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## Days until football Pirates prepare for NCCU

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The ECU football team is getting ready to take on Football Championship Division opponent North Carolina Central in what will be the first ever meeting between the two teams.

Patrolling the sidelines for the visiting Eagles will be first-year Head Coach Jerry Mack, who was an assistant coach last year at South Alabama.

"I've known Jerry Mack for a long time," said ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill. "I guess I'm one of the older coaches around now, but Jerry was a really good player and has moved his way up the ladder."

NCCU has never beaten a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent and was most recently shutout by Duke 45-0 last season. One thing that McNeill and Kirk Doll, ECU's special teams coordinator, will have to pay attention to is the Eagle's kick and punt return teams.

The Eagles were the Football Championship Subdivision

(FCS) leaders in kickoff return average (26.5 yards per return) and tallied four touchdowns, also an FCS lead behind return man Adrian Wilkins.

"They were No. 1 in the country as far as kickoff returns, so we'll have to be aware on special teams," said McNeill. "[Wilkins] is a slot receiver and returner with speed and quickness and they get the ball to him."

Wilkins was the only player in the FCS with five touchdowns on special teams returns last season. He finished the season as all-conference pick as a return specialist and was recognized as an all-American by various outlets.

While McNeill and his team will have to keep their eyes on Wilkins and the fireworks he can provide, the main focus should be on his team taking care of business in a game they are heavily favored in.

Senior quarterback Shane Carden and his receiving corps will have a chance to shake off any preseason rust and pick up where they left off at last season, where they averaged 328.1 yards

per game through the air.

Carden is a player Athletic Conference Commissioner Mike Aresco called a dark horse Heisman candidate.

"Shane is one of the leaders that keeps us focused on the commitment to our team and our mission," said McNeill. "Shane will not go outside of that. We're worried about winning by one and getting out of there, and so is Shane."

McNeill and company have their sights set on a big 2014 season and are ready to finish up camp and kick off their season.

"The older guys sensed the urgency in the coaches and their command influence," McNeill said in regards to camp wrapping up. "I thought practice was very fast and I was pleased with the way they approached it."

ECU enters the contest as heavy favorites to win and defend their 22-game winning streak against the FCS opponent.

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## Downtown spots to watch Pirate football

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With restaurants and bars on every street it can be hard to find the best spot to see some Pirate football.

It really depends on what kind of atmosphere the student is looking for but whether they like the bar scene or a relaxed restaurant environment, there is always a place to watch the game in Greenville.

A popular student hang out on game day is Sup Dogs. "Sup Dogs turns into a celebration of ECU on game day," said owner Bret Oliverio. "The energy starts from the moment we open the doors at 11am and continues until 3 a.m."

After the game, students from the opposing team even sometimes come in to join the celebration.

"Sup Dogs is here for ECU students and there's such an amazing vibe around the restaurant as everyone cheers on our football team," said Oliverio.

Christy's Euro Pub is another spot to watch the game and is close to students who live on the grid. General manager Nathan Lowery believes it will be a slightly different scene this year with ECU having more evening games.

"It will draw in a bigger

pregame crowd compared to day games that usually bring in a stronger game time crowd," said Lowery.

On game days all of the speakers and televisions in Christy's broadcast the game and students can always expect some kind of special that correlates with Pirate football. For the first game on Saturday, Christy's will be having Heavy Seas Tap take over the bar for a pirate themed beer tap.

"It's a little more economical and it is a lot cooler than it is in the football stadium," said Lowery about the student preference of going to Christy's to watch the game. "It's a little more relaxing with a cold beer or a cocktail."

The crowd on game day can be very diverse from students and professors to the occasional families that come in to see the game. Christy's also draws in local people from Greenville whom has been Pirate football fans for years.

"Its part of what makes the pub, the pub," said Lowery.

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## Changes come to campus

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ECU has experienced numerous changes over the summer in regards to construction and renovations on and off campus. These changes including the building of Gateway East and West, the parking deck downtown and ECU's new student union.

Gina Shoemaker, assistant director of ECU's Facilities Engineering and Architectural Services, said that the largest construction project currently happening on campus is the building of Gateway East and West, the new residence halls on College Hill. Belk Hall was demolished last winter to make room for Gateway East and West. Both dorms will be five stories tall.

According to Shoemaker, the construction on the hill should not affect ECU students directly.

"The construction only affects you if you live adjacent to it. There will be some congestion with deliveries in and out of the site, but the construction of East and West won't affect anybody on main campus," said Shoemaker.

Another large construction project around ECU is the parking deck downtown, located at the corner of 4th and Cotanche streets. The city of Greenville broke ground on the deck on June 11 of this year. Scott Godefroy, City Engineer for the city of Greenville, said that the parking deck construction should be done by mid-December.

"They're finishing up a little foundation work and they are starting to erect a lot of the precast section. The erection of the remaining part of the deck will probably be over the next three weeks and be done sometime in September," said Godefroy. "After that they'll be working on various other components like electricity, plumbing



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Construction will continue throughout the year, but should not affect students.

and installing the elevator."

Godefroy said that the parking deck is going to look nice, as it includes a clock tower at the northeast corner at the entrance to the building.

"There's going to be a portion of the parking deck that will be dedicated to lease and that's generally for the businesses downtown for their employees. In addition, we'll have a portion of the deck just open for public parking that you pay for just like you pay for at any of the meter stations," said Godefroy.

Godefroy said the parking deck would be beneficial to anyone visiting the Greenville area as well as ECU students.

"It will be a convenience for when students want to park downtown. It's not intended to serve ECU students specifically, but really it's to serve anybody who is shopping downtown or that has a business downtown," said Godefroy.

One of the newest projects ECU has planned is the New Student Union, which is scheduled to be completed in

July 2017. According to ECU's website, the new student union is going to be located between the Mendenhall Student Center, the Student Recreation Center and 10th Street.

The new student center will be paid for mostly by student fees. In addition, the new space is going to include a 700-space parking garage for students and faculty.

