



‘Pokemon’ captures Greenville



“Pokemon Go” players gather together near a Pokestop in Uptown Greenville. The game has been popular since its release on July 6.

App brings childhood favorite to life

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The popular 1990’s gaming enterprise, Pokemon, has evolved into a new app that is taking Greenville by storm.

“Pokemon Go” allows users to experience an augmented reality via smartphone, in which they catch animated characters, called Pokemon, in their area which is serviced through GPS tracking.

The app has surpassed all other apps, becoming the most downloaded free game for both Android and Apple phones.

Local users of the app have taken to exploring areas heavily populated with virtual Pokestops, a marked area where users are rewarded with various items to help with their Pokemon hunt.

Popular areas to look for pokemon in Greenville include Uptown and the Greenway.

Senior physics major and lifelong Pokemon fan, Jonathan Gill joined the masses on the Greenway despite initial doubts about the app.

“I played the card game, I played the video games

on the GameBoy, I mean I was the biggest Pokemon nerd,” said Gill. “I thought it was cool but I was originally unsure of how good it would be and how good the concept was. Now that I’ve seen it though, I have changed my mind.”

One of the app’s most highly applauded aspects has been its ability to promote physical activity while gaming.

“The thing about ‘Pokemon Go’ is that it’s positive, it’s gotten people moving, people who would’ve never been outside anyway or just weren’t that interested in fitness are now outside trying to catch these Pokemon and burn some calories,” Gill said.

Gill added, “It would be interesting to see if, long-term, it actually affects obesity rates. That’s probably too optimistic, but it’s nice to think.”

However, the sudden increase of people out in the community playing the game has raised several safety concerns regarding the app.

Incidents across the country and even in Greenville (see “Pokemon Go” crime article), have given the app a negative edge.



“I feel like for most people if they play responsibly, like the loading screen tells you to do, then you won’t be as likely to have an accident,” Gill said. “But, whenever you have more pedestrians on the roads or on the sidewalk, you’re going to have more

accidents happen. The bad just kind of comes with the good in this case. Probably more people are going to benefit by being more active rather than having an accident but the key is to educate

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Gamer attacked while playing ‘Pokemon Go’

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Officers responded to a call shortly after midnight yesterday, when a “Pokemon Go” player was attacked and stabbed.

According to the Greenville Police Department, 19-year-old Dillon Manning suffered non life-threatening injuries after his attacker initiated a physical confrontation before pulling out a knife. Manning was transported to Vidant Medical Center, but has been released.

The media release from police said the suspect has since turned himself in and is currently undergoing evaluation by healthcare personnel. The charges are pending, awaiting the outcome of the evaluation and consultation of the District Attorney’s Office.

Manning was attacked by the suspect, identified as a black male, wearing a black shirt with lettering on the front, in a small grassy area in the 400 block of Evans Street.

Executive director of New Greenville, Uriah Ward said he and about 35 other people were playing “Pokemon Go” in the area. Ward said if there had not been so many players, the situation could have been much worse.

“There were about 35, 36 people playing the ‘Pokemon Go’ game and one of the people who was playing was attacked without provocation,” Ward said. “Someone came from across the street and started attacking them.”

Ward said a trash can was knocked over during the incident and players instantly rushed to help Manning.

“They got on the ground and were pressing the wounds

and calling for help and shouting at the person who attacked him, saying, you know, that they were calling the police and ‘he needs to get away from them,’ and he fled the scene,” Ward said.

Police said at this point, there is no reason to believe “Pokemon Go” players were lured to the scene of the attack, but Public Information Officer for East Carolina University’s Police Department, Lt. Chris Sutton, said, specifically to “Pokemon Go” players, to be aware of their surroundings.

“Phones and phone apps can be a big distraction,” Sutton said. “Refuse to be a victim and control your awareness as much as possible.”

Prior to attacking Manning, police said the suspect reportedly approached two people walking to their car in the Five Points Plaza parking lot, saying the suspect shoved 26-year-old Jonathan Rodgers against a car. Rodgers suffered bruising but did not require medical attention.

According to Ward, “Pokemon Go” players and New Greenville members who witnessed the attack want to express their gratitude to the GPD.

“I think that we are currently going through a time in our country where we are analyzing legitimate societal problems, and sometimes it appears that all police are being attacked, whenever that’s not the case,” Ward said. “The vast majority of police officers do a great job and keep us safe and we want to let them know that they are appreciated.”

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ECU community bids farewell to police chief

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East Carolina University’s Police Department hosted a farewell reception Monday for Police Chief Gerald Lewis who is stepping down from his post today.

Lewis announced July 5 that he had accepted the position of associate vice president of public safety and police chief at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Monday before the reception, ECU PD appointed Deputy Police Chief Jason Sugg as interim chief effective today.

The reception was organized as a way to highlight some of Lewis’ accomplishments since he’s been at ECU,

said Vickie Joyner, the career development coordinator with ECU PD.

“He’s certainly made a difference in the community,” Joyner said. “He kind of brought some new things to the PD, family oriented, he was very concerned about family, so it’s going to be different.”

Lewis said the reception and seeing his colleagues, community partners and friends meant a lot to him.

“The fact that anyone would show up is humbling, it really is,” Lewis said. “I’m excited to see anyone who would actually take time out of their day to come see me but it’s just nice to know that you made an impression and that people

actually will come and just give you the opportunity to thank them and say goodbye.”

Lt. Chris Sutton, the public information officer for ECU PD said, “I think [Lewis] has found an opportunity that suits him and his family and I know that he’s looking forward to that next challenge. We support him moving on and going and working on that next challenge that is facing him as he continues and grows his career.”

Provost Ron Mitchelson said Lewis will “leave a big void.”

