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In celebration of the bowl victory, ECU players showered Head Coach Ruffin McNeill and quarterback Shane Carden with ice water on the sidelines.

## ECU captures bowl win

**Dan Hunt**  
TEC STAFF

ECU captured its second 10-win season in school history by defeating the Ohio Bobcats, 37-20, in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl in St. Petersburg, FL on Dec. 23.

The Pirates ended a four-bowl losing skid with the victory. They received a boost from seniors playing in their final collegiate game.

Safeties Michael Dobson and Damon Magazu both recorded interceptions and running back Vintavious Cooper was named the bowl's most valuable player after rushing for a career-best 198 yards on 25 carries, a 7.9 average per carry.

Junior Justin Hardy caught eight passes for 59 yards and became ECU's all-time leading receiver, breaking Dwayne Harris' record. Hardy is now sitting on 3,040 yards through three seasons.

Meanwhile, Shane Carden made his season the most prolific for a passer in school history, finishing with 4,139 yards – a school record. Carden threw for 297 yards and a touchdown on the night and the versatile junior even caught a touchdown pass on perhaps the play of the game

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CITY/STATE

## Natural gas prices to rise

**Ryan Clancy**  
TEC STAFF

Greenville Utilities' natural gas prices have reached their highest point in roughly two and a half years, according to Scott Mullis, Greenville Utilities assistant director of public relations.

While most student apartment complexes run on electric heat, the increase could still affect students that own houses on the grid or in other areas throughout Greenville.

"There are buildings along 5th and 4th Street, back in that area, that have some natural gas heating and can be affected," said Mullis.

Sue Hatch, Greenville Utilities public information manager, said that for a typical customer with 7,500 cubic feet of space, the price will go up about four dollars.

"Technically it's not a rate increase," said Hatch. "The cost of gas has gone up. It's like with hamburgers, if the cost of a hamburger goes up 5 cents and you're selling it to somebody, you have to charge 5 cents more to recover your costs."

However, Hatch said the opposite is also true.

"When the cost of our gas goes down we pass that along to the customer, too."

Since 2008, Greenville Utilities has decreased their prices 13 times and raised them only five, with the

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## Former ECU football player killed by his brother

**Amanda Adkins**  
TEC STAFF

Derek Blacknall, a four-year letter winner as a defensive back at ECU, was killed on Dec. 9, 2013, following an argument with his brother, Darren Blacknall, at their home in Greensboro, N.C.

Police responded to the Blacknall home at 10 p.m. after getting a call about a person suffering from a wound received during an argument. The two brothers were arguing that night when the fight escalated and Darren stabbed his brother. Derek was taken to a local hospital and was then pronounced dead.

His brother is currently at Guilford County jail without bond and is being charged with first-degree murder.

Derek played football at ECU from 2008-2011 and finished his career with 128 tackles, two forced

fumbles, three interceptions and 13 pass breakups.

"He was an easygoing guy. Always had a smile on his face and always joked around with all the guys," said Andrew Bodenheimer, a former wide receiver for the Pirates. "But when he was on the field, he played all out. He was a laid back guy, but when he was in between those lines, he played tough."

This incident is not the first time that the two brothers have fought. The 911 call history to the Blacknall residence shows that police were sent there more than 30 times since 2007, with 10 of those calls being for domestic dispute.

Court documents also show that in 2006 Darren was charged with simple assault against his brother and he has also been found guilty in the past for larceny, possession of marijuana, injury to real property, resisting public officer, assault on a

female and shoplifting.

Head Football Coach Ruffin McNeill issued the following statement on behalf of Derek's passing: "East Carolina University and the Pirate Nation has sadly lost a member of our football family with the tragic passing of Derek Blacknall. Derek was well liked and respected by his teammates and coaches, and I feel blessed we shared a passion for this program and the game itself."

Hargett Funeral Home served the family for Derek's funeral that was held on Dec. 17. His family, friends and Pirate teammates all came together to honor his life.

"We said the Lord's prayer like we did before each game after the burial. It was tough, but I think it was something special for [Blacknall]," said Bodenheimer. "It was tough that it was on these terms, but I got to see a lot of teammates



Derek Blacknall (far right) was killed in early December by his brother.

I hadn't seen since they graduated or finished playing football. It was like this was part of God's plan to keep guys in touch and stay close as a family. His funeral made me

realize what a great family we have as ECU football players."

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### BRIEFS

#### N.C. to introduce digital textbooks in public schools

The North Carolina General Assembly set aside nearly \$30 million in the 2013-15 budget for digital learning and technology. Many of the state's districts have already moved to implement digital textbooks.

Online history books include videos on subjects and science books show scientific processes.

#### New veteran health care center opens today

Local veterans receiving patient care at the Greenville VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic will now receive their health care at the newly constructed Greenville VA Health Care Center located on Moye Boulevard.

Veterans will receive primary care and mental health services in the new facility. New types of care may be added later on.

#### Alumni Association accepting scholarship applications

Applications for the 2014-15 Alumni Association Scholarship awards are being accepted through Jan. 31.

Since 2005, the Alumni Scholarship program has awarded more than \$225,000 to 178 students.

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# New division of Neurology joins Brody School

Edward Boseman  
TEC STAFF

ECU physicians, Brody School of Medicine physicians and East Carolina Neurology, a private physician practice in Greenville, have merged and are now part of ECU.

“Such move[s] have been talked about since 2009 but the merger was finally completed July 2013,” said Joseph Hodges, administrator of ECN. “It was quite a long process, a very thoughtful and deliberate process.”

More than 70 ECN staff members were offered permanent positions at ECU, according to ECU News Services. The practice sites will be called ECU Physicians

Neurology and ECU Physicians MRI.

ECU had to apply to the state for a certificate of need to acquire MRI and CT scanners.

“A consideration in the process was the Affordable Care Act and the aging population with a neurodegenerative component,” said Hodges.

ENC and BOSM have worked together since BOSM enrolled their first class in 1977. Neurologists at ECN have supervised residents and taught classes at BSOM before the merger.

“There has always been a high level of cooperation between BSOM and ECN for as long as the school has been around. The merger

or acquisition cements that cooperation,” said Hodges.

The latest physicians will join the new division of neurology at BSOM under the Department of Internal Medicine. Twelve neurologists, including two pediatric neurologists, are brand new at BSOM and a part of ECU Physicians, the school’s medical practice.

There are plans of developing a neurology residency and fellowships. Such a move would include ECU as one of the few schools with such programs in North Carolina such as UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke and Wake Forest.

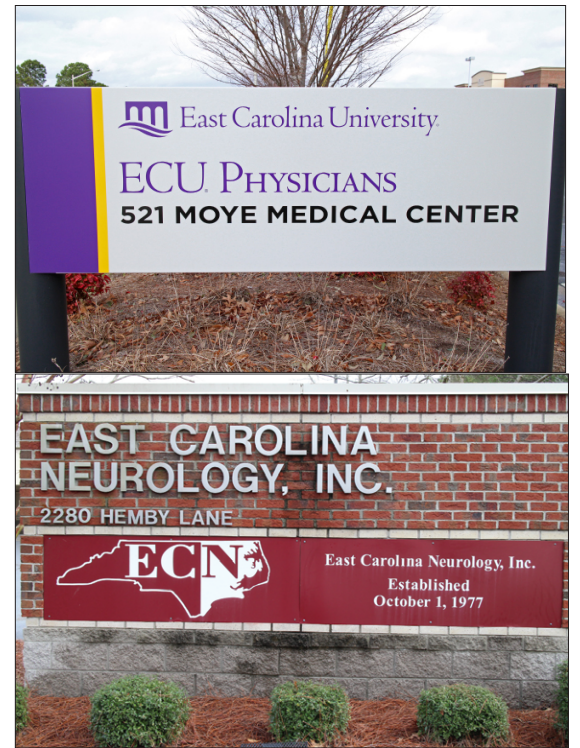
The independent Congressional Budget Office

estimates the reform could save businesses \$2,000 per person in health costs.

