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JUSTIN HARDY

## Pirate breaks record

### Wide receiver remains humble amidst praise

**Dan Hunt**  
TEC STAFF

If there is one coaching area that ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill excels in, it is building and sustaining character among his athletes. The perfect character athlete that McNeill wants is none other than receiver Justin Hardy.

Although the Vanceboro native is only a junior, he is already the most accomplished receiver in school history.

Just to name a few of Hardy's achievements: He is the first player in ECU history to record back-to-back 1,000 receiving-yard seasons, he is only 29 catches from breaking the receptions record and receiving touchdowns. His 2,810 receiving yards are only 191 yards shy of the current record holder, Dwayne Harris.

For most of the season, Hardy was a regular member of the Biletnikoff Award watch list — given to the nation's top receiver — but was left off the list of 10 semifinalists, which was released yesterday.

When shown these accolades, one might assume that Hardy was a prized-recruit coming out of high school with a swollen ego, but neither is the case.

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## The 'Drunk Bus' Diaries



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A bus rider, using a fake ID with the name John Turner, was removed from the bus by police after vomiting in the trash can as well as the bus floor.

## A night downtown on the transit system

**Ryan Clancy**  
TEC STAFF

A 20-year-old in a pink button down shirt and jeans was throwing up on the bus.

"Hey man, spit in the trashcan," said Tim Henderson, a student driver for the Pirate Express, known by many ECU students simply as the "Drunk Bus."

Henderson's words had no effect on the man, whose aim varied between the trashcan and the floor.

Passengers took turns holding a trashcan for the man, with the unfortunate duty falling to whoever was left on the Copper Beech bus at the end of Thursday night.

For Henderson, this is just part of the job.

"It's work," said Henderson. "It's responsibility."

While driving the bus is a job for Henderson, it's a convenient and safe way to get down town for students.

"People think you're encouraging drinking," said Rachel Phthisic, a senior dental hygiene major who was on the same ride as the vomiting passenger. "You're just preventing drinking and driving. ECU's good for doing this. It's safe."

Not only is the Pirate Express

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Any person that vomits while on the "drunk bus" is cited a \$50 cleaning fee.

## ECU police say cow case closed

**Jessica Richmond and Emily Gardiner**  
TEC STAFF

The police have closed the case concerning damage against the 125-pound fiberglass cow on campus without an arrest.

On Nov. 9 at around six p.m. individuals were observed tipping the cow over and producing the damage to the six-foot tall and eight-foot long cow.

On Nov. 10 the cow was tipped over again and the university removed the cow and secured it in a storage building on campus while they assess the damage.

"We received several calls or tips in reference to the cow," said Lt.

Chris Sutton of the ECU Police. "It was very helpful in identifying a time line as well as potential suspects; however, the original suspects have not been located."

The purple and gold cow was cemented into the ground near the Rivers Building since the beginning of October.

"It seems kind of juvenile considering the fact that we're in college. I believe campus police should be out on the lookout for them



CONTRIBUTED BY BRITTANY CAISON

The purple and gold cow, donated by Wells Fargo, was a common place for students to take pictures.

in the future. But what can you do? What restrictions are there for tipping a cow?" said senior communication major Christina Veal.

The cow was donated by Wells Fargo after a fundraising event in Chapel Hill for the North Carolina Children's Hospital.

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## Event to explain many Islamic misconceptions

**Chelsea Cox**  
TEC STAFF

This Thursday, ECU's Muslim Student Association (MSA) will host Sheikh Ahmad Musa Jibril for a passport event titled "Muslims Love Jesus" at 5:30 p.m. in Bate 1032.

Sheikh Ahmad is a well-known and respected scholar in the Islamic community. He holds a degree in the Shari'a from the Islamic University of Madina, and a JD/LLM (Masters of Law) degree from Michigan Law School. He currently resides in Michigan.

Durkhanai Khan, a volunteer for ECU MSA, said the event is a way of addressing some of the

misconceptions people have about the Islamic faith, the hijab, oppression in their religion, and their view of Jesus.

"My friend came up with the idea for the event to try to do something that will clear up misconceptions," said Khan. "Especially since there's a lot of things that people don't know about Islam...we want people to get to understand what Islam is and not what the media portrays."

Khan said the event is all about awareness and education. "We're not trying to convert people, we're

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### BRIEFS

#### New ECU Police Chief named

Gerald Lewis will join ECU Police as the new appointed police chief in December.

He will join university law enforcement upon his retirement in early December from New Jersey State Police.

Lewis led New Jersey police in improving community relations after a racial profiling scandal and was major and commanding officer of the New Jersey Police Office of Community Affairs.

#### NC Azalea Festival print work revealed

On Nov. 15 the 2014 North Carolina Azalea Festival official print was revealed.

Festival President Steve Coble chose William Magnum to create the festival's artwork that will be shared with festival participants.

Magnum is an artist, publisher, author, speaker, gallery owner and designer.

#### Burglary at The Salon on Nov. 14

At 12:48 a.m. on Nov. 14 a burglary occurred at The Salon on Arlington Blvd.

Surveillance videos showed a medium-built man wearing some sort of mask, light colored jeans or pants, dark shoes, dark gloves and a dark hooded sweatshirt with a design on the front.

A suspected vehicle is seen driving near the business when the burglary was taking place.

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safe, but Phthisic says it has friendly atmosphere.

“Everybody’s like family,” said Phthisic. “It’s best when there’s like a thousand people and they’re all changing purple gold.”

Brook Honeycutt, a sophomore dental hygiene major, who was on her way to Stilllife at the beginning of the night, agreed.

“You see random people and you start talking,” said Honeycutt. “You just meet friends.”

Even the bus drivers appreciate the atmosphere.

“I enjoy my job,” said driver Cody Woodall. “I see people I know, that always makes it more enjoyable.”

While the bus can be friendly, certain passengers make it difficult for the drivers.

“People try all kinds of way to sneak alcohol on the bus,” said Justin Boyd, who coordinates the Pirate Express for ECU Transit. “They think we don’t see it.”

Woodall once had a passenger that tried to hide a case of beer under his shirt.

“He said, ‘I’m just fat,’” Woodall said. “Eventually he lifted it up and he wasn’t allowed on the bus.”

Vomiting passengers are another major problem for drivers, like the man in the button-down shirt was for Henderson.

“They think that they can hold it,” said driver Adam Bordeaux. “A lot of them don’t want to embarrass themselves in front of their friends.”

After a passenger throws up on the bus, drivers have

to get offender’s personal information so the well-publicized \$50 fine can be paid. In Henderson’s case, the vomiting passenger was so drunk he could barely form words, and Henderson was unable to get personal information.

