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Harriete Estel Berman's "Checking the Cost of Gun Violence," on display in the Wellington B. Gray Art Gallery in Jenkins. The piece is a part of the exhibit "I.M.A.G.I.N.E PEACE NOW!" which was originated by artist Boris Bally and features disabled handguns as a way to spark discussion about gun violence. The exhibit will hold its first reception this Friday at the Wellington B. Gray Art Gallery from 5-8 p.m and will be on display until Jan. 16.

Career Center helps prepare grads for future

Cayla Rodney
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Leaving college and taking that final step into adulthood can be an overwhelming transition, but the East Carolina University Career Center hopes to make the process a bit easier.

"The main goal of the Career Center is to have students understand their strengths and interests," said James Kuras, the associate director of the Career Center. "If students know their strengths they can translate to employers why they are valuable."

On Dec. 16 at Minges Coliseum, ECU undergraduate and graduate students will have their commencement ceremony. As many graduates head into their first jobs or further their education, they received help from the Career Center during their time here.

"As a senior I have used the Career Center to guide me on a path to find a job," said Michael Thompson, an athletic training major who will be graduating this December. "After I graduate I plan on getting certified, building my resume with various volunteering and clinics, and then towards August I plan on getting a job and (looking at) grad school."

The Career Center emphasizes that students should come in for advising as early as possible during their undergrad.

"The biggest piece of advice that I would give graduating students is do not wait until you graduate to begin looking for employment or applying to graduate programs," said Patrick Roberts, assistant director of the Career Center. "The average time it takes to find a position after graduation is six months, therefore the earlier you begin developing your materials such as your resume, cover letter and employer contacts, the better prepared you will be to secure employment before or closely after graduation."

According to Kuras, by going to the Career Center early on during your undergrad, students can map out their education at ECU and develop

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Greenville native brings boxing to hometown

Marcus Williams
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Dewayne Beamon, the No. 1 boxer in North Carolina, is headlining the first ever championship boxing match in his hometown Greenville, Dec. 10.

Beamon's company, Stop Running Promotions, will host the professional boxing event in Minges Coliseum.

This will be the eighth boxing event hosted by Stop Running Promotions and the promotion company hopes to break its spectator record of 4,000 people. Beamon made a choice not to sign with any bigger promotion groups, despite his success, because he is the owner and operator of Stop Running Promotions.

The main event will include the top-ranked Beamon, who holds a 7-0 record and three belt titles: the UBF Bantamweight Championship Title, USBU Junior World Bantamweight Championship Title and the All-American Bantamweight Championship Title.

Beamon will be fighting Elicer Aquino of the Dominican Republic, who boasts an 18-2 record. The fight between Beamon and Aquino will be for the UBF Intercontinental Championship Title.

Beamon is a Greenville native, making the upcoming fight more special to him and perhaps to the city he calls home.

"It's love. A lot of my family is from down there," Beamon said. "I fought in Vegas and all over, it feels great to be in Greenville. It's a dream come true. I'm more pumped about it being in Greenville, at ECU, than a title fight."

Being undefeated, Beamon is prepared for the upcoming fight through the experience he built over the past years. Beamon has studied Aquino and says wants to end the fight early.

"I put on some extra muscle, he's [Aquino] the type of fighter that takes punishment," Beamon said. "I worked on throwing more punches. We want to wear him down. I don't feel like it's going past the sixth [round]. If he gets

too greedy, it will end early."

Beamon is small in stature, standing at 5-foot-5, and he and Aquino will be fighting at 118 pounds.

"It's going to be a great fight. [Aquino] brings a lot of aggression. He's going to come at me guns blazing. We are both great fighters. My plan is to dominate," said Beamon.

Beamon is looking to stay undefeated. His amateur record was 48-2 and was ranked the No. 1 fighter as an amateur, according to a release. He said his overall record, combined with his professional and amateur record, should be 57-0.

"Should've been 50-0 [in amateur fights]," said Beamon said of his two amateur losses. "I got robbed. I never think about losing, I don't have it in my head."

Confidence aside, Beamon's return to Greenville will bring a new sport for ECU students and locals to enjoy live.

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Professional boxer Dewayne Beamon trains for the championship fight.

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BRIEFS

School of Art and Design to begin annual holiday sale

East Carolina University's School of Art and Design will begin its annual holiday sale tomorrow at the Greenville Museum of Art. The event will feature artworks by students from diverse areas of study. The museum, which is located at 802 Evans St., is set to host the first day of sales from 5:30-8:30 p.m. tomorrow. The event will continue Thursday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., on Friday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and on Saturday from 9-4 p.m.

ECU set to host commencement ceremony

East Carolina University will hold its 2016 Commencement Ceremony on Friday Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. in Minges Coliseum. Individual school ceremonies will be held throughout the day and more information can be found through the school's website.

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NC ‘Watch For Me’ in full force

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

As the leaves descend from the trees and fall turns to winter in Greenville, local law enforcement are out to focus on pedestrian laws.

As part of the “Watch For Me” campaign, local law enforcement agencies are trying to spread awareness about pedestrian and bicycle safety through actively working with the community.

“It is really designed to help raise awareness of the responsibilities of all road users,” said Senior Research Associate with UNC Highway Safety Research Laura Sandt.

Originally the campaign was targeted directly toward pedestrians, but has expanded to include bicycle safety, too. The program began in 2012 in Wake, Durham and Orange counties and has since grown to 25 counties.

“In North Carolina there are some nuances to the law that not everybody is familiar with in terms of where pedestrians can legally cross and also where they have the right of way versus where they have to give the right of way to oncoming cars,” she said.

