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ECU set to take 'Plunge'



ECU students jump into the pool at the Student Recreation Center during last year's Polar Plunge. This year's event is tonight at the SRC.

SRC prepares for anticipated annual event

Rebecca Seftor
TEC STAFF

This evening, East Carolina University's Campus Recreation and Wellness will host the 21st annual Polar Bear Plunge at the Student Recreation Center. With a turnout of over 1,000 each year since 2013, event coordinators expect several hundred more participants this year.

"At the first Polar Plunge, it was somewhere around [35] students," said Campus Recreation and Wellness Coordinator of Intramural Sports and Youth & Family Jonathan Wall. "It was that small. It has pretty much grown every year since then."

The first Polar Plunge was held in 1997 to celebrate the opening of ECU's Student Recreation Center. The Rec Center's outdoor pool will be prepared with icy water for students to jump in and complete the challenge.

"To commemorate the opening, they wanted to have an event to celebrate," said Wall. "So, they decided to do a Polar Bear Plunge in January."

Since its establishment, the event has grown to include an array of festivities alongside the actual jumping, including an organizational fair, live performances, refreshments and more.

"We are working with the Student Activities and Organizations [for the] involvement fair," said Wall. "So, there will be a bunch of student organizations that will have tables, and in the past we have had performances by the club band and some of the step teams."

A DJ from WZMB will also be present for the duration of the event, alongside refreshments tables to be located near the weight room area.

"It takes probably 60 to 70 total staff," Wall said. "We have people [helping] out with registration, we

have WZMB that's going to come DJ, we have Aramark that's going to provide food... and obviously we have a bunch of staff around the pool for safety reasons. There's a lot going on, so there's a lot of people that help us out."

The highly-anticipated Polar Bear Plunge t-shirt will be given to the first 1,100 participants. Each year, the t-shirts are designed by Campus Rec's in-house marketing team.

"Of all the events that we do, I think that it's the one shirt that everybody wants the most," Wall said. "We get a lot of comments about how badly people want the t-shirt. In my opinion, this year's shirt is the best. I really like the color, I really like the theme of it, I think they've done a really good job

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Local teacher inspires hope in classroom

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

Greenville elementary school teacher made his way into the national spotlight last Thursday, after receiving more than \$80,000 in cash and resources for his school as a guest on the Ellen DeGeneres show.



Michael Bonner

Michael Bonner, a South Greenville Elementary second grade teacher, considers himself to be a person who thinks outside of the box when it comes to his methods of teaching.

"I try anything to engage them," said Bonner.

South Greenville is a Title I school whose surrounding neighbourhood has a 100 percent poverty rate. As a teacher, Bonner tries to show his students even though they come from poorer areas, they can be successful.

"It's not easy for any Title 1 teacher or any teacher period you know, because you have the most important job in the world which is molding children's minds," said Bonner. "It's so unappreciated."

Bonner specializes in a style of teaching called "whole brain teaching." This way of teaching focuses on trying to exercise all parts of a child's brain throughout the day, in order to create more student participation in the classroom.

One example of Bonner's unique approach as an educator is the way he maintains his students' focus and value for education by using music as a tool to motivate his students to perform better academically.

Whenever his class did not do well on a test or were struggling to perform in the classroom, Bonner said he would write lyrics on the board as inspiration. If the students did better on their next test, as a reward they would be able to take the lyrics they wrote and make a music video.

"I have the ability to connect with them, and once I connect with them it's a little bit easier for me to take classroom management over them," said Bonner.

Earlier in October, one of the music videos Bonner's class made earned nationwide attention.

Bonner received a call shortly after asking to appear as the first teacher on a web series about teachers. Two months later, the show came to his school to interview his class, and flew Bonner to California to watch the show.

While in the audience, Bonner was surprised

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ECU alumnus returns to broadcast men's basketball

Chase Carroll
TEC STAFF

Current Sports television producer and East Carolina University alumnus Scott Snyder saw his dream become a reality, as his education and profession came full circle during the Pirates' basketball game Sunday.

Snyder was given the opportunity to return to his old stomping grounds in Greenville to produce the game versus the No. 22 Cincinnati Bearcats for CBS Sports Network.

Snyder, who graduated from ECU in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in communication, has produced more than 1,000 NBA games and more than 500 college football and basketball games throughout the course of his career. He currently produces for the

NBA's Charlotte Hornets, who are owned by basketball legend Michael Jordan.

To go along with working for the Hornets, Snyder also produces college football and basketball games on the side for Raycom and CBS Sports Network. Despite working so many games over his career and working with many great players and teams, this game was one unlike any other. It was the first ECU event he produced.

