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ALPHA PHI HOSTS CARDIAC WEEK



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Paige Jackson, junior communication major and Alpha Phi sister, serves pancakes at the Alpha Pheast event, the first of three to be held this week. All of the proceeds from the week's events will be donated to the Alpha Phi Foundation for research.

GPD finds homicide victim has criminal past

ReAnn Melaga
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Police Department is continuing the investigation of the city's first homicide of 2015.

According to a statement released by police, at approximately 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 6 Greenville Police were called to the 200 block of Vance Street after a shooting had been reported.

When officers arrived, 23-year-old Kwmaine Thompson was found lying in the middle of the Vance Street with a gunshot wound to the head. Thompson was pronounced dead on the scene.

According to the North Carolina Department of Corrections website, Thompson was awaiting trial for previous charges including felony breaking and entering in 2008.

In addition to the felony breaking and entering charges, Thompson was previously arrested three times. According to "The Daily Reflector" jail bookings, Thompson was arrested in August 2014 for felony breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering, felony for possessing stolen goods and various misdemeanor charges.

In Oct. 2012 and Sept. 2013, Thompson was arrested for nonsupport of child, which is a misdemeanor charge. In March 2011, Thompson was arrested for felony breaking and entering and larceny from a person.

Thompson was sentenced to probation for his previous charges, according to the Department of Corrections website.

At this time the motive of the shooting is unknown and detectives are thoroughly investigating the situation, according to a statement released by police.

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Ballard addresses Brody rumors

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Chancellor Steve Ballard released a statement Sunday to assure supporters of the Brody School of Medicine that "there are no plans to close the Brody School now or in the future." The statement was sent out in response to accusations made last week that the Brody School is in danger of closing its doors due to financial hardships.

Last fiscal year, Brody lost \$14 million dollars. Also, ECU Physicians, the clinical practice of Brody, is required to keep operating expenses for 90 days, or about \$39.5 million, in reserve in order to remain accredited. At this time the practice has 72 days available, totaling \$31.6 million.

In the last five years, Brody has had to

make up for a cumulative, permanent state budget cut of about 19 percent per year.

The continued cuts in the funding by the state, legislative restrictions on how physicians can receive payment for services and a limited ability to collect debt for provided services were a major contributor to the losses faced by the school last year.

Brody also provides service to a high percentage of patients who are uninsured or have Medicaid, which doesn't fully cover the cost of their care.

Low tuition and fees charged by Brody prevents it from following the private school model of being tuition-funded.

In Ballard's statement, he explains how Brody's funding model is unique.

"Unlike most academic medical centers, we do not own our teaching hospital

and that sets us apart from other medical schools in the state," said Ballard. "While we have a highly successful partnership with Vidant Medical Center to provide a teaching hospital, which provides us payment for services provided, there are significant legal restrictions for an independent hospital to fund a medical school that is under separate ownership. Because of these factors we have always and will continue to require strong state support."

Kathryn Kennedy, chief of communication for health sciences, said that losses like last year's cannot and will not continue, because it could cause Brody to deplete its cash reserves in the next three to five years.

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Ticket filing extended for SGA elections

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TEC STAFF

The Student Government Association at East Carolina University announced Monday afternoon that filing for SGA elections will be extended to today at noon.

Following last week's Election Orientation, which was held last Tuesday, students have been beginning to show interest in campaigning and running for the Student Government elections.

Student Body Secretary, Katie Swanner, said that she has personally seen interest from students who are looking into running for several Senate positions and a few for executive council.

According to the SGA Election Committee's website:

The purpose of the SGA Elections is to ensure a fair, organized way for students to elect their Student Government Executives and Senators to represent each student's voice and to promote the importance of student voice and voter turnout in choosing the SGA elected officers.

Current President of the student body, Jake Srednicki, said he has stressed his concern and encouragement to get students involved in the upcoming elections.

"I want every student who is passionate about Student Government and representation to have opportunities to serve and improve the student experience," said Srednicki.

Students who applied to run on a ticket for the executive branch of SGA are required to attend the Elections Compulsory Meetings tonight and tomorrow.

The Election Committee clearly states on their website that failure to attend without good reason will disqualify you from running.

These meetings are mandatory for the students involved in each ticket because important election dates and rules for campaigning will be issued.

Furthermore, strict rules and bylaws are also on the meetings agenda for discussion. This is done so that cheating or other scandals are not assumed during the elections process, like last school year's elections.



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

SGA executives plan for upcoming meetings that include the Elections Compulsory Meetings, to be held tonight and tomorrow.

The Elections Committee, which began working together in October, has established events for this semester's election process including Rock the Vote and Candidate Debates. After the compulsory meetings this week, there will be candidate debates.

Debates are scheduled to be held on Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Hendrix Theater. Campaigning will begin this week, after the compulsory meetings, and will continue until voting on OneStop is complete.

The student body will know who is running for positions this week, the elected ticket will be announced on Feb. 27.

"Once everyone starts campaigning, you will see them around campus and know their faces," said Swanner.

Swanner added that the compulsory meeting is for the students that signed up during the filing period last week, which was available through Orgsync.

The SGA announced the following available positions, including, serving on the Executive Board on a ticket, as a Senator on the Legislative Branch, interviewing for the Executive Cabinet, serving on the Elections Committee and more.

Filing will conclude today at noon; the student body will be notified once the candidates are selected.

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BRIEFS

Man arrested for alleged sexual assault of a minor

A Pitt County man is behind bars after being charged with sexual assault of a child. According to "The Daily Reflector" jail bookings, 47-year-old Martin Carbajal Vasquez was arrested on Sunday night.

Vasquez is being charged with sexual assault of a child and indecent liberties with a child, both of which are felonies. Vasquez is currently being held at the Pitt County Detention Center under a \$1 million secured bond.

Pitt County Schools add bullying hotlines

The school system added bullying hotlines to schools on Monday as a way for students to voice their concerns and experiences anonymously. This decision was made as a result of recent incidences, since bullying has become more prominent since social media has become an issue.

Hotlines were assigned to each school as a part of Stop Bullying Day. The lines are expected to be monitored daily to keep track of the submissions. The ultimate goal is to limit bullying within the school systems.

Students charged after police discover drugs

Three ECU students face felony drug charges after an investigation by police. Investigators discovered three-pounds of marijuana in addition to several ounces of codeine and cocaine. While searching, police also found \$2,000 in cash.

Tkyle Williams, 19, Delftontia Elam, 20, and Andrew Ruf, 20, were arrested Monday following a drug investigation at their apartment, located at the 33 East Apartment Complex.



HAILEY PORTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Phi Beta Sigma distributes safety bags at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center for their event. They include condoms and a packet of information.

ECU acknowledges HIV Day

Sara Ataalla
TEC STAFF

Monday the Xi Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. hosted an event in honor of Black HIV Awareness Day.

During the event Phi Beta Sigma distributed information on HIV awareness and provided steps that could be used to prevent the contraction of the virus.

"Know your status is an annual event where we collaborate with PiCASO and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center," said Jarrett Sloan, senior and president of Phi Beta Sigma. "We feel that HIV is a prevalent issue in the community as well as collegiate campuses across the nation and it's our job to take social action on the things that directly affect our community."

According to U.S. government statistics, African Americans face the most severe burden of HIV. With the hopes of informing communities and saving lives, Black HIV Awareness

Day became nationally observed in 1999.

"We all need to pay special attention to an issue that's debilitated some of our communities so we can make a difference," said Sloan.

The event offered free confidential HIV tests that were available to students, faculty and staff. The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma participated in the testing and encouraged others to do the same.

