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SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

Fraternity bans pledge system

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Fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon recently banned the pledging process nationally for incoming members and has shortened the new member period.

Brad Cohen, SAE's chief executive, made the decision on March 9 at SAE's Founder's Day when he stated that the previous way

of becoming a member no longer exists. According to the university's Director of Greek Life Keith Tingley, the new pledge process takes place within a 96-hour long period. Men are given bids and must be initiated as full members within that time period.

Tingley said that the basic premise behind new member periods, known as pledge

periods, is for a new member to not only learn about the organization they are committing to but also for the new member to acclimate to being a fraternity member. There will no longer be a six to eight week pledge period.

"Given SAE now has a 96-hour window, they are going to have to be sure they know each member they are extending bids too

in greater depth than what was required previously," said Tingley.

According to Tingley, this decision is in response to several incidents that have happened across the country in which

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Visitor speaks about hardship

Byron Goodwin
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students flooded into Wright Auditorium yesterday evening to witness Mary "Mo" Isom's visit to present her lecture "Living Boldly."

Last night Isom, who tried out for the placekicker position for the Louisiana State University football team and was the college's All-American soccer goalkeeper, provided a testimony of her own life and spoke on overcoming adversity and embracing leadership principles.

As scheduled, Isom's lecture began shortly after 5:30 p.m. She began the evening by explaining that she wanted to tell her story by way of a mosaic.

She touched on the title of her lecture in describing how to "live boldly."

"A massive way to do so is moving through life and not see the masses and focus on what we're doing, but to see the people, who they are, and their desires."

The Georgia native began painting her mosaic through telling of her upbringing with two parents who supported her in all her endeavors

Isom grew up in Georgia. Growing up there, she modeled, participated in pageants, had acting roles and played soccer.

"Life has been a roller coaster," Isom said as she began to tell of the eating disorder that plagued her high school life.

"It started out as very vainly not



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Isom told stories of her eating disorder, near-death crash and her father's suicide. She used her stories as examples of overcoming difficulties.

wanting to be the huge girl... began as anorexia... evolved into bulimia then evolved into a combination of both."

She explained that these changes came partially from her

desire to have control of her life.

Many nods of agreement could be seen throughout the auditorium, and Isom acknowledged them by graciously thanking the students

for being there to listen.

One night during her Christmas break of freshman year at LSU, her dad did not come home. Without much explanation, Isom's mom told her and her sister that they needed to search for her father. Isom later learned that her father left her mother a voicemail that said, "I just need to drive around and clear my head, I love you guys."

Isom's father, who she affectionately referred to as Fat Tarzan, was found dead the next morning. The news was given to her, her mother and sister as they stood in her father's office.

"My dad, my best friend, 'Fat Tarzan'" Isom said, as she told the audience of her visit to the morgue that day to see her father who had shot himself in the chest.

Weighed down by her father's death, during Thanksgiving 2009, Isom was suddenly reminded of one thing: it was time to live.

This thought came to her as she hit a highway embankment, flipped three times and wrapped her Jeep around a tree.

As she was hanging upside down in her wrecked Jeep, she said, "The truth flooded my mind and heart that I had a choice."

Isom completed her mosaic in giving one final rule in living boldly.

"The only thing more dangerous than allowing others to put limitations on what we can achieve is allowing ourselves to believe them."

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STATE LAWS

Bets break laws

NCAA brackets bring about illegal betting

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TEC STAFF

In North Carolina it is illegal to be part of a tournament pool or bet with a group of friends.

With the NCAA tournament underway, many people have bets placed on their brackets. What some may believe as an innocent pastime is actually illegal.

North Carolina statute says, "Any person that operates any game of chance or any person who plays at or bets on any game of chance at which any money, property or other thing of value is bet, whether the same be in stake or not, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

Director of Student Legal

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New spiritual room opens in cultural center

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The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC) recently opened the doors of a new spiritual room in their facility called the Spiritual Place All Can Enter (SPACE).

With this room, the LWCC is hoping students will use it for any of their spiritual, religious or personal needs.

"In its simplest form, this is just a quiet sunny room," said Dr. Melissa Haithcox-Dennis, director of the LWCC.

SPACE is a neutral area with no religious or spiritual embellishment. The room itself has beige painted walls and cream curtains to create a neutral space for everyone to enjoy. There are books and props kept in a closet in the back.

"We want students, faculty and staff to use the room to

pray, meditate, contemplate, prepare for a test, for whatever reason they want to," said Dr. Haithcox-Dennis.

Currently about 10-15 students visit the room daily, with an increasing amount of faculty and staff coming to the room.

The room is on the second floor of the LWCC, strategically placed next to a bathroom since many religions require washing before praying. All guests in the room are requested to take their shoes off before entering, and they can place their shoes on a shoe rack placed outside the doorway.

In a closet in the back there are all types of books and



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Religious texts are available in the spiritual room's closet.

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BRIEFS

ECU invites British historian to campus to speak on new book

The university will welcome Professor Andrew Pettegree to deliver a lecture on his newly published "The Invention of News: How the World Came to Know About Itself."

Pettegree will present "The Invention of News: Creating a Commercial Culture of Information in the Age Before Democracy," at 5 p.m. this Monday in Science and Technology Building room C-209.

N.C. campaign "Booze it & Lose it" results in multiple DWI arrests

St. Patrick's "Booze It & Lose It" Campaign resulted in 815 DWI Arrests statewide during the St. Patrick's Day holiday weekend.

Law enforcement stepped up patrols in each county and held multiple checkpoints from March 14 through March 17.

Law enforcement officers issued 23,867 traffic and criminal citations statewide.

Youth Arts Fest seeks artists' talents for this weekend's event

The 10th annual Youth Arts Festival seeks artists who would like to share their creative talents with children during an event held on campus.

The annual Youth Arts Festival, scheduled this year for Mar. 29, promotes multicultural, visual and performing arts to children through hands-on projects, demonstrations and performances.

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chapters could not follow SAE's National Policies. This issue led to violations of the previous pledge program that SAE had. The 96-hour window should, in theory, close the opportunity for individual chapters to violate policies laid out by the National Organization.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's President Dalton Stout said he was concerned with the changes at first.

"When I heard, I was worried because change of any size can be difficult, but I have complete faith in our Supreme Council's ability to make decisions on behalf of the collegiate chapters and

think the change will only make us better," said Stout.

Bloomberg News recently named Sigma Alpha Epsilon as the "deadliest" fraternity, because nine young people have died in SAE-related incidents since 2006.

According to Keith Tingley, Sigma Alpha Epsilon is not the first organization to do this.

"Several other national organizations have no pledge period or new member period at all," said Tingley.

The university's chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon has no new member process. Upon receiving bids, men have all the rights and privileges as

other members. According to Sigma Phi Epsilon's website, in 1991 the organization called for a "member development program" that essentially eliminated their pledge process.

Tingley said he anticipates for more national organizations, especially fraternities, to shorten or eliminate new member periods. This is driven by liability as many notable lawsuits that have happened across the country regarding Greek life and pledging.

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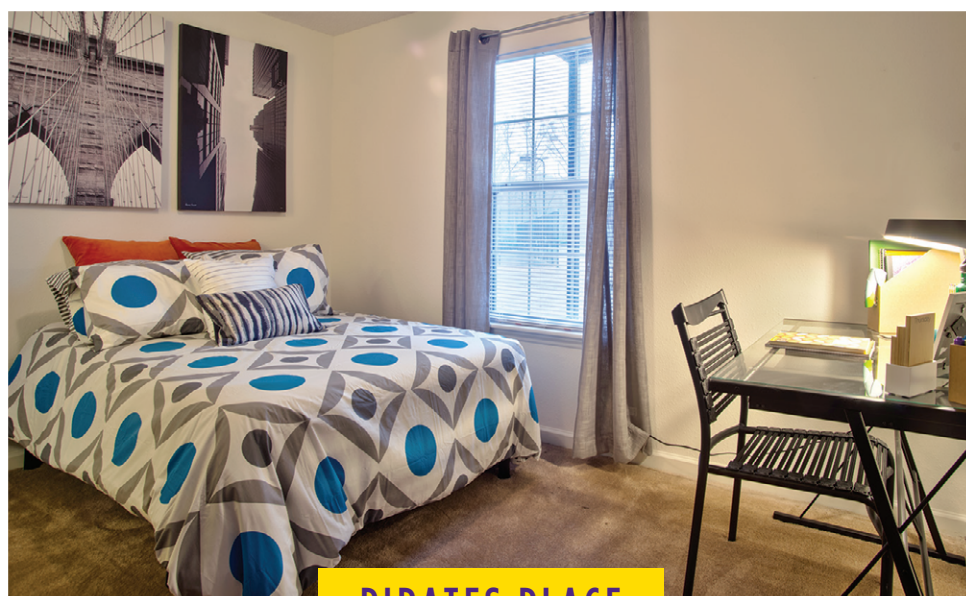
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PITT COUNTY POLICE

Detective fired for stealing narcotics

Convicted officer steals Percocet pills, Oxycodone and various other drugs

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Pitt County Detective Tyler Bryan was fired this week after turning himself in for stealing drugs from a pharmacy and the sheriff's office drop box.