He drove to the downtown bus stop to let the police handle the situation.

A police officer boarded the bus and questioned the offending passenger, who claimed that he threw up in the trashcan despite the obvious stain at his feet.

“You’ve got bad aim bud,” said the officer.

The passenger, who was using an ID that wasn’t his, was eventually removed from the bus. Henderson then poured a cleaner known as Vomit Comet over the stain.

Some students waiting downtown for the bus to be cleaned began to get angry and at least one hurled an insult at Henderson.

Woodall says this is common, and that’s it really not that big a deal.

“Sometimes you take a lot of (complaints) from the passengers,” Woodall said. “It’s whatever, they don’t remember it the next day.”

The passengers waiting at the downtown stop around 2 a.m. were finally allowed to board the bus. This group was considerably rowdier, and although Henderson’s voice could be barely heard above the din, he made it clear that he didn’t let the events of the night affect him.

“It’s a good night,” said Henderson. “Nobody got hurt.”

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# NATION, WORLD AND STATE

## 80 tornadoes in Midwest across ten states, kills six

### MCT Campus

The scale of Sunday’s deadly storms became clearer this morning: Six people dead in Illinois, hundreds of homes flattened and splintered, 81 tornadoes sighted through the Midwest, 358 reports of damaging winds, 40 reports of large hail.

Since 1986, there have been 194 tornado warnings issued in the month of November in Illinois: More than half of them \_101\_ were issued Sunday, according to the Chicago Weather Center.

As crews fanned out from the National Weather Service to assess the storm’s impact, WGN-TV meteorologist Tom Skilling said it may go down as one of the most powerful to hit the region in decades.

“It appears the storm may have produced the most powerful Illinois November tornado on record outside of St. Louis (and possibly elsewhere) and may be one of the four most intense Great Lakes storms of the past five decades,” he said.

Hardest hit was Washington, a town of 15,000 people east of Peoria hit by an EF-4 tornado packing winds of 170 to 190 mph. Whole blocks were leveled, prompting the Illinois National Guard to send a 10-person firefighting and search and rescue team. Officials were still trying to determine the extent of injuries Sunday evening, but at least one death was reported and nearly 80 people injured.

The one person who died was identified Monday by the Tazewell County coroner as Steve Neubauer, 51, of Washington, who was found near his home on School Street in Washington.

“The devastation is just unbelievable,” said Mayor Gary Manier, estimating as many as 500 homes may have been damaged in his town. “I can’t imagine people walked away from these places.”

The National Weather Service said an EF-4 tornado slammed into the county with winds of 166 to 200 miles per hour.

Three other deaths were reported in Massac County at the southern tip of the state.

The small town of Brookport was hit hard, with hundreds of homes damaged, officials said. Buildings were smashed into piles of rubble. Power lines were strewn through the town. A curfew has been issued from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Gov. Patrick Quinn has declared seven counties disaster areas: Champaign, Grundy, LaSalle, Massac, Tazewell, Washington and Woodford counties.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is coordinating efforts with other state agencies to help affected areas, according to Quinn’s office.

About 19,000 customers still lack electricity following the storm, according to ComEd. Only 1,300 of those customers are in Chicago. The rest are mostly in the utility’s southern region – 11,200 – with about 1,000 down in the north region and 5,400 in the west region.

This is a contributing article from MCT Campus Information Services. The original story ran on Nov. 18 in the Chicago Tribune.

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not trying to do anything other than making people understand and telling people who we are. If they really get to understand what Islam is, they’ll see it’s actually a peaceful religion,” said Khan.

Khan said they got the idea for the name of the event from one of the sheikhs. “We asked him what is the best title or approach to break some ignorance within the community and the school itself and he said why don’t we do something about Jesus, peace be upon him,” said Khan.

Khan said in the Qur’an, Jesus was a prophet, and there are many similarities between the Qur’an and the Bible. “We love Jesus, peace be upon him as well. Maybe we might not say that he is the son of God, but he has a most important role in Islam as well. Just like Mary peace and blessings, peace be upon her as well. She actually has a whole chapter in the Qur’an written about her. Those are things that a lot of people don’t know about,” said Khan.

Taj Nasser, President of ECU MSA, said the topic of the event is one that he’s been confronted about in the past, and he hopes this event will help people to understand that Jesus is highly respected by the Islamic community.

“Growing up I had a lot of Christian friends that would confront me and be like ‘you don’t really honor Jesus much’ or ‘what does your religion say about Jesus?’ or ‘you should know

about Jesus.’ When I’m confronted about these topics and questions I automatically want them to know more about what we believe about Jesus,” said Nasser. “He is a prophet and I think it is very important in our society because it helps to bridge the gap between people of different beliefs...so we can learn about each other and come together as diverse individuals.”

Nasser said the media doesn’t do a good job of portraying the Islamic faith.

“We’re always in the spotlight very negatively. So by having this event we’re representing our religion in the correct way, and we hope that people will stop by and try to understand it,” said Nasser.

Nasser said that another one of the misconceptions students have about Muslims is that they oppress women, which is also a topic they will address at their event. “A recent thing that happened on campus was we put a flyer up and somebody just came up and wrote Muslims hate women and freedom,” said Nasser. “So our automatic response was ‘hey if that’s what you believe come find out.’ And that’s not our view...we praise women in our religion.”

The event will include the guest speaker, Sheikh Ahmad, but will also be interactive with a Q&A session at the end. Khan said they will provide Arabic food as well.

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## PIRATE RANTS

Hey, girl. It really sucks you are only interested when other girls are interested in me.

Ok but really why are we still wearing UGG boots #overpricedUGGliness.

To the antisocial person who didn't want to talk at the printer. Way to promote a sense of community and Pirate camaraderie!

Time to update "the Scene" section. Brueggers has been closed for two weeks, so how is there live music every thurs?

I dare State to keep that mid-field logo for the game this weekend.

My single friends don't even understand how single I am.

To the guy responding to my classified: You fit the main ones so I can work with it ;)

Doing No Shave November for the first time because I can't get any more single.

Ready to show NC State whose state this really is. They haven't won a game since September!

It sucks when the one girl you are interested in is not interested in you.

If we host the conference championship game exams better be moved!! Or just over-all cancelled...

Fun fact: Being single's not the end of the world. Go complain about something important!

We do what we're supposed to do on offense. So shut up or you can leave.

I love seeing Great Gatsby socials and parties when that book was written completely as a criticism of that lifestyle.

It's not weird at all. It's just a sneeze. Why do I need God's help for that?

The girls of ECU should give trans guys a chance. I'm pretty awesome and I'll rock your world.

I've walked through the cupola multiple times over the past 4 years and I am graduating on time. I'm just that awesome.

