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Lots of Tricks but no Treaters

RIVERWALK RIOT

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Greenville Police Department officers were called to the River Walk townhomes around midnight on Saturday because of reports of a violent crowd.

When officers arrived on the scene, nearly 3,000 people were there, some of which were committing acts such as numerous assaults with bottles, extensive damage to property and physical fights. Officers were targeted by the crowd and were attacked.

"There were crowds of people mainly by the entrance of Riverwalk and every stop sign around the neighborhood had been pulled out of the ground and people were climbing to the top of the light poles," said Emma Brown, senior and recreational therapy major. "People also climbed on the night bus and people were breaking in windows and damaging other cars."

Chemical munitions had to be dispersed to the crowd by police officers after attempts to disperse the crowd failed.

"They were using pepper spray bombs or a type of smoke bomb," said Brown. "I did not see anyone getting arrested, but I tried to stay away from that crowd."

According to the GPD, most of the instigators of the riot were from out of town.

"I'm highly disappointed in the conduct I observed tonight at the Riverwalk townhomes. Our officers went into rescue a seriously injured young man and were met by a hostile crowd who began throwing bottles and debris at our officers. It's highly disturbing that these people chose to attack the very individuals who were there to protect them," said Greenville Police Department Chief of Police Hassan Aden in a press release.

The five arrests from the riot include Noah Nonne, 20, Elijah Robinson, 19, who are being charged with failure to disperse; and resist, delay and obstruct. Zachary Tanner, 18, is being charged with felony incite riot, assault with a deadly weapon on a government official and failure to disperse. Stephen Ceperich, 22, is being charged with public disturbance and failure to disperse. Evan Shillmoller is being charged with failure to disperse and resist, delay and obstruct.

"I'm not sure exactly which young man was injured that police were talking about, but there was one man was getting sick all over himself and he needed to be put on oxygen," said Brown.

Officers were not injured, but others were transported to the hospital with lacerations and broken bones.

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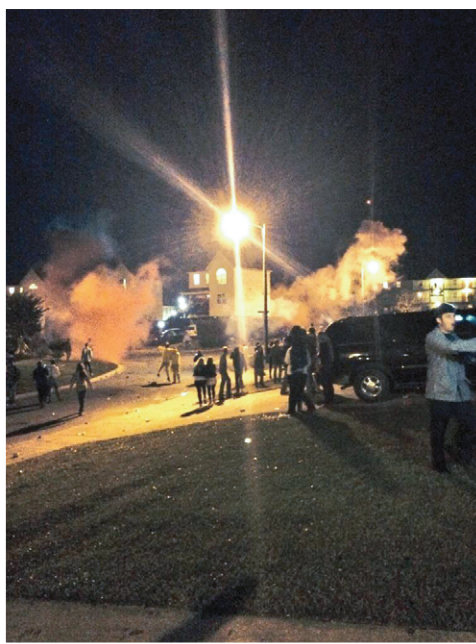


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The riot around midnight on November 1st caused cars in the area to have their windows broken in and the body of the car damaged. Some people in the area had to be assisted by first responders and others were around when police used chemical munitions at the crowd. A large group of people surrounded an ECU transit bus and some climbed on top of the bus.



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TRANSIT VANDALISM

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and **Kelsey Padgett**
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Riots at the Riverwalk Townhomes complex in Greenville resulted in assaults, damaged property and an East Carolina University transit bus that sustained significant damage.

Police described the riot as involving 3,000 people late Halloween night and early the next morning.

"We are aware of the incident involving the bus and are working cooperatively with Greenville Police who are investigating it," said Wood Davidson, director of ECU Transit.

The body of the bus was damaged and glass was broken, but a full assessment of the damage is still being done.

"I drove my car through around 5:30 and the streets were already bad. So I parked my car and just walked everywhere for the rest of the night because anyone trying to drive through was going to get their car messed up," said Tyler Nicholson, senior economics major. "It was basically just a huge party. There wasn't any fighting. There was no riot. Everyone was having fun until the cops brought out the tear gas to get people to go home."

The bus was at Riverwalk Townhomes because it was a scheduled service.

"It started with people climbing on the bus. Then, people pulled up the street signs and starting knocking the bus with them. They were carrying the signs around all night," said Trey Vickerie, sophomore marketing administration major. "The bus wasn't even in service so I don't know why it came down that way in the first place, but it took like an hour and a half for it to make it through the neighborhood."

The operator was able to leave the area safely, but the bus service to the area was canceled until Monday.

"The operator had control during the incident. At no time did a member of the riot have control of the bus. The driver never left the bus. The driver drove it from the scene," said Doug Boyd, editor from ECU News Services.

ECU Police and other law enforcement agencies assisted the Greenville Police Department at the scene and the incident remains under investigation by Greenville Police.

"Downtown was dead that night because everyone came to Riverwalk," said Nicholson.

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BRIEFS

Citizens cast more voted this year compared to last election

In-person early voting ended this past weekend and almost 200,000 more ballots were cast in comparison to the last midterm election four years ago.

Data from the State Board of Elections showed early 1.1 million votes were cast before early-voting centers closed Saturday. Only about 900,000 people cast votes in 2010.

The Coast Guard saves man and woman off North Carolina coast

Two people were rescued off the coast of North Carolina Saturday. The Coast Guard saved a man and a woman on a sailboat about 50 miles off Cape Hatteras.

Officials say they received the call from an electronic positioning device around 5 p.m. and dispatched a helicopter from Elizabeth City. The crew on the sailboat requested an evacuation because of the weather.

Recent Liberia traveller tests negative for Ebola at Duke

A traveler from Liberia is being monitored by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services at Duke University Hospital.

The individual arrived in Person County on Saturday and developed a fever Sunday morning. A blood sample from the patient was sent to the State Laboratory of Public Health and came back negative Monday morning.

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Investigation continues

Information not public for possible impeachment

Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

ECU's Student Government Association will be redoing its investigation into the possible impeachment of SGA president Michael King after federal regulations prevented them from releasing their initial report.



Michael King

The complaint against Michael King was filed on October 16 and the SGA constitution mandates that an impeachment hearing be held 14 days after a valid complaint is followed. However the an official statement put out by SGA's Judicial Council rescheduled the hearing to within 14 days after October 30.



