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A taste of something new

Students use food to learn new cultures

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TEC STAFF

Cultural student organizations took over the Mendenhall Brickyard Wednesday afternoon to give students a taste of life all around the globe.

Organizations came out as part of the 7th Annual Cultural Fest: "A Taste of ECU" to promote themselves and to provide insight to different cultures. At different organization's tables there were informational materials, and some event had food, representing their respective cultures, including the Caribbean Student Association (CSA).

"We have flags, we have fliers, and we have food," said Brittney Gilmore, a junior social work major representing CSA.

Micah Lockhart of SAB co-hosted the event, and said it fostered a sense of community.

"It brings everyone together," said Lockhart. "It's a good way to expose different people to different cultures."

Meghan Mangal, Student Government Association's executive director of campus diversity and inclusivity, agreed.

"It's just a way to get all the organizations out," Mangal said.



Students enjoy different cultural foods brought by different clubs around campus. Along with food, student organizations provided informational materials so that students could learn about different cultures worldwide.

"We all try to reach out and expose our culture to someone else."

Mangal said that by co-sponsoring the event she hopes to expand SGA's outreach and change students' perception of SGA's lack of involvement.

"A lot of people say SGA doesn't reach out to organizations," Mangal said. "Well, that's what we're here to do."

The SGA table offered a variety of incentives if students filled out a

survey about the event.

"We have flags of the world and we have beach balls of the world," Mangal said.

Many cultural student organizations were out at Culture Fest to promote their clubs.

Lucas Merriam, a junior double majoring in German and recreation and park management, was at the event to help represent the German Club. He said he hopes the publicity the club gains at the event will help

expand their club.

"We're here to put ourselves out there," said Merriam. "We're a small organization, but we want to be bigger. We're here to promote the culture."

Gilmore said CSA was there for the same reason.

"Our organizations out here because we want to promote ourselves," said Gilmore.

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BOARD APPROVES

Same school, new name

College adds degree and title

Emily Gardiner
TEC STAFF

On Friday, Apr. 11, the UNC Board of Governors approved the name change of the university's College of Technology and Computer Sciences and the implementation of a new biomedical engineering degree.

The college will now be known as the College of Technology and Engineering.

The Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology Dr. David White, said the name change provides a more clarified, defined perception of what the college offers to potential students and faculty.

"Our new name will provide the college and the university with

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DISEASES RE-EMERGE

State vaccines protect

Edward Boseman
TEC STAFF

North Carolina mandatory vaccinations continue to provide protection against previously eradicated diseases that are making a comeback across the nation.

In the face of a reemergence of diseases like whooping cough, measles and polio across the nation, North Carolina remains one of the top states to have a high vaccination percentage for children. According to the state's department of Health

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Students walk to stop trafficking

Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

ECU students advocated the end of human trafficking last night when they participated in the Stop Human Trafficking Awareness Walk.

Participants lined up at Todd Dining Hall on College Hill around 6 p.m. and waked to Hendrix Theatre, where a documentary about human trafficking was shown.

The Stop Human Trafficking Awareness Walk was coordinated by Erin Price, a senior criminal justice major and intern for Eastern North Carolina (ENC) Stop Human Trafficking Now. Price's goals for the walk were to make a difference for people who were victims of human trafficking and to raise awareness to prevent sex trafficking from happening in the future.

Price's idea for the walk was brought up when she was interviewing for her internship with Pam Strickland, founder ENC Stop Human Trafficking Now.

"I told Pam multiple things I

would be interested in doing as an intern... I didn't really think that I'd actually be doing any of them... But when she asked me if I still wanted to do the walk, that's how I got to actually do it," said Price.

Students and advocates carried posters on the walk that said things like "End Modern Day Slavery" and "Break the Chains." Price said that she wanted students to participate in the walk to help raise awareness about human trafficking.

"I think it's important to know about because it can start at such a young age. We're like 18 to 20 year olds, but the average victim is 11 to 14 years old... When I go talk to middle schools and high schools, some students laugh and don't take it seriously, but then I show them stories about real people that this happens to and it sinks in that it's real," said Price.

When the walkers arrived at Hendrix, they watched "Not My Life," a documentary made to educate them about human trafficking. Price said that the



From left to right Erin Price, Desieree Gray, Nick Purvis and other East Carolina Students walk down College Hill to bring awareness to Human Trafficking.

documentary shows a modern day, relevant example of what labor and sex trafficking are.

"People think it happens in like Africa and all of these third-world countries, but the part that I like the most is that it shows an All-

American teenage girl that no one would think is a victim. She tells her entire story about how she became a victim," said Price.

Part of Price's internship

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BRIEFS

Biology professor Receives Grant

Dr. Edmund Stellwag, associate professor of biology in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, has been awarded a grant by the North Carolina Biotechnology Center to purchase an Ion Proton DNA Sequencer.

An Ion Proton Sequencer can determine the sequence of about three billion DNA bases of a genome in approximately one day, a process that can take years.

Performances begin next week

"The Great God Brown," a play about two men who have fallen in love with the same woman and who are all hiding secrets, will show in McGinnis Theatre beginning Thursday and continuing until Tuesday, April 29.

The play tells of the search for identity and the consequences for those who don't find this sense of self. This play will air multiple times throughout April 29.

Classes cancelled on Good Friday

In honor of Good Friday the university will be closed on Friday, April 18.

The university decided against taking away Good Friday and instead replaced the make up day on what was planned to be Reading Day, April 30.

Classes will begin again Monday, April 21, after this weekend, Spring Recess.

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I wonder if people secretly know that it was me that submitted the Pirate Rant #paranoid.

Officer arrested for destroying evidence

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Police Department has arrested a former Greenville officer for destroying evidence on a case he had responded to.

Heriberto Calles was arrested yesterday morning and charged with obstruction of justice, altering, destroying or stealing evidence of criminal conduct and willfully failing to discharge duties.

According to police, when Calles was a Greenville police officer, he destroyed photographic evidence to minimize a domestic disturbance case that he was responding to.

When investigators developed information about Calles' actions, they presented the case to the State Bureau of Investigation in early March in order for them to act as a third party investigator.

Calles was immediately suspended and his police powers were removed. He later submitted a letter of resignation from the police force.

According to Kristen Hunter, GPD public information officer, police became aware of Calles' actions when one of the parties involved in the domestic call for service came to police to provide more



Heriberto Calles

information. It was then discovered that there were irregularities with the preliminary report.

"The arrest of Officer Calles serves as a reminder that the law enforcement community in our city is not above the law and that the investigative process is unbiased," said GPD Chief of Police Hassan Aden. "I want our community to know that the Greenville Police Department holds itself accountable to the highest ethical standards and all laws that govern our society."

Calles was arrested Wednesday morning at the Pitt County Magistrate's Office and given a \$10,000 unsecured bond. He was hired by GPD in January 2010 and remained an officer there for nearly four years.

"I want to reaffirm that maintaining the public's trust is a top priority of my administration. I want to thank the State Bureau of Investigation and the Pitt County District Attorney's Office for assisting in the pursuit of justice, even when the offender is a law enforcement officer."

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and Human Services, 76 percent of people are vaccinated compared to the national average of 70.5 percent.

The high rate can be attributed to state laws requiring students to receive vaccinations before they can attend school in both K-12 and four-year universities.

Students at the university believe having these laws in legislation is a good thing.

"ECU and NC are fortunate because some states, and by extension, do not have laws or policies in place for people to get vaccinated," said David Huie, a sophomore health fitness major. "If we have a vaccine for it, it seems like whatever risks there are, it would be a worth it because everything sort of has a side effect and a risk involved anyway."

The university's Student Health Services Director Dr. Jolene Jernigan M.D. said that the university has had no reported outbreaks of measles this year, and that reported cases of flu were less severe this year.