There's just something so eerie about Brewster...

There's nothing worse than seeing your bus drive away as soon as you get to the bus stop.

Shoutout to whoever left all the change in the Joyner vending machines! I bought a soda and two snacks!

I am torn between wanting winter break to hurry up and get here, and wanting this semester to last forever. Next semester is my last and I'm not ready to say goodbye.

Seeing the psychology grad students do a flash mob dance on campus made me so proud to be a psych major.

Someone tell me...what rhymes with hug me!

Batteries are like boobs. A's are small, C's are big, D's are bigger, and if they're rectangular shaped...you probably shouldn't lick them.

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## Our view

# Expand your horizons, study abroad

The Eiffle Tower can only look so big in a post card and you won't know just how great the Great Wall of China is – until you go.

As previously reported in Thursday's edition of *The East Carolinian*, Monday kicked off the university's annual International Education Week. Some events to be held throughout the week include lectures, international foods and a study abroad fair. The fair will be from 2-5 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center.

We as an editorial staff have had several members study abroad and feel strongly that every student should take advantage of not just this week's international culture sessions, but to experience them first hand and study abroad.

The university offers many study abroad opportunities, ranging from full-immersion programs to monthly summer sessions, and we recommend students look entirely at the study opportunities provided. Some study abroad trips even offer class credit to take advantage of.

Spending time in a different country, whether they speak the same language or not, can be very intimidating. We think that if you are nervous, you should look for the different departments at ECU that are offering study abroad trips with teachers who you already know.

Take advantage of the global opportunities to experience the world as a student, while it is cheaper and you're not too old to make life changes based off of your experiences.

# Fear the unpredictable

## Take a step back



ReAnn Melaga  
TEC COLUMNIST

Natural disasters are an unavoidable tragedy. Weather phenomena such as tornadoes, earthquakes and hurricanes all have devastating effects on those who are unfortunate enough to be in their path. Little can be done to prevent these events from happening, but a lot can be learned after they have.

The catastrophic typhoon that hit the Philippines on Nov. 8 caused more than 3,600 deaths. According to CNN.com, more than 12,000 people were injured and close to 1,200 are still missing.

I think it is safe to say that the people of the Philippines did not imagine anything so horrific

happening to their families or themselves. People do not wake up one day and expect to lose their homes, their most treasured possessions or their lives. People do not mentally prepare themselves for the appalling sight of towns being destroyed or entire families roaming the streets with nothing but the clothes on their back. People do not plan for these things because nobody wants to think it could happen to them.

Sadly, catastrophes such as the one in the Philippines seem to happen all too often but even in the wake of such dreadful events, valuable lessons can be learned. There is a common saying that you do not know what you have until it is gone and I am a firm believer of this.

While in high school, it is easy to take advantage of things that are routine. Coming to college quickly makes you appreciate the small privileges you get at home such as home-cooked meals, not having to wear shoes in the shower, and having a room to call your own.

Many victims of natural disasters quickly learn the belongings we take for granted can actually be the items that mean the most to us and they can be taken away in the blink of an eye.

Look around you. You probably have a cell-phone close by, shoes on your feet and keys to a place to go home to and relax. Now imagine it is all gone. No cellphone to make time pass quickly in class, no shoes to cover your feet and no place to go when your day is over. Scary, right?

Taking these things for granted is very easy when they seem so readily available. It is a sad truth that many people do not realize the true value of people or objects until they are gone. Maybe if we all took a step back and looked at the bigger picture, it would be easier to see how fortunate each and every one of us are.

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# Ink your individuality

## Because Laura Said So...



Laura Said  
TEC COLUMNIST

It's time to talk about tattoos.

I love them and almost everyone I know has at least one tattoo. I have five tattoos, and plan on

getting more. I love every single one of them, and the more tattoos I get, the more complete I feel as a person. That might sound cheesy, but tattoos are important to me. Tattoos mean something to me, and they mean something majority of those with them.

Some people get tattoos recklessly not really with any purpose or because it's the "cool tattoo" to get. The infinity sign, the tribal tattoos and the list goes on. There's a huge variety of tattoos that are meaningless to people but they still exist. That's fine. Do what you wish with your body, because it's your body.

I saw a YouTube video of a woman that got her breasts tattooed after undergoing breast surgery to save her from breast cancer. She hated the scars and the tattoos made her

feel more beautiful. Another man tattooed, "For those I love, I will sacrifice" on his ribcage before going into war, and dying soon after. Tattoos are beautiful. So, why the discrimination?

It's no secret that tattoos are frowned upon in the professional world. But it's just so hard to resist arguing it. All businesses make a statement that they will not discriminate employees based on sex, disabilities, color, etc. So why are tattoos considered any different?

Tattoos are considered "unprofessional" but I'm going to challenge every aspect of whoever might agree with that. Does it look "bad" for a professional business, if an employee's tattoo is visible to the customers that walk through the door? Honestly, sure it might. Some people, especially older generations, don't accept tattoos and think of them as being tacky. Well, guess what? It's a new generation, times are changing, get over it. Don't tattoos fall under the category as discrimination against skin color? I think so. Just because someone is black or Hispanic doesn't make them any less capable of performing to a white person's standards.

Having tattoos doesn't affect a person's ability to perform to the standards of a job, and it doesn't

make them any less successful than a person that has no tattoos. It's not like the tattoo ink-gun inserts stupidity and aggression into a person's system, which is what the professional world seems to think. Just because I have tattoos, that suddenly makes me incapable of being successful and making an impact on the world? I don't think so.

And if you're denying me the right to work based on my "unprofessional" tattoos, doesn't that make you just as unprofessional? Doesn't that mean you're going against the law of discrimination in the work force? That's something to think about. I understand that tattoos might affect the way that clients view me (and maybe even the employer) but tattoos don't poison my soul, and they don't poison my

ability to work.

My tattoos don't make me incapable of making an impact in this world, and they won't stop me from having a successful life. The only thing that's stopping me (and other people with tattoos) from being successful, are the judgmental people denying me that right based on the coloring placed into my skin.

So to my future potential employers: When I firmly shake your hand, I hope you notice the tattoos on mine. Because I'm proud of who I am, and I'm proud of the soul that resides in this body that I'm decorating with expression. If you chose to deny me a job, let it be because of my lack of qualifications.

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## Poll results

Do you think Miley Cyrus is going to get worse?

Yes - 56%  
No - 44%

## Poll question

Has a tattoo ever affected a job interview you've had?

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# Arts & Entertainment

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## Potluck celebrates Native American heritage

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students will share stories full of laughter and life lessons passed down from their ancestors over a Native American History Month potluck feast.