Tiffany Hopkins, a sophomore history and English major, says that even though the construction on campus is a good thing, she's a little disappointed that the student union will not be completed for another three years.

"I don't like that the new student union won't be finished until after I graduate because it doesn't make sense that I'm helping to pay for it but I can't use it," said Hopkins.

According to ECU's website, construction on the student union is expected to begin in May 2015.

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### BRIEFS

#### National Geographic mentions ECU graduate student's research

An article in National Geographic recognized ECU's department of Biology for its research on glass frogs in the Peruvian Andes. Graduate student Evan Twomey teamed with Santiago Castroviejo-Fisher, a herpetologist in Brazil, and discovered four new species of see-through frogs, three of which have green bones. Only 150 species of glass frogs have been identified.

#### The North Carolina National Guard trained in Greenville on Tuesday

The "42nd Civil Support Team" with the North Carolina National Guard practiced exercises in Greenville on Tuesday. The team prepped for potential biological, radiological, chemical, or nuclear incidents. Teams such as these are designed to support emergency first responder functions with their special equipment.

#### Hurricane Cristobal causes rough currents at Crystal Coast beaches

Hurricane Cristobal originally formed off the coast of Africa as a strong tropical wave and quickly turned into a Category 1 hurricane. Red flags are up at Emerald Isle Beaches, warning swimmers to stay out of the ocean. The Hurricane is expected to cause dangerous swimming and surf conditions, strong currents, and rough shore breaks.

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# Study shows assault high among freshmen

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The first few weeks of college are considered to be a "red zone" for new freshmen coming to college. This "red zone" is what people are referring to as the increase of rape or sexual assault towards incoming freshmen.

Officials at the University of North Carolina Wilmington have said that the first month and a half of college is the time when freshmen women are most likely to be raped or sexually assaulted.

Incoming freshmen are not used to being alone in a new area and do not always know tips for avoiding sexual assault.

"Rape or sexual assault can happen to anyone. It is never the victim's fault. It is important to note that alcohol is a factor in almost all sexual assaults on college campuses," said Kristen Hunter, Greenville Police Department Public Information Officer. "Never leave your drink out of site, even for a second. Do not share drinks and do not drink from open punch bowls."

Alcohol is the most common date rape drug. It compromises ones ability to make smart decisions.

Students in the Materials Science and Engineering department at North Carolina State University have invented a nail polish that will change color when it comes in con-



Alcohol is the most common date rape drug because it can easily take away one's self control.

tact with date-rape drugs.

The nail polish has been called "undercover colors" and the creators hope to empower women by giving them a way to detect date-rape drugs.

In order for the nail polish to change colors, the woman can discreetly stir her drink with her finger and the polish will change color

if a date rape drug, such as Rohypnol, Xanax or GHB is found in the drink.

One in four college students report being raped. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tells victims to avoid taking a shower or brushing their teeth. Following those two steps helps to increase the chance of putting the attacker behind bars.

"Don't ever hesitate or be embarrassed to call the Greenville Police Department if you have been the victim of a crime," said Kristen Hunter. "We have a dedicated and highly trained group of detectives, as well as a Victim's Advocate, in our Special Victims Unit."

According to Hunter, the Greenville Police Department is working closely with ECU's Police Department to ensure the student's safety as they return for this school year.

"Students are offered a class or training called Rape Aggression Defense. It is a dynamic class that teaches a realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women," said Lt. Sutton with the ECU Police Department.

Students are suggested to walk in groups, be aware of their surroundings, walk in well-lit areas, always lock car doors and report suspicious behavior immediately.

Lt. Sutton encourages students to control the situation or else the situation will control them. Students can help to control the situation by not over using alcohol or narcotics and developing a mindset that they will not be a victim.

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## Shooting puts man in hospital

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Around 8 p.m. Tuesday night, 24-year-old Marlon McMillian, Jr. was shot in the leg.

According to the Greenville Police Department, McMillian has an extensive criminal record and is a part of the Crips gang.

The Crips gang is one of gangs known to operate in Greenville. Other gangs in the area include the Bloods and the West Fifth Street Boys. The Crips gang is often connected to violent crimes in the city.

"Detectives have determined that the shooting happened in the front yard of the McMillian's home, located at 3007 Riggs Lane," said Kristen Hunter, Greenville Police Department public information officer.

Riggs Lane is located near the Koinonia Christian Center on Greenville Boulevard.

"He drove himself to

Vidant Medical Center but has since been treated and released," said Hunter.

Hunter goes on to mention that an argument may have led to the shooting. Police report that McMillian is being uncooperative with the investigators.

"Our records indicate he's been arrested in the past for numerous assaults, drug charges and robbery with a dangerous weapon," said Hunter.

GPD Crime Investigations Bureau and the GPD Gang Unit have no word on if there are any persons of interest but are continuing to pursue leads in the case.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the Greenville Police Department 252-329-4315.

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## Tool aids medical program

The Physician Assistant program receives patient simulator

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The Physician Assistant (PA) program recently gained a valuable tool in educating the medical providers of the future.

Located in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies lab the new patient simulator, nicknamed "Sammy" by the PA department, prepares students for their field by allowing them to act out patient scenarios in a controlled environment.

The state of NC purchased similar models for about \$70,000 each through the division of purchases and contract for community colleges effective 2010-2014.

"Simulation is a wonderful way for students to practice in a virtual environment where mistakes can be made and learned from without affecting real patients," said Dr. Alan Gindoff, chair of the Physician Assistant Studies Department.

Earlier in the year, PA faculty conducted training sessions where they were able to learn and practice on the simulator. Faculty members will be able to control the simulation for students through a wireless, touch-screen monitor.

With pulse points in five different locations, eyes that blink, and several other life-like features to fulfill its role to simulate medical scenarios and give students a hands on experience, PA students are able to actually carry out diagnoses and treatments with a "patient" that reacts to their courses of action versus simply planning and discussing them.

