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## MLK Day

### Students volunteer to honor the holiday with service

**Amanda Adkins**  
TEC STAFF

On Jan. 20 students honored Martin Luther King Jr. Day by volunteering at places throughout the city.

Campus groups traveled throughout Greenville to different sites to help out with various tasks. The Volunteer and Service Learning Center organized the volunteer opportunities.

Hendrix Theatre hosted a light breakfast with a video clip of King's "I Have a Dream" speech for those who were volunteering. Community leaders came out to the theatre and spoke about the importance of service and community engagement, and volunteers also engaged in team building exercises.

My Sister's Closet hosted 12 students who helped clean and sort donated clothing. Different groups volunteered all day for three hours at a time.

The store sells gently used ladies' clothing and the income is returned to services provided by the Center for Family Violence Prevention. The store also honored the holiday with a 50 percent off sale on all their merchandise.

"Something we don't really think about is the fact that we were able to come volunteer because Martin Luther King Jr. fought for our equality," said Janay Braxton, freshman School of Dental Medicine student. "It was just a great opportunity to take the time to give back and help."

Students from the Council on Family Relations went to Red Oak Manor Assisted Living to volunteer their time.

Renata Copeland, junior and president of CFR, said, "We had about 10 students sign up, but more students keep dropping by to volunteer. We came here to play bingo with the residents for a few hours. We wanted to come out and use our time for something good, especially on this Holiday."

The Jarvis Boys and Girls Club hosted three students who are a part of Women's Organization for Minorities Achieving Now. These students helped children present at the club and passed out food.

"We are here to help present biographies about Martin Luther King Jr. and to help them with drawings that they are making for today," said Glory Iluyomade, sophomore and president of WOMAN. "We chose to come here because our group mostly targets young woman and we try to empower them, so we thought we could achieve that here."

There were 10 total sites students could invest their time in. These places include Jarvis Boys and Girls club, My Sister's Closet, Red Oak Manor Assisted Living, Making Pitt Fit Community Garden, Third Street Community Center, Spring Arbor and the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. Some students also traveled to Grifton, N.C., to volunteer at A Time For Science.

Other organizations involved with the MLK day of service were Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, Alpha Phi Alpha and The Black Student Union.

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## NO MORE CONSTRUCTION



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The once fenced in sidewalk on the mall is now free of construction and ready for use.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Students speak to university officials about new facilities

**Caroline West**  
TEC STAFF

Two weeks ago two students and a parent shared their opinions about the new student center and parking deck with the UNC Board of Governors.

Timothy Schwan, Student Government Association president, was one of the students who spoke at the Board of Governors meeting. He spoke about the evident need for both of the projects.

"When you double your sizes but not double your space, it's tough," said Schwan.

According to Schwan, there is overcrowding in the Mendenhall Student Center parking lot and there is a need for more meeting space in Mendenhall.

Also, Schwan mentioned that the new parking deck

would provide safety for women because they will not have to travel long distances at night.

This meeting was not the only time students were provided with an opportunity to convey their desires and needs for these upcoming projects.

Since students will be funding the majority portion of this project, the Department of Student Involvement Leadership made an effort to speak with students and student organizations about their opinions on the programming of the building.

"We've been meeting with students for almost two

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## Nursing program ranked fifth out of 96 nationally

**Edward Boseman**  
TEC STAFF

The College of Nursing online graduate program was ranked fifth out of 96 by U.S. News & World's report.

The ranking was based on student engagement, faculty credentials and training, admissions selectivity and peer reputation.

The program rankings steadily improved over the years, according to Sylvia Brown, dean of the College of Nursing.

"I believe rankings such as

these bring national attention to the school and to the College of Nursing," said Brown.

According to the CON, almost half of the 1,248 enrolled students are graduate students, or post-license students.

"There are a large group of grad students but it's not just about size but a focus on quality," said Brown. "We have a strong tech team on board and an innovative program with developments such as simulation labs and virtual clinicals."

According to senior CON

student, John Lazzari, two years of experience is often necessary before graduate school.

"We get our degree first and then we take the National Council Licensure Examination, a license test," said Lazzar. "The school prepares us for the license test and prepares us well, and from there we can then get jobs as nurses."

In 2013, according to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, 85.97 percent of four-year

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Graduate TA, Kelly Mahoney, prepares bones and muscles for class to review.

## BRIEFS

### Recreation Center to hold the 18th Annual Polar Bear Plunge

Student Affairs will host its 18th annual Polar Bear Plunge this Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Student Rec Center at 7 p.m. During this traditional event students, faculty and staff are invited to jump into the pool located outside the Rec center. OneCards are required; registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

### Faculty recipients announced for achievement awards

Several faculty members were announced as recipients for 2013-14 achievement awards. Awards include the ECU Lifetime Achievement Award, Five-year Achievement Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity and Scholarship of Engagement Award.

### Woman hits man with car in parking lot at Logan's Roadhouse

On Monday, Jan. 20, a domestic dispute occurred in the parking lot of Logan's Roadhouse in Greenville. After an altercation that turned violent, the woman drove her car into a man. There were two children inside the car when the event happened.

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# Students offer pediatric care in Belize

**Puja Patel**  
TEC STAFF

Over winter break a group of students traveled with Well Child International to Belize to provide health care to villages.

From Dec. 27 to Jan. 9, sophomore neuroscience major, Alyssa DaVolio, assisted doctors in Belize through WCI.

DaVolio along with four other pre-med and two nursing students worked at pediatric and prenatal clinics in three main villages in Belize, named Camalote, Cotton Tree and Teakettle. Those villages have a higher pediatric population and require specialized care that is not provided by doctors there.

"They do wonders with the primary care system," said DaVolio. "But their specialized care education is lacking."

DaVolio woke up at 6 a.m. and had days spanning over 12 hours. After breakfast at 8 a.m., she and other team members would drive an hour and a half to various places in villages where they would set up clinics in local churches.

Specializing in triage care, DaVolio would access and diagnose each individual patient and consult with doctors who would then prescribe medicine to patients. From when the clinic opened at 10 a.m. to when it closed at 4 p.m., the clinics would see an average of 70 patients a day.

"When we went on house visits, we would approach villagers and ask if anyone was sick in their family," said DaVolio.

The team handed out 30 to 40 appointment tickets for the clinic the next day.

"We would anticipate 20 walk-ins," said DaVolio. "But it was always more than that."

Many Belizean families rely on clinics such as these since it was flu season and there is little access to medicine and medical treatment.

"Being 19 and approached with patient cases, it really opened my eyes to the need these third world countries have for specialized care," said DaVolio.

DaVolio and her team members encountered patients with a variety of sickness and disease in Belize due to the simple life experienced in the country. A common sight for the volunteers were families who live in shacks with a lack of running water and no beds.