“He’s a very visible, caring chief of police, and I think we’ll have a hard time finding one just like him,” Mitchelson said. “He’s such a community ori-



An attendee of Police Chief Gerald Lewis’ farewell reception signs a poster for Lewis.

ented police officer you know, I think that will be missed as well. I am hopeful that we’ll find someone just as good.”

He added, “policing in our country is difficult and especially right now to lose a great leader and I think that’s what

we are losing, a great leader. We’re going to have to go find another great leader.”

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Recreation center hosts Safe Zone training

Tomorrow the Student Recreation Center will be hosting Safe Zone training for students, staff and faculty to discuss matters of sexuality and diversity in a non-judgemental environment.

The training is set to begin at 12 p.m. in room 202 of the recreation center and will last until 3 p.m. The session will include a panel of LGBT students sharing their experiences on East Carolina University's campus.

Brody Dean Search Committee to meet July 21 & 22

The East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine Dean Search Committee will meet July 21 and 22 to discuss general business, following into a closed session immediately after.

No plans to engage in official discussion or to take action prior to returning to open session have been made.

Tomorrow's meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and is set to last until 4:30 p.m. The Friday meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and is set to last until 3:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held in Brody 1L-32 on the Health Sciences Campus.

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Phyllis Horns (second to right) at the NCHA awards banquet on July 14 which was held in Pinehurst, NC.

Health sciences leader awarded service honor

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The North Carolina Hospital Association recently recognized one of East Carolina University's own for her work in health sciences.

Phyllis N. Horns, ECU's vice chancellor for health sciences, was named the recipient of the NCHA's 2016 Meritorious Service Award last Thursday at the NCHA summer membership meeting in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

"It's a tremendous honor and I am very thankful, humbled in fact, for the recognition by the NC hospital association," said Horns. "I'm only the second nurse to receive this prestigious award in its 30 year history, so it's very special."

Horns said the award goes to anyone who is not a CEO or Trustee of an NCHA member organization.

Bill Pully, NCHA president, said that Horns is well deserving of this award due to her accomplishments during her time at ECU.

"Phyllis has been an inspirational leader for thousands of nurses during her career," said Pully. "Our hospitals and health systems are proud to honor her many accomplishments and her continued work at ECU to build the health care workforce of the future."

Since 2009, Horns has worked at ECU as vice chancellor for health sciences. Her job consists of managing Brody School of Medicine, as well as the College of Nursing, the College of Allied Health Sciences and

the School of Dental Medicine. She also oversees the East Carolina Heart Institute, the William E. Laupus Health Sciences library, the East Carolina Diabetes and Obesity Institute and the N.C. Agromedicine Institute.

Greg Hassler, interim dean of ECU's College of Allied Health Sciences, said he has thoroughly enjoyed his time working with Horns over the years.

"Dr. Horns is among very few people who has just a wealth of experience and has a depths of intelligence, and she is among one of the most resourceful people I have worked with," Hassler said. "She brings a genuine humanity to every task and she cares deeply about the people and the university."

Before stepping into her role as vice chancellor, Horns served as the dean of the ECU College of Nursing for 19 years, making her the longest-serving dean in the history of ECU for the College.

Horns graduated as a student of ECU, receiving a bachelor of science in nursing. She then enrolled at UNC Chapel Hill, where she earned a master's of public health degree. Horns went on to get her pediatric nurse practitioner certificate at the University of Rochester and a doctorate in nursing degree at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

In 2011, ECU chose Horns to be a part of its College of Nursing Distinguished Alumni and inducted her into College of

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GPD introduces anti-gun violence specialized unit

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The Greenville Police Department is working to combat gun violence within the Greenville community by creating the Gun Violence Reduction Unit.

Chief of Police Mark Holtzman said the unit consists of four dedicated officers.

"These are experienced officers within the department and they were backfilled by brand new positions," Holtzman said. "The group that we just hired actually would have been to replace those, so we're using experienced officers for this unit and using the grant to backfill their employment positions on regular patrol."

The \$500,000 hiring grant was awarded through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) from the U.S. Department of Justice, and the GPD used the money to create the Gun Violence Reduction Unit.

"The goal of the grant is to reduce violent crime in the community related to gun violence; it could be robberies, shootings, homicides, something as simple as shots fired calls that really decrease the quality of life in neighborhoods that repeatedly hear gun fire taking place," Holtzman said.

The program began the last week of June and Holtzman said it is already seeing success. According to the GPD's News Release on the new unit, numerous drug

arrests have been made and several illegally-owned firearms have been recovered among other incidents that the unit has handled.

"I just got word last night that they made another arrest of an individual that had an outstanding warrant and is known for gun violence in the community, and they actually found him after they responded to a neighborhood where there were shots fired," Holtzman said. "Nobody was injured in the shots fired but the community called us to let us know that there was some shooting going on in the neighborhood."

The unit took the man known for gun violence into custody after the shots fired call.

"The officers went into the area and began to walk on foot and investigate," Holtzman said, "and were able to locate an individual who is known for gun violence."

According to Holtzman, weapons discharge or gun-fire heard in a community is severely underreported.

"What I want to do is really get the word out to the community that these officers are there to respond to those calls," Holtzman said. "They will search the area for maybe shell casings on the ground, they'll begin to talk to neighbors about information as to where this is taking place and they'll conduct investigations on each one of these."

Holtzman said the four

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ALBUM REVIEW

ScHoolboy Q drops Album-of-the-Year to date



Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

When you think of Southern California, you might think of the beautiful beaches, the great landmarks and the film industry; but what many don't think of is the ugly gang culture that takes so many lives each year. That is the violent, dark and disturbing picture that ScHoolboy Q chooses to paint on his newest studio album, "Blank Face LP"

The Top Dawg Entertainment rapper's third album finished its first week at No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 200 behind Darke's hip-pop smash, "Views." The sales are down on the first week compared to Q's last album "Oxymoron," which sold almost twice as much "Blank Face's" 74,000.