Native American student organizations will come together tonight at 6 p.m. to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month over a variety of homemade dishes. The free celebratory dinner will be open to all students and staff in the reading room of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC), located between Mendenhall Student Center and residence halls Garrett and White.

Melissa Haithcox-Dennis, the director of LWCC, said they wanted to give students a way to talk about growing up in an American Indian culture and share the stories passed down to them from their family members that they grew up learning and hearing about.

"It's an opportunity for other students to come together to learn and talk in a relaxed environment," said Haithcox-Dennis. Christopher Womack, co-president of East Carolina Native American Organization (ECNAO) and president of the Native American fraternity Epsilon Chi Mu, said the potluck was a low-budget and fun way to celebrate their family's heritage and talk about their experiences.

"We will probably talk a little on why Native American History Month came around," said Womack. "I think that the month is to take notice of the contributions that Native Americans have made throughout history and to celebrate who we are."

Womack said that although they hope to have a variety of native foods, some traditional foods, such as deer or buffalo, could be a little harder to come by, limiting the food choice options.



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Traditional Native American foods including vegetables like corn and legumes will be served at tonight's potluck at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

"If there are traditional foods, we will tell about where it came from and the history of it," said Womack.

His family, which is a part of the Lumbee Tribe of Eastern North Carolina, celebrates the spirit of the month by having a heritage month dinner rather than a standard Thanksgiving dinner.

"When it comes to traditions, a lot has fallen away," said Womack. "But we still have powwows and an outdoor drama every summer called 'Strike at the Wind.'" The drama is to honor Henry Barry Lowry, who Womack said was

considered a hero of his tribe. The story states that when the government was taking Native American's lands, Lowry and his family fought back. After the government murdered Lowry's dad and brother, he fled to the swamps of the Pembroke area with other freed natives and slaves to retaliate.

"When it comes to Thanksgiving and Native Americans, many people don't know the actual history," said Womack. "They think the natives and pilgrims sat down, had dinner and it was great. But that didn't really happen." Haithcox-Dennis said she

thinks the potluck will be relatively small and also hopes to offer a few traditional Native American food choices such as fried bread, buffalo stew, and many different types of vegetables complimented with desserts and appetizers.

The potluck is a continuation of the many events celebrating Native American History Month, hosted by the LWCC, East Carolina Native American Organization, fraternity Epsilon Chi nu, and sorority Sigma Omicron Epsilon.

These events included a catered opening ceremony, several

informational seminars on topics such as the history of Thanksgiving and gender and sexuality in Native American cultures.

To attend the celebration dinner of Native American History Month, RSVP to the cultural center by emailing LWCC@ecu.edu.

A closing ceremony will honor the end of the month, featuring a drum group, songs, a vigil and traditional story telling on Nov. 26 at the LWCC at 6 p.m.

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## Students unplugging from technology

Caroline West  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

It's a little tool the size of our palm. Used for a variety of things, such as means for communication to link into the lives of our peers, the cellphone has given us the idea of being fully connected with those around us. For many students, a cellphone is a device that just can't be put down. So afraid of what they'll miss, students are becoming more plugged in, unable to unplug.

Yesterday marked the beginning of ECU Unplugged, where both faculty members from the counseling center as well as some from Campus Wellness were available to kick start a week of unplugging from technology. Students were given a list of challenges to complete during the week, and on Friday students will have a follow up session at the Recreation Center.

"Some of the challenges include, unplugging from a device for at least six hours, have a lunch date and actually talking with them, finding something to do in Greenville, and even going to a professor's office hours instead of e-mailing them," said Tywana Purkett, assistant director of Campus Wellness.

Walking around campus one afternoon, Lauren Thorn, staff counselor and outreach coordinator for the student for counseling and student development, became concerned when she noticed students sitting under the bus canopy in front of the rec center, staring at their phones and not having face to face conversations.

Thorn shared her concerns with Campus Wellness staff, Georgia Childs and Tywana Purkett, who had both experienced similar occurrence. They decided to come up with



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Campus Wellness challenges students to unplug from technology for a week to become more connected.

the weeklong event, ECU Unplugged.

With ECU Unplugged, students will learn how to "unplug" for a week with Campus Wellness and the Center for Counseling and Student Development. This Wellness Passport event will focus on face-to-face communication and how our "plugged in" generation is missing out.

"We are going to talk with students about several different things," said Thorn. "We hope to have an active opportunity for them to practice general conversations and listening skills... and we are going to have handouts... of different non-verbal communication as well as conversation starters and the active way of being able to start up and maintain interesting conversations with people."

Another topic of discussion that will be a major focus is how frequent texting can be confusing or harmful to relationships. After reading an article in the Huffington Post, Thorn acknowledged how relationships are becoming affected by this never-ending use of cellphones trend.

"It's almost like we have too much information and we lose some of the art of building a romantic relationship with someone," said Thorn. "Every now and then, we do need to be apart and unavailable from one another in order to be able to have different experiences and then be able to come back together and talk about those things."

When discussing different vignettes and about the texting, one of the things students will be able to do is look at examples of different text messages and talk about how messages read differently if a smiley face was added at the end. Students will also learn about the communication that is lost in a text message.

"The goal for Unplugged ECU is raising awareness and helping people recognize that it is okay and it is actually really healthy to go without your phone for a few hours," said Thorn. "We want it to be OK for people to go up and start a conversation with a random

stranger... and for that to be a part of the college experience."

Thorn describes college as being a time where we open ourselves up to new experiences, new people and new sets of beliefs in order to do that we have to be available. If you are always looking down, with headphones in staring at a screen, you're paying attention to some thing that is not necessarily in the present but rather online. We lose many opportunities to meet and learn about other people.

"We understand that you have to be connected, but just not every hour of the day," said Purkett. "Having conversations with people is such an important part of being able to go throughout your daily tasks... and without doing that via text messages or on the phone. Eventually you're going to have to come face to face with somebody and just knowing how to do that in a healthy way is very important."

Research has shown there are a few bigger issues that have become more evident along with heavy cellphone use. A new study published in the Journal of Couple and Relationship Theory, conducted by executive Selective Search, found that texting is devoid of important face-to-face cues, thus raises the risk of miscommunication and can cause damage to the relationship, according to The Times of India.

"It is important to recognize it so they can work on it," said Thorn. "It definitely can serve a greater purpose but it is all about maintaining a boundary and knowing when it is having a negative impact on our ability to connect with one another and have those positive relationships."

On Friday students will return to recreation center to give their results to staff. Prizes will be given and include gift cards, t-shirts, cups, bubble sheets and more.

Students unable to make it yesterday but still want to participate, staff will be available in the Rotunda of the Recreation center to give information on how to unplug.