Jessica King

“There were some unforeseen complications,” said SGA advisor and assistant director for student leadership and engagement Jessica King. “We encountered some legal challenges.”
The initial report was conducted by Jessica King in her role as advisor, which is the method mandated by the SGA constitution. However the SGA was informed that if Jessica King released the investigation she would be in violation of FERPA. Even SGA members have not been allowed to see the report.

“We can't continue our process if we'll be breaking federal law,” said Brooks Barrett, SGA attorney general.

FERPA stands for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which



Brooks Barrett

is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Jessica King said the report would be in violation of FERPA because it is a report about a student conducted by a university official.

The investigation could be released if Michael King signed a waiver allowing it, but so far he has not done so. While other students were interviewed to compile the report, they are listed anonymously and Barrett said she did not believe they would not have to sign a waiver for it to be released.

“He is the only student I know who is related to the FERPA,” said Barrett of Michael King.

In the Judicial Council statement that changed the date of the hearing, it also mandated that a new SGA investigation be done completely by students in order to avoid having to worry about FERPA violations.

“The advisor will not be personally involved,” said Barrett. “All interactions will be student-based.”

If the senate votes in two-thirds favor of impeachment, King will be replaced by Vice President Jake Srednicki.

Ron Hinton, a senior communication major and vice president of Communications and Administration of the Interfraternity Council, ran against King last year for president. Hinton said that the whole incident is unfortunate for SGA and ECU students in general.

“It's really disappointing, but I'm not surprised at all,” said Hinton said about the impeachment.

Hinton said that he raised his concerns last March about King for

different reasons, but now he hopes that SGA and administration will take better steps to make sure candidates are more qualified for executive positions. However, he thinks that SGA and the student body can move forward despite these issues.

“At the end of the day, if SGA is being productive, students aren't at a loss,” said Hinton.

Hinton said that he encourages students to be more careful when electing officers in the future after this incident.

Adam Caldwell, senior political science and history major and SGA General College Senator said that impeachment of the president is a very serious issue, but that Senate deserves to hear both sides of the story.

“All senators should come into this with clear minds and will hopefully be willing to hear both sides and come up with the best interest of the student body,” said Caldwell.

Dr. Virginia Hardy, vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, said that administration is not very involved in the impeachment process. In addition, Hardy said that SGA is allowed to keep information from the public as of right now.

Frank LaMonte, Executive Director for the Student Press Law Center, said there is no legal requirement that what King did has to be announced, however, he said that SGA should have records of the complaints and there is no reason why those records should not be released, especially considering King is an elected official.

“If you take on public office, you are agreeing to wave some aspects of privacy,” said LaMonte.

Neither Michael King nor his lawyer could not be reached for comment.

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Crimes near campus cause ECU alerts

Staff Report

This past holiday weekend was a busy one for the ECU alerts system. Four alerts in total were sent out and two were strong-armed robberies.

On Sunday, an alert was sent out around 11 p.m. concerning a strong-armed robbery near the North Campus Complex area. The victims reported that their cell phones and wallets were stolen, the alert said.

The suspects were described as 5-6 black males and left in an unknown direction on foot. No other descriptions of the suspects were provided.

One victim sought medical attention for minor injuries, but there were no reports of any weapons used in the robbery.

Early Sunday morning, an alert was sent out about an armed robbery reported near Garrett Hall at 1:25 p.m. The suspects were armed with a baseball bat and demanded money from the victim, the alert said.

Soon after the alert was sent out, another alert said the suspects were taken into custody. Charlie Currie Cole II and Isaiah Shaquan Townsend were taken into custody and neither are ECU students.

They are charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and second-degree trespass.

Police said there were no injuries reported.

Friday, an assault with a knife occurred on Eastern Street near 3rd Street around 12:50 a.m. the alert said. The victim was transported to Vidant due to injuries.

“At approximately 1 a.m., some words were exchanged between a group of people in the 200 block of Eastern Street,” Kristen Hunter, Greenville Police Department public information officer, said. “An argument ensued and at some point an individual pulled out a knife and cut a male victim on the arm.”

The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 6 feet tall, average build, about 21-years-old, with light brown or blonde shaggy hair. The suspect left the scene on foot in an unknown direction.

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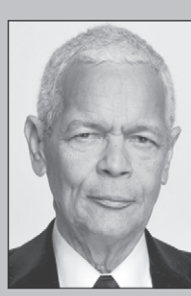
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 Alan Skirnick rides his bike around campus on the designated riding areas for bicycles to ride.

Bikes welcome at ECU

ReAnn Melaga
 FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University is one of the first two schools in North Carolina to be recognized by the League of American Bicyclists with a Silver Bicycle Friendly University award.

ECU is now one of approximately 100 schools across the country to be recognized by the League of American Bicyclists with this award and is one of six universities to have been recognized in North Carolina.

"It shows that we have done things here on campus to make it easier for bicycle riders to get around, to commute and to push alternative forms of transportation rather than single-occupancy vehicles," said Debra Garfi, director of parking and transportation at ECU.

Garfi says ECU waited until necessary measures were taken and certain programs were in place before applying for the award. Programs such as the Bike Share Program and weekly bike clinics were put into effect and a complete inventory of all bike racks across campus were taken to ensure campus was bicycle friendly.

Other measures that were taken included adding dedicated bike lanes to campus along with speaking with transit to possibly include bike racks at bus stops.

"It's just a good thing to show, especially to people who are coming here, we are bicycle friendly and if they bring their bikes we have things in place to help them utilize it," said Garfi.

The recent changes to make ECU a bicycle friendly campus has not only benefitted the bicycling community, but pedestrians and the environment as well.

"Removing cars from campus and promoting alternative modes of transportation shows that the university is interested in the environment and interested in the health and welfare of the people here on campus," said Garfi. "Not only do we park cars but we also try to get people out of their cars to create a nicer environment for the university, plus trying to reduce our carbon footprint here."

One of the newest and most visible changes to make ECU a bicycle friendly campus are the bike lanes that run from Joyner Library to Wright Circle. These lanes were added to help improve the flow of foot traffic and bike traffic on campus. Despite these changes however, there has been some confusion as to how the lanes should be used. This is a situation that Garfi says is being addressed.

According to Garfi, plans to add signage on campus to clear any confusion about the new bike lanes are currently in process. Along with this addition, parking and transportation has plans to extend the Greenville Greenway bike paths, include covers over pre-existing bike racks, create additional bike storage and provide a small workshop where students can repair their bikes.