DaVolio has a special interest in pediatric neurosurgery, stemming from her neuroscience major. After completing her bachelor's degree, DaVolio is looking forward to medical school and then eventually joining Doctors Without Borders.

"I have a passion for third world medicine, and I wanted to experience that before committing to Doctors Without Borders," said DaVolio.

WIC offers hands-on opportunities that many other organizations do not offer students in the United States. The organization focuses on pre-natal and pediatric care in Belize, Costa Rica and Nicaragua. DaVolio hopes to volunteer like this again in the future, possibly with her own team from the university.

"I'm looking for people who are willing to participate in WIC. I will be going back in about a year and I want to increase awareness for the program," said DaVolio.

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Well Child International offers opportunities to travel and help with prenatal and pediatric care in Belize, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.



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DaVolio talked with villagers to see if anybody in a family needed aid.



CONTRIBUTED BY ALYSSA DAVOLIO

DaVolio's team provided pediatric and prenatal healthcare.

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students passed the test for registered nurses. According to the CON, 96 percent of nursing students passed the first time in 2012.

While some aspects can be the same for graduate online classes, such as virtual clinicals and case studies, there are some particular differences between those and on-campus classes, as noted by senior Kristyn Ruitenberg.

"The cost of driving to certain clinicals two hours away can get expensive," said Ruitenberg. "It really hurts financially when there is no type of reimbursement."

The CON is made up of 135 faculty and 35 staff members and has eight simulators and eight labs for students.

"The teachers here really want you to succeed and I feel we are well prepared for the future," said Lazzari. "There is



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**Kelly Mahoney, Graduate TA for Anatomy and Physiology, prepares questions about the cranium for her nursing students to review.**

a lot of independent learning [...] that I think will help in the future."

According to the same U.S. News & Worlds Report, the university as a whole ranks number 181 out of an estimated 201 ranked schools. Many schools went unreported and unranked. According to the U.S.

Department of Education, there were 2,774 four-year colleges in the nation in 2010.

"In 2011 it was ranked as 20, and 2012 it was 10. It has been steadily improving," said Brown. "It gives recognition and credit to faculty and staff."

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# Greenville Police involved in shooting

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Greenville police received a report of a suicidal male at Forlines Road on Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m. When police arrived, the man pulled a gun on police, and police shot the man in response.

Police found James Lewis Brown walking less than a mile from Vineyard Townhomes and when they approached the man to check his well being, the man pointed a gun at them.

The officers then shot Brown on scene for fear of

their safety.

Brown was taken to Vidant Medical Center where he later died from his gun-shot injury. At the hospital he was then identified as Brown.

Chief Hassan Aden released the following statement in regards to the situation, "Officers respond to many difficult and dangerous situations every day; none are more dangerous than when they encounter armed subjects who confront officers with those weapons. My thoughts and prayers are with the officers involved in this

incident as well as the family of the deceased."

The officers involved in this shooting were placed on administrative leave, pending the outcome of the investigation. The State Bureau of Investigation has notified the Greenville Police Department that all three officers involved in the shooting have been cleared to return to duty.

The three advanced patrol officers that were involved in the shooting include: Officer Pool, Officer Cates and Officer Leggett.

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**Meet Sarah Morgan Hunter**

2012 was a big year for Sarah. She made the Chancellor's List, volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, and served as vice president of public relations for the Society for Advancement of Management. She also received a **\$2,500 scholarship** from the East Carolina Alumni Association.

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and a half years," said Bobby Woodard, associate vice chancellor for Student Involvement and Leadership. "It's a student union so we are going to do what the students want to do. It's my job that we are good stewards of the money and that we get what the students want and that it is sustainable."

In meetings students and organizations voiced opinions about having more meeting space, more Wi-Fi connectivity, outdoor patio spaces, ATMs and better food options.

Last week, the university's Board of Trustees met to share information from meetings with the Board of Governors and the UNC Board of Governors Finance Committee that occurred throughout the past months.

"In November or December we called some of the members of Governors to talk to them about the student center project and to try to address any questions or concerns that they might have," said

Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor of student affairs.

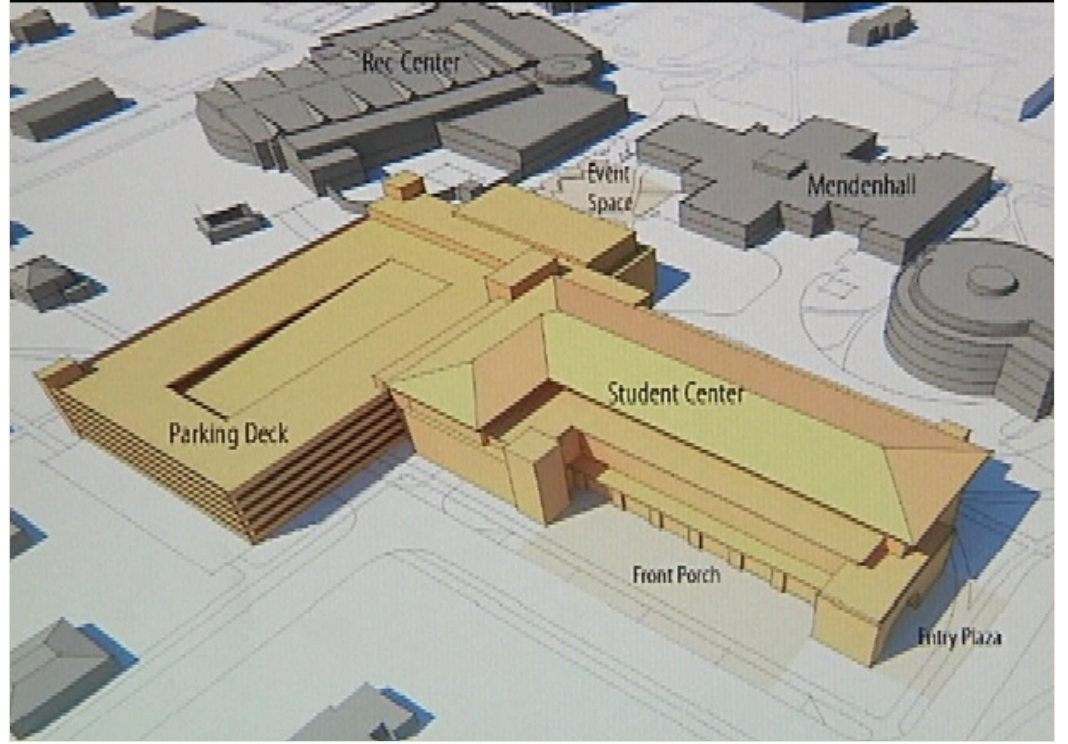
"The student center on main campus will serve as the prime meeting space for students and will become the living room of ECU's campus," said Hardy.