The detective worked closely with doctors and a pharmacist to help stop the crime of misusing drugs.

According to Pitt County Police, the investigation began when a local healthcare provider contacted the Pitt County Sheriff's Office with a complaint about Bryan. The pharmacy claimed that Bryan would take large amounts of narcotic pain medication and say he would turn the medicine in to the drop box.

Bryan's roommate, Paul Arnold, said in his sworn



Tyler Bryan

According to Christy Wallace, Pitt County Sheriff's Office spokesperson, an investigation began to determine the extent of the allegations being made. When evidence was found, Sheriff Neil Elks referred the case to the State Bureau of Investigations.

statement that Bryan would bring the boxes of narcotics to their apartment. Bryan was also accused by the Walgreens on Winterville Parkway of going into their pharmacy in November and claiming that he had been shorted 41 Percocet pills in his prescription even though the correct amount of pills had been given to him.

Bryan turned himself in on Monday to the Pitt County Detention Center to be charged by the SBI. Upon his arrest, Bryan's 11-year career as a major crimes detective was terminated.

"The policy of PCSO is to call in the SBI to investigate any employee, family members of employees or close friends," said Sheriff Elks. "As I have stated many times, law enforcement officers are held to a higher standard as entrusted servants of the community."

Bryan was released with a \$5,000 unsecured bond and the case was continued until June 12. Arnold was also arrested and charged with doctor shopping for Oxycodone.

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SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Pirate Nursing 5K to benefit scholarship

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This Saturday the Health Sciences campus will host the second annual Pirate Nurse 5K as part of supporting the senior class and the Linda Pynn Nurse Practitioner Scholarship.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 9 a.m. Registration can be done online or onsite at the Health Sciences campus. University students can register for \$10 and the general public can register for \$20.

"We're nurses and as a college we care about people's health. This is an event that combines running and health fitness and benefiting nursing students," said Elizabeth Willy, director of development and communications.

The race will start in front of the Health Sciences Building and finish on Health Sciences Drive. The route will have the first-mile point located on Memorial Drive. The second-mile point will be the Heart Institute and the third-mile point will be located on the Lake Laupus trail.

"There will be water and bananas at the end of the race," said Willy. "Also runners who wear their t-shirt to Chick-Fil-A after the race can get a free sandwich as they are one of our sponsors."

The money raised for the senior class will be donated as a class gift to the College of Nursing.

The Linda Pynn Nurse Practitioner Scholarship is awarded to nurse practitioner students based on academic merit.

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materials guests can use to pray. There are many copies of the Qur'an, Bible and various books on other religions and spirituality. There are even prayer rugs and a Tibetan Prayer Bowl.

All contents in the closet were donated, and no student funds were used to purchase these materials.

There are pillows, chairs, sitting cushions and a divider inside the room that guests can use at any time. There is also an I-Pod deck if guests wish to play their own music.

"As a cultural center, it was important to us to include the dimensions of religion and spirituality in our facility," said Haithcox-Dennis. "Since it's an important part of who we are."

It was also important to the LWCC director and workers that students whose way of life revolves around religion, spirituality or

anything of that sort have a space where they can nurture it freely.

Many of students love the idea and are very open to it.

Senior Russian studies major Dillon Hamill thinks SPACE was a great idea.

"I am impressed by the cultural center's interest in facilitating the spirituality of all East Carolina students," said Hamill.

Other students, however, disagree.

"There are many students from different cultural and religious backgrounds," said Niki Patel, senior psychology major. "However, I am not sure how much it will be used."

SPACE is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The room can also be reserved if students would like to use it at other times.

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Services Peter Romary said these misdemeanors usually do not involve jail time but other consequences are surely given.

"The punishment for a Class 2 misdemeanor does not typically involve jail time. If it is someone's first offence, then you would typically have a fine up to \$1000, plus court fees, probation and community service," said Romary.

Romary also said if students have prior convictions, then students could possibly get jail time. It is also possible to get jail time if the student is convicted of another crime while on probation.

"If you continue to have convictions for gambling, then you can get up to 60 days jail time in North Carolina," said Romary.

Other states such as Nevada, Montana, Connecticut and Vermont have laws against betting, but many citizens are not aware of the law or do not see it as a serious law.

"I do bet in brackets, but

not for money. I have seen websites that allow people to bet money or receive prizes from the website if their basketball team wins. It really should not be illegal because it is just people having fun," said Scott Haddock, business marketing education freshman.

According to Romary, betting on college basketball games is a lot more common at the university than people think because people do not think there is anything wrong with it. That being said, a fair number of people continue to place bets.

The FBI recently released statistics saying that approximately \$2.6 billion is bet illegally on college basketball tournaments every year.

"The worst part about being charged for gambling is that you must carry that around on your permanent record for 15 years," said Romary.

In North Carolina, if a person has multiple prior convictions and is charged with illegally gambling, then

it would stay on their record for 60 years.

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PIRATE RANTS

That awkward moment you find out your professor knows the definition of That before you do...

Coming up to the serving line and bowing and saying "konnichiwa" because I am Asian is rude... And asking if I'm an American after I denied being Japanese... Please Walk away.

I think it's just about time to start bullsh**** it for the rest of the semester.

Shout out to the amazing chemistry department. Thanks to them, I'm one degree of separation from a Nobel Prize winner and the guys that discovered DNA.

To the girl that pooped in the first floor Sci-tech bathroom yesterday... the fifth floor is safer.

How I hate a brown nosing douche.

Why was the tomato blushing? Because he saw the salad dressing... lmao.

To the guy that sits directly behind me in my genetics class, you seem really cool. I'd f*** you.

Anyone stealing my bike is in for a rough surprise. I haven't had brakes for the last three years.

The common sense people continue to NOT have truly amazes me.

Getting my car totaled by a drunk driver and being carried away in an ambulance to the hospital was a great way to end my Friday, don't drink and drive people!

Super Size Me predated McDonald's Monopoly.

The low tolerance people on campus have for rain is humorously ridiculous.

I was reading the Bible yesterday and realized that there is a ton of typos in that thing.

Let's go buy some quesadillas and rub them all over our bodies.

My younger brother just chose App State over ECU. I will never understand him and his decisions.

To the girl that sits in front of me with the beautiful curly hair, when you straighten it, it is absolutely gorgeous.

This weather officially sucks...

The LGBT community on campus is awesome!

To the person who found a discovery zone token so what, I've got three!

I love being a Pirate! The only complaint I have... one-ply toilet paper?!?! Really?! My fingers are too strong for that. #Wipe&Go

To the guy too busy to take the stairs on Tuesday and jumped into a puddle; I really loved going to work with soaked pants and shoes. Thanks a lot.

I second the 90s Disney Weekend! Can we please make this actually happen?!

Could you be more specific about which blonde at Joyner circulation...

Freshmen: Stop complaining about all 15 credits you have to take. It only gets harder from here, so you might as well get used to it.