With interchangeable and customizable parts the "Sammy" can allow for several different types of scenarios that help prepare PA students for obstacles in the medical field, whether that is a swollen tongue making intubation



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The Physician Assistant program acquired a helpful tool.

difficulty or a sudden need for CPR.

"Through simulation, student can apply medical management in near real-life scenarios so they may develop complex skill sets before they actually perform them on human beings," said Gindoff. "This is unlike a multiple choice test where the answers are in front of you, waiting to be chosen from a list. This is like real-life where you have to use your knowledge to diagnose a variety of symptoms and what those symptoms may mean when presented all together."

"I think it is an awesome idea because it gives hands on experience that is part of any education and provides learning that you wouldn't find in a classroom," said Dominika Ward, a senior middle grade education major.

The PA program chooses up to 35 graduate level students per year.

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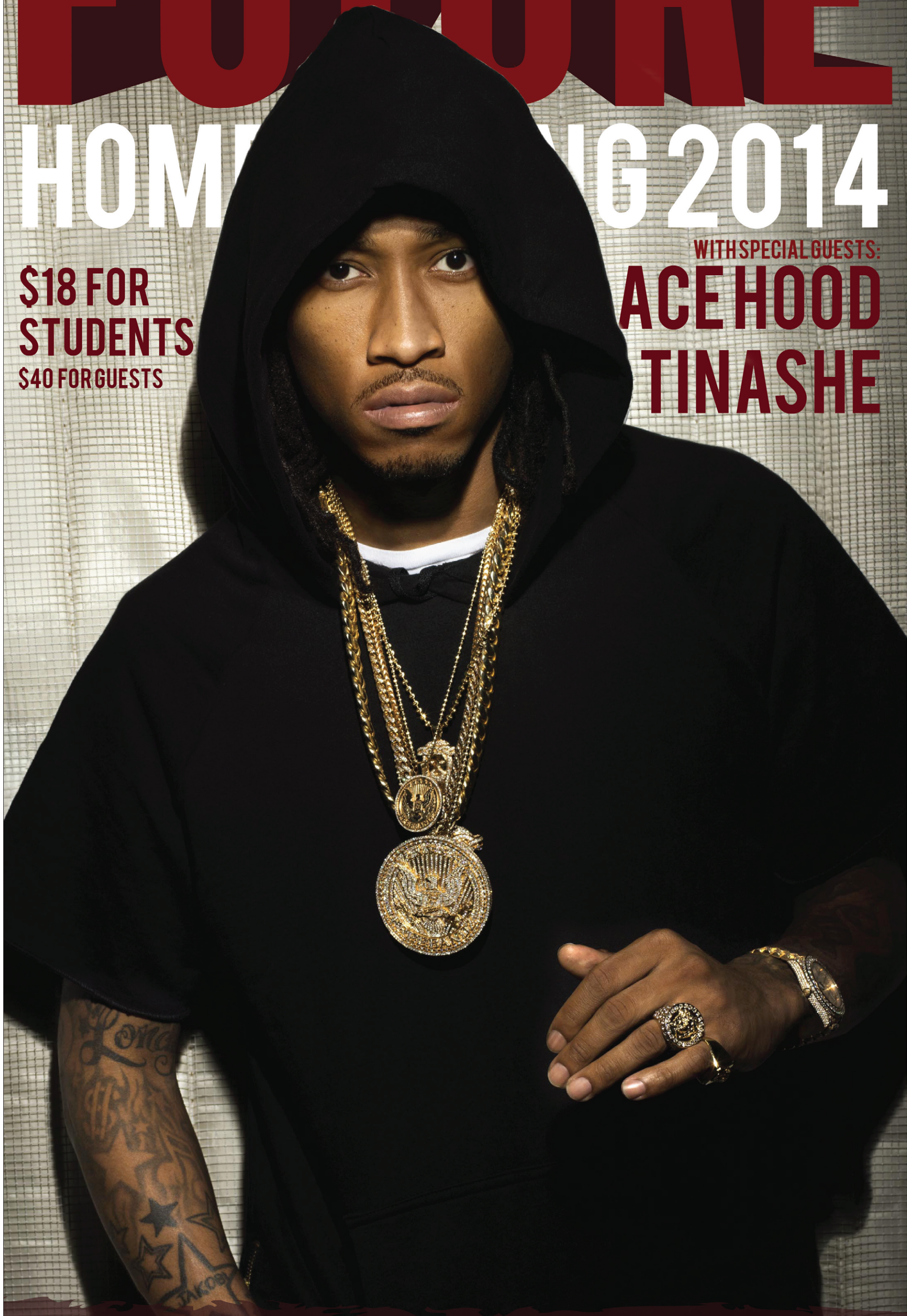
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## PIRATE RANTS

Please put signs up on campus so that freshmen and other idiots can differentiate between sidewalks and bike lanes.

My first day of the semester started with me spending 30 minutes in the wrong class and proceeded by me getting locked into a classroom. Great start to my Super Senior year! #GoPirates

We should make a "piraterants" subreddit. Arghhn't you glad I mentioned it?

I am required to pay my student fees by Aug. 7 but I am not allowed to use the student rec center, paid for by my student fees, until Aug. 16. I'm sorry. Tell me again just WHAT is the purpose of the rec center? Is it to make money for ECU or is it to help students stay fit?

"Yeah I am gonna save my refund..." Oh what a responsible freshman. "... for spring break!" NEVER MIND.

The previous number of boats in your ocean could be the real problem with the lack of motion.

How are you an ECU student and you've never been to Christy's.

Josh Gordan gets a year for weed but Ray Rice gets two games for hitting his wife... that's cool NFL

Cheers to senior year baby! Woohoo!

Can people actually smoke 25 feet away from the building? Please!

Want more Pirate Rants?

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# Our view

We the staff of The East Carolinian wanted to take the time to address a story that was published in the Opinion section on Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

The story—Football players shouldn't be paid by Kathleen Daniels—had many inaccuracies that we would like to take the time and correct to maintain the credibility of The East Carolinian.