"It was a little surreal," Snyder said. "As many games as I've produced in my career over the last 25 years, and the fact that I have never produced a game at ECU, it seemed like it was kind of like the circle of life."

With over 25 years of producing experience, Snyder gave a lot of credit to ECU for getting him to where he is in his career today.

"ECU had a lot to do with my career," Snyder said. "It definitely prepared me. I didn't even really know that [producing sports] existed."

Growing up as a sports fan, Snyder just couldn't get enough of football and basketball. Finding a way to apply his passion with his expertise was always a priority for him.

"The fact that I could work in this business just seemed to click for me," Snyder said. "Going through ECU, going through [its] department was somewhat of a base of where I am today."

Like many students, Snyder faced bumps in the road while in college, but ultimately found his niche in producing. After college, Snyder took initiative by calling local news station WNCT, and worked a few months

for free before getting a paid position.

Knowing what many students may be facing on their journey to their careers, he had advice to those who are interested in not only his line of work, but with mostly any career they may want to pursue.

"My advice would be not to reinvent the wheel. If you know somebody that is doing something that you want to do, ask them how they got there," Snyder said. "Instead of trying to figure out this huge puzzle of mystery that you don't necessarily know, talk to the people who are doing what you want to do, so they can guide you, and point you in the right direction to get you to where you want to be."

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BRIEFS

Brody School of Medicine Dean Search Committee to meet

East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine Dean Search Committee is set to meet Friday at 1:45 p.m. in the Brody School of Medicine room 1L-32 on the Health Sciences campus. The committee is expected to move into closed session immediately in order to consider confidential personnel information.

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Beeson talks SGA elections

Mary Katherine Karcher TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Student Government Association is gearing up for the upcoming election season for office positions that need to be filled for the 2017-18 school year.

ECU's current student body President Ryan Beeson is looking forward to this election as an opportunity to bring more diversity within the SGA office.

"A lot of it comes down to really keeping a good record of what it is we've done well and what we haven't done so well," said Beeson. "So as we move toward elections and this new group comes in we can help them maybe not make some of the same mistakes that we've made, learn from ours and also succeed where we've succeeded."

With executive offices and close to 60 General Assembly seats available in this election, there is plenty of room for success in next year's group of SGA officials. The General Assembly positions can represent ECU's student body at large, specific class or college representatives.

While most students chose to run and campaign on their own, some opt to group themselves behind other candidates running for general seats or for executive offices who run on a ticket system.

Each ticket represents a presidential candidate and a vice presidential candidate who run together and get a ticket number. Often students

running for executive offices run their campaign around the candidate names or their ticket number.



Ryan Beeson

In the case that no ticket receives 50 percent or more, the top two voted tickets will compete in a second round of voting.

Beeson said students who have been affiliated with SGA and those who have not have an equal chance of getting votes. He said he is looking forward to the diversity this new group of SGA officials may bring.

"It is Student Government so it's for all students and it may be nice to have an outside perspective from time to time," said Beeson. "And so I anticipate there being three maybe four tickets again like last year."

As for those students who wish to run for office, Beeson said he recommends talking to the students that currently hold offices and discussing their experiences with student government.

"Just so they get a better idea of what they're getting into, what the role and responsibility

entails and beyond that just having an understanding of what it would take to run a campaign and hopefully to win," said Beeson.

Beeson said his campaign required a lot of work and effort, but it was one that paid off in experiences and connections that ended as something worthwhile.

"It's also fun getting out there and meeting people, going from event to event. Some days you are physically and mentally exhausted, but at the end of it you look back and it was really exciting," he said. "To get to meet with so many different people and hear their thoughts and ideas on what SGA should be doing and how we can help get things there. It was fun."

Students who plan to campaign and run for SGA offices should register with OrgSync beginning Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. The application period closes Feb. 2. Campaigning for office begins Wednesday Feb. 8, with election events happening the week of voting. Voting will take place from Feb. 22-24.

Interested students should attend an orientation session on student government and the election process, Wednesday in the Mendenhall Student Center in Room 221 at 12 p.m., though this meeting is not required to run.

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Hill to honor MLK Jr. during speech

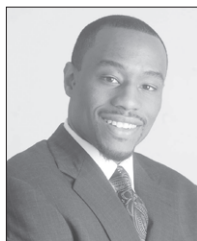
Blessing Aghimien TEC STAFF

Almost five decades after his death, East Carolina University is celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this week with events to keep his memory alive.

Today at 7 p.m., a keynote address honoring the legacy of Dr. King will be delivered in Wright Auditorium. Titled "Building Community in an Hour of Chaos," the keynote speaker will be Morehouse College professor Marc Lamont Hill. His message will be centered around unity and civility in America for today's society.