Our view

Be prideful of Greenville and let's stop vandalism

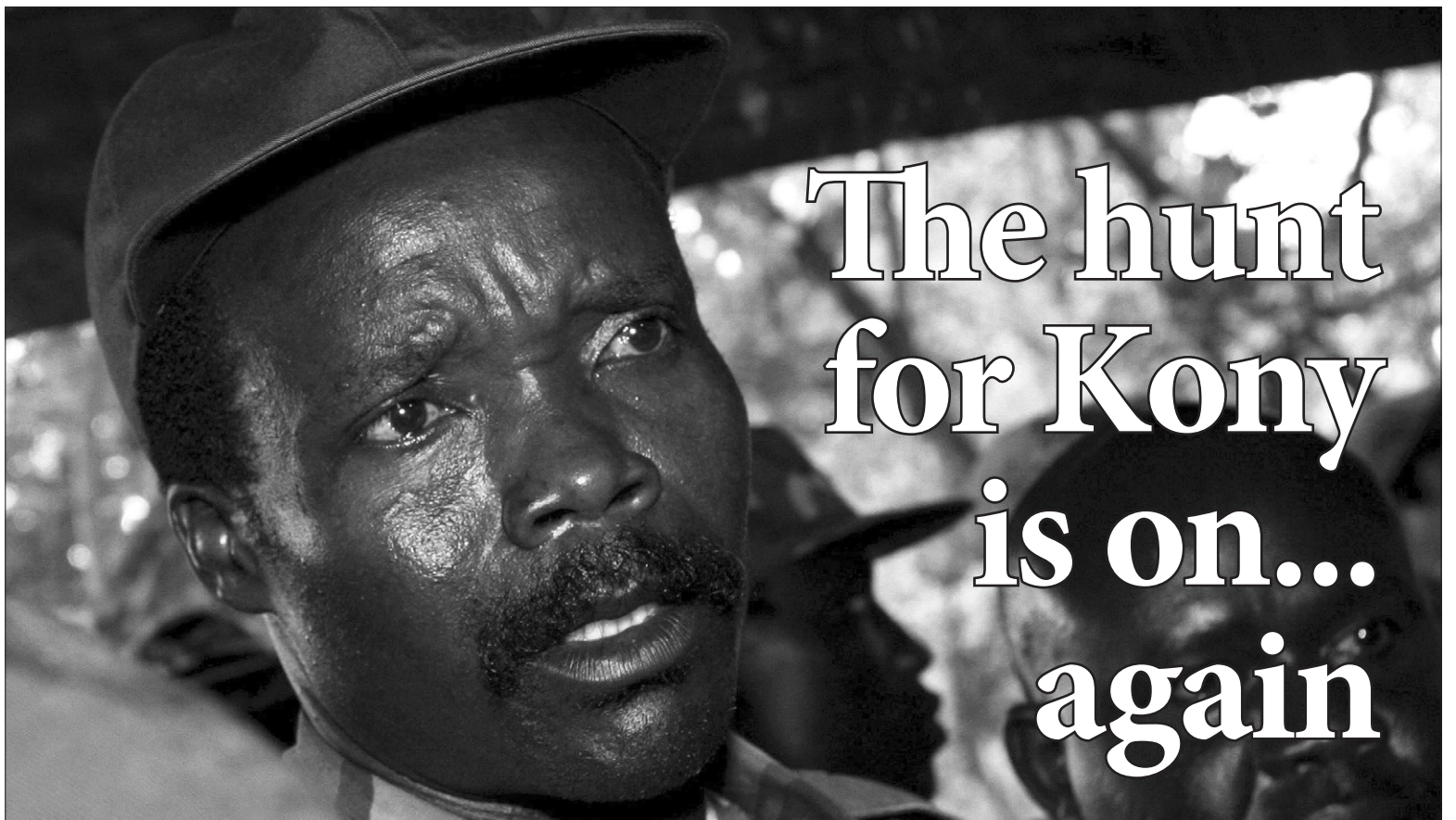
In response to the article in Tuesday's paper titled, "Tipped cow returns," the staff at The East Carolinian would like to remind students of the trials and tribulations the university or business establishments must go through to clean up or fix the vandalism that some students on campus find to be an innocent joke.

According to the article, the university spent nearly \$2,000 to repair the purple and gold cow outside of the Rivers building. Not to mention the time and energy that was wasted by resurrecting the fiberglass cow.

Something else we have noticed is the punny changes on the HardTimes sign downtown. Leave the poor sign alone, they are trying to advertise their business and make some money just like the rest of us.

How any college-educated young adult finds joy in ruining perfectly good (and probably expensive) buildings is something many of us can't fathom.

Greenville and ECU is our home, we should be proud and respectful of our campus. If you truly bleed purple and gold, save the cow tipping for the farms and keep the graffiti to a minimum.



The hunt for Kony is on... again

Many people did not become aware of Joseph Kony and his malicious actions until a director launched the "Kony 2012" campaign in March of 2012.

American military lends help to Uganda

Take on the Nation



Houston Davis
TEC COLUMNIST

President Obama and the United States government has decided to send more troops and military aircraft to Africa to help the Ugandan military in their search for Joseph Kony. In case you've been under a rock the last six years, Kony is the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, or L.R.A. for short.

The L.R.A., under the leadership of Kony, has been wreaking havoc on Central Africa for more than 20 years. Kony gained worldwide attention in March 2012, when a documentary titled "Kony 2012" was released and sparked a huge campaign to find him.

Kony's army wants to take over the Ugandan government and replace the laws with the Ten Commandments. Doesn't sound all that bad until think about all the raping, kidnapping and murdering Kony has caused in his endeavors.

The things that Kony has done or caused to have happened are terrible to say the least and he should be stopped. The citizens, specifically young boys, of Uganda and the surrounding countries deserve to be able to go to sleep at night without worrying about being kidnapped or murdered. Kony and his army need to be stopped.

On the other hand, I don't think that is our job. I think we have our nose in too many places already. Why is it our government's job to

worry about what is going on half way around the world? We have starving homeless people across the United States and I have not seen any other countries sending their military's over here with food and clothes. You know why? Other countries are worried about themselves, as they should be.

We have military stationed all over the world in countries that we are not wanted in, but our government thinks we must have a presence everywhere on the planet. It honestly reminds me of the Roman Empire. The empire got so large that its military was to spread out and Rome became weak and fell.

We have enough problems in our country that we could donate millions of our tax dollars to. It baffles me when people get so upset about their tax dollars going to welfare and programs such as that, but they are all about the military and supporting all the money we are giving to people in another country.

We are not allowed to actually fight Kony's army unless it is in self-defense, so we can fight Kony's army. Luckily, we haven't done so yet and we are just advising the Ugandan military and assisting in the search for Kony. What will happen if we find him though? I think we will end up fighting him and getting even more involved. I think we are already too involved, but I suppose I can deal as long as we aren't fighting. Bottom line, we need to worry about our problems at home before we fix the neighbor's.

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Sending help

The U.S. will send at least four V-22 Ospreys plus additional Special Operations troops to look for and remove Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) head Joseph Kony.

Kony's rise

- **1961** Kony is born in northern Uganda; he is a self-proclaimed mystic
- **1988** Kony, others splinter off from rebels that sign peace deal with the Ugandan government; Kony names group Uganda Christian Democratic Army; begins attacking government
- **1991** Kony renames group LRA; operates in northern Uganda from bases in southern Sudan; terrorizes civilians for years using abduction, rape, maiming, mass killing
- **2005** International Criminal Court issues arrest warrants for Kony, four other senior LRA leaders
- **Recent years** Conflict has spread to neighboring countries; tens of thousands killed, 1.5 million displaced

Up, up and away

- V-22 Ospreys can land, take off vertically like a helicopter but fly like a plane
- Can travel farther, faster than helicopters

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The illustration above gives a brief timeline of Kony's life.



Troops and even military aircrafts have been sent to help the search.

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Educate instead of punish

Will's Way



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Everyone has something to say about it. A worldwide argument that varies from country to country, but always pondered

on in the back of people's minds. The argument is an even bigger deal within our age group, since we are in college and thirstier than ever. Yes, I am talking about the drinking age.

Let's face it. Everyone and their mama drinks from time to time. Even if you don't as much as some of your fellow Pirates do, I'm sure you have partaken in the consumption of a keg or some PJ, or even a nice bottle of wine or champagne for your birthday festivities.

However, if you are one of those people skilled enough to refrain from taking sips from the "fountain of youth," then the argument regarding what should the legal drinking age be doesn't so much concern you.

The honest truth is that teenagers everywhere and even some younger children all across the United States are drinking way before they turn 21 years old. Yes, every one of those kids are aware that they are not supposed to be drinking. And yes, all of these students were present when they taught us the effects of drugs and alcohol and how to not use certain "turn up" essentials because they will only be detrimental to our lives.

Along with health issues, we also know if caught drinking before turning 21, you have to deal with lawyers and spending lots of money to get out of a drinking ticket. It is obvious that a plethora

of people underage do not care about the risk factors.

With the drinking age varying worldwide, there really isn't a positive answer to what the legal age should be. Some countries don't allow drinking at any age, while some

countries don't have a drinking age and children can start as early as they want. On the contrary, many countries have a set age. Quick internet research showed legal ages as low as 14 in Germany under proper parental

supervision, to age 25 in some states of India.

Instead of worrying about enforcing a legal drinking age, we should be focused on educating citizens of all ages on how to safely participate in alcohol consumption. Think about it like this people.

If a child is told not to do something their entire lives because it is bad, how do you think they are going to go about it when they get older? In today's world, kids aren't waiting a year passed 20 to quench the thirst, so why can't we modify how we go about this subject?

If people take the time to try and have a drink or two with their teenage children and show them how dumb it can make you act before you go out and do it with your friends, then just maybe we can lessen the amount of DUI's and drunk driving accidents.

Today's generations of children have found a way to develop that rebellious trait and go against rules and administration. So as a society lets acknowledge this and start working with teenagers at an earlier age on how to properly "get turnt."