The mentioned writer stated that the NCAA ruled that universities now have the ability to pay players at will. The writer misunderstood a NY Times article that said "Under the proposal, the N.C.A.A. would clear the way for sports powerhouses like Alabama and Ohio State to pay their athletes a few thousand dollars more than what the current scholarship rules allow..."

According to the New York Times, the proposal, which hasn't been accepted, would in no way, shape or form affect East Carolina because they are not in a power-5 conference (ACC, Big Ten, Big XII, PAC-12 and SEC).

The writer also claimed that athletes can get second jobs to help pay for food, clothes and other things. When athletes sign their scholarship paperwork they are told they cannot get jobs while their sport is in season. Yes, football is a fall sport,

# Letter to our valued readers

but it extends well into the New Year and after a month or two off, they begin spring practices. Soon after the graduation season, summer workouts begin. So in theory, there is no time in reality for athletes to work without interfering with their commitment. Even if there was free time, they are not highly desirable by employers due to their lack of availability.

Another exaggerated slip of thought was the expression that "football players strap on gear and head out on to a field every few weeks." The 125 ECU football players practice four times a week, play 12 games in roughly 14 weeks and participate in workout drills when they are not practicing. Not to mention that 50,000 people pay to watch these athletes at each and every home game inside of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. In summary, football players have an undeniably hectic schedule.

We support the opinions of our staff and contributing writers and we understand that there are arguments to be made in support of the notion that collegiate athletes shouldn't be paid. However, The East Carolinian holds factual evidence in high esteem and the mentioned article strayed from our expectations.

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# Open minds, new semester



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The beginning of another school term for many students, not simply a return to routine; rather, it is the start of the drastic lifestyle change which comes with their freshman year. In addition to newfound freedom, there is a simultaneous, sudden sense of loss as young adults are forced to dip their toes into and discover their adult identities.

Finding your voice as an adult free from the confines of high school status quos and the boundaries of childhood can be daunting. The inevitable phase will begin to unfold into what can sometime be a frightening self-realization leading to a change in your chosen field or even (actually, more often than not) a change in how

you view and relate to your world entirely.

For example, a young black woman may walk into this new chapter of her life completely unaware of the fact that she is, indeed, a black woman. She has never thought of herself as black. She never thought of herself as the subject of any oppression of any kind. But upon being thrust into new, adult relationships and conversations, she realizes the injustice she's done herself through her own ignorance. Part of identity is knowing where you stand. Developing identity is acknowledging your ignorance and changing it.

Know that, coming into college, you are probably ignorant. Ignorance is not stupidity. Ignorance is not a judgment or quantifying characteristic, and it is certainly not permanent. Your task, then, is to open and brace yourself.

Let yourself change. Have fun, be wild, meet

new people, and make mistakes. Don't, however, forget to grow. To put it in clichéd terms, anything is possible.

Acknowledge the problems in your world and in yourself. Embrace your privilege or lack thereof, and open yourself to criticism. Read. Pay attention. Fail. Succeed. It's a guarantee you won't recognize yourself by the end of the first semester.

The challenge is given, then, to stop taking for granted your identity and utilize your new freedom.. Open your heart and mind to the realities around and within you. "Take the risk of thinking for yourself," as the late, Christopher Hitchens once said, "more happiness... will come to you that way."

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# NFL fumbles player suspensions



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Josh Gordon was suspended for a season on Wednesday for violating the National Football League's (NFL) marijuana policy. Ray Rice got suspended two games for hitting his then fiancée and dragging her out of an elevator. While the NFL

has decided that it's their place to punish players for these actions they have done a poor job. Roger Goodell met with both Ray Rice and his wife Janay Palmer in the same room together to discuss the appropriate punishment for Ray Rice's actions. No matter what opinion Palmer had, having the person who just beat her in the same room clearly had a bearing on what she decided to say. Roger Goodell made the wrong call in this situation.

The way marijuana use is handled in the NFL is also a problem. If a player receives a DUI for the first time the rules state that they do not even have to miss playing time, but if they smoke marijuana multiple times like Josh Gordon they'll be suspended for a full season. It's clear that someone who drinks and drives, an activity that puts other lives in danger, should receive a worse penalty than a crime that has much less impact and is not considered a crime in some states.

What should the appropriate punishment for Ray Rice have been? Eight games? A season? Does missing any amount of football games make up for the fact that he beat his wife? This is the problem the NFL faces when it tries to find a way to punish criminal actions. Quite simply, the NFL needs to either reform the way it decides on punishments for players, or completely remove themselves from the process of punishing



players for criminal actions. The United States has a courts system that's designed to provide a fair method of punishing and deterring criminal actions. Crimes are typically punished with jail sentences and probation, not with missed football games. If the NFL doesn't remove themselves from these decisions they should work to put an NFL court in place. This court would consist of people with experience in the legal system, possibly former judges, to decide a player's appropriate suspension. The NFL must either improve the way they punish offenders or remove themselves from the process entirely and let the courts handle it themselves.