Along with the student center, 700 parking spaces will be housed in the new parking garage. The construction will take up about 300 parking spaces but 400 more will be gained. The parking garage will be available for use through permits, meters and there will be hours when students can use it free of charge.


For the project to keep moving ahead, the Board of Governors will need to approve the project at their next meeting in February. If the Board of Governors approves the project, it will then head to the General Assembly for approval.

If all goes as planned, construction will start either fall of 2014 or spring 2015.

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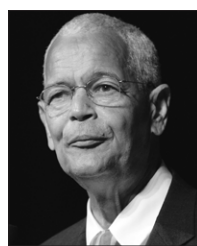
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# Civil rights leader to speak in Wright next Tuesday

**Puja Patel**  
TEC STAFF



Dr. Julian Bond

On Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. distinguished civil rights leader Julian Bond will speak at the lecture, "Civil Rights: Then and Now" in Wright Auditorium.

Bond will share some of his experiences of the civil rights movement, stories and events from his life.

"ECU is a very diverse university. We wouldn't be this way if it weren't for the trials and tribulations that many civil rights activists like Dr. Julian Bond faced to create a more equal society," said Ebony West, sophomore

communication major.

Anniken Williams, sophomore political science major, is also looking forward to attending Bond's lecture.

"I hope to gain more knowledge and understanding about the history and future of civil rights," said Williams.

Williams is a member of ECU College Democrats and,

along with other members, will attend Bond's lecture in hopes to further her education on civil rights.

"The civil rights movement is a very large part of this country's history," said Williams. "I believe everyone should be thoroughly educated on civil rights and how our society has been shaped because of it."

According to the NAACP, Bond was born Jan. 14, 1940, in Nashville, Tenn. Bond experienced the harsh injustices of the south leading up to the civil rights movement. After 50 years he claims the titles of

activist, politician, author, professor, lecturer and former National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chairman.

Bond helped found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, an organization that helped register African Americans to vote in the 1960s. He also served as chairman of the NAACP from 1998-2010, where he also became an outspoken leader for LGBT rights, according to the NAACP.

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# Amazon to begin collecting sales tax in N.C. on Feb. 1

**David Bracken**  
MCT CAMPUS

RALEIGH -- Amazon.com will begin collecting sales tax in North Carolina beginning Feb. 1, a company official confirmed Monday.

The move will make North Carolina the 20th state in which the online retailer collects sales tax, according to Amazon's website. It's unclear why Amazon decided to make the change now. A spokesman didn't respond to questions about the timing of the move and whether the Seattle-based company would begin collecting sales tax in other states besides North Carolina on Feb. 1.

The company's decision was welcomed by local retailers who have long complained that Amazon's failure to pay the state's 4.75 sales tax gives it an unfair advantage. Local taxes increase the rate to 6.75 percent to 7.5 percent, depending on the county.

"When you have a situation where certain entities can avoid complying with the tax law, it's not equitable," said Mike Zimmerman, owner of Capital RunWalk, a store in Raleigh's Cameron Village shopping center that sells running shoes and other gear.

"It levels the playing field between the Internet retailer and the bricks-and-mortar stores," said Jim Garriss, one of

the owners of Burke Brothers Hardware in Raleigh.

For the most part, online retailers have not had to charge sales tax in states where they don't have a store or some other physical operations.

Under the current system in North Carolina, taxpayers are supposed to pay a "use tax" on online purchases and declare them on their state tax returns. Few do. One 2010 estimate said failure to pay the taxes costs the state, its cities and counties \$190 million a year in lost revenue.

The National Council of State Legislatures estimated that states lost \$23.3 billion in 2012 from being prohibited from collecting sales tax from online and catalog purchases.

Efforts to collect sales taxes from Internet retailers have increased in recent years as online shopping has gained in popularity and states have become increasingly desperate for additional tax revenue.

In 2010, the N.C. Department of Revenue tried to get Amazon to turn over customer names so that the state could charge those customers sales tax for their online purchases. But the ACLU, a nonprofit civil rights advocacy group, sued.

The organization argued that the request was illegal because it would

have linked customers to items they purchased, revealing the names of books, DVDs and other products. A federal judge agreed, and in 2011 the state settled with the ACLU.

The U.S. Senate last year passed the Marketplace Fairness Act, which would require states to simplify their sales tax laws in exchange for being able to tax Internet companies with more than \$1 million in sales annually. The bill has yet to pass the House.

Zimmerman, the Capital RunWalk owner, said he knows he faces challenges in trying to compete with online stores such as Amazon. He has seen an increase in "showrooming" in his store, whereby customers research a product in a brick-and-mortar store before purchasing it online.

He has responded by emphasizing his staff's personal service and his store's involvement in the local running community. The store sponsors between 25 and 30 local road races a year, and offers customer-loyalty programs.

"I like to think we can compete with them as long as it's a level playing field," Zimmerman said.

David Bracken is a contributing writer to MCT Campus Information Services. The original story ran on Feb. 1 in Raleigh, N.C.

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## January

### **Hot Chocolate Giveaway**

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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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## BRAIN TEASERS

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Solution to Thursday's puzzle

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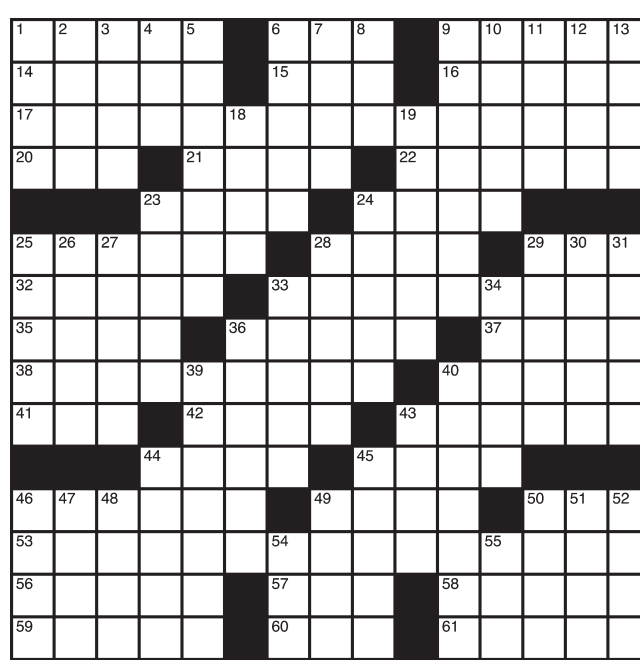
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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Speeder's undoing
  - 6 TiVo ancestor
  - 9 Wherewithal
  - 14 Erie Canal city
  - 15 Letters for debtors
  - 16 Big name in computer chips
  - 17 Sighting in the Scottish Highlands
  - 20 Accident scene fig.
  - 21 Gallop or canter
  - 22 "By Jove!"
  - 23 Cream of the crop
  - 24 Like plugs vis-a-vis outlets
  - 25 Using only ones and zeros
  - 28 \_\_\_-cheap: for a song
  - 29 Recipe amt.
  - 32 Air freshener targets
  - 33 Sighting in Douglas, Wyoming
  - 35 Belgrade citizen
  - 36 Singer Home and actress Olin
  - 37 Continental coin
  - 38 Sighting in the Pacific Northwest
  - 40 Grammy winner Carpenter
  - 41 Pub brew
  - 42 Christie's "Death on the \_\_\_"
  - 43 Large crowds
  - 44 Mani's salon go-with
  - 45 Uncovered
  - 46 Find a new table for
  - 49 Gaucho's weapon
  - 50 "\_\_\_ the season ..."
  - 53 One studying this puzzle's sightings
  - 56 "Je \_\_, donc je suis": Descartes
  - 57 Corn unit
  - 58 Shade of green from Ireland
  - 59 Promotional ploy
  - 60 Skid row affliction
  - 61 Lauder of cosmetics