If younger drinkers realize that older generations are wanting to educate and help the process instead of just trying to punish and judge one's actions, then maybe we can worry less about the safety of people of all ages while partying. A kid trying to drink and drive to avoid the cops at the party that just got busted can easily be avoided if he was offered a ride home by the party patrol instead.

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The drinking age around the world varies from teenagers all the way to age 25. Some countries choose don't enforce a legal drinking age at all.

RANTS CONT.

To my roommate: Hot Sauce doesn't go with everything! Haha.

To the light skinned guy who wears glasses sometimes and who wore a red shirt and was drinking coffee on the Landing bus last week. I would love to be able to talk to you one day! I also think your a great dancer!

To the guy who gives me answers to all the work in class... YOU ARE GETTING NOTHING!

The Mellow Mushroom guy looks high? No way dumba**.

Don't hate me 'cause I'm gay. Hate me 'cause I stole your girl. -Your friendly neighborhood lesbian

Sitting in class on Monday with a bottle of vodka orange juice... "I been drankin'" #Shadeson.

ECU, your mobile app sucks.

4/20 on Easter this year? Treesus Christ.

Watching Super Size Me, because I don't know about you all but I've become very lazy lately and eating fast food a lot.

The life of a math major consists of nothing but numbers that have no meaning.

I've had twice as many parking tickets as hook ups at ECU. I'm doing it wrong.

To the redhead who walked through Wright Plaza by the LGBT table on Wednesday...You are gorgeous.

Come to the Youth Arts Festival this weekend!

What's better? Scullery's bagels or spooning?

If you don't genuinely care about the well being of people with disabilities then you shouldn't be a child life major.

To the football player with the beard in my Media Literacy class. D*** you are fine.

I like cheese.

So I got laid in a blanket fort. #Winning

When you're trying to sext and autocorrect wants to correct words to 'mom' or 'mamma' every time.

There's just something about hockey players.

To the girl in my investigative reporting with the perfect brown skin. Be my bae?

Dunkin' Donuts > Starbucks

Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth.

MF'ers in the library need to learn to LOG OFF and not SHUT DOWN.

The turn up will be real this weekend.

I can't call it.

Can't wait to tailgate for the Spring football game. Go Pirates!

My professor told me I'm pretty. That's illegal.

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

Take pride in being an individual

Take a Step Back



ReAnn Melaga
TEC COLUMNIST

Take a walk around ECU's campus and what do you notice? Sure you will probably see the usual sights such as students

hurrying to class and the occasional dog or squirrel, but I want you to take a closer look. Focus on what people choose to wear. Listen to what they have to say and how they say it. What you discover just might surprise you. It certainly surprised me.

I am not ashamed to say that I love people watching. There is something about the way people act around others along with how they act when they are by themselves that intrigues me. I have noticed however, in my time observing others that many people appear to tightly cling to what the latest trends are. Whether this is evident in the clothing they wear, the music they listen to or the words they say, it seems that many people have started to lose their sense of individuality.

Being in a college community, we are lucky enough to be exposed to an incredibly diverse pool of people. Despite this, it still appears that if you do not wear the latest trends or you are not keen on the most current phrases and music, you will not fit in.

In my opinion, you do not necessarily have to participate in a certain major, Greek life, athletics or campus clubs to be accepted. You do not have to dress in the most popular clothes or listen to current music to feel included. What you need to do is find what interests YOU and pursue it.

Who you hang out with and what trends you choose to follow



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Individualism is defined as the moral stance on current topics that emphasize the moral worth of people.

are not what defines you. What defines you is the person you are, beneath the clothing and behind the music. In a society that is so concerned and focused on fitting in, it is important to remember to be the person who stands out.

I also believe the idea of standing out should be followed not only in life, but when entering the job market as well. Many ECU students are nearing this pertinent time in their lives, so this is exceptionally important to remember. Employers look for the one person who they feel could benefit their company the most, someone who jumps out at them and makes a name for his or her self. Being the typical, cookie-cutter applicant for a job will not

get anybody very far.

As cliché as the saying may be, it really is important to "dare to be different". In a society of people who appear to have lost their sense of personal identity, it is more important than ever to have this mindset. Do not be afraid to break

away from the crowd and do what makes you happy. Normal people rarely make history, anyway.

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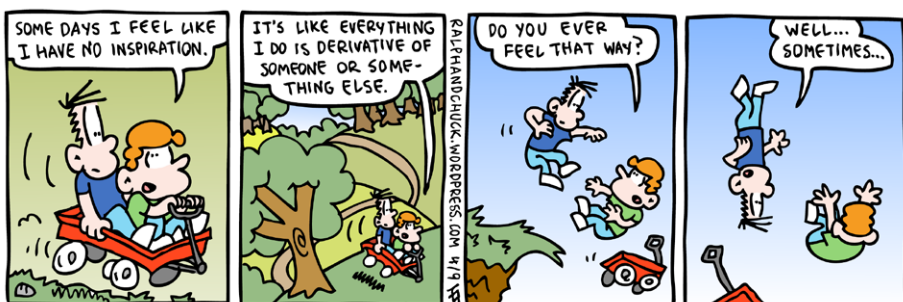
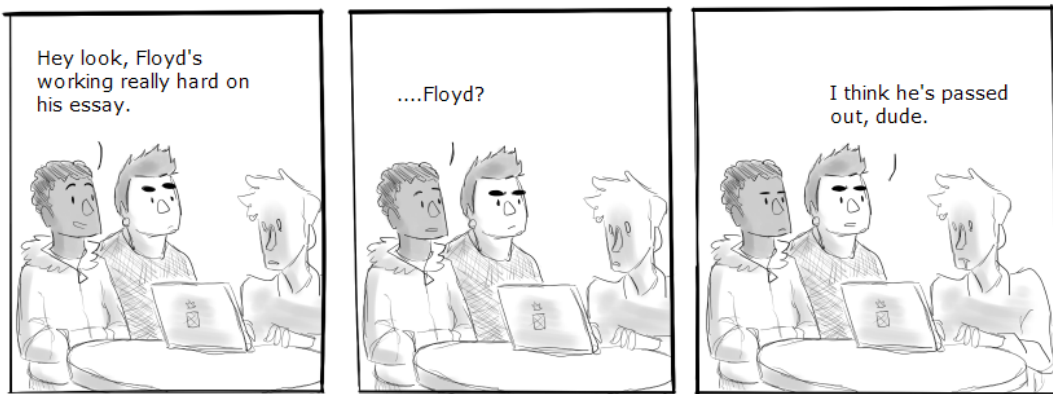
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Solution to Tuesday's Puzzle

6	4	8	2	3	1	7	5	9
9	2	7	4	5	6	1	8	3
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4	3	5	1	7	2	9	6	8
7	8	6	9	4	3	5	2	1
1	9	2	8	6	5	3	7	4
5	7	4	3	9	8	2	1	6
8	1	3	6	2	7	4	9	5
2	6	9	5	1	4	8	3	7

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Gp. co-founded by Victor Herbert
- Bonkers
- Harbinger
- Cheri of "Scary Movie"
- "... the dreadful thunder / Doth rend the region": "Hamlet"
- Gossipy Barrett
- Specific gravity
- Vietnamese observance
- Hitch
- Vintage cars
- Onetime Kenny G label
- Play with robots
- Linebacker Manti _____, 2012 Heisman Trophy finalist
- Publicly traded investment company with a limited number of shares
- Wagner works
- Do a hitch in the military
- Put away
- Dove competitor
- Slangy turnarounds
- Settings for Manet
- Finished a flight-training requirement
- Mad man?
- Agnus _____
- Auction ending?
- Take out
- 1977 medical novel
- Time of jour
- Baa maid?
- Classic children's novel, and what to look for in this puzzle's three other longest answers
- _____ of Sandwich
- "This can't be happening!"
- Script parts
- Additionally
- E or G, e.g.
- A bit daft

DOWN

- Angiogram image
- Take the helm
- Irish musical ensemble _____ Woman
- Altar constellation
- Road trip refresher
- _____ lamp
- Universal donor's type, briefly
- Food fish
- Successful squeeze play result
- "... they say"
- What humidity measures
- Forest friend of Frodo
- Dissenting vote
- "Hold your horses, I'm coming"
- Unhip types
- Like right-lane traffic, usually
- Goodwill store transaction
- Green condition?
- Laudatory verses
- Helpful tip for a puzzle solver?