"We try very hard to make sure all students are compliant with state regulations about vaccinations," said Jernigan. "All incoming students who take more than four credit hours of classes on ECU are required to have vaccinations."

According to Student Health Service, only 13 students were exempt from vaccinations, and 96 students were withdrawn because of noncompliance with vaccination rules.

"We try to do everything we can to get people to meet the requirements and continue to remind and provide vaccinations up to the final days for vaccinations, which is 30 days

into the school semester," said Jernigan.

Jernigan went on to explain that most offices don't carry vaccinations because of the cost associations, but even so, most students can get vaccinated for free by their local health department.

"Students don't realize that most vaccinations are offered by the health department, especially for first-year students, as they can get their necessary vaccinations for free," said Jernigan. "But most people just don't want to be bothered or don't understand the policy [of] vaccines."

According to the state's Department of Health, Buncombe County has the highest percentage of people who applied for religious exemptions. In that county there were a total of 3.81 percent of kindergarteners in 2009-2010 who were exempt. A conducted study revealed that parents used the exemption because of safety concerns of vaccines.

"The study that showed vaccines caused problems like autism has been debunked, but once people get it in their minds, it is hard for people to get past that," said Jernigan. "In the past people lined up around buildings to get [vaccinations] for diseases like polio and measles because they knew first-hand the devastation it could bring to families and communities."

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Kate Barth, a freshman intended child life development major, said she enjoyed experiencing other cultures.

"I think it's really cool because it opens us up to other cultures we wouldn't be exposed to otherwise," said Barth.

Free food from different cultures and reggae music, provided by the band Mystic Vibrations, were some student favorites of the event. Students thought the food and music complimented the diverse tone of the event.

Barth is a fan of the free food, especially how the food was different

from what she usually eats on campus.

"I mean its free food, and it's different then what we get from the cafeteria," Barth said.

Devon Herron, a freshman business management major, said she enjoyed the music.

"I think the music sets a nice tone for the event," Herron said.

Mangal explained why she thought SGA should be responsible for encouraging diversity at ECU.

The festival was cosponsored by SGA as well as other organizations such as the Ledonia Wright Cultural

Center, the university's Campus Living Diversity Education team, the Office of International Affairs and the Student Activities Board.

"Diversity is important to each and every student," Mangal said. "So it should from the top."

Mangal also said she is appreciative of how long the Culture Fest has been around.

"I glad that it's the 7th annual Culture Fest," Mangal said. "I'm glad it's grown so much."

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requires her to go to high schools and middle schools around Pitt County and educate students about the dangers of human trafficking.

"I made a presentation specifically for the youth, and I speak to them how their age group can become victims... I let them know how that happens to them and what they can do to stop it," said Price.

Price said sometimes she

tells stories to the students about how cheerleaders become trafficked in high school or about young children who are sold by their parents into sex slavery.

"Stuff like that they don't really realize. They think it's just these broad things like something that could never happen to them," said Price.

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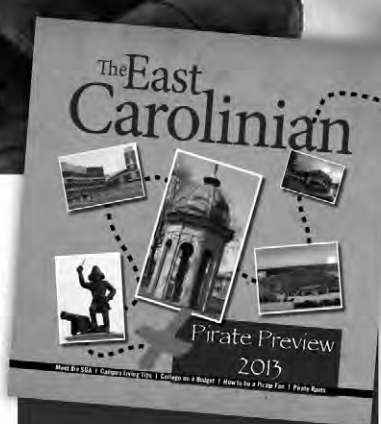


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UNIVERSITY RECEIVES GRANT

Librarians get professional training

Caroline West
TEC STAFF

The university recently received a grant that will train school librarians to be professional librarians who will serve rural areas in Eastern North Carolina.

The library science degree program in the College of Education was awarded the Institute of Museum and Library Services' 2014 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant.

This grant requires a non-federal or private share of funds to be matched to the grant's funds. According to an ECU News Services press release, of the grant's almost half-a-million dollar amount, the university will provide \$165,045 of it, bringing the total amount of funding to \$657,369.

"This grant will be a godsend to our program [to] not just us but for 30 people who want to be professional librarians," said Dr. John B. Harer, master of library science degree coordinator and associate professor of library sciences in the College of Education.

Harer said that this grant will help serve communities by providing a local resource that will be available for use by students in those areas, and will help create an opportunity for those

who desire to be professional librarians.

The grant will support recruitment efforts to find qualified librarians and will provide full-tuition scholarships for 30 library science graduate students beginning their studies this fall.

Students in this program will not only receive a tuition-free masters degree but the grant will also cover university fees and offer a book stipend for the entire degree program until spring of 2017.

This program also offers membership to the North Carolina School Library Media Association and a travel stipend to attend an association conference.

In a time of decreasing graduate enrollment in many graduate-degree programs, Harer said this project would increase the number of students going into this graduate-degree program significantly.

"That keeps our program, and graduate education in general, healthy from a student enrollment point of view," Harer said.

The project will use a "grow-your-own" model, focusing on students that want to stay and work in Eastern North Carolina and complete their masters degrees online.

Recruitment will begin immediately, and Harer said the recipients of the scholarship will be announced in June.

"The project will provide training for jobs as school media specialists, skills in searching for professional jobs and assisting students in securing employment in their home communities," Harer said.

According to College of Education officials, the university's mission to support the Eastern part of the state "aligns with the Institute of Museum and Library Services' charge to prepare librarians to work in high-need districts."

Rural public schools in economically depressed communities of Eastern North Carolina have faced challenges in recruiting and retaining school librarians. It is Harer's goal that the university will serve these rural North Carolina communities with trained professional librarians by the time these students graduate.

Established in 1939, the university's master of library science degree program is the largest producer of school library media coordinator graduates in the state. It has supported non-traditional students seeking employment as librarians and information professionals in primary, middle and high schools, universities, community colleges and public libraries through a web-based course.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded 23 grants out of 82 proposals received from across the country. The university and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill were the only North Carolina institutions to receive grants.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

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Oh, you don't watch Game of Thrones? You haven't experienced life.

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greater visibility for prospective students and faculty, it will enhance our opportunities to secure external research funding, increase economic development opportunities and more accurately identify the programs in the college," said White.

White also said the name change could possibly draw potential employers for graduating students.

"I also believe employers will be more likely to look to ECU and the college for their

future employees and leaders," said White.

Kyle Bird, a junior finance major, said the new name would not only bring attention to only the college but to the entire university, especially to employers.

"I think any attention to the school is a good thing because by attention it brings attention to the school itself. It works out for all students myself included because employers will be aware of ECU," said Bird.

Bird also said that a name change marks

the college's current transition.

"A name change can also be a positive thing because it sets it apart from what it was in the past to what it is now," he said.

Along with a name change, the Board of Governors also approved a new biomedical engineering degree within the same college. Those majoring in biomedical engineering will focus on a mix of engineering principles and health, medicine and biology concepts to improve medical systems, devices and instruments. The Brody School of Medicine will work with the College of Technology and Engineering on this newly shaped masters degree.

About 2,000 students comprise the College of Technology and Engineering under four different departments: engineering, computer science, technology systems and construction management.

The engineering degree program was implemented at the university in 2004 and had 37 students under its umbrella and has since grown to about 521 students as of 2013. With such a fast-growing program, in the future the university plans to accommodate the program to about 1,000 enrolled students.

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Stop inviting me! I'm too nice to say no, but I'm too lazy to say yes.

POLICE GOALS

New unit to reduce crime in downtown

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

In efforts to better the community, the Greenville Police Department (GPD) has created a new unit that is the first of its kind in the country.

This new unit, called the Center City unit, is geared to help create an environment conducive to economic development. If that goal is achieved, according to GPD, it will prevent less crime and improve the quality of life for those living in Greenville.