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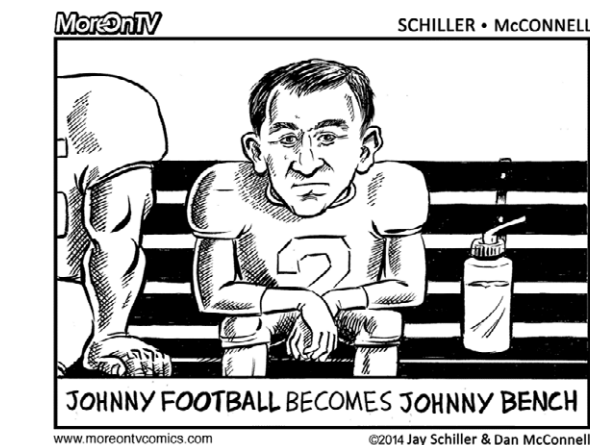
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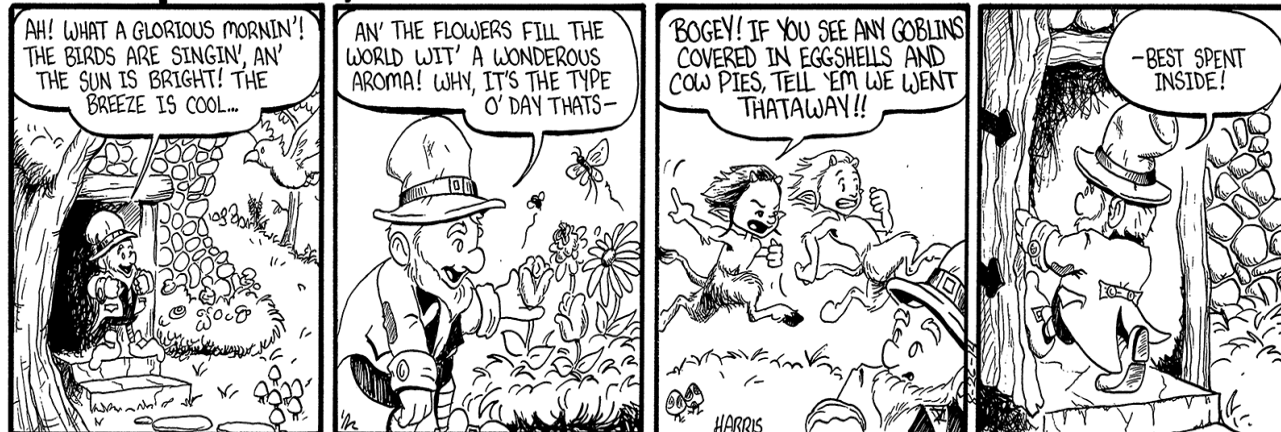
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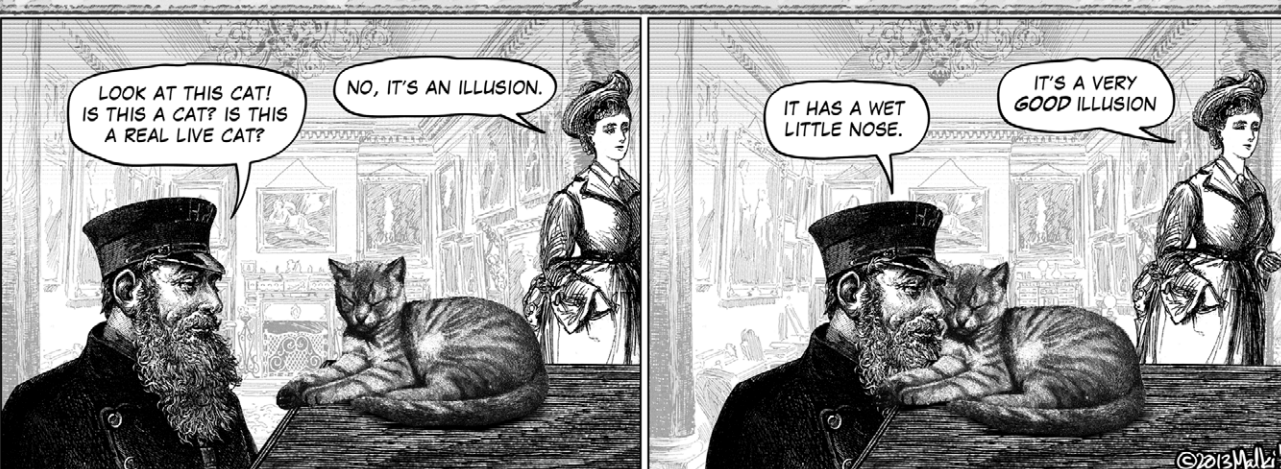


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Amongst other tailgating festivities, corn hole is one of the most popular. In addition to this game, fans enjoy ladder golf and even tossing a football with friends.

## Turn up your tailgate

### Simple ways to make game day more enjoyable

Jessica McGettigan  
TEC STAFF

One of the greatest parts about football games is how people celebrate them. Tailgates are a tradition that continues to evolve with every new season. To create the perfect tailgate, it is important to have the right gear. "People have their own ways of setting the tailgates up but all tailgates basically start with the tent," said Chad Thompson, UBE sports apparel manager. "Over the years people then begin to add other items."

This year, UBE has introduced two new accessories to amplify a plain old tent. "We have the bar that attaches between the two poles and we have a table cloth to go over the bar," said Thompson. "We also have the pole caddy, and I have no idea why they haven't come out with something like this before but



The University Book Exchange offers customers many game day necessities.

it attaches to the leg of the tent so you are able to set your drinks or food in it."

Being unique is the key to setting up a tailgate. "I go out to the games and walk from tailgate to tailgate and each person that I see is different, but it's tradition," said Yvonne Perry, UBE operations manager. "Some people have to have hamburgers and hotdogs to celebrate the first

home game. It's all dependent on the person."

Beginning with a vision of how your tailgate should be set up is a good way to plan out every aspect of the pre-game festivities. "The ideal tailgate would consist of purple and gold decorative items and apparel," said Mikaela Cook, junior hospitality management major. "Seeing the pirate pride

on game day really emphasizes school spirit."

It is easy to accessorize your pirate pride with items such as car flags and coolers. "Coozies, the sunglasses and the purple and gold beads are some of my favorites," said Perry. "Whenever I go to the games I have to have the purple and gold beads."

Trying to make sure you carry all of the items from the car to the game can quickly become a chore. One way to eliminate the amount of stuff you carry into the stadium is by reusing multiple items. "When you're done with the tailgate, empty the cooler bag and put [in] the things that you'll need in the stadium," said Thompson. "It's always a good idea to carry the least amount of stuff into the game as possible."

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## Game day fashion for pirates

Jessica McGettigan  
TEC STAFF

August is not only the month where students begin heading back to school, but the time of year when weekend plans revolve around what time the big game is on. Football season is back, which calls for a few new wardrobe items in support of your favorite teams.