Garfi says that students are a major part in any changes that have been and will be made and she strongly encourages student input.

"We welcome communication, and I think that what the students have told us has been considered and acted upon when we decided on amenities and facilities to put in," said Garfi.

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Unemployment rate drops

Jessica Wyant
 FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Pitt County unemployment rate recently dropped by five-tenths of a point, putting Pitt County below the North Carolina jobless rate for the month.

The fluctuation in the economy recently shows a slow but steady decrease in unemployment rates in Pitt County.

Unemployment rates dropping in Pitt County are directly related to East Carolina University students and faculty who are a part of the university who live in the everyday society of Greenville. This display of economic growth indi-

cates an increase in overall prosper of the economy and community.

"No, I was not aware the unemployment rate in Greenville had dropped," said sophomore art major Tre Ross. "Yes the unemployment rate dropping is an important issue, if more people are employed, more money will be circulating in the neighborhood in general."

For students, the unemployment rate dropping gives a strong indication that more jobs will be readily available, creating opportunities for ECU students.

"As a student who plans to get a job in the near future, the dropping unemployment

rate will give me a better chance of getting a job if more people are hiring" said Ross.

The county's 6.9 percent not-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September was down from 7.7 in August, according to information released on Wednesday by the N.C. Commerce Department and the U.S. bureau of Labor Statistics. The rate was 1.9 percent lower than the same month in 2013, when the county unemployment rate was at 8.8 percent. The September not-seasonally adjusted statewide rate also was 6.9 percent.

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This event is free to all however; a ticket is required. Tickets are available at the MSC Ticket Office.

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ECU celebrates Halloween

HALLOWEEN



Students and attendees waited in line to enter Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for Halloween Havoc, an annual Halloween weekend event, on Friday night to participate in activities and listen to the DJ.

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Event-goers had numerous candy selections at the many open concession stands during Halloween Havoc.

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Law enforcement from Pitt County and surrounding areas aided the GPD.

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Downtown Greenville shut down the streets and held checkpoints to provide a safe environment for attendees.

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501 Fresh starts up shop

Lindsay Rayner
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Uptown Greenville's newest restaurant, 501 Fresh, is officially open and is offering a healthy selection of salads, wraps and more.

Scott Yeluerton, managing partner and co-owner, explained that 501 Fresh is providing the people of Greenville with healthier choices. "We offer fresh, healthy, alternatives to your fast food stuff here," said Yeluerton.

The mission of 501 Fresh is to have their food prepared fresh yet timely. "We try to have quick ticket times [and] turn our stuff around very fast, but everything is fresh," said Yeluerton.

To insure the freshness Yeluerton says, "I shop everyday, usually twice a day."

"In the morning I go pick stuff up and in the afternoon when I leave here, I have a list and I go back and get more stuff. So everything is bought everyday."

The restaurant also incorporates local resources. "We get it from the local producers when we can," said

Yeluerton. "When it's in season."

Yeluerton and his partners spent months creating the menu. One major thing they pride themselves on is the salad dressing. "Our dressings are homemade," said Yeluerton. "We spent months creating these recipes for these dressings so they would be really good and very original."

Their hope for the dressings is that, "you'll just think about it when you leave here."

Bill Stom, fellow owner along with his wife Shannon, explained the concept of the restaurant as eating healthy.

"Eating healthy makes you feel better," said Stom. "We've been eating like this for a couple of months and we feel a lot better. We're almost in our 50's."

Yeluerton describes himself as a "big barbecue man," but he's seen the benefits of eating healthy. Yeluerton says when you eat healthy, "you don't have to crash afterwards. You don't feel bad, you don't feel heavy, you don't feel bloated. It's good for you."

According to Stom, "Greenville has nothing like this." This discovery was

what inspired the owners to create 501 Fresh.

Yeluerton said they have received, "very good feedback from people telling us we've been wanting something like this in Greenville," he said. "Well here it is. So we're here to help."

While choosing what to order at 501 Fresh, "on the back of the menu you design your own [options]," said Yeluerton. "So you pick the ingredients you actually want in your salad or wrap." According to Yeluerton, "We've had some unusual requests, some really unusual requests."

According to Stom, the location of 501 Fresh is a historic building from the early 1900s. Stom said that they wanted to preserve what had once been there.

Yeluerton said as of now, 501 Fresh is "the one and only currently," but when it comes to expanding, he would love to open 10.

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Tesora boutique opens for business

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Escape Spa has recently opened a new clothing boutique called Tesora in Greenville.

Tesora is the clothing aspect of the spa and opened late last August but is still in the process of building up their boutique. It is the second branch of Tesora, the first located in Charlotte.

The boutique has already received many customers according to Janice Trabucco, owner of Escape Spa and Tesora. "They have been very supportive and very complementary of the pieces we choose," said Trabucco.

Trabucco explained that the boutique supplies different items at reasonable prices. Seeing that Escape Spa already has a running business, the items in the boutique do not have to be priced high. "Now that we have the overhead I don't have to mark things up," said Trabucco.

There are not many products in the boutique as of yet, so each item can be exclusive to each customer. It is Tesora's mission to ensure customers that their piece is limited. "We don't order a large quantity so that you're not out to dinner or at school and someone walks by with the same shirt or sweater on," said Trabucco.

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Famous fashion designer, Diane von Furstenberg (above center), stands amongst the eight women who are competing to win the job of brand ambassador to her multi-million dollar fashion empire.



Jessica Gribbon
TEC STAFF

Fashion has been a form of expression for centuries. Whether its clothing or accessories, it's a form of expression that many people take seriously. Designer brands are plastered on pages of magazines and consume the hearts and minds of many. The billion-dollar industry is home to one designer in particular who has paved the way for those who follow, Diane von Furstenberg.

DVF has created a new reality television show on E! network to follow the lives of eight young women who have been given the chance to work as the designer's brand ambassador, a paid position that will allow the chosen woman to travel the world as a representative for the company.

The first episode aired on Sunday and provided viewers with a preview of what the season will have in store. As the episode opened, viewers got a glimpse of each candidate, which included their name and hometown as well as a bit of their personality.