"You don't want to get to the end of your four or five years here and realize you missed out because you were plugged-in," said Thorn.

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**SAB INITIATIVES**



Students listened to classical music while performing the new moves they learned. KATIE WEST | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

## ECU learns Russian ballet

Monday evening, the social room in Mendenhall held one of their free cultural workshop series events hosted by SAB Initiatives. Students were able to come out and learn about the history behind Russian ballet and try out some of the moves.

Summer Burnette, junior dance performer, and Ryann Lievens, senior dance performer, were there to lead the event. They demonstrated some of the moves and explained some information about Russian Ballet.

Students were able to practice relatively easy moves such as pliés, tendus, rond-de-jambe and all five basic ballet positions.

SAB Initiatives holds events in collaborations with student organizations to unite and celebrate different cultures.



Summer Burnette demonstrated basic ballet positions. KATIE WEST | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

## ALBUM REVIEW

# New releases a wide spectrum



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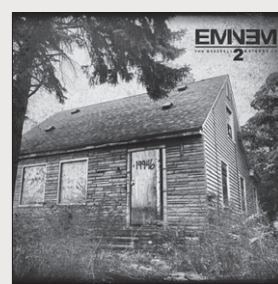
*Eminem*

Album: "The Marshall Mathers LP 2"

Released: Nov. 5

Generation-defining rapper Eminem returns with his eighth studio album, "The Marshall Mathers LP 2." The sequel to his 2000 release, "The Marshall Mathers LP," delivers a fresh, yet ominous sound from the now 41-year-old rapper. Eminem, known for his choppy yet accepted flow, applies the same philosophy in most of the 21 tracks on the album. A collection of organic instruments are used to piece together the beats and unilaterally compliment Eminem's lyrics.

"Legacy" serves as one of the softer tracks on the album carried by a simple piano chords and a mellow pop beat. Eminem raps of his childhood, psychological state and, of course, his renowned legacy. "Rhyme Or Reason," the third track on "The Marshall Mathers LP 2," is a spunky The Zombies cover of "Time of the Season." Eminem alters the lyrics to the classic tune and even mimics the voice of the Star Wars character Yoda at one point. The album is Eminem at his finest.



WEB PHOTO

**Grade: 8/10**

*Sky Ferreira*

Album: "Night Time, My Time"

Released: Oct. 29



WEB PHOTO

**Grade: 4/10**

The debut album from synthpop sensation Sky Ferreira, titled "Night Time, My Time," is hardly as interesting as the album art entails. The album features elongated monophonic drones countered by monotonous beats in each of the songs—a rudimentary synthpop formula. Ferreira stays enclosed inside the box, afraid to venture into uncharted territory instrumentally. And while her vocals fit the prototypical synthpop sound, the lyrics are simple and childish with virtually no complexity across the board.

"Nobody Asked Me (If I Was Okay)" has a few verses of lyrics, but the rest of the song consists of Ferreira singing the title's words over and over again supported by a drone. "Omanoko," tells a story of a Japanese Christmas...well it is supposed to anyway. The words "I'm gearing up for a Japanese Christmas" are repeated throughout the 4.5 minute track. "You're Not The One," is a unique track carried by a duo of electric guitars and uplifting lyrics, making for one of the better on the album.

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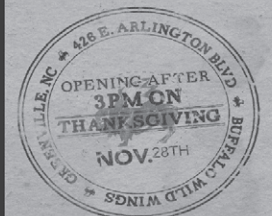
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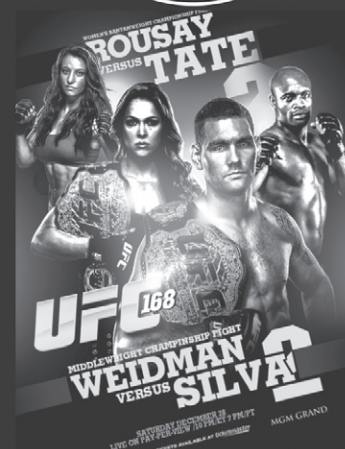


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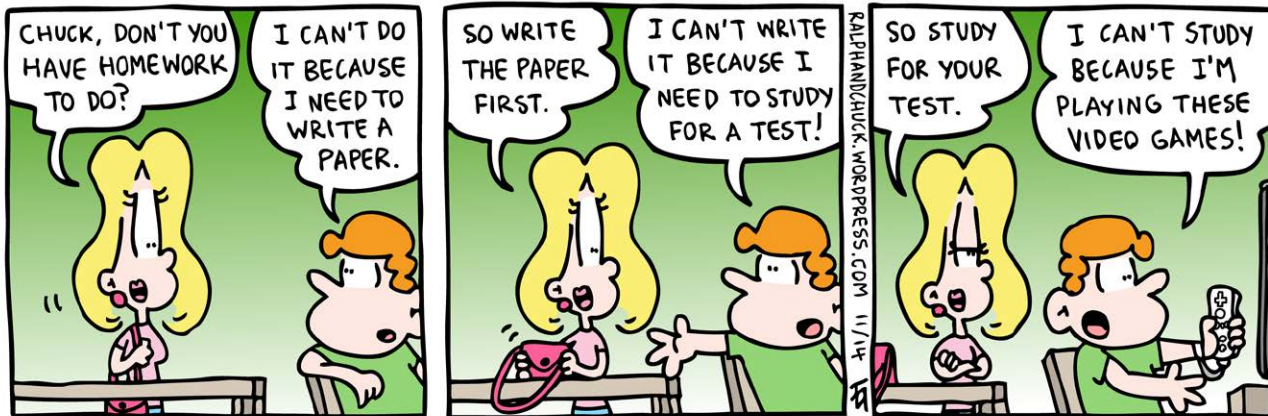
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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  - 6 Official records
  - 10 Got an A on
  - 14 Restriction at some fitness clubs
  - 15 Mark from a healed wound
  - 16 Fancy fabric with metallic threads
  - 17 Coral ring
  - 18 Metal to melt down
  - 20 State Department's purview
  - 22 Anxious feeling
  - 23 Olds Cutlass model
  - 26 Pulp comic that transformed Nick Fury into a super-spy
  - 31 British noblewomen
  - 34 Soda fountain orders
  - 35 Try to win
  - 36 Happy hour pints
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  - 39 Dream state letters
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  - 63 Like some populations

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By David Poole

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- 12 Punk rock subgenre
- 13 Bear lair
- 19 Ancient Britons
- 21 Belg. neighbor
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- 25 In union
- 27 Revise
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- 43 Natural ability
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- 47 Easy basketball score

### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 32 Billy Joel's musical daughter
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- 43 Natural ability
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- 48 Aspirations
- 49 Herb that tastes like licorice
- 51 Reverberation
- 52 Ark helmsman
- 53 Spring flower
- 54 Rex Stout's stout sleuth Wolfe
- 55 Chocolate dog
- 56 Wedding vow words

## Comeback for the ages

Jesse Deal  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Pirates overcame a 17-point deficit and beat the Norfolk State Spartans 76-74 in a heated battle at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The Pirates' 18-7 run to end the game was sealed off by Paris Roberts-Campbell's steal with nine seconds left.