The sales are a reflection

of the change in the music industry that is based on streaming and less people are buying albums, as well as poor marketing from his label; not the quality of his music because Q delivered the best hip-hop album to date this year.

Q has always had potential to make something great. On his debut album, "Habits & Contradictions" you heard great songs that could jump off a party, start a mob and one that could educate you on gang life. "Oxymoron" was a step up in putting together a better album that didn't feel like a mixtape. But with "Blank Face", Q has perfectly put together a cohesive album that highlights, from start to finish, Q's best attributes.

From "Torch" to "Tookie Knows II", Q creates a social commentary on living within a community affected by gang banging, while giving the listener a view of his life as a crip from Hoover Street.

"Afterbell, we hang in halls/ Underage, smokin' weed and alcohol/ Grandma swept shells out the driveway/ One of the homies got slayed so we bang at the King parade," raps Q on the first verse from the intro track, "Torch", which features vocals and a hook from XXL freshman Anderson.Paak. With those being some of the first words on the album, it set the tone for the rest of the album.

The thing that made this album so overtly disturbing yet enjoyable was Q's improved ability to create vivid imagery. It's very real, the listener can imagine an older woman sweeping gun shells out her driveway. Chills. Then Q is openly honest about his life before the fame.

"Snake eyes keepin' my back achin'/ Dirty habits of rappin' and bein' savage/ Still hangin' with [expletive] that can't do nothin' but cause damage/ Guess I'm bein' a real [expletive] like I'm 'posed to be/ But

bein' real never once bought the groceries and/ Top told me keep rappin', you'll make it hopefully/ And hope was all that I needed, dreamin' myself to work/ Cause workin' to fail was better than bullet holes in my shirt," rapped Q on Swizz Beats assisted "Lord Have Mercy."

Q had quite a bit of help crafting this gangster masterpiece. More than 10 of the 17 songs had a feature, but that's not a problem, because every feature brought something to the table that enhanced the overall quality of the song (except E-40). From Kanye West's hype verse on "THat Part," Jadakiss' sinister verse on "Groovy Tony/ Eddie Kane," to Vince Staples' menacing verse on "Ride Out," to SZA's enchanting vocals on "Neva CHange," everyone played their part and fit into Q's world.

Because of the perfect storm of all of this, it's hard to list highlights on the album,

because it was a consistently great album where there were no weak spots (again, except E-40).

"Blank Face" gives me a street, gangster version of Kendrick Lamar's instant classic, "To Pimp A Butterfly." That should speak for itself. The bigger question is: Is it a classic album? Not quite yet ready to say yes. I want to see how it ages. It appears to have a classic gangster feel. Like I did on my review for Staples' "Summertime '06," I will let time decide on the album's longevity.

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BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

Students working summer on “The Lost Colony” set

Annah Schwartz
TEC STAFF

A breeze of salty-sea air, coupled with the aroma of lingering sunscreen and a waterfront sunset; most students couldn't imagine a more classic summer evening.

For members of “The Lost Colony” cast and crew, this outdoor theatre setting has become a familiar part of their summer routine while working on the 79th season of the Tony Award winning production.



Austin Mejia
Mejia's time as a dancer came by chance.

“I originally came to ‘The Lost Colony’ as an actor-technician, and one of the dancers dropped out so they kind of held like mini auditions between the actor-technician boys on who could fill the spot and by luck I got it,” Mejia said.

For Mejia, dance had always been more of a hobby and a musical theatre requisite prior to his days on “The Lost Colony” set.

“I've liked dancing my entire life,” Mejia said. “I'd never actually had any training until I came into the musical theatre department at ECU, where we're required to take dance classes. I was never the best, I just really liked doing it.”

After receiving the part of a dancer after only one day of being an actor, Mejia spent the next three weeks training.

“The first three weeks were the longest because that was us waking up at maybe six, seven in

the morning and going until about 8 p.m.,” Mejia said. “Dancers would go and learn the dances, so they'd spend most of their days in dance class. We'd have a break for lunch and a break for dinner and then we'd come back and rehearse the show.”

Following what little is known about the original lost colony of Roanoke Island, cast members either portrayed natives or colonists.

“I'm actually a permanent Indian, so they have me as a Native American the entire show,” Mejia said. “It's a lot of fun because I get recycled a lot, I die at least four times in the big battle. It's just cool having fights on stage and then coming back to life and then dying again.”

Mejia shared that, before the show, dancers playing the roles of Native Americans take the time to prepare by playing improv games together backstage.

“We're not allowed to touch colonist because we're in paint so we have our own little game of ‘ninja’ backstage before each show,” Mejia said. “It's a little intense...It especially wakes you up when you're real groggy like ‘OK cool, I'm awake now. I just got slapped a few times, I'm good.’”

While Mejia said he misses his friends at ECU and looks forward to reuniting with them in the fall, he's enjoyed his experience with “The Lost Colony” and hopes to utilize his newfound skill set in the future.

“Practice most certainly does make perfect,” Mejia said. “This has been a huge learning experience for me dance wise, because I was never really involved in dance at ECU. I was in maybe one dance show a year, which is still good for musical theatre majors, because we don't really do dance shows...I think this

year I want to try and work on a lot more dance stuff along with musical theatre.”

For associate music director and senior music major Jordan Prescott, this summer marks his fourth season with “The Lost Colony.”

“Four years ago they wanted someone to accompany their show live with an organ, the way it was done 30-40 years ago, so they contacted ECU since it is the closest school to Manteo and they asked if there were any organist who were interested,” Prescott said.

Growing up in eastern North Carolina, Prescott had known about the history of the lost colony, which, alongside his love for music, drew him into the production.