The Center City unit also hopes to change perceptions of Uptown Greenville and bring more business to that area.

This unit is called Center City because the unit will primarily work on Elm Street, 10th Street, Albemarle Avenue and the Tar River. This area also includes the university's main campus, the Tar River University Neighborhood Association and other nearby student housing.

According to Kristen Hunter, GPD public information officer, this new unit will work directly with merchants, bar owners and people who frequent businesses in Uptown Greenville. That includes students, citizens and people travelling to the area for a visit.

The Center City unit consists of eight officers, each with three to 20 years of experience as an officer. They have backgrounds and training in Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, dealing with narcotics, SWAT, Crisis Intervention, Active Shooter Response and Rape Aggression Defense.

According to Hunter, the crime and perception of crime both have an effect on growth in an area. She said that the unit has already proven to be an effective tool.

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PIRATE RANTS

Whenever a delivery truck parks half on the curb in front of Bate, I imagine how fairly easy it'd be to tip it.

If I were nice enough to hold the door open for you, a simple "thanks" would suffice. Don't be rude!

Neon tank tops on hot chicks are like a Bug Zapper to a beetle... One day I am going to wreck... again.

I WILL LOOK AT EVERYTHING THAT YOU EXPOSE WITHOUT HESITATION. So understand when I do not look you in the eyes even for a brief second.

I'm moving to Florida and have season tickets for 2014 ECU Football. Must get pilot's license.

I'd be a college professor. At least the students are "technically" legal...

Freshman advice: Plan on five years... graduating in four is like leaving a party before the keg is tapped!

Warm weather brings the long awaited short spandex shorts! Love at first sight is real!

Vanilla Coke! Senior Fifteen will happen in the last three weeks of my college career!

Could they please just put an entire page of Pirate Rants in the last paper before the semester ends? I am graduating and this is my final wish!

When you are yelling ladies first over and over pushing your way through a crowd to get on the bus, it makes you look like a needy diva and no guy wants a needy diva.

I'm sick of seeing Wolfpack and Tar Heels clothing being worn on this campus by ECU students. If you want to be there, then go there. If you're not good enough to get in then suck it up and be proud to be a Pirate by showing it.

Seriously, when did it become socially acceptable to wear only a T-shirt and see-through leggings?

To the individual who determined the Tar River tanning bed trash can was an appropriate place of urination...I recommend you get checked, pee isn't suppose to smell like the juice from a tuna can.

My profound thanks to the random guy who returned my wallet to me Tuesday. A little of my faith in humanity has been restored.

I came to the library to do work, not hear your music coming from your headphones over 10 feet away.

Can we please get sleeping pods like Google? This kid is taking up my computer in the lab to sleep.

Let's hear it for ECU Club Cheer for placing second at their National Competition in Daytona!

Shout Out to Brandon Knox for winning the Collegiate Boxing National Championship! #ECUclubBoxing

Congrats to the ECU Women's Lacrosse Club for winning their tournament at UNCW!

Some words of wisdom for all the seniors in my major: there is no such thing as stupid questions, just stupid people asking questions.

Hey, I'm THE redhead in Croatan and I would love some company!

Our view

Living arrangements will be hard to obtain

Students already have to work hard to find that perfect place to live for years to come. Unfortunately the search for a home away from home may get tougher for students with the city voting to not allow more three unrelated people live in a house in The Grid Area.

The three-unrelated rule will not be going into effect now or even next year, but this is a problem many students may have to face in a couple of years. The rule will not affect apartment complexes and Greek life houses, but all other homes occupied by students

of more than three people may be forced to split up.

The rule the city is trying to implement is only going to make the search for a home difficult and the cost of living will also go up with it. Usually the more roommates you have, the cheaper the rent gets for each individual person.

We as an Editorial staff believe students should be able to have the freedom to live with as many people as possible. College is already expensive and challenging, and the last thing we need is higher rent and less spots for everyone.

The debate on Marijuana



A man of Kingston in St. Vincent of the West Indies, where marijuana is legal, is allowed to enjoy a marijuana cigarette at a spliff bar in March of 2014.

The illegal substance that has its own 'holiday'

Will's Way



William Farrar
TEC STAFF

With spring comes April, with April comes Easter, and for this year, with Easter comes the infamous holiday, 4/20. Without trying to take any light away from the day of Easter egg hunts and chocolate-filled candies, many others will

be celebrating the day by staying home and consuming and appreciating a different type of God's creation: Marijuana. You may have heard the drug be referred to as weed, pot, cannabis, or even loud.

April 20 of each year has been set aside by marijuana-smokers everywhere and the day may be used to consume more weed than the average day. Of course, the holiday is not recognized by the United States and does not occupy a spot on official calendars, but people of all ages will be participating in the "National Weed Day" festivities.

The versatile plant has been illegal for some time under federal law however states such as Colorado, California and Washington are being the first to make strides to loosen up the laws. Pot is being allowed for medicinal use in some cases, and is also being decriminalized in certain

states, reducing the penalty for those that are caught possessing the drug for recreational use.

Is it too risky to let people use for recreation use? There really is no definite answer to why our country's leaders have chosen to keep it sanctioned for so long.

If the government will sell an 18-year-old cigarettes or a can of dip, then I think it is safe to say health reasons are not the main cause of pot being illegal. Everyone knows cancer is affiliated with the usage of tobacco products, yet people erase that theory out of their brains and still devour all forms of tobacco. Everything from drugs to food and soda can be detrimental when abused, so why should marijuana be singled out?

Honestly, with the recent widespread popularity of marijuana, there is no reason to not go ahead and allow the usage of the plant. I am not a father, but if I had a teenager, I would rather catch him with joint papers, rather than a pack of Marlboros or fifth of liquor.

I know people of all ages who are struggling with the tendencies to consume tobacco, marijuana, and alcohol. Of the drugs, it is highly noticeable that alcohol has the biggest impact on one's current actions. Skipping work, school or just not getting any work done are all factors of binge drinking.

While the effects of tobacco use do not factor into our lives suddenly, many people are often met with traumatizing news of lung and mouth cancer after years of usage. Worst-case scenario effects

I've seen from pot usage are people being lazy.

No one has ever smoked a joint and felt the need to fight someone once feeling the effects of being high. Possibly a Cook-Out run, blasting some hip-hop, or even just having that in-depth conversation of how the galaxy was formed are innocent actions that may follow the act of devouring some "dank bud."

There are many steps that we need to take before making pot completely legal, but I do believe it is time to commit to the plan. Smoking weed does not make you a criminal, but under law you are treated like one.

Legalizing pot can be the first steps to dropping crime rates and can also be beneficial to the economy. If one could drive to the store and get a pack of pre-rolled joints, then we would be preventing that person from having to do a sketchy drug deal. Humans need to work smart and not hard and realize we have a plant that is a lot harmless than other drugs people are seeking to consume.

We, at the East Carolinian do not condone smoking marijuana as it is illegal, nor are we telling anyone to go break the law. If you have that urge, try your hardest to wait it out. The tables could be turning sooner than expected.

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Face-to-face interactions

Social networks are taking away from experiences



Jessica Richmond
TEC STAFF

The Pirate Rants are overflowing with Pirates looking for that special someone; whether it's a girl they passed in

Mendenhall or a guy that has sat next to them in health all semester. I have one thing to say about that: talk to them.

We've become a generation where technology has become our crutch for social communication. We write on someone's wall instead of telling them "happy birthday" in person. We Instagram our food at a restaurant instead of enjoying the time with the people you actually went out to eat with. So, of course, we'd rather submit a Pirate Rant about the cute co-ed we just saw rather than put ourselves out there.