"To me Black HIV Awareness day represents a day of social cognizance for our race," said Sloan. "We all pay special attention to an issue that's debilitated some of our communities so we can make a difference."

Trey Fuentes, senior Vice President of Phi Beta Sigma said, "We chose to sponsor this event because we felt it was a great way to get the campus active in getting tested. Knowing your status is important not only for yourself but also for your sexual partner."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), African

Americans represent approximately 12 percent of the U.S. population, but accounted for an estimated 44 percent of all new HIV infections among adults and adolescents in 2010.

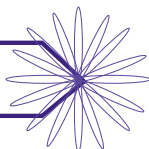
"I felt this was a great event to allow students to understand how much of an issue this is upon the black community. Many people have lost family and friends due to HIV and AIDS, and I am glad to be at a school that supports spreading awareness about a global issue," said freshman Shareefa Kamal, industrial distribution and logistics major.

According to Fuentes, testing is at the core of this initiative and is critical for prevention of HIV in Black communities.

"We wanted Pirate Nation to come to this event because at the end of they day they would become more knowledgeable on the HIV topic and most importantly they would know their status," said Fuentes.

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ONLINE



Greenville City Council is back in session

TECVideo talks Grammy fashion

Corrections/ Clarifications

In last Thursday's paper, the headline that read GPD continues PSAs should have read PCSO continues PSAs.

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper please contact Jessica Richmond, editor@theeastcarolinian.com

ECO-pirates and The East Carolinian would like to remind you to recycle this paper.

Alpha Phi 'arrests' for a cause

Volunteers donate time and money to spread awareness

Jesse Deal
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Following Monday's Pancake Pheast at Mendenhall Student Center, East Carolina University's Alpha Phi sorority has a few remaining events left for its Cardiac Care week.

A Jail & Bail will be held outside of Mendenhall on Wednesday at 11 a.m. to raise money for the Alpha Phi Foundation.

"People that sign up for the event will be arrested and put in a makeshift jail," said ECU Alpha Phi Committee Chair Morgan Leary. "In order for them to be bailed out, bystanders and friends have to donate money to the Alpha Phi Foundation. The proceeds go to researching treatments for cardiac care and informing people about heart health."

The chapter held the event last year for the first time and decided to bring it back after its success on campus.

"We work with the ECU Police to arrest the students," said Leary. "It's funny to watch bystanders faces when police are grabbing kids randomly from different parts of campus to arrest them. Last year, people were tweeting and snapchatting about it because they believed it was real."

Alpha Phi will host the Move Your Phi't 5K at 100 E. First Street on Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. Those interested in the 5K, which takes place on the Greenville Town Commons' trails, can register at RunTheEast.com. A 1.5-mile fun run will also be hosted at the trails.

There are currently 20 registered participants for the 5K event. The entry fees of \$25 or \$15 with a student ID will directly support

women's heart health.

"We get benefits from that money and it goes straight to the Alpha Phi Foundation," said Leary. "We are one of the first sororities to have its own foundation and it really means a lot to us."

The Alpha Phi Sorority established its foundation in 1956 as a way to award scholarship and cardiac aid grants through philanthropy with the American Heart Association. Five years ago, Alpha Phi's \$10 million campaign for leadership became the biggest in National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) history. On Feb. 6, Alpha Phi held its National Wear Red Day to show support for its foundation.

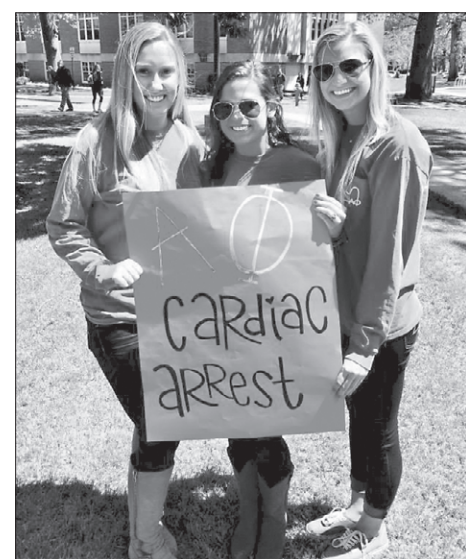
"Our philanthropy is important on a global scale," said Leary. "However, it hits home for us since two of our sisters have heart disease. We see first hand how events like this can raise awareness to help others in the same position."

Aside from the events of their Cardiac Care Week, East Carolina's Brody School of Medicine is a top 5 finalist for a \$100,000 research grant which will be awarded around Feb. 23.

"The grant is called the Heart to Heart Grant," said ECU Alpha Phi President Cady Cook. "It's run through the Alpha Phi Foundation every year as a way of raising awareness and contributing to research for women's heart health."

The Delta Alpha chapter at ECU nominated a Brody School physiology professor, Dr. Jitka Virag, as the possible recipient of the upcoming grant.

"We [Alpha Phi sisters] went and visited her at Brody," said Cook. "She had a seminar



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From left to right: Allison Strehl, Morgan Leary and Megan Barnes at last year's Cardiac Week.

about what she does in her lab and her ultimate goal for the future of her research."

Cook added that seeing this project put a lot into perspective. Their fundraising efforts are put towards potentially life-saving research experiments, expanding Alpha Phi's campus reach.

"It is a really cool project and we were lucky enough to see what she does everyday," said Cook. "Being able to see where our fundraising money goes is an unexplainable feeling, it is a wonderful thing to contribute to."

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In order for Brody get back on track fiscally, steps are being taken to increase revenue and reduce what is being spent. Administrators are also seeking funding from programs that aren't mandatorily set for the education of medical students or the region's health needs.

Kennedy said that administrators are also working hard in Raleigh to inform leaders how important Brody is to the health and economy of our region.

The School of Medicine is currently a leading employer in eastern North Carolina with 1,800 faculty and staff on its payroll.

In addition, 24 percent of physicians in the eastern region are older than 60-years-old, and Brody graduates help to fill those positions as older physicians retire. Most graduates stay in the eastern North Carolina to practice general medicine.

Factors like these lead to Brody's nomination by the UNC Board of Governors to receive an additional \$8 million a year in recurring funds.

As of today, Brody is breaking even for this fiscal year, but Kennedy says that's not enough. Without profit, cash reserves that are essential to long-term operation cannot be built up and investments for the future cannot be made.

"We have every intention to work and fight for the con-

tinued existence of the Brody School of Medicine," said Paul Cunningham, medical school dean.

Brody was successfully re-accredited in 2013-14 by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education.

Kennedy said that administrators do not currently believe that the school's accreditation is in jeopardy, but the association is aware of the challenges that Brody is facing financially.

Brody is scheduled for a comprehensive review by the accrediting agency in 2019-20.