“I guess my mom would tell you, I was always sort of a musical kid and I love music,” Prescott said. “When I was five and started kindergarten, I started piano lessons and that sort of evolved into school band and choir. Then I picked up the organ in high school and now I'm finishing a degree in organ in the school of music at ECU. It's evolved into a life consuming thing that I really enjoy.”

In his four years with the production Prescott has climbed the ranks, moving on to help direct the choir as well as several theatre workshop programs.

“Never turn down an opportunity because the opportunity that was handed to me four years ago was nothing like now,” Prescott said. “It's sort of grown into that, but I wouldn't have all of these wonderful experiences

out of the last four years had I turned them down or been scared to do it because it was outside of my realm of expertise and study in the School of Music.”

Throughout the seasons, Prescott has seen changes in the production as it continues to grow, creating new crowd and personal favorites.

“The opening overture to the show this year is brand new to the production and it's just exquisite,” Prescott said. “The choir sings it really well and it's written especially for the show, so it's probably my favorite piece of music.”

One of Prescott's favorite aspects beyond the production is getting to live on Roanoke Island with the cast for three months.

“I have to say that, as someone who grew up around here, it's pretty awesome to get paid to live at the beach in the summer,” Prescott said. “And just the people...you get to come closer to them, you live with them and work with them everyday.”

“The Lost Colony” will host its final performance of the season August 20 with shows running every Monday through Friday beginning at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices vary depending on age, with adult tickets beginning at \$30 a person.

“There's something about singing and creating art that brings people together in a unique way,” Prescott said. “I consider myself lucky to be around such a great group of people and the company is so lucky to have so many talented people a part of the production.”

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The outdoor theatre set of “The Lost Colony”, a production that recounts the mysterious disappearance of America's first colonists, who settled on Roanoke Island in 1587.

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officers have the time to designate efforts solely on reducing the impact of gun related calls in the community, even if the shots fired are in the air.

“Of course somebody discharging a firearm, even if they're shooting in the air, which is a lot of the times the case, we're not seeing houses shot or cars shot but we are finding shell casings on the ground and we need to get into that neighborhood and work to stop that from happening,” Holtzman said.

In order for the Greenville Police Department to continue to successfully combat gun violence, community participation in contacting the police is necessary.

“I'm really asking the community to take me up on it and give us a call when they hear gunfire,” Holtzman said.

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people when they're playing these kinds of games.”

With the app serving as this summer's craze, it leaves many to wonder if the game will have a lasting impression on society or one day join other previously popular games like “Candy Crush” and “Flappy Bird” as just another forgotten fad.

“The question becomes, ‘how much longevity does the game have?’ Clearly you've got millions of people out in the streets walking around but can you keep them doing it and will they burn out after awhile?” Gill said. “I guess the time will tell what it's persistent effect on society will be.”

Another noticeable aspect of the game is the community effect it has fostered during its time on the market, one that is more advanced than that of previous popular apps.

“It's brought people together,” Gill said. “People who never knew each other

The thing about ‘Pokemon Go’ is that it’s positive, it’s gotten people moving,

Jonathan Gill

have met outside and been like ‘Oh hey. You're catching Pokemon too? Let's do this together, let's take a walk.’”

The next local meetup is set to take place this Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. on ECU's campus, near the central fountain.

“Ironically my generation was slammed for sitting on the couch playing video games, but maybe the next generation will be overly-active because they have video games,” Gill said.

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Nursing Hall of Fame for her work at the University.

Before Horns began her career at ECU, she was a staff nurse at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill and Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville. Horns also served as an Assistant Dean of undergraduate studies at UA at Birmingham.

Over the years, Horns has held numerous board positions. She has been president of the council on Collegiate Education for Nursing, as well as the Southeastern Regional Education Board. Horns has also been the president for the NC Council of Deans and treasurer of the NC Institute of Medicine.

In 2001, she was selected as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and worked on the board of directors for the

National League for Nursing, where she chaired its Accrediting Commission and NC Center for Nursing board.

Horns said she looks forward to future work in developing ECU's health sciences division.

“We plan to build on the success we have achieved in health care professions education, specifically by expanding the class size in the Brody School of Medicine and increasing residency opportunities in eastern North Carolina,” said Horns. “We will also finalize the work currently underway to redefine a more sustainable partnership with Vidant for the clinical practice of ECU Physicians and Vidant Medical group.”

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Lewis said he is excited for the move to San Antonio where he is expected to start his new position Aug. 1.

“I am leaving a great university for another great university,” Lewis said. “My experience here has been great.”

Lewis said he is looking forward to being more involved in policy and administration.

“It's a great opportunity for me just as a police chief, but also being in the role of an associate vice president,” Lewis said. “So that was really one of

the driving forces behind me going down, and with that ability to not just be the police chief but also be involved in policy and being involved in change and some other things administratively.”

Lewis said there are plenty of sleepless nights as a police chief, citing the St. Patrick's Day incident, as well as his first Halloween at ECU.

“As far as difficult moments, just being a police chief in and of itself is sometimes difficult because making difficult decisions is always something that you think about,” Lewis said. “It's just part of the responsibility of a police chief.”

But overall, Lewis said his experience has been great, saying, “no one has more school spirit than ECU and the Pirate community.”

“It was a great learning experience and a great introduction to university policing, and one of the things that I'm going to miss is the interaction with the students, the interaction with some of the faculty,” Lewis said.

Mitchelson said it's not easy policing a campus but Lewis has created a “good policing culture here.”

Lewis said since ECU PD was his first venture into university policing, he has learned a lot from his time as police

chief.

“I've learned a great deal about interacting with students, interacting with faculty, administration, certainly partnerships with local police departments and other police agencies so those are some of the things I'll take to Texas with me.”