Ten women were selected initially and were given a task to work at the DVF Awards, a distinguished ceremony "to honor and support extraordinary women who have had the courage

to fight, the power to survive and the leadership to inspire," according to the DVF website. The event was hosted at the United Nations building in New York City and included distinguished guests such as Sarah Jessica Parker and Alicia Keys.

The ten girls were assigned tasks to aid, promote and work with current employees to make the event successful. While some of the women enjoyed their tasks, others were unimpressed. Coco, a model and competitor on the show, was less than impressed when she was told that she would be working with the catering team. Instead of working, she chose to stand to the side and pout about her assignment.

Just as the event began, another contestant named Tiffani was in charge of posting Instagram pictures when her phone died unexpectedly. She asked to borrow a fellow candidate's phone to complete her task, but was surprised when Grier refused to let her borrow it.

Amidst all of the fluffy drama added to fill time within the event, Rhianna, another candidate in the program, was following DVF around the event. Clearly, this deterred her from the task she was assigned. In a sudden change in events, she rushed to the bathroom after feeling faint. Paramedics were called, adding to the hype and drama of the situation and taking away from the purpose of the event itself.

The following day, DVF met with each candidate individually in order to get a better grasp of who they are as individuals and whether or not they will make it into the program, since she can only choose eight out of the ten candidates. After speaking with the candidates as a whole and meeting with them one on one, both Coco and Rhianna were sent home with a signed copy of her book and warm wishes.

The House of DVF brings a new element to reality TV. While fashion has been present on networks for years through shows such as Project Runway and America's Next Top Model, House of DVF displays the behind the scenes side of the industry by letting viewers in behind closed doors to see how certain processes and selections work.

Overall, the show will draw in viewers simply due to brand recognition, but will entertain audiences who tune in. However, viewers should be mindful that this is a reality show and somewhat serious moments will be elaborated to enhance ratings. The House of DVF airs on Sunday's at 10 p.m. on the E! network.

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ECU welcomes the annual Chili Bowl

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University will be hosting their annual Chili Bowl Sale tomorrow from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Jenkins Fine Arts Center.

"The Chili Bowl Sale is an annual fundraiser where we sell chili bowls to raise money for the students to go to the National Conference each year," said Jim Tisnado, associate professor of the School and Art of Design Ceramics. "Some of the money goes to visiting artists as well."

The Chili Bowl Sale has been held for many years at East Carolina University. However, this event did not start at East Carolina University.

"My colleague, Seo Eo, was the one who started this event," said Tisnado.

Tisnado explained that most of the chili bowls are created by being turned on the wheel, but some are hand-built bowls.

"All the students of the ceramics contribute 10-20 bowls to the chili bowl sale each year," said Tisnado. "The Ceramics Guild Organization is a student run organization. Its primary mission is to sell clay and materials to the students of the arts center."

The organization is also a social organization as well that meets on a weekly basis.

By contributing to different causes and fundraisers, the Ceramics Guild Organization is able to help make a difference in the Greenville

"We want students and faculty to come out and get a bowl of chili for a great cause..."
—Jim Tisnado

Community and all over the world.

"Two years ago we sold t-shirts and raised \$2,000 to go to the tsunami in Japan. It was a great outcome for us," said Tisnado.

They are hoping for a great outcome again this year.

"We want students and faculty to come out and get a bowl of chili for a great cause," said Tisnado. "We do this event so everyone can be aware of what we do here in ceramics."

Tisnado said he believes that chili is a good food to eat during colder months.

"It is just a really good lunch," he said. "We always have a great time with this event. In fact, for the past three years we have sold completely out of chili and only had a few bowls left to be sold."

Tisnado explained that students and faculty have worked long hours and days to display many different kinds of bowls to be sold.

"It is just a great way for everyone to get a hand-built bowl and some chili to take home with them too," he said.

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The style of the boutique is addressed as different but comfortable. Charisse Costin, sophomore nutrition major, has been to visit the boutique this month.

"I liked the simplicity of everything," said Costin. "It was very eclectic [and] very inviting, it made you want to come and sit down." Costin explained she enjoys shopping and now has Tesora on her list of places to shop.


Along with clothing in the boutique, Escape Spa also includes their own line of natural body products and a non-profit clothing line from recycled material.

"It's a non-profit group that makes all the jewelry themselves out of donated clothing and the profits are donated to help prevent human trafficking around the world," said Trabucco. "It's a great organization."

Costin was also aware of these lines. "There were many natural products, which is cool to have because I am a naturalist," she said. "The clothes were really cute and the scarves were made out of recycled material. It just shows the creativity and their caring into the community."

Escape's Spa and Tesora boutique is currently open on Fire Tower Road.

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PIRATE RANTS

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After Riverwalk and the Temple game there are a lot of embarrassed Pirates after this weekend.

Sorry roommates, but I don't care if I made you mad. Cleaning up is necessary.

Lay down under a tree and find your inner chill, Pirates. You have apparently lost it.

Halloween does NOT equate the Purge. You've gone too far Pirates.

Just great. We've lost our big bowl game bid and our national ranking due to one game. I'm one sad Pirate.

Is there "Jailbird: ECU Halloween Edition"?

I can only imagine the splinters from people climbing the light pole got at Riverwalk on Halloween.

As alumni, I hope you're proud of just fueling the reputation ECU is trying to rid themselves of with the Halloween stunt.

Seriously ECU, a riot? And you wonder why we are laughed at and have a horrible reputation.

Riverwalk will be the new downtown for Halloweens to come.

To the girls that laughed at me after I asked them to stop talking during class, NOBODY LIKES YOU!

"I'm Shmacked" should have come to the Riverwalk Riot.

Halloween in Greenville raises several questions around our progress as a species.

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Why are people bragging about Riverwalk? That was a complete sh*t show and is not something to be proud of!

Squirrels at ECU are like girls, all they want is a good nut!

Can we just not talk about this riot anymore?

TEC should do an interview with the bus driver... everyone would read that.

Whats an vampires ideal wife? An ebola victim!

How do you follow up a night like "Riverwalk Riot"

Our Pirates don't play well when they travel. We're not landlubbers, c'mon guys!

Look if you can't hold your liquor it is just not meant for you to drink. I don't wanna have to walk past vomit every 10 steps.

These girls wear big tee shirts because it hides their beer bellies.