Many neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease and cerebrovascular disease have are age related. According to ECU News Services, ECN has an average of 18 inpatients daily at Vidant Medical Center for nervous system related issues, and in 2011 ECN had 3,556 patient admissions.

“The school saw a need for a neurology component and saw a need to include neurologist in their overall pool of physicians available,” said Hodges.

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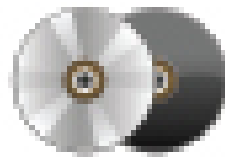
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### Software

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Locate a campus computer lab using ECU's Computer Lab Google map.



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### Technology Help

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ACE Student Computer Support Center: Main Campus (108 Rowl Bldg., 328.5407) or Health Sciences Campus (Loupis Library, 2506 Health Sciences Bldg., 744.5380).

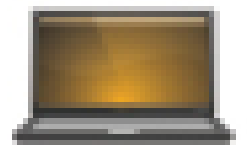
Announcements, resources, and tutorials on the many tools and features within Blackboard: [blog.ecu.edu/sites/blackboard/home](http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/blackboard/home).



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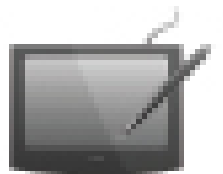
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average customer's bill having gone down since 2005.

Nationally, natural gas prices had been going down over the past couple years, which Mullis attributed to the economy and well as new technologies.

"Natural gas prices have been trending downward and been at a ten-year low," said Mullis. "The supply has increased across the country with fracking and that's also had a role in helping prices remain lower."

However with the economy improving, Mullis said that natural gas prices might return to higher levels.

"The fact that we're starting to get back to more normal gas pricing, that's not surprising," said Mullis. "As the economy gets better, then

you would see the prices go up in the winter time and the natural gas prices would drop again in the summer."

Mullis said that even with the increase, prices are still comparable to other natural gas suppliers such as Piedmont Natural Gas and natural gas supplied by the city of Rocky Mount.

While ECU uses natural gas from Greenville Utilities to heat most of the dormitories and classroom buildings on the main campus, Rebecca Bizzell, ECU's director for resource management for campus operations, says that the increase won't affect them.

"The increase in rates really won't impact us that much because we negotiate with Greenville Utilities the costs of our interruptible

natural gas," said Bizzell.

Interruptible natural gas is a service offered by Greenville Utilities that allows major institutions and industries more flexibility in negotiating their pricing, but it also requires that these customers have an alternate fuel source in case Greenville utilities requires more natural gas to be used elsewhere.

"They can ask us to go off natural gas to provide more gas to the community," Bizzell said. "They're going to ask institutional or large industry customers who have alternate fuel sources to use them during these extreme weather situations. It doesn't happen very frequently."

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City of Greenville Charges	\$ 14.51
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Payment	\$ 0.00
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# Plunge Into Purple Calendar of Events

## January

### Hot Chocolate Giveaway

January 14 • 8:30-10:00am • Wright Plaza, Brewster, Health Sciences

### Hot Chocolate Giveaway

January 15 • 8:30-10:00am • Wright Plaza, Brewster, Health Sciences

### January Art Exhibition Lecture -

#### "The Storybook"

January 17 • 5:30pm • MSC Room 244

### Interfraternity Council Chili Cook-Off

January 17 • 2:00-5:00pm • MSC Brickyard

### Gathering72

January 19 • 6:00pm • MSC Room 244

### MLK Day of Service

January 20

### Talking Across Differences:

#### Hill Harper Lecture

January 21 • 7:00pm • Wright Auditorium

### LWCC Open House

January 23 • 3:00-5:00pm • LWCC

### Polar Bear Plunge

January 23 • 7:00pm • SRC

## February

### Big Game on the Big Screen

February 2 • 6:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

### Hypnotist Michael C. Anthony

February 4 • 8:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

### Live Group Sex Therapy

February 5 • 7:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

### Get a Clue

January 23 • 6:30pm-8:00pm • SRC

### Highlight the Night: DJ Dance Party

January 24 • 10:00pm-2:00am • SRC

### IFC Recruitment

January 27-30

### Hot Chocolate Giveaway

January 27 • 8:30-10:00am • Wright Plaza, Brewster, Health Sciences

### Sophomore Resource Fair -

#### For Current and Rising Sophomores

January 27 • 3:00-4:30pm • MSC 221, 244

### Panhellenic Continuous Open

#### Bidding Kickoff

January 28 • 6:00-7:30pm • MSC Great Rooms

### Live Band Karaoke

January 28 • 5:00pm • West End Dining Hall

### DiversiFY! Henna Tattoos

January 30 • 6:00pm • MSC Social Room

### National Society of Leadership and

#### Success New Member Recruitment Social

January 30 • 7:00pm • Rivers 102

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[www.ecu.edu/plungeintopurple](http://www.ecu.edu/plungeintopurple)

# New appointments in academic affairs

## Provost Marilyn Sheerer appoints Wendy Sergeant as executive director of academic affairs and personnel administration

**Caroline West**  
TEC STAFF

Embarking on her new role as Executive Director of Academic Affairs Personnel Administration as of Jan. 2, Wendy Sergeant, an ECU graduate and Greenville native, has been serving the university in the personnel area for over 12 years.

"Mrs. Sergeant's experience in supporting personnel actions both at a college level and divisional level, her attention to detail, tireless work ethic, creative approach to solving problems and dedication to ECU all position her to be the ideal candidate for this position," wrote Christopher Locklear, chief of staff.

Sergeant has proved herself by providing leadership throughout the division of Academic Affairs on EPA personnel-related matters, supervising staff assigned to the Office of Personnel Administration in Academic Affairs and reporting to the Provost.

"She will have a lot more people reporting to her than she's ever had before, and with

all of these jobs in administration what makes them challenging is, in my opinion, managing this diverse group of people and getting them to work together," said Sheerer. "I think she is going to do very well as a leader of that team."

Sergeant is more than excited to serve the university in a new role and is ready to take on her new responsibilities.

"I think this is a wonderful opportunity... there is always a learning curve in any new job but I am fortunate to have the support of excellent mentors," said Sergeant.

To her fellow faculty and staff she is known as being very organized, hardworking, detailed, serious, eager to learn, has a great sense of humor and is responsible.

"She is a valued colleague and I am thrilled for her and the institution that she has this opportunity to serve in this leadership role," wrote Locklear.

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## New appointment Ying Zhou begins as associate provost of institutional planning, assessment and research next week

**Caroline West**  
TEC STAFF

Ying Zhou will be assuming her new role as Associate Provost of Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research on Jan. 20.

For over 10 years she worked in Institutional Assessment, Research and Distance Education at George Mason University and is expected to bring ECU comprehensive knowledge in IPAR related work, such as outcomes assessment, curricular review, tracking/reporting systems and Banner Services. She also has three years of experience in building and assessing distance learning programs and courses.