The event is free and open to the public. Tickets may be picked up at the ECU Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center or at the door.

In addition to teaching African American



Lamont Hill

studies at Morehouse, Hill is the current host of BET News and VH1 Live as well as a political contributor for CNN. He has received numerous accolades, including awards from the National Association of Black Journalists and being named one of America's 100 Most Influential Black Leaders by Ebony Magazine.

"Staying unified as a nation is very important, especially at this time in history when things in America can be so divisive," said freshman communication major Jourdan Carr. "I'm looking forward to what Dr. Hill has to say about this issue in his

address."

Monday, a Day of Service provided an opportunity for ECU students, faculty and staff to spend the day serving others in the community. The Day of Service began with an opening ceremony in the Mendenhall Student Center and continued by sending the event participants to service sites such as the Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina and Stop Human Trafficking from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to volunteer.

"With this event, students from the ECU community can go out and do something for the Greenville community," said Nicole Blyskal, coordinator for the MLK Day of Service. "This day is all about helping and connecting with others despite our differences, which is exactly what Dr. King stood for."

At the end, the participants returned to Mendenhall to reflect and share personal thoughts on their day dedicated to serving others. Groups of participants were given a quote from Dr. King to illustrate, creating teamwork amongst the individuals as they worked together to bring words to life on paper through imagery and color.

"I love volunteer work and living my life in a way that benefits other people," said sophomore communication major Morgan Murray, a member of ECU Leads. "This event has really helped me to learn to look at the bigger picture in terms of my community. The smallest things do have the biggest impact after all."

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Teacher Micheal Bonner was featured as a guest on The Ellen DeGeneres Show last Friday.

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by Ellen, who not only had a message from his class waiting, but also a check given from Walmart for the elementary school for the amount of \$25,000, as well as several iPad minnies, televisions, Beats by Dre and other devices for the classrooms of the school. Ellen also set up a GoFundMe page which has now received almost \$63,000 in donations for the school.

Bonner said just allowing these students to see themselves in the public eye has been pivotal to developing their self worth and getting them excited about their future.

"Where they come from, they see Love and Hip Hop and all kinds of other different types of images on the television and facebook," said Bonner. "But for them to see themselves on television or for them to actually see themselves on Facebook, it's a good motivator."

For Bonner, one of the most rewarding parts about being a teacher is seeing the constant improvement in his students.

"Sometimes they come into the classroom they're very immature, but usually at the end

of the year you start seeing them making that turn to making more mature decisions," said Bonner.

While his teaching may be helping some students be the best they can, Bonner still stressed the disadvantages these children in areas high in poverty face and the need to close the gaps in every classroom.

"There's two different socioeconomic classes and usually when there's difference in money there's difference in exposure," said Bonner. "Greenville [South Greenville Elementary] is the closest to East Carolina University, but I'm more than willing to bet most of my kids have not been to an East Carolina football game compared to other elementary school kids"

Bonner said he hopes one day all children will be able to start school on an equal playing field.

"This is bigger than Pitt County. It's bigger than the state of North Carolina," said Bonner. "We are supposed to be helping these children become the leaders who can compete with students from China, Russia and Germany."

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with it."

Wall said the phenomenon of the Polar Bear Plunge represents students' desire to be ingrained in ECU's culture.

"The thing I enjoy the most is the satisfaction students get out of it," Wall said. "It's interesting, [students are] going into a cold pool which you wouldn't think would be that much fun,

but the fact that they get to do it together is a tradition, and to me is what's really cool about it."

Registration for the Polar Bear Plunge begins at 6:30 p.m., with jumping to begin at 7 p.m. ECU students, faculty and staff are allowed to participate in the event.

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QUESTION

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Our view

The beginning of Trump's legacy

The presidential inauguration marks a changing of the guard in the presidency of this country. Like soldiers tasked with protecting the Tomb of the Unknown soldier, the act of swearing in a new president leaves a record for history to bare.

As President Obama's tenure in the Oval Office comes to a close tomorrow, his term has been filled with accomplishments for those of all groups. He brought light to various groups and communities and provided a sense of belonging to American citizens. He campaigned for different issues during his presidency that made him popular to the world.

Tomorrow, President-elect Donald Trump will begin writing his legacy.

Trump shook the political world with his election win but

his campaigning left many wondering how he will function as the new president. He is an unconventional president, his past doesn't exactly fit the mold that was set by presidents before him.

However, we are a generation of change. We've been exposed to new technologies, new social norms, new lifestyles and more. Obama made history with his presidency and no one can change the things he has done or the memories he has made. But the time has come to give someone else a turn. It is time to see what Trump can bring to the table.