"The first game is going to be gold themed and it is also family weekend," said John Palmer, merchandise manager at Dowdy Student Store. To celebrate the gold-rush home opener, Dowdy will be selling two new gold t-shirts. "One says ECU with chevron block lettering for girls and moms and the other new gold t-shirt is the new logo," said Palmer.

For those sweltering, hot games, Dowdy now offers reversible pinnies with the new logo in purple/gold and black/white combinations for any Pirate fan. "The number one thing that people are calling for right now are the black replica football jerseys that we have in number five and number two," said Palmer. "We had Meet the Pirates this past weekend and this was the number one thing we sold at the booth."

Dowdy also offers items such as spirit jerseys and sweatshirts for the cooler weather games. "We have a quarter zip sweatshirt with pockets that has been very popular," said Palmer. "ECU is more female populated so I have not been able to keep in smalls and extra smalls in this sweatshirt."

Hats and visors are very popular items for the games especially for Pirates fans that sit on the north side of the stadium. "The north side is the upper deck side and the lower sides where the sun is hitting directly," said Palmer. "We also have bucket hats



Catalog Connection offers pirate themed feminine apparel and accessories while keeping up with the season's trends.

that we're selling a ton of. I've had to re-order them four times."

Catalog Connection offers game day apparel that is tailored more towards the female fans. "I think rompers are probably going to be more suitable for games," said Kati Nimmo. "We have so many plain black rompers because for you can wear one any game."

To accessorize a plain black romper, Nimmo suggests adding a few other items to the outfit. "I personally would wear a black romper or a short black dress with cow girl boots and a big purple necklace or a long necklace," she said.

For a gold rush game, Catalog Connection offers several outfit options. "We have a couple cute gold dresses and rompers," said Nimmo. "I feel like some people might do a gold top and a black bottom because gold can be a hard color to pull off."

Catalog Connection recently



Purple and gold statement necklaces add color to complement simple outfits.

launched a new website, which currently offers strictly purple and gold gear. "Right now we have a lot of purple and gold on the website but when we start getting our fall stuff in we'll add more to the site," said

Nimmo. "We have different tabs for things, like new arrivals, game day, jewelry and you can even purchase a gift card."

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# Freeboot Friday back again

**Destiny Edwards**  
TEC STAFF

Saturday is the first football game of the season, but before fans cheer on the Pirates at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, they will get together at Five Points Plaza for Freeboot Friday, which starts at 5 p.m. every Friday before home football games.

"Freeboot Friday is the official pep rally for ECU home football games and this is the 14th season that it has been held," said Tiffany Gay, director of events and branding for Uptown Greenville.

Gay said that Freeboot Friday will be packed with activities for people of all ages.

"There's live music, there are beverages, there's food onsite, there's kids' activities, there's inflatables...it's a whole lot of fun," said Gay.

She also mentioned that food vendors would include popular restaurants like Sup Dogs and Varsity Club. In previous years, local breweries such as Duck Rabbit in Farmville have also made appearances. But what really gets the party going is the live music.

"A committee is formed and they review all of the kits," said Gay. "We typically like to change it up each year, but we make sure that it's music that all ages can enjoy while they're at Freeboot Friday."

This week's band is dub Addis, a roots reggae band from Durham.

Dereje Tesfaye, leader of dub Addis, said that performing at the pep rally had been talked about for a while.

"Bianca [Shoneman, director of Uptown Greenville] saw us play many years ago and invited us to Freeboot Friday a few years back," said Tesfaye.

Tesfaye said the band started to



Freeboot Friday is a family friendly event that offers a variety of activities for all ages.

form after its members met at various open mic nights throughout the late '90s, which was called African Children. "In early 2000, dub Addis was born," said Tesfaye.

He described dub Addis's music as "Ethio roots." It's partly inspired by Ethiopia music, where Tesfaye grew up.

"[It's] Ethiopian melodies embedded in reggae rhythms," said Tesfaye.

Tesfaye said that the lineup and instrumentation changes from time to time. Tomorrow will feature drummer OC Irie, bassist Dean Irwin, keyboardist Neal Boyke, saxophone player Shaena Ryan Martin, trumpet player Jae Fields and vocalist Shavon Russell Jones. Tesfaye will be on keys and singing.

"[Through us], the audience will learn how different cultures and backgrounds can come together," said Tesfaye.

Tesfaye said his favorite songs to

perform changes often, but right now it is a tossup between "Yes I" and "Confusion." The two songs speak of social consciousness because Tesfaye was heavily influenced by the work of Bob Marley, Burning Spear, Fela Kuti and Mulatu Astatke.

"Yes I" talks about [how] regardless of your faith, we are all the same people. And 'Confusion' talks about if we keep fighting one another without trying to resolve what we are fighting about, the result will be devastating because no one will win," said Tesfaye. "Witnessing all religious, racial and economical clashes make me want to sing about them more."

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# LWCC to host Mirrors Mixer

**Destiny Edwards**  
TEC STAFF

Thursday evening, the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will host the Multicultural Mirrors Mixer.

Melissa Haithcox-Dennis, director of the center, said that the event was a chance for new students to get to know the campus.

"It's an opportunity for first-year students and others to meet with faculty and staff in an informal environment," said Haithcox-Dennis.

She also said the mixer was especially beneficial to students as a networking opportunity because it would allow them to establish relationships with people that could help shape their educational path.

"They can meet a mentor or future advisor or just someone in the field they aspire to one day," said Haithcox-Dennis.

According to the center's website, students will learn more about the center in addition to meeting faculty and staff of color that represent

different areas of the university. Haithcox-Dennis said that even though the event was created with new students, particularly those of color, in mind the mixer is open to any student who would like to attend.

The event is part of ECU's Plunge into Purple campaign which is headed by the Office of Student Transitions, said Mary Beth Corbin, executive director of the student transitions office.

"The Office of Student Transitions provides oversight," said Corbin. "It's really many departments within Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. We've done it about three years, and another office did it before us."