"Dr. Zhou seems to me to be very positive, organized and has a certain drive to do things well," said Sheerer. "She is a mother... is caring, energetic and is an enthusiastic kind of person."

While at a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools conference in Dec. 2013, Sheerer was able to speak with Zhou. Enthusiastic about her new role, Zhou was already planning ideas and thinking of

improvements the university could make when she came to campus.

"We are fortunate to get her," said Sheerer. "What we have to do better is... manage the data of the institution... so that you can trust if you need actual data you can go to IPAR and what you get is well done, is accurate and is accessible."

In 2011, Zhou and a team were the recipients of the Exemplary Program Award from the Association of General and Liberal Studies for using assessment to improve the General Education Program.

Sheerer is hopeful about the two new appointments in Academic Affairs and believes Sergeant and Zhou are serious about their work and will complete their jobs to the best of their abilities.

"Academic Affairs is the essence to a university," said Sheerer. "The soul of a university is its academic mission, academic rigor and academic culture."

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# ECU student breaks into Wilson Acres Apartments' complex

**Amanda Adkins**  
TEC STAFF

Detectives with the Greenville Police Department's property crimes unit made several arrests in a series of break-ins at the Wilson Acres apartment complex that occurred from Dec. 12 to Dec. 27.

In each of the break-ins, the suspects broke into a back kitchen window and stole cash and electronics.



**Christopher Martin**

J a m a l Rico Spell and Christopher Martin are both charged for their involvement. Martin is an ECU student and both suspects are residents at the Wilson Acres complex.

A third suspect, Jack Allen Ellis of Raeford, NC, is now in custody after recently being at large and having warrants out for his arrest.

"Mr. Spell has been charged with breaking into four apartments and attempting to break into two others," said Kristen Hunter, GPD's public information officer. "The other two suspects are each facing one count of felony breaking and entering."

Detectives believe the three

suspects broke into one apartment together, while Spell acted alone when breaking into the others. He has been charged with four counts of felony breaking and entering and larceny.

Detective Charles Walker was the lead investigator in the break-ins and was working to solve this case and several others over the past few months.

"Tips from Crime Stoppers

eventually led our detectives to the three suspects. Having a community partnership is extremely important to solving crimes," said Hunter. "Together, we believe we can take a stand against the criminals in Greenville and send a powerful message to those who are thinking about committing a crime."

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## PIRATE RANTS

I went to grad school simply to be an ECU student again. The "real world" SUCKS (and people start judging you for the amount of alcohol you consume)! Prepare for disappointment seniors.

Seriously it's time for ya'll to go back to school so we recent alumni can get our weekly pirate rants... You're messing up my routine.

Since when did the pirate rants become a hook-up service? If you're that thirsty, buy a bottle of water!!

If you have anything positive to say about State please transfer there.

I feel like I'm in a horror movie when I'm in Austin at night, can we get some lights?!

I walked under the cupola in 2006 and I am still here.

You know you are a Pirate graduate when you allow a student employee to miss a meeting because they have to find their friend, who came in for "one night at ECU" and went drunkenly missing...I've been there.

You know when someone is a freshman when they are taking a shower in the dorm bathroom barefoot! #ew

I had no idea how sad I would be this close to graduation.. I'm not ready to leave yet!

Easter is on 4/20 this year - Blaze it & Praise it!

To the psychology girl with the blonde and brown hair with her lip pierced: You. Are. So. Freaking. Hot.

I'm really sick of my roommates smelling up the bathroom. I had hoped that they would use one of the four bottles of febreze in there...

My favorite part of my yoga class this semester? The view.

Pirate profile, check. Speaking at graduation, check. Pirate rant? Just one please.

I am SOO glad my chlamydia cleared up. Now I can finally get it on again!

Ugly guys are the best in bed. They always have something to prove.

God's gift to me: Hot muscular male TA's. I failed his class but damn was that the best 3 hours of my life.

A Bro automatically enhances another Bro's job description when introducing him to a chick.

PAUL WALKER please bring sexy back.

I will never date a little guy again. It made me feel like a pedophile.

Just clicked the link to 'starfish' in blackboard for the first time, just months before I graduate. Has anyone ever actually used this?

You're BASIC for complaining about the word BASIC.

You know you're a senior when the night before your final exam you ask yourself whats more important... yo grade or gettin LAID.

My last semester of college: Equals less books, more booze. Less class, more a\*\*

How bout them Pirates in the BEEF O' BRADY BOWL.

I missed ECU transit. Always over crowded and always late.

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding rants can be directed to Will Farrar at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

# Our view

## Broken promises; Construction on-going

A new semester, a whole new set of promises made by ECU that were not met. Once again students have returned to campus to the disappointing sight of construction. The orange cones of failure have become as much a part of ECU life as purple and gold. While originally construction was supposed to be completed by the beginning of Fall semester, campus has still not returned to its normal state or improved in any way. Belk residence hall on College Hill was set to be torn down, but still stands with an everlasting belt of caution tape around the dorm. The already dismal parking

situation around campus has become even worse with the introduction of signs that say "construction vehicles only". Students that have paid for A2 parking have lost all of the spots near Belk and are forced to park even further away from campus. There are students entering their second semester on campus that have never seen campus free of dust, students that have never had the ease of walking from Bate to Flanagan without having to take a detour. We as an editorial staff urge the university to make the construction a priority and not allow it to become a project that is started and never finished.

## New year, same you

### Take a Step Back



ReAnn Melaga  
TEC COLUMNIST

The ball has dropped, all of the confetti has been thrown and the year is officially new. Many people embrace the New Year and take it as an opportunity to start off with a clean slate. During this transitional phase a common tradition that individuals partake in is the creation of a New Year's resolution list. But how many people actually end up following through with these "life changing" commitments? What is the big deal about them in the first place?

"New year, new me," is a phrase

often thrown around this time of year while people are planning out their resolutions. For students, some of the most common changes that we have in mind are improving our grades, improving our health and for those who dare to be different, going downtown less. All of these things sound like such a good idea until the time comes to stay true to them.

It is easy to say that we are going to study more and get assignments finished ahead of time while we are relaxing over winter break with nothing but time on our hands. However, being college students, it goes without saying that chances of us sticking to our word in this case, are slim to none. Besides, who in their right mind would want to study when there is an ECU basketball game to attend or Sup Dogs' Monday Mug Night to enjoy?

The same lack of commitment can also be found when it comes to losing weight or making an effort to be healthier. The gym always

seems to be packed full with New Years resolution makers at the beginning of the year. Slowly but surely however, these numbers seem to dwindle along with the hopes of improving physical health.

Personally, I think New Year's resolutions have become more of a trend than something people abide by. The idea of improving one's self seems to be much more appealing to people than the act of doing so.

Instead of waiting until the New Year to make a list of seemingly unachievable goals or tasks, make these changes when the time feels right. It is unreasonable to put a specific time limit on the areas that need improvement and it is even more unreasonable to wait until the first of January to make these changes. The New Year should be enjoyed at its fullest, without being tied down by resolutions that will probably never be achieved.

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## Meet the editor: New sheriff in town



Will Farrar  
TEC STAFF

Hello to my fellow Pirates. I hope your first day of classes are going smoothly, as they should considering this is the infamous Syllabus week. The other editors here at the East Carolinian have trusted me to take over the reigns from Jamitress Bowden of the Opinion section, who did a marvelous job last semester but decided to step down to pursue other opportunities she was offered.