As Trump takes his oath into office, let's come together, spread positivity and listen to each other's opinions, thoughts and concerns.

Controversial guest to speak at ECU



Dimitri Dragones
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East Carolina University plans to host Marc Lamont Hill today to speak at its 2017 MLK celebration. Hill seems to me to be a very strange choice for a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration considering Hill's statement made on CNN recently, and I wonder if anyone involved in bringing him on campus actually knows who he is, or does and does not consider it relevant.

On Monday, CNN held a panel regarding Trump meeting with various well-known figures, the most recent being Steve Harvey. In response to his fellow panelist's statement, "You weren't even there...they are in the process of bringing all types of people from all over the country, from all different backgrounds. Remember the diversity coalition where we reached out to all different types of people?"

Hill immediately responded in the always professional and courteous manner saying, "Yeah, it was a bunch of mediocre Negroes being dragged in front of TV as a photo-op for Donald Trump's exploitative campaign

against black people. And you are an example of that."

Words cannot describe the kind of person it takes to say such a thing, although it isn't particularly new. African-Americans who have cooperated or been a part of Republican groups have been attacked as race traitors before.

Hill later attempted damage control on his personal Twitter handle, saying he only meant to call the diversity council "mediocre negroes." It would be appreciated if he could further elaborate on this statement, and provide a reference sheet to whom he believes are exceptional, mediocre and below-average "negroes."

Hill is also unafraid of bending truth or outright lying to maintain his narrative. He falsely stated on CNN, as well on his Twitter account, that "Every 28 hours, an unarmed black person is killed by police."

Politifact and The Washington Post ruled the claim false. Hill later "corrected" his statement to "A black man in America is killed every 28 hours by police of vigilantes." Citing a report issued by the "Malcolm X Grassroots Movement" and said "that every 28 hours an unarmed black person is killed."

Both descriptions are incorrect, according to Politifact.

ECU prides itself on its respect of law enforcement, something Hill seems to have little for. For a CNN segment, an unidentified woman's comments on the Freddie Gray controversy said that "there are some bad apples," presumably referring to accusations of racism in police departments, specifically Baltimore.

Hill responded with, "I'm saying no to the bad apple part. We can't continue to frame law enforcement and the police forces in America as simply a bunch of good natured people and there happen to be a few bad apples among them."

He continued, "That's not to say that police officers at the individual level aren't great people," and stated that police "are an occupying force in the hood." Hill also commented, on a different date, and described riots in Baltimore as "uprisings" against "police terrorism." He echoed similar statements regarding Christopher Dorner, the man who went on a rampage killing and wounding several people in California in 2013.

Hill, after each of these instances, played

the game every left-wing racial aggravator does. He explained how he has police friends, "clarified" that these were not his opinions, just the opinions of some of the people out there, and then continued to explain how that's a legitimate opinion people can hold. Hill cannot have his cake and eat it too. He can either justify people's extreme opinions on police, characterize police in the ways he has and live with the inevitable consequences of holding such opinions, or argue for another characterization.

As a conservative, I believe all have the right to free speech and Hill should certainly be allowed to speak on campus, but I do question exactly why ECU's Office for Equity and Diversity chose Hill out of presumably many choices. A political pundit who displays neither decorum nor intellectual honesty, and often engages in vitriolic language or outright lies seems to be, at best, out of place for a celebration of Martin Luther King. We question whether a person who has said and done the above things would be well liked by Martin Luther King Jr.

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Sharing opinions should be encouraged



Matthew Prensky
TEC COLUMNIST

On the eve of the presidential inauguration, a sentiment is growing of collective pessimism over the direction our country is moving.

As President-elect Trump puts his left hand on the bible, raises his right hand up next to his head and assumes the position of President of the United States of America, certain segments of this nation do not know where the country will be in four years. Many, especially in minority communities, believe the Trump administration will spell danger and worsen their lives.

In a poll by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago and the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, it was found that minority groups in America have a pessimistic view of the Trump presidency.

"Such young Americans are also far more likely to think Trump will divide the country than unite it, by a 60 percent to 19 percent

margin," according to a recent Associated Press article chronicling the poll results. "The poll found that 54 percent of young people overall say life for people of color will be worse with Trump as president."

The poll was conducted by interviewing Americans between the ages of 18 and 30. The poll also broke down results by ethnicity. Among African Americans, Latinos and Asian Americans, each had a two-thirds majority that believe their lives will get worse under the new administration.

"Young people of color are particularly likely to think Trump's presidency will be not good or poor, but even young whites are more likely to expect that than to think it will be good or great, 48 percent to 27 percent," according to the AP article.