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January

CRW Gold Rush

January 7-20 • SRC

Winter Welcome

January 11 • 6:00pm • MSC Brickyard
Rain Date: January 12

Hot Chocolate Giveaway

January 14-15 • 8:30am • Wright Plaza,
Brewster, Health Sciences

Films: Double Feature - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles & Nightcrawler

January 14-17 • Varies • Hendrix Theatre

Asian Flavors Night

January 15 • 4:30pm • Todd and West End
Dining Halls

Art Gallery Opening & Reception

January 16 • 5:00pm • MSC

MLK Day of Service

January 19 • 9:00am • Various Locations

FREE Body Fat Testing

January 21 • 4:30pm • SRC Room 210

Films: Double Feature - If I Stay & Maze Runner

January 21-24 • Varies • Hendrix Theatre

Polar Bear Plunge

January 22 • 7:00pm • SRC

Get a Clue Student Involvement Fair

January 22 • 6:00pm • SRC

Living Off Campus 101

January 27 • 7:00pm • MSC Room 244

Beach Party Premium Night

January 27 • 4:30pm • Todd and West End
Dining Halls

7:07 Series: MTV's Wildn'Out

January 27 • 7:07pm • Hendrix Theatre

Spring Into Service Fair

January 28 • 9:00am • MSC Great Rooms

SAB Interest Meeting

January 28 • 5:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

Trivia Night: Alcohol, Sexual Assault, and Safety

January 28 • 5:00pm • SRC Room 202

Films: Double Feature - This Is Where I Leave You & Annabelle

January 28-31 • Varies • Hendrix Theatre

SAB Interest Meeting

January 29 • 6:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Winter Open House

January 29 • 3:00pm • LWCC

Indoor Pool Party and Movie

January 30 • 7:00pm • SRC Indoor Pool

More events to come during the month of **February**

For more information on events, please go to
www.ecu.edu/plungeintopurple

Comedian to talk about sex rules

Jessica McGettigan
TEC STAFF

Talking about sex can be an uncomfortable conversation for many people to have. However, comedian Maria Falzone, embraces the birds and the bees with open arms and open mics.

Falzone began her career as a stand up comedian. After one of her many performances, Falzone was approached by a woman who was a comedian as well, but was a comedic lecturer as opposed to a stand up comedian. The woman explained her career as a comedic lecturer to Falzone and said she believed Falzone would be really good at it.

"At first, I didn't know this was a career," said Falzone. "I didn't know people got paid to lecture on things that they were passionate about."

After auditioning for a few tv deals and filming a few pilots, Falzone decided to try her hand at comedic lecturing. "The woman that trained me told me that even if you reach one person in the audience, that's good," said Falzone. "I told her I'm not interested in one person, I'm interested in reaching the entire audience."

In her shows, Falzone brings up important questions about sex, such as what does it take to have great sex and what are the rules surrounding sex?

"I think sex rules and its something that you should celebrate," said Falzone. "It might be that sometimes you don't have an orgasm, but sometimes you don't need one to have fun."

Falzone's audience was not always college students. Her first show was geared to a mother-daughter audience. She then evolved her show to include men, because "I really thought we needed to include men in this conversation," said Falzone.

"The biggest thing that I love about a university vs a club is that a club is about selling drinks and a university is not," said Falzone.

"Women are taught to be good girls and we don't want to make someone else uncomfortable."

-Maria Falzone

"So many times alcohol and sex go together so I decided I wanted a sober audience."

With all of the media attention surrounding on-campus sexual assaults, Falzone will include this topic in her lecture as well. "It's not just that all men are rapists or that a couple of guys are doing it to a couple of people," said Falzone.

"The thing is, in a lot of ways we perpetuate that men are pigs," she said. "I think the reason that happens is that, [for example] when you go to drive a car, the rules are the same for everyone, you know the rules of the road. But when it comes to sex, there is no standard agreement because it is still hidden and shameful."

Falzone stated that communication is a major factor in all types of sexual relationships. "Before you have sex with anyone else you have to know yourself and not all people are able to communicate," she said. "It's not only speaking, its listening and hearing no."

Falzone said that women and men say no differently. "Women don't say no, they'll say, 'I'm uncomfortable,'" she said. "Women are taught to be good girls and we don't want to make

someone else uncomfortable. We throw ourselves under the bus."

As for guys, Falzone believes that men have a much different approach to sexual relationships with women. "Guys think they have to talk a woman into sex," she said. "They think she wants it but she has to talk herself into it."

According to Falzone, "Sex Rules!" is intended to help students become more comfortable with the subject of sex and to teach students how to ask the right questions about sex for themselves both before, during and after sex. "So much of our society gives us mixed messages about sex," said Falzone. "How do you find your message?"

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Maria Falzone will perform her lecture "Sex Rules!" in Hendrix Theater Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

ABC Family to talk assault

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At East Carolina University as well as other universities across the nation, there has been an increase in attention to the number of on-campus sexual assault allegations.

The media and television have also played a key part in heightening attention towards the subject of on-campus sexual assault. This week on ABC family, Switched at Birth will be premiering the second show in the two-part special episodes dealing with sexual assault on campus.

The show took a different approach on showing the severity of sexual assaults on campus with the first episode surrounding around the idea of consent.

In the first episode in the two-part special, Bay, one of the main characters played by Vanessa Marano, goes to a college party with her guy friend and ex-boyfriend Tank. She gets drunk at the party and is taken care of by Tank. Later on in the episode, Bay wakes up in Tank's bed undressed and hung over.

Bay was confused as to what happened the night before and was worried. She talked to others about the situation and realized she had sex with Tank but cannot remember consenting to it. This is considered a form of sexual assault because she was too drunk to say yes to sex.

This episode focuses on the fact that sexual assaults happen when the victim is intoxicated and are usually committed by someone the victim knows and trusts. Bay is very comfortable with Tank and is shocked that he would even do something like this to her.

Communication is the key problem in the episode which leads to a bigger, more serious issue. The second episode will be surrounded on Bay being brave and telling her story as someone who has reported her assault to the campus and an investigation is ongoing. She has to choose to tell the truth or protect Tank, who has assaulted her.

Similar to Switched at Birth, ECU has been experiencing alleged sexual assault cases on campus. The main focus has become to create awareness about the raising issue and show that help is offered here on campus. Lauren Thorn, staff counselor and outreach coordinator, said that the counselor's center aims to help the victim or even the attacker to work through the process



Vanessa Marano (left) and Katie Leclerc (right) star in the hit series "Switched at Birth" which airs on ABC Family every Tuesday.

of getting better after an assault has occurred.

ECU offers individual therapy, crisis therapy, and is working on starting a support group in response to the increasing number of sexual assaults on campus to better serve the victims.

"We are capable of helping everyone from the victim to the roommates and friends of a victim that might have been affected," said Thorn. "We are here to insure safety and confidentiality."

Emmi Scott, ECU psychology professor, said that the prevalence rates of sexual assaults have increased over recent years, some as high as one out of 20 women. However, there's also evidence that students are now being provided better resources for reporting sexual assault, such as the Real Crisis Center.

"It's easier said than done to report a sexual assault that has occurred, but doing so can make a world of difference for that individual," said Scott. "Trust your judgment, and do not allow

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L.L. Bean Boots to come back

Kiera Huie
TEC STAFF

Greenville gets hit with an average of 46 inches of rain per year, and with that, East Carolina students are looking to an old friend to keep their feet dry: L.L. Bean boots.

The L.L. Bean boot, designed with both a high-top and ankle cut, comes in two colors and are very popular due to their history, according to Lucky Magazine.

"I really like the Bean boots because they are very fashionable, comfortable, and versatile," said Marissa Politi, sophomore nursing major. "I wear them more than any other boots now."

Politi stated that she likes to style her L.L. Bean boots with leggings or cuffed jeans with a pair of gray boot socks.

"I like to be comfortable when I got to classes," said Politi. "And they are perfect for all the rainy weather here in Greenville."

According to a source from a store in Maine which sells the boots, the L.L. Bean boots are so popular that they are out of stock until Mid March with a waiting list of 100,000 people.

"I think they may have become so popular because people saw the way people were wearing them and they liked the look," said Treshawn Blackman, freshman biology major. "I actually saw them around campus and thought they were sick boots, so I asked my mom to get them for my birthday."

The anonymous source from Maine stated that when a consumer buys a pair of L.L. Bean boots, the company includes a card with a personal note in it and a signature.

"It is nice to know that they take the time out to show they really care about their customers," said Blackman.