I'm as guilty as the next person of this technological crutch, but there's got to be something we can do about it, right? When I'm annoyed with how much homework I have, I tweet about it. What if I actually just sucked it up and did it? Did my tweet actually contribute anything to the world? No. Does anyone care about how much homework I have or how annoyed by it I am? No. It's a societal norm to try and make yourself as important as possible by sharing your life through as many outlets as possible.

You're not going to find your dream job by applying via monster.com. You're not going to find your dream significant other by ranting about her in your college newspaper. You're not going to become rich, famous and gain a thousand followers because you tweeted about that "dank grilled cheese" you made last night. And, you're not going to have a line of suitors outside your door because you shared your #selfiesunday.

I urge you that rather than letting the girl or guy of your dreams walk by while you submit a Pirate Rant about it to stand up and walk over to the said

Social Media Effect

f
Monthly active users now total nearly **850 million**.

85% of women are annoyed by their friends on Facebook.

23% of users check their account 5 or more times daily.

Links about sex are shared **90%** more than any other link.

t
Since the dawn of Twitter, there have been over **163 billion** tweets.

Top 3 countries on Twitter are the USA at 107 million, Brazil 33 million and Japan at nearly 30 million.

56% of customer tweets to companies are being ignored.

In 2012, 1 million accounts were added to Twitter every day.

g
There are **575 likes** and 81 comments by Instagram users every second.

On average **60 million** photos are uploaded in one day.

Users uploaded more than 800,000 photos of Hurricane Sandy using the hashtag **#Sandy**.

p
Users spend an average of **16 minutes** on Pinterest a visit.

The most popular age group on Pinterest is **25 - 34 year olds**.

Pinterest hit **10 million** U.S. monthly unique visitors faster than any independent site in history.

INFOGRAPHIC BY ALLISON ZAUCHA

The facts above are just a handful of over 100 facts The Huffington Post displayed in a study on social networks.

beautiful creature. You might get shot down, this is true, but you have an infinitely better chance than if you do nothing

Expand your reach and make yourself different by being a people person in a world where that's a lost art. Society has forgotten how to talk face-to-face. Most employers are searching for employees that have communication skills. Your job application including the number Facebook friends you have is going to be a lot less impressive if you don't know how to look

someone in the eye. Imagine how great a commodity you could be if you're the guy that applies for the job and you actually have people skills. Imagine walking up to that amazing girl in Mendenhall and having the ability to start an actual conversation with her. You're in control of what you can offer this world. Are your Instagram likes going to be your legacy?

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EGG RANT 4 OF 8

4/20 blaze it an praise it everyone! Roll one up.

Wealthy tax payers can give more

Take on the Nation



Houston Davis
TEC COLUMNIST

What is the one thing that we need that we never seem to have enough of? If you are thinking time, I commend you for thinking on a deeper level, but what I am referring to is money.

We live in a society in which money is one of the most important things in life next to food and water, which you conveniently need money to obtain. We all need money, but some have more than others. Some have an obnoxious amount of money while others survive paycheck to paycheck.

This brings me to the issue of income inequality. In the United States, the income tax rates between the middle class and the top one percent are far to close. A single adult making between \$36,000 and \$90,000 a year gets taxed 25 percent of what he earns that year, but those who make \$405,000 or more a year only get taxed 39.6 percent of their earnings that year.

When I first thought about it I thought a flat tax for everybody seems like the best option, but then I started doing some math. What if we had a flat tax of 30 percent? We have three guys. One makes \$10,000 a year, another makes \$100,000 and the last makes \$10 million. The flat tax would leave the first man with \$7,000, the second with \$70,000 and the



In June 2011, protestors of the Solidarity Committee of the Capital District marched in Albany, New York.

last man with \$7 million. Who is hurting the most? Not the millionaire, right?

I am not saying that the extremely rich do not deserve their money. I am sure a lot of them worked really hard for that cash. I am saying that I think that those who make such obscene amounts of money can afford to be taxed more. We could tax the super rich with an 80 percent income tax and they would still be richer than the middle class without being taxed at all.

I would like to think that those who have so much should feel it is their responsibility to help out those who have so little. Like some actors or athletes making millions on millions a year doing jobs that are awesome, but you have Joe Nobody over

here working 60 hours a week in a cubicle to support his family on a \$35,000 salary. It just doesn't seem fair to me that the differences in lifestyles do not fit the differences in tax rates.

I know it may sound ridiculous and unfair, but the top one percent should be taxed

at least 60 percent of their yearly income. I believe everybody should pay their fair share in taxes and the more you make the more you should be taxed.

Houston Davis is a senior majoring in communication and is a TEC columnist. To contact him, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Poll results

Should employers be required to give paid vacation days?

Yes - 67%
No - 33%

Poll question

Do you believe marijuana should be made legal for recreation use?

Visit theeastcarolinian.com to vote.

RANTS CONT.

To the guy who wore the black slacks and the black polo riding the Sunchase bus in the morning with the duffle bag: why you so fine fah?

To the cute guy who was long boarding on Saturday with your shirt off with an aqua hat past west end: what is your name?

The next day after a party people be like "arggggh you okay?"

I would buy her a snow cone.

If I am the only one using the bathroom and there are eight other stalls, please refrain from using the one right beside me. Sincerely, I like my space.

A record-breaking 45 minutes of class before lecture begins! Definitely what I'm here for.

To the girl that sits on the front row of my abnormal psych class: make an appointment with the professor for your questions, it's 9 p.m.

To my roommate who is graduating and moving out in May: Congratulations! I wish you all the best and hope that someday you'll be able to afford the surgery to remove your head from your a**.

Seeing that someone actually responded to two of my pirate rants is hilarious. #stepyourgameup #dirtylaundry

For the love of God, PLEASE tip your baristas and servers. It's your parents' money anyway!

Anyone else excited about Sailor Moon Crystal?

To the girl who started the random convo at the West End salad bar: you made my day.

Can't wait for my family's annual Easter egg hunt where the eggs are filled with airplane bottles instead of candy.

We were meant to love each other but not be together and that's the hardest lesson I've learned in college.

Purple is better than red. For both school colors and weddings.

Why do skateboarders attempt to do tricks on campus while people are trying to get to class? Are we supposed to be impressed by an almost completed trick?

Things have never been the same between SafeRide and me. Ever since the day they decided to block my calls for a half hour straight and leave me stranded on campus at 2 a.m. In other words, I got trust issues. *Cue Drake Music*

A real relationship ends when a fake relationship begins on Kik.

They make "the little blue pill that could" for that problem.

If you can't get it up, it's STILL not anyone's problem but your own. Sorrrrry for offending you!

After about 200 matches on Tinder, I think I finally found someone with sense.

Please use correct grammar when submitting Pirate Rants. I am losing IQ points as I read.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Coastal Society hosts the film screening of "Shored Up", with director Ben Kalinas: Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 PM in Wright Auditorium.

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Last year all of our houses were rented by March so don't miss out. Go to **PIRATEPLACES.COM** today.

WALK TO CLASS - 1 block 2 bed/1.5 bath quadplex "Buccaneer Village" 507 E. 11th St. Save money, no ECU parking fee to pay, kitchen appliances and dishwasher \$525/month. Pinnacle Mgmt 561-RENT(7368)

3 bed 3 bath spacious condo @ 320 Brownlea Dr., you choose your rent amount \$700/month includes H2O, \$1185/month gets you W/D, cable, Internet, lights and H2O. On ECU bus route or walk to class, bring your own roommates we do not match. Pinnacle Mgmt 561-RENT(7368)

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uptown. \$600 per month. Call or email Kiel McAdam at 252-341-8831/ Kiel@McAdamRealty.com. McAdam Realty LLC.

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For rent 222-B Wyndham Circle 2br 2bath excellent condition \$600 per month, available now. Call 252-355-6339.