It is certainly too early to predict whether President Trump will be viewed as a successful leader or not. Although this poll points out a clear issue that faces our nation, it seems we as Americans have become too blinded by party affiliation or the fear of fighting to unite.

During the presidential election, no matter where you turned whether it be

television, friends or even the candidates themselves, there was a war over opinions. A battle between contrasting views to find out which was correct.

Opinions are unique to every human. Every person has different life experiences, morals and principles that guide them on how to react to issues. Not every human will unite on each topic nor should they. Having different opinions on topics can help bring new ideas to the surface.

However, the fact that no human is exactly the same doesn't mean one person is always correct over another's opinion. Yet, people were convinced that if someone didn't agree with their view, they were wrong.

Disagreeing with another person isn't wrong and agreeing to have different views on a topic shouldn't be viewed negatively.

Agreeing that a resolution can't be reached in a discussion with someone of an opposite view doesn't make both sides wrong or losers. Talking about issues shouldn't be arguing, fighting or the reason to end a relationship. It should be a debate.

By debating someone of an opposite opinion and keeping the option to agree

to disagree on the table, people should feel comfortable to let their voices be heard. We live in a society where we have the constitutional right to express our opinion. Although to some the fear of fighting because of difference in views binds their lips shut.

In this day and age where political correctness and issues are being raised on a daily basis people should feel the freedom to let their points of view be known. No human should put down, silence or stop another from using their ultimate right of self-expression.

As the White House becomes the home of a new leader, society should try to unite. If nothing else, every citizen of this nation should remember that no matter the opinion, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or financial situation, we are all Americans. We are all united by that core principle and no human is above another.

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6 p.m.

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6:30 p.m.

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6 p.m.

Psylo Joe's EP Release Party

Crossbones Tavern
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9 p.m.

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9 p.m.

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Greenville Convention Center
1-6 p.m.

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8-11 p.m.

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AJ McMurry's
9:30 p.m.

The Limits

Tavern on 4th
10 p.m.

Gone Forever

Crossbones Tavern
10 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

SUNDAY

Spiritual Mediumship Group Session

The Sojourner Whole Earth Provisions
1:30-3 p.m.

Street Fighter V Monthly Tournament

Blue Ox Games
2-5 p.m.

Method to the Madness

Student's work pays off after becoming DJ-of-the-Month

Jose Hernandez
TEC STAFF

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, after most classes are done and the majority of students are just ready for a break from the realities of school, Elishiah Reed steps up to the mic.

Reed, a sophomore theater for youth major, delivers local stylings critical to both students and the Greenville community at large and is the person behind the eccentric alias DJ Psycho. Music and radio culture in general have always been an important factor in Reed's life.

"[The money] is a bonus kind of deal, but it didn't sell me," said Reed. "The fact of playing music on the radio and to talk is what sold me."

His weekly radio program, the "Real World Show," tackles Greenville specific topics which Reed feels is important for residents.

"I was given a local show, but I thought to myself how can I take local to a whole new level," Reed said. "So instead of just playing local artists, I like to talk about what's going on locally because there's a lot of stuff going on that people just don't know about."

Reed said even though he was unsure of his role on a local beat in the beginning, he now loves and appreciates the flexibility it provides him.

"It's perfect, you know? For one thing, I'm not entitled to only one genre and it's gotten much more fun and interactive," Reed said. "Now [the show] has become a huge per-



CONTRIBUTED BY DJ PSYCHO
DJ Psycho poses for the camera. His broadcasts are bi-weekly at WZMB 91.3.

sonal thing to me."

Reed said the two-plus years of radio experience under his belt helped him create something he can be proud of.

"I've made it mine," he said. "Everyone has their own thing and [the show] is mine. I call it the 'Real World Show' because I keep it real and that's something I'll never change."

Because Reed uses his show to deliver news to local students and residents, he feels a certain connection to journalism and is thinking about minoring in communication.

"I'm very interested in that kind of deal. Investigating, researching something and then broadcasting it

out, no matter what way it is," Reed said. "I've thought about [journalism] but I haven't really dove into it. Radio is my first start and I'm letting it take me other places."

Even though Reed has been on the air since beginning his time at East Carolina University he said he feels as though this is just the beginning and still looks back fondly at his start.

"I definitely have a lot to learn, but I've also learned a lot," Reed said. "I remember when I first started. I was so nervous about messing up and I would have so many topics to choose from it made me both excited and anxious before a show."

Besides being chosen as WZMB's

DJ-of-the-Month, Reed also found himself as the host for WZMB's first annual "Z Showcase" in November, an event where various local artists both on and off campus get a chance to showcase their otherwise hidden musical talents.