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

G	L	P	H	S	E	T	O	M	E	N	S
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C	A	S	T	A	C	H	E	N	E	A	S
E	X	I	T	S	C	H	I	P	S	A	H
D	O	D	O	S	K	I	T	A	G	A	P
E	N	E	M	Y	S	T	Y	P	E	S	T

- "Behind the Candelabra" co-star
- Like the Middle Ages
- Large quantity
- Account
- Company bigwigs
- "Get it, daddy-o?"
- Note next to a red F, maybe
- Green shade
- Church VIP
- "You ___ worry"
- "Rockin' Robin" chorus word
- Itty
- Peace Prize city
- On its way
- Platte River tribe
- Leaves in a bag
- Kubrick's out-of-control computer
- Sigma preceder
- 2016 Olympics host

Overcoming obstacles

A relentless attitude by Davon Grayson makes his comeback look easy, when it isn't

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

It was October 12. ECU trailed Tulane 9-6 in the Superdome and the Pirates had marched inside the Green Wave's three yard line, poised to recapture the lead.

On first-and-goal, quarterback Shane Carden dropped back to pass, then quickly fired a pass towards wide receiver Davon Grayson for the go-ahead score, but it was instead intercepted and returned for a 99-yard touchdown.

The Pirates went on to lose in triple overtime 36-33, meanwhile Grayson fell awkwardly on his left knee during the interception return. It was later determined that he suffered a partially torn ligament in his knee, which would force him to miss the rest of the season.

"At first, I was very down. I thought as though all my hard work had gone down the drain," Grayson said.

However, if you were to watch Grayson outrun several of his teammates at ECU's spring workouts, you wouldn't have the slightest inkling that this was a player just five months removed from a concerning knee injury.

Since surgery wasn't required, Grayson began jogging as soon as December after strengthening the knee in the weight room. Then, on the first day of team conditioning,

he was remarkably cleared to sprint with a knee brace.

"It was definitely ahead of where it was supposed to be. I was probably doing some things they didn't want me to do yet," he said, smiling, "but I felt that my knee was stronger than they thought it was and during the functional knee test, I showed them... and that sped up the recovery time."

Being ahead of schedule is nothing new for Grayson, who burst onto the scene as a true freshman last season. Five days short of his 18th birthday, he caught three touchdowns in his collegiate debut against Old Dominion and found the end zone again the following week.

Despite having a speech impediment that causes him to stutter, Grayson speaks confidently and his personality is unmistakably genuine. He always greets you with a firm hand shake and responds with a friendly "yes, sir" or "no, ma'am."

But the characteristic that sets the 6-foot-2 Suffolk, Va. native apart from others is his work ethic and nobody knows this better than his fellow receiver and classmate Isaiah Jones.

"He probably is going to be



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Davon Grayson (85) proved he has what it takes to overcome the setbacks in life.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Pirates find their rhythm

Micah Molinas
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The ECU Women's Golf team found consistency this week at the Briar's Creek Invitational, finishing third out of seventeen teams.

The Lady Pirates registered four golfers in the top half of the field, something that the team has struggled to accomplish.

"It's something we've been waiting on," said Head Coach Kevin Williams. "We knew that we were capable of this, but we just hadn't done it in a tournament this spring."

Sophomore Frida Gustafsson Spang led all Pirate golfers, finishing in sixth place in the individual standings.

"I thought she was very consistent in how she played," said Williams, saying that she really performed well in all facets of her game.

After firing a 36-hole score of 145, Spang entered the final day of competition in a three-way tie for the lead. She concluded play on Tuesday by shooting 2-over,

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SPRING FOOTBALL

ECU completes fourth practice

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

The frigid weather on Wednesday didn't hold back day four of spring practice for the ECU football team.

The defense had its first contact workout of the year at the Cliff Moore Practice Facility, but Defensive Coordinator Rick Smith was underwhelmed by what he saw.

"We took a step backwards today," said Smith. "We weren't very good and had a lot of mental mistakes. They have to understand that we could be playing in cold weather when we go to the [American]. You can't let the weather affect your mind."

The Pirates' defense is going through a rebuilding stage after retaining only four starters from last year's team that went 10-3 and garnered a victory at the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl. That will require newcomers to emerge and veterans to take on leadership positions.

Smith has been impressed with junior Josh Hawkins' performance as of late.

"Josh Hawkins is doing a good job at field cornerback. He was at boundary corner last year, but he has been playing really well."

Hawkins has filled the void left by Adonis Armstrong's

" Pads always make you get excited and the young guys are adapting well... "

-Josh Hawkins

departure and seems ready to meet the challenge. He told reporters that he is looking forward to facing ECU's top receiver, Justin Hardy, during Saturday's scrimmage.

"I love going against Hardy," Hawkins said jokingly. "That's my favorite competition."

This was the first practice of the spring where the players donned their pads and were allowed limited contact. Obviously, this fires up the player "Pads always make you get excited and the young guys are adapting well," he said. "We all have a lot to tweak and work on."

Senior cornerback Detric Allen is the only starter from last season's defensive secondary unit. Sophomore DaShaun Amos

is currently battling Allen for the boundary corner position.

Senior Lamar Ivey is making the transition from field cornerback to free safety and helping to fill the role left by Damon Magazu. Junior Domanique Lennon and sophomore Terrell Richardson are currently the two contenders for the strong safety position. It will be interesting to see how these off-season depth chart battles turn out.

Head Coach Ruffin McNeill is going into his fifth year as ECU's coach and is hoping to carry the Pirates' recent success into the American Athletic Conference. It's not easy to replace 14 starters, but McNeill believes in the depth of his squad.

"This team competes in every period," said McNeill. "You want competitiveness and this team has that. I like the way some of the young guys are coming along. The receiving core is doing a real good job and Coach Smith is doing a great job with the defensive backs."

ECU has the day off today and will resume contact practice on Friday. The team will return to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for a controlled scrimmage on Saturday.

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CALENDAR

TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S TENNIS

ECU recorded a 4-3 victory over Presbyterian College the weekend. The Pirates improved to 14-5 on the season.

FOOTBALL

The Pirates continued spring workouts on Wednesday. They will return to work Friday in preparation for their first full intra-squad scrimmage of the spring on Saturday.

BASEBALL

The game scheduled for March 25, was postponed due to inclement weather. The game has been rescheduled for April 16 at 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

ECU traveled to Chapel Hill on Wednesday for a mid-week doubleheader. The games are the team's first non-conference road games of the season.

WOMEN'S GOLF

ECU finished third at the Briar's Creek Invitational this week. Sophomore Frida Gustafsson Spang finished sixth.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes fell 5-4 to the NY Islanders on Tuesday. They are now 31-32-9 with 71 points. The team is currently in seventh place in the Metropolitan division.

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS

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Diamond Bucs win streak at four

Ronnie Moore
TEC STAFF

Last night, ECU baseball busted out offensively like Pirate Nation has been waiting for all season, as they won 12-5. Their offensive explosion improved their record to 14-11 overall, while dropping NC Central to 9-14-1 this season.

The Pirates notched a season-high 20 hits and decimated the NC Central pitching. All nine starters registered at least one hit as ECU drove in 12 runs on the night.

With the windy and chilly conditions, ECU jumped on the Eagles pitching staff

early and had nine runs on the board before leaving the second inning. To put the nine runs into perspective, the Pirates have scored over nine runs in just one game this season.

And that occurred when they ousted Tulane 13-3 just 12 days ago in the second game of the Saturday double header.

After trailing 1-0 after the top of the first inning, ECU plated four runs—including a perfectly executed double steal that allowed Luke Lowery to score and freshman Bryce Harman to advance to second. Harman added to his hot hitting, as of late, when he

went 3-for-4 with five RBI's.

Not to be outdone, fellow hot-hitter Ben Fultz extended his streak of consecutive games with an RBI to six after adding three RBI's with his three base knocks on the evening.

Starting pitcher Tyler Bolton logged his first victory as a member of the Diamond Bucs after pitching three innings and being relieved after reaching his predetermined pitch count. In his quick stint, Bolton allowed two runs (one earned), while giving up five hits. Bolton struck out two batters while also walking two.

Bolton successfully recorded the necessary outs

and left the last six innings to six separate relievers.

Sophomore Hayden White faced six batters in his two innings. White fanned four batters while also keeping the base path clear.

NC Central starter, Dylan Beiland took the loss as he only recorded three outs and was lit up for four runs in the first inning and five runs in the second.

ECU heads into a three game weekend series at home versus University of Maryland, Baltimore Country.



Shortstop Kirk Morgan (9) throws to first base during a game.

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GRAYSON

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very embarrassed that I'm saying this, but Davon, the other week, got up at 2 o'clock in the morning and he woke me up," Jones said, "and I was like 'Davon, what are you doing?' And he said, 'I'm about to go run. I just feel like getting better. That's just the type of kid he is.'"

His head coach, Ruffin McNeill, reiterated the same message.

"He's a relentless person. He's one I had no doubt how he would perform in rehabilitation," said McNeill. "Whatever Davon does doesn't surprise me. He's got a great inner spirit about him."

The coaches are still carefully monitoring Grayson's progress to ensure the knee is completely healthy going into the summer. After all, this is his first competitive action since going down in the Superdome end zone last fall.