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WALK TO CLASS: 300 SOUTH JARVIS STREET, 2 blocks from campus, across from Christy's Euro Pub, a 2 bedroom house with hardwood floors and central heat/air. Some dogs OK. Large bedrooms. Basic cable, high speed internet, washer/dryer, lawn care all included. Available Aug 1. Call 252-916-5680.

WALK TO CLASS: 208 EAST ELEVENTH ST., across from Sheetz, close to Starbucks, 4 people can live comfortably (and legally- it's a duplex) in this house just 1 block from campus. Spacious, fenced in back yard, some dogs ok. Central heat/air, washer, dryer, dishwasher. Basic cable, high-speed internet, monitored alarm system, and lawn care all included in rent. Available Aug 1. Call 252-916-5680.

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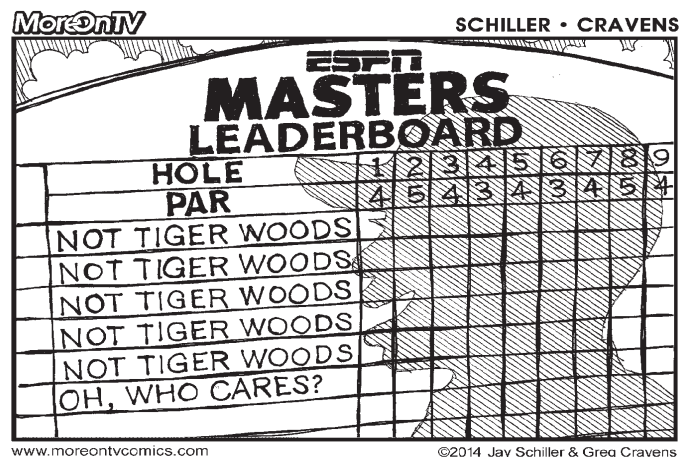
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TEC CARTOONIST



BRAIN TEASERS

SUDOKU

THE SANDRA OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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Solution to Tuesday's Puzzle

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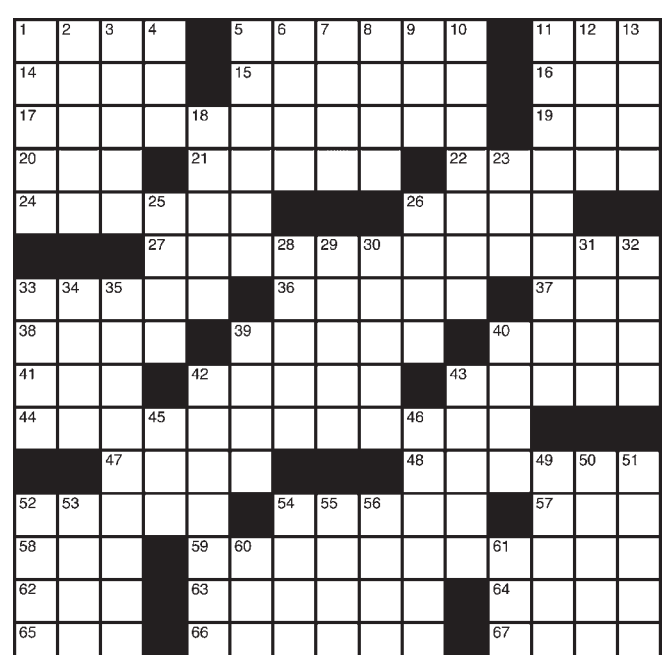
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 64-Across clue in 27-Across
 - 6 Words
 - 11 Slinky chuckle
 - 14 Fish found in a tin
 - 16 Finger-shaped dessert
 - 18 pro roble
 - 17 18W tin co-written by 64-Across
 - 18 Pone roasted, with "I" or
 - 20 Pencil, as verb
 - 21 Zapped
 - 22 Sky
 - 24 Brewer's wearing
 - 26 19W Horse-Pull Derby winner Martinez
 - 27 19W tin co-written and co-starring 64-Across
 - 28 "___ is what, baby?"
 - 29 Show itself, in more ways than one
 - 37 Crunch
 - 38 Pounce, e.g.
 - 39 "That's enough!"
 - 40 "Smiling, pale ball of fire," in Polish
 - 41 Not paleo
 - 42 Aisle
 - 43 Analog to the next
 - 44 19W tin co-written and directed by 64-Across
 - 47 Ship's slope
 - 48 Medical equip
 - 52 Political power
 - 54 5th U.S. senator vocalist Marilyn
 - 57 Homemaker's hangout, for short
 - 58 Turkey
 - 59 This puzzle's answer (1944-2014)
 - 62 Penny Pinch
 - 63 "Lol" acronym de French
 - 64 Fede
 - 65 6th address
 - 66 British board game
- DOWN**
- 1 As a friend, to fill
 - 2 "The Bakery" playwright
 - 3 Playable to marion
 - 4 2-Down, per example
 - 5 Italian dessert
 - 6 Protein-chip fill
 - 7 5th flz full
 - 8 King Follett's brother
 - 9 "___ for innocent," Boston novel
 - 10 On the nose
 - 11 "Supr"
 - 12 Snow-coupling info
 - 13 Not clear
 - 14 Don Ho "H"
 - 15 Award snack
 - 16 17W and 18W
 - 17 Aisle
 - 18 Through-topp, perhaps
 - 19 Moon ship
 - 20 "Pugboat" clown
 - 21 Shiny jewelry
 - 22 CUP weapon



Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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33 Chai tea
34 AAU membership
35 "Fishy" pouch
36 Elm up
37 Olympic Marlin
38 Black in sugar, maybe
39 Floor
40 Modern address
41 Screen on light-casting

42 "Cally" for one
43 Shaved
44 "The Amazing Race" network
45 Flash, perhaps
46 Out of
47 9-11 images
48 USAF Academy
49 Swirl, in slang
50 March 1st
51 Baby-sitting response



DREW CARTER/ THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Garrett Brooks (2) went 1-for-2 against Wilmington while also reaching safely two times on walks. He scored two runs in the Diamond Bucs 8-5 victory last night as ECU improved to 22-15 this year.

Pirates blast UNCW for win

Micah Molinas
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Despite getting off to a slow start on the mound and in the batter's box versus UNC Wilmington, the Pirates captured an 8-5 victory on the back of Reid Love's strong performance last night.

Freshman pitcher Davis Kirkpatrick started for ECU, but was hit hard by the Seahawk batters. He only recorded three outs before being pulled for Love in the second inning. Kirkpatrick surrendered all four Seahawk runs on three hits.

The biggest of those hits being a two-run homerun hit by UNC-W shortstop, Ryan LaGrange.

Love shut down the Seahawk batters for seven-and-two-third innings before being relieved by Drew Reynolds in the ninth, allowing one run on two hits and three walks.

"He comes in and throws up zeroes, giving us a chance to get caught back up in the game," said Head Coach Billy Godwin, who added that Love's success came from his ability to keep the ball down in the strike zone.

The outing came four days after Love started against Old Dominion on Saturday, an outing where he did not escape the first inning.

"Reid is a tremendous competitor," said Godwin. "The one thing you want to do when you don't get results is stick your competitors right back on the field."

After being held scoreless in the first three innings, the Pirate offense broke through with five runs on four hits in the fourth-inning, taking the lead on a Reynolds single to left, scoring Dylan Brown from second.

"We weren't going to give up," said Brown. "We just had to develop our game plan and adapt to what they were doing."

The largest blow of the inning came off the bat of Brown. Brown stepped to the plate with runners on the corners and struck a double over the head of the Seahawk center fielder, who misplayed the ball. The double scored two and tied the score at four.

ECU tacked on 3 more runs in the bottom of the fifth-inning. Charlie Yorgen scored on a passed

ball, Garrett Brooks on a balk and Reynolds on a Zach Houchins double to left.