Corbin said Plunge into Purple is a six-week program (three weeks during the spring) at the beginning of the semester designed to get new students involved and active on campus.

"The purpose is to engage them in university activities beyond the classroom," said

Corbin. "It helps students acclimate to college life in a safe, educational and appropriately social environment."

Other activities during the Plunge into Purple campaign include bowling, karaoke and films at Mendenhall Student Center, cookouts and Pirate Palooza. According to the official Plunge into Purple website, Pirate Palooza will feature a live disc jockey, free food and inflatables.

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center was founded in the '70s and was named after a community health professor who worked to "ease human misery" and "raise the level of aspiration among those she worked with."

Two of the main goals of the center are to offer diverse cultural programming and "promote the academic success of traditionally under-represented students."

Other events the cultural center will be hosting during the Plunge into Purple campaign include a trip to an international festival in Raleigh, a cuisine

and chat event for Latino Heritage month and a trip to Washington, D.C., during fall break. In November, the center will sponsor a talk by "Orange is the New Black" star Laverne Cox in Wright Auditorium.

The Multicultural Mirrors Mixer starts at 6 p.m. and is free. Refreshments will be served.

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# Pirates begin life after 'Coop'



Freshman Marquez Grayson will have his opportunity on the field following a redshirted 2013.



Quarterback Shane Carden hands off to junior Chris Hairston in one of the final summer practices.

## ECU searching for the next standout at tailback position

Jesse Deal  
TEC STAFF

As much as the rushing abilities of Vintavious Cooper will be missed this season, the Pirates are convinced they still have a talented backfield heading into Saturday's opener against North Carolina Central.

Just ask senior tailback Breon Allen. "Pick your poison in the backfield," Allen said. "From Anthony Scott to Marquez Grayson to Chris Love to Cory Hunter to Chris Hairston, it's the type of backfield where one player will go out and another comes in and we won't miss one beat."

After a two-year junior college stint that made him Snow College's all-time leading rusher, Allen debuted with the Pirates in 2013 playing primarily on special teams before soon becoming ECU's second option in the backfield.

The 5-foot-8, 190-pounder from Daytona Beach, Fla., native will likely play an increased role this fall, averaging five yards a carry last year and finishing second on the team in both rushing and returning yards.

Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley has made it clear that Allen will have to step up and be a vocal mentor to his teammates.

"He's our one senior in the group and he's going to have to be a leader," said Riley. "We have some inexperienced guys and they need someone to watch and learn from. Breon needs to be that guy for us like (Cooper) was last year."

In addition to Allen, junior Chris Hairston and red-shirt freshman Marquez Grayson are expected to receive a large portion of reps as well.

In 2013, Hairston averaged 3.8 yards per carry with three rushing touchdowns, while Grayson is ready to play under the lights in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for the first time on Saturday night.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound Grayson has been generating a lot of praise from his teammates and coaching staff over the offseason.

"He's going to be so great," said Allen. "He's had a tremendous fall camp and I'm excited to see what he does at the ball game."

Riley added, "There's no question that his talent's there and hopefully he can get

some good game reps... When he gets a lot of confidence and gets going, he'll be tough to handle."

The Pirates' rushing attack isn't excluded to just Allen, Hairston, and Grayson, though. Junior Cory Hunter began the 2013 season as one of ECU's top backs, but a season-ending right knee injury limited him to only three games. The former walk-on is now healthy and battling it out on the depth chart.

Riley will use the season-opener against NCCU to test his running back core.

"I hope to rep a bunch of them and see how these guys do," said Riley. "We have the two older guys in Chris Hairston and Breon Allen that have become leaders of the group along with Cory Hunter. And then we have

some of the young guys like Marquez Grayson, Anthony Scott, and Chris Love."

He continued, "They are inexperienced in some areas but growing up really fast. I think they'll be household names around here."

As for which backs will end up as the Pirates two main options, only time will tell.

"I could make a case for any of the five guys that might end up being the starter or backup," Riley said. "They all have that kind of ability. We'll certainly see how it goes and play the guy that helps move the ball the best."

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# TEC'sports The East Carolinian Sports' experts predict this weekend's football game



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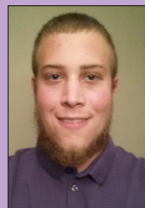
Who Wins? ECU, 52-7  
Why? If we learned anything from the Pirates last season, it's that they keep their feet on the gas against out-matched opponents.



Josh Graham

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Who Wins? ECU, 48-17  
Why? As long as the Pirates decide not to frequently turn the ball over, they will coast past the Eagles. Don't be surprised if it gets ugly fast.



Jesse Deal

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Who Wins? ECU, 41-10  
Why? ECU's high-powered offense shouldn't have a hard time overpowering the Eagles and reaching the end zone in multiple ways.



Brian Wudkwych

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Who Wins? ECU, 42-7  
Why? Expect ECU to try and run the ball often as McNeill and staff will be waiting for one of their tailbacks to grab the job.



Ronnie Moore

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Who Wins? ECU, 52-13  
Why? The Pirates outmatch NC Central heavily and it is inconceivable that ECU could lose. Play turnover-free football and don't be surprised by trick plays.

## TAKEAWAYS

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

ECU started the season, 1-1 last week, losing 2-0 to South Carolina in the opener on Friday before defeating Western Carolina, 1-0 Sunday.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates kick off their season September 5 with the East Carolina Invitational.

### GOLF

ECU will start its 2014-2015 campaign September 12 at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate in Chapel Hill.

### WOMEN'S GOLF

The Lady Pirates tee off their season in Minneapolis, MN on September 15 for the Minnesota Invitational.

### FOOTBALL

The Pirates take on North Carolina Central at 8 p.m. on Saturday. The matchup in Dowdy-Ficklen will be nationally televised.

### CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers lost, 30-7 to the Patriots in their third preseason matchup. They take on the Steelers Thursday at 7:30 in their final preseason game.