"You have to take a while to get used to it. It's new for him," said McNeill. "He's a guy that has probably never been hurt, so the running was good and all that. But now he's getting used to action with bodies, collisions and everything."

Grayson said he will no longer wear the knee brace once the spring session concludes, which would make him look just like, in his words, "Old Davon" again for fall camp. But knowing this young man, he expects to exceed far past his old results in the 2014 season.

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earning her a final score of 219.

Spang was joined by sophomore Nicoline Engstroem Skaug, who was forced to battle back after a tough second round. She ended the round shooting 5-over, with eight bogeys and three birdies. Combined with her first round score, a 2-over 74, Skaug began play Tuesday tied for 24th. She rallied in the final round to finish tied for 12th, concluding play six strokes over par.

Senior Fanny Wolte and junior Katie Kirk rounded out the top four Pirate golfers, finishing tied for 27th and tied for 37th respectively. After leading the Lady Pirates to a seventh place finish in a week ago in Mesa, Ariz., Wolte struggled in Charleston.

"She played real solid the first round and then all of a sudden, just lost her putting touch," said Williams.

Despite playing two rounds on the first day of competition, Williams does not believe her struggles were caused by fatigue.

The consistency from the top four golfers was also supplemented by sophomore Lane Gakeler, who was making her first start of the year for the Lady Pirates. She finished the event tied for 74th, but shot a 7-over 79 in the second round, a score which Williams believes helped the team.

The performance that Williams says was "no question" their best of the year could not have come at a better time, but he believes they must stay out of their own way in order to make it to the NCAA Championships in May.

"If they'll just trust what they are doing a little bit more and have a little more confidence in themselves, I think the sky is the limit for this team," he said.

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The X-factor for ECU baseball

He is valuable as a starter

Keep him in the bullpen



Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

ECU reliever Ryan Williams is statistically one of the best pitchers in the country, but can the Pirates use him more effectively?

Williams currently has the most wins in the country, with seven, even while working from the bullpen. In his 41 innings of work, he has allowed just four runs (0.88 ERA). He also holds one of the lowest Walks plus hits per innings pitched ratios (WHIP) in the country with a 0.80. Not to mention, he has also racked up 33 strikeouts to just three walks this season.

Williams had decent success as a starter last season. Despite logging a shaky 4.50 ERA, he held a 6-2 record over 15 starts and three appearances from the bullpen. He struck out 45 batters while walking 17. Williams registered 96 innings last season, good for second most on the team trailing only Jeff Hoffman.

At the start of this season Head Coach Billy Godwin announced that Williams would be the bullpen workhorse that ECU lacked last season. But now he has to ask himself if it is time to shift Williams back to his former role as a starter?

With some recent struggles from starters, it may be the right time to make the switch. In Saturday's match up with subpar conference foe Charlotte, Reid Love allowed five runs and six hits after three innings.

David Lucroy had his first solid start of the season Saturday in the night cap of the double header against Charlotte, throwing seven innings and allowing just one hit. It may not be enough to give him a consistent weekend start, though.

Despite working from the bullpen, Williams has worked more innings (41) than any Pirate pitcher. Time and time again he has shown that he can handle the workload of a starter and can be just as effective. In a seven inning relief

appearance against Tulane, he allowed just seven hits and no runs. His performance followed a rough first start by Brett Mabry who is typically a reliever. Working in Williams as a weekend start could put the Pirates over top. If Williams can again prove himself as a valuable starter, it could set up one of the best pitching duos in the country. Williams could match up with virtually any Friday starter that C-USA has to offer.

While moving Hoffman to the Saturday start could do no harm. Hoffman overmatches almost every starter in the conference and moving him to the second weekend game could demoralize teams in the series.

The Pirates are well set in the bullpen without the work from Williams. Drew Reynolds holds the second lowest ERA on the team (0.96) and is used primarily as the closer for the Pirates. Mabry has also tallied valuable innings for the Pirates. In 24 innings, Mabry holds the third lowest team ERA with a 1.50.

The Pirates could move a starter to the bullpen after pushing Williams to the rotation. Davis Kirkpatrick could find work out of the bullpen, which would be good experience for the freshman.

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Ryan Williams (23) has been a strong point in the ECU pitching staff, thus far.



Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

Ryan Williams' impressive start to the season has put him in the driver's seat to be the team MVP

so far this year, and maybe even more when the season finally ends.

Just how solid has Williams been so far this season? For starters, he leads the nation with seven wins to just one loss. He has notched 41 innings of work in just 14 appearances. On most teams, Williams could possibly be the team's Ace, but on this ECU team, Williams is the go-to guy in the bullpen.

Looking at stats alone, one might question how someone could be so effective, work so many innings, and be relegated to bullpen duty. But baseball is more than just a number's game.

Williams, now a senior, appeared in 18 games last year, making 15 starts, and tying Jeff Hoffman for the most wins on the team. But the dynamic of this year's team is much different than last years.

Generally speaking, the Pirates are loaded with strong pitching. Jeff Hoffman, a potential top-10 pick; David Lucroy, last year's freshman all-American; and Reid Love, a transfer who has been solid this season—all have been key cogs in the weekend rotation for ECU.

On top of that, Davis Kirkpatrick and Tyler Bolton have

been impressive sharing weekday starts this season.

In short, the Pirates are just too deep on starters to not move Williams into the bullpen. Not to mention his versatility from the bullpen provides the team with a dynamic that wouldn't be available with his arm in the rotation.

Williams is a do everything kind of player for the Pirates. He comes out of the bullpen as a long reliever, set-up man and closer. He has the stamina to log innings, but has no problem coming in and getting the team out of jams.

It's not uncommon to see Williams appear in multiple games over a weekend series, and then get an appearance in the weekday game. He just has that ability and it's no guarantee that whoever gets relegated to the bullpen would be able to match that in the event that Williams cracked the rotation.

Moving Williams from the bullpen wouldn't be the end of the world by any means for Head Coach Billy Godwin and his Pirate's team. Williams could match any team's ace on Friday and Hoffman would be even more dominant on Saturday. That would undeniably be as strong of a one-two punch as you can find in the conference and maybe the nation.

That all sounds good but there's always the question of what happens if the starters have a rough weekend or get hurt. Is there anyone capable of being a workhorse out of the bullpen and eating innings while being effective? That remains to be seen, and for now, Williams is more valuable in the bullpen, in my opinion.

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Africa Night to introduce culture to students

Jordan Register
TEC STAFF

This Saturday the African Student Organization (ASO) will be hosting the ninth annual Africa Night. This exciting and culturally informative event will feature a dance, a fashion show and a comedic play telling the story of an African girl taking her American friends to Africa and the culture differences they experience.

Africa Night is the grand finale of Africa Week, which took place this past week. Tonight, as part of Africa Week, a movie will be shown in the Science and Technology building in room C207. Tomorrow night an African Banquet will be held in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. The banquet will feature American food with an 'African Twist' including fried rice, kabobs, grilled chicken, and fried plantains.

Senior business management major Salazaku Sukibi says ASO works to make the event as entertaining for the audience as possible. "Anyone attending can expect to be well informed and to have fun," says Sukibi. "We are all about having fun, there won't be any lectures here."

Sukibi joined ASO in 2009 because his friends were part of the organization and says he really enjoys it. Sukibi is currently the historian of ASO and intends to dispel stereotypes that Americans tend to have about Africa.

"The first stereotype is that Africa is a country; Africa is not a country, it is a continent with different types of people, various cultures, and it's very diverse said Sukibi "The second, African is not a language. A lot of us speak French or English or Swahili. The third, Africa is not all about tribes. We have tribes, but it is just like America. We have cities and civilizations."

One of the main goals of Africa Week and Africa Night is to inform people of these stereotypes and set the record straight. Another member of ASO, LeRoy Ediage, senior psychology major says students attending can expect to laugh a lot.



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Salazaku Sukibi (above), senior business management major, has been a member of ASO since 2009 and is now the organization's historian.

"The play we have planned is going to be very funny," said Ediage. "It also tries to educate about issues in Africa right now, and highlight some common stereotypes. It's a culture shock type story, very exciting"

Ediage says there will also be outside performers from groups around campus. Ediage is part of the male dance team and says there are going to be new dances showcased during Africa Night including the Soukous dance originating in the Congo and an Azonto dance.

The music is a modern twist on music originating from Ghana and has a distinctive sound incorporating the mmenoun ensembles that feature traditional horns made from wood and string or elephant tusks. Ediage also says the female dance team will be performing a lot of modern African dances including hip hop and other dances.