The victory opens a four game stretch in as many days, as they face MTSU for a three game series starting today.

The coaching staff has changed the pitching rotation for the series. After sending out starter Jeff Hoffman on Thursday, the Pirates will start Tyler Bolton and Brett Mabry on Friday and Saturday respectively.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Unexpected early exit in C-USA tournament

Zach Elsam
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Shock permeated the Virginia air Wednesday when the heavily favored Lady Pirates tennis team (12-11) suffered a shutout loss to the Tulane Green Wave (5-19) in the opening round of the Conference USA tournament in Norfolk, Va.

Entering the postseason contest, ECU had recently posted close victories against formidable opponents Richmond and UNC Charlotte, leading many to believe the Lady Pirates would use the momentum to initiate a solid, long run into the conference tournament. However, their aspirations would be cut short once Tulane took the court.

The Green Wave snapped their 11-game losing streak dating back

to March 1, opened up the match by handily defeating freshman Michelle Castro in the No. 1 slot 6-3, 6-2 adding to her recent difficulties. Shortly after, Meredith Malby dispatched the Pirates' fourth slot Emily Groeneveld 6-2, 6-1 ending the freshman's first year on a sour note.

Maria Storozheva would put up a valiant effort in the team's No.3 slot, but ultimately fell to her Tulane adversary 6-4, 6-4. Her defeat would leave it to team captain Melis Tanik as the Lady Pirates' last hope for any kind of comeback.

Through three extensive sets, Tanik hung close but eventually fell, clinching the Tulane victory 6-2, 2-6, 6-3. Nicole LaDuca and Dana Gray would discontinue their matches in progress after Tanik's loss, despite

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BASEBALL PREVIEW

ECU hosts Blue Raiders

Brian Wudkwych
TEC STAFF

ECU baseball plays a critical three-game series this weekend against the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders beginning on Thursday.

The Raiders are just a single game behind the Pirates in the Conference USA standings and could make a move up the standings with a series win over ECU.

ECU, on the other hand, is gunning to cut the gap between conference-leader Rice, who holds a four game lead over the Pirates.

The Blue Raiders and Pirates have contrasting strengths. ECU relies on an effective starting rotation and a solid bullpen and that takes care of leads. While the Blue Raiders rely on their offense to carry them to victory.

In fact, Middle Tennessee leads the conference in triples and is second in homeruns with 12 and 17 respectively. Their offensive

pro prowess will be tested against the likes of Jeff Hoffman, David Lucroy and Ryan Williams, who have all been strong arms for the Pirates, especially as of late.

Middle Tennessee boasts one of the best hitters in the conference, senior Trent Miller. Miller leads the conference in batting average, doubles and total bases and has three homeruns this season.

Behind Miller though, the Blue Raiders have no other players hitting above .300 on their roster, but instead, a cast of players that can get on base decently. Dustin Delgado and Austin Bryant have 36 combined walks this season. In the middle of the lineup is power hitter Jared Allen who has five homeruns this season.

Senior Zac Curtis is the ace in the Blue Raiders' rotation. He is 5-1 on the season with a 2.48 ERA while holding opposing batters to just a 2.38 average. Curtis has also racked up 81

strikeouts this season and has thrown two complete games.

If Curtis toes the rubber in game one and faces Jeff Hoffman, a low-scoring pitcher's-duel may be in the cards.

Behind Curtis is Paul Mittura and Johnathan Frebis, who combine to have a 5-5 record. Mittura has a 3.59 ERA while Frebis has a 4.43 ERA. Mittura also serves as the team's primary closer with four saves on the season.

Out of the bullpen, Cody Tollison is the go-to guy for the Blue Raiders. Tollison has 11 appearances this season, pitching 10.1 innings and boasting a 2.61 ERA.

The weekend series holds major conference implications for both teams as they both have their conference title dreams intact.

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TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S TENNIS

The third-seeded Pirates play in the C-USA tournament tomorrow after their first round bye today.

CHRIS JOHNSON

Former ECU runningback, Chris Johnson, has signed a two-year contract to play for the New York Jets.

BASEBALL

The Pirates beat UNC-Wilmington last night, 8-5. They now host Middle Tennessee for a three-game series starting today at 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ECU was ousted from the Conference USA tournament after losing all four singles matches to Tulane yesterday. It's the second year in a row that the Lady Pirates have lost in the first round.

EGG RANT 6 OF 8

I could be such a Pirate Rant troll...but I'll let it slide this time.

ONLINE



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Brandan Stith transfers to ODU



Brandan Stith (25) averaged 6.3 rebounds per game and 1.2 blocks to lead the Pirates last year. DREW CARTER | ARCHIVED

Stith is one of three players to transfer away in the last year

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo announced on Monday that freshman Brandan Stith will transfer to Old Dominion after the spring semester ends.

The 6-foot-7, 215 pound forward made an instant impact with the Pirates during the past season. His 6.3 rebounds per game and 1.2 blocks a game were the best on a team that struggled mightily in the paint due to a lack of forwards.

"Brandan was a pleasure to coach and we are very grateful for his contributions to our program this past season," said Jeff Lebo. "We wish him the best of luck as he continues his educational and basketball pursuits at ODU."

Stith averaged 4.5 points a game while playing 19.5 minutes per contest. However, those numbers don't tell the whole story about his only season as a Pirate.

In the first 14 games of the 2013-14 campaign, he achieved double-digit scoring five times and double-digit rebounding eight times.

Once conference play started, everything changed. His shooting percentage dropped and he received limited playing time. He failed to reach double-digits in any statistical category for the rest of the season.

Stith will have to sit out a season due to transfer rules, but he will be able to return to action in 2015. There is also another element involved in his transfer. Old Dominion hired Brandan's father, Bryant Stith, as the Monarchs assistant coach last year.

Bryant Stith is a 10-year NBA veteran and the all-time leading scorer at Virginia. He is also no stranger to coaching his son. The elder Stith coached his two sons, Brandan and B.J., at Brunswick High School in Lawrenceville, VA. The Stiths won three Group 2A state championships together.



Bryant Stith

Despite the absence of Stith, the Pirates frontcourt should be in good shape in the upcoming seasons.

The 6-foot-10 Marshall Guilmette should be fully recovered from the season-ending knee injury that sidelined him in November. Caleb White and Michael Zangari are looking to build upon their progression last season.

Three transfers— Keith Armstrong, Michel-Ofik Nzege and Kanu Aju— will bolster an ECU roster that looks to be much deeper than it was last season. Grant Bryant, a versatile small forward from Marietta, GA, should get some minutes too.

Stith is the third ECU forward to transfer from the program within the last year. Robert Sampson and Yasin Kolo decided to move on after the Pirates' successful 2012-13 season.

Senior Akeem Richmond gave his thoughts on his teammate's decision to transfer to ODU.

"Coming from a guy that's already transferred, sometimes you have to do what you have to do for whatever reason," said Richmond. "Going to play for your dad is really cool. It should be a great opportunity for him and I wish him the best."

His well wishes reflect on Stith as an individual as well.

"It was awesome playing with Brandon," he continued. "He's a humble kid and worked really hard. He had a great attitude and will be really successful at ODU just like he was at ECU."

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MEN'S TENNIS

ECU tennis gets ready for C-USA tourney

Shane Cuthrell
TEC STAFF

Championship matches begin today, but the Pirates, who are ranked No. 3 in the tournament, won't play until tomorrow. They were granted a first round bye, which means they have to wait for the winner of the first round match between No. 6-seed Charlotte and No. 11-seed Florida Atlantic.

The Pirates have had a tough couple of years in the tournament. During the 2012 tournament, they lost the first round to UCF, 4-0. The team did a little better the next year, making it to the quarterfinals and losing to Tulsa, 4-1.