By David Poole

1/21/14

- DOWN**
- 1 Run the kingdom
  - 2 Electron home
  - 3 Webster's, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 4 Essen exclamation
  - 5 Madison Square Garden hockey team
  - 6 Drop in on
  - 7 What you pay
  - 8 Piña colada liquor
  - 9 Konica \_\_\_: Japanese conglomerate
  - 10 Happen next
  - 11 Business letter abbr.
  - 12 On a \_\_\_-to-know basis
  - 13 Camera types, for short
  - 18 "A snap!"
  - 19 Missouri range
  - 23 Potato chip flavor, briefly
  - 24 Prophet whose name sounds like a mineral
  - 25 \_\_\_ nova: Brazilian music genre
  - 26 Exemplary
  - 27 Viking language
  - 28 Hula or hora

## Solution to Thursday's puzzle

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- 29 Travels with the band
- 30 Binge
- 31 Lowly laborers
- 33 Beijing-born martial arts actor
- 34 Apartment contract
- 36 Stopped the ship, in nautical lingo
- 39 Still on the plate
- 40 Bar sing-along
- 43 Expanse near the Capitol, with "the"
- 44 Coke competitor
- 45 Churlish types
- 46 Sales slip: Abbr.
- 47 "... saw Elba"
- 48 "Auld Lang \_\_\_"
- 49 Tub toy
- 50 Pinball foul
- 51 \_\_\_ of Wight
- 52 Eye sore
- 54 Last letter, in Leeds
- 55 Some refrigerators

## PIRATE RANTS

Fantazizing about my professor during class is really going to distract me this semester.

Please tell me people were trying to surf/boogie board down the halls of Aycock when it flooded.

Saw a guy on a long board holding onto his friends shoulder to commute. Love it.

Please explain to me why I must be enrolled for six credits at ECU to get the cheap student insurance rate when the other NC universities only require one credit.

Being nice doesn't mean I'm a kiss a\*\*, just like you being a slut doesn't mean you're pretty.

My broke college student self is about to be broker. Bull\*\*\*\* that I have to pay taxes on my meal plan. Can't a girl just eat?

Spent the weekend watching countless episodes of Adventure Time...needless to say this was the best weekend in college I've ever had.

How does a pirate stop smoking? He uses the patch. LOL.

To the girl who works at 33 East: YOU ARE SMOKIN' HOT!

Underwear with yoga pants? Who would do that? I only wear panties with jeans.

Why? I just found metal shards in my pizza from Papa John's.

I seriously can't get out of this bed, but I have to go to class. Oh well.

Today was the first time in three years that a guy gave up the last seat on the bus for me. Chivalry must not be dead!

And the hunt for a Valentine begins!

I think it's only appropriate to change the name of Pirate Bucks to Booty, I mean we are the Pirates and pirates love booty.

Every guy on campus should definitely go to the office that's in the cut on the second floor of Joyner. There's like four of ECU's cutest girls that work there. Are any of you single?

To the person who took up most of the washers. You're right, none of the rest of us "got" stuff to do. We'll wait for you.

That leg extension machine IS pretty comfy. However, your Twitter followers don't need to see yet another #gym #fit #selfie.

I don't always submit pirate rants. But when I do, I do it drinking Dos Equis.

Happy MLKeg day everyone.

Is it just me or is Still Life getting a little on the ghetto side lately.

My roommate actually thought I was going to buy him a case of beer if his pirate rant got published... nice try.

I feel like I should call the Greenville Police. The prices at West End Subway are highway robbery.

I feel like your low key insulting me if you tweet or text me with Emojis knowing I don't have an iPhone.

Why are my easy A classes never easy A classes?

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# Our view

## Rising natural gas prices create added uncertainty

Greenville Utilites' natural gas prices have gone up, leaving questions about whether or not these prices will continue to rise, as well as who all will be affected by the changes.

Some students live in apartment complexes that run on electric heat, but students who rent houses — especially those who live on the grid — will see the numbers on their utility bill creep up by about four dollars.

In the last six years Greenville Utilities has lowered its natural gas prices 13 times and has raised them five times. Though the price of natural

gas was lowered considerably more than raised, it is difficult to determine what the future will hold for students and their utility bills.

We as an editorial staff believe that this fluctuation is not good for those students who rely on a steady budget month to month. We believe if students had more of a steady rate, money managing would be easier. With the rising cost of tuition and other fees, the added cost of heating will only add the amount of money students must pay out of pocket — even if it is just four dollars.

## Students distracted by spring fever

### Take a step back



ReAnn Melaga  
TEC COLUMNIST

Getting back into the swing of classes and having a regular schedule can be hard for students, especially after a month-long of chilling over winter break. Instead of having our days filled with relaxation and very few time commitments, we are greeted with busy schedules, long assignments and disturbing amounts of homework. For some reason, however, the spring semester is seemingly more difficult than the fall.

Although the fall and spring semesters often require the same quantities of work for students, a few characteristics about the spring and the transition into it often times make it harder to handle for us students.

Fall semester and spring semester differ in more ways than one. Along with the weather being far more favorable in the spring, this time of year also brings most students one step closer to the end of another hectic and trying year of college.

On top of the desirable weather, there is the added anticipation of spring break and summer break being within our reach and only pushing our minds farther away from remembering to do that online homework assignment or six-page paper. The reminder of planned trips across the state and sometimes across the country are easy distractions from any mind-numbing assignment students have been given.

The tempting thought of warm weather and an escape from school could easily become a college student's biggest weakness when trying to focus on the challenging semester ahead. It is very difficult to roll out of bed and drag yourself to class when the sun is shining and the pools have opened for ECU's popular pool season. Hanging and drinking at the pool with friends over class also serves as the everlasting reminder of the vacations to come.