The boots first started out in Freeport, Maine, by avid hunter and fisherman Leon Leonwood Bean. In 1911, Leon Leonwood Bean returned from a hunting trip with cold, damp feet and came up with the idea of the L.L. Bean boots. The company has now branched out to various locations all over the U.S.

"I think they are all over college campuses," said Blackman. "Its funny because they were first made for like older people, but now its like they are just here to come back and stay."

According to Complex Magazine, other brands have been cashing in on L.L. Bean's backlog such as Ska-Do, Nike Woodside, Timberland, Polo, and Sperry Duck boots have been becoming a little more popular as well.

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7:07 Series to show hypnotist

Lindsay Rayner
TEC STAFF

Michael C. Anthony, best known for his performance at freshman orientation, will be back and performing tonight in Wright Auditorium.

According to Derek Hairston Jr., Student Activities Board entertainment chairmen, Anthony is a renowned hypnotist that has performed around the world.

"In the world of magic and in the world of hypnosis, he's up there at the top," said Hairston.

"Students love [his shows] during the summer, people always talk about [it]," said Hairston. "There's constant talk about it even throughout the year."

The SAB wants to give everyone a chance to see the show, so they are offering the event to people who want to see the show again and to those who have

not seen the show at all.

"We're going to target upper classmen who may have seen his show, but haven't seen his show in the last two or three years," said Hairston.

During the show, Anthony will be sharing some hypnosis techniques with the audience, and then he'll invite stu-

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Event targets domestic abuse

Nichole Currie
TEC STAFF

The Clothesline Project, a national event presented to spread awareness of the domestic violence and sexual assaults against women, will be at the Brickyard tomorrow from 1-4 p.m.

Laura McMaster, director of the Student Leadership and Engagement Office, said the purpose is to combat the issue of domestic violence and bring girls together.

"It's an opportunity for us to come together," said McMaster. "Individuals have an opportunity to design a shirt and put a message on there that talks about either their own personal experience or what their vision is for the future, as it relates to domestic violence and sexual assault."

According to Mona Min, Honors College freshman and Student Leadership assistant, each student's paintings will be put on a clothesline across the brickyard and later hung up in Mendenhall. "You are supposed to come draw an image of what you think domestic violence looks like," she said.

The Clothesline project is based upon women but also welcomes men. McMaster believes that domestic violence or assault is not just a female issue but also a community issue.

"Women's leadership and women's issues are often thought to be a single gendered issue but the reality is that they're community issues," said McMaster.

"Domestic violence is obviously a nationwide issue," said Amin. "I think it's important to realize that its not just women who deal with it but also men to. We want males to come out too."

Amin said that domestic violence tends to be a taboo topic. "Domestic violence is obviously a nationwide issue. I think its important to realize that its not just women who deal with it

but also men to," said Amin. "We want males to come out too."

Over the past two months, the Greenville and ECU community has been aware of several sexual assault allegations, one that was ruled out recently by the Greenville Police Department. In relation to those events, McMaster expands on why this event carries a great deal of importance today.

"I think part of ECU, part of what we say we are, is to be the leadership university," said McMaster. "In light of that, I think it's important that we recognize all of the members of our community and try to find the places where we can really enhance our conversations, our dialogues."

McMaster said that working on all of those things hopefully lead to safer and more inclusive environments for everyone. McMaster encourages all students stop by to spread awareness but also educate themselves. "For our entire community to enhance, get better and get stronger, we all need to provide equable success, opportunity and safety to every single person," said McMaster. "If we expect that one identity group issues, in this case women, are only meant to be talked about by women, we then limit the conversation. We limit our ability to create positive change and essentially we get in our own way."

McMaster said that domestic violence awareness is an important topic to understand. "No matter how you identify, I think we all agree that we want our women and children, around the world, to live in safe places, to not be scared, to not live in fear and for them to create the positive change within themselves," she said.

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L.L. Bean Boots are backordered until March due to popularity rise.

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"Since those other boots look like the original L.L. Bean boots and people do not want to wait, they just order those," said Politi.

L.L. Bean boots were first classified as a hunter and fishing boot, but are now classified in a different category by the way they are worn.

"I consider them as part of the preppy style, because of the way people wear them and what you see in magazines," said Blackman. "They are way better than regular plastic rain boots."

There are many ways to wear the boots. However they are usually seen with certain pieces of clothing.

"A typical outfit I see them wearing the boots with is a pair of dark jeans, a nice button down, and either a jacket or vest," said Blackman.

According to L.L. Bean, their golden rule is "sell good merchandise at a reasonable profit, treat your customers like human beings and they will come back for more."

"I am very sure that these boots are going to be very popular for while," said Blackman. "They are such a huge trend and I love that you can literally do anything in them."

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students to participate and be hypnotized on stage.

The student interaction element is what questions the non-believers. "Of course going into if you've got the skeptics," said Hairston. "You've got the ones saying, 'I don't believe it can happen,' they get in there at watch it and say okay, I believe something happened."

According to Hairston, the person being hypnotized is aware of what is happening. "[Anthony] forewarns you that even after the hypnosis is done, you remember everything that took place, everything that happened," said Hairston. "It's a matter of the con-

scious and subconscious is really what it is."

Hairston said that even students who don't participate feel the power of hypnosis.

"Students who go and experience it and be apart of hypnosis, they'll walk away thinking 'wow that was a great experience, I enjoyed it,'" said Hairston.

Hairston said watching students become different characters while hypnotized is the best part. "People in the stage of hypnosis, they really take in that role and they really become another person. It's hilarious. That's really the best part and it just keeps the whole crowd laughing," said Hairston.

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yourself to be convinced something was consensual if it wasn't."

Anonymous surveys done by other universities show that 80 percent of college students do not report a sexual assault to the authorities.

"Our community at ECU has the power to make a huge difference in the number of sexual assaults, but this is only possible through open communication and education," said Scott.

The second part of Switched at Birth: Sexual Assaults On-Campus special will premiere tonight at 9 p.m. on ABC family.

Contact the Real Crisis Center and the Center for Counseling and Student Development located in Umstead Hall on 10th Street if a sexual assault has affected you.

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PIRATE RANTS

You know, there is a whole College of Fine Arts on campus who could help with lining the walls of your boring building with something substantial...

All I keep hearing is that ECU is going broke, so can someone please explain to this hospital-ity student I am a tri-gendered toasterkin. My pronouns are toast, toastee and toastim.

F*** cisco systems on ECU networks! Always blocking my access to BB, FB & porn. FYI order of importance may vary.

Thank God the internet is finally working again. One second longer and I'd make the Incredible Hulk look like Mr. Rogers

How many "facilities guys" does it take to empty the recycling bins on campus? 4? REALLY? And we wonder why tuition is so high. Cut the fat ECU. And fire the ENTIRE SGA! Please!

Everyone is a sexist! Says the Tumblrista Social Justice Warrior. Tell me how much you love Andrea Dworkin's books or how she says all heterosexual sex is evil?

Hey girls, wearing full make-up to the gym just makes you look stupid.

The cheating at UNC started under Dean Smith. Jeff Lebo take note.

Why one of my professors received almost a \$25K raise from last year?

I'm not shaking anything belonging to Thom Tillis.

People really need to be more open-minded and not jump to conclusions. What you "think" is happening is different from what is "actually" happening... Where I come from, jumping into conclusions like that was considered ignorance.

I want some snow, not just early April Fools reports about having snow.

There are better ways to defend your opinion than to paint those who disagree with you as sexist simply because they disagree with you.

Can we change the name from "Pirate Rants" to "Pirate S***flinging Contest?" Sheesh.