This year might be a little different. ECU is a top three seed and they are coming off one of the best seasons in school history. They also ended the regular season with a bang, as they defeated No. 44 Elon 4-1. This was their first win of the season over a ranked opponent, giving them momentum heading into the tournament.

The two higher seeds in the tournament are No. 2-seed Tulane and No. 1-seed Tulsa. Tulane ended their season with a 13-8 record and a 2-2-conference record. Tulsa had a record of 12-12 but did not play a single conference match.

One might wonder, why ECU is a lesser seed than Tulane or Tulsa, due to the fact that they have a 17-6 overall record and a 2-0-conference record? Tulsa is the No. 1 seed because it is the No. 41 ranked team in the country. They have played big name schools such as Oklahoma, Ohio State, Texas, Baylor and Michigan State. Yes, they have lost many matches to big name schools, making their record look bad, but they've beaten a few as well.

ECU on the other hand has had few opportunities to prove to the country that they deserve to be ranked. They're schedule was full of small schools and they just won their first ranked match this past week.

The Pirates are far from bad. They are actually a really good team and they have a good chance of winning this tournament. In order for them to do this, they must not get ahead of themselves. They know they are a good team, but they must focus on one match at a time.

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SOFTBALL

Pirates look to bounce back

Wayne Hall
TEC STAFF

With only three more weekends of play, it's safe to assume the season is winding down for the Lady Pirates. After coming off of a strong losing performance to 15th-ranked Tulsa last weekend, the Pirates will now look to get back in the win column when Elon comes to town.

Coming into Friday's opening matchup with the Pirates, Elon is in a similar situation. Just like the Pirates, the Phoenix are also searching for answers after suffering horrendous blowout losses to the likes of UNC, NC State and Appalachian State.

For the Pirates, seniors Jordan Lewis and Alex Fieldhouse should be chomping at the bit against their latest competition. Both Fieldhouse and Lewis have been on absolute homerun frenzies during the past few weekends. Lewis's nine homers and Fieldhouse's seven are both good enough for fifth and seventh respectively on ECU's all-time homerun hit list, and though the ladies were slowed a little by the strong defensive showing of Tulsa, they'll look for their power to return against Elon.

Another Pirate senior to look out for is Shelby Johnson. Johnson has

been the steadiest hitter in the Lady Pirates' order all season. Johnson's speed and hitting ability have almost set the senior apart as she has compiled a team-best 10 multiple hit games and her 26 stolen bases lead the next competitor by more than half. With the weak performances of Elon pitchers Caitlyn O'Shea and Chelsea White, throughout the season it shouldn't be hard for the Pirates to find the offensive flow.

Another player to lookout for is Pirate senior Jill Jelnick. After being injured

for much of the season's start, Jelnick's addition as of late has provided a tremendous spark for the ladies and her contributions of eight runs in 17 hits has not gone unnoticed.

All in all, if the Lady Pirates ever needed a confidence boosting series, then this is the one to sign up for. Expect an easy series win by the Lady Pirates, but that first hinges on which ECU softball team will show up to play.

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Club boxer takes title

Ronnie Moore
TEC STAFF

ECU can celebrate. The Pirates have a national championship already for the 2014 season.

No, Pirate football didn't win the BCS National Championship, but rather ECU club boxer Brandon Knox was crowned the best in the land after his unanimous decision victory in Miami, Fla.

Knox not only won a title that every boxer dreams of, but he did so without a coach, travel partner or a true support system. Even through all the circumstances, Knox overcame them all to be crowned the national champion for the 125-pound class.

"To be able to say that I did it, I won the title, means the world to me," said Knox.

The biggest motivating factor that he said pushed him to succeed was the pride within him as well as some of his idols and mentors.

"My favorite boxer is Floyd Mayweather and he is all about hard work and dedication," said Knox.

Knox, a senior in the classroom, has been a boxer for ECU since the fall of 2012 when he signed up to join the club sport of boxing.

Forty universities with over 200 fighters faced off in Miami for the championship and Knox was the only ECU representative in the running. Many fighters that Knox defeated credited him with having a deadly left hook and using his jab effectively.

As a club sport member he is on his

own when it comes to scheduling events and booking hotels and transportation. He doesn't have a coach telling him to be at the gym at 4 o'clock so they can leave and get on a chartered flight that they don't have to pay for; club sports members have a different circumstance, one that makes them humble and welcome help when it comes their way.

"We don't have a big budget like other sports," said Knox. "Most of the trips I went on alone because other teammates were busy with school and other things; those are the sacrifices needed to succeed."

Many boxers are labeled with a stereotype of being angry all the time and experiencing fits of rage, but with Knox I sensed a calmness that I haven't seen many times before.

"It's a lot of pressure and, as a shy guy, I don't like being in the spotlight," Knox said. "I love the feeling when I get in the ring and it's just you and another person. It's unlike any other sport, there is no one there to help you and it's all on you."

As Knox closes out his club sports career at ECU, one thing he can hang his hat on as he shuts the door is winning the highest possible tournament in his sport. Finishing his career "in style" isn't something that happens often and Knox is thankful for the moments and memories he made.

"I've been a boxing fan my whole life and I finally accomplished my goal of winning the championship."

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CONTRIBUTED BY BRANDON KNOX
Boxer Brandon Knox won the National Championship for ECU.

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Gray's positive performance.

This is ECU's second consecutive first-round exit from the 2014 C-USA Tournament, a trend no one on the team expected to contribute to. Throughout the course of the year, momentum has been a commodity, which nearly every player claims is imperative. For the Pirates, doubles play has shown to be the team's momentum spark. Strong doubles play, usually played before singles matches, can 'make-or-break' a team's performance, according to Tanik. For the past two years, C-USA arbitrators have changed the tournament format so that doubles play is only initiated after singles matches, acting as a tie-breaker. The change contradicts the regular season ruling entirely, leading those around the conference to question the lack of the consistency.

The ECU women's tennis team now set their sights to the farewell of their seniors Tanik, Neena Wanko and Vanessa Fuleihan, not to mention joining the American Athletic Conference in the fall and a highly-anticipated, optimistic 2015 season following close behind.

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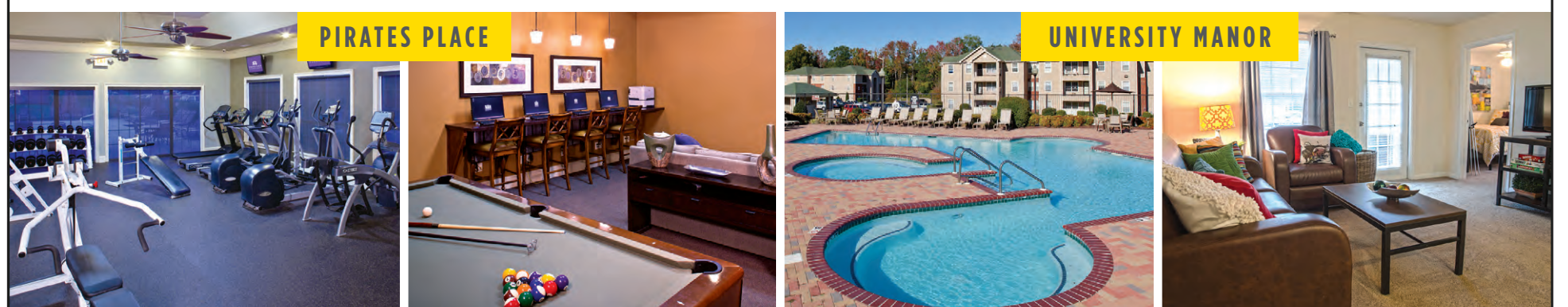
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The Shack Band have played close to three hundred shows since 2012, including performances on popular late night shows such as David Letterman and Conan O'Brien.