As the new editor of this section, I am focused on keeping up the good work that has been completed in past semesters by a host of different editors. I am extra excited to be working with this specific section because we get to have a little fun and express our views as we wish, without of course, bashing or harming anybody's reputation or work.

ECU has over 25,000 students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate studies and I am almost certain that every single one of you guys have an opinion on something. As the editor, I would love to hear from as many people as possible, whether you send me a Pirate Rant or have a story idea that you would like to email, feel free to do so!

We have a staff of writers already bouncing around great story ideas, but we would love to include the work of anyone interested in sharing their perspective on any hot topic. I am looking forward to hearing from people, and more excited to supply students with fun and informational content all semester.

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## Textbooks are old news

### Line of Fire



Dana Morgan  
TEC COLUMNIST

Spring semester is here, accompanied by post-holiday work out regiments, agonizing Spring Break anticipation, and countless expenses. Between the rent, gas prices, and food, there's always that one expenditure that never fails to seem downright senseless - textbooks.

Every semester I've found myself dishing out about half of my student loans to get textbooks I'll never read. Not to mention the fact that they cost just about as much as two weeks worth of gas. Who gets to decide how valuable the information is inside it anyways? What ever happened to "knowledge is priceless"?

You know textbooks are too expensive when businesses have to offer rentals. Although I think this is an awesome idea that helps

many students, it also shows how overpriced they are. Not to mention the fact that you have to remember to return them. With stress that builds towards finals, book returns are another task students have to add to our workload.

I am sure almost every upperclassman has had that one textbook they've searched hell and back for, just to hear, "sorry, we're sold out." There's nothing more annoying than running around town searching for a book for some class that you don't even care for. Aside from paying for it, that is.

The worst problem about purchasing textbooks is the fact that you may not even have to use them. I've taken classes where everything in the text was copied and pasted on a PowerPoint or on Blackboard. If you're going to regurgitate the same thing from the book, grant us the opportunity to save the extra bucks.

Although it's always fun to get cash back for the books we bought at the beginning of the semester, it's bittersweet since we only receive about a fourth of what we paid originally. How is it that every time I go sell my book back at the end of the semester it just so happens to be the old version?

Is it just me or is there a new volume of an old book every week?

I'm pretty sure the only changes are the color of the cover and some punctuation corrections. If it is incorrect information in the books, why are they making us pay so much for something that they don't know is full-proof in the first place?

The solution to these problems is simple - stop making our books the same price as the tablets we read them on. I get the fact that some people have spent time putting their knowledge and time into creating their own book for the class they teach, but to make that book you've been in the same struggle as us. Show us mercy.

We live in 2014, if we're going to refer to ourselves as living in the "digital age", why not administer these texts electronically - for free. If it's so imperative to have these expensive books, isn't that even more of a reason to give them to us? We can Google all the information we need anyways.

I've heard of food for thought, but these textbooks are cutting into my grocery funds. We've got 99 problems, and these books are about six. Paper burns quickly and these overpriced textbooks are in the line of fire.

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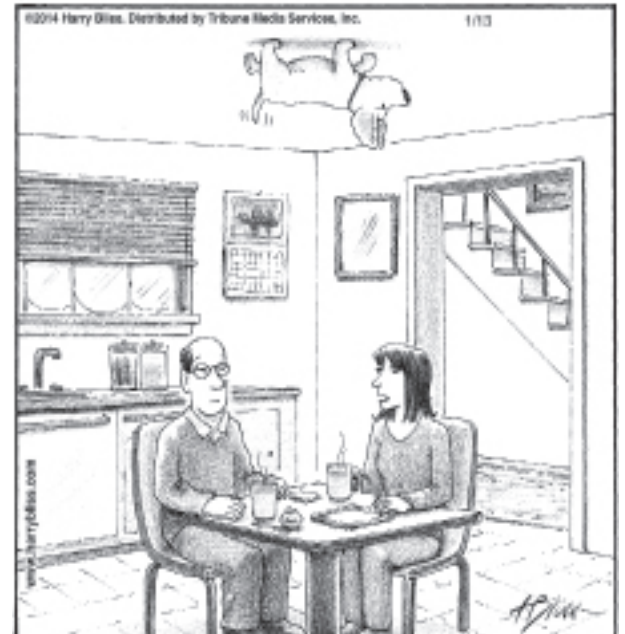
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"Barney! Get down!"

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By Jeff Stillman

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### Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- Business office
  - Stomach
  - Punch card
  - Whispering "Kissin'"
  - Jazz singer Horne
  - Pushing rope connection
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  - Massive exclusive corporation
  - Slaves or Abyssinian
  - Star in "Star Wars"
  - Serinary dig
  - Dog legs, for instance
  - Class being much outcome
  - Part of a lock
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  - Felina
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  - Alms appeal
  - Tea or blouse
  - Sandwich meat
  - Powerfully determined NBA draft choice
  - "Ma, Ma"
  - Use a piggy bank
  - Overlook with, as chair
  - Peelable, for short
  - Hawthorn shrub
  - Thief's haul
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  - Head-on-chopped nutlike snack
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  - South Sea gateway
  - Sublime (top)
  - "to live \_\_\_ will be true"
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  - Wink on dough
  - Talking cellphone messages
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  - Extremely
  - Male deer
  - Baron of Hounslow
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  - Edible used on an apple
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  - PC alternative
  - Peek in a hammock
  - Collaborator's name
  - ICU days
  - Post whose work inspired "Cats"
  - Director Pharringer
  - Woman on stage
  - Black \_\_\_ Chinese cabbage
  - Consumes early
  - Take a stand against
  - Series of lines
  - Lacks
  - Wood before the or inn
  - \_\_\_ eleven
  - State known for its cuisine
  - Business bigwig
  - Empower holder
  - "\_\_\_ Doubler"

# Recital to be held at Fletcher

## Pfalz and Lipford perform original compositions

Jordan Register  
TEC STAFF

This Sunday, Fletcher Recital Hall will hold two recitals that will exhibit original and innovative musical prowess. Graduate student Andrew Pfalz has composed the first recital.

Pfalz hails from Florida, but came to college to pursue a major in musical theory and composition. Like all music students before him, wishing to gain their masters, he has had to put together a completely original composition.

Pfalz says designing an entirely unique piece of music isn't easy but can be very fascinating.

"I usually think of something that sounds interesting to me," said Pfalz. "Instead of telling the players what rhythms to play, I just tell them what notes to play and see what they come up with."

Pfalz describes his composition style as experimental, and innovative in regards to music composition.

He plays classical guitar, which is similar to an acoustic guitar, but has nylon strings instead of metal, giving it a clearer and more romantic sound according to Pfalz.

Although classical guitar is Pfalz's main instrument, his major requires knowledge of more than just the guitar. Pfalz has composed multiple pieces to be included in the recital that encompass a wide



Akeem Lipford, pictured above, says the senior recital is great for anyone who loves music or wants to experience it.

variety of instruments such as the keyboard, tuba, piano, flute, string quartet, and clarinet. Majority of the instruments can be heard in the highlighted piece of the recital.

"On Gentle Indifference" is the title of Pfalz's feature piece in the recital. He says it is the last piece and includes the largest ensemble. It is also the longest song he has prepared.