Lewis not only interacted with those on ECU's campus, but also in the Greenville community through coaching Little League and basketball, among other things, saying the kids and the community are “truly some of the things” he will miss.

One of his Greenville partners, Police Chief of Greenville

Police Department, Mark Holtzman said he's “sad to see” Lewis go.

“Chief Lewis has been a good partner for our city, a great friend of mine in the short time that I've been here,” Holtzman said. “I think his main qualities is that he understands the connection between ECU and the city of Greenville and the community of Greenville.”

Holtzman said Lewis routinely reached beyond the borders of ECU and worked with community leaders throughout the city of Greenville to “build some partnerships that hadn't been there before.”

Lewis began his position at

ECU on Jan. 21, 2014, according to ECU News Services. Lewis came with 26 years of experience serving in the state police, where he held the rank of major and was commanding officer of the New Jersey Police Office of Community Affairs.

“I just want to thank Pirate nation for welcoming me and welcoming my family,” Lewis said. “One of the things that I will truly miss is being involved in the community.”

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PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants.

In regards to the Chancellor blocking that girl on Twitter, I think he should be held to a little bit of a higher standard as the supposed figurehead of our university. He shouldn't act so immaturely on social media. He embarrassed himself and the university.

ECU College Republicans: Always trying to find a situation to manipulate, that way they can use it for their own self-drive agendas/self-interests.

I wonder if Dr. Hardy is going to have to explain everything to the new chancellor the way she had to for that neanderthal Ballard.

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The new freshmen will be in for a surprise when they find out how bad the internet service is.

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Impartial training good for community

In a time where lines of division have been drawn between citizens and law enforcement, efforts to create a positive relationship and alleviate tension are crucial to repairing our torn society.

To have well-respected law enforcement and to have law enforcement personnel who respect those around them is a community bond in desperate need of improvement across the nation.

We as an editorial staff commend the East Carolina Police Department as well as members from other local police departments for taking an important step to repair that bond by participating in fair and impartial training this month.

Having police officers go through community-oriented training is extremely necessary in today's society. For officers who police college campus and towns, the need for officers to interact with the community in a positive way is ever more critical.

The training, which was based on the science of implicit bias, helps officers recognize biases they may have and how they can overcome those biases and treat everyone fairly and equally.

With the recent events around the country and even here in Greenville, having police officers go through such training will help rebuild the bridges of understanding on both sides.

What is perhaps more important to realize is local law enforcement taking these steps is only half of the solution. While the officers serving our community seek to fight bias and injustice in their own policies, the responsibility for community members to fairly judge and interact with officers is equally shared.

ECU PD Chief Gerald Lewis, who steps down today, has stressed the importance of students and community members feeling safe when his officers show up on scene. While that has not always been the case and it's impossible to ensure that they never will again, an apparent desire to improve can be just as important for the community's perception.

At a time when our nation is grieving the loss of individuals across diverse communities, whether law enforcement or not, we believe that we should focus inward on the relationships that exist here in Greenville. Instead of creating division over these losses, we should instead work on creating unity to prevent more.

Letters to the editor

Williams wrong in chancellor situation

I went back and forth about writing this as I don't like to call out people individually, but Anniken Williams needs a reality check.

If Ms. Williams actually wanted to voice her concerns she would have acted like an adult and sent the Chancellor an email or called his office to set up a meeting. Her goal wasn't to voice her concerns, but instead it was to troll the Chancellor in hopes of starting a social media fight.

Thankfully, the Chancellor decided to take the high road regarding Ms. Williams' Tweets and rather than start an argument, just deleted them and blocked her which upset Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams needs to realize the world doesn't revolve around her. Just because someone said or did something she doesn't like doesn't mean she gets an apology, and I'm glad she didn't get one. Ms. Williams said she posts a lot of political stuff on her social media pages which she has every right to do so. Why should she be allowed to control what is on there, but the Chancellor isn't? It's his social media page. If he doesn't want some Tweet on there, he is allowed to delete it, and block those who troll him.

The Chancellor gave Ms. Williams a meeting, and the fact that she is STILL upset shows the problem is with her, not the Chancellor. It's quite clear Ms. Williams will never be satisfied unless the Chancellor told her he agreed with her on every single issue, and bought her ice cream with sprinkles to heal her precious little feelings.

If anyone should be apologizing it should be Ms. Williams for trying to start a social media fight with the Chancellor.

Robert Spidell
Concerned Community Member

BLM movement misinformed

Dimitri Dragonas
TEC COLUMNIST

IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

Last Tuesday, President Obama had a chance to reset the manufactured narrative the media, Black Lives Matter, and talking heads had been pushing for weeks. Call me naïve, but everyone has a chance at redemption. Unfortunately, as the White House had stated for days beforehand, Obama intended to push a political message.

Obama stated, "I see people who mourn for the five officers we lost, but also weep for the families of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile. In this audience, I see what's possible."

That's all well and dandy, but it's an absurdity to apply a moral equality between a hateful, racist man who wanted to kill police, especially white ones, and two shootings which were unrelated to each other. Shootings which, as of today, we still have no knowledge or evidence to suggest a racial motive.

While the only thing groups like Black Lives Matter may need are skin color, I prefer a little something more like evidence. If it is presented, I am fully willing to accept it, but to pretend as if all one needs to

establish a racial motive is the victim have black skin (as we've seen in Freddie Gray, Philando Castile and others, it's apparently unimportant if the officers are Black or Hispanic) is idiotic at best, intentionally malicious and misleading at worst.

This is of course, the first obvious problem with BLM. It doesn't let petty things like lack of information get in the way of its narrative, no sir. We still know little about either shooting, but it hasn't stopped them from yelling the typical "assassination, murder, systemic racism" nonsense.