To the two groups of girls in my organic class, please, for the sake of the rest of the class and our professor, please, STFU or GTFO.

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

Our view

Riot causes ECU to consider values

By now almost every student on this campus has heard some version of what transpired at Riverwalk on Halloween night. As Dr. Ballard and Dr. Hardy said in their letter to the student body, actions like this devalue our education and hard work as students.

We as an editorial staff and all students hope that one day we can walk into a job interview and proudly state that we have a degree from East Carolina. We also hope that the hiring manager does not look at our degree and cringe as they think "party school".

Not only do we not want to be known as a party

school we also don't want to be known as students who assault police officers. The police responded to an injured individual at the apartment complex and they were met with glass bottles thrown at them. It shouldn't have to be said, but this is wrong. The only people that should have to fear police officers doing their job are people that are committing crimes.

Ultimately, the people that were involved need to reevaluate their values and see if this university is really the right place for them.

Student voting is pivotal



Kathleen Daniels
TEC COLUMNIST

Voter turnout in our country is abysmal. In 2012, approximately 60 percent of the voting age population actually voted and in midterm election like this year, less than 40 percent of the voting age population will vote. This means that a minority of

people will be making a majority of the decisions for our country.

We clearly need to work on increasing voter turnout. Unfortunately, some would like to make it harder to vote, especially for students. Students are the future of our country and we should be actively encouraging their political participation, not discouraging it.

In 2013, a massive voting omnibus bill was passed by the North Carolina General Assembly. This bill fundamentally changed the way North Carolinians vote, especially young people. 16 and 17-year-olds used to be able to pre-register to

vote so when they turned 18 they were automatically added to the voter role, but now they can't. Students used to have more days to vote early, but many early voting days and hours were eliminated. Same-day registration was eliminated, so now voters must be registered 25 days prior to the election, which becomes difficult for students busy and distracted with school work.

One of the worst ways the General Assembly has attempted to restrict student access to the ballot is requiring voter identification starting in 2016. Many states have implemented voter ID laws, but have also included state issued student IDs as an approved voter ID. Out-of-state IDs will be accepted at the polls, but only for 90 days after the voter registers in North Carolina. This is nearly impossible for out-of-state college students to achieve. Students have a constitutional right to vote where they go to school. The voter omnibus bill is a clear attack on college students' right to vote.

So what do we do? Should students accept defeat and forget how important their voice is?

No. Absolutely not. Students and young people matter in elections. We are the future of our country, state, county and city. The people we can vote into office, or out of office, will be making the decisions that will affect our lives for years. Greenville has a population of approximately 89,000 and East Carolina University has approximately 27,000 students. This means ECU students make up approximately 30 percent of Greenville's population, a huge percentage that can make a huge difference in elections.

Students need to turn out to the polls. We matter and can make a difference. Don't let anyone trying to hold us back from voting stop you. If anything, let their attempts to restrict your ballot access fuel your desire to make a difference. We need to show the General Assembly that students care and that students matter. Today is Election Day 2014 and the polls are open until 7 p.m. Make sure your voice is heard. Vote.

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Letter from the administration Regarding Riverwalk Townhomes riot on Halloween

Dear ECU Students:

Halloween is a long running tradition for Greenville and East Carolina University. Unfortunately, the events that took place this Halloween were disturbing and compromised the reputation of the University and our students.

- Numerous incidents of damage occurred in the residence halls, including body-sized holes to hallway walls.
- Fights and safety concerns due to intoxicated students and their guests forced an early end to Halloween Havoc at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium.
- Riot like activity at the River Walk Townhomes resulted in injuries and major damage to an ECU Transit bus. Glass bottles and debris were hurled at police officers trying to help injured persons and secure the location.

Halloween fell on a Friday night and this opened the door for people from all over the state to converge on our campus and our city for the festivities. To that point, ECU students registered more than 1,000 guests to attend Halloween Havoc at Dowdy-Ficklen. Additionally, non-ECU students showed up downtown and at off-campus locations such as River Walk.

We expect ECU students and their guests to behave in a responsible and safe manner while still enjoying all the festivities. We believe the majority do. However, the inappropriate, dangerous behavior this Halloween exhibited by a small percentage of ECU

students and their guests will not be tolerated. The University requires students to comply with Greenville and North Carolina laws, and conduct themselves in ways that respect the safety and the rights of others. The actions during Halloween 2014 fall far short of the values and expectations of ECU students and their guests.

Any students confirmed by the Greenville Police Department, ECU Police or Campus Living to have been involved in illegal activities on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 will be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for possible disciplinary action. Beyond the legal implications, the ECU Student Code of Conduct governs all students and their behavior both on and off campus.

It is important that all ECU students be leaders and live up to the core Pirate values of respect, integrity and leadership. If all of us lead by example, we will show others what it means to be true Pirates.

Halloween will fall on a Saturday next year, and we cannot and will not have a repeat of this weekend's events. As students, you work very hard over many years to earn a degree from East Carolina University—too hard to watch that work and that goal disappear in one night. Protect your reputation and protect the reputation of your school.

Steve Ballard, Chancellor
Virginia Hardy, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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Poll question
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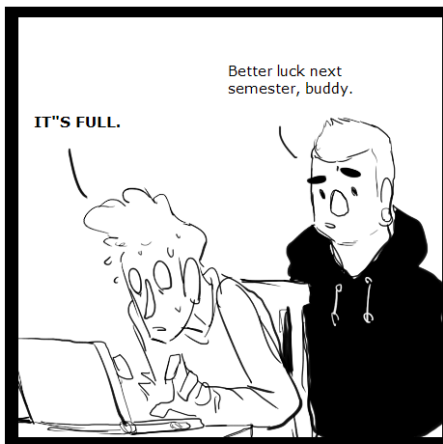
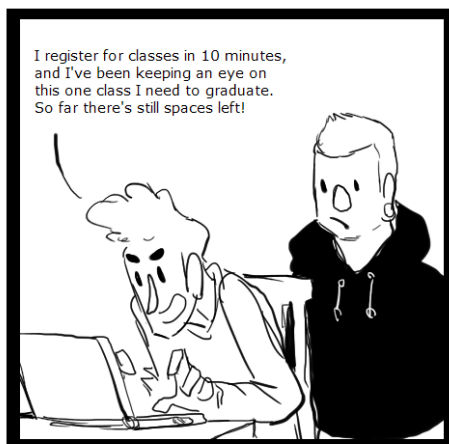
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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE 11/4/14