Difficult projects and long nights filled with studying and caffeine are not the only challenges college students are faced with. The many distractions



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Some students have already booked plans for spring break starting March 9.

In the world outside of school are constant temptations to students and the spring semester is filled with them.

My advice to students is to focus on the tasks at hand and take each day as it comes. Busying ourselves with teasing thoughts of the leisurely days that are ahead will only make the current day that much harder.

Incredible vacations, much-needed breaks from school and warmer weather are closer than we think. As the saying goes, the night is always darkest just before dawn. But until those highly anticipated days arrive, school should remain our top priority because all bets are off over spring and summer break.

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## Confidence now measured in 'likes'

### Line of Fire



Dana Morgan  
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Life is described by nothing more than double-taps, retweets, re-pins and the infamous 'like' button. Lately I've been thinking about how intimately involved our generation is with sharing every single aspect of our lives. I can't help but come up with probing questions that seem both vague and rhetorical.

Why are we so obsessed with how many likes or retweets we receive? Technically, isn't that the reason we partake in certain social networks?

I'm sure there are some that are thinking, "no, I tweet for myself," but if that's the case why do you broadcast your thoughts in the first place? This answer, unlike the latter, is obvious — for others to see. In its very essence, every social network is designed to transmit moments and ideas. When you stop and think about, it's all quite egotistical if you think about it.

Think of the last image you posted on your Instagram. Acknowledge what it was and ask yourself, "Why did I choose this? What did I gain from sharing this particular photograph?" Before we were so easily able to relay and access pictures, they held a deeper meaning and worth. For example, many have repressed the feeling of excitement whenever you went to get your wind up camera developed. Considering you only had about a 30-picture limit, selfies went on the backburner and meaningful moments were at the forefront.

This still leaves probably the most important overall question unanswered: Why the switch? Is it because of our innate lust for reassurance? Does our craving for affection, belongingness and esteem drive us to engage in the constant use of social networks?

Consider this not an attack on social networks, but of social perspective. It's crazy how our "social security" is dictated by the numbers. It too can affect our social insecurities. While posting photographs it is important to "see the big picture." It's more substantial to capture a moment with the sole purpose of preserving a memory or emotion; not just to show your current outfit or how well you baked your spaghetti for dinner.

Honestly, when was the last time you randomly stopped a stranger on the street and complimented their outfit? Or maybe told someone you've never said a single word to that you find them physically attractive? Is it the safety of being behind a computer screen or is it because you can safely like someone camouflaged by the masses? If you truly like someone for what he or she does or how he or she looks, why wait to acknowledge it whenever they decide to broadcast it?

Don't get it mistaken, I'm just as guilty; and unfortunately it's just a part of our generation. I do believe however, that consciousness is power. Live life for yourself; reality is more than the 'virtual world'. If you like someone, tell them. If you agree with their thoughts, express it. Life is short and sometimes a picture will never be worth a few simple words. If that seems too difficult to grasp, well consider your individuality in today's line of fire.

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## METALS GUILD

## Metals Symposium: A visual recap



KATIE WEST | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Andrew Kuebeck demonstration on photographic techniques that can be used for metalsmiths and jewelers.



KATIE WEST | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Christine Clark (left) and visiting artist (right) take a moment to view the work displayed.



KATIE WEST | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Bret Freud, a ceramics artist from Pittsburgh, shows how elements of graffiti inspire his work.

## Material Topics: "Image and Meaning"

ECU Metal's Guild hosted its fifth annual symposium. This year's symposium invited roughly 200 artists, makers and students to participate in a weekend full of exhibitions, workshops and talks.

This student-organized symposium has gained so much popularity over the years that the ECU's Metal Guild capped registration at 200 people. There were eight workshops by established metalsmith/jewelers that demonstrated contemporary practices. Workshops were followed by lectures about artistic processes and business practices.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with and expand our metals family from all over the country," said Mariah Ross, Metal Guild President. "It's about maintaining a small and intimate community."



KATIE WEST | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Arthur Hash demonstrates how every artist can incorporate technology to create one of a kind pieces.



KATIE WEST | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Gerald Weckesser, ECU Professor, shows how he creates a relationship with metal and wood in his work.



KATIE WEST | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Student from another university observes the "50/50" exhibition. An exhibition that showcases a small view into the big world of contemporary jewelry.



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"Reliquary Redux" was curated by ECU Metal Design grad students, Danielle James and Kate Speranza. The Pulmonary Ceramic Jug, created by Erin Younge, was a feature of the show.

## Art Avenue gets grant to upgrade Uptown

Jessica Gribbon  
TEC STAFF

As downtown embarks on changing up the scene, Art Avenue is looking to do the same. The gallery recently received a grant of \$15,000, which has allowed them to begin the process of creating a more professional environment in the front, as well as a multifunctional studio in the back.

Claire Edwards, the director of Art Avenue, shared the vision and excitement regarding the new renovations. As of now, a majority of them are cosmetic when it comes to the gallery.

"We have gotten rid of the tile and have redone all of the floors," said Edwards. "We have also built walls to separate the gallery from the boutique and the boutique from the studio space."

What was once an open floor plan has now become a multifunctional space that allows for the gallery to be its own area rather than housing the boutique too. In true creative fashion, the Studio has incorporated elements in their

renovations from old storefronts such as Hair by Ricky, Hookah Haze and the O.P.

"We've built walls to separate different work spaces," said Edwards. "All of the doors and windows shown in the studio are recycled from the super block project across the street."

The up-cycled additions to the studio help to separate each studio space, allowing artists to have their own areas rather than sharing one space. Each private and semi-private studio is up for rent to those artists who qualify and are seeking a workspace of their own. The studio as a whole also has unique machinery that is typically found in institutional settings.

"We have tools available for the tenants such as ventilation systems and kilns, which are permanent," said Jeremy Fineman, the studio director at Art Avenue. "A lot of the things we have here come with the tenants so it kind of can fluctuate."

While 85 percent of the renovations have been completed, the gallery has plans for further modifications over the next three years.

Upcoming events this semester include the Prints Charming on Feb. 14, which is a screen-printing demo.

"[On] March 21 an artist is coming in from Richmond to do murals and teach screen printing techniques as well as a one man band, who will be going along with Spazzfest, April," said Edwards. "May will house the work from the Graduate Arts Forum as well as our Cinco de Mayo members social."

Art Avenue is a non-profit art studio and gallery that helps emerging artists begin their careers in a professional environment.

"We are an incubator or stepping stone for when you get out of college or even midcareer as a place where people can come and focus on their artwork," said Fineman.



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Claire explains how the upgrade will benefit Uptown.



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Claire Edwards, director of Art Avenue, and Jeremy Fineman, studio director, are excited about the new renovations.