Dear SGA: Stop sending us your annoying emails. We don't want them. Sincerely, A Pirate

To the people walking around campus holding hands. This is college, not middle school, time to grow up.

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Make sure to check Thursday's Paper for Valentine's Day Specials!

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Our view | Students must spark art initiative

It is the opinion of this editorial staff that guest columnist Craig Malmrose hit the nail on the head in addressing a major concern at not only East Carolina but throughout society – the diminishing state of art and creativity.

The higher-ups appear to be pushing their values through mainstream music, television and "art in general" harder and more effectively than ever before.

As icons in popular media become larger than life so does their following. This overwhelming popularity of bland, pandering content is resulting in a loss of individualism, creativity and expression.

Malmrose pointed out that the majority of art at

East Carolina is confined to one building: Spilman. And buildings where the masses meet such as Bate are left looking as plain as a prison.

While the administrators are partially to blame for the lack of expression on campus, it is our opinion that the students on this campus are also at fault.

Our generation may be suffering from a media caused identity crisis, but this university is full of bright, young artistic minds who should feel welcome to decorate the campus with their creativity.

Vandalism in the form of graffiti here isn't the answer, but if we, the students at this university, want to brighten up campus, it starts with us.

Vaccines prevent disaster



Kathleen Daniels
TEC COLUMNIST

In 1998, Andrew Wakefield published a fraudulent study in a British medical journal that purportedly proved a link between vaccinations and autism. This study has since been retracted and Wakefield stripped of his medical license, but the damage is still seen today. Parents across the country have latched onto the idea that vaccines are bad for children despite all evidence to the contrary. The declining number of vaccinated children puts the general public at risk. It has become clear in the past month that government intervention is needed to solve this major public health risk.

The Center for Disease Control reports that 102 people in 14 states are reported to have measles so far in 2015, an alarming number. Measles can lead to major complications like

pneumonia or swelling of the brain which can cause long term health problems including mental retardation. The CDC reports that the majority of those who get the measles are unvaccinated and spreads within groups of unvaccinated people. Some people cannot receive the vaccination if they are too young or are immunocompromised, though today the majority of unvaccinated people claim religious or philosophical exemptions.

When people refuse vaccinations, it compromises "herd immunity." When individuals cannot be vaccinated they are at much less risk when all of the people surrounding them are vaccinated and cannot spread the disease. The increasing number of unvaccinated people poses major public health risks, which are becoming tangible in the large number of measles cases in the past few years. In 2000, measles was eliminated from the US, meaning there were 12 consecutive months of no continuous disease transmission. The major

uptick in cases, 102 in 2015 and 644 in 2014, is incredibly concerning.

An easy solution would be an education campaign, simply properly informing parents about how important vaccinations are and how they are putting their own children and others at risk. However, a study published by Pediatrics, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, shows that the current communications about vaccines may actually increase misperceptions about vaccines. With cases on the rise and the clock ticking, it may be time for government intervention. Several states are already working to eliminate non-medical exemptions, and should continue. The risk anti-vaccinators pose to the public is too large to ignore and government non-action is only going to prolong the threat.

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Action ends discrimination



Shealyn Pike
GUEST COLUMNIST

Many students across the U.S. are speaking out against quiet racism and inequality. Students are expressing impatience with administrative neglect and inaction. This includes ECU students, who were reported protesting similar issues as students from other North Carolina universities.

On the 55th anniversary of the first 'sit-in' ever held, which was on the UNC-Greensboro campus, 15 UNC-Chapel Hill students stood on the steps of Saunders Hall. Each with a noose tied around their neck and holding hand-made signs that read, "Can you see me now?" and chanting statements such as, "Black lives matter", and "I can't breathe."

The students wanted the current name of the hall, named after William Laurence Saunders, the former head of the North Carolina Ku Klux Klan, to be changed. According to, UNC senior Omolulu Babatunde "students were frustrated with being ignored". Then added "students will continue to hold similar events until the administration responds". The following day, over 100 UNC students gathered on campus for the cause.

Students on ECU's campus are broadcasting the same message to

fellow students. On Nov. 25, 2014, three female students were standing in front of the entrances to Dowdy Students Store, each holding a sheet of paper that read, "Black lives matter". Then on December 9th, in response to the grand jury's decisions on the Michael Brown cases, over 100 ECU students gathered on the mall on campus to protest that "human lives matter". Yet sadly, student efforts do not show much significant influential impact on change.

Like MLK said, "No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream". So, I ask readers this, are you satisfied; satisfied with inequality? My hope is the answer is no. My guess is, these students and many people like them are not going to quiet down any time soon. Therefore my opinion is, similar to the 15 UNC students, ECU students need to make louder, larger statements in order to stimulate major change.

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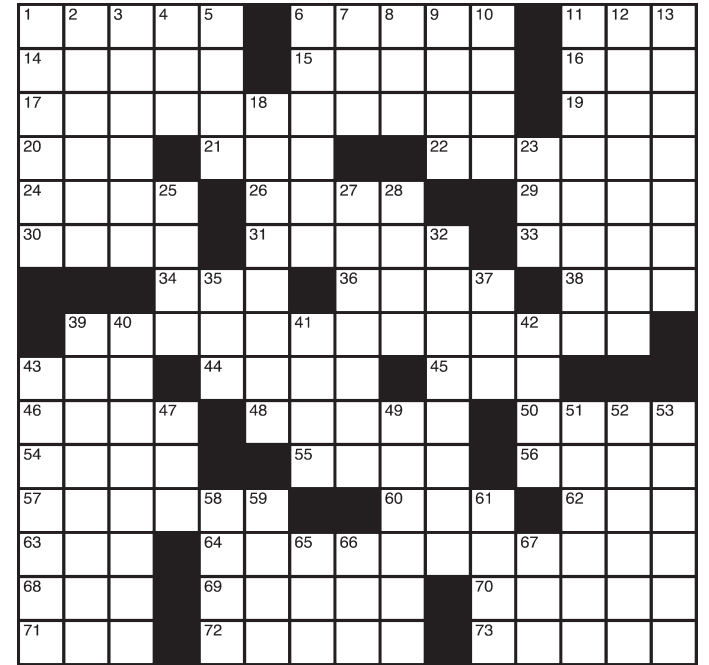
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 - 6 "Boyhood" actor Ethan
 - 11 Taking a personal day, say
 - 14 Emancipation Proclamation subject
 - 15 Tale of Achilles and Agamemnon
 - 16 Bro
 - 17 Computer user's combination
 - 19 Green prefix
 - 20 Gallery display
 - 21 Pinnacle
 - 22 Accustoms (to)
 - 24 Wan
 - 26 Pen points
 - 29 They may be run at bars
 - 30 What potatoes and needles both have
 - 31 AT&T, briefly
 - 33 Nebraska tribe
 - 34 Biblical beast
 - 36 Waikiki's island
 - 38 Aegean island
 - 39 Computer user's combination
 - 43 14-time NBA All-Star Duncan
 - 44 Washing machine filler
 - 45 Anthem contraction
 - 46 Indian princess
 - 48 Rainbow maker
 - 50 Leave out
 - 54 Have ___: be connected
 - 55 Boy with a dragon, in a Disney classic
 - 56 Wine region near San Francisco
 - 57 Part of USSR
 - 60 Louis XVI, for one
 - 62 Resistance measure
 - 63 "Game of Thrones" aier
 - 64 Computer user's combination
 - 68 Spot for a Bluetooth headset
 - 69 United Arab Emirates city
 - 70 Cat-__-tails
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- 1 Get away from it all
 - 2 DVD alternative
 - 3 War movie scene
 - 4 Actress Gabor
 - 5 Bit of progress
 - 6 Many a Woodstock attendee
 - 7 In the style of 8 Ill. neighbor
 - 9 Prince William's wife
 - 10 Genesis garden
 - 11 Like Verdi's most famous works
 - 12 Subject of the 2010 film "The Social Network"
 - 13 Follows dental advice
 - 18 "Please continue"
 - 23 ___-Aztecan: language family
 - 25 Actor Morales
 - 27 Dagwood's wife
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By Kevin Christian

