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ELECTION SEASON ACCUSATIONS

## Ticket 3 results questioned

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On Mar. 2 an appeal of the Student Government Association executive council election results was made by presidential candidate for Ticket 2, Ron Hinton, and an appeals committee reached a ruling on the appeal on Mar. 5.

Hinton's appeal claimed that Ticket 3 was engaged in activities

that compromised the overall integrity of the election.

The appeals committee's ruling of the appeal stated that the election results, "were not fraudulent and the integrity of the election was not compromised."

The central accusation was that Ticket 3 solicited university students for their Banner IDs and

that the IDs could have been used to register votes in student's names. The accusation was based on an anonymous witness who claimed that representatives of Ticket 3 contacted students for Banner IDs and that at least one list of Banner IDs was destroyed by a representative of Ticket 3.

An official SGA election appeal

process does not exist, but SGA members and advisors decided that the appeal was important to investigate.

"Even though there's no specific appeal process in the constitution or the bylaws, we decided to allow it and address the student's concerns," said Wesley Hutchins, assistant director of student involvement and leadership.

The appeals committee consisted of Hutchins, SGA Attorney General Dieu-Medju Merci, SGA Elections Chair Courtney Hartman, Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Involvement and Leadership Bobby Woodard, and Director of

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ON-CAMPUS CRIME

## Exam thief strikes

### TA tackles man who steals test

Amanda Adkins  
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Last week, a "student" in a Physiology and Anatomy class attempted to steal one of their tests in efforts to sell it.

Erfaan Ghiassi, a teaching assistant for the class, was able to stop Christopher Goughary before he got away.

"Dr. Jones, the professor of that class, had asked me to come in and



Christopher Goughary

proctor and had informed me of a student who would leave the room and put the exam in his jacket instead of turning it in," said Ghiassi.

"The plan was for me to keep an eye on him, and when he exits, to confront him casually and ask for his OneCard."

According to Ghiassi, Goughary walked out of the classroom when he was handing out exams to the back of the classroom. Dr. Jones then began to yell "now Ghiassi!" when Goughary started running down the hall.

"My reaction was to just go after him. He ran past Bate and Flanagan, but did not know that I was behind him, so I was able to grab him by his collar and pull him down to detain him and he started screaming that I could not detain him," said Ghiassi. "The ECU Police showed up shortly afterwards and it turns out that he

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## CAMPUS GETS COLORFUL



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Left to right: Renee Daigle, Cara Woods, Tara Brown, Kylie Streng and Sadie Egan pose for a photo after partaking in the Holi Festival. SAB, with the help of Indian Student Association (ISA), hosted the Holi Festival at Hendrix and Mendenhall brickyard this past Thursday. The Holi Festival is an ancient celebration of life and happiness through the throwing of colors. It started at 5 p.m. with a traditional Indian dance performance, background presentation and then the throwing of color. The festival happens every year on the full moon in March. For more turn to A4.

## Tri-Sig to hold annual Taco Night

Emily Schultz  
TEC STAFF

Sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma is hosting their second Annual Taco Night this Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Tri Sigma House located on Fifth Street.

All proceeds from Taco Night will go toward Tri-Sigma's philanthropy, the Robbie Page Memorial Fund.

According to Alexis Fernandez, Tri-Sigma's public relations chair, the foundation was created in honor of Robbie Page, the son of one of Tri-Sigma's national presidents. Page died at five years old from polio.

Fernandez said that the Robbie Page Memorial Foundation helps hundreds of terminally ill children every year through the funding of play therapy specifically at UNC Chapel Hill Children's Hospital and Children's Medical Center Dallas.

"We love it because it is specific for Tri-Sigma. No one else is

associated with the foundation," said Fernandez.

Courtney Morgan, Tri-Sigma's philanthropy chair, said that the philanthropy is important to all the sorority's sisters.

"We all hold the Robbie Page Memorial Foundation dear to our hearts. Every chance we get to raise awareness gets us excited. It's a great feeling to make as much as a difference and impact as we can," said Morgan.

Fernandez said that Taco Night last year was a successful event. Last year more people showed up than they anticipated.

"It was our first one and we had so many people attend that we had to run to the store in the middle of it to buy more tacos and tortilla wraps," said Fernandez.

Morgan agrees that last year's event was a success and is hoping for an even bigger turnout at this year.

"We were really excited hundreds of people came out to support us,



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The Taco Night event will benefit the sorority's philanthropy, the Robbie Page Memorial Foundation. This foundation was founded in memory of Robbie Page, son of one Sigma Sigma Sigma's national presidents.

and we're hoping for an even bigger turnout this year," said Morgan.

Fernandez said the event is not only about supporting the philanthropy but is also provides a great time for all participants. She said that people get to support their philanthropy while enjoying

"yummy food."

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 before the event from a Tri-Sigma sorority member or for \$7 at the door.

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## BRIEFS

### Greenville's city-wide spring cleaning to occur this Saturday

The City of Greenville is hosting its annual city-wide Spring Clean-up on Saturday, Apr. 5.

The kickoff for the event will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Lucille Gorham Intergenerational Center. Groups and individuals are asked to participate in the cleanup by cleaning public rights-of-way.

### Education group announces the Congressional Record on Education

The North Carolina Association of Educators recently announced their endorsement of Senator Kay Hagan.

House Speaker Thom Tillis' record on education is expected to hinder him this election year.

\$500 million was cut from public education led by Thom Tillis forcing teachers to leave the state and the use dated books.

### Greenville asks citizens to not park or travel on Eighth Street today

Greenville requests people to avoid parking and traveling on Eighth Street between Cotanche and Evans streets.

The area has been designated as a shipment route for supplies being sent to the construction site replacing Georgetowne Square. Parking violations and towing will be enforced.

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was not a student, but rather a 31-year-old man.”

While Ghiassi was holding down Goughary, he was struck and bitten on his forearm. Police believe that Goughary was contracted by another student to come in and take the exam.

