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OH HONEY VISITS CAMPUS



KYLE BERRY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Robbie Ernst, Mitchy Collins and Danielle Bouchard (left to right) perform on campus around Wright Plaza Wednesday afternoon. The indie pop band from Brooklyn, New York, came to campus and performed throughout the day while students were on campus.

ECU honors 9/11 victims with service

Sydni Dobson
TEC STAFF

The annual National Day of Service and Remembrance will be held this weekend on East Carolina University's campus in honor of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

The event will be a two-day process; day one; Friday, will be held as the day of remembrance, while day two, Saturday, will serve as the day of service.

On Friday, the ceremony will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Mendenhall's Great Room 2. On Saturday, registration will be held in Cynthia's Lounge in Mendenhall from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a service event. Participants can also RSVP online using Orgsync.

The service event will be held at Community Partners located in Greenville from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. After the service event, participants can return to Cynthia's Lounge to attend a Reflection Celebration hosted from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will have several speakers, including Greenville's Chief of Police Ted Sauls. The event was organized by ECU in part with the Corporation for National Community Service and the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance.

The two day event intends to provide Greenville community members a positive way to pay tribute to the victims of 9/11, and to encourage local residents to get more involved in community improvement and service.

The September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance is a nationwide effort organized by the 9/11 non-profit organization MyGoodDeed. The organization first launched the initiative in 2002, and is credited with first encouraging the tradition of participating in community service as a tribute to the victims and families of those lost.

In order to further encourage student involvement and participations, the events will also be featured as a Wellness Passport event and count as credit for students taking health and COAD courses.

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Class drop protocol revised

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East Carolina University officials have recently modified rules for adding and dropping classes for students.

The new rules allow students to drop up to 16 credit hours total while at the university. This process is now referred to as withdrawal, rather than 'dropping.'

After the start of the classes in the spring and fall, ECU acknowledges a course adjustment period that lasts five days where a student may add or drop a course and it will not count towards the students allotted 16 hours. If withdrawal comes after the five days, it is referred to as withdrawing from a course.

"I've had students drop after add-drop period because of family problems, but I am usually sent an email, known as an official memo, telling me the student's reason why," said Brian Massey,

communication professor at ECU.

The difference between this and the previous years is that now when students withdraw from a course, it appears on their transcript denoted with a "W."

Another difference from the previous years is that students were only allowed four university drops during their time at ECU.

If upperclassmen students have previously used four university drops, they are still eligible to use the full 16 hours for the rest of their time at ECU.

"I think the system is better than the previous system. A student can potentially drop more classes and have a better chance at success," said Daniel Wiseman, advisor at ECU.

Wiseman continued by explaining that the new process was put into place in hopes of helping students graduate on time and retain more students.

Students often drop courses if they know they can't complete the course with a passing grade or they do not need the class for their major. Withdrawing from courses help students keep their GPA where they want it to be.

"I have had students drop a course when they are falling behind or if they are enrolled in too many hours and their classwork becomes too overwhelming. They don't want it affecting their GPA," said Wiseman.

The deadline for withdrawal from individual courses and withdrawals from the University is 60 percent of the regularly scheduled class meetings. For the fall 2015 semester, this date falls on October 28. Beyond the 60 percent of the semester, withdrawal is only allowed in special circumstances.

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Pirates seek redemption at Florida

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

Last season the Florida Gators ended East Carolina's season by handing them a heartbreaking loss in the Birmingham Bowl. It's a feeling returning Pirates remember all too well.

The 28-20 loss was sealed late in the fourth quarter, when Shane Carden's pass to Justin Hardy was intercepted in the end zone. Wide receiver Isaiah Jones, who fumbled during that game-ending drive, says he didn't do enough to win the game last season.

"I didn't play my best game last year," said junior Jones. "It hurt a lot. I felt like I really let my team down. But this is another opportunity for us to display how good we are and go out and compete against a really good team."

Jones caught six passes for 64 yards against Florida last season, although the challenges he faces this time around are even more fierce. Vernon Hargreaves III, a first-team all-Southeastern Conference cornerback, covered Justin Hardy last season but will direct his focus to Jones when the teams meet on Saturday.

"He's fast, so you can't make mistakes on him," said Jones. "I only [matched up against him] blocking, but it's going to be a great match up and I'm really excited for it. I'm just trying to bring a little bit of what Justin [Hardy] brought last season."

Jones, like many Pirates, has revenge on his mind. Still, the differences between the two match ups has the junior focusing



ECU receiver Isaiah Jones (7) has the ball jarred loose by defensive back Brian Poole (24). ECU fell 28-20 in the Birmingham Bowl last December.

on more than retribution.

"I'm excited for 'The Swamp'. I hear it gets really crazy down there and I'm just excited for it," Jones said. "It's really fun to play in Dowdy-Ficklen, but great teams have played there and I'm glad to be a part of it."

Senior linebacker Zeek Bigger played a big role in anchoring ECU's defense in the bowl

game, where the Pirates defense allowed just 339 yards total. The Pirates also forced three turnovers, two fumbles and one interception.

"It was a really close game that I thought we could have won. I thought we should have won that game," said Bigger. "But that's why you always get another opportunity. I feel like we have a really good chance."

Florida starting quarterback Treon Harris, one of two quarterbacks Florida plays, completed just five passes for 123 yards last season. The sophomore will have his second crack at the Pirate defense, and Bigger said the familiarity these two teams have with one

>>INSIDE

A8 Gators welcome Pirates into "The Swamp."

MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

BRIEFS

ECU ranked in national list of universities

East Carolina University was recently listed in the top tier of national universities, ranking at No. 194. The rankings were released by U.S. News & World Report. ECU is tied with the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and ranked just behind the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The list ranked 280 national institutions and were determined by a peer group survey based on the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classification for higher education institutions.

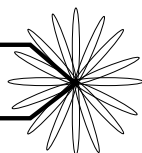
The institutions were judged by academic excellence, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduate performance and alumni giving.

ECU scientists work to develop more effective vaccines

Scientists at the Brody School of Medicine are utilizing an almost \$2.6 million dollar grant from the National Institute of Health to study the intracellular war between viruses and the human immune system.

The research helps design more efficient vaccines and medicines to combat viruses. The research effort is partly headed by Rachel Roper, an associate professor of microbiology and immunology at the Brody School of Medicine, the principal investigator on the project, and collaborator Laurence Eisenlohr of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

ONLINE



LGBT to host Welcome Social

Corrections/ Clarifications

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

Alumni give back to ECU

Collyn Sheaffer TEC STAFF

A married couple in eastern North Carolina and alumni from East Carolina University are giving back to the university's School of Dental Medicine and College of Fine Arts and Communication.

Dr. Delaney Harper (D.H.) Taylor and his wife Peggy Cox Taylor both grew up in eastern North Carolina and have ties to the university. The couple's planned gifts will give financial assistance to dental and art students at ECU from Pitt, Lenoir, Beaufort and Hyde Counties.

D. H. Taylor grew up in Kinston and graduated from the UNC Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. After graduating, he moved back to Pitt County and

was the county's public health dentist for one year before opening his own general practice in Greenville, which he operated for 38 years.

Peggy Taylor grew up in Belhaven and graduated from ECU with a bachelor of fine arts. She worked as an interior designer until her retirement in 2014.

The couple married in 2014 and D. H. Taylor currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at the School of Dental Medicine and as a member of the university's Admissions Committee.

Another way D. H. Taylor has been so heavily involved at East Carolina University is through his love for piano. When he was younger, Taylor would play piano recitals at Wright Auditorium. Recently, he conducted Leroy Anderson's

"Serenata" as guest conductor of the Symphony of the Mountains at Chetola in Blowing Rock, N.C.

D. H. and Peggy Taylor view their donations to the School of Dentistry and the College of Fine Arts and Communication as a way to give back to the people of eastern North Carolina. As two people who said they owe so much to ECU and this region of the state, they have worked very hard to give other people some of the advantages that they had.

"We can't take it with us," D. H. Taylor told the School of Dental Medicine News, "so we want to give back to the source from where it came."

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Emojis increase communication

Alina Olson TEC STAFF

Emojis and Emotional Intelligence was the topic of the Wellness Passport event held in Mendenhall Student Center yesterday afternoon.

Lauren Thorn, licensed clinical social worker for ECU's Center for Counseling and Student Development, put on a presentation about the history of emojis, what they have developed into today and how they are changing the way we communicate.

"Emojis are a symbolic language made up of symbols that people already understand," said Thorn.

According to Thorn, the concept of using pictures to communicate emotions has been around since the late 1880s. Starting with pictograms, then followed by logograms and ideograms. These three visual communication tools evolved over time into the emojis we use today. The most recent development came in July 2011, when Apple released its first software update that included an emoji keyboard.

The use of emojis among the general public has skyrocketed in recent years. The percentage of people using emojis



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Lauren Thorn presents her slideshow during a Wellness Passport event in Mendenhall.

in their everyday communication has increased 40 percent since the introduction of the emoji keyboard for iPhones in 2011, according to Thorn.

Thorn said the frequent use of emojis in our text conversation has increased our ability to both convey and understand emotional meaning in text based conversations.

"People use them to express emotions in a way that may not be as easily conveyed with just words," Thorn said. "They add tone and help interpret the meaning of the text."

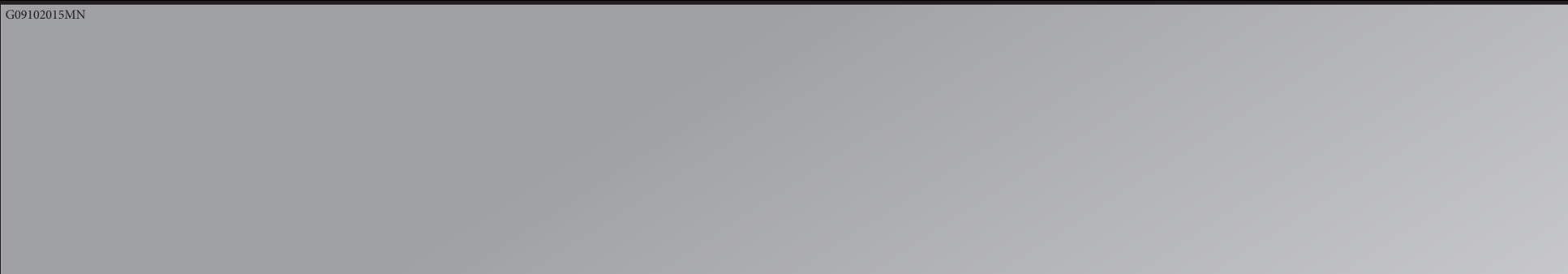
Thorn said the implementation of emojis into our everyday lives has pro-

vided more reserved individuals with a unique method of emotional disclosure that was otherwise unavailable to them.

"Emojis provide introverts and people who suffer from social anxiety an outlet to express their emotions," Thorn said. "They create a social intimacy with others that they may not be able to do face to face."

Technology is a huge part of communication this day in age, and emojis have added description and flavor to our conversations in ways that were never possible before.

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PIRATE RANTS

Carolina girls.....best in the World.

Why aren't all the pirate rants in the paper?

Class availability can definitely be improved so that students aren't forced to pile on electives because their required classes are full.

Why is it that every year its seemes as if ECU accepts more and more people but the retention rates either stay the same or decline? Stay in school kids!

Advice for the new freshman: Make time to call your grandparents.

To everyone complaining about it being crowded on campus, just wait a couple of weeks and the freshman who can't balance classes and partying will be yanked out by their parents.

Anyone who likes Bernie Sanders's plans for our country has clearly never paid taxes.

I appreciate guys that insist on holding the door for girls. It's polite. I like it. Keep doing it!

With all the rants about parking, you'd think ECU would consider changing something...

Geez! You make us pay so much in tuition, put a cap on printing, pay for parking and not find a single vacancy when I need one, etc... Can I at least get online on my game console so I have something to do on the weekends to get a break from your ridiculous and illogical policies, ECU?

How does anyone expect you to learn from a computer? Simple. Go online, just like you would when going on Facebook. Instead of typing "www.facebook.com" type in Google and search for the topic you need. Then realize that this info is free and demand ECU give you a refund because the course is useless when all the info is available free of charge.

Police get on my nerves but I'll take ECUPD over any other PD in the world.

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

Poll results

Did you stay for the entire game against Townson?

Yes- 48.9%
No- 51.1%

Poll question

Do you remember where you were on 9/11?

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Our view

Unity best way to remember 9/11

It has been almost 14 years to the day since four calculated terrorist attacks changed the course of American history and foreign policy on the morning of September 11, 2001.

In total, 2,996 people lost their lives in the tragedy, including 415 firefighters and law enforcement officers. Nearly \$10 billion worth of property damage was inflicted on the North and South towers of the World Trade Center, as well as the Pentagon.

In the months that followed the attacks, Americans responded by banding together with unprecedented patriotism in a variety of ways. Rescue workers and police officers flocked to New York City to help survivors and identify victims. Almost 36,000 blood donations were given to the New York Blood Center in the days after the attack. The American flag was never more visible, as it was seen on car bumper stickers and front yards all over the nation.

U.S. citizens should be rightfully commended for their generous response to that catastrophic event, and we as an editorial staff believe that the spirit of unity following the attack is one that Americans should work toward in all times.

Fast forward to 2015, and our country is more divided than ever with partisanship at an all-time high — race, religion and sexual orientation have become tools of division instead of diversity. Public distrust of authorities grows as the rise in technology demands more accountability than ever.

The best course of action would be for Americans to recall the unity that our country held on to during a September over a decade ago, because it shouldn't take a national tragedy for us to come together and help those in need. Every day is an opportunity to make this world, and this country, a better place to live.

Super Bowl needs hip-hop

Halftime show would benefit from Drake, other artists



Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

Hip-hop may be having one of its best years ever, but what hip-hop needs is a really big stage to show that it is no longer just the urban genre. Not many shows or stages are bigger than the Super Bowl.

The Super Bowl has traditionally been a stage that hip-hop is not allowed on. There haven't been many hip-hop artist step on such a widely viewed stage. Only Mary J. Blige, Queen Latifah, Diddy, Nicki Minaj, Missy Elliot and Nelly have graced that stage.

All those are tremendous talents, but most of them were in their prime when they performed and most of them were not even the main performer.

This year, Bruno Mars has reportedly been offered to perform at halftime. While Mars is a great talent, he's performed at a Super Bowl already.

In the past you could argue that hip-hop as a whole was not in a good collective place and

no rapper was topping the charts or had music that all crowds could relate to. That argument cannot be made this year.

Hip-hop is the most popular genre in the world, according to Spotify. Spotify is not alone in these findings, as Google recently released a list that confirms these results. Hip-hop tops the search list on Google Play, Youtube and Google in the United States.

Hip-hop also has one of the most successful movies of the year with "Straight Outta Compton."

It is time for corporate America to open up their checkbooks and stages, because hip-hop is now the dominant genre.

No longer is it Jay Z rapping about selling cocaine, or about Eminem raping his mother. Mainstream hip-hop's top guys are ready with music for the seniors, the middle-aged, the young adults, the teenagers and the kids.

For the Super Bowl this year, there are many options, most notably the proclaimed king of pop. Yes, Aubrey Drake Graham is the perfect man to headline an all hip-hop halftime show. A set with Drake doing "Know Yourself"

and "Back to Back" would be epic. Then bring out the New Jersey newcomer that's killing the rap charts: Fetty Wap. Follow that with Big Sean performing "Blessings." Then finish it off with Drake and J. Cole performing in an explosive finale.

This would be one of the biggest moments in hip-hop history. For many decades hip-hop has been shunned, and not allowed in the building. This show would be hip-hop's house warming.

Hip-hop great Sean Carter's 2013 song "SomeWhereInAmerica" describes this situation perfectly.

"You can turn up your nose high society, never gone turn down the homie," said Carter. "Straight cash I bought ya neighbor out. You should come to the housewarming. Come and see what your new neighbor 'bout."

NFL...let the people see what the new neighbor is like.

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Hillary Clinton not to be trusted



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Of all the events that played out this summer in the contest for president, it is not the rise of Donald Trump and outsider politicians that is the most surprising, but the fall of Hillary Clinton and, to some extent, other traditional candidates.

Haunted by an email scandal and an all-too-familiar last name, Clinton had gradually fallen from a position of almost uncontested party support and towards a position where the Democratic Party consider her an issue they would rather not talk about.

Many Americans, including myself, supported a presidential claim by Clinton at this time last year, before details of her email scandal began to surface. It appeared she had enough people behind her in Congress to actually get issues resolved, not just discussed. She seemed to have the right mix of knowledge, respect, determination and experience to lead our nation through whatever it faced.

It is now clear that this is not the case. For her to even assume that it is OK for anyone working in the governmental sector, much less the Secretary of State, to conduct business over a private email server is an absurdity that shows anything but experience and respect.

Nobody serving in a public office should reasonably expect this practice to be acceptable, unless they perhaps think they are capable of getting away with it or are above the law. As long as the FBI continues their justifiable investigation into private emails sent to and from Hillary Clinton while she served as the Secretary of State, citizens of our nation will continue to feel as if she is lying to them. How can they not?

And as long as action is not taken they will feel as if it is not just her, but a whole administration that is covering up something. It is not a new feeling. Will the mistrust Americans have felt for

politics since the Nixon administration finally catch up with the highest public office there is, that of the president?

Politicians have begun to be seen by citizens as corrupt and self-serving individuals. Experience in government these days just means experience lying. This is the other obstacle Clinton now faces on her bid for president. Where several years ago having a last name like Bush or Clinton could be viewed as a positive for a candidate, in this campaign being a government "outsider" is in.

Polls are telling us the average citizen with a median income feels they have more in common with a billionaire CEO who has never held a public office than they do with familiar government faces like Clinton's or Bush's. The presidential race will not begin for over a year, and a lot can change during that time. For now, however, traditional candidates like Hillary Clinton need to watch out.

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A.J. Fletcher Music Center
Thursday 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.

Here I Am: Southern Visionaries of GMA's Outsider Art Collection
Greenville Museum of Art
Thursday 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Jazz Jam, Part Deux
Crave Greenville Restaurant & Bar
Thursday 8:30 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.

Art Avenue Holiday Booth Show
Art Avenue
Thursday- Sunday 12:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Promulgators: Beth Blake & Jim Tisnado
Uptown Art Supply & Gallery
Thursday-Sunday 12:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Emerge Holiday Artist Market
Emerge Gallery & Art Center
Thursday-Sunday 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.



Lead singer Mikele Buck is no stranger to performing in front of a Greenville audience. The Mikele Buck Band will play downtown this weekend.

Tavern on 4th hosts local band

Carlyn Legg
TEC STAFF

Tomorrow evening the Mikele Buck Band is returning to Tavern on 4th Street for a live performance of their latest music.

Hailing out of the Greenville area, the Mikele Buck Band enjoys playing local venues in their hometown.

"[Tavern on] 4th is one of my favorite places to play," said Buck. "The room sounds good and it gives college kids a chance to hear us in a laid back kind of place."

Buck said the owners of Tavern on 4th Street do a great job of keeping their performers well taken care of when they plan live acts.

"The crowd's always good for us there, it's always a fun group of people with a good crowd base there," said Buck. "The owners are pretty cool guys too."

With a laid back atmosphere filled with live music and minimal rowdiness, Tavern on 4th has a more mature audience than the rest of the downtown area typically does on a normal weekend. Buck looks forward to the laid back feel of the venue.

"We play there about every six to eight weeks, which is a good rotation," said Buck. "It's more of a tavern than a bar, and the atmosphere reflects that."

The Mikele Buck Band has gained momen-

tum as far as their fan base goes, performing for better known names in the country music industry, however they hope to branch off as a headlining act themselves. For them, performing in Greenville is like coming home to play for their friends where they feel comfortable playing for the hometown crowd.

Mikele Buck, from West Virginia, started as a young musician playing for his friends and family at small bars and backyard bonfire parties. When he returned from the war in Iraq in 2005, Buck decided to start his first real band. The band took a break a few years ago and started back up in 2013, when they played small gigs in small towns around eastern North Carolina.

With inspiration from nationally known country artists like Garth Brooks and Travis Tritt, the band has big shoes to fill in the country music industry.

Their album "Sweet Carolina" quickly gained momentum as the Mikele Buck Band played more and had the personal connections with other Nashville Recording Artists, that they had the fortune to open for on various tours and at large events.

With a new single set to release at the end of the month, the band has been busy playing and planning in preparation for their new single. Having opened for big names in

>> PLAN TO GO

WHAT: Mikele Buck Band

WHEN: Friday, September 11 @ 10 p.m.

WHERE: Tavern on 4th Street

country music like Jason Aldean, Jon Pardi and Joe Nichols, the Mikele Buck Band has built a following of their own.

Earlier this year their song "Sweet Carolina" debuted on country radio. In June 2015, the band opened the Carolina Country Music Festival in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where headliners Rascal Flatts, Tim McGraw and Lady Antebellum performed for crowds which reached close to 30,000 people.

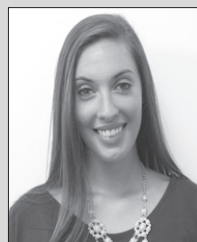
"We hope to move as far as Nashville and Texas. We stay pretty booked up," said Buck. "We've toured 5 or 6 different states now and did a radio tour so this is more of a home type of place for us in Greenville."

Friday's show will kick off around 10 p.m. at Tavern on 4th Street in downtown Greenville.

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TV REVIEW

Colbert shows potential as new late night favorite



Jessica McGettigan
TEC STAFF

A familiar face returned to late night television last evening, and was excitedly welcomed by 6.6 million viewers at home in addition to a split level audience chanting "Stephen" as though they were on a first name basis with the host.

"Late Night With Stephen Colbert" premiered on CBS and produced ratings that the network hadn't seen since David Letterman's final season.

While Colbert's numbers closely rivaled those of his veteran predecessor, he made absolutely sure that viewers knew his intentions as a late night host are not to replace Letterman, but to bring a new spin on late night television.

Although "Late Night" is a new animal for Colbert, viewers glimpsed characteristics of the Comedy Central Colbert that brought about his notoriety. In the opening scene, Colbert offered viewers a refresher of his undying patriotism with a segment of the host singing "Star Spangled Banner" in various locations across the United States accompanied by locals from the areas.

It would not be a Stephen Colbert show without a little political satire,

this time with media favorite Donald Trump being the most likely victim. Poking fun at Trump's public swearing off of Oreos, Colbert compared Trump as a political guilty pleasure to the cookie by shoveling sleeve after sleeve into his mouth before he eventually dumped the container on himself.

Guests George Clooney and Jeb Bush added viewership to the much anticipated premiere, providing the two-hour show with equal parts entertainment and education, which again hinted at characteristics of Colbert's prior television gig.

If it's pilot episode proved anything, it was that Colbert certainly plans on standing apart from other talk show hosts by providing viewers with a combination of good music (provided by Jon Batist and Stay Human), entertaining yet influential guests, and easy-going, quick-witted humor that makes Colbert the appealing talk show host that he is.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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Greenville BBQ makes mouths water for more



Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF



Brianna Horton
TEC STAFF

Since barbecue is an iconic food item in North Carolina, it was only natural to seek out which of Greenville's local barbecue rises above the rest.

Parker's Barbecue was opened in 1946 in Wilson, North Carolina, by Richard Parker and his two sons. Parker's delivers the traditional vinegary taste that the south is used to. A tad salty, their signature sauce adds the flavor to the pork.

The old fashioned design of the restaurant created a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for customers. Not that expensive, customers are able to get a full platter including barbecue, chicken wings, and two sides for under \$10. However, Parker's is not as generous with their signature sauce which causes the meat to have a more dried out flavoring.

RJ's Famous Chicken, barbecue, and Ribs offers something more unique and different compared to the other local barbecue restaurants in Greenville. RJ's offers a buffet style barbecue to its customers for around \$8. Described as having "mouth watering barbecue," RJ's stands out from its competitors by adding a twist to the average North Carolina vinegar sauce. The meat is a little dry but not to the point where it needs to be drowned in sauce. The taste of RJ's barbecue is not the most unique, but it has been known to leave it's consumer wanting more.

Abrams was opened in 1974 by Gerald Abrams in Tarboro, North Carolina. Abrams Bar-B-Q and Seafood has the best

barbecue out of the few listed here. Their barbecue sandwich wins the award for best barbecue in Greenville because of its immense flavor and tenderness. Abrams strays away from the traditional vinegar flavor known to North Carolina which adds more sweetness to the sandwich itself.

B's Barbecue is rumored to have the best barbecue in Greenville with its hole-in-wall appeal. They serve a flavorful vinegar sauce with a hint of spice to it which gives their pork a kick. The pork has a woodsmoke flavor to it which some customers prefer. The barbecue itself has just the right amount of saltiness to it but does not overpower the other flavors from the sauce. The major downside to B's has nothing to do with their barbecue or sides, but with the over-popularity of the place. Once B's Barbecue sells out of their products, which are freshly made each morning, they close. This system makes you feel like you're in an exclusive club if you do get to snag a plate before they run out.

For those who don't want to venture off campus to find barbecue, you are in luck. ECU's campus dining has a new rotating station in The Galley on College Hill that serves barbecue with all of the classic sides. The barbecue by itself was not extraordinary, but the sauce that was provided made it worthwhile.

"It doesn't provide you with that 'down south momma's cooking' but if you're stuck on campus or everything else has already closed, it makes for a great substitute," said Travis McMillan, senior exercise physiology major. "The macaroni and cheese was not their specialty, but the baked beans and hash puppies made up for it."

With the wide variety of locally owned barbecue places to pick from in Greenville,

Alumni exhibition showcases former Pirates' work



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The art will be displayed in galleries around town.

Ashley Federici
TEC STAFF

The School of Art and Design is currently holding their second alumni exhibition which includes artwork from 170 alumni and is spread throughout four different galleries.

"It is to celebrate the art of our former students see what they've been doing, and to give them a chance to show off their work here in the area where they went to school," said Tom Braswell, the Interim Director of the Wellington B. Gray Art Gallery located in the Jenkins Fine Arts Building.

Braswell said about 2,000 alumni were contacted to participate in the event and he was impressed to have 170 participate.

"They come back and see one another and see one another's art so it's almost sort of a homecoming for the school of art and design alumni," said Braswell.

The last exhibition was held in 2006 and displayed the art in three galleries. Braswell said there was such a strong turnout in 2006 that the work in the galleries was stacked two and three high. This year the exhibition was expanded to four galleries. The galleries participating are the Wellington B. Gray Art

Gallery at ECU, the Greenville Museum of Art, Emerge Gallery and the Faulkner Gallery in the Joyner Library.

Braswell said the exhibition displays a variety of different forms of art.

"There's painting, printmaking, metal design, sculpture, textiles, photography, graphic design; it covers the entire range of studio concentrations here in the school of art and design," said Braswell.

Braswell said he finds the exhibition to be very valuable educationally to the students in the School of Art and Design as it gives them an opportunity to see the possibilities of where their education could take them.

"Our students get a look at people who have been here like they are now who have gone out into the world and continued making art, it gives them an idea of what they're doing and what they've accomplished," said Braswell.

The alumni who participated in the panel discussion were Matt Amante, Mike Litwin, Kathryn Osgood, Robert Tynes and Jessica C. White. The alumni discussed where their lives have taken them since graduating from the ECU School of Art and Design.

"Each person's story was a little differ-

ent which was valuable in seeing how their lives have been affected by studying art," said Braswell.

Braswell said one alumnus who really stands out to him is Ben Owen III, who is a popular ceramics artist in the Seagrove area.

"He comes from one of the oldest pottery families in that area and he came here to study even though it was a tradition in his family and he's pretty well known," said Braswell.

Braswell said he hopes that events such as the alumni exhibition inspire students studying art to continue pursuing their passion, as there are a variety of directions that an art degree can take you.

"Having an education in art is excellent and can lead to many other possibilities of employment not just in the arts. People with a knowledge of art history and culture can be valuable in a lot of different occupations," said Braswell.

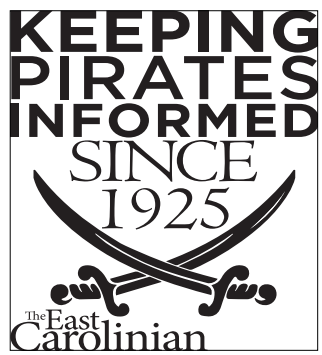
The galleries are free and open to the public and the hours of operation can be found at www.ecu.edu/art. The exhibition began on Sept. 4 and will end on Sept. 25.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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 - 16 Connecticut town for which a disease is named
 - 17 Sinn ___
 - 18 100-eyed guardian of Io
 - 19 Weizman of Israel
 - 20 Bean used in falafel
 - 21 Half a comedy duo
 - 22 Two-time MLB all-star Ron
 - 23 Three-handed game
 - 24 Wrench handle?
 - 25 Stats for QBs
 - 26 "Clueless" co-star ___ Dash
 - 28 Johannesburg section
 - 30 Salad option
 - 31 Social calls
 - 33 "___ Wiedersehen"
 - 34 It often says "Hello"
 - 38 FDR loan org.
 - 39 "Pardon me, Giuseppe"
 - 41 CPR provider
 - 42 Something in your eye
 - 44 Wires, e.g.
 - 45 Mr. Rogers
 - 46 Dairy prefix
 - 47 Brown shade
 - 49 "He that ___ down with dogs shall rise up with fleas": Franklin
 - 51 Bar made by Hershey's
 - 53 Enterprise bridge regular
 - 56 "Vous êtes ___": Paris map words
 - 57 Dog days mo.
 - 59 Kitchy-___
 - 60 Cartoonist Chast
 - 61 Disney's Bob Iger, e.g.
 - 62 Dash prefix

- DOWN**
- 1 Farnham fops
 - 2 Outback condiment
 - 3 *Event for A-listers, say
 - 4 Piano pieces
 - 5 Period since 2009
 - 6 Without a doubt
 - 7 Courty
 - 8 Hardens
 - 9 18th-century Italian adventurer
 - 10 Poetic laments
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 - 13 "Dam it!"
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 - 29 *Space to maneuver

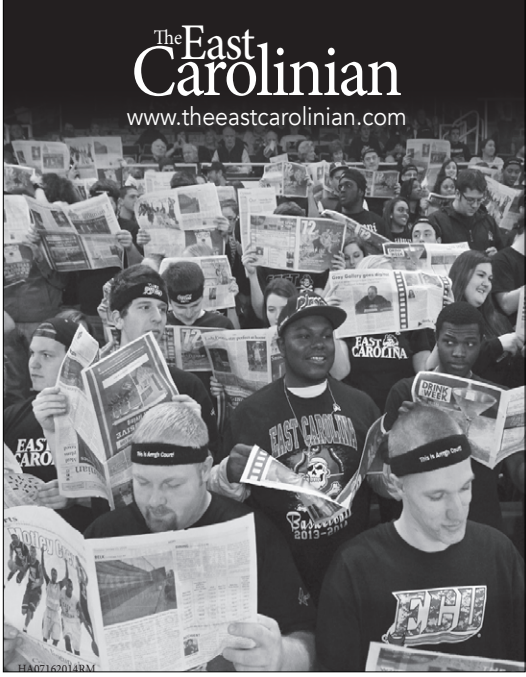
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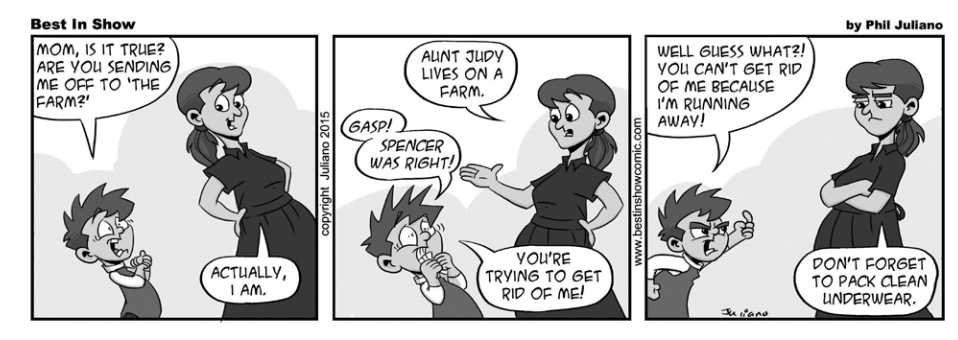
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