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Makeup or final segment
 - 5 Olympics
 - 10 Elaborate dance
 - 14 Golf clinic topic
 - 15 "The Lincoln Lawyer" actress Marisa
 - 16 With 41-Across, plant source of cosmetic additives
 - 17 Rowboat pair
 - 18 Hot-looking dude
 - 20 GPS part: Abbr.
 - 21 Yeses in Congress
 - 22 Labor day arrival?
 - 23 Powerful engine
 - 25 650, to Augustus
 - 26 Unsavory-sounding Cajun side
 - 31 Does a general's job
 - 35 "Be that ___ may ..."
 - 36 Work in the cockpit
 - 38 ___-de-sac
 - 39 Maker of the Air Max athletic shoe
 - 40 Rich cake
 - 41 See 16-Across
 - 42 Extremity sporting a ring, maybe
 - 43 Lyricist Johnny
 - 44 "Terrible" ruler
 - 45 Come next
 - 47 Taiwanese LPGA star who is the youngest golfer to win five major championships
 - 49 '60s militant campus gp.
 - 51 Fax button
 - 52 Slacks measure
 - 55 It's cut before dealing
 - 58 Most like it hot
 - 60 Nook Tablet rival
 - 62 Angler's artificial fly, e.g.
 - 63 Monogram ltr.
 - 64 Yuppies co-founder Hoffman
 - 65 Major exporter of handmade carpets
 - 66 "What did I ___ deserve this?"
 - 67 Takes a chance on
- DOWN**
- 1 Self-perceptions
 - 2 One of Superman's powers
 - 3 Bombing attacks
 - 4 AWOL pursuers
 - 5 Online marketplace for handmade goods
 - 6 Cast a ballot
 - 7 Flightless birds
 - 8 Actor Beatty
 - 9 Like a mouse
 - 10 Confuse
 - 11 A, in radio code
 - 12 Pork cut
 - 13 Pre-Easter season
 - 19 Ben or Sam
 - 21 "___ luck?"
 - 24 Suffix with kitchen
 - 26 "Inferno" poet
 - 27 Hourly charge
 - 28 Old piano key material
 - 29 About, in dates
 - 30 Moth-___: tattered
 - 32 Pet detective of film
 - 33 "Hungry Like the Wolf" rockers
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 - 37 Actress Hatcher
 - 41 Workbench clamp
 - 43 Reward for a hero
 - 46 At ease with
 - 48 "Shame on you!"
 - 50 Eyeliner problem
 - 52 "Just joking"
 - 53 Boy, in Bogotá
 - 54 Bad mood
 - 55 "That's mine!"
 - 56 '70s-'80s heartthrob Estrada
 - 57 So-so grades
 - 59 Curve in the road
 - 61 G-man's org.
 - 62 "___ Abner"

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By C.C. Burnikel 11/4/14

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Watkins returns to home

Catcher set for comeback after injury-shortened 2014

Tyler Kelbaugh
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With the Purple and Gold World Series approaching this weekend, the official start of the ECU baseball season is much closer than it appears.

This season, the team welcomes back catcher Travis Watkins, who missed nearly all of last season after hyper-extending his elbow in the middle of March.

“This summer I had surgery,” said Watkins. “I was able to get the medical redshirt so I saved a season.”

Watkins was widely regarded as one of the best catchers in the nation before his elbow injury.

He was twice nominated as a candidate for the Johnny Bench Award, given to the best catcher in college baseball.

During the 2013 season Watkins earned Conference USA All-Freshman Team honors after batting .267 with four doubles and 16 RBI.

The Concord, N.C., native played in nine games last season, seven of which he started behind the plate.

In those games Watkins hit a whopping .360 (9-25), also collecting five RBI and four walks.

“Getting back to that level is the goal,” said Watkins. “Coach [Cliff] Godwin is a phenomenal catching instructor. He’s helping (all the catchers) get better behind the plate.”

And who better to teach the young catcher than Godwin, who played in 126 games over four years with the Pirates behind the plate.

Recovering from a serious injury sometimes causes players to get discouraged, but Watkins says getting back into baseball shape was much easier than he expected.



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Watkins receives a pitch during one of his rare appearances in 2014. Watkins made his name as a freshman in 2013.

Watkins' All-Freshmen C-USA 2013 Season	
AVG. :	.267
SLG. :	.305
OBP :	.336
RBI :	16
Runners caught stealing:	13/25 (52%)

“I wouldn’t say it was a challenge. You always hear about how injuries get in people’s heads and they can’t overcome the injury,” said Watkins. “Since day one, I was confident in my ability and my rehab. I trusted my trainers; I trusted what people were telling me. That’s caused the whole process to go smoothly.”

Although Watkins says the process wasn’t as difficult as he expected, it was still quite a process.

“This summer I stayed here with (athletic trainer) Zac Womack,” said Watkins. “We worked on getting the range of motion back at first. Then I started on my throwing pro-

“ Since day one, I was confident in my ability and my rehab. ”

- Travis Watkins

gram, just gradually working my way back.”

While Watkins says he’s 100 percent healthy now, the experiences he missed due to injury will make it difficult to find immediate success in the college game.

In addition to the period he will spend getting back into the groove, he also has to prove capable of taking the position back from fellow catchers Luke Lowry and walk-on Eric Tyler. However, Lowry can be expected to spend a significant portion of the upcoming season with the DH role, and he spent time at first base last year.

While many of his teammates were able to go out and play the entire season, join summer leagues, and participate fully in fall practices, Watkins was simply trying to get back into baseball shape.

“I haven’t gotten to play since March,” said Watkins. “That’s a long break off of baseball. I haven’t had a break from the game that long since I was a little kid.”

While injuries are an unpredictable and dreaded reality nearly all athletes deal with throughout their career, Watkins is more confident than ever in his ability to perform at a high level.

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Freshman Tyson turning heads

Walk-on guard receiving early respect through hard work

Wayne Hall
TEC STAFF

Walking into Minges Coliseum on a given Thursday afternoon, one shouldn’t be surprised to find B.J. Tyson lining up jumpers 40 minutes before practice.