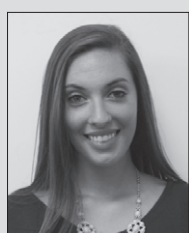


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Recycled wooden frames and paneling were taken from the Superblock project to create the studio areas.

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## 'Jack Ryan' answers to the call of duty



**Jessica McGettigan**  
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"Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit" is the fifth installment of best-selling author Tom Clancy's original series "Jack Ryan". This action packed movie is full of excitement from beginning to end, featuring several nail biting car chases, helicopter explosions and plenty of fistfights.

The film begins with Jack, played by Chris Pine, becoming inspired to serve his country after viewing the fall of the Twin

Towers. He then goes on to serve in Afghanistan and becomes deeply scarred by the events that he witnessed while overseas.

One of the more positive parts of Jack's time in Afghanistan was meeting his fiancé Cathy, played by Keira Knightley. Jack's helicopter had been gunned down resulting in several injuries that Cathy took care of by nursing him back to health.

Once Jack is fully healthy again he becomes established as part of the CIA's Financial Intelligence Unit. After several years, he is sent on a mission to Moscow to undermine the oligarch. Viktor Cherevin, played by Kenneth Branagh, had plans to destroy lower Manhattan.

Jack is in Moscow only briefly before Cathy shows up, demanding he explain to her what he is doing. Coming to Moscow on false pretenses that Jack is having an affair, Cathy is slightly relieved to find out that he has always been faithful yet slightly terrified at the intensity of the work Jack has become involved in. It doesn't take long before Cathy becomes a part of the mission to save not only lower Manhattan but also London and Tokyo, pushing the couple to their extremes.

Chris Pine was not the only actor to play Jack Ryan in the Tom Clancy series.

Harrison Ford, Alec



9/11 terrorist attacks serve as Jack Ryan's motive to serve his country. He later becomes a CIA operative.

Baldwin and Ben Affleck were among other Jack Ryan's from previous films. The first part of the series hit the big screen in the 1990s — all debuting similar plots, all with car chases and gunfights.

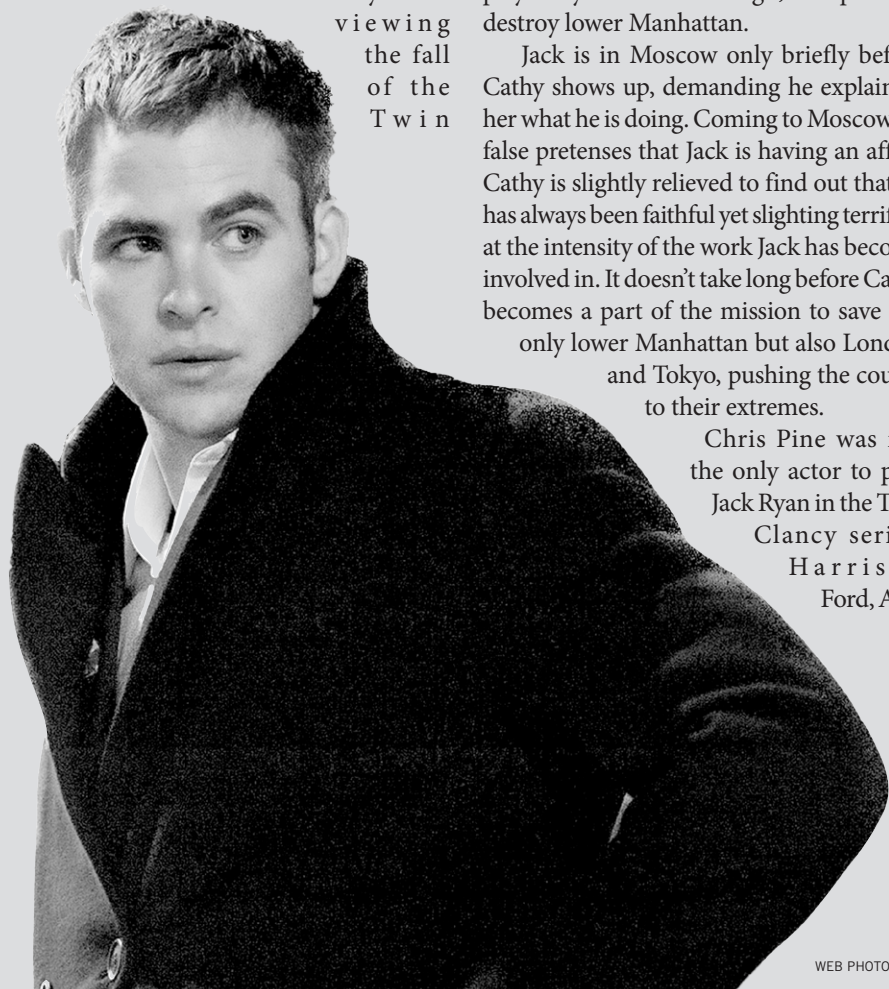
Although, "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit" has many nail biting, edge-of-your-seat scenes, sometimes it gets to be too much action. For example the scene when Jack lands in Moscow and is attacked by his airport greeter upon arriving at the hotel. Not only is the scene slightly unnecessary, it almost doesn't make sense considering the

airport greeter is about twice the size of Jack.

Overall it was an entertaining film, supported by several well-known characters. For those looking for a good date night movie or a rainy day film, "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit" is definitely a good choice.

**Movie Rating: B**

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# Brown dazzles on Alumni Day

Josh Graham  
TEC STAFF

J'Kyra Brown struggled to find the words to describe her performance Saturday night at Minges Coliseum. And who can blame her?

The freshman from nearby Rocky Mount, N.C., eclipsed her previous career-high of 20 points in the first half and was a point shy of tying Louisiana Tech's halftime total. She dialed up six 3-pointers on her way to an 11-for-14 shooting display and a career-high 29 points in ECU's (15-2, 3-1 Conference USA) 86-55 victory.

Moments after the game ended, Brown studied the box score and was genuinely surprised by her own performance.

"I did not know. I was just playing and when I looked at (the stats), I was like 'Wow,'" said Brown. "I'm not worried about the points or anything. I'm just worried about doing everything right."

She didn't do much wrong Saturday.

With ECU leading 17-11, Brown checked into the game and scored the team's next 15 points, which included her own 10-0 run, and pushed the Lady Pirates' advantage back to 32-13.

"It's nothing that we don't see and know that she can do. When we recruited her, I said, 'You're going to be a star. It's just going to be a process,'" said ECU coach Heather Macy.

It's only fitting that Brown's career night occurred on ECU's "Alumni Day", while her coach at Rocky Mount High School Pam

Gainey was watching in the stands. Gainey also wore No. 11 during her playing career at ECU.