His 22 points and clutch shots near the game's end were enough to hold off the efforts of Norfolk State and propel the Pirates to the next round of the NIT Tip-Off Tournament, where they will face the Duke Blue Devils who beat UNC Asheville earlier on Monday.

Akeem Richmond got off to a hot start with three baskets from behind the arc, giving ECU a 14-4 lead in the first four minutes of the game. However, Richmond proceeded to miss his next 11 shots from the three-point line.

In the final minutes of the second half, Akeem Richmond came alive. He knocked down two crucial threes, ending his cold streak on the floor. He finished with 17 points and shot 5-16 from downtown, including 2-2 in the closing minutes.

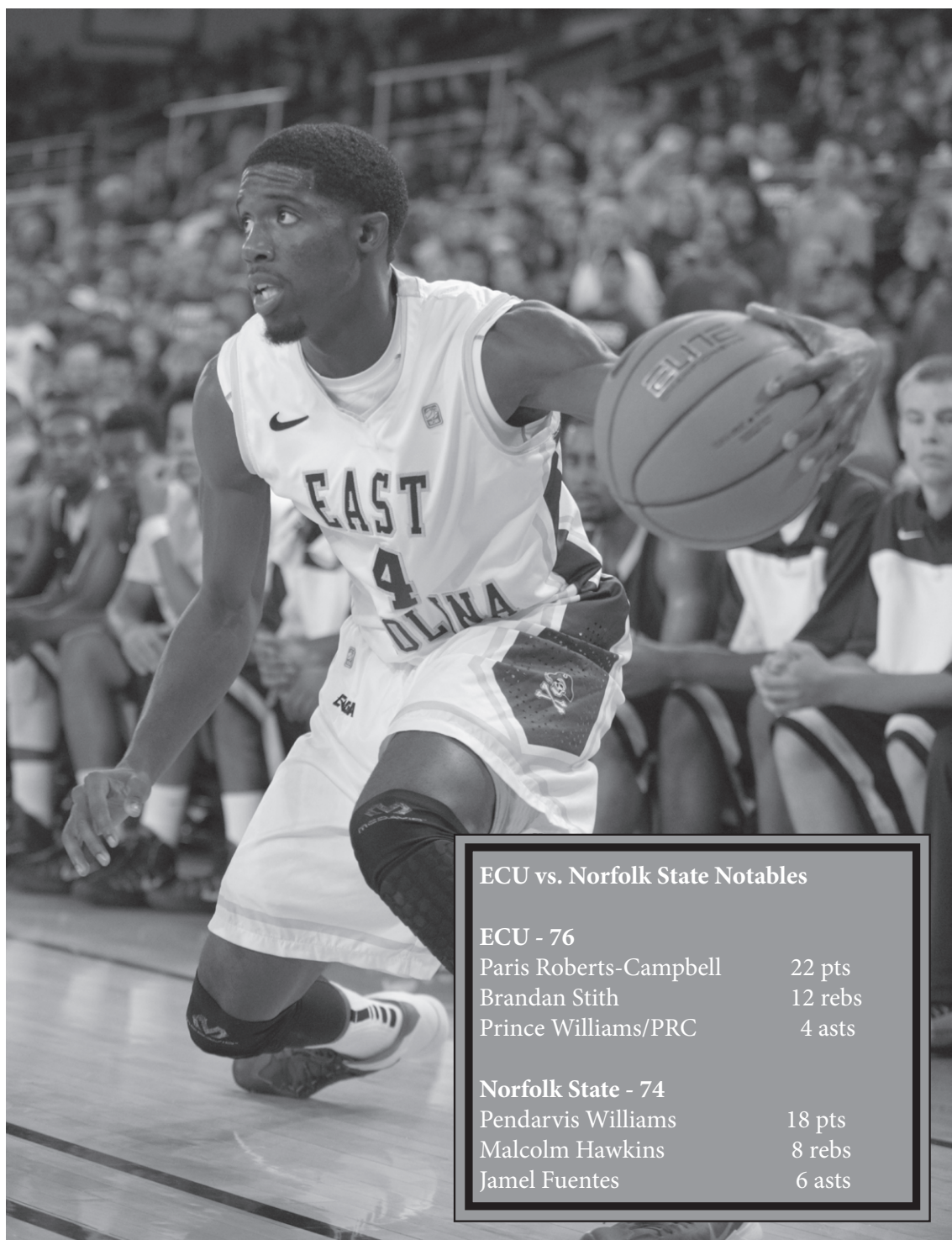
Paris Roberts-Campbell chipped in five points early into the contest to give the Pirates an 11-point advantage. Shortly after, Brandan Stith slammed down a ferocious dunk and had the Pirate fans in Cameron Indoor Stadium roaring.

Roberts-Campbell shot 7-11 and led the Pirates with 22 points overall.

Norfolk State's full court press hindered the offensive production of the Pirates, resulting in 24 points off ECU's 18 turnovers. ECU was held to only 22 field goal attempts in the first 20 minutes of play.

The Spartans' Malcolm Hawkins hit a buzzer-beater to end the first half of play with a 20-8 run. The Pirates had a slim 35-34 lead at halftime.

Continuing where they left off, Norfolk State began the second half with a 16-5 run. ECU struggled to



ECU vs. Norfolk State Notables	
<b>ECU - 76</b>	
Paris Roberts-Campbell	22 pts
Brandan Stith	12 rebs
Prince Williams/PRC	4 asts
<b>Norfolk State - 74</b>	
Pendarvis Williams	18 pts
Malcolm Hawkins	8 rebs
Jamel Fuentes	6 asts

ECU overcame a 17-point deficit in the final nine minutes to beat Norfolk State and advance to play Duke tonight.

create a presence inside the paint and the Spartans took advantage of the Pirates' cold shooting from the floor.

Michael Zangari stepped up for ECU in the second half and carried the team with 16 overall points including

nine from the free throw line. Despite his efforts, Norfolk State led 60-47 with ten minutes left in the game.

Paris Roberts-Campbell had a surge of momentum and scored 9 of the final 11 points for ECU, includ-

ing a crucial shot and free throw to give the Pirates a 75-72 lead with a minute left.