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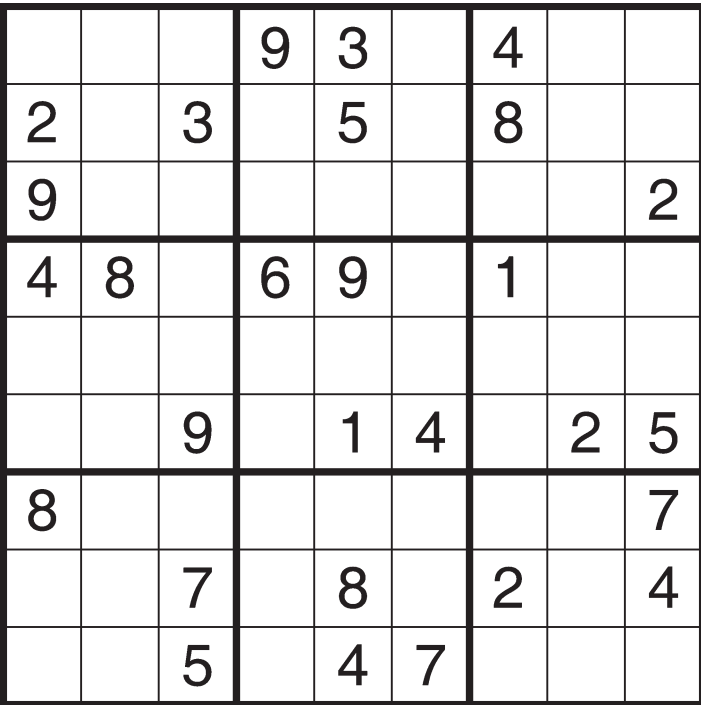


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- 41 50+ org.
- 42 Waffle maker
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- 47 Pasta suffix
- 49 Muscle injury
- 51 New Zealand natives
- 52 Samsung Galaxy competitor
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Remembering Dean Smith



Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

state in that matter.

He was a tremendous basketball coach, but you already know that. He was a national treasure too, which is the reason why the President released a statement upon learning the news and likely your Facebook and Twitter accounts were flooded with stories, memories and tributes about him.

I unfortunately am too young to remember watching Dean Smith roam the sideline or literally change the game's rules with his "Four Corners" or win any of the two national championships during his illustrious career at North Carolina.

However, I was in Chapel Hill when the world learned the news in 2010 that the memory of UNC's brightest jewel was fading, and I swear you could feel the grief of the city. It was like he was already gone, and in a way, with his remarkably sharp memory now failing him, he was. For many people, that was the first time they imagined a world without Dean Smith.

In my time covering the Pirates, I remember sitting inside the building that bears his name, looking up to the rafters and seeing the honored jerseys of Phil Ford, James Worthy, Michael Jordan and many of the other great players he coached. Then, I watched

as the Tar Heels did several things worthy of earning loud ovations from their fans, but, easily, the most deafening cheers came during a regular timeout when a video of Smith appeared on the scoreboard and he uttered the words, "I'm a Tar Heel."

You should know that this love fest is bigger than basketball, though. Yes, his basketball achievements should not be underscored, but it was his social conscience that made him so beloved and transcendent of the world of sports.

In 2013, Smith was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor that can be awarded to a civilian, for his recruitment of Charlie Scott, who became the first African American to play big-time college basketball at a southern institution, and graduating nearly 96 percent of his letterman at UNC.

ECU coach Jeff Lebo was one of the players he graduated—serving as a Tar Heel captain and playing for Smith from 1986-1989, while taking note of some of the things that made him such a great coach.

"I don't remember the wins very much," said Lebo, "but I remember a lot of the stories and a lot of lessons I learned from him, and a lot of those were outside of the practice floor or the game situation."

Let's put it this way, Pirate fans, without Dean Smith there is a good chance Lebo would not have arrived to Greenville in 2010 to turn around ECU's basketball program. That likely means there would have been

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Minges showdown

Pirates set for rematch with Memphis

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

Since its 70-58 road defeat at the hands of Memphis, Head Coach Jeff Lebo's team has played a different brand of basketball.

The team has won two of its last three, including a 67-49 drubbing of Central Florida on Saturday, and is playing excellent team basketball. Lebo says his team's recent success really started in the second half against Memphis.

"On the road at Memphis is never easy," said Lebo. "In the second half we showed some signs. We were right there with four minutes to go. It was a four-point game. Hopefully it'll be a different game here at home."

One game changer, Memphis's sophomore forward Austin Nichols, will be out for Tuesday's game. Nichols, who torched the Pirates' defense for 21 points, sprained his ankle against Temple and will be out for two weeks.

Michael Zangari, a junior forward for ECU, will be active on Tuesday night. He suffered an injury to his left leg on Saturday and was helped off the court, unable to put weight on his left leg.

Zangari's teammate, sophomore guard Caleb White, has been showing versatility on offense. He shot just 4-of-11 from the field and scored 10 points the last time these two teams met. The sophomore is coming off his biggest game of the season where he scored 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and his coach expects him to play a major role in this conference rematch.



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Junior guard Terry Whisnant looks to move the ball against UCF on Saturday.

"He's a scorer for us," said Lebo. "Last game he drove the ball to the basket. Hopefully he'll be able to continue that along with being able to shoot the ball from the perimeter."

Despite its improvements on offense, ECU (10-13, 3-7 AAC) has had a lot of trouble getting to the foul line. The team has attempted a mere 19 foul shots in its past four games, attempting just three the last time the faced the Tigers.

"We've been going up against shot blockers," said Lebo. "That's really not our strength, but we need to get a little bit more down there than we have in the past. We've changed some things to be a little more perimeter oriented, to shoot the ball from the perimeter, but when those shots get taken

away we still need to be able to get to the foul line."

B.J. Tyson was named AAC Freshman of the Week for the third time this season. The turnaround week came after Tyson was benched against Memphis, his worst performance of the season.

"It's great for him and obviously great for our program," said Lebo. "The big thing wit B.J. is motivating him to try to be that again this week. I know he'd deflect (credit for the award) onto his teammates."

The Pirates will have a chance to win consecutive games for just the second time this season and first time since late December. The Tigers take on the Pirates tonight at 7 p.m. at Minges Coliseum.

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Richmond to visit for game

Q&A with former ECU star in wake of Greenville stay

Dan Hunt
TEC STAFF

Q: How close have you been to the ECU team this season?

A: I watch every single game that they play. I talk to all the players before and after the game like, 'What went wrong?' or little things like that.

Q: How do you feel about the Pirates' current state?

A: I think they're doing better than everyone expected. They have some key wins – especially that win over Cincinnati. And they just got a big win over UCF so I hope they do the same to Memphis [Tuesday] while I'm in attendance.

Q: They have a few young guys that are leading the team – B.J. Tyson in particular. Talk about what you've seen from him and his potential since you're both shooting guards.

A: B.J. is really good. Him and I are actually very close. I noticed the way that he worked when I was there. He was sitting out (in a redshirt year) but he was always at the gym so I'm not really surprised at the success that he's having. I contact him and tell him to stay humble and keep working. Everything will pay off for him at East Carolina.