In addition to Pfalz's unique

style, he has created his own software system that will accompany the music being played and interact differently each performance.

"My goal is to give the audience a reason to come see the performance live rather than just a recording," said Pfalz. "A lot of the pieces have some degree of experimental in it, that will make that performance different from any other performance."

Pfalz has applied to a variety of graduate programs and hopes to gain his PhD in music composition.

Not only will Pfalz be performing his compositions Sunday evening, senior music composition major, Akeem Lipford, will be presenting his recital later the same night.

Lipford says he loves music and was not daunted by the prospect of composing original pieces, but said

it took him about seven months of preparation to complete his recital compositions.

In a stark contrast to Pfalz's innovative and experimental composition style, Lipford describes his style as being a contemporary version of romanticism. Lipford says events and people in his life inspired his pieces.

"I view myself as an expressionist, someone who tells stories through my music," said Lipford.

Lipford's main instrument is the piano, but like Pfalz, he has composed pieces involving various musical instruments.

"There are about 13 other instruments that go all across the board," said Lipford.

Although Lipford's recital leans more towards a classical theme, his last piece entitled "The Scholar Mass" is his highlight piece and each movement is dedicated to a different professor.

Lipford intends to become a music professor and travel the world teaching others about music composition and piano.

The recitals will be held at Fletcher Recital Hall at 5 p.m. for Pfalz and 7 p.m. for Lipford. There will be a joint intermission between the recitals at 6 p.m. where food and drink will be provided.

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# Fur-ocious winter fashion trends



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"We'll never be royals," because as the indie/pop songwriter Lorde puts it, "that kind of lux just ain't for us." Unfortunately, she is right. Most people will never be brought into a family of royalty, won't live in a fairytale castle, and probably will never have a crown of precious jewels to sit atop their heads. However, there's no reason to let that discourage you from dressing like you come from a long line of royal blood. You can battle the harsh cold winds and achieve a luxurious look this winter without dishing out a fortune simply by picking up one staple item for your closet: fur.

There is a lot of controversy surrounding the idea of wearing real fur, not to mention the high price of animal skins. Luckily, for those who don't have piles of riches as well as animal lovers, faux fur is a cheaper and friendlier version than the real thing. Not to mention, it is next to impossible to distinguish between the two. Just adding a simple fur garment, real or not, can make the most basic outfit stand out.

As with everything else in life, balance is key to styling an outfit with fur accents. You want to really be sure not to over-do it or you could end up looking like a walking forest creature or even worse, a yeti. To avoid being mistaken for Bigfoot, you want to opt out of multiple fur pieces. Instead, use one fur piece and keep the rest of your outfit simple. Furs are surprisingly versatile and depending on the color you choose, it can go with just about everything in your closet. Cheetah print furs go great with an outfit of a solid color, such as all black or different shades of red. A solid white fur vest or coat is a classy accent to a pair of bold colored skinny jeans and a neutral button-up blouse.

A full fur coat is a fabulous find in a thrift store or in the back of your grandma's closet and adds a bit of oomph to any outfit. Don't be afraid to stand out a little on the streets. A full coat of fur can be bulky, which is great for warmth as long as you don't pair it with other thick items, in which case you will lose all body shape completely. You want to be sure the remainder of your outfit is snug and fits close to your body.

If you aren't quite daring enough to try out a big fluffy jacket but still want to make a bold statement, a fur vest is a happy medium. To give the vest an edgier feel, accent it with some black leather, or fake leather to keep it friendly. Try pairing it with a plain white tunic, leather tights, and some brightly colored accessories.

To get a more low-key look, pick out a garment with a little fur lining. A coat with fur trim around the collar and cuffs, or even a vintage fur stole can be added to a colorful dress with tights. A thick winter coat with fur lining around the hood looks great with a basic printed t-shirt, some old skinny jeans, and old Converse.

For all you fashion-forward men out there, don't shy away



Popular rapper, Macklemore (above center), and many other celebrities are often seen wearing fur on some part of their clothing.



Fur can be added to other parts of clothing, not just jackets.

from furs before giving them a chance. You can make a fur vest or hat look masculine by adding some brown leather and flannel to the outfit. To dress it down, pair either of them with a solid long sleeve shirt, some dark jeans and combat boots.



Fur is no longer just for women. More and more clothing designers have been including it in men's apparel as well.

A fur piece can add sophistication to any outfit so try it out with everything in your closet and you may be surprised what goes well together. Have fun with your outfit while staying warm and classy. Pair it with different colors, prints, and textures until you find what suits your style best, and enjoy a luxurious look fit for royalty.

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## August Osage County Drama and dysfunction hit the Midwest harder than a tornado



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Every family throughout the entire world endures varying sets of issues such as money troubles, sickness, and dysfunctional relationships.

August Osage County tells the story of an extremely dysfunctional family, the Westons, doing everything they can to maintain an ounce of composure.

In the wake of the disappearance of her father, Barbara Weston, played by Julia Roberts, travels back to her childhood home to become reunited with her estranged family. It had been years since Barbara and her sister Ivy, played by Julianne Nicholson, had reconciled with their wacked-out mother Violet Weston, played by Meryl Streep. Throughout the film it becomes extremely apparent that Violet is the leading cause for the many years of trials and tribulations that caused the family to fall apart at its seams.

Barbara must come together again with her mother in order to start making some much needed changes to the family dynamic, but callous Violet makes it increasingly difficult for that to happen thanks to her smart tongue and strong will. Suffering from an addiction to pain medicine, a diagnosis of mouth cancer, and the revelation of a history of abuse from her own mother, the venom Violet spews on the outside becomes understandable to the viewers.

However, Violet is not the only family member dealing with gut wrenching issues. Barbara is dealing with troubles in her marriage and raising a teenage daughter, played by Abigail Breslin. Ivy, the primary care taker of her mother, is dealt a bombshell of her own. The drama does not cease from the beginning of the movie to its ending, making a ripple effect through each member of the family causing audience members to empathize on a personal level with at least one member of the Weston family, if not more.

August Osage County began as a book written by Tracy Letts that went on to win her a Pulitzer Prize. A few years later, the book was adapted into a play featured on Broadway and shown in the Steppenwolf Theater in Chicago.

Altogether, August Osage County is an extremely entertaining movie with no shortage of drama with an incredible cast of leading and supporting actors and actresses. However, there are moments of obvious over acting, which is apparent even to the untrained eye. Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts both outdo themselves in August Osage County by stepping into roles that are unlike any they have played before.

This film is a must see for those who enjoy a good drama. It is a movie relatable to many families, maybe not in exact terms, but in a similar understanding that every family has its own set of issues to deal with.

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### GRADE: B+



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# 12 essential mobile apps for your new tablet

Melissa Breyer  
MCT CAMPUS

Now that your shiny, new tablet is all set up, charged and raring to go, what to do with it? With the gazillions of apps from which to choose, it's easy to quickly beleaguer your poor new gadget with a host of useless tools. And while that's an initiation rite of every new tablet owner, you might as well cut to the chase and download the essentials while you're at it.

The following are some of the tried-and-true workhorse apps that any new tablet owner will appreciate:

## 1 Kindle

This comes as a surprise to many, but you don't actually need a Kindle to read Kindle books. The free app is available for all devices and gives you access to more than 1 million Kindle books.