This has been Black Lives Matter modus operandi ever since Michael Brown. Even now, after we know conclusively Michael Brown was justifiably shot due to forensic evidence and black witness testimony, we still hear the chant of "Hand's up don't shoot". We hear "No justice no peace", meaning unless we indict every officer BLM sets their sights on, they will impede traffic, incite violence, and riot as we saw in Baltimore and Ferguson. Clearly they aren't satisfied when the officer who shot Laquan Davis was charged with six counts of murder, or when the officer who shot Walter Scott was also indicted for murder. The difference being these cases were clear and the evidence showed the officers were wrong to shoot, and BLM's definition of justice means we do what they tell us.

They don't try to hide it. How many videos of Black Lives Matter are there shouting "What do we want, dead cops" or "Pigs in a blanket, fry like bacon"? Signs advocating violence? Speakers and talking heads calling police an occupation of oppressors to keep the black men down? Speaking as if arson, battery and destruction of property is an uprising or a rational person could understand such disregard for basic human behavior. What uprising was needed in Baltimore at the time? An uprising against the black police chief, a mostly minority police force, a city council in which nine of the 15 members are black, a black Attorney General, a black President?

People and politicians need to recognize Black Lives Matter only has one real demand. For you to shut up and do what they tell you. Even Bernie Sanders couldn't appease them sufficiently enough to stop them from taking his stage. Black Lives Matter needs to be recognized as what it is. A group of, at best, uninformed idealists. At worst, a group of race-baiting, anti-cop hatemongers. With every passing day, Black Lives Matter seems to be working its hardest to get to the latter.

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved 7/20/16

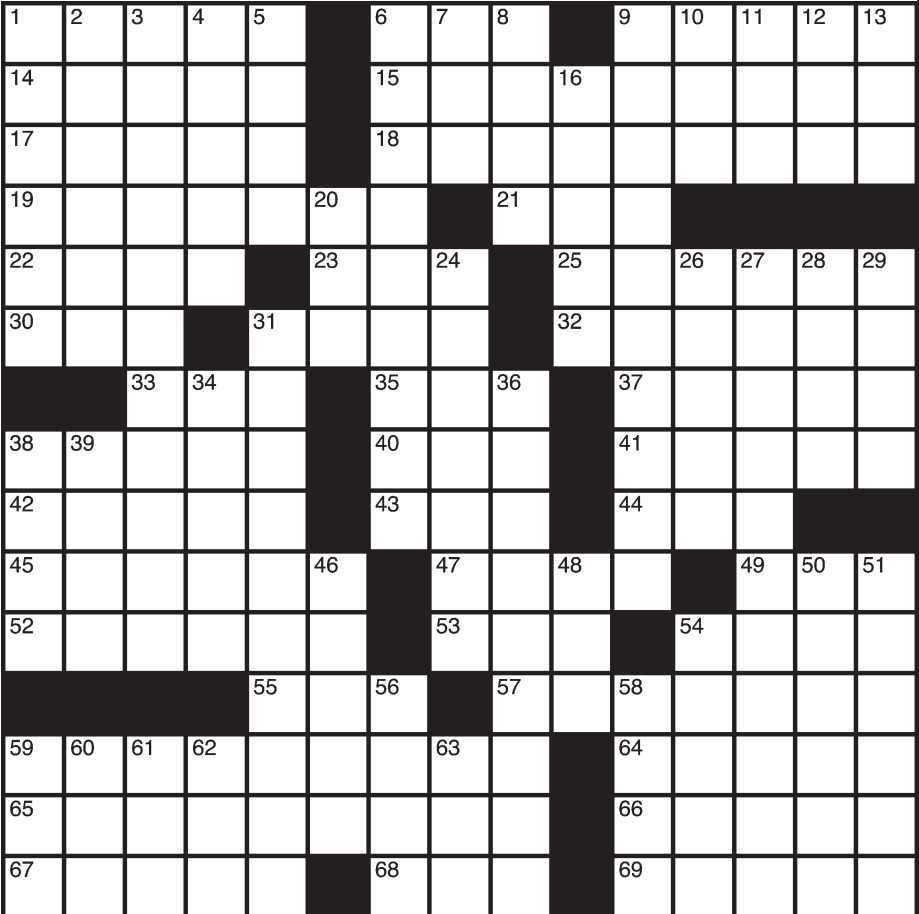
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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PUZZLES

- ACROSS
- 1 Dropped the ball
 - 6 Pantry pest
 - 9 Puts in a cooler
 - 14 Successor of Pope John X
 - 15 Like many indie films
 - 17 "You Be ___": 1986 Run-D.M.C. hit
 - 18 Dr. Brown's classic drink
 - 19 Pasadena institute
 - 21 Mysterious power
 - 22 Slush Puppie maker
 - 23 Little snicker
 - 25 Cries out for calamine
 - 30 Three times, in an Rx
 - 31 Notes after do
 - 32 Prefix for "time"
 - 33 ___-wop music
 - 35 Starting device: Abbr.
 - 37 Belgian banknotes
 - 38 Speedmaster watchmaker
 - 40 ___ Na Na
 - 41 Gypsum painting surface
 - 42 Whittled
 - 43 President pro ___
 - 44 Salt Lake City collegian
 - 45 Remains in the fire?
 - 47 Wolfgang's veto
 - 49 Baseball uniform part
 - 52 Doesn't go for the green, in golf
 - 53 U.K. military award
 - 54 Buckwheat noodle
 - 55 Earn after taxes
 - 57 "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" autobiographer
 - 59 Writer of medical thrillers
 - 64 Book with interstates
 - 65 Like California, to a Hawaiian
 - 66 Gape
 - 67 One in a cast
 - 68 WKRP's Nessman
 - 69 Pasture groups