"[The show] was fun. It was exhilarating," Reed said. "And when my manager chose me, it was a huge honor, because I thought to myself, 'Wow, she could've chose anyone but she chose me.'"

With the showcase being his first hosting experience, Reed admitted the task was a little daunting at first.

"I was little bit nervous about making sure I had everything right and keeping the audience intact," Reed said. "You want them to have a good time, especially if you want this type of thing to keep happening, so I put all of myself out there."

Even though Reed was nervous, he was confident the show went well.

"It was a really great experience, being able to host the show and represent the radio station in that way," Reed said.

Today, Reed reflects on all the trials and tribulations that brought him to be the kind of DJ he is today.

"I've been down in the dumps before, but I realized that there is always a way up," Reed said. "But you have to try. Otherwise, you'll stay in the same spot and drive yourself crazy. But don't be crazy, be psycho."

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Michelle Obama sports a blue and black lace dress at one of President Barack Obama's state dinners.

Michelle's fashion legacy

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After sporting fashion designer Jason Wu for President Obama's Inauguration eight years ago, Michelle Obama wrapped up her time in office with another Jason Wu dress last week at the president's farewell address.

With emotions running high, her navy lace dress not only complimented both her husband's suit and daughter's dress, but symbolized their family unit one last time on stage.

Serving two terms as the first lady of the United States, Michelle Obama leaves a mark on the country, not only with her words but with her fashion sense. The first lady's style has not only left fashion magazines in awe, but has left women around the world inspired and hopeful.

"Her style depicts a very modern first lady," said senior fashion merchandising major Mary Ciampi. "Like Nancy Reagan and Jackie Kennedy, Michelle remains elegant and chic at the same time."

The first lady has not only spoken at many important events such as the Democratic National Convention and made differences in people's lives, as shown by her Let Girls Live campaign, but has revealed that underneath her first lady status is a humorous and down to earth personality.

"She wears a lot of classic clean cuts and silhouettes," said junior fashion merchandising major Mackie Randall. "She is still playful, and that side of her personality shows through her love for patterned textures and textures."

Narciso Rodriguez, an American designer from New Jersey, even had one of his dresses sell out in minutes after Michelle wore it at President Obama's final State of the Union address.

Similar to Rodriguez, American designer

Tracy Reese designed numerous looks for Obama throughout her husband's presidency. During her 2012 Democratic National Convention speech, Michelle wore a sleeveless red and silver dress with a knee length hem and shimmery detailing.

Some of her fan favorite looks were her evening-wear dresses. On Dec. 4, 2016, Michelle wore a shimmering black and emerald Gucci dress for the 39th annual Kennedy Center Honors event.

"I love this dress," Randall said. "The colors are so vibrant and I love the mixed uses of brocade and chiffon sleeves."

To this, Ciampi added, "The sweetheart neckline is very flattering and most women are drawn to textures and colors [for evening wear]."

Just this past year in October, the first lady stunned the crowd in a Versace rose-gold metallic gown while greeting the Italian Prime Minister at the White House. Going with an asymmetric off-the-shoulder neckline this time, the dress was extravagant and embellished, yet tasteful.

In addition to her designer gowns and shoes, there are also times when the first lady dressed down wearing jeans and converse.

"She's relatable, probably one of the most relatable first ladies in a long time," Randall said. "It's nice to see the first lady dress like one of our friends would."

Although Michelle Obama will not be the first lady for much longer, the fashion legacy and eight years of work she leaves behind is something that will never fade. As perfectly summed up by her husband, "You took on a role that you did not ask for and you made it your own with grace, grit and style."

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Coastal Fog hosts fondue

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Coastal Fog is still celebrating the new year with a "Fondue and Celebration" event, featuring North Carolina brews with a variety of cheese and chocolate. Coastal Fog, known for its interior design and retail storefront, will host one of its gatherings to commemorate the start of 2017.

According to Kendall Edgertown, manager of Coastal Fog, neighborhood gatherings are nothing new to the Market at Coastal Fog. On the third Thursday of every month, Coastal Fog brings the Greenville community together with entertainment, specialty food, beer and wine.

"Each one has a theme," said Edgertown. "The Thanksgiving was more of the gathering for the whole neighborhood coming together. For Christmas, we had somebody singing Christmas music. For this one, we decided to go with the New Year's theme. Each time we do something different."

Although Coastal Fog has hosted events in the past, this will be the first gathering based on fondue. The restaurant's fondue will include a variety of cheeses, including a blue cheese melt, veggie blue cheese melt, duck rabbit brown ale and cheddar melt, spinach and fire roast artichoke melt and roasted tomato and basil cheddar bake.

"We'll do a chocolate fondue as well and we're also offering our puff pastry tarts that we do and other sides," said Edgertown.