With coaches pushing him, Tyson puts up jumper after jumper, working further back towards the perimeter as he works to master his long-range game. The shooting session lasts for a little less than an hour, with Tyson out of breath after putting up more than 50 3-pointers in a row. What’s so surprising about Tyson’s efforts is not the fact that he’s so driven to work on his game, but that he’s doing this while only being a freshman.

Tyson weighed in on just how those



B.J. Tyson

coaches who pushed him earlier were preparing him for the upcoming season.

“Coming in my freshman year [they are] just getting me prepared to shoot, prepared for this offense and just coming in and playing,” said Tyson.

The game plan to prepare Tyson for the upcoming season is pretty simple. The coaches just need him on the floor doing what he did in high school which led to him averaging 26.0 points, 8.3 rebounds and 3.2 steals per game.

Tyson will be sharing the court with

some pretty talented freshmen as well in Lance Tejada and Grant Bryant.

“It’s a good thing that they’re freshmen too,” said Tyson. “We know as freshmen we can mess up and get frustrated when it doesn’t go our way. So I try to talk to Lance and Grant when it doesn’t go their way and to just keep them up, and to keep fighting.”

A common theme that Tyson keeps mentioning is “fight.” Tyson’s resiliency is always on display. Especially when it comes to providing that spark that the Pirates needed last season. Going for Tyson is also the fact that his style of play melds perfectly with Head basketball Coach Jeff Lebo’s new plan of attack on offense.

“In high school my junior year we had

a similar offense to this,” Tyson said. “It came to me that this would be a pretty good offense to score off of because we have a lot of movement and a lot of screens.”

Tyson also knows that his game does have its limits, noting that he needs to work on his 3-point shooting and outer perimeter game. Aside from that however, Tyson feels like both himself and his team already feature the necessary pieces to be dominant once their opening season match-up against North Carolina Wesleyan rolls around.

B.J. Tyson along with Grant Bryant and Lance Tejada make up a solid group of newcomers for ECU.

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<p>Tuesday 11/4 (Away) Women’s Golf Jim West Challenge (Final round) All day</p>	<p>Tuesday 11/4 (Away) Carolina Hurricanes Columbus 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday 11/7 Women’s Volleyball Houston 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday 11/7 Women’s Swimming Kitty Harrison Invitational (Day one) All day</p>	<p>Friday 11/7 (Away) Women’s Soccer USF 7:30 p.m.</p>
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CALENDAR

TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Lady Pirates stunned Memphis, 2-1, scoring the winning goal 52 seconds into the first overtime. ECU advanced to the AAC semi-finals.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

ECU suffered a setback at USF Sunday afternoon, losing 3-1.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

ECU finished eighth at the AAC championships. Freshman Jorge Montes earned all-conference honors with a 10th place finish.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates were picked to finish third in the American Athletic Conference preseason poll behind UConn and South Florida.

FOOTBALL

The former No. 23 Pirates suffered their second loss of the season Saturday losing to the Temple Owls, 20-10. ECU has a bye this weekend.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Pirates finished in ninth place at the AAC championships over the weekend.

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Soccer scores tourney upset



Kendall Frey and Lana Spitler (5) celebrate after a crucial goal. The Lady Pirates, who were 4-5 in conference-play, defeated Houston and upset second-seed Memphis to earn a matchup with USF. CONTRIBUTED BY ECU MEDIA RELATIONS

Lady Pirates shock Memphis, advance to AAC semi-finals

Aaron Jackson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Over the weekend the East Carolina Women's soccer team started the American Conference Tournament with a bang, going 2-0 in two matches.

The Pirates' (12-7-1, 4-5-0 AAC) first match was on the night of Halloween. The game proved to be a fright night for Houston (1-10-5, 0-7-1 AAC). As the game began, the Pirates stifled Houston's attempts at scoring a goal. ECU held Houston scoreless all the way until the 75th minute in the second half. East Carolina's first goal came from Brianna Spitler with the assist from Kelley Miller in the 20th minute. Miller sent a beautiful cross over to Spitler who tapped it in, beating the goalie to score her second goal of the season. Just

before half time ECU scored their second goal of the game. Brett Thomas passed the ball to Kendall Frey, who finished up the middle with her sixth goal of the season. ECU went into half time with a 2-0 lead. The Pirates had five shots on goal to Houston's single shot on goal in the first half.

The second half consisted of little to no change from ECU's defense. Houston took a total of eight shots while only one seemed to be successful. Right off the bat in the 48th minute, ECU scored its third goal of the game. Lana Spitler took a free kick from 40 yards out and it ricocheted off the bottom of the crossbar into the goal giving ECU a 3-0 lead. Towards the end of the match, Houston finally broke the shutout with a goal in the 75th minute. The game resulted in a 3-1 victory, advancing ECU

to the second round of the American Athletic Conference Tournament on Sunday afternoon.

In the second round of the tournament, ECU took on the second seeded Memphis Tigers (9-6-4, 6-1-2 AAC). ECU went on to upset the Tigers in an overtime thriller. Memphis struck first blood in the 14th minute of the game. Following an ECU foul in the box, Valerie Sanderson scored off the penalty kick, giving Memphis a 1-0 lead over ECU. Despite giving up the penalty kick, the Pirates' goalie Erika Lens had three saves and did not allow another goal after the first half. ECU went into halftime down by one goal.

After a few failed attempts at scoring a goal, ECU finally broke the silence with a goal tying the game up. The equalizer came in the 77th minute from a header by Kendall Frey. The

assist came off a corner kick from Lana Spitler which was headed perfectly over Memphis' goalie. In the second half, the Pirates picked up the pace of play and gave the second seeded Memphis a run for their money. Even though ECU may have played better, they were still out shot 6-5 by Memphis. The last goal by ECU ended up sending them into overtime. In the very first minute in overtime, Kendall Frey scored the game-concluding goal, sending the Pirates to the semi-finals of the AAC tournament. Frey had two game-changing goals winning the Pirates the game.

East Carolina (12-7-1) will now take on USF (12-6-1) in Tampa Bay, Fla., for the third round of the playoffs on Friday.

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Owls rain on Pirate parade



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Saturday's 20-10 loss in Philadelphia was a perfect storm for an ECU team with high hopes: a large, waterlogged stadium with a non-existent crowd and miserable playing conditions that featured gusting winds and sub-40 degree temperatures.

