ECU's lead to 40-24. The Owls' resurgence continued well into the second half of play in the form of a 15-0 run that held the Pirates scoreless for almost eight minutes.

With 9:46 left in the game, Rice reduced ECU's once prominent lead to 46-44. Akeem Richmond responded with a jumper that seemingly gave the Pirates momentum to outscore the Owls, 22-11 from that point on and win the contest by 12.

Sophomore forward Michael Zangari was once again a main contributor to ECU with 17 points and seven rebounds. He showed his ability to draw fouls and convert from the charity stripe as he went 9-for-12 from the free throw line.

Zangari did his best to defend Rice's freshman forward Sean Obi, who led the Owls with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Sophomore point guard Prince Williams had his third straight double-digit effort with a stat line of 10 points, five assists, and a team-high eight rebounds.

"I did like our energy and I liked our enthusiasm coming after a big game," said ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo. "That was a good win for our team. We were up 16 at the half and then had a bad start but finally got some confidence to finish off the game," Lebo said.

The Pirates had a surprising 75-68 home victory over the talented Louisiana Tech Bulldogs (22-6, 10-3) Thursday night.

ECU snapped the Bulldogs' four-game winning streak and dropped them to second place in Conference USA.

Freshman Caleb White started a 12-0 Pirate run with 14:33 left in the first half. White led all scorers in the game with 21 points as well as five rebounds.

ECU maintained its lead and had a 36-27 edge at halftime due to a jump shot by Prince Williams that rattled in at the buzzer. Williams was incredibly effective with 15 points, eight assists and five rebounds.

The key to the Pirates' success was the spectacular play of Michael Zangari, who had a season-high 15 rebounds and nine points. He was all over the glass and allowed the Pirates to equal the Bulldogs' rebounding efforts.

While Louisiana Tech never led ECU in the second half, the Bulldogs kept the game close when their 6-0 run made the score 68-66 with 1:50 left. The Pirates proceeded to score seven free throws within the final minute and held the Bulldogs to only one basket.

The Pirates will attempt to get their fifth win in an eight-game stretch when they challenge the Charlotte 49ers (14-12, 5-8) on

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Senior guard Akeem Richmond (1) has made more three-pointers than any Pirate before him in just two seasons. He was able to break the record in a win. DREW CARTER/ THE EAST CAROLINIAN

WOMEN'S BBALL

Ladies drop two straight on the road

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

The ECU women's basketball team just completed its longest road trip of the season, both in terms of miles traveled and success on the floor (or lack thereof).

ECU lost back-to-back games for the first time this season – by a combined eight points – at Texas-San Antonio and UTEP last week after entering the trip on a five-game winning streak.

The Pirates' (21-5, 9-4 Conference USA) achilles heel in both losses was undoubtedly foul trouble. In its 61-60 loss to UTSA last Thursday, ECU's starters Janesha Ebron and Ondrea Shaw each fouled out, while two other players finished with four personals. As a result of ECU's 31 fouls, the Roadrunners attempted 42 free throws and made 27 of them.

It didn't get much better for the Pirates

against UTEP. Saturday night's clash in the Don Haskins Center, which featured two teams tied for third place in C-USA standings, had 11 ties and seven lead changes, but once again, ECU couldn't get out of its own way.

The Pirates committed 28 fouls – leading to 30 points at the foul line – and had 32 turnovers, which resulted in 34 points off turnovers to seal their fate. UTEP survived to win on its home floor, 81-74.

ECU saw all of five of its starters get charged with at least four fouls with Ebron and junior shooting guard Abria Trice fouling out.

"Obviously, it was a tough trip to Texas. Now, the key is a response to it," said ECU coach Heather Macy. "We really hadn't been playing well, but the foul trouble just continues to be an mounting problem and our depth is going to have to step up and play big minutes and big stretches during the game."

However, it wasn't all negative, though. Despite Ebron being disqualified for the second consecutive game, she still tied her career-high in assists (9) and grabbed seven rebounds in 31 minutes.

In the midst of ECU's foul troubles, Shae Nelson poured in a team-high 21 points off the bench against UTSA and joined freshman J'Kyra Brown as the team's leading scorers

against UTEP with 16 points. Both Nelson (4-8) and Brown (3-6) shot 50 percent from three-point range against the Miners.

ECU returns home this week for arguably its biggest test of the season. C-USA's preseason favorite to win the league, No. 24 Middle Tennessee State (23-4, 12-1 C-USA), visits Minges Coliseum Wednesday at 7 p.m.

"They are going to be a big challenge for us. They are a lot bigger than we are, they do a great job of getting it inside and then they got really, really good three-point shooters. This will be the first top 25 team we face this year, so we're really looking forward to the challenge," said Macy.

MTSU's top player, senior forward Ebony Rowe collected her 22nd double-double of the season (12 points, 15 rebounds) in route to a 48-46 victory against Charlotte Saturday. Rowe has been tabbed C-USA's Player of the Week four times this season.

Not to be forgotten, ECU still own America's second longest home winning streak (26) heading into the matchup. Its last home loss was Nov. 17, 2012 against the College Charleston. The game will be broadcast on WZMB 91.3 FM at 7 p.m.

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MEN'S BBALL

Coach Lebo inks two-year extension

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ECU Athletic Director Jeff Compher announced on Monday that the University's Board of Trustees approved a decision to extend basketball Head Coach Jeff Lebo's contract by two years, securing his position through the 2020-21 season.

"This contract extension represents a strong statement of support and commitment for Coach Lebo and our men's basketball program," Compher said. "We believe Coach Lebo is well on his way of transforming our program, and it could not be happening at a more important time as we transition into the extremely competitive American Athletic Conference. He has brought balance to East Carolina Basketball with a championship mindset, both on the court and in academic achievement."

Despite suffering a multitude of personnel departures and injuries, Lebo has managed to guide the Pirates to a 15-13 record. If ECU

finishes above .500, it will be the first time since it reeled off four in a row from 1993-97.

Furthermore, he is the first ECU coach to win 15 or more contests in his first four seasons, and most impressively he guided the Pirates to a championship in the CollegeInsiders.com Postseason Tournament (CIT) last season.

"ECU and Greenville are home," Lebo said. "My family and I feel blessed to be at such a wonderful place. It is the people who truly make a place special and I couldn't be surrounded with better players, staff and administration. I would like to express special appreciation to Chancellor Steve Ballard, Director of Athletics Jeff Compher, Executive Associate Athletics Director Nick Floyd and Athletics Director Emeritus Terry Holland. I greatly appreciate the faith and support they've shown me since my arrival at ECU."

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