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# New Hall arrives

Corey Keenan  
TEC STAFF

Last season, a typical entrance to an ECU basketball game was through the Ticket Window side door and mundanely walking to an available seat. This year, Pirate fans can look forward to a new experience.

ECU Athletics will open their Hall of Fame, located in the lobby of the Smith-Williams Center, on the weekend of September 20 as the Pirates take on UNC-Chapel Hill. The continually renovated building had its inaugural year of use in 2013-2014 with a new practice facility for men's and women's basketball along with new offices for each team's staff.

The strides made over the summer in building a formidable Hall of Fame have left a product that is worthy of attention. Pirates' Athletic Director Jeff Compher hopes to drive traffic through the main entrance and through the Hall of Fame on the way into Minges Coliseum.

"We hope that people really begin to use this to get into Minges and Williams Arena," said Compher. "They'll be able to come in, enjoy the space and have a great entrance into the arena."

The Hall of Fame is a modern experience, featuring nine interactive video boards. There, fans can scan Hall of Famers' biographies, team information and watch videos from each team. The space will also be used heavily in recruiting, and already has been. Each team will have a video to show recruits on the interactive boards. Compher said that the Hall of Fame is a statement to athletes that they can leave a legacy.

"It's important from a recruiting perspective to honor your history and let people know they can be successful here," said Compher. "Especially with our 'Pirates in the Pros,' you see the number of athletes that we have sent to the professional level. It really says, 'you can do anything you want from ECU.'"

The Hall of Fame honors both the history of ECU athletics and boasts its recent successes. Trophies from the Pirates' NAIA National Championship teams in swimming (1957, 1959) and baseball (1961) are featured in the hall. A varsity letter jacket from 1965 All-American Dave Alexander made the Hall of Fame.

Across the hall holds images of Pirates in the pros. Three large images stand out in the form of current St. Louis Cardinals reliever Seth Manes, former Baltimore Ravens' full-back Vonta Leach, and form Utah Jazz player Blue Edwards.

Other items in the hall include a space for the Pirates'

bowl win over NC State in the 1992 Peach Bowl. Each Pirate that has achieved Academic All-American status is listed in the Hall of Fame, including current Pirates' head baseball coach Cliff Godwin. All eight of the Pirates' football bowl win trophies will be featured in the hall in individual cases. In between the cases will be the wall where each Hall of Fame members' plaque is hung.

**"It's important from a recruiting perspective to honor your history and let people know they can be successful here."**

**-Jeff Compher "**

"This space really honors the tradition and legacy of our past and honors the individuals that have been great Pirates over the years," Compher said. "It also really takes into account our current success and accolades. It's a big benefit for our current student-athletes and teams and coaches, but also for our past and the history that really made the Pirate family what they are today."

Connections to the Pirate family run deep in the Hall of Fame. Former Pirate baseball player, John Williamson has done graphic work in the Hall of Fame and is a member himself after playing under legendary coach Keith LeClair. Walter and Marie Williams' name are featured on the back wall of the lobby. Walter was the co-chair for the Hall of Fame project and is also a member despite never putting on a Pirate uniform. Lastly, Rosie Thompson is an Associate Athletic Director has worked closely with the project and is a Hall of Famer in two sports - volleyball and basketball.

The Hall of Fame also recognizes off the court, field and track success with a list of Pirate service leaders and academic leaders. Each Pirate that achieves the honor of Academic All-American is listed in the hall, including current Pirates' head baseball coach Cliff Godwin.

"When you walk through, you really see our true values as a program," Compher said. "You see our great academic values and the value that we place in service and giving back to our community."

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The cross country team hopes for a successful 2014. The schedule is set to release this week.

## Contributing runners set to return to action

Andi Caruso  
TEC STAFF

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# CALENDAR

# Swimmers look to build on success

## Strong 2013-14 sets the bar high

Wayne Hall  
TEC STAFF

Coming off of a season that saw the women's team go undefeated, the men's team lose twice all year, and the head coach pick up his 500th career victory, many would argue that the Pirate Swimming & Diving Team would be hard pressed for a better season. However, 33 year Head Coach Rick Kobe, begs to differ. In fact, he believes that his current team may be on course to be the greatest group ever.

When it comes to getting down to the basics, Kobe already had a summer plan to get his team into shape.

"To be a top-level D1 swimmer, it just doesn't happen in the school year, you've got to go home and train," Kobe said. "We had nine kids train with East Carolina Aquatics over the summer, and everybody else went back home to train with their club programs. So they all come back in pretty good shape."

A few of the notable returnees coming back this season include the sophomore diving duo of Alicia Rouche and Ashley Sams, who both competed in the Regional Zone B Diving Championships held in Greensboro, N.C. as freshmen. Also returning is junior Megan Sellers, who competed in the Women's Swimming & Diving Championships held at the University of Minnesota and senior Rokas Cepulis, who competed during the Men's Championships held at the University of Texas at Austin.

With all of the talent that Kobe has returning, he's also added 13 new faces to the roster as well. Some of those include Boleck DePawlikowski, a three-time Florida high school state champion, and Jake Minasi, a South Carolina native who just so happens to claim six state titles by himself.

"You're only as good as your incoming class," Kobe said



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The Pirates added 13 newcomers to their roster this offseason.

on his new recruits. "We've got some really talented folks here and now it's just going to come to play how they work out. Potentially this could be one of our best freshmen classes, but only time will tell."

Time may tell, but the impact of those freshmen would have to be immediate as they look to replace the production lost by former seniors Attila Kiraly and Anna Gibas, both of whom provided a definite spark for the Pirates in the water.

As the Pirates move into a new conference, their priorities of winning a conference championship still remain at an all-time high.

"Whether we lose one, or two, or none, or three, this is a very talented team," Kobe said. "We should win more than we lose and we'll have an excellent shot at competing. It'll be hard but it's nice to put yourself at the position to have an opportunity to win."

Kobe's focus and the team's goal may be on winning two titles, but the steps needed to get there shouldn't be very hard.

"We've got to outscore everybody," Kobe said.

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