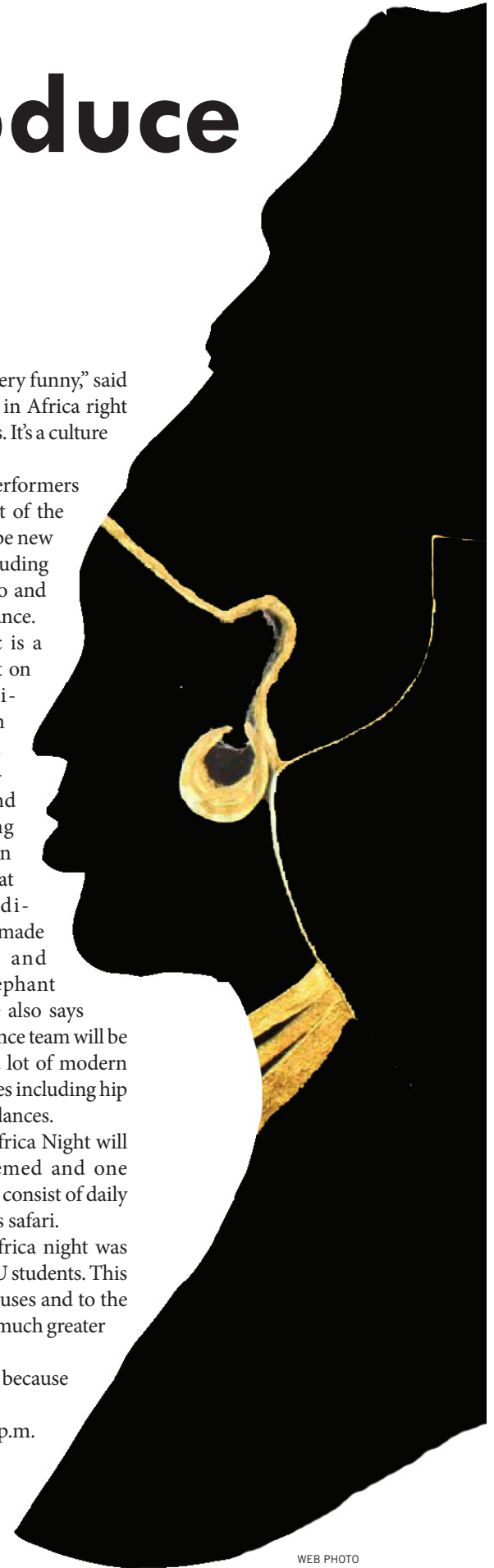
This year's Africa Night will also feature two fashion shows, one themed and one traditional. The traditional fashion show will consist of daily casual wear and the themed show this year is safari.

Sukibi says last year the attendance of Africa night was around 60, but the attendance was mostly ECU students. This year the ASO has reached out to other campuses and to the community. Sukibi expects the turnout to be much greater this year and encourages everyone to come.

"We're looking to see a pretty diverse group because that's what we're all about," said Sukibi.

Africa night will take place tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

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ECU's School of Art and Design offers a class in the spring that combines the efforts of its students all semester long to organize and produce the Annual Youth Arts Festival.

Tenth Annual Youth Arts Festival

A celebration of community, collaboration and family

Antonio Jackson
TEC STAFF

With a thirst for creativity, children of all ages will be attending this year's annual Youth Arts Festival.

The Tenth Annual Youth Arts Festival is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, on the mall area. The mall is centered between Joyner Library, Wright Auditorium, and Jarvis Hall. The event is free to the public and will be hosted by the ECU School of Art and Design.

"This is a service event," said Dindy Reich, a professor

of the School of Art and Design.

Reich teaches Foundations Drawing and Design, and has played a major role in planning the Youth Arts Festival since its inauguration ten years ago.

She also teaches Community Arts Management. In this class, students are given the opportunity to coordinate the behind-the-scenes workings that create a successful event. These opportunities culminate into the annual Youth Arts Festival.

As many public schools struggle to receive funding for art-based programs, Reich said much of the satisfaction

she receives comes from training an entire generation in the appreciation of art. The Youth Arts Festival provides children with experiences they may not otherwise have access to.

And this not only applies to youth, but to the university students that plan the festival as well. Reich said the planning process is a learning experience for students, and provides them with skills they will utilize in the future.

The Tenth Annual Youth Arts Festival features over 100 artists and organizations, all with hopes to provide positive influence to children and give back to the



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Local musicians contribute their talents and provide entertainment.

community of Greenville.

Activities include sculpture, clay, silk painting, yoga, circus performances, interactive puppet shows, and more. This year the ECU School of Music will feature a Musical Petting Zoo where kids get the chance play various instruments.

“We hope we have another fabulous year,” said Reich. In the past, weather has brought adversity, as rain tends to travel through the area this time of year.

Reich said an indoor and outdoor map are typically designed as part of the planning process. Rain, sleet, or snow, the festival will continue inside Jenkins Fine Arts Building.

The Youth Arts Festival website lists the various organizations who support this unstoppable event.

Numerous grants have been awarded in support of the Tenth Annual Youth Arts Festival by the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge, Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, North Carolina Arts Council, ECU College of Fine Arts and Communication, Friends of the School of Art and Design, ECU Office of the Provost, The Belk Fund, and Target.

Among the participating local organizations are Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge, Friends of Greenville Greenways, Greenville Civic Ballet, Greenville Japanese School, and more.

School of Art and Design will also be in attendance. The Textiles Guild, Painting Guild, and Ceramics Guild are but a few of the school’s guilds that will provide activities for children. The full list of participants can be found on the Youth Arts Festival website.

As one of Greenville’s largest collaborative events, the Youth Arts Festival impacts the entire community by promoting one of the most basic human social constructs: family.

“We invite all art related groups to come out,” said Reich. The festival is a “day of fun and learning to all the kids.”

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Over 100 artists and organizations came together in hopes to provide a positive influence to all who attend.



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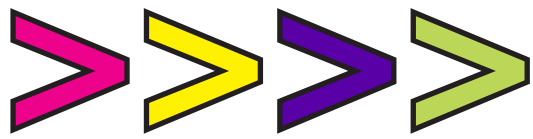
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Photo contributed by Antonio Jackson. Children of all ages come to ECU's campus to partake in several fun and artistic events, from face painting to musical entertainment. The event is free to the public.



THE SCOOP



Holi festival brings color to campus

Brooke Rowe

TEC STAFF

Bold, bright colors will fill the air and cover the bodies of those who attend today's Hindu celebration of love, color, and all things good.

Celebrating the ending of a cold gloomy winter and the start of a bright warm spring, Holi is the day after the full moon every year around the end of February and beginning of March. This year's Holi was March 17 but ECU's celebration, organized by the Indian Student Association (ISA), will begin at 5 p.m. in Hendrix Theater.

A traditional Indian dance performance will be the opening act for the festival followed by an information presentation explaining the significance of Holi and the background behind it. The celebration will move to the brickyard of Mendenhall Student Center for the color-throwing portion of the evening.

The color festival signifies the defeat of good over evil and is a chance to let loose and have fun with friends and with strangers, all in the spirit of love and acceptance.

Holi comes from the Hindu tradition Holika, which symbolizes the defeat of evil in the ancient legend of a powerful king, his son and a devil. Patel explained that the king, Hiranyakshyap, became arrogant and he wanted everyone to believe in him just as a god.

The king's son, Prahlad, was a believer of Lord Vishnu and he didn't believe in what his father said, so he was punished," Patel said. The king asked his sister, Holika, to enter a fire under the protection of a demon while carrying her nephew. When Prahlad was protected by the lord and Holika was punished for her deeds, it tells the story of good always defeating evil.

The first night of Holika involves a ceremonial bonfire to symbolize the triumph of truth as well as religious devotion. While walking around the fire, objects are thrown in and prayers are told.

"You're meeting new people, appreciating relationships in your life, forgetting and forgiving all the bad" said Hiral Patel, senior chemistry major and co-president of the ISA. "We don't want [people] to just come and do colors, but to know that it does signify something."

One of ISA's founders, Priya Birdi, described it as a way to have fun and "bringing color into your life. It's the day you let go and let bygones be bygones."

Everyone attending will receive little bags of colored powder to

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The Holi Festival symbolizes the beginning of spring. Everyone gathers together to celebrate life and happiness.

paint friends, color strangers and decorate everyone around. Birdi, junior psychology major, said no one will escape without getting colored. "If we see someone with no colors, the plan is to attack."

Sportsmanship is a big factor in the festival of colors. Birdi said it's important to be play safely and remember the spirit of love and happiness. She said "when you're playing, everyone is throwing colors at everyone. You have to be a good sport."

Birdi said the festival will include Indian dance music as well as some vegetarian based appetizers from the local Indian restaurant, Kasturi Indian Cuisine. "They will be passed out in cups so people can go play, then wipe off and have a snack."