Q: The program seems to be heading in the right direction and that started about the time you arrived here. Have you noticed the progression under Coach Lebo?

A: I have to give a lot of credit to Coach Lebo. He turned everything around. When I was arriving, I was fortunate enough

to have a coach and staff who really helped to develop my game and I feel like they've done that for a lot of other people. This program is definitely on the rise and I have to give the credit to coach Lebo. He's an excellent coach. Not many coaches can come in and turn a program around like that so quickly. He's the reason ECU is on the rise.

Q: How do you look back at your time with the 2012-13 CIT championship team?

A: That was a very special team. Each and every day I look back at the times we had on and over the court and how intense the practices were. We would argue all the time in practice but off the court we were like brothers. We were really competitive that year. We had some great players too: Maurice Kemp, Miguel Paul, Shamarr Bowden – so many good guys.

Q: Maurice Kemp recently signed a D-League contract with the Canton Charge. You must be pretty excited for your teammate.

A: He told me that he was thinking about signing the D-League contract and he was saying that for months. So I thought he was just joking around when he actually did it because he had been saying he would for a while so when I saw he signed with Canton I called him up and told him how happy I am for him. I know he'll do a good job there.

Q: I'm sure you saw Dean Smith passed away. As someone who played for him, Jeff Lebo was obviously pretty close with him. What are your thoughts on Smith's passing?

A: I always looked up to Coach Smith and my little league coaches were always talking about his style. Coach Lebo obviously does a lot that Coach Smith did. I feel like all the guys that he coached do the exact same things that he does. I hate that he passed but he lived a long life and he touched a lot of lives during his time.

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TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU improved its AAC record with its third in-conference win defeating UCF 67-49, ECU play Memphis next at home.

MEN'S TENNIS

ECU won, 4-3 over Georgia Southern, clinching its second win of the season and improving to 2-5 on the season.

TRACK & FIELD

Avion Jones broke 10 personal records and led ECU to three event victories this weekend at the Virginia Tech Elite Meet.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Lady Pirates tied with Central Florida for fourth place at the UCF Challenge. Frida Gustafsson Spang led the Pirates shooting 3-under par

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes clinched a 5-4 victory over the San Jose Sharks. Carolina remain last in the Metropolitan Division.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Hornets fell to the Indiana Pacers, 103-102 after a last second shot by point guard George Hill. The Hornets record stands at 22-29.

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Staring down 2015 season

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The ECU baseball team will look to get back to its winning ways in 2015, as the season starts this weekend with a three game home series against No. 3 ranked Virginia.

Following last year's 33-26 record, this year's team will go through a lot of change. ECU named former Ole Miss hitting coach Cliff Godwin as new Head Coach this offseason.

"He has definitely brought a new level of energy and toughness," pitcher David Lucroy said. "It's a change in the leadership on our team and it has made us mentally tougher."

The Pirates will also be playing new competition, as this season marks their first in the American Athletic Conference.

The team is downplaying the transition of conferences, however, thinking that it won't be as big of a factor as some people think.

"If there's going to be conference realignment, most of the time it has to deal with football," Godwin said. "I don't worry myself with stuff I can't control."

To add to this season's adversity, ECU will also try to replace some key players from last year's team.

The Pirates will be playing without All-American candidate and two-way player Drew Reynolds, third baseman Zach Houchins who was drafted in the 13th round of the MLB draft and the Toronto Blue Jays first round draft pick Jeff Hoffman.

"We may have lost a handful of guys but I don't consider them to be key components compared to the guys that we have this year," Lucroy said. "Our team is unbelievable, our infield is solid, we got really good freshman playing all around where we need them."

On top of last year's seniors graduating, ECU will be without their ace expected first game-starting pitcher Reid Love, who suffered a broken

finger in his pinky last month sliding into second base. Love is expected to miss at least the opening series against Virginia.

"The next guy up, just like Ohio State football it's the next guy up," Godwin explained about some key players missing to start the season. "We got some good players and they are chomping at the bit ready to play."

ECU is returning 16 letter-winners including 2014 All-Conference Freshman Team selections Bryce Hartman and Charlie Yorgen. Also returning will be 2013 All-Conference members Lucroy and Travis Watkins.

Even with the baseball team having down years the past two seasons, ECU was picked to finish third in this year's AAC preseason poll. No. 8 ranked Houston and UCF were both predicted to finish ahead of the Pirates.

Despite the ranking, no ECU player was predicted to finish on the All-Conference Team.

The Pirates will definitely have to earn their respect in the AAC, as they have a highly competitive schedule this season.

On top of playing a series against the national champion runner-up Virginia team, ECU will play a series against AAC foes Houston and UCF. ECU will also have to compete against No. 23 Liberty and No. 29 St. Johns, not to mention three games versus North Carolina State and a game against Duke.

"We've got a really good schedule," Godwin said. "This is a great opportunity for us to play really good competition before conference starts. Obviously opening up against Virginia is going to be a challenge for us."

The opening game of the Virginia series and 2015 season will be Friday at 3 p.m. at Clark-LeClair Stadium.



Junior pitcher David Lucroy unwinds for a pitch during his sophomore campaign for ECU.

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Softball earns five weekend wins

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Freshman pitcher Ashley Cruise earned her first collegiate win against South Carolina Sunday evening, helping the ECU softball team earn five victories in the Pirate Classic over the weekend.

The Pirates (5-1) finished the weekend with a win against South Carolina, 1-0. ECU started out strong in the bottom of the first inning that started with Mary Sloan-Bradford's triple to center field. Freshman Karlie Smith hit a RBI single on the left side that brought in Sloan-Bradford and gave the Pirates the lead, 1-0.

The score remained constant for the rest of the game. The Gamecocks couldn't hit off of Cruise who scattered four hits and allowed three walks with two strikeouts.

"What a total team effort," said Interim Head Coach Steve Jaacks. "For Cruise to end the game with a strikeout, she has ice in her veins."

Early Sunday, ECU faced Oakland University, its second matchup against the Golden Grizzlies. The Pirates earned the win, 9-1.

In the third inning, Casey Alcorn hit an RBI single to bring in one run. Following her was Ali Ramirez with a single to center field that brought in Nicole Cheek and Abby Wynne. Ciara Ervin followed with an RBI single. Mitchell continued the run with a line drive up the middle, bringing in two runners. With the score 6-0, Cheek hit a RBI single. A pass ball brought in another Pirate run, bringing up the score 8-0 early in the game.

Starting pitcher Sarah Christian only gave up one run in the fourth inning. She finished the day giving up five hits and one run while striking out three.

After a loss to the Gamecocks early on Saturday, the Pirates earned a walk-off victory against Longwood University, 4-3. The Pirates earned their victory after an errant throw that allowed Wynne to reach base and Cheek, who started the inning at second base due to the international tiebreaker rule, advanced to third. Alcorn stepped up to the plate and hit a walk-off single into right field that ended the game.

Sunday's game against the Gamecocks was a complete



Pitcher Sarah Christian sets for a pitch during a game last year.

turnaround from Saturday's contest when the Pirates suffered a hard 11-2 loss. Senior starting pitcher Caroline Umphlett gave up four runs in the first six innings. However, in the seventh inning, the Gamecocks scored seven runs, retiring Umphlett. She finished the night with 11 earned runs, 15 hits allowed with six walks and four strikeouts.

On Friday, ECU earned two back-to-back victories against Oakland and Delaware State, 7-3 and 10-0, respectively.