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## 3 Skype

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## 4 TuneIn

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## 6 Cable TV Apps

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## 7 Netflix

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## 10 Wikipedia

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# Pirates overwhelmed by ODU

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The ECU men's basketball team was up-ended in their Conference USA opener, 81-70, losing to Old Dominion University.

The Pirates (11-5, 0-1 C-USA) came into their first conference game against ODU (7-9, 1-0 C-USA) sporting an impressive 11-4 record, with two of those losses coming against ACC foes North Carolina State and Duke. But despite their record, the Pirates had some glaring weaknesses coming into Saturday's game. Perhaps the most obvious is their lack of "big-men," which stems from a season ending knee injury to 6-foot-10 forward Marshall Guilmette.

Guilmette's injury has been well documented this season and the injury has forced the Pirates to play a four-guard system, which is not the way they envisioned the offense in the pre-season.

With a majority of the slack needing to be picked up by Michael Zangari and Brandan Stith, the Pirates were beaten soundly inside by ODU. The Monarchs came out and attacked the paint all night.

The Pirates had a hard time adjusting their defensive scheme. If the Pirates ran a zone, they were being pulled out of the paint by ball fakes and screens, which left the baseline wide-open for lay-ups and high percentage shots. If the Pirates went with man-to-man defense, the Monarch's speed and movement beat them off the dribble.

"We tried to mask our inability to defend the ball," said ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo. "But they exposed it tonight at the guard spot... their ability to beat us one-on-one was the bottom line. They got into the rim area and we offered no resistance most of the night."

The Pirates went into the half tied at 37 with the Monarchs. The first half was dictated by back and forth action, with the teams trading points.

However, the storyline of the first-half was the Monarch's ability to take senior guard, and the team's leading three-point shooter, Akeem Richmond, out of the game.

"(Richmond) is such a dynamic player," said ODU Head Coach Jeff Jones. "Nobody is going to really shut him down. He can take, and make, difficult shots... we wanted to make

him work for everything he was going to get."

With Richmond held scoreless in the first-half of play, the Pirates had to rely on production of other players. Among those was senior Petar Torlak, who had yet to see any real significant time this season. Torlak did not disappoint. He finished the game with 12 points, and was four of six from behind the arc. Torlak's spark kept the Pirates in the first half.

The second-half was a nightmare for the Pirates. ODU revved up their assault in the paint, and stymied ECU defensively. It seemed like whenever the Monarchs made it into the paint, they were sure to get points.

"They didn't do anything tricky (offensively). We just have to get tougher off the ball screens. The (seniors) have to step and do that, and show the younger guys how to do it," said Torlak.

Perhaps the turning point of the game came early in the second-half. With the game's momentum on the line, and the Pirates down 51-50, Stith was fouled on his way up to the basket, and went to the line to shoot two free throws. Stith came up long on the first shot and short on the second.

The Monarchs then went on a 13-4 run and continued to exploit ECU's weakness.

By the time it was all said and done, the Pirates were outrebounded 36-29 and allowed a staggering 50 points in the paint. They also committed 13 turnovers to the Monarch's five.

"We spent eight days working on defense," said Lebo. "So that's what's frustrating to me as coach because we spent all that time on it."

Freshman Stith had a unique opportunity to play against his father Bryant. The elder Stith is an assistant-coach for ODU. Stith didn't have a game to remember, finishing the night with just one point.

The Pirates finished the night with four players in double-digit points, and hit 10 three-point shots. They struggled with free throws, shooting 66.7 percent from the line and couldn't find a stop defensively.

ECU will have an opportunity to get their first conference victory when they travel to Florida to take on the Florida Atlantic Owls on Thursday.

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ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo (above) showed frustration after a call during Saturday's home game.

## Men's basketball goes 3-3 over break

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While many ECU students were out of town for winter break, the Pirate men's basketball team was busy approaching the midpoint of the regular season schedule.

They have won five of their last eight games, but went 3-3 during the academic break.

During this period, senior guard Akeem Richmond averaged over 22 points a game and freshman forward Caleb White impressed with a 13.3 point average.

On Dec. 14, the N.C. A&T Aggies came to Minges Coliseum and lost to the Pirates 84-71. Junior guard Paris Roberts-Campbell and Akeem Richmond each had 21 points.

Five days later, ECU secured a 103-94 win at home against the VMI Keydets. Starting freshman Caleb White scored a career-high 24 points and made 11 of his 14 free throws.

Fellow freshman Brandan Stith had 10 points and 10 rebounds, resulting in his third double-double of the season.

ECU travelled to Raleigh on Dec. 21 to take on the N.C. State Wolfpack. Akeem Richmond had a 23-point performance, but the Pirates couldn't overcome the size and strength of N.C. State.

Sophomore Wolfpack forward and ACC scoring leader T.J. Warren was unstoppable, notching 32 points and eight rebounds.

The Georgia State Panthers arrived in Greenville eight days later and gave ECU



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ECU played in six games over break. Akeem Richmond averaged 22 points during the span.

its second straight loss in an 89-82 victory.

Akeem Richmond contributed again with 21 points and sophomore guard Prince Williams came off the bench to score 18 points. The Panthers' senior forward Manny Atkins dropped 27 against the Pirates.

ECU kicked off 2014 with a 79-71 road win versus the Campbell Camels on Jan. 2. Akeem Richmond tied his career-highs of 37 points and ten three-pointers. Richmond achieved those same statistics a month earlier against Fayetteville State.

The Old Dominion Monarchs entered

Williams Arena Saturday night looking for a win in their Conference USA debut.

Thanks to a field goal percentage of 56.4 (31 of 55), the Monarchs (7-9) achieved that goal against a Pirate squad (11-5) that struggled once with its interior pressure.

"We didn't have a good game defensively," said Akeem Richmond. "Guys were beating us one-on-one. The ball screens really hurt us as well."

The Pirates never had control of ODU guards Keenan Palmore and Aaron Bacote and allowed the Monarchs to

score 50 points in the paint.

Paris Roberts-Campbell led ECU with 21 points and seven rebounds. After getting 19 points in the first half, ODU stepped up their defensive pressure and limited Roberts-Campbell to only two points in the final 20 minutes.

The game was tied 37-37 at halftime, but the Monarchs were relentless in the second half and won 81-70.

"We tried to mask our inability to defend the ball, but they exposed it tonight at the guard spot," said ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo.

Despite the loss, senior guard Petar Torlak was able to play valuable minutes and finished with a season-high 12 points. Time will tell if his increased presence on the court will continue into the rest of conference play.

"I'm trying to help my team when I get in and use my minutes to shoot the ball and do whatever I can," said Torlak.

ECU certainly has the talent to win a large number of conference games this year, but it will have to consistently convert on open shots to compensate for its lack of size under the basket.

The Pirates will look to rebound in a road matchup against the Florida Atlantic Owls (5-11) Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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### TAKEAWAYS

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates fell to conference foe FIU, 76-75 in overtime on the road Saturday, despite a career-high 31 points from junior Abria Trice.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates fell at home to the Old Dominion Monarchs, 81-70 in their Conference USA opener on Saturday.

#### ECU BASEBALL

The baseball team will host its annual "Meet the Pirates" luncheon on Feb. 8.

#### CHARLOTTE BOBCATS

The Bobcats sit at 15-23 this season, ninth in the Eastern Conference.

#### FOOTBALL

ECU finalized its non-conference schedule for 2014.