She suggested that you come prepared to be drenched in color by wearing old clothes you don't mind messing up and to bring sunglasses for eye protection. The powders will wash off of skin and hair, but is not guaranteed to come out of clothes. If you plan to take pictures, bring a clear Ziploc bag to protect your phone or camera.

The event is free to all students with a OneCard and will be rescheduled for Friday at 4 p.m. in case of inclement weather.

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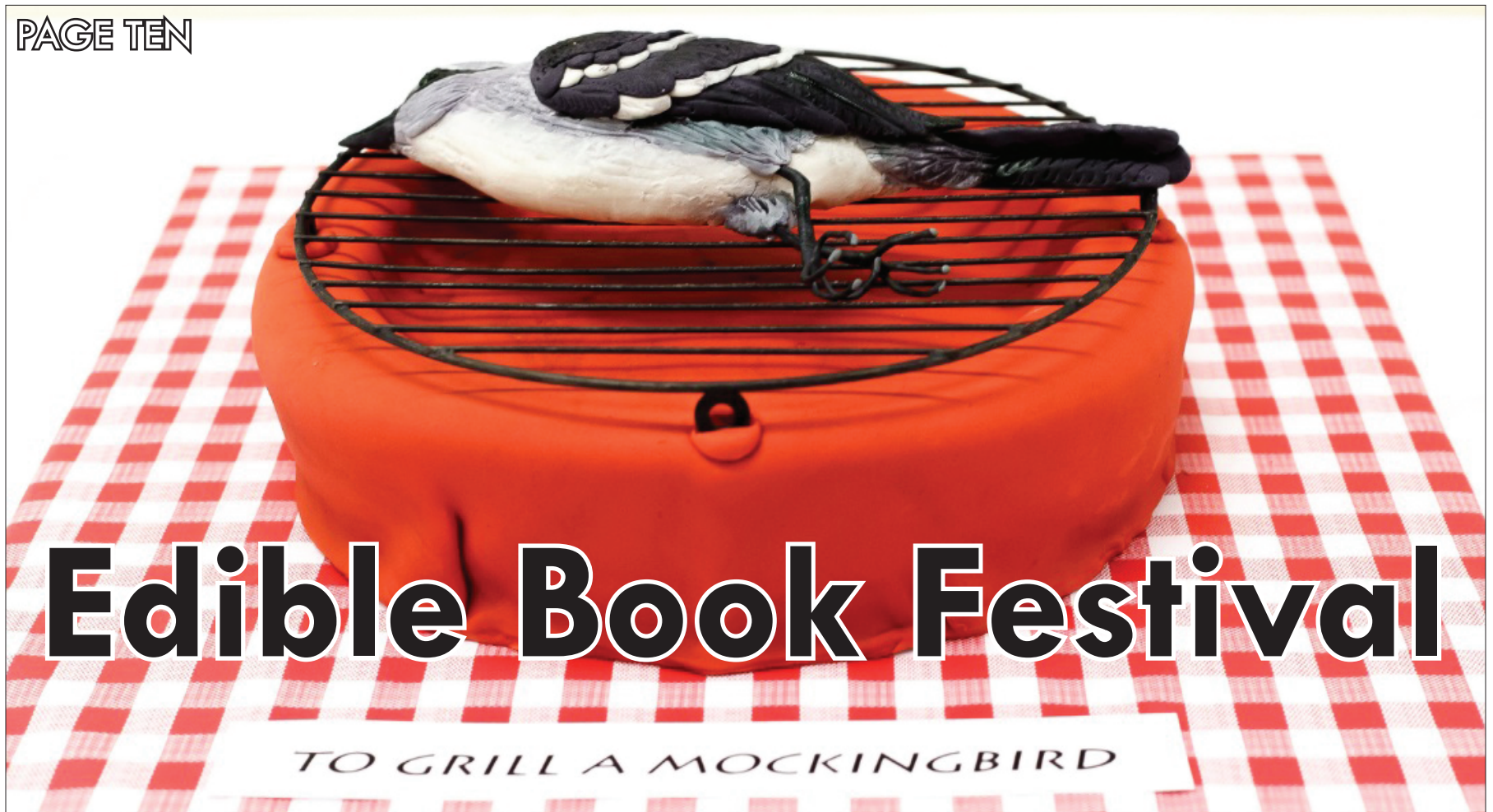
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ECU SAB will be hosting the festival at the Hendrix Theatre and in front of Mendenhall Brickyard at 5 p.m.



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The Holi Festival is a popular event that is celebrated during March's full moon. According to the Gregorian Calendar, it is a Hindu Festival that has a lot of legends associated with it.



WEB PHOTO

'To Grill a Mockingbird' won the 'Wittiest' award at the 2012 ECU Edible Book Festival. Victoria Sexton based her cake off of 'To Kill a Mockingbird', a book by Harper Lee.

Participants get creative with favorite books

Kayte Ramagano
TEC STAFF

Joyner Library will be hosting their 3rd Annual Edible Book Festival Saturday, in the second floor Faulkner Gallery Area. This year the edible creations will be more innovative and delicious.

The Edible Book Festival raises money toward the Joyner Library Preservation Fund that provides the library with specialized supplies for the Book Conservation Lab. The money is raised through a silent auction of the edible creations made by professional bakers and food crafters.

The competition is open to people of all ages and there will be youth prizes awarded to children 12 years and under. Edible creations submitted in the competition will not be auctioned and can be taken home by the creator.

All of the edible creations will reflect a book or interpret a book's title using only edible substances.

Last year the Best in Show and Most Edible was awarded to "The Secret Garden," created by Lou and Dawn Rook representing the classic by Francis Hodgson Burnett. The submission looked like a fenced in garden with elegant flowers and small insects roaming the grass.

Viewers could not even tell what food was used to create the garden.

Another popular submission from the 2013 Edible Book Festival was Tracie Hampton's creation titled "Dog Breath." It represented a funny take on the Dav Pilkey's children's book. Hampton used rotted fruits and stale bread and the submission was awarded Least Edible.

The festival began at ECU three years ago after Eleanor Cook, Assistant Director for Discovery and Technology Services, became aware of the event that Duke University hosted. Edible Book Festivals are internationally held and are becoming more popular at universities. ECU's festival specifically benefits the Joyner Library Preservation Fund.

"We don't make a lot of money, but it creates a lot of interest and is a lot of fun," said Cook.

The Library Preservation Fund was created due to the budgets cuts that have been implemented in the last five years. Money raised for the fund is used to sustain the items in the library that are still in physical form. Treatments given to these materials include mending, pamphlet binding, cleaning, in-house construction of protective enclosures, and sending them to the off-site contract bindery for re-casing.

Decorated purple and gold ribbons are given to the winners of each category and all youth entries are given prizes. Categories include Best in Show, Most Edible, Best Youth Entry, Wittiest and Least Edible.

This event draws students, alumni, faculty and children together during the Youth Arts Festival to celebrate books and food all for a good cause.

"I'd like to see more students coming in the library. ECU has a hospitality management program on campus and those students would benefit in entering this competition."

General viewing and voting for best entries will begin at 2:00 p.m. along with bidding on silent auction items. Best in Show and Most Edible will be decided by popular vote from the viewers attending the event. Library board members will decide the winners of the three other awards.

In addition demonstration of Joyner Library Book Conservation Lab techniques and capabilities are also available during the event.

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WEB PHOTO

Dawn Rook (right) won 'Best in Show' at last year's festival with her cake entitled 'The Secret Garden', which is based on the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett.



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Aidan Wood (left) won the youth prize for his cake entitled 'There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Chick', based on the book by Lucille Colandro.



THE SPIN

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WZMB'S MUSIC CHOICES FOR THE WEEKEND

“MODERN TWIST TO THE 90's”

A playlist to start off spring on the right track by combining the classic hits with today's jams.

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5. **Paper Doll** – “17”
6. **Aer** – “Pretty Lady”
7. **The Higher Ground** – “All The Way”
8. **Ume** – “Black Stone”
9. **Christina Milian** – “Say I”
10. **Donald Glover** – “Under The Sun”

HOT UPCOMING RELEASE



MILLIE & ANDREA “DROP THE VOWELS”

What started as an anonymous project is expected to be released March 31. Miles Whittaker and Andy Scott are Millie & Andrea and their album will feature mostly new music and new versions of “Temper Tantrum” and “Spectral Source” from a previously released album.

UPCOMING SINGLES TO CHECK OUT

1. **JOSH HARRIS**
“Fighting Off The Heartache” ft. Colleen Kelly
2. **KOSCA**
“Let Me Hear The Music”
3. **RIXTON**
“Me And My Broken Heart”
4. **ELLIE GOULDING**
“Beating Heart”
5. **SIA**
“Chandelier”