- DOWN
- 1 Draw out
 - 2 Tighten, as sneakers
 - 3 Contact skating sport
 - 4 Party-planning site
 - 5 Use the good china, say
 - 6 Lead-into-gold practitioner
 - 7 Negative connector
 - 8 Overly cute, to a Brit
 - 9 Act too quickly
 - 10 Source of much website revenue
 - 11 "Need ___ on?"
 - 12 Had no one to catch
 - 13 BART stop, e.g.
 - 16 Rudimentary
 - 20 Revolutionary Guevara
 - 24 Top-of-the-line, and what each of the four longest puzzle answers begins with?
 - 26 Dressing holder
 - 27 Kind of tackle made illegal in the NFL in 2005
 - 28 Hall of Famer Slaughter

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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29 Only fair

31 Cartoon bird that first appeared in "Fast and Furious"

34 Fancy moldings

36 Some first-born children

38 Volkswagen rival

39 Doll's cry

46 Short job details?

48 Electrified particle

50 On the train

51 Stops to think, say

54 Luigi's lucky number?

56 Work very hard

58 Deep cut

59 Zimbabwe neighbor: Abbr.

60 Non-Rx

61 Night flier

62 Olympics skater Midori

63 Neruda wrote one to salt

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Aries

Pass along what you're learning. Friends are a big help over the next few days. Hold yourself to high standards, with Venus trine Saturn. You're rewarded for sticking to the rules.

Taurus

Misunderstandings can slow the action. Learn from another's mistake. Career opportunities show up for the next two days. Clarify the message, and reassure the team. Disciplined efforts pay off

Gemini

Investigate and explore. The next two days favor travel and research. Avoid a silly

argument by not falling for the bait. Your discipline is admirable. Play by the rules and win.

Cancer

Make financial transactions over the next two days. Manage the books, and pay bills. Changes necessitate budget revisions. Tailor your new plans to fit. You can get what you need.

Leo

Today and tomorrow are good for compromise. Raise your collaboration to the next level. Let others know what you need. Take turns being in charge. Payback brings lovely rewards.

Virgo

Get organized to balance your busy schedule over the next few days. Balance home and work responsibilities, and get help if needed. Clean up messes together.

Libra

Relax and practice your favorite game today and tomorrow. Play with friends and relations. Persistence and dedication grow your skill level. After mastering the rules, you can add your own creative flourishes.

Scorpio

Household matters need attention over the next two days. Creative planning resolves a practical issue.

Communication or mechanical breakdowns could get expensive.

Sagittarius

You're especially clever today and tomorrow. You can find the answer you're after; keep digging. Practice your creative skills. Ask a favor from one who owes you. Reach out to your network.

Capricorn

Focus on making money today and tomorrow. Collect an old debt. Discipline makes the difference. Follow the rules closely. Juggle old and new chores. Friends help you meet a deadline.

Aquarius

You've got the energy to make things happen today and tomorrow. Don't be afraid if you don't know how. Replenish your reserves. Talk to people with relevant experience. Prepare to launch.

Pisces

Peaceful contemplation suits your mood today and tomorrow. Lower the volume. Show your respect to an older loved one. Conserve resources without worrying about money. Consider your next move.

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Getting to the Kass

Former ECU QB uses lessons from field in business

Gerin Honeycutt
TEC STAFF

It has been almost a decade now since the East Carolina football team came into the 2007 Hawaii Sheraton Bowl the underdog by a small margin.



Rob Kass

Chris Johnson and a young Dwayne Harris boosted a high-powered Pirate offense and on the other side of the football, defensive tackles C.J. Wilson and Marcus Hands bolstered a bigger than usual defense that often could stuff the best offenses.

Though loaded with eventual National Football League studs, what East Carolina fans didn't know was, it would be sophomore quarterback Rob Kass that would lead the Pirates down the field one more time to put them in position to kick the game-winning field goal.

"Throwing that pass to Jamar Bryant and to be able to set up Ben Hartman to win the game was just the culmination to the trip of a lifetime," said Kass.

Kass, who hadn't been the consistent starter all season due to a quarterback duel with Patrick Pinkney, was poised for his last drive using the resiliency he had shown all year. Though he started the game, he didn't get the nod to start the second half, despite his sensational first half. Instead of sulking in self pity, he turned into his most rivaled teammate's biggest fan, like he had been all season, and when they called his name on the final drive, he stepped up.

"I felt like no matter the situation, it doesn't matter if it's the first quarter, fourth quarter or the two minute drive, at the end of a game to win a bowl championship, you still have to go through your progressions and reads, and rely on your teammates and yourself to get the job done," said Kass.

As a sophomore, Kass had already turned into the leader of an offense that had the potential to entail big egos at the time. After having his first career multiple touchdown game against Central Florida earlier in the 2007 season, Kass flew to New York to give the eulogy at his late grandmother's funeral.

She had lost a battle to cancer that she fought for years, but she won in helping to mold a man when her 20-year-old grandson stepped up to the plate for his family to speak on her behalf.

Kass missed key practices before returning to the team later in the following week and suiting up that Saturday to play against a Texas El Paso team looking to drop ECU from bowl eligibility.



Former East Carolina quarterback Rob Kass hands the ball off to the runningback during a game.

"I played an absolutely terrible game, I threw three interceptions, but the funny thing about that game wasn't me throwing the touchdown pass to put us into overtime and then running that quarterback sneak to win the game in overtime," said Kass. "It was that Pirate fans don't care about the three interceptions or anything that happened before it, because from my perspective I remember everything earlier in the week before UTEP like the funeral or all the interceptions earlier in the game and everybody else just remembers the last pass and the touchdown to win the game."

During his time at ECU, Kass even sacrificed himself for the team literally and figuratively when he was competing for the starting quarterback role again his senior year.