HOME-NC Central (Aug. 30)

AWAY-South Carolina (Sept. 6)

AWAY-Virginia Tech (Sept. 13)

HOME-North Carolina (Sept. 20)

#### PIRATES IN THE PROS

ECU baseball's all-time saves leader, Seth Simmons, was invited to the Arizona Diamondbacks' spring training, which begins on Feb. 7 in Phoenix, AZ.



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# ECU stumbles in OT

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The ECU women's basketball team suffered its first Conference USA loss of the season with a 76-75 overtime defeat to Florida International.

With 30 seconds remaining in overtime and a one-point lead, the Lady Pirates' Kristine Mial turned over the ball to FIU. On the ensuing possession, FIU's Tynia McKinzie sealed the victory with a

After a series of turnovers by ECU, the Panthers tied it up at 23 with 7:55 left in the half. The Panthers were led by sophomore sensation, Jerica Coley. Coley is averaging 28.4 points per game and picked up 37 in their win over ECU.

"[Coley] is a very strong player and I give her all the credit for her play tonight," said ECU coach Heather Macy.

The fouls racked up for both teams late in the first half as the lead bounced back and forth. Free throw shooting

an easy lay-up by Shae Nelson. The Lady's slowed things down and used their possessions more effectively. ECU moved the ball down low and forced the Panthers to foul and send the Pirates to the line.

Abria Trice was sent to the line with a chance to tie the game with eight minutes remaining. After making one of two from the line, the Pirates trailed 56-55. Then, with 6:59 left in the game, a basket by Ondrea Shaw gave the Pirates their first lead since the end of the first half. The Panthers grinded on the inside to force fouls and regain the lead. The Panthers shot 17 of 20 (89 percent) from the line for the game and pulled back ahead 60-59 with five minutes left. The Panthers expanded their lead until the Pirates pulled even at 66 with 1:45 remaining in the game. The Pirates forced overtime after a play drawn up by Coach Macy.

"Janasha [Ebron] was able to make a great pass and gave us a chance in overtime," said Macy.

ECU's leading scorer, Abria Trice (31 points) fouled out with two minutes remaining in overtime as the Pirates held a one-point advantage. Despite losing the leading scorer, the Pirates held a 75-72 advantage with 1:22 left in overtime. ECU led by just one (75-74) before Mial's turnover, one of just two for the game.

"Just a few different bounces of loose balls, and this was a different game," said Coach Macy.

The Lady Pirates take on Conference USA opponent Tulane on the road Wednesday.

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The Lady Pirates lost their second game of the season Sat. night.

go-ahead basket with 15 seconds to go.

Following a timeout by the Pirates, ECU moved the ball down low to Ondrea Shaw, who could not get a good look at the basket before time expired. The loss gave the Pirates their second defeat of the season (13-2) and their first in conference (1-1).

The Pirates pulled out to an early 20-16 lead 10 minutes through the first half.

became critical, and the Pirates executed, as they cashed in on 17 of 20 (85 percent) from the line. The Panthers and Pirates headed to the locker rooms knotted at 35.

The second half was kicked off with an 11-2 run by FIU to make it 46-37. The Pirates were able to tighten up on defense and force a few turnovers (10 team steals) to pull the game to within two (48-46) with 10 minutes left in the game after

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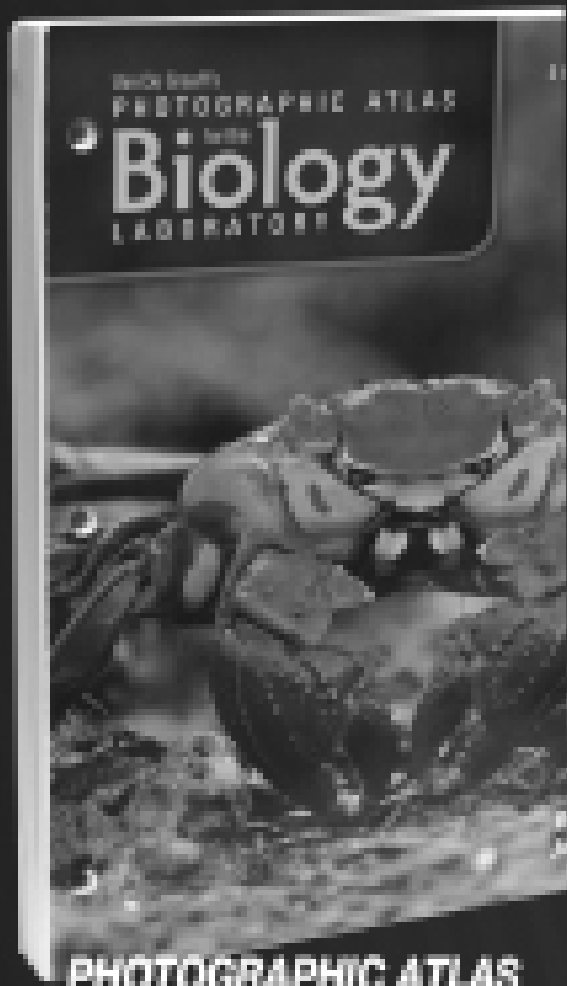
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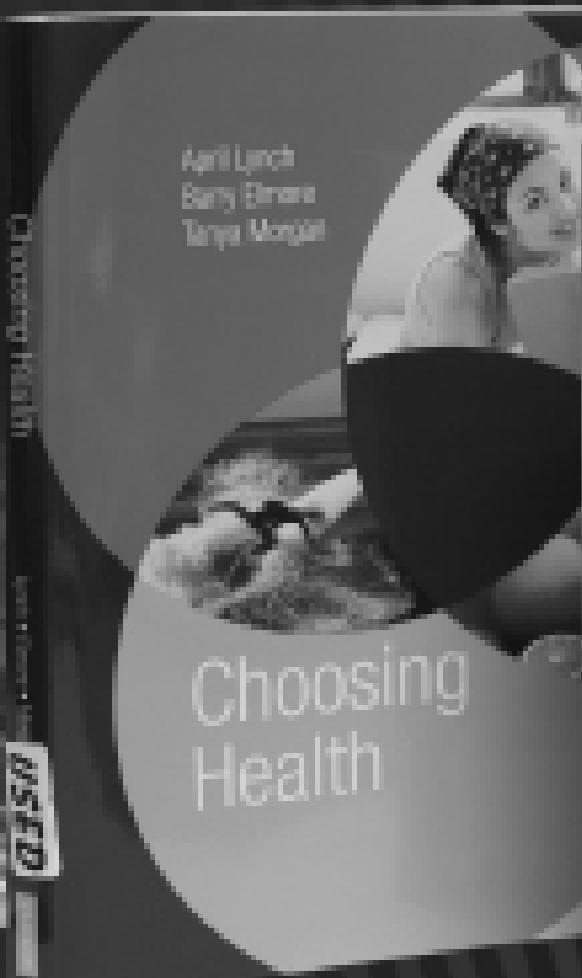
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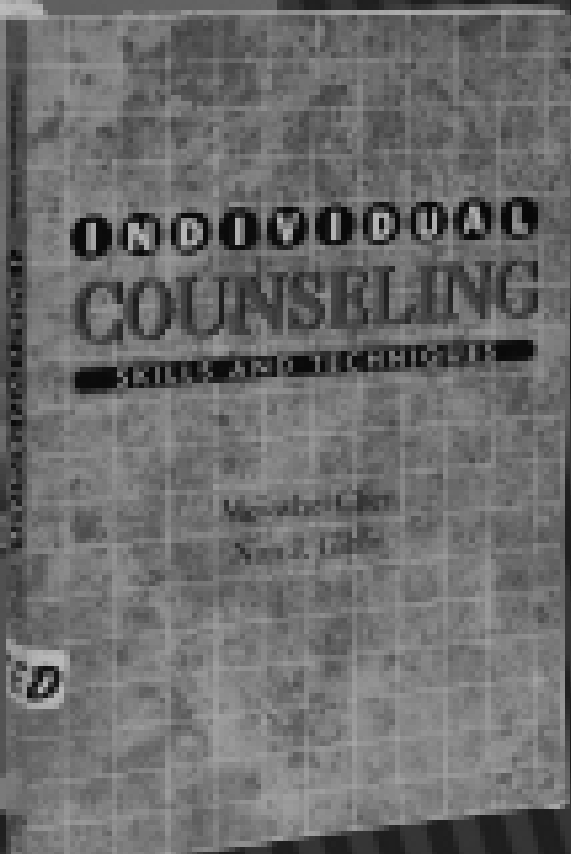
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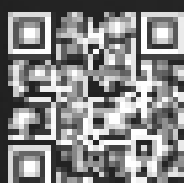
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# Lady Pirates enjoy historic start