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## VOLLEYBALL ECU loses two games

Corey Keenan  
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In a "win or go home" situation, the Lady Pirates volleyball team traveled to Texas to take on the University of Texas-San Antonio on Friday and the Texas-El Paso on Sunday.

Friday's match against UTSA proved to be as tough of a test as anticipated as the Pirates matched up against the top team in the conference. The Pirates won the second set, 25-23, but that's all ECU would win. The Pirates could not pick up momentum off of the set victory as they dropped the next two sets 25-16 and 25-15 to lose the match. That night, Florida Atlantic topped North Texas to clinch the 12th and final spot in the conference tournament, which eliminated the Pirates from conference tournament contention.

Sunday afternoon, the Lady Pirates played what they knew was their last match of their best season since 2008. The ladies came out strong in the first set and forced extra volleys before dropping the set, 30-28. The ladies lost the next two sets 25-20 and 25-23. Ultimately, the Pirates finished their season with a 13-19 record.

"We accomplished our first goal this season of getting double-digit wins," said Coach Julie Torbett. "We're going to focus on the strides we made in the first season (and changing) the completion of volleyball at ECU."

The Lady Pirates will be losing a total of seven seniors. There will be a lot of turnover in the system going into next season. Setter Zarah Cecich will be the only returning senior.

"The setter is basically like the quarterback, and we're looking for her to be a strong leader," said Torbett. "We'll also look to Torre Blake who is a fierce competitor and freshman Bella Borgiotti who is a strong presence."

The team will move forward next season with a very young team, specialist Halee Wright.

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## Cross Country finishes season with NCAA regional

Jackson Sipperly  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Pirates women's cross country team finished up their season at the NCAA Southeast Regional Friday afternoon in Charlottesville, Va.

Hampered by injuries, the Pirates managed a respectable 17th placed finish out of the 38 teams competing.

Brooke Kott, consistently the women's top performer for the duration of the season, suffered an injury early in the race that definitely hurt the Pirates' chances.

"Brooke (Kott) is in the best shape of her life and has been our number one runner the entire season," said Coach Daniel Lee. "She hurt her foot in the first half mile and really struggled through the race."

Kott wasn't the only Pirate ailing

during this race. Stefanie Fresenius had been sick since early this week and even considered pulling out of the race since she had not practiced in a week.

"Stefanie, our number two runner, didn't practice all week and 40 minutes before the race, we made the decision to let her run after she convinced me she'd be fine competing," said Lee.

Having their top two runners not at full strength was a huge blow to the Pirates' chances of qualifying for nationals. Despite these unfortunate injuries and illnesses, Chelsea Hollingsworth and Olivia Slate provided bright spots for the team.

"Chelsea ran well as our number three runner and really had a big

time impact for our team," said Lee. "Olivia started conservatively in the first half to make sure she didn't fade but she finished very strong."

Slate was able to run a personal best time of 22:43.0, which on the hilly Panorama Farms course makes the feat even more impressive. This time earned her the 114th place.

Hollingsworth finished in 69th place with a time of 22:07.0, followed by Fresenius in 86th place who ran a 22:18.8.

Kott, an all C-USA performer this season, ran a 22:33.3 that was good for 102nd place.

Because of injury and depth issues, Lee decided it was best for the Pirate men not to compete in this meet after placing ninth at the 2013

Conference USA Championships two weeks prior to Friday's meet.

Even though the Pirates failed to qualify for nationals, Coach Lee still deemed the season a success, as he thought both the men and women's teams accomplished the goals they set out to achieve this year.

"We made a lot of progress this year, considering the circumstances. Having people healthier at the end of the season would have helped. But the goal for our guys team was to gain experience and train at the next level to set themselves up for a good indoor track season," said Lee.

While the men's team wanted experience for the future, the women had competitive goals for the 2013 season. They set out to finish in the

top quarter of C-USA, which they achieved by finishing fourth out of 15 teams.

Individually, Kott and Chase Miller were the standout performers this year for the Pirates. Kott was a first team all-conference selection for the second time in her career, while redshirt junior Miller earned third-team all-conference recognition.

With another cross-country season in the books, the Pirates will now turn their attention to the indoor track season. Lee is excited knowing that a good cross country season can set the base for the team to do big things this winter.

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<p><b>Tuesday</b> (Away) Men's Basketball Duke 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> (Away) Swimming and Diving Nike Cup Trials Chapel Hill, N.C.</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> (Away) Swimming and Diving Nike Cup Trials Chapel Hill, N.C.</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> (Away) Football NC State 12:30 p.m. (Away) Women's Basketball Elon 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sat. (cont.)</b> (Away) Swimming and Diving Nike Cup Trials Chapel Hill, N.C.</p>
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### TAKEAWAYS

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
ECU lost its last two matches, narrowly missing the Conference USA tournament.

**CAROLINA PANTHERS**  
The Carolina Panthers beat the New England Patriots 24-20 on Monday Night Football.


**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
ECU lost in the preseason NIT tournament to Norfolk State. Pirates play UNC Asheville today in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

**CHARLOTTE BOBCATS**  
The Bobcats are 5-6 and currently sixth in the Eastern Conference.

**FOOTBALL**  
ECU sent out its seniors with a 63-14 victory over UAB in the Pirates last scheduled regular season game of 2013.


**ECU BASEBALL**  
Fall Prospect Camp is officially open for registration. The ECU baseball staff will host its annual camp Nov. 23-24.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
The Pirates won twice over the weekend to improve their record to 4-0 on the season.



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**HARDY** continued from A1

Hardy was the star of West Craven High's football team, but Fayetteville State was the only program to offer him a scholarship. He chose to accept a preferred walk-on role from ECU and, needless to say,

it has worked out for both parties. "Coming out of high school, I had one offer," said Hardy. "ECU was going through a coaching change at the time. (ECU Offensive Coordinator) Riley, who had just got here,

watched some of my film and made contact with my coach, and it went on from there."

For good reason, walk-on players have a reputation for being some of the most hard-nosed, humble

and dedicated members of the team because nothing is given to them. Hardy is no exception.

"(Everything) depends on how you approach the situation," said Hardy. "I had a mindset where I told myself, 'I can be out there, just like those guys. I just have to prove myself.'"

Hardy did just that by scoring a touchdown in his first career game against South Carolina in 2011. He proceeded to rack up 658 receiving yards by season's end, an impressive mark for a freshman. But he was just getting started. Hardy has improved every season, totaling 1,105 yards and 11 touchdowns a season ago and 1,047 yards and seven touchdowns through only 10 games this year.

"I told myself before the season started that I'd out-do myself this year," he said. "I always ask the coaches if there is anything I can do to get better, and if there is, I work extra hard on it."