"In 2009 it was myself and Patrick Pinkney both playing quarterback and basically we had a void at tight end and I approached coach (Skip) Holtz and said 'you know I'm a senior leader and I know this offense inside and out and I want to help contribute to this football team,'" said Kass. "I wasn't as athletic as Dwayne Harris but I still felt like I belonged on the field so I ended up being the starting HBack, fullback and tight end through the tenth game of the year against Virginia Tech when I tore my ACL, MCL, and lateral meniscus," said Kass.

Since the age of five Kass played all kind of ball, never missed a game, until his last season and game as a Pirate. He left Greenville with an undergraduate

degree in Communications with a Business minor, and a graduate degree in Sports Management and that's why Kass stresses is the "student" being first in student-athlete. He feels he owes it to his parents because they allowed him to take advantage of the free education that he earned through his determination on and off the field.

Kass' next step would lead to him looking for a team in the Canadian Football League, though unable to find one he accepted a gig with the Spokane Shock of the Arena Football League, out of Spokane, Washington. Though, it was a very short gig.

"I realized very quickly that NFL is obviously a great opportunity but the other leagues do not pay as well and are not as longstanding as the NFL so I very quickly determined business was in my future rather than sports," said Kass.

Nowadays, when Rob Kass' name is mentioned, it's always with the term, "Winning."

Kass has passed on opportunities in pharmaceutical and medical sales to follow the family and indulge in the business of awards and recognition.

"My father had been in the business when I got in around 25 years and I had grown up around the industry and so quite honestly I didn't want to be apart of it, seeing the good with the bad," said Kass. "Reluctantly I got into it and things took off. I work with high school, college and professional sports teams for their championship rings."

All divisions and genders, Kass has helped do rings for the North Carolina 4AA State Champion Mallard Creek High School all the way to the Minnesota Lynx of the Women's National Basketball Association. He even did ECU's St. Petersburg Bowl rings in 2013, which is his favorite.

In what started off as something Kass didn't have complete faith in, ended up going his way because once more he kept his head up. Now matching his great sports knowledge which was acquired while winning his own rings at ECU with his business degree focus, Kass has found himself on top.

"I am now the president of National Recognition Products of the Carolinas," said Kass.

Watching his father accept a role at what he calls the "corporate business in the sky" Kass took over his dad's position and has now taken on about 150 clients in the Carolinas while working with his brother.

Another thing Kass has done was help use his Pirate football memories and knowledge of Greenville to nab the attention of the front-runner for ECU's starting quarterback job, Phillip Nelson. Nelson, a senior transfer from Rutgers who had his share of off the field issues, knew Kass because Kass' father and Nelson's uncle worked together. Kass was no stranger to low times and recalled being the recipient of a DUI while at ECU. Kass said he once more managed to keep his head up and get through his suspension and demotion on the depth chart.

"We had established a very close relationship," Kass said, "and I had kind of worked with him with his time off the field as much as I could, so much so I wrote a letter of recommendation for him to a few board members and the admissions office to say 'Hey, look, a guy like me could do it and come out strong with multiple degrees. This kid's a good kid that just put himself in a bad situation. He'll make the most of the opportunity.'"

Now, Kass is living in Denver, North Carolina with his office in Raleigh and is engaged to who he calls the love of his life, Brittany. He remembers the second chance he was given in Greenville and he gives Greenville a nod for that and preparing him for anything.

"In business, I find myself from time to time trying to push myself through various meetings and presentations," Kass said, "but I know if I could get myself through two-a-days for 27 days straight in that Greenville heat, then I can get through this meeting and anything."

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TAKEAWAYS

Football

Zay Jones has been named to the Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List.

Football

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>>WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Lax names first head coach

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's fourth-year Athletic Director Jeff Compher has made his fourth coaching hire, and has tabbed long-time Duke assistant coach Amanda Barnes to lead the athletics program's newest team, women's lacrosse.



Amanda Barnes

Barnes has been all over the country. She's originally from Maryland, where she had a Hall of Fame career at her high school as a player. She was a three-sport athlete as a swimmer, cross country runner and goalkeeper for her lacrosse team. Barnes led her lacrosse team to the state championship in 2004.

From there, she graduated and went to

North Carolina. She went to four national quarterfinals and ended up starting her senior year.

She'd eventually end up back on Tobacco Road, but in a twist of fate, on the other side of the rivalry.

"I think it was unique to have been on both sides of the rivalry," said Barnes. "It always got a little dicey, (for) the rivalry games in other sports, but when it came down to lacrosse, I was the coach of the Blue Devils."

After her playing career, she began her coaching career at Ohio State University before going to Boston University, which was the last stop before she went to Duke where she stayed for five years.

"I've been fortunate to work with great women in our sport of lacrosse," said Barnes about her experience as an assistant coach. "They've really mentored me. Putting all those experiences together, it's prepared me for ECU."

Barnes will have to be ready as she has to build the ship from ground up, which can be a challenge but she is excited about the challenge.

"A unique opportunity to start a program, something that I'd always kind of dreamed

of," said Barnes. "I worked for and played for two women who started a program, and that have been there for 20 years. So the idea that I could I start the same kind of legacy, was really exciting for me."

Jenny Levy, Barnes' coach at UNC, and Kirsten Kimel both started the programs 21 years ago. Now, Barnes will begin creating hers with advice from two women who have done it before.

"The opportunity to start your own program, number one, is a tremendous one, because you're not going in and cleaning things up, you kind of just get to instill your vision, your culture from the get-go, and with your own athletes that you're going to get to recruit," said Kimel. "She's armed with not only a great combinations of great experiences that will help her build the program, but also great work ethic and drive. And that combination is going to put her in position where she's build a great program at East Carolina."

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