Sandt said there were some gray areas in the state law that described the difference between marked and unmarked crosswalks. In any circumstance, pedestrians should yield to vehicles because as Sandt said, “You can never take the right of way, you have to give it.”

Recently, researchers with the campaign have started looking at the crash data they have compiled. Using crash data from Wake, Durham and Orange counties, researchers measured how well yielding statistics have been in recent years.

“Within a three year span before the Watch For Me to the three year period after the Watch For Me program first really started, we have seen about a five percent reduction in the crash rate on average for those three counties,” Sandt said.

However, Sandt did caution that



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NC ‘Watch For Me’ campaign will help with pedestrian safety in local counties.

the early statistics may be because of pedestrian friendly infrastructure improvements or other similar factors. Researchers plans to continue to investigate and try to judge how effective the campaign is on motorist.

One major component to the safety of all motorists, pedestrians and bicycles is road conditions. Sandt said speed, the width of motorways or the volume of traffic can affect a drivers' decision to yield to a crossing pedestrian.

In Greenville, the stretch of Charles Boulevard between 14th Street and Greenville Boulevard is a great example of how road conditions may affect driver yielding.

“They are being told that you must yield to pedestrians that are in a crosswalk. If the drivers are trying to abide by that rule 100 percent, there are those situations where we feel like that we are putting the pedestrian in danger by stopping

because other traffic is not,” said Wood Davidson, director of ECU Transit at East Carolina University.

Davidson said operators have had an issue with vehicles not stopping and traveling around the bus when they do not realize a pedestrian is trying to cross. He personally has witnessed a time when one of the ECU Transit buses was stopped at a crosswalk, but motorists continued to pass making it dangerous for the pedestrian to cross.

“Within the last year that the city and university has really ramped up enforcement looking at pedestrian safety as a whole,” said Davidson.

This recent change in enforcement efforts by police made it difficult when training new bus operators. ECU Transit had to quickly adapt its training to reflect the new enforcement of pedestrian crossings.

Davidson described the dilemma his bus operators face as “a bad situation all the way around.”

“That is exactly what I have shared with the public works director, the city’s traffic engineer and the city’s police department is that very dilemma that our operators face,” he said.

The area on Cotanche Street near The Boundary apartment complex along with Charles Boulevard at the intersection of Ficklen Drive are two difficult spots for ECU Transit. In the last three years, only one driver has received a warning from law enforcement for failing to yield, according to Davidson. No pedestrian has been struck in the last two years.

“What we have told them now is that the law is that we have to yield so we are trying to yield as much as we can and hopefully other motorists will see us doing that and then they learn from what they see,” said Davidson.

Davidson said along with a recent push in enforcement of pedestrian safety, people crossing the street have begun to cross at dangerous times. “The basic rule of thumb was that pedestrian were going to yield to vehicles not the other way around,” he said. “Certainly, if there were pedestrians in the crosswalk we were always yielding, but three to five years ago you did not have pedestrians that were walking out in front of vehicles.”

Davidson credited the bus operators when asked why ECU Transit has been so successful at keeping pedestrians safe. The bus service has looked into new technology to help protect pedestrians, but has not found any services that would benefit the transit system, according to Davidson.

In the meantime, ECU Transit operators will continue to watch for pedestrians crossing and law enforcement will make sure all motorists are following the state laws.

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other future plans.

Kuras said, “We know if students start early there is a greater chance to create a plan and work that plan.”

He said the career center can help students get jobs, internships, or begin post-undergraduate education. The center can also help students prepare for interviews and construct resumes with one-on-one advising. A new opportunity for busy students was created in September, allowing students to upload resumes to the Career Center webpage where it will be edited by an advisor within two business days.

Other online tools students can use at home include VirtualJobShadow and Interview Stream. VirtualJobShadow allows students to begin exploring future career paths through video content, career interest assessments, and digital portfolios. Once students pick a career path and are ready to apply for a job, Interview Stream allows students to practice their interview skills through webcam videos that others can

review.

Outside of the office, the Career Center holds a lot of events such as career fairs, networking events, and workshops. On Feb. 9 in the Campus Recreation and Wellness building, there will be the 2017 Summer Jobs and Service Fair and 70 summer employers will attend.

This spring, there will also be a Career Leadership Series. The series will kick off Jan. 25 from 6-8 p.m. in the Croatan Green Room with a mentoring workshop that aims to get students connected to alumni and university resources. The series will carry on through February and continue to enhance students' career readiness.

Walk-in hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or appointments can be made with a career service representative by phone.

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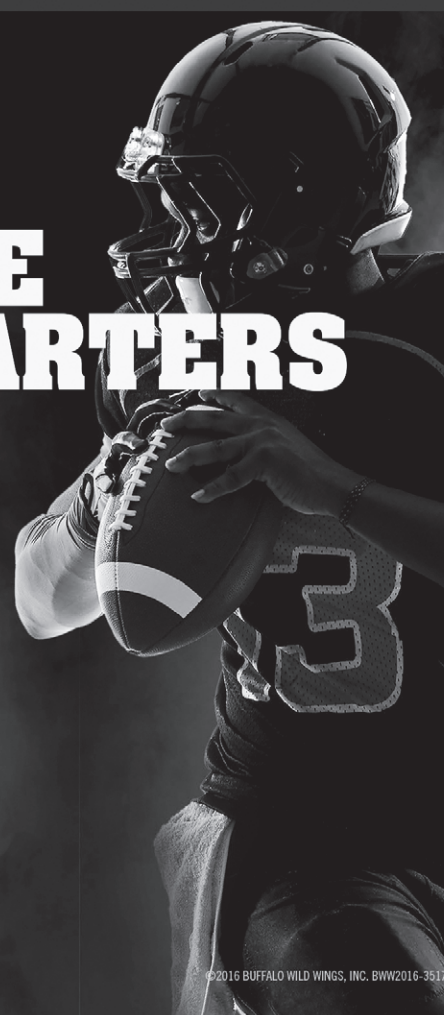
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How embarrassing. In my hastily-typed previous rant, I made a homophone error. I wrote, “Obama always ways in on racial issues.” I should have written “weighs in on.” Actually, I should have written, “loves to inject himself into.” Obama has known from the beginning that “Hands up. Don’t shoot.” was a lie concocted by the perps best friend to make him look like an innocent victim. Dozens of witnesses—many black—contradict this bald-faced lie. Why hasn’t Obama sought peace? Doesn’t he want it?

Polygamy...it’s like origami but with spouses... #Trump2016

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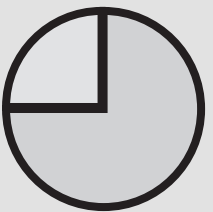
I wish I was as talented as the cast/crew of

I was searching for classical music this morning and came across NPR on FM 89.3. A female Democrat member of congress was talking about how they would be able to investigate the Trump administration. He has not even taken office, and they are already talking about investigating him. This is another classic example of your open-minded liberals and another example of why the tax money of hard-working, honest Americans should not be confiscated to pay for the radio stations of limousine liberals.

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Seth Gulledge at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

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Our view

Safety on campus should be focus

After the tragic events at Ohio State University, it makes students think how prepared can you actually before for random acts of violence against a large amount of people.

East Carolina University sent out an ECU Alert explaining how it was taking precautions to prepare for events such as these, but it can always be difficult to prepare for an event such as what took place at OSU.

If ECU can push a larger presence of officers on campus doing daily patrols in areas where many student occupy, students may feel more confident with security in knowing they are always protected even if a random attack was to take place.

Although we understand that it is hard to plan for

things such as these, we feel as if ECU alerts could be faster in relaying information to students and faculty. This would create a safer environment for all of ECU community.

ECU promoted the LiveSafe app created to help students alert police when they felt endangered. Its goal was to increase student safety on campus, which was a great step in the right direction to boost safety.

If more students knew about the app and used it properly this alone could make ECU safe and further prevent crimes on campus.

We understand that it is impossible to control the future, but in today’s society we feel it’s extremely important to be as prepared as possible.

Make your leap of faith



Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

I remember when I first wanted to be a journalist. I was in high school watching the Yankee game with my dad when the play-by-play broadcaster, Michael Kay, appeared on screen. I was so captivated on how he used his voice and emotions to broadcast the intensity of the game to his audience. I knew that’s what I wanted to do in life.

I later came to ECU and was eager to learn about the world of journalism and broadcasting. I learned the basics from the School of Communication and enjoyed the material, but I discovered what “real world” journalism was like when I took a leap of faith and joined The East Carolinian.

I was skeptical at first. I mean, who wouldn’t be? A freshman being completely

thrown into a newspaper with little to no journalism experience is a little intimidating. I never thought that I would be able to write an article that everyone would actually want to read. I didn’t think that I was good enough to be writing for a paper. But throughout time, TEC has taught me to never be discouraged, always be confident and never take no for an answer.

I kept on writing more and more articles each week. With practice, I better honed my writing skills, as well as boosted my confidence. I started out writing for the sports section of the paper. Three years later, I am the Online Managing Editor for the Multimedia Department.

Because of TEC, my passion has evolved from journalism/broadcasting to a new passion for social media marketing. I found that my words and creativity can influence my audience through various social media platforms, similar to how Michael Kay attracted

his audience.

I can honestly say I wouldn’t be who I am if it wasn’t for The East Carolinian. I started off college as a timid teenager with no confidence, and my experiences soon turned me into a confident, creative woman. I am so grateful I took that leap of faith my freshman year. If I didn’t, I wouldn’t know where I would be. TEC has influenced me to continue with social media marketing, and I am looking forward to see where my social media savviness takes me for my career path.

My advice to my fellow Pirates, take that leap of faith. You never know where you’ll end up. Thank you to everyone who made my three and a half years at ECU the most memorable of my life. Go Pirates!

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The importance of experience



Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

The urban philosopher 50 Cent once said, “Damn homie, in high school you was the man, homie.”

Now that my college career is coming to a close, I think a similar statement can be said about college. College is a phase in life, just as high school is a phase.

College is a time to get away from your parents and gain some independence. Many college students, myself included, looked forward to being away from their parents, making friends and most importantly, partying.

College is a time to further your education, and build on your resume before entering the “real” world. The partying is cool, but that is not the reason that you are here.

Sure, you’ll develop lifelong friendships. Sure, you’ll have plenty of stories to share. But all of that is icing on the cake to what is actually gained through a college experience.

Being in college, is being in a land of opportunity. There are all sorts of programs, organizations, clubs and employment opportunities to get involved in throughout the East Carolina campus. Going to class and earning your degree is one thing, but having a bachelor’s degree is starting to mean less and less these days.

My point is that there are so many more things to get involved with on campus. Things that help fill out your resume with useful professional experience.

This is why I am thankful for my two and a half years working with The East Carolinian.

Had I been stupid, lazy and inconsiderate to my future, like my first two years at school, I honestly don’t know what I would have put on my resume that truly mattered to my desired journalism profession. Captain of an intramural team? Waiting tables at two different restaurants? None of that will truly help me land a big boy job.

Had I not joined The East Carolinian, I wouldn’t have editorial experience, I wouldn’t have had the experience of covering ECU football. I wouldn’t have been able to travel to cover the Pirates against Florida, Navy, Virginia Tech and Connecticut. I wouldn’t have been able to interview Ruffin McNeill, Scottie Montgomery, Zay Jones, Cliff Godwin, Reid Love, and the list goes on.

I have yet to graduate from this great university, and I have already gained so many memories, and learned so much about what it is to be a sports journalist. I hold these experiences close to my heart, as I am thankful for the opportunity East Carolina University and The East Carolinian has given me.

I am now more confident entering the working class, as I already feel that I belong. I

would like to think that I used college to my advantage, and squeezed it for everything it was worth.

Just like Curtis Jackson said in “Wanksta”, there were people that peaked in high school, and I am saying there will definitely be people that peak in college. Whether from their partying, promiscuousness or athletics, there are without a doubt people that will hit their social and intellectual climax during their time at ECU.

Not saying I didn’t do my fair share of partying, because trust me, I did. I have bumps, bruises and stupid stories to show for it. And all of that will be cool to look back on in the coming years.

What I am most happy about however, has nothing to do with social standing or how much beer I can drink. It is that I had plenty of fun and made plenty of friends in my four and a half years at ECU, while also managing to stockpile my resume. And even with my time at The East Carolinian, there is still more that I wish I could have done.

I will never forget my time in Greenville, and I wish everyone the best.

I am officially old.

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Holiday Artists Market

Emerge Art Gallery

5 p.m.

Jingle Art Jam

Emerge Art Gallery

5:30 p.m.

Karaoke Night

Crossbones Tavern

9 p.m.

FRIDAY

Greenville Gives Tree Lighting Ceremony

Five Points Plaza

5 p.m.

ArtWalk

Uptown Greenville

5 p.m.

I.M.A.G.I.N.E PEACE NOW! Reception

Wellington B. Gray Art Gallery

5 p.m.

Courtyard Cinema presents "North Pole"

Behind Fire American Tavern

7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Reindeer Dash for Cash

Town Common

1 p.m.

The Hot Sardines: Holiday Stomp

Wright Auditorium

2 p.m.

Annual tree lighting to return

Rebecca Sefter
TEC STAFF

Alaina Corsini
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Greenville Recreation and Parks will host its fourth annual Greenville Gives event Friday kick off the holiday season.

Located at Five Points Plaza, the event will begin with the First Friday Artwalk followed by holiday celebrations set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

With the tree-lighting ceremony being an annual Greenville tradition, the Recreation and Parks Department of Greenville decided to enhance this ritual by adding several holiday-themed events to the evening.

"[We] got together and decided to make it a little more than just a tree lighting ceremony," the Recreation Superintendent of the City of Greenville Shana Kriewall said. "Four years ago, I believe, is when we started making this a larger event and moving it to Five Points Plaza."

Originally known as the Uptown Holiday Festival, there

will be an array of familiar festive events, including marshmallow-roasting, cookie-decorating, horse-drawn carriage rides and more.

In addition to community activities, Greenville citizens are encouraged to bring donations for the several participating charities.

"My idea was for Greenville to give back by donating to nonprofits," Kriewall said. "[They] will be there collecting donations."

The event will welcome charities such as the Pitt County Humane Society, the Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina and more.

"The Humane Society is looking for a cat and dog toys, the Ronald McDonald house will be selling luminaries and they're also looking for paper products such as paper plates and bowls," Kriewall said. "The Food Bank and Salvation Army [are] taking canned food as well as diapers and cleaning items."

Much like Greenville's Umbrella Market hosted in the summer months, there will be a Holiday Market from 5 to 8 p.m. where a variety of artisans and

merchants will sell handmade items and holiday-themed goods.

"Last year there was a mixture of things, like people with their salsa or soap or art items," Kriewall said. "So it's a real combination."

There will be several holiday performances, including scenes from the Nutcracker as well as choral acts. Children will also have the opportunity to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, whom will be riding in on the Jolly Trolley.

The night will end with a screening of the movie "Northpole" at 7 p.m. behind Fire American Tavern.

"The whole thing is so wrapped up in excitement in a short period," Kriewall said. "Just seeing the excitement in people's faces and how happy they are while they're there."

Holiday festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Five Points Plaza and will commence with the start of the movie at 7 p.m.

PLAN TO GO



WHAT: Greenville Gives

WHEN: Friday at 5 p.m.

WHERE: Five Points Plaza

David Dondero to perform at Christy's Euro Pub

Andy Li
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Greenville is known for its ram-bunctious nightlife, but one man is on a mission to bring fresh music to East Carolina University's students.

Jeff Blinder and his company, Spazz Presents, will host David Dondero for free this Sunday at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at Christy's Euro Pub, located at 301 S Jarvis St.

Blinder created Spazz Presents in 1999 in order to liven up Greenville's music scene.

"It started as like an underground thing to bring music to Greenville," Blinder said. "I basically started booking shows out of my house. So we would have, like, living room shows and then we started to bring a ton of people out."

Blinder eventually connected with local venues and booked larger events for the community.

"We took it from the basements and the living rooms to the stage and kinda built our own little thing,"

Blinder said. "Spazz Presents has kinda been the moniker for this kind of this wave of independent, do-it-yourself, bring-it-to-Greenville style."

The musical acts Spazz Presents books range anywhere from hip-hop to indie rock.

Blinder says he often has new artists approach him for shows as well as connections within the industry that link bands to him.

"It really is a diverse array of a thing and I'm really proud of that," Blinder said. "Because it's not like you're going to come out to a Spazz Presents event and it's gonna be one type of thing. It's going to be a vibe, it's not going to be an actual genre."

In the past, Spazz Presents has booked underground names like Other Colors, Paleface and Future Islands.

"I like to work kind of with under the radar bands that pop up," Blinder

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David Dondero performs. The singer songwriter will perform at Christy's Euro Pub on Sunday at 8 p.m. as part of Jeff Blinder's Spazz Presents music series.

David's Used Books to host vinyl record show



A collection of vinyl records. David's Used Books will host a record showcase Sunday.

Lauren Sura
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Vinyl lovers of all kinds will gather to buy and sell at David's Used Books Vinyl Show Sunday.

The event will take place at the store's 1104 Charles St. location from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

David Brown, the owner of David's Used Books, is an East Carolina University alumnus who graduated in 2010 with his bachelor's in accounting.

"I was accepted to start graduate school in January of 2013, I was going to start and get my master's in logistics and supply chain management," Brown said. "I was working at Big Lots in their furniture department and I was kind of like the main person for putting furniture together."

David's Used Books was not always the bookstore it is now, but was instead what would be considered a collectable shop

under the previous owner.

While he was working with Big Lots, the previous owner approached Brown and requested him to build 30 bookcases for the new store.

"So, I come over here and I help him and it was just him so I was like 'Hey do you need help like unloading stuff, moving boxes doing other things?' and he was like 'Yeah sure,'" Brown said. "So, I stuck around and kind of helped him and he did it for like a year."

Brown never expected to be purchasing the store only a year after its opening.

"I was already working here and he decided to go a different route I guess with his career and I was just kind of in the room and he had already discussed selling it so I just made him an offer," Brown said.

Brown added, "I even had an appointment to go speak to my advisor... I had to call and

cancel that and I was like 'Hey I kinda like just purchased a bookstore, I'm gonna go this route I guess.'"

The store became David's Used Books in November of 2012, and Brown began hosting vinyl shows in 2013.

"That was about the time vinyl was getting really popular too," Brown said.

A majority of the store's collection comes from individuals bringing in vinyls and Brown buying them, although in the beginning Brown attended vinyl shows in Raleigh while also going to yard sales and church sales.

"Somebody will have like a Beach Boys record for \$3 and I can probably get like \$6 or \$7 for this," Brown said.

After realizing that traveling to Raleigh to shows was

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said. “But I also like to work with the bands that maybe just never got their big breaks, but deserve it.”

David Dondero falls into the latter. The 47-year-old singer songwriter was deemed one of the “best living songwriters” by NPR , and Bright Eyes’ lead singer, Conor Oberst, cites Dondero as his personal inspiration to sing.

Still, Dondero has not reached mainstream audiences, which Blinder said he hopes to help change.

“In my opinion, what you’re gonna get is a world class singer songwriter,” Blinder said. “I’ve been able to tour with him...I’ve gotten to know him as a friend and he’s the real deal. He needs to make music and he makes it at the top level and he does it almost out of -- it just pours out of him.”

The two met when Blinder was living in Greenville and Dondero lived in Wilmington. Blinder went to several of his shows and eventually convinced Dondero to come to Greenville to play.

“Now when he wants to do a show

and he knows I’m around,” Blinder said, “He’ll let me be the booker for it, which is something you have to earn with people like that.”

Although most of the acts Blinder books come to him, he said he has his eye on a few new artists.

“There’s an act from Baltimore called Lower Dens,” Blinder said. “They’ve played Greenville before with Future Islands, I really like them. I’m just a big fan of their music.”

What Blinder is really hopeful for are young people as excited about music as he is, who want to bring their favorite artists to Greenville.

“To me, my favorite time in Greenville was when we had these underground DIY shows happening,” Blinder said. “If you get the inclination, I’m here to help if I can. It’d be great to have a few places, a few houses, you know, once a month or something, to have a band play and have a party or something.”

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not worth the hassle, Brown decided to begin hosting his own vinyl shows in Greenville, with his first one at Tippy Teapot.

“I just threw it together and was like hey let’s just see

what it’s like and the one at Tippy Teapot was crazy like you couldn’t get in there,” Brown said.

The shows originally only occurred once or twice a year, but since the success and growth of attendance at the shows over the years, Brown now hosts the event every three months.

The event consists of typically 10 or 12 vendors from across the east coast, such as Greenville, Raleigh, Washington D.C. and Virginia and is free to attend.

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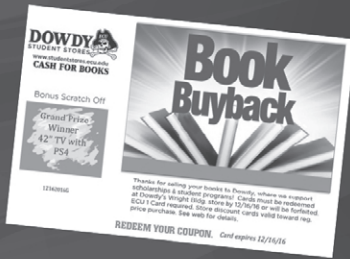
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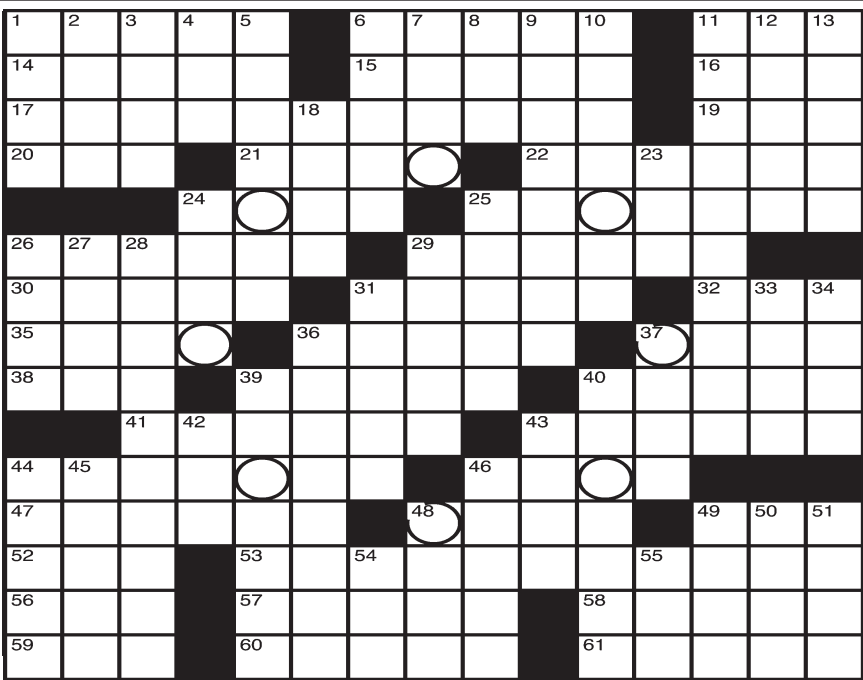
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ACROSS

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- 6 Fast
- 11 Additional information?
- 14 Important period
- 15 Eat into
- 16 What makes a deal ideal?
- 17 Elaborate costume parties
- 19 Pickle
- 20 "Zip it!"
- 21 Prosperity
- 22 "Blah, blah, blah," for short
- 24 Golden
- 25 "I used to be Snow White, but I": Mae West
- 26 Part of the pelvis
- 29 In essence
- 30 "Bor-r-ring"
- 31 LPGA great Lopez
- 32 Green shade
- 35 Rare blood type, briefly
- 36 Shakespearean barmaid
- 37 Picky details
- 38 "But ___ got high hopes ... ": song lyric
- 39 Neutral tone
- 40 Prefix with -gram
- 41 Like angel food cake
- 43 Curry favor with, with "to"
- 44 Ill-mannered
- 46 Veers suddenly
- 47 Distance runners
- 48 First name in folk
- 49 How it's always done, initially
- 52 Heat meas.
- 53 Places for seeing stars?
- 56 CSA soldier
- 57 Green shade
- 58 Fragrances
- 59 Pack animal
- 60 Snooped (around)
- 61 "Check"

DOWN

- 1 NASA vehicles
- 2 Fish with vermilion fins
- 3 "Jeepers!"
- 4 "Ugh!"



Thursday's Puzzle Solved

5 Enjoy Orbit

6 Masonry-reinforcing rod

7 Inland Asian sea

8 D.C. player

9 Set-for-life set

10 Lot

11 What can help you avoid getting stuck changing diapers?

12 Form a coalition

13 Personalized collection of love songs, say

18 Consider

23 Toronto Argonauts' org.

24 "... bug in "

25 Hustle or shuffle

26 Former Mideast ruler

27 Tops

28 Groups with a piece-keeping strategy?

29 Like many a stray dog

31 Bay sound

33 Incredible dying words

34 "Hurry!" letters

36 Tried to make it on one's own

37 Storied loch

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39 New Orleans' _ Street

40 Crude smelting product

42 "Once upon a midnight dreary" poet

43 Two-checker piece

44 Eclipse shadow

45 Times in ads

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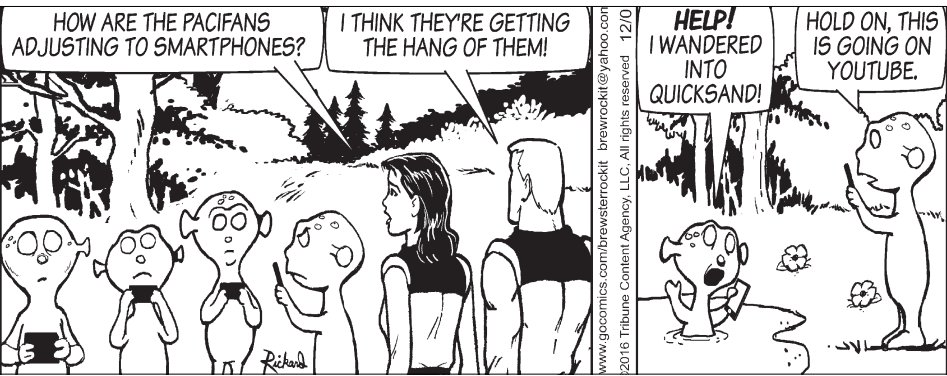
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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>> FOOTBALL
Montgomery
needs time to
change team

Gerin Honeycutt
TEC STAFF

In the summer leading into the 2016 season, the East Carolina football program had a head of steam and a path of endless opportunities lying ahead.

New head coach Scottie Montgomery was a younger and a more offensive-minded coach than what Pirates fans were used to in former coach



Gerin Honeycutt

Ruffin McNeill. Seemingly, Montgomery was a needed refresher for the program — a program that had a 5-7 record behind a season-long quarterback battle between two guys who wouldn't be listed as an ECU quarter-

back in 2016. Montgomery caught a lot of flak brought on by Athletic Director Jeff Compher's firing of McNeill, but he actually had fans forgetting about the firing before the season kicked off. The coach was in his niche, showing his ability to bring in a solid staff and win over the media.

Montgomery's smooth entrance put a lot of the rift between Compher and the fans on the back burner. The newly-appointed head coach's North Carolina roots didn't hurt the cause. Montgomery seemed to have the strings of many fans' heart before the season even started.

However it wasn't long before fans were reminded of the bad condition the football team was in.

A 2-0 start and a win against in-state rival North Carolina State would soon be washed away after a debacle where ECU won only one of its last 10 games. Montgomery's first year ended with a 3-9 record — worse than any McNeill team.

Montgomery met the eye test before the season, but in his first season he failed to prove the most important part: if he can win.

Blaming the coach would only be justified, every head coach knows their responsibility when accepting their role, and yes Montgomery made sure all negativity be focused on him.

However, when Compher made his still-scrutinized decision to fire McNeill, he mentioned how intent he was on winning championships. McNeill earned one co-divisional title in 2012 but never made it into a conference championship game, in neither the Conference-USA nor the American Athletic Conference.

Though many questioned why, it'll never be for sure why "Ruff" was outed, but something was for sure this season and last: the talent level. Sure Justin Hardy (a walk-on) and Zay Jones (two offers out of high school) are two NFL-caliber players who deserve every bit of attention, but both were diamonds in the rough.

Besides a handful of others, the recruiting wasn't coming with the strong foundation of the Skip Holtz era and before. The big guys like the Willie Smith's or Linval Joseph's were extinct in the trenches on both sides and it was evident the past two seasons, with ECU having so much trouble keeping its quarterback off of the ground.

It also stuck out on defense this season when the Pirates ended last in the FBS in sacks on the season.

The key word is implement; it's what Montgomery will have his chance to do for at least another season, as any fair AD gives his coach three years to do so.

Though he started implementing his scheme, ways and attitude into the Pirate's locker room the day he stepped onto campus, Montgomery was missing one thing — his recruits.

He had a small handful of his freshman recruits join him heading into August, but that number will be small compared to what he'll be working with going into next fall.

Starting hot on the recruiting trail Monday, Montgomery has already locked up junior college defensive and offensive linemen with potential to play as soon as they step onto campus. He's pulled a four-star Auburn transfer in defensive back Tim Irving and though it isn't where he'd currently like to be, he is sitting at sixth in American Athletic Conference recruiting ranks.

While at Duke under head coach David Cutcliffe, there was a reason the Blue Devils pulled in such good recruits — Montgomery. He made a name on the recruiting trail for himself, and with time, fans are hopeful he can do the same in Greenville.

Montgomery must start winning now though, because next year he'll have more of his recruits and the players should be used to his ways. Next season will be the last season for the petty excuses.

It's win, and win now for ECU, it starts on the recruiting board and ends in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, where one of college football's best atmospheres resides. Montgomery you're on the clock.



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East Carolina junior guard B.J. Tyson (21) dribbles against a Grambling State defender. Tyson needs one point for 1,000 career points.

>> MEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU wins battle of Pirates

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

East Carolina men's basketball remained undefeated while playing in Minges Coliseum after beating the Hampton Pirates 68-48 Tuesday evening.

The first half started with both teams trading buckets back-and-forth. Junior ECU guard B.J. Tyson led ECU (6-2) in scoring, getting a third of the Pirates' points in the first half with 12. Hampton's freshmen guard Jermaine Marrow led his team in scoring also getting 12 in the first half.

ECU led at halftime 36-28, but ECU could've been up more if not for the 13 turnovers it committed in the first half alone.

"We didn't have a great first half taking care of the basketball," said ECU head coach Jeff Lebo. "We turned the ball over too much and missed some easy shots. We're not a good ball handling team, we're a good passing team."

At the start of the second half both teams came out playing with high intensity. Two minutes into the second half, under

ECU's basket, Hampton's Marrow and ECU's senior forward Clarence Williams got into an altercation after getting tied up. Both players were given a technical, which led to a spark in the play for the Pirates.

The Pirates went on to hold Hampton's top scorer Marrow to zero points in the second half, as ECU's defense held Hampton to only 28 percent shooting from the field.

"Defensively I thought we were good, particularly the second half," said Lebo. "In the last 13 minutes they only had one field goal. We did a good job defensively on Marrow, who only shot 5-of-23"

Tyson ended up leading ECU in scoring with 17 points, which was one point shy from 1000 career points.

"I was told before the game that I had to score 18 points to reach 1,000," said Tyson. "I really forgot about it while playing the game, but when toward the end I looked up and saw I was at 16 and was at the free throw line I made the first one. Then I was like 'Oh snap, one more' and I got nervous and ended up missing."

Graduate transfer Andre Washington had another monster game down low for the Pirates. Washington was the second-leading scorer with 13 points, grabbed eight rebounds and blocked five shots. His size down low made the Hampton players second guess driving through the lane.

"I like blocking shots," said Washington. "It's something I like to do, because it's intimidating. If I block one of their shots and they come in again, they're going to be scared. It's really about being a presence."

ECU saw the comeback of senior forward Michel Nzege from injury to make his first appearance of the season. Though only playing eight minutes, Nzege still managed to grab four rebounds during his time on the court.

"I was hoping to play him just two minutes each half," said Lebo. "He's only practiced for one day. He's a senior and I knew when I put him in we need a jolt of energy. We need someone who could defend and rebound and he did that."

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>> WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Pirates pull away on Blue Hose

Sean Finnerty
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

After a sloppy, turnover-filled first half, the East Carolina women's basketball team used a dominant third quarter performance to pull away from Presbyterian College for a 54-46 home victory, Monday night.

"Any way you win, you want to win, whether you're winning ugly or winning pretty," said ECU head coach Heather Macy. "Tonight we just had to gut one out."

Kristen Gaffney once again led the Pirates with a game-high 18 points — 10 of which came in the third quarter — and also grabbed eight boards. Gabrielle Holston chipped in with eight points, five rebounds and a team-high four assists.

ECU's strong third quarter performance, when it outscored the Blue Hose 17-8, was sparked by Alex Frazier's substitution into the game at the 5:50 mark. Upon

entering the game, she immediately stole the ball and drove to the rim. Frazier missed the layup, but Holston was there to clean up and score to give the Pirates a 32-31 lead, a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

The layup was the beginning of a 9-0 Pirates run highlighted by a fast break ending with a behind-the-back pass from Holston to a cutting Gaffney for an easy layup.

"Alex Frazier came in with a different urgency level, and I think that her play on the defensive end and the way that she commanded the offense changed the game," Macy said. "So proud of her and the way she stepped up. It was big-time tonight."

The Pirates started off the game making a lot of sloppy passes, leading to 19 turnovers, 12 of which came in the first half. Presbyterian took advantage and had 16 points off of turnovers.

ECU's early play was also marked by a lack of energy and hunger to chase down loose balls, which was illustrated by Presbyterian's 5-foot-7 guard Janie Miles' game-high 11 rebounds, six of which came on the offensive end. Miles also finished as the leading scorer for the Blue Hose, with 11 points on 3-for-8 shooting from the field and 6-for-8 from the free throw line.

Despite the sloppy, lethargic play from the Pirates, the first half was a back-and-forth affair resulting in 11 lead changes due to the shooting performances of both teams. ECU shot at a 47.8 percent clip in the first half, a little higher than the 46.8 percent it ended the game at.

On the other hand, Presbyterian shot the ball at 33.3 percent in the first half, and

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TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

Senior wide receiver Zay Jones was named to the All-American Athletic Conference first-team and senior punter Worth Gregory was named to the second-team. It's the second straight all-conference honor for Jones after being named to the second-team last year

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (6-2) travels to UNC Charlotte tonight to play the 49ers (3-3) at 7 p.m. The Pirates are looking for their third straight victory to match their three-game winning streak at the opening of the season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (6-2) defeated Hampton, 68-48. BJ Tyson lead the game in scoring with 17 points — one shy of his 1,000th career point. The Pirates will face the North Carolina Central Eagles on Dec 3.

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Thrower Manns to lead track & field this season

Robbie Milton
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Preparing for his final year of indoor track, fifth-year senior Adam Manns hopes that his last season is his best yet.

Manns has been working all offseason to get himself mentally and physically prepared to compete this year.

He started ELDO, a form of yoga last season which benefitted as a supplemental workout to the weight lifting being done with the team.

"I expect myself to be a contender for gold medals in all of my events," said Manns. "Shot put, weight throw and discus."

Manns greatly impacts the team, both by getting points and by being a leader. He captured the eighth best weight throw in East Carolina

Track and Field history in the 2014-15 season with a distance 17.11 meters.

"He's going to be a leading point scorer. I expect him to be on the podium for both shot put and weight throw," said ECU head coach Curt Kraft. "He has the potential to go to regionals."

Manns lives by a quote from Bill Cosby: "I do not know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

The quote struck Manns because of the challenges of being an athlete, a student, a member of a fraternity and having a part-time job throughout his undergrad. The quote and attitude have helped to make him into the mature hardworking leader he is today.

He started his career as a thrower because he enjoyed the aspect of not a lot of individuals competing, while also giving him a chance to display his abilities and succeed. He worked at it through high school and then got to com-

pete at the collegiate level.

"ECU was the clear choice for me as soon as I spoke to [the coaches] on the phone," said Manns. "He understood the type of athlete I was and knew exactly how to push me to be the best I can be."

When he chose ECU, Manns not only expected opportunity as a thrower, but for his education.

He first started his throwing career with discus and then added shot put and weight throw. Discus is his favorite competition because of how natural it comes to him.

Manns wasn't always one of the better throwers. As a true freshman, he ended up fouling out at a meet at the Spire Institution of Ohio. After that meet he chose to double down on his work ethic and it looks to have paid off.

"His leadership, abilities and phenomenal intelligence will be greatly missed," said Kraft.

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finished the game with a 27.8 shooting percentage.

Even with the off-shooting night, Presbyterian went into halftime with a 27-24 lead.

The Pirates seemed in control of the game after

taking the lead in the third.

But they went cold in the fourth quarter, going on a scoring drought lasting 5:15 and saw the Blue Hose shrink the deficit to 45-41.

Sensing the momentum shift, Macy called a timeout with 2:06 left in the game.

On the resulting in-bounds play, Dominique Claytor cut towards

the basket to receive the inbound pass and laid the ball into the basket while getting fouled.

Claytor calmly sank the free throw and ECU never saw their lead dip under seven points during the final minutes of the game.

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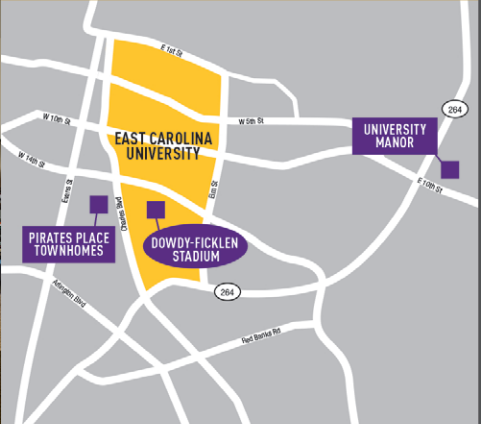
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