Cheek hit a walk off double that scored three runs against Delaware State, earning the ECU's second win of the season, 10-0 in five innings.

The Pirates started their campaign early in the bottom of the first. Following two walks, Wynne hit a single that bounced off the top of the left field fence that loaded the bases. Ramirez hit a triple in the right field gap that cleared the bases and brought in three runs for the Pirates.

"The week building up to today has been suspenseful," said Ramirez. "Today sitting in the dugout, the nerves kicked in. I came out there with the mentality to just see the ball and just drive it."

Ramirez ended the night with four hits, six RBI and one run. In the bottom of the second, Cheek hit a three run home

run over the right field fence that gave the Pirates a 6-0 lead. The Marist transfer finished the night with two runs with two hits and six RBI.

Ervin hit a single that brought in Alcorn in the third inning that made the score 7-0. The score remained the same until Cheek stepped up to bat in the sixth inning to give the Pirates their second victory of the night.

The Hornets couldn't hit off of starting pitcher Christian, who only allowed four hits and recorded five strikeouts on the mound.

The Pirates started off its season strong by winning their first game against Oakland University.

Umphlett only allowed six hits and three runs and played all seven innings during the team's season opener against Oakland where the Pirates beat the Golden Grizzlies 7-3.

During her first at-bat as a Pirate, freshman third baseman Karlie Smith hit a triple off the left centerfield wall with one out. Following her was catcher Wynne with a walk. With two outs, Ramirez hit a RBI double down the left field line that allowed outfielder Sloan-Bradford and Wynne to score and give the Pirates a 3-0 lead.

"Karlie is an unbelievable person," said Jaacks. "She's a tall kid, aggressive, and plays third like nobody's business."

Ervin followed Smith with a double to deep centerfield, bringing up the Pirates score 4-0. With the bases loaded, Ramirez walked to bring Sloan-Bradford in to raise the score 5-0 in the second inning.

The score remained until the bottom of the sixth where Wynne hit a double into the left center field gap. After a steal by Wynne, Casey Alcorn hit a two run homerun over the left field fence, bringing the Pirates' score up 7-0.

Oakland couldn't score against Umphlett's pitching until the top of the sixth inning where the Golden Grizzlies only earned one run.

The team will host the Pirate Clash next weekend. The first game for the Pirates is 3 p.m. on Friday Feb. 13 against Bucknell.

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Lady Pirates look to Cincy

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For the second time this season, the ECU women's basketball team has the opportunity to earn a winning record in American Athletic Conference play, as they take on Cincinnati tonight at 7 p.m.

This is the Lady Pirates' (15-8, 6-6 AAC) first look at the Bearcats (6-17, 3-8 AAC) this season. The teams split their last two contests back in 2004 and 2005, with each winning on their home court.

Head Coach Heather Macy is excited with the team's play as the Lady Pirates search for their third straight wins.

"I wouldn't say it's been an up and down season [dealing with the strength of the new conference], but we've grown a lot and we are continuing to grow which is all you can ask for," said Macy.

The Bearcats are currently on a two-game losing streak and sit three spots below ECU, currently dead middle of the pack, in the conference ranking. Cincinnati's past two losses

have come from conference opponents, UConn (21-1, 12-0 AAC) and USF (19-4, 10-1 AAC).

Redshirt junior Jada Payne is currently third in scoring in the American (16.7 points per game) and is closing in on 1,000 points. Payne has scored 954 points in her career 54 games as a Pirate. With just 46 more points, she will become the 22nd player in program history to reach this achievement.

Redshirt senior Abria Trice is coming off a pair of great games, scoring a season-high 16 points in each of them. Trice has been very effectiveness finishing fast breaks and converting her free throws. Almost half of her points in the past two games came from the charity stripe. Trice has shot 12-for-13 from the line in those games, a perfect 8-for-8 last game.

The Bearcats currently have three players with double-digit scoring averages. Sophomore Marley Hill leads the team with 12.5 points, shooting

a team-high 42.2 percent from the field, to go along with a team-best 9.2 rebounds per game. Freshmen Ana Owens is averaging 12.3 points per game and leads the in assists, while junior Jasmine Whitfield is scoring 10.6 points per game.

Despite Cincinnati having a number of potential scorers, the Lady Pirates shouldn't have to worry with a number of threats themselves. Senior Shae Nelson and junior Jasmine Phillips are coming off career games while scoring in double figures alongside Payne and Trice.

However, there is still no word on whether junior I'Tiana Taylor will resume play after suffering a minor leg injury in practice before the Lady Pirates' last game against Houston. Taylor came away with back-to-back double-doubles in the two games before her injury.

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Shae Nelson drives the baseline in the win over Houston Tuesday. RONNIE MOORE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Weekend yeilds records for ECU Track & Field finds scattered success in Blacksburg

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After 16 Pirates broke records at the Hokie Invitational a few weekends ago, the Pirates returned to Blacksburg, Va., to compete and break 10 school records at the Doc Hale Virginia Tech Elite Meet.

The standout from the meet proved to be Avion Jones, the junior high jumper from Virginia Beach. After just setting the school record in the high jump, he did it again. Jones helped the Pirates win three events and break 10 personal accolades.

Proof of Jones' impressive acts on the track has given him notice in the American Athletic

Conference. This season so far he has won a pair of AAC Athlete-of-the-Week honors.

The junior broke his own school record in the long jump event. He had a personal best clearance of 2.24 meters (7' 4.25") to win the event. That personal best mark also ranked Jones fifth in the nation, merely .25 inches away from tying the third ranked athlete on the list.

Tyshonda Hawkins, a senior for the Pirates, also captured her a first place finish on the day of the meet. She won the 200-meter open with a time of 24.17. She narrowly secured the victory by just .05 seconds.

Hawkins also ran anchor in the women's

4x400 meter relay. Hawkins and her fellow Lady Pirates Janieyah Collins, Aiesha Goggins and Jasmine Dawson won the event with a time of 3:46.17. They finished in first place over other schools such as Georgia, Georgia Tech and Louisville.

Added to the three first place finishes by the Pirates at the meet, 10 Pirates set personal records. Because ECU is performing outstandingly, they have moved up in ranking to the top 10 in the ECU records.

Madison Rayfield, Amanda Tomlin, Leah Lott and Janieyah Collins also broke records for the Lady Pirates.

Sophomore Madison Rayfield ran a personal-best time of 7.66 in the 60-meter dash, ranking her ninth all time in ECU record books.

Senior Amanda Tomlin reset a record she broke last week in the mile as she came in 11th with a time of 5:01.07. She now is seventh in the ECU records.

Sophomore Leah Lott is now tied for second in the 60-meter hurdles record book with her teammate Cheyenne Hutchinson. Lott ran the fastest out of all the Pirates with a personal record time of 8:54 just missing out on the finals.

Collins also moved into the ECU record history with a time of 56.42 in the women's 400-meter open. She now is seventh in the ECU record book for that event.

In the field events freshman Mohogany Baker recorded a heave of 18.43-meters in the 20-lb. weight throw for an eighth-place finish for the Lady Pirates. She moved into third in the record books.

For the men, John Crossley (1:52.32) and Poi Solanellas (1:53.01) recorded personal records in the 800-meter run. Crossley and Solanellas are now ranked fourth and sixth in the ECU records.

The last record breaker for the day meet was senior Adam Manns. He broke his own personal record with a throw of 16.89-meters in the weight throw. He finished in the top 20 for the event and eighth all time for ECU.

With two weeks to prepare for their next competition the Pirates get ready to compete at the Virginia Tech Challenge. It is ECU's last meet before heading to New York City for the AAC Indoor Championships.

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