"I know I had a crowd here tonight," said Brown. "I got into my zone and everything I put up went in. The tradition never ends here with the alumni."

Louisiana Tech (5-12, 0-4 C-USA) never recovered from Brown's scoring outburst. In the waning seconds of the first half, ECU junior Shae Nelson absorbed contact from a Lady Techsters' defender as she stepped into a deep three-point attempt – the shot went in and she added a complementary free throw with five seconds remaining.

ECU went into halftime leading 52-24 after shooting 72 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes.

The momentum carried over into the second half as the Lady Pirates opened up a 17-6 run to give them their largest lead of the game, 69-30.

It wasn't just Brown, though. The team's leading scorer, Jada Payne, supplied the last seven points of the spurt and finished with 20 points.

Junior Ondrea Shaw set the tone on the glass and on the defensive side of the floor. The towering 6-foot-4 center grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds, blocked four shots, collected three steals and still was able to tie her season-high for points (8).

Shaw leads C-USA in blocked shots per game and is ranked in the top 15 nationally in the same category.



J'Kyra Brown (11) had a career-high 29 points at home against Louisiana Tech in a Lady Pirates blowout victory.

MIKE SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

"It was a great team win tonight and I was so impressed," said Macy. "The history of this program—we are here to honor it because so many people paved the way for us. So I'm just happy we got a signature,

program win in front of those guys (on 'Alumni Day')."

ECU has now won six of its last seven games and 21 straight at Minges Coliseum. The Lady Pirates' last home loss was Nov. 17, 2012

against the College of Charleston. They will remain at home for the Rice Owls, when they visit Minges Coliseum Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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# Newcomers make big impact

## Jada Payne and Abria Trice lead ECU to 15-2 early record



Jada Payne (23) is Conference USA's third leading scorer with 20.5 points per game for ECU.

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Corey Keenan  
TEC STAFF

Entering the 2013-2014 Lady Pirates Basketball season, there were multiple holes to fill and questions to answer. Head Coach Heather Macy lost eight Pirates, including three starters—the team's three leading scorers and the top two rebounders. Losing this kind of talent would be difficult to recover from for any team.

However, the Lady Pirates were fortunate to get out to one of the best starts in team history thanks to a plethora of new Pirates. None have been more important to the team's success than the duo of Abria Trice and Jada Payne.

Abria Trice, a redshirt junior from Georgia, transferred to ECU from UNC Wilmington in the fall of 2012. In her sophomore season, Trice started all but one game and was second on the Seahawks in scoring with 10.6 points per game. Trice chose to transfer following her phenomenal sophomore season.

"I was just trying to find the best school for me," said Trice. "Coach Macy talked a pretty good game about coming here and us winning championships."

Trice also noted the importance of assistant coach Ollin Dunford in her commitment to ECU. "Coach O was at my old school and he influenced me a lot in coming here because of how much he helped me there," said Trice.

This season, Trice has been not only

one of the top players on the team, but among the best in Conference USA. Trice has made an impact both offensively and defensively. She ranks seventh in the conference with 17.1 points per game and 14th in conference with 1.7 steals per game.

Macy had nothing but praise for the junior guard.

"Abria paid her own way her first year here and earned a scholarship," said Macy. "She realizes the development and how we can help make her a pro, which she's going to be."

Payne, a redshirt sophomore from Hickory, North Carolina, came to ECU from La Salle University in Philadelphia. She started the first 26 games of her college career and was named to the All-Rookie Team for the Atlantic 10 conference. Following her freshman season, Payne decided to transfer closer to home and chose ECU.

"East Carolina recruited me before and then they showed interest in me again when they found out I wanted to transfer, so I thought it was the best all-around school," said Payne.

To this point in the season, Payne is C-USA's third leading scorer with 20.5 points per game and is 10th in the conference with 7.4 boards per game. Payne is also second in the conference in 3-point field goal percentage at 43.9 percent.

### TAKEAWAYS

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates are 15-2 this season after beating Louisiana Tech on Saturday.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates lost both of their games in Florida and remain winless in Conference USA.

#### ECU BASEBALL

Right handed pitcher Jeff Hoffman was named a Preseason First Team All-American.

#### CHARLOTTE BOBCATS

The Bobcats sit at 18-25 this season, eighth in the Eastern Conference.

#### FOOTBALL

ECU will play Connecticut, Tulane, Central Florida and Southern Methodist at home for the first year in the American Athletic Conference. They will travel to South Florida, Tulsa, Temple and Cincinnati in 2014.

#### 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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# Preseason All-American

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ECU right-handed pitcher Jeff Hoffman (30) boasted a 3.20 ERA last season and is thought of as the second best pitcher in the draft.

## Junior pitcher Jeff Hoffman tabbed as first team All-American after quality 2013 season

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ECU pitcher Jeff Hoffman tabbed as a Preseason First Team All-American in an announcement Monday by the publication, the "Perfect Game."

The Pirates right-hander is said to be the second best pitcher in the upcoming Major League Baseball draft, just behind NC State's Carlos Rodon.

Hffman sported a 3.20 Earned Run Average (ERA) and only walked 39 batters all of last season. The junior has a fastball that ranges between 94 and 97 mph. Along with his fastball, Hoffman also possesses a low-80s curveball and a developing low-80s changeup.

With ECU baseball media day fast approaching, fans and scouts alike are waiting to get a glimpse of Hoffman on opening day.

This past summer, Hoffman played for the Hyannis Harbor Hawks of Cape Cod League. For his performances, he was named the 2013 Robert A. McNeece Award

winner for the most Outstanding Pro Prospect.

As a sophomore at ECU, Hoffman garnered Conference USA Pitcher-of-the-Week after tossing a complete game, one-hit shutout against North Carolina Central (Mar. 29).

Pirate utility player, Drew Reynolds, was also recognized as a preseason All-America selection. Reynolds was tabbed for the first-team by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) and a second-team selection by Collegiate Baseball.

ECU baseball opens its season on Valentines day with a three-game series against the James Madison Dukes.

They then host Campbell for one game before traveling to face the preseason 12th ranked Virginia Cavaliers.

ECU is ranked 38th in the preseason poll.

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Abria Trice (21) averages 17.1 points per game for ECU.

Payne and Trice have undoubtedly helped the Lady Pirates this season both on the court and off.

"They have both been pivotal parts of what we're doing; both were redshirt [players] a year ago, so they've gotten stronger and more physical and really developed their game," said Macy. "We have two pros on each wing, so now it's our responsibility not only in the game, but off the court to get their bodies ready to play as long as their bodies will let them."

Payne was adamant about the importance of Trice to her comfortable transition to ECU during their redshirt season.

"If Abria [Trice]

wasn't here, I think I would've went crazy with sitting out an entire year," said Payne. "I don't know what I would have done without her."