Coastal Fog will also have an array of hand-selected beer and wine ready for purchase. The menu for the night will include beer on special, as well as brands such as Mother Earth, the Tarboro Brewing Company and Duck Rabbit Craft Brews.

"We try to carry local North Carolina beers," said Edgertown.

According to Edgertown, each gathering has a unique flare every month. One of her favorite parts of the gatherings includes the scenery and decorations of the Market made by one of the owners, Jordan Vainright Proctor.

"Last time it was music that was really neat but the coolest part is to see how Jordan does the displays and the theater of it," said Edgertown. "We talk about it but you never know how it's going to look. She's perfect at transforming it into what it's supposed to be."

Fondue and Celebration will be held at Coastal Fog, 330 Evans St., today at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, to purchase call 252-347-2632.

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PUZZLES

ACROSS

- 1 Naproxen brand
- 6 Yap
- 10 Documentary divisions
- 14 Ricoh competitor
- 15 Green-skinned "Return of the Jedi" girl
- 16 Approaching
- 17 Not shady
- 18 Action figure?
- 19 Site of Shah Jahan's tomb
- 20 Protective charm often adorned with feathers
- 23 Decorative globe
- 26 Ice cream maker Joseph
- 27 Holed a five-footer, say
- 28 Start of a hands-off declaration?
- 30 Fivers
- 32 Pigs out (on), briefly
- 33 Stamina-testing ballroom event
- 36 Longtime Labor Day telethon org.
- 37 Wild bunch
- 38 Gold units: Abbr.
- 40 Forensic analyst's discovery
- 46 Swiss river
- 48 "Peter Pan" pooch
- 49 Travel org. freebie
- 50 Lamentation
- 52 Miss an easy grounder, say
- 53 It can follow directions
- 54 Device found in this puzzle's three other longest answers
- 58 Cold drink brand
- 59 Come & Get It! pet food maker
- 60 Annoyed
- 64 Like some warnings
- 65 Jetty
- 66 "Keen!"
- 67 Fresh answers
- 68 Quick on one's feet
- 69 "Business @ the Speed of Thought" co-author

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- 2 Sheltered side
- 3 Bit of work
- 4 Cancel
- 5 More than just edgy
- 6 Morning fare since 1952
- 7 Study, e.g.
- 8 Actor Baldwin
- 9 Rampart topper
- 10 Legislate
- 11 Punctual
- 12 Concurred
- 13 Result of a messy breakup?
- 21 Wax-coated cheese
- 22 Rear
- 23 Ancient
- 24 Gad about
- 25 Wall Street figures
- 29 1980 Chrysler debut
- 30 Something in the air
- 31 Cake with a kick
- 34 "Too true!"
- 35 Creole vegetable

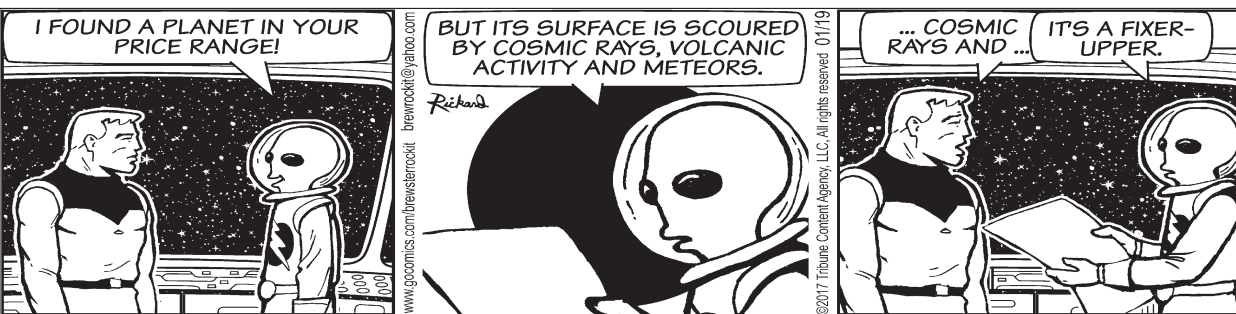
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- 39 German industrial region
- 41 Youngest Brontë
- 42 Short rests
- 43 Weight allowance
- 44 Stud, e.g.
- 45 ICU worker
- 46 Rose garden pests
- 47 "The Good Wife" wife
- 51 Nice thoughts?
- 52 Bishop John for whom a Georgia university was named
- 55 Movie trailer unit
- 56 Imitator
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Pirates fall to UCF

ECU drops third straight in home loss

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It all came tumbling apart in the fourth quarter for the East Carolina women's basketball team as it watched what looked like could be a much-needed win dwindle away, losing 54-52 to Central Florida Wednesday night.