The Pirates (6-2, 3-1 AAC) entered Lincoln Financial Field—the home of the Eagles—in perfect position as realistic favorites to claim both an American Athletic Conference title and an invitation to an Access Bowl as the best non-“Power Five” conference team. However, one of those scenarios washed away in the torrential downpour Saturday.

In all likelihood, ECU is no longer a serious contender to play in a New Years Day Access Bowl. The new prime candidates are Marshall and Colorado State and they have shown few signs that would suggest them relinquishing their opportunities; Marshall has an 8-0 record and Colorado State sits at 8-1.

ECU's performance against Temple was dreadful and the build up to it was maybe even more alarming. If you like football, it was a hard game to watch between the Pirates' five lost fumbles and 12 penalties for 12 yards. But it was a trend that was repeated time and again in their conference matchups. The Pirates found a way to keep their opponents in the game and this time it came back to haunt them.

On Saturday, quarterback Shane Carden couldn't connect with his deep, dynamic receiving core and the offense struggled. Leading rusher Breon Allen coughed up two of the Pirates' five fumbles, which directly resulted in them facing a 14-0 deficit that they couldn't overcome—a far cry from the

comeback victory that the team manufactured against South Florida.

That being said, the performance against Temple was not indicative of the team's talent level or what fifth-year head coach Ruffin McNeill has done at ECU. However, neither was their 70-41 victory over North Carolina. Instead, the Pirates likely fall somewhere between their in-state victory and their loss in the not-so-friendly confines of Lincoln Financial Field.

They are a competitive team and they were the most deserving squad of the Access Bowl spot—at least by pollsters—until they lost on Saturday. Now with the loss, the highest realistic expectation the team could have had is gone. Perhaps that's football, but the season isn't finished.

ECU still has four games remaining and a chance to at the American Conference title. Let's also not forget that the team clinched bowl eligibility last week with their sixth win of the season.

But it would be totally accurate to say that the Pirates shot themselves in the foot on Saturday, which is a sentiment that was repeated by quarterback Shane Carden after the game.

“You can't play from behind and keep shooting yourself in the foot in a tough environment against a good team,” said Carden.

ECU will have to work tooth and nail through the last month of its conference schedule and if Saturday taught us anything, nothing will come easy for the Pirates.

Who knows, maybe the dominos fall in their favor and other top Access Bowl candidate will lose a game or two to open the door back up for the Pirates. But as of right now, ECU's new focus should be their impending game against Cincinnati and nothing more.

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SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
East Carolina	3-1	6-2
Cincinnati	3-1	5-3
Houston	3-1	5-3
Memphis	3-1	5-3
UCF	3-1	5-3
Temple	3-2	5-3
USF	2-3	3-6
Tulane	1-3	2-6
Tulsa	1-3	1-7
UConn	1-4	2-6
SMU	0-3	0-7



Running back Chris Hairston looks down in disappointment during the realization of the Pirates' 20-10 loss to the Temple Owls.

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ECU fumbles in Philadelphia

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The Pirates suffered their second loss of the season, 20-10, in an ugly fashion against Temple Saturday, which effectively dropped them out of the national rankings.

ECU (6-2, 3-1 American Athletic Conference) outgained Temple (5-3, 3-2 AAC) 432-135 in total yardage and ran 32 more plays in the game. However, there were two statistical categories that ultimately put Temple over the top: ECU's seven fumbles—five of them turned over to the Owls—and its 12 penalties that accounted for 120 yards.

The game, which was played in sloppy conditions at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field, started poorly for ECU when senior running back Breon Allen lost a first quarter fumble that was returned 63 yards by Temple's Tavon Young for a touch-down and never really got better.

For Allen, matters would only get worse. He would only gain 52 yards on 11 carries and was constantly swarmed by Temple defenders, which resulted in another lost fumble on the Pirates' ensuing possession that eventually led to running back Kenneth Harper punching in another touchdown to put the Owls up 14-0.

“We haven't lost that many fumbles in the whole year,” said ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill. “That's something that we have to overcome. It's the same thing with penalties. We've had set backs all year but we have to emphasize that even more... we'll find a way to do that.”

Out of Allen's rough performance came one of the few bright spots for the ECU offense. Junior running back Chris Hairston was by far the best performer for the Pirates offensively with his career-best 154 yards on 21 carries.

“The weather impacted us a



Isaiah Jones (7) pleads with officials after having his helmet and strap broken.

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lot,” said Hairston. “It was hard to get the passing game going, but we were still playing well and moving the ball. We just have to eliminate our penalties and turnovers.”

Although the defense played well, they found themselves in bad situations that couldn't be overcome, especially in a game where the weather made it difficult to expect much offense.

“We know how to play whether there's rain, sleet or snow,” said linebacker Zeek Bigger. “It's a football game and we got beat. Temple is a

good team and played well. They forced turnovers and there were some things we didn't do.”

Before forcing five Pirate fumbles, Temple had turned over opponents 19 times this season. Junior linebacker Tyler Matakovich recorded a game-high 16 tackles (all solo) and forced a fumble to lead the Owls' defense.

Warren Harvey hit a 39-yard field goal to cut the lead to 14-3, but the ECU offense wouldn't muster any more points until running back Marquez Grayson scored with 2:15



Owl back Kenneth Harper (4) dives into the endzone after breaking a tackle.

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remaining in the game. But by then, it was too little too late for the Pirates.

As for Allen, who was at the forefront of the players marred by both the weather conditions and a sloppy performance, McNeill was confident after the game that the team's leading rusher would have no problems putting his rough performance behind him.

“When I talked to the team he was in the front of the circle,” said McNeill. “I looked to the right and he was right [next to me]. I think that tells you something.”

The defeat is the first for the Pirates since their 33-23 loss to South Carolina and more than likely spoiled any chance of the team making an Access Bowl, which will feature the best team from a non-

“Power Five” conference. However, the Pirates still are still in the hunt for an American Conference title, especially after UCF was beaten at Connecticut Saturday.

“Losses are tough,” said Carden who completed 24 of 41 passes for a season-low 217 yards and no touchdowns. “We're going to watch the film, but our goal is still there. We control it at this point. At the beginning of the season our goal wasn't to get ranked, it was to win the conference and that's still in sight.”

The Pirates will have an open date before traveling to Cincinnati to play the Bearcats on a Thursday night matchup.

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