Payne and Trice have led ECU to a 15-2 start, but the team has bigger things on his mind than just the regular season.

"We have a really good squad; I can't wait until the end of the season," said Payne. "I just know we can win a championship."

The Lady Pirates will take on conference foe Rice this Wednesday at home and will look to extend their home winning streak to 23 games.

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# Pirates still winless in C-USA

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After consecutive road losses to Florida Atlantic (6-12, 2-2) and Florida International (10-9, 2-2), the ECU men's basketball team (11-7, 0-3) is still searching for their first Conference USA victory of the season.

In both games the Pirates started fast, but were out-played and out-manned in the second half.

ECU, who was fresh off of a loss to Old Dominion, entered the road trip looking to clean up some of their flaws defensively.

"We try to pride ourselves in trying to guard," said Head Coach Jeff Lebo. "It's been frustrating to watch, and it's been frustrating to coach. We can't give them as many layups. We have got to be able to fix that."

Since the season-ending injury sustained by Marshall Guilmette after the McNeese State game on Nov. 25, the Pirates have struggled to guard the interior. Before the Guilmette injury, the Pirates were averaging 65 points against them. Since the injury, the Pirates are averaging nearly 78 points against.

Defense was something preached by Lebo before the road-trip, and overall, the Pirates did a decent job against FAU and FIU.

With 27 seconds left in Saturday's game against FIU, and the Pirates down by two, Michael Zangari stepped to the free-throw line for a one-and-one opportunity, with a chance to tie the game. Zangari missed the free throw and the Panthers corralled the rebound, sealing a 68-64 victory.

The Pirates got off to a quick start in the game, going up 20-13 on the Panthers with 11:27 left in the half. ECU was unable to get into a flow offensively due to the numerous fouls being charged to both teams.

FIU was able to capitalize on free throws and hold the game close, and with 3:55 left in the half the Panthers took their first lead of the game on a Rakeem Buckles layup.

From there, the Pirates went on a 9-4 run to end the half with a 37-33

lead, capped off by a Prince Williams three-point jumper.

Coming out the half, FIU penetrated and hit mid-range shots. The Pirates tried to counter, but missed a handful of high-percentage shots from inside the paint.

With Akeem Richmond being keyed on by the Panthers, the Pirates were forced to look for offense elsewhere. Paris Roberts-Campbell kept the Pirates in the game with his 15 points and eight free throws, but with forward Brandon Stith out for the second half with concussion like symptoms, the inside was a non-factor for the Pirates.

The Pirates managed just 27 second-half points, which is tied for the fewest points in a half for ECU this season.

It was much of the same story for the Pirates against FAU on Thursday. They got off to a quick start, but were ultimately beaten 78-67.

Sophomore guard Jackson Trapp helped the Owls overcome an early 21-11 deficit. Trapp scored 22 points in the game and kept the Owls in it early with his shooting from behind the arc.

At halftime, the Pirates held a 33-30 point lead over the Owls and seemed to outplay FAU on both sides of the ball. Eight different players got on the boards for the Pirates in the first-half including forward Zangari. Zangari finished the night with 14 points and 10 rebounds, his first career double-double.

Marquan Botley's three point shot with 3:42 left in the game gave the Owls a 73-61 lead, one that they would not abandon.

The Pirates held the Owls to just 42 percent shooting from the field and vastly improved their interior play.

Ultimately, the perimeter shooting and 10 made three-pointers for the Owls is what gave them the edge.

The Pirates will have an opportunity to pick up that elusive first-conference victory when they return home to take on the Tulane Green Wave (10-9, 2-2) on Thursday in Minges Coliseum.



Michael Zangari (34) notched his first career double-double (14 pts. 10 rebs.) in a loss to Florida Atlantic.

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# Stout opponents on the horizon

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This hasn't been the start to Conference USA play that the ECU men's basketball team wanted.

A little over a month ago, the Pirates (11-7, 0-3 C-USA) defeated VMI in Minges Coliseum and improved to a 10-2 record. Since then, ECU has lost five out of six games, including conference matchups against Old Dominion (9-9, 3-0 C-USA), Florida Atlantic (6-12, 2-2 C-USA) and Florida International (10-9, 2-2 C-USA).

The Pirates were 9-7 in conference last season and had their best record yet as a 12-year member of Conference USA. This current Pirate squad will have to rapidly improve if it wants to recapture the magic of last year's team.

Old Dominion is leading the conference right now due to its road wins over ECU, FIU and FAU. They have struggled with their non-conference opponents, however.

The Southern Miss Golden Eagles (16-3, 3-1 C-USA) have the most overall wins in Conference USA. Their well-balanced lineup has five players that average over nine points per game (ppg). Senior guard Michael Craig has provided 11.4 ppg and 7.6 rebounds per game for the Golden Eagles.

ECU will play USM in Minges Coliseum on Saturday at 7 p.m. The Golden Eagles are unbeaten at home, but they do have three losses on the road.

Louisiana Tech (15-4, 3-1 C-USA) has proven to be a prime contender in the conference this season. The Bulldogs, led by sophomore and junior guards Alex Hamilton and Raheem Appleby, are the



Paris Roberts-Campbell (22) bounced back to lead the Pirates in the four point loss to the FIU Panthers.

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tenth highest scoring team in America with 85 points per game.

Nationally, the Bulldogs rank eighth

in rebounds per game, 17th in assists per game, and 11th in steals. They have won seven of their last eight contests,

but lost to Southern Miss, 80-71, on the road two days ago. The Bulldogs will travel to Greenville to play ECU on Feb. 20.

The Charlotte 49ers (12-5, 3-1 C-USA) have a reliable leader in the backcourt in junior Pierra Henry, who averages 12.1 ppg, 5.3 rpg and 6.3 apg. Sophomore Willie Clayton (6-foot-9) is an effective performer in the post with 11.8 ppg and a team-leading 9.2 rpg.

The 49ers and the Pirates will face off on Feb. 27 in Minges Coliseum. The last time these two teams met was Dec. 1, 2012, and Charlotte came away with a 76-64 victory at home.

The Texas El-Paso Miners (13-6, 3-1 C-USA) round out the forerunners in Conference USA right now. The Miners have won eight of their last nine games. The Miners big man, John Bohannon, has used his 6-foot-11 frame to average 11.1 ppg and 8.6 rpg.

Charlotte defeated UTEP on Jan. 9 and gave the Miners their only conference loss. The Miners are set to play against ECU on Feb. 6 in Greenville.

ECU is the 14th-ranked team in its conference right now, but with conference play just now beginning, a lot could change in the coming weeks.

The Tulane Green Wave (10-9, 2-2 C-USA) will play the Pirates on Thursday at 7 p.m., and ECU will try to get back to its winning ways.

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