The final five minute stretch of the game saw the Pirates lose a four-point lead and commit seven consecutive turnovers.

"[I'm] disappointed in our performance. I think we've consistently had bad stretches and what we've been working on is reducing the length of those stretches," said head coach Heather Macy. "Today we had a long stretch that was very poorly played, and it happened to be at a most pivotal point in the fourth quarter."

It was another rough night for ECU's (10-9; 1-5 American Athletic Conference) leading scorers Kristen Gaffney and Bre McDonald. Gaffney played all but two minutes yet only attempted five shots, connecting on two for four points. McDonald managed to score 13 points and pull down nine rebounds, but shot 0-for-8 from behind the arc while committing six turnovers.

The game got off to a slow start which seemed to help the Pirates get into a flow on offense as neither team could connect on their chances. That is until Knight's guard Aliyah Gregory started hitting her jump shots and helped give her team a 12-8 lead after the first quarter.

Alex Frazier immediately made a steal to start the second quarter and took it all the way to the hoop while drawing a foul. The Pirates' free throw shooting woes continued as she missed both.

The team is shooting just above 60 percent on the season and found itself way below that mark at 39 percent on Wednesday night.

"[We] didn't do a great job valuing the basketball but we also sent them to the line; and they went to the line and hit a high percent and we go to the line and hit [39] percent," Macy said.

In the first half, an ECU defensive stop led to good opportunities on offense that the team could not connect on.

This kind of play lent to plenty of runs for Central Florida (12-6; 2-3 AAC) that helped keep the Pirates at bay.

ECU was down eight as the first half came to a close, but a big 3-pointer from Dominique Claytor helped close the lead to 23-18 going into halftime.

However, the third quarter featured a completely different home team. ECU started the half with a 3-pointer from Khadidja Toure, and a McDonald block leading to Gabby Holston diving to save the possession for ECU.

After trading points down the stretch, Knights' guard Zykira Lewis nailed a 3-pointer and closed the quarter at 36-35 UCF.

"We did a really nice job defensively



Pirate forward Gabrielle Holston (40) takes a contested shot against Central Florida.

that enabled us to still be coaching in the fourth quarter and giving ourselves an opportunity with the way we shot the basketball," said Macy. "We had very timely turnovers that led to transition opportunities from those guys."

The fourth quarter seemed promising for the Pirates after just winning the first quarter of the game.

They opened up the quarter on a 5-0 run and pushed the lead up to four points. Then the wheels fell off. Seven consecutive ECU turnovers destroyed any hopes of winning its second in-conference game.

The Pirates watched as the Knights continued to steal the ball and, eventually, the win. UCF closed the game on a 18-2 run and won by a final mark of 12.

After a one-game stop at home, the Pirates will head back out on the road to face Cincinnati Saturday at 2 p.m. Following the trip to Ohio, ECU will host top-ranked Connecticut, who is currently on a 92-game win streak. ECU will have a shot at ending a streak that began in the fall of 2014.

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Tennis Coach breaks records

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Men's tennis head coach Shawn Heinchon had a lot of success with the East Carolina tennis team from the very beginning, owning a school record 19 wins in a single season, with a first-ever appearance in the national rankings.



Shawn Heinchon

When Heinchon first came to ECU, he began as an assistant coach, and later became head coach in 2006.

"I had been an assistant coach for too long," Heinchon said. "I was given the opportunity to build something sustainable with the tennis team."

Heinchon began playing tennis at a young age and it took him all over the world. He traveled as a coach on the women's tour and coached several top-ranked American women's players who went on to compete at the Division I level.

Heinchon began at Wake Forest in 1998, where he helped transform the program and gain national recognition. From 2001 to 2004, he brought the Demon Deacons to four consecutive NCAA tournament appearances.

"Coming from St. Petersburg, Florida, I felt that it was a good change for me," Heinchon said.

In 2013-14, Heinchon led the Pirates to a first ever appearance in the Conference USA tournament with a 18-7 record overall and a semifinal showing.

Last season, Heinchon led the Pirates to a quarterfinal appearance in the AAC tournament after a 4-1 upset victory over No. 9 Connecticut.

Heinchon had five players who had at least 15 singles wins and two had 19 wins apiece. Sophomore Ronny Georgi, who was a freshman at the time, had an impressive 17-8 individual record.

"Our goal is to temper expectations this season. We have six freshmen this year which can be looked at as a good thing and a bad thing. The bad thing can be the inconsistency among the team from being young," Heinchon said about his expectations for the upcoming season.

Heinchon and the tennis team will begin its season play on Jan. 20 against North Carolina Central.

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