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ECU women's basketball coach Heather Macy has never cared about preseason rankings. A year after her squad finished second in the regular season, the Lady Pirates were projected to finish seventh in the Conference USA standings in 2013-2014.

Now let's fast-forward a couple months. At the start of league play, they currently own the best record among C-USA teams and made some history as a result.

ECU's 13-2 record and 12 non-conference victories are the most in school history and has steered the Lady Pirates to the program's best start to a season in more than 40 years.

The 1972-1973 team won its first 18 games of the year en route to a 19-2 finish and an appearance in the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NAIA) Tournament. With the enactment of Title IX in '72, the NAIA was the women's equivalent to the NCAA for the men's programs.

And the Lady Pirates' efforts have not gone unnoticed. In fact, Macy has already seen change in the perception of ECU basketball.

"Before we were sneaking up on people and everyone was just like, 'Oh it's East Carolina.' Now all of a sudden it's a game you circle on the schedule," she said.

On the larger scale of recognition, the Lady Pirates received their first top-25 vote of the season in last week's USA Today Coach's Poll and opened C-USA play with a victory against a new member of the conference, Florida Atlantic.

Speaking of streaks, ECU has not lost at home in a very long time. The last time the Lady Pirates lost was Nov. 17, 2012. The Lady Pirates' 61-58 victory against Florida Atlantic last Wednesday was their 21st consecutive win at Minges Coliseum—a streak that stretches across three calendar years.

Aside from securing a few milestones, the story of the first half of the season has clearly been the play of transfers Jada Payne and Abria Trice.

Payne moved closer to her nearby home of Hickory, N.C., after spending a season at La Salle. The 6-foot-2, sophomore leads ECU in scoring (20.9) and rebounding (7.4). Payne has also turned in nine 20-point outings and eclipsed 30 points in a game, twice.

Trice came to ECU from UNC-Wilmington along with assistant coach Ollin Dunford and has not disappointed either. She is the only other Pirate

that currently averages double figures scoring (16.9).

It hasn't solely been about the dynamic duo, though. ECU has 14 active players on its roster and the bulk of the group is capable of making an impact on the floor and has done so this season. Nine separate Pirates average double figure minutes per game.

"We are very deep and one of our advantages as a basketball team is our depth," Macy said. "I think that one through 14 can step in on any given night and play big for us."

ECU's fourth-year coach has now put the first half of the season behind her, but if the first 15 games are any indication, the Lady Pirates may be in store for something special.

"We feel like we are just getting started," Macy said before ECU's C-USA opener. "Our focus has been narrowed to where we attempt to be a better basketball team each day."

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Janesha Ebron (33) leads the Lady Pirates with 4.8 assists per game through 15 games, thus far.

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Shane Carden (5) celebrates his touchdown catch with offensive lineman Will Simmons in the bowl game against the Ohio Bobcats. It was the first catch for Carden as a receiver at ECU. DREW CARTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN



Vintavious Cooper (21) eludes Ohio defenders as he breaks off a big run towards the endzone. DREW CARTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN



Vintavious Cooper celebrates a touchdown run. DREW CARTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN



Quarterback Shane Carden (5) directs traffic as he communicates with his receivers down field. DREW CARTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Pirates out of C-USA championship contention, Marshall (10-4), finished its season with a 31-20 victory over ACC opponent, Maryland in the Military Bowl. Star quarterback Rakeem Cato will be returning as a senior for the Herd, who will most likely be in contention for the conference crown in 2014.

The 2013 champion of C-USA, Rice had a disappointing finish due to a 44-7 throttling handed down by Mississippi State in the Liberty Bowl. The Owls had previously secured their third 10-win season in program history by defeating Marshall, 41-24 in the Conference USA Championship Game.

North Texas earned its first bowl victory since 2008 with a 36-14 victory over UNLV in the Heart of Dallas Bowl. The Mean Green made their case to justify their entry into Conference-USA after going 6-2 in the league and 9-4 overall.

Another first year member, Middle Tennessee State (8-5) reached a bowl game this season but was sent home by standout quarterback Keenan Reynolds and the Navy option-attack in the Armed Forces Bowl. With the 24-6 loss, the Blue Raiders finished the year with eight wins for the second year in a row.

Tulane was edged out by in-state foe Louisiana-Lafayette 24-21 in the New Orleans Bowl, which was an exciting battle inside the Superdome. The Green Wave (7-6) lost a heartbreaker, but compared to their struggles in recent history, they will head to the American Athletic Conference trending in a positive direction under second-year coach Curtis Johnson.

The Pirates will be joining the Green Wave in their conference transition riding with momentum of their own. Shane Carden will be back with a plethora of offensive weapons at receiver, but ECU will likely have to go through young and talented teams like Cincinnati and Houston next season – not to mention UCF coming off a 52-42 Fiesta Bowl upset over Baylor, en route to a 12-1 dream season.

UCF's star quarterback Black Bortles has elected to enter the NFL draft and running back Storm Johnson has made the same decision, rendering the 2014 AAC race wide-open, as teams like, SMU, UConn, South Florida, Temple and Memphis look to redeem from sub-par 2013 seasons as the Pirates get ready for their first season of AAC play.

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touchdown pass on perhaps the play of the game (and season).

Midway through the fourth quarter, with ECU leading, 24-20 at the Ohio 14-yard line, Carden swung a lateral pass left to receiver Cam Worthy. Worthy proceeded to throw it back in the direction of Carden, who was running towards the end zone. The Bobcats were ready for the play and had it double-covered, but ECU's captain high-pointed the ball, securing a highlight-reel touchdown-grab and a giving the Pirates a lead that they never surrendered.

Before the season, the Pirates set four goals for themselves: win a conference championship, beat an ACC opponent, win a bowl game and record 10 wins. With the victory in St. Petersburg, they sealed three out of four, making even the most pessimistic of Pirate fans smile.

The Pirates capped off their own 2013 campaign on a positive note, but they also did their part to cement what was a successful, or at least top-heavy, season for Conference-USA.

Three C-USA squads (ECU included) finished with ten wins. The team that knocked the

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