According to Ghiassi, nothing like this has happened before. He was not prepared for the situation to get to that level of intensity and had thought it would only be a casual conversation.

Goughary was charged with identity theft, misdemeanor larceny, resisting a public officer and simple assault.

Ghiassi was given a formal email from his department thanking him for his heroic behavior in capturing this man. He is a veteran TA for the graduate biology department and teaches three sections of labs. He attended undergraduate school at the university with a double major of biology and chemistry.

**The bigger picture**

Aside from having other people take exams from professors, students are able to access websites that will show past exams and homework assignments for certain professors at different universities.

Common punishments for students who obtain exams without permission can be expulsion, suspension, an F in the class or they can be charged for stealing university property.

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**5K RAISES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**



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Runners brave rainy weather to participate in the Pirate Nurse 5K fundraiser on Saturday March 29th at the Health Sciences Campus. Money earned from the 5K supports the ECU College of Nursing senior class and the Linda Pynn Nurse Practitioners Scholarship.

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Student Involvement and Leadership Laura McMaster.

“We were told three separate times by three separate [ITCS] people that Banner IDs are both public information and the only way to log onto OneStop is to use your Pirate ID and password,” Hutchins said. “There was no reason to suspect any fraudulent activity in the vote.”

ITCS Manager of Enterprise Information Systems Zachary Loch agreed. “You would not be able to get into the OneStop with a Banner ID,” Loch said. “[The] voting system is in OneStop, so just to get through the front door, you have to have Pirate ID and password.”

Hinton said he is still unconvinced. “I think they’re underestimating what can be done with a Banner ID,” said Hinton. “I think there’s different departments in the university that use Banner to get access to different things and student information.”

Jake Srednicki, vice-presidential elect and member of Ticket 3, said he was not aware of any collection of Banner IDs or even of accusations of the Banner ID collection by his ticket until the appeal.

Srednicki said that he finds the accusations strange.

“It doesn’t make sense,” Srednicki said.

“There would be no point in collecting them in the first place. I find it more bizarre more than anything else.”

The appeal also referred to previous violations filed against Ticket 3 that were related to them allegedly campaigning in places they did not have permission in. However, Ticket 3 had already been cleared of those violations during the election process, and the appeals committee decided not to revisit them.

“The constitution states that you have to submit complaints during the election campaign,” said Medju.

“I don’t think [the appeal process] is thorough enough,” said Hinton. “The fact with the current appeals process is they can’t review any past violations after the election even though additional evidence is provided.”

Hinton said that the overall purpose of his appeal was to make sure the elections stayed fair.

“My filing of this appeal was not personal gain,” Hinton said. “This is just to make sure that there’s no foul play; that everything is truly just and right.”

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## PIRATE RANTS

My roommate has made our apartment a little home for her and her boyfriend. Cute... not.

To the dude in my finance class: you are a handsome ginger and I want to do everything and anything but discuss finance with you.

To my girlfriend: From now on, please introduce me as your ex-boyfriend.

I am always in ECU's WIFI's friend zone, it's there but I am not getting any.

What happened to, "do not smoke within 25 feet from buildings"?

Can the Rec Center please get it together and fix that mess of cardio machines up there?

Your backpack is not a person; it doesn't need a seat on the bus.

I don't understand why people think it's OK to have a conversation while the professor is lecturing. You're being incredibly rude and disrespectful.

Guys, my younger brother didn't get into ECU...

Bring the quesadillas. My body is ready.

To add onto the previous bro's rant about prime deuce dropping locations, bottom floor of Mendenhall is top notch. Good lighting, perfect temperature, and nothing but silence for you to appreciate your previous meal.

It's not global warming or climate change, it's bipolar weather disorder.

Now this is the story all about how my life got flipped, turned upside down.

I love the seasons! That's why I live in a place that gives me a different one everyday!

Smash, Smash, Smaaaassshhhh.

So hard to find a place to fart at the library when it's really busy.

My parents gave me my name because "Sexy Egyptian Goddess" wouldn't fit on the birth certificate.

Shout out to Pee Dee the Pirate for making it on that SportsCenter commercial!

Girls, please don't carry a backpack while wearing a dress. It's just not a good look.

Dear A\*\*hole, stop hovering outside my study room. I've got it for the next four hours. Try somewhere else.

NCC transit was on point this morning. Thanks for lowering the bus for me and my broken foot.

Wish my Spanish professor would actually show up for my exam. #showuportransfer

Is ECU Confessions still a thing or nah?

Oh yes... keep dragging out this three-hour class. Not like we have a life or anything. #juststop

Can't wait for my timeline to be filled with fake engagements today... You crazy b\*\*\*\*\* ain't foolin' nobody.

I know that girl saw me waiting in line to get my drink at the dining hall. Skipping line is just rude!

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



## APRIL FOOLS!

We know, that was a low blow. Tell us how you feel with a pirate rant (under the submissions tab at theeastcarolinian.com and check back on Thursday for a double dose of rants.

## Our view

## Breaking the law with your bracket

The Final Four is here and with it comes the mass burning of brackets in every corner of the country. Basketball is king in North Carolina, everyone who has grown up here has allegiances to certain teams that cannot be squashed no matter where on the bracket of the NCAA tournament they fall.

When allegiances run this deep, money is sure to become involved. North Carolina, however, is an anti-gambling state, which is not limited to blackjack tables and slot machines.

An anti-gambling statute actually covers betting on any level, including NCAA bracket betting.

The problem is: no one cares. Everyone is betting on March Madness anyway. Offices, bars, friend groups, etc., are all putting down cash in hopes that their team will go all the way.

As an editorial staff, we urge you to be careful as you put down money on Weber State going all the way, not only are you probably going to lose your money, you might end up spending more on a gambling citation.

# Don't judge people by their body art

## Take a Step Back



ReAnn Melaga  
TEC COLUMNIST

Thanks to our forefathers and the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, we are lucky enough to live in a country that allows us to freely express ourselves. Whether this involves speaking publicly about issues we find important or permanently stamping our bodies with designs, words and numbers, freedom of expression is something many people have generously applied to their lives. Unfortunately, however, it appears that as more individuals acknowledge this privilege, employers and society have become a lot stricter on what is deemed acceptable.

The tattooing of bodies is a practice that has been around for centuries. The permanent marks that people had placed upon their skin hundreds of years ago were known to represent a status symbol, a sign of religious belief or a

sign of maturity and fertility. Those who wore the elaborate designs did so proudly and with great honor. The tattoo artists themselves also were looked up to because their capabilities were considered to be an art form.

As time has progressed, so have people's opinions of tattoos. In many parts of the world, they are no longer looked at as status symbols or a form of art.

Now, it seems as if tattoos are something to be ashamed of and those who display them on their bodies are often considered to be unprofessional and careless. But my question for the people who feel that way is, why?

Coming from someone who has seven piercings but no tattoos, I am still able to see that tattoos and the act of tattooing is pure art. How many people can say they are able to put a needle to someone's skin and create elaborate and beautiful designs?

I have a difficult enough time drawing a straight line. Furthermore, how many people are brave enough to endure hour-long, sometimes even weeklong sessions that involve having a needle repeatedly pierce their skin?

Many issues regarding tattoos appear in the workplace. Just because someone has a tattoo does not mean they are any less capable of fulfilling the duties of a job when compared to someone who does not have any.

From an employer's standpoint, I think they should view a man or woman with tattoos as someone who is not afraid to represent something they believe in or feel strongly about, which could be a standout quality in an employee or a whole company.

In my opinion, discriminating against someone for having tattoos whether it is inside or outside of the workplace is exactly the same as discriminating someone because of their skin color or religion. People who have tattoos should not be looked down upon or even thought of as less of a person for an artistic mark on their skin.

Living in the twenty-first century, one would think people would be more accepting of the right to express ourselves as human beings that was established more than 200 years ago.

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# A holiday that can make or break you

## Will's Way



William Farrar  
TEC STAFF

Happy April Fools' Day everybody! I hope you all enjoyed our little pirate rant joke. Although the annual day of practical jokes and hoaxes is not recognized as a national holiday, many people around America will be participating in the festivities.

Whether you are switching your roommate's yogurt to mayonnaise or boiling all of the eggs in your neighbor's fridge, you can't go wrong with a food prank. Altering or switching someone's food usually causes enough pain to make the person mad and feel like they have taken a loss. Just be sure to be really funny and fair about the joke, and most good sports will just laugh it off and seek revenge.

Remember April Fools' Day should be deemed for practical jokes and jokes only. Don't be that guy that goes above and beyond to prank someone. You don't need to take your friend's car keys and hide his car somewhere for hours, or even try to prank your girlfriend with a "someone died" prank. Then you are just doing the most. Prolonging the prank is usually what makes people upset and they will then tend to get impatient and lose sight at the fact that it was just supposed to be a joke in the first place. Make it short and simple and straight to the point if you will. I mean you can't go wrong with tying down the trigger to the water hose gun at the kitchen sink. This simple prank takes only a minute to prepare and you can sit back and watch their priceless reaction to getting caught off guard.

For those of you who don't care to take the time to prank someone I

only have a little bit of advice. Do not get caught slipping! Just because you aren't going out your way to ruin someone's day, does not mean you are free from the battle! A lot of the pranksters around here see everyone as fair game, and that includes even the defenseless, innocent neighbor.

Watch yourself going through doors. No one wants a pale of water dumped on his or her head or even worse; getting tarred and feathered. Take a real good look at your food before shoving it in your mouth; those Oreos could be filled with toothpaste instead of the original cream filling. Be on your heels at all times and remember someone is trying to make you look like a fool.

As everyone carries out their jokes and hoaxes, just remember to have fun and be mindful before carrying out the action. May the force be with you and may the odds be ever in your favor.

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## Poll question

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## CLOSING GAPS

# Holi Festival of Colors



NATHAN RODAN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Holi Festival is a popular celebration that helps promote diversity and new relationships while bridging social gaps. The holiday is celebrated worldwide in the month of March.

## Students celebrate cultural diversity

### Staff Reports

Last Thursday, the student body and guests gathered for the International festival of color. The event was organized by ECU Ethnocultural Collective — a society aimed to represent the interest of culturally and linguistically diverse students. The Holi Festival of Colors is a celebrates the triumph of "good" over "bad" by renewing friendships with colored powders.



NATHAN RODAN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Sameer Pal and Jony Wilson, both freshmen, participated in the Holi Festival of Color together last week.



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From left to right: Ryan Crossgrove, Marcus Hill, Aleena George (center) Chibueze Chukwurah, and Myles Jones, participated in the Holi Festival.



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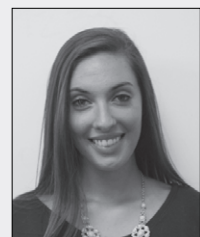
This year's Holi festival was celebrated on the Mendenhall brickyard.

# MOVIE

## REVIEW

# Hollywood takes on the Book of Genesis

Jessica McGettigan  
TEC STAFF



Darron Aronofsky's biblical remix of "Noah" certainly was not the Sunday school version of the flood story from the Book of Genesis. While there were several moments that related to

the religious story of Noah's survival of the flood, it was obvious where the Hollywood effects were added to the film script.

The movie begins with a skewed version of the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, the story of brothers Cain, Abel and Seth, and the eventual relation of Noah to Seth's family line.

Noah learns from God, who is referred to only as The Creator throughout this supposed religious film, that he was to be the one to save the good part of creation from the flood that was going to rid the world of the evil. While gathering his family and building the ark, they encounter Ila, played by Emma Watson, who was to become Noah's son Shem's love interest.

The evil that plagued the world descended from the murderous brother Cain, son of Adam. Led by a brute named Tubal-Cain, the descendants of the infamous killer gathered by the hundreds in an attempt to destroy Noah's family once it was learned that they were to be the only ones saved from the flood.

Far from being the fatherly humanitarian

that is portrayed in the Book of Genesis, Russell Crowe's Noah comes across as a self-conscious skeptic who never truly believes in his own divine power. There were several moments throughout the movie that made viewers question whether his intentions were to save the human population or destroy it.

When it came time to board the ark, he welcomed all creatures on board and when his wife Naameh, played by Jennifer Connelly, asked if the snakes had to come along too, Noah replied, "All that crawls, all that slithers." In a drastic turn of events, once it was learned that Ila was pregnant, Noah contemplates killing the unborn child, who was to be the beginning of new mankind, for reasons that are quite unclear.

While Aronofsky artfully paints the world in which Noah lives as a drab neutral toned environment displaying how worthless the world had become, his manipulation of this salvation story makes it seem like it came from the pages of Revelations rather than Genesis.

From a religious perspective this movie could not be more fictitious if it tried. From the large rock beings called Watchers, to the absolutely absurd background information at the beginning of the movie, it is obvious that "Noah" was intended to be a box office drama and not a legitimate story line.

### Grade: C-

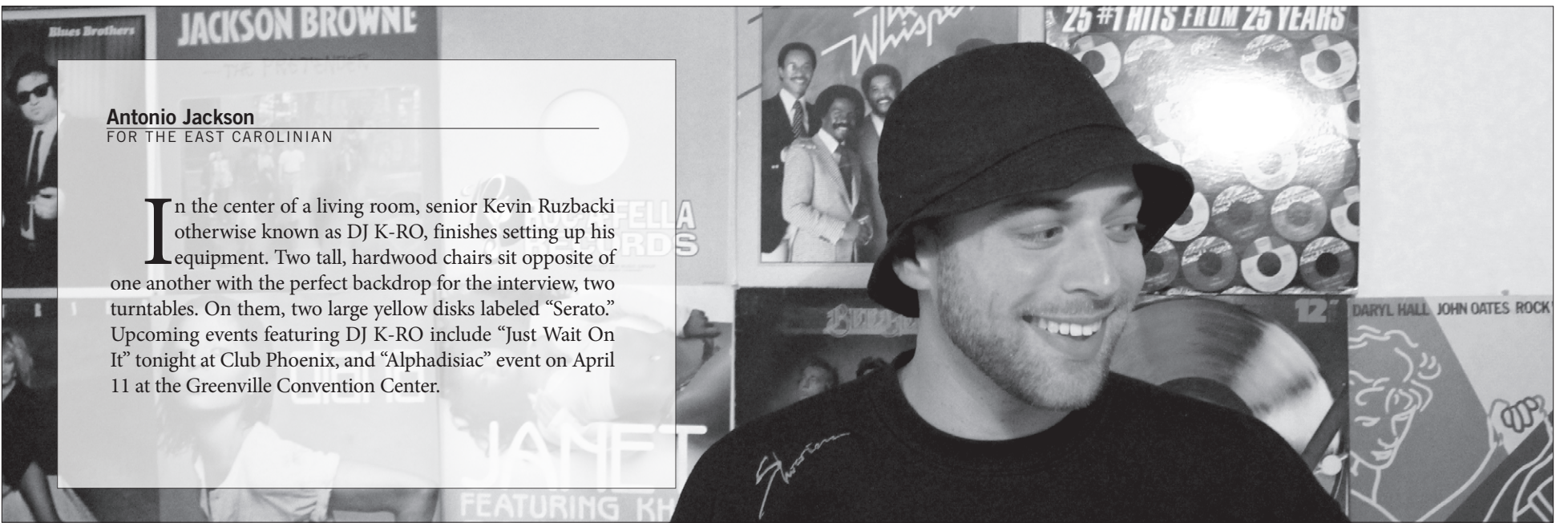
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WEB PHOTO

For star Russel Crowe, "Noah" marks the second-highest opening of his career.

# Student Spotlight: DJ K-RO



**Antonio Jackson**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

In the center of a living room, senior Kevin Ruzbacki otherwise known as DJ K-RO, finishes setting up his equipment. Two tall, hardwood chairs sit opposite of one another with the perfect backdrop for the interview, two turntables. On them, two large yellow disks labeled "Serato." Upcoming events featuring DJ K-RO include "Just Wait On It" tonight at Club Phoenix, and "Alphadisiac" event on April 11 at the Greenville Convention Center.

Kevin Ruzbacki, also known as DJ K-RO, will be DJ-ing on April 11 at the Greenville Convention Center.

**Antonio Jackson: In essence, what is it like to be a DJ?**

**DJ K-RO:** I work. I mean, it's cool, but it's a lot of work. Still. People don't understand that it is work. They just think that its just-go-out-there-and-have-fun based. It's a lot of behind the scenes work.

**AJ: What type of events do you work?**

**DJ K-RO:** Everything: parties, cookouts, weddings, mixtapes, little kids birthday parties, community events, opening up for concerts. Pretty much anything that doesn't regularly incorporate music, we can try to do it. Last year I started doing probates. Usually probates will have intro music, but they don't have DJs. So last year's Alpha probate was the first one ECU had with a DJ. And after we did that, a couple other people had DJs at their probates.

**AJ: Do you DJ back home?**

**DJ K-RO:** I don't go home too much. When I do go home, it's only for a month or so. I usually just chill, honestly. Where I'm from we don't have too much stuff to do. Everybody goes out to D.C. and Baltimore. I don't have too many connections out there like that so I just chill. I kind of enjoy my time home—enjoy my ol' people.

**AJ: What don't people understand about you? What is the biggest misconception about being a DJ?**

**DJ K-RO:** We're just going to say that people say I'm rude and ignorant. I mean, I understand, I'm not going to say I'm not but people are too conservative. Everybody is worried about what everyone thinks like, 'She might get offended,' or, 'he might get offended if I say this.' If you want to say something, just say it. Nobody is going to punch you in the eye. And if they do, well, there are consequences with everything that comes.

**AJ: Is that your mentality when you go into DJ-ing?**

**DJ K-RO:** To an extent. The business aspect of it is kind of like that. You have to handle your business. But I'm not going to lie: I get nervous pretty much every event. Especially until I get into my zone. I like getting to the event early so I can get in my zone before people get in there. I was part of an event this year, similar to The Merger of last year—a DJ dance party. There were three DJs and I went second. So, I didn't really have a warm up set. I had to jump into it right at 12 o'clock. I was nervous the first couple of minutes. I messed up once, but I covered it well so nobody knew it.

**AJ: If you could change one thing about ECU, what would it be?**

**DJ K-RO:** I would say musical knowledge, but that's not what I mean. What do I mean? Being hip to new music. Greenville doesn't really accept new music and local artists. That and Greenville is cheap. They don't want to pay to get stuff.

**AJ: So what is your biggest fear?**

**DJ K-RO:** I don't like spiders! I'm scared of spiders and bugs. But with DJ-ing? Flopping. Getting to the point where people are in the party like, 'Ok, let's leave. This DJ is whack.' Honestly, DJ-ing is eighty percent of the party. Getting people there is easy. Keeping them there, having a good time, that's the mechanics of it. If you can't do that, your name is going to go downhill.

**AJ: If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?**

**DJ K-RO:** Nothing, we're good. I'm good where I'm at. Everything, everything has a consequence. If I feel like I wanted to change something that bad, I would change it.

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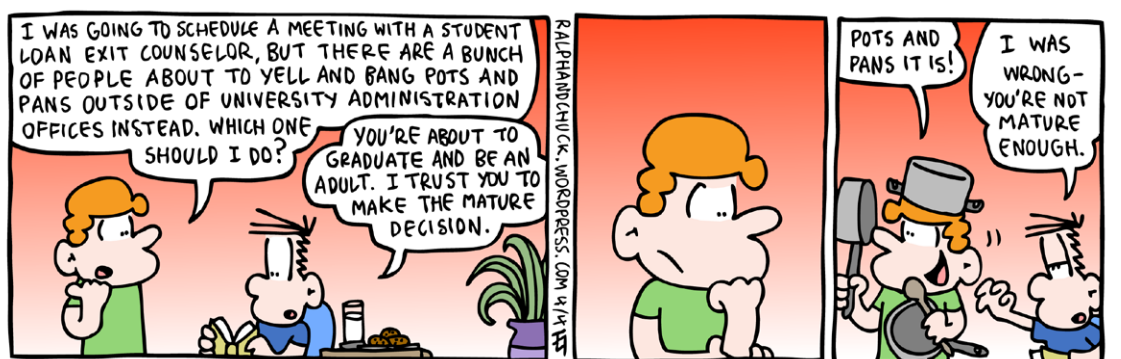
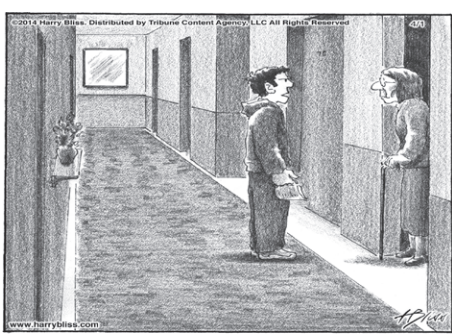
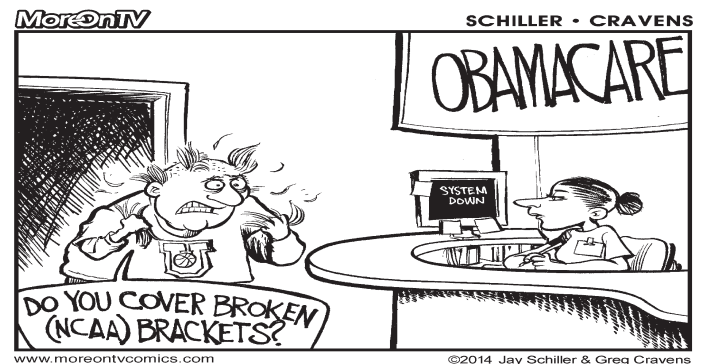
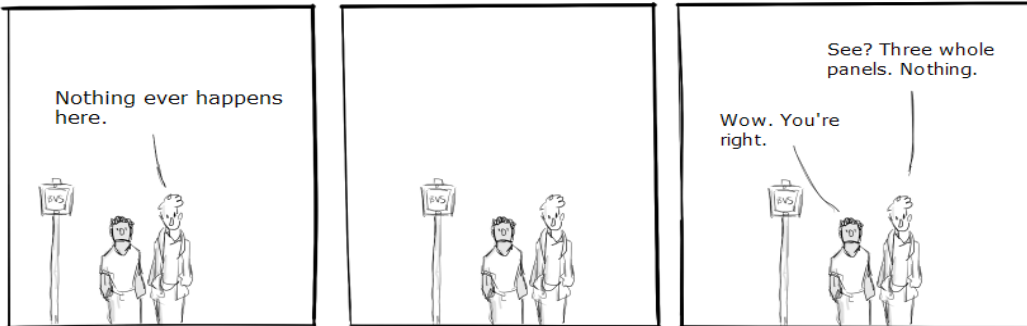
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### Solution to Thursday's Puzzle

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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. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- Bart's mom
  - Pooch in whodunits
  - Super-fast fliers, briefly
  - Multiple choice options
  - Tater
  - Poi base
  - City on Spain's Southwestern coast
  - School semester
  - Some Neruda poems
  - Collegian's specialty
  - Take home the trophy
  - '70s-'80s TV role for Robin Williams
  - Bawl out
  - Make illegal
  - "Love \_\_\_ Madly": Doors hit
  - Actor Wallach
  - "I \_\_\_ sorry"
  - TV athletic award
  - Surgical beam
  - Retire
  - Practical joke
  - Prince William's alma mater
  - Chooses, with "for"
  - Escape
  - Sound system part
  - Lid for a lad
  - Rio Grande city
  - City north of Pittsburgh
  - Tank or tee
  - Kitchen appliance
  - Turn over
  - Reagan secretary of state
  - Megastars
  - In excess of
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  - Fomer midsize Pontiac named for a native Mexican
  - Cancún cash
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- Graph paper design
- Itchy skin inflammation
- Up and about
- Bit of dust
- Gang land
- Look up to
- Casual vodka order
- Prepares for the cattle drive
- Three, in Turin
- Distress letters
- "Water Lilies" painter Claude
- Ranks below marquises
- Fully attentive
- Loses energy
- Timely benefit
- Source of a shot
- Orchard tree
- Work on a wall
- Cattle drive concerns
- Ladder lead-in

### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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## Crowded backfield for ECU

Josh Graham  
TEC STAFF

The ECU football team is enjoying the luxury of having three of its four running backs returning from last season, although the one loss is a tremendous one – Vintavious Cooper.

Cooper accounted for 65 percent of the team's rushing yards with 1,193 during his senior season while racking up a team-best 13 touchdowns. He will likely be replaced by committee in 2014.

However, ECU coach Ruffin McNeill has said several times in the opening weeks of the team's spring workouts that senior Breon Allen will be relied on to carry the bulk of the carries and develop into a leader amongst the tailbacks.

"Vintavious was so solid for us. How do we replace him? I can't tell you right now, but Breon has done a good job leading that group," McNeill said. "We challenged Breon as a staff and I challenged him individually to be a leader and he has taken hold of that."

Allen's production didn't pick up until the final month of last

season – he rushed for just 85 yards combined in the Pirates' first seven games – while he gained a better understanding for offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley's "Air Raid" offense in his first year with the team.

Similar to Cooper, Allen was a Juco transfer that wasn't acquainted with the coaches until fall camp.

But once he had a grasp of the playbook, the speedy 5-foot-8, 190-pound Daytona Beach, Fla., native was given more carries and produced. Allen rushed for 226 yards in the last five games, including a 92-yard outing against Alabama-Birmingham on Nov. 16.

"I'll say it clicked really around UAB," said Allen. "I finally realized the concept. I stopped trying to do my own thing and I started hitting my landmarks with Shane (Carden) helping me out, the (offensive) line helping me out and Cooper helping me out."

On the other end of the experience spectrum sits freshman running back Marquez Grayson, who sat out last season as a redshirt. Grayson was a highly-recruited

prospect from Lexington, N.C., after collecting back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons in high school and held offers from N.C. State, Wake Forest, Clemson and several other college football heavyweights, but in the end chose ECU.

"I want to give big ups to Coach Ruff. I love that guy to death. I love what he has done with the program and I wanted to be a part of it," Grayson said.

Grayson is the largest of the tailbacks (6-foot-1, 200 pounds) and he scored the only touchdown in yesterday's scrimmage. But ECU expects more from its backs than carrying the ball. An important skill Grayson hadn't really honed until coming to ECU was blocking.

"In high school, I wasn't too much worried about blocking. I was running the ball all the time," he said. "Once I got here, the first time I went to block somebody I got knocked in the mouth. You learn from those experiences."

Juniors Chris Hairston and Cory Hunter join Allen as the three running backs that return to the fold, although Hunter played in just



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As the elder of all the backs, Breon Allen (25) will be looked upon as a leader.

three games because of a season-ending knee injury.

Hunter emerged during last year's spring season. Fellow walk-on Chris Love has been

this spring's Hunter according to McNeill and could be capable of contributing this fall.

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## Pirates sweep UMBC

Brian Wudkwyh  
TEC STAFF

With a three-game sweep against the University of Maryland at Baltimore County over the weekend, the Pirates may finally be playing their best baseball of the season.

"We're playing well," said Head Coach Billy Godwin. "We're pitching, playing good defense and we're swinging the bat well. I'm proud of our guys."

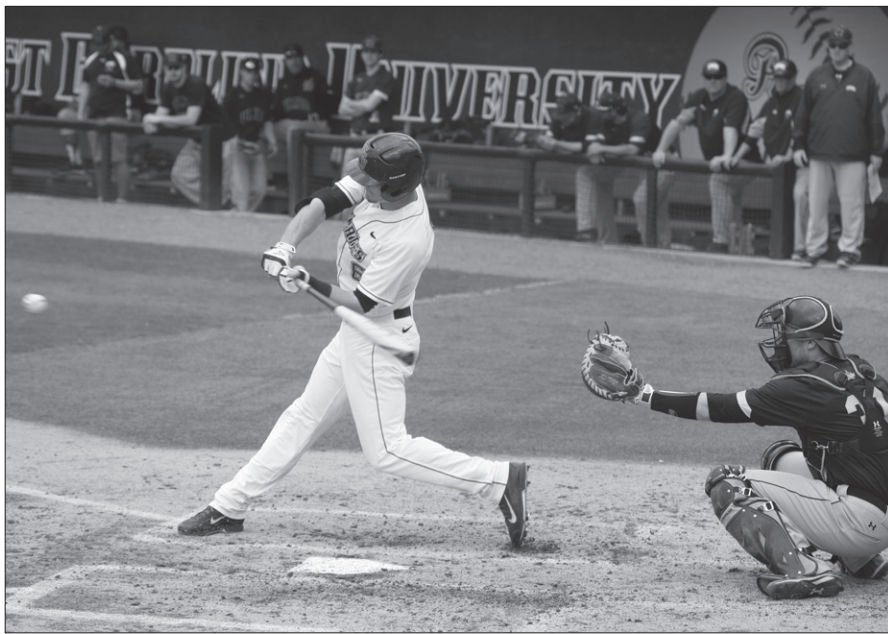
The Pirates have a seven game winning streak to show for their recent success and it's been coming from a multitude of sources.

Over the weekend alone, the Pirates had three quality starts compounded by offensive production from all through the lineup.

Jeff Hoffman, Reid Love and David Lucroy got the starts for ECU and combined to allow two earned runs.

Lucroy toed the rubber for Sunday's game three, and pitched six strong innings, allowing just three hits and an unearned run while striking out three batters. Ryan Williams spelled Lucroy and pitched three innings on his way to picking up the victory.

Charlie Yorgen and Ian



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The Diamond Bucs' offense was firing on all cylinders in series victory over the Retrievers.

Townsend each picked up an RBI, which was enough to propel the Pirates to a 2-1 victory, improving the Pirates to 17-11 on the season.

Due to weather, Friday became a double header between the teams.

The Pirate's offense had no trouble generating noise in the first two games. ECU combined to register 29 hits in those first two games alone.

"I challenged our guys offensively," said Godwin. "We got production up and down our lineup and guys

stepped up." Zach Houchins, who has been the most consistent hitter this season for ECU, went 5-for-8 with four RBIs during the double header. Ben Fultz also continued his hot hitting with a 3-for-3 outing during game one's 13-3 victory.

Hoffman started game one and picked up his first win of the season, throwing seven strong innings. Hoffman didn't overwhelm the UMBC batters, but kept the ball down in the zone and forced groundballs.

Hoffman allowed two earned runs and struck out six.

"We got a few runs early and I was able to coast from there," said Hoffman.

The middle frames are where the Pirates did most of their damage. Houchins started off the scoring in the fourth inning with a two out single to score Drew Reynolds. By the time UMBC got out of the sixth inning, ECU held an 8-0 lead.

"We played hard and we played smart," said Godwin. "We talk about playing the

game the right way and that's what we're doing right now."

Reid Love got the start in the second game of the double header for the Pirates and pitched a complete game shutout on the way to a 6-0 victory.

His complete game shutout was anchored by an early lead as the Pirates scored all six of their runs in the second, third and fourth innings, due in large part to sloppy defense played the Retrievers. Only two of the Pirates runs were earned.

"I was feeling good and I wanted to finish this," said Love. "I wanted to get it done."

Helping Love in the field was second baseman Yorgen. The freshman infielder made a rangy play behind second base. Yorgen backhanded the grounder, tossed it over his shoulder without looking to Hunter Allen who threw it to first to complete the double play.

With the second victory over UMBC, Godwin won his 300th game as the coach of the Pirate baseball team. ECU heads to Raleigh to play NC State on tomorrow.

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### BASEBALL

## Wolfpack on deck

Corey Keenan  
TEC STAFF

ECU baseball plays one of their biggest in-state rivals, North Carolina State, tomorrow afternoon in Raleigh. The matchup will be nothing less of a measuring stick for the Pirates.

NC State, who reached Omaha last season, is having an average season to this point. The Wolfpack sit at 15-11 and are coming off of a series in which they were swept by Miami (FL).

The Pack takes on the Campbell Camels today before facing the Pirates on Wednesday. Campbell will likely see Patrick Peterson as the starter for NCw State, leaving Brad Stone as the likely starter against the Pirates on Wednesday.


Stone has logged six starts with two appearances from the bullpen this season. He has registered a 3.58 era with a 3-1 record. In 27.2 innings of work, he has allowed just a .194 opposing batters average. Stone's trouble comes with his control. Despite his 21 strikeouts, he has allowed 15 walks, hit five batters and thrown four wild pitches.

Although seeing potential top five pick Carlos Rodon on the

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<p><b>Tuesday 4/1</b> Women's Tennis Richmond 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 4/2</b> (Away) Baseball North Carolina State 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Wed. (cont.) 4/2</b> (Away) Men's Tennis Richmond 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Friday 4/4</b> (Away) Baseball Rice 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>(Away) Track &amp; Field Gainesville, FL. Day 1-Florida Relays</p>	<p><b>Saturday 4/5</b> Softball Southern Miss 1 &amp; 3 p.m.</p> <p>(Away) Baseball Rice 3 p.m.</p>
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**CALENDAR**

<p><b>TAKEAWAYS</b></p> <p><b>BASEBALL</b></p> <p>The Pirates swept UMBC this weekend, pushing ECU's win streak to seven games. Head Coach Billy Godwin recorded his 300th win as ECU's coach in the second game of Friday's double header.</p> <p><b>AKEEM RICHMOND</b></p> <p>The all-time leader in three's at ECU will compete in the NCAA three-point contest on Thursday evening. You can watch it on ESPN.</p>	<p><b>TRACK AND FIELD</b></p> <p>The Pirates will head to the University of Florida to compete in the Florida Relays beginning on Friday.</p> <p><b>SOFTBALL</b></p> <p>ECU lost two of the three games versus Florida International over the weekend. With the losses, ECU drops to 17-13 overall and 6-6 in Conference USA.</p>	<p><b>FOOTBALL</b></p> <p>ECU concluded its first spring scrimmage yesterday. Redshirt freshman running back Marquez Grayson scored the only offensive touchdown of the afternoon.</p> <p><b>WOMEN'S BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>ECU concluded its year with its yearly banquet on Monday afternoon.</p>	<p><b>ONLINE</b></p> <p>Check out:</p> <p><b>"ECU football conducts first spring scrimmage"</b></p> <p>By: Jesse Deal</p>  <p>www.theeastcarolinian.com</p>
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# Tough road for Tanik

**Zach Elsam**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

It's the first practice after a tough loss for the ECU women's tennis team and everyone on the court knows the road they have ahead of them. A tough, grueling and physically challenging practice session, filled with drills meant to challenge their weaknesses.

Not so for the team captain. With a confident form, elusive footwork and a fiery desire for competition, Melis Tanik attacks every ball with no restraint, receiving opponents' volleys and returning missiles. Tanik's tennis prowess is envied by friends and yet according to her, it's always unsatisfactory, showing her everlasting desire to improve.

However, there is one thing you will never see out of the captain: complaints, and for good reason.

"I had been talking to the coach all summer, getting geared up to go, when I got the call from the assistant A.D.," said Tanik.

Tanik was initially recruited to play for West Virginia University after a dominant high school career at Ravenscroft School in Raleigh, N.C., of which included a state championship in 2008. She was elated to play at the collegiate level, until she received the phone call.

"Your coach has decided to resign, effective immediately," said the voice on the other line.

"I cried when I got the phone call," said Tanik. "I knew that now we were just going to be running around like headless chickens."

Tanik says that the challenges she faced while in the WVU tennis program seemed almost insurmountable, most of them brought on by her replacement coach.

"It was so much worse than anything I could have imagined...she was excessively tough," according to Tanik.

She describes particular scenarios that her new coach put her through, which included waking up at midnight to run suicide drills or to endlessly climb the football stadium's stairs.

After some of her former teammates requested their release from the team, Tanik surprisingly responded with a renewed passion to succeed, staying in the program for three semesters.

"I wanted to see if I could stick it out and change things."

Her breath of fresh air would turn out to be her last gasp, as Tanik suffered an emotional breakdown on the court during a match



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**Melis Tanik is ECU's top ranked tennis player.**

against Old Dominion that following year.

"You need to get out of here. Don't try to prove you can do it or rise to the challenge. You need to find somewhere you can be happy. That's what my dad said to me after the game."

Tanik was kicked off the team by her coach following her request for release and immediately began her search for a new home.

She talked to current teammate Neena Wanko, whom Tanik had met throughout her training days in Raleigh. Their friendship translated into Tanik receiving a scholarship offer from Head Coach Tom Morris to play for ECU.

"[After] talking to Neena, I had to call coach and tell him that I was a Pirate," Tanik said.

The fire to win and the passion for the game fuels the senior captain each and every day, driving her teammates to take advantage of the opportunities placed before them and go to work smiling.

Tanik currently holds the team's No. 1 slot and has been unanimously elected team captain by her teammates. To add to her resume, she is also ECU's winningest tennis player.

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mound is unlikely, he may pull designated hitter duty in the game. Rodon is tied for the team's highest batting average with .368.

NC State has a high-powered offense that has scored 10 or more runs six times this season. Their offense is led by three big bats in Andrew Knizner, Brett Austin and Trea Turner.

Knizner, a third baseman, has a .368 average with three home runs and 17 runs batted in (RBIs). Knizner has also racked up an impressive .529 slugging percentage. Austin, the catcher, holds a .367 average. He generally hits lead off for

the Wolfpack and has one home run and eight RBI's. Turner is NC State's stand out shortstop with a .314 average. He has hit four home runs and picked up 18 RBI's.

Freshman Charlie Yorgen is one Pirate to keep your eye on as Yorgen was named C-USA Hitter-of-the-Week for his performance in ECU's four wins last week.

The freshman will experience playing time in a big-time baseball atmosphere for the first time as a Pirate.

"I'm really just excited, I want to see the atmosphere, I want to see the competition

and I think it will be a lot of fun," said Yorgen.

Yorgen holds the team's third highest average with .333, he has also picked up 7 RBI's in just 12 games.

Five of the nine starters are first year Pirates, including true freshmen Bryce Harman, Eric Tyler and Yorgen. Transfer juniors Ian Townsend and Allen are also first year Pirates.

The Pirates play a home-and-home series with the Pack as NC State comes to ECU on Wednesday, April 9.

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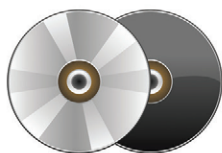
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## Software

Free Microsoft products: [www.ecu.edu/microsoft4students](http://www.ecu.edu/microsoft4students).

Log into the Virtual Computing Lab at [vcl.ecu.edu](http://vcl.ecu.edu) to access software anytime, from anywhere you have an Internet connection.

Locate a campus computer lab using ECU's Computer Lab Google map.



## Mobile Support

Bring your own Apple, Android, or Windows mobile device and connect to the ECU wireless network: [www.ecu.edu/wireless](http://www.ecu.edu/wireless).

Sync your ECU Office 365 e-mail account to your mobile device: [www.ecu.edu/studentemail](http://www.ecu.edu/studentemail).



Meet online with instructors or fellow students through Lync Mobile or Lync Online: <http://www.ecu.edu/itcs/lync>.

## File Storage and Printing

Store up to 40GB of files on your secure ECU Piratedrive ([www.ecu.edu/piratedrive](http://www.ecu.edu/piratedrive)), easy to access through My Computer > U drive while logged into the INTRA domain. Also accessible through OneStop and Pirate Port. More storage available upon request.



Part of your ECU Office 365 e-mail, OneDrive provides storage space for class assignments, images, and other files.

Pirate Print allows students to print from personal computers on or off campus to printing kiosks located around campus: [www.ecu.edu/pirateprint](http://www.ecu.edu/pirateprint).

## Technology Help

ECU IT Help Desk: (local) 252.328.9866, (toll free) 800.340.7081, or [help.ecu.edu](http://help.ecu.edu).

ACE Student Computer Support Center: Main Campus (108 Rawl Bldg., 328.5407) or Health Sciences Campus (Laupus Library, 2506 Health Sciences Bldg., 744.5380).



Announcements, resources, and tutorials on the many tools and features within Blackboard: [blog.ecu.edu/sites/blackboard/home](http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/blackboard/home).

## Web Space

Set up your ECU Web space at [myweb.ecu.edu](http://myweb.ecu.edu). Upload files, manage privacy settings...even create a blog for class!



Download Microsoft Expression Web (part of the Expression Studio suite) for free to design Web pages: [www.dreamspark.com](http://www.dreamspark.com).

## Training

Complete free online training on Microsoft technologies and SAS statistical software, or visit the ITCS Training Web site to view and register for classes throughout the academic year: <http://www.ecu.edu/itcs/training.cfm>.



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