Trio to perform their latest music

Jordan Register
TEC STAFF

Tomorrow night at Peasant's Pub, the critically acclaimed band "The Shack" will be performing. The Shack has performed close to 300 shows since 2012 and they are still going strong. They describe their performance as an "off-the-cuff, high-energy live show melding funky rock 'n' roll and soaring harmonies with a strong emphasis on song-writing," according to their website.

The Shack has performed alongside a number of national touring acts, including Moon Taxi, The Machine, Perpetual Groove, The Pimps of Joytime, The Heavy Pets, Assembly of Dust, Everyone Orchestra and Dangermuffin to name a few.

Josh Crowley, saxophone player and vocals for the Shack says his biggest influence is the band Moon Taxi. Moon Taxi is an indie band that has had a booming success lately. They have performed on The David Letterman show and also Conan. The Shack did a mini tour with Moon Taxi this past December.

The Shack is originally from Richmond, VA, and has toured along the entire east coast. Originating when the guys were still in college, the band has been playing together since the fall of 2007 when founding member Mason Owen moved into a one-bedroom, historic Blacksburg landmark known as "The Shack." After equipping it with music equipment, The Shack Band was born.

Crowley says the band's sound has changed drastically since its conception in 2007. "It started with a looser kind of jam oriented sound, and it's evolved into a very vocal and song oriented sound," said Crowley. "The songs can actually stand on their own now." The shack composes entirely original lyrics and music.

Critics have a hard time describing the genre of The Shack. They have been dubbed anywhere from 'funky rock 'n roll' to indie and alternative. Crowley says he believes the concept of genres is obsolete and encourages people to come see

them perform to judge for yourselves.

As far as live shows are concerned, The Shack has played more than a few. Crowley says the most memorable show they had was in West Virginia at Camp Barefoot. Camp Barefoot is a large music festival in the mountains of Bartow, WV that takes place in August with a large line up of up and coming bands.

"We got to play with a lot of different bands from all over at Camp Barefoot," said Crowley. "Being able to mingle with other groups that we don't normally have the time to hang out with was just great."

In February of 2012, they released their first EP, *Born & Raised*, to a sold-out crowd in their hometown of Richmond, VA and are still in the process of another project now.

The band is currently recording their first full length album at the 'Engine Room Audio' in Manhattan. Long-time friend of The Shack band, Dan Millice will be mastering and tracking the album. Millice mastered their last album and has worked with noted artists 50 Cent, Trey Songz, A\$AP Rocky, and others.

The Shack band's goals for the near future are to expand their audio empire. They hope to break the 200 live show mark this year and also release their first full length CD this September. Their new album has been in the workings since May 2013. Crowley says the new CD will have a refined sound with a fresh city energy.

Crowley says anyone attending their show can expect to 'take a ride'. "I think people can expect to do some dancing, sing along with us, sit back and listen to something exciting and engaging," said Crowley.

The show will take place at Peasant's Pub tomorrow night. Doors will open at 10 and you must be 21 to attend.

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THE SPLIT

TONIGHT

Comedy Show
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Live (see directory)

The Shack Band (Rock Funk/Jam)
10 p.m.
Peasant's Pub
Must be 21+

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KoPILOT (Alt. Rock)
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5:30 p.m.
Topsy Teapot

Six Shots Later (Alt. Rock)
8 p.m.
Live (see directory)

Helping Hands Concert Series
10 p.m.
Peasant's Pub

Baseball:
Middle Tennessee vs. ECU
12 p.m.
Clark-LeClair Stadium

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>>>>> THE SCOOP

SPRING RECESS

Kayte Ramagano

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Campus Recreation and Wellness is taking a three-day Spring Recess trip to Richmond, Virginia. Students will spend three days whitewater kayaking and rafting on the scenic routes of the James River.

Students interested do not need any previous experience in these water activities, but must have participated in at least one kayak clinic prior to the trip. The trip is geared toward beginners and the adventure trip staff as well as the VCU outdoor program coordinators will be there to teach beginners.

There are many other water activity related trips the adventure program offers that will prepare students who would like to attend with more experience.

"I suggest going on a one day trip like the Friday Floats or one of the Intro to Whitewater Kayaking classes before going on a three day trip like this," said AJ Rhimes, a former staff member of the adventure program.

Each day is put together to focus on a different water activity. The first day is built around technique and getting students comfortable on the water. The second day students will learn how to whitewater raft and kayak along the river and on the last day of the trip students will be able to roam the river for several hours on their own.

For those who come on the trip with previous experience on the water, there will be different courses for them to try each day that are more challenging. For the intermediate and advanced paddlers day one will be at the Pony Pasture Rapid instead of learning technique with the beginners.

Students will begin in the lower section of the James River, which is considered to be the more scenic section with many different elements of nature surrounding them. The more advanced route saved for the second day is on the upper section of the river and has the city skyline in the background students can view while traveling down the river.

"The contrast of the different settings students always find really fascinating," said Brad Beggs, Assistant Director for Adventure Programs.

At night students will be camping at Pocahontas State Forest where they will cook all of their food and sleep. The cost for the trip is 175 dollars for students, and 225 dollars for guests or non-members. The trip includes food, transportation, camping, equipment, instruction, rafting and kayaking.

"Anyone who wants an adventure will have a good time," said Rhimes.



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Students do not need any experience to attend but they must attend a clinic before any Adventure Center trip.



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Various kayaking routes will be paddled on the trip, accommodating students with ranging experience levels.

Afro-Andean group to perform Zamba Yawar

Destiny Edwards

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Zamba Yawar, ECU's Afro-Andean ensemble, will perform in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. The group, directed by ethnomusicology professor Mario Rey, plays traditional music from the Andean highlands and "Creole expressions" from the Pacific coast of South America.

Rey said that the group is made up of 13 students in his World Music Ensemble class. The School of Music didn't have such a group when he joined the faculty 13 years ago and Rey said he had traveled throughout the Andean and Pacific coast regions and studied the traditional music there.

"It seemed logical to start a music ensemble that not only focused on this music, but on the Afro-Latin traditions from the Pacific coast, which is rarely performed," said Rey.

Rey said that the musicians in Zamba Yawar play authentic instruments from the region, including an assortment of stringed and percussion instruments. Those instruments include the 10-stringed charango, Spanish classical guitar, flute, and panpipes as well as some unexpected ones.

"[There's] a wide variety of percussion instruments, including the bombo (a type of bass drum), deer hooves, jaw bones, cajones (box-shaped percussion instruments from Peru) and many Afro-Caribbean drums," he said.

The ensemble's repertoire is diverse, with pieces coming from several countries in the area. These countries



WEB PHOTO

The ensemble plays traditional music from the Andean highlands and the Pacific coast of South America. They originated because of Rey's experiences.

include multiple regions of Peru, Colombia, Bolivia and Venezuela. Rey also said that while some performances will be instrumental, most will be traditional songs and dance music.

"The ensemble boasts several excellent vocalists, all of who sing, not only in Spanish, but also in Quechuan and Ayamaran (the two dominant languages of the central Andes)," said Rey.

The wide selection of pieces from different countries is one reason why the ensemble

earned its name. Zamba Yawar refers to the Afro-Amerindians in South America.

"It means 'mixed blood' in the Quechuan language," said Rey.

Rey is excited about the performance and is proud of his students.

"They are wildly talented musicians that play multiple instruments and sing," he said.

Tonight's concert starts at 7:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

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WEB PHOTO

The ensemble also incorporates traditions from the Pacific coast.



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6. **John Mayer** – "Route 66"
7. **Rascal Flats** – "Life Is A Highway"
8. **Sheryl Crow** – "Real Gone"
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