That work ethic and love for the game was a trait passed down from Hardy's father, Sam, who tragically passed away this past February.

"[My father] really taught me everything I know about football," said Hardy. "This is the first season where he hasn't been at games. He was at every one. No matter what school I was playing for, he was there — so I play every game for him."

Justin decided to ensure his father's presence this year by wearing the words "R.I.P. Pops," both on his wristband and on the back of his cleats, but Coach McNeill is convinced that Sam Hardy is with the team every Saturday.

"We didn't lose him; we gained him," said McNeill. "He is there with every catch that Justin makes."

It has been a mentally straining season for the junior receiver. Hardy was particularly emotional after the Tulsa game, during which he broke the school receiving touchdowns record.

"When you saw him on his knees

there, he was probably praying to his father," said McNeill. "It was a big deal, and it was good to see him break the record at home. The fact that he broke the record here in front of his family members was too coincidental to be a coincidence."

With a heavy heart, Hardy is currently playing the best football of his collegiate career. Quarterback Shane Carden is returning for his senior season next year as well, so Hardy has the opportunity to completely shatter every major school receiving record. Carden, who is building a resume of his own in the ECU record books, has displayed unflappable chemistry with his favorite receiver over the past couple seasons.

"We came in together freshman year and we were on scout team together," said Carden. "We've had a lot of time to work and become our own little group. Justin is a humble guy who works hard. I think we're just going to keep getting better."

With all the success on the field, Hardy has sparked some interest from NFL scouts, but fans that want to watch him at Dowdy-Ficklen for one more season have nothing to worry about. The Honor Roll student vows to honor the promise to his father that he would receive his degree in Sports Studies before moving on from ECU.

Hardy has played an instrumental role in guiding the Pirates through what has been an impressive season thus far. He is the ultimate safety net for Carden, the leading-by-example type of player his teammates need and the heart and soul of Pirate Nation. The junior describes the fan base as the single best thing about playing football at ECU.

The program is fortunate that its best player is also its best, most humble human being. ECU fans, coaches and players are all blessed by the fact that the no-star recruit from Vanceboro, N.C. decided to call Pirate Nation his home.

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**JUSTIN HARDY**



**RECEPTIONS RECORD**

**GAME**

**17**  
ACHIEVED 10/12/2013  
VS. TULANE

**SEASON**

**101**  
14 CATCHES  
FROM RECORD

**CAREER**

**268**  
29 CATCHES  
FROM RECORD

**HIGHEST GAME TOTALS**



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**ECU advances; Duke up next tonight**

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The ECU men's basketball team will play the sixth ranked Duke Blue Devils on Tuesday evening. For the Pirates, this game will surely be their toughest test of this young season.

The Blue Devils feature one of the most highly touted

freshmen in Jabari Parker. The 6-foot-8 forward from Chicago has lived up to his preseason hype thus far averaging 23.3 points per game and 8.3 rebounds per game.

Parker will almost certainly be the go-to guy for the Blue Devils, but look for another 6-foot-8 forward Rodney Hood to be a pres-

ence in the paint. For the Pirates to match up with both of Duke's big men, Marshall Guilmette and Michael Zangari will have to be productive and stay out of foul trouble, a task that is much easier said than done.

One key aspect to keep an eye on in this game will be who rebounds to ball better.

Duke has had their fair share of trouble in that department so far this year. In their game against Kansas, the Blue Devils were out-rebounded 39-24. If the Pirates can control the board and out-rebound Duke, then they may have a chance to pull off the upset.

In order for the Pirates

to be productive offensively, they will have to capitalize on open threes. So far the Pirates have not been as effective as they might wish, making only 38 percent of their three balls. Duke, on the other hand, is shooting at a 51 percent mark, good for fourth in the nation.

The game will be decided by the team that can both

rebound, and effectively shoot from beyond the arc. The Pirates will need to get their big men involved early and contain Parker. If Parker is able to run free and drive to the rim, it could prove to be a long night for the Pirates.

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**Pirates stay unbeaten overall**

**Head Coach Heather Macy and her team improve to 4-0 at home**

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Teams coached by Heather Macy have always done two things well: rebound and play sound defensive basketball. Her Lady Pirates dominated these two facets against William & Mary and Loyola-Maryland this weekend to help them improve to 4-0.

ECU dominated Loyola (0-3) on the glass, 47-30, which led to 16 second-chance points and limited the Greyhounds to just 32 percent shooting from the floor on. This all contributed to the Lady Pirates 68-47 win.

Friday night's game against William & Mary (0-2) was not nearly as one-sided, but similarly, post-play was the difference. The Lady Pirates owned a substantial edge in rebounds, 49-31, and held off the Tribe 69-57.

Red-shirt sophomore Jada Payne eclipsed 20 points in both games, including an outstanding 8-of-12 shooting performance (5-of-6 on 3-pointers) for a game-best 26 points against Loyola.

"It seems like everything I put up in the first half went in," said Payne, who scored 19 of her points in the first half Sunday. "The mindset any shooter has is that if you put up a shot, it's going in ... That's the kind of mentality I have."

Payne transferred to ECU from La Salle and sat out last season due to NCAA transfer rules. And although four games is a small sample-size, Macy has already been impressed with the versatile 6-foot-2-inches, Hickory, N.C. native.

"Jada is a great player and that's why I told her mom 'thank you so much for keeping her and

bringing her back to North Carolina' because we are so thankful to have her," said Macy.

ECU has now had a 20-point scorer in each of its first four games. UNC-Wilmington transfer Abria Trice had the first two and continued to play well over the weekend. The 6-foot-1-inches junior collected 13 points and three steals against William & Mary and capped the weekend with a nine-point, four-rebound outing on Sunday.

Another side story during Sunday's game was the clash between sisters Colleen and Kara Marshall. Sharing a basketball court for the first time since playing together in a high school state championship, Kara, Loyola's junior point guard, won the statistical battle with eight points, three steals and three assists, but Colleen's team captured the win and subsequently earned her some bragging rights.

ECU has now won 18 consecutive games at Minges Coliseum following its perfect four-game home-stand to begin the season. The last time it lost on its home floor was over a year ago—a 72-62 loss to College of Charleston on Nov. 17, 2012.

The road was not as kind to the Lady Pirates last season. They finished with a sub-.500 record (6-7) and lost five of its last six true road-games. ECU will begin its road slate at Elon on Saturday in Burlington, N.C., but Payne doesn't expect to see any drop-off despite the change in scenery.

"It's a new experience, but I know we'll have the same mindset and I know we're going to play hard, so I don't really see it being that big of a deal for us," said Payne.

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The Lady Pirates have used their versatility and depth to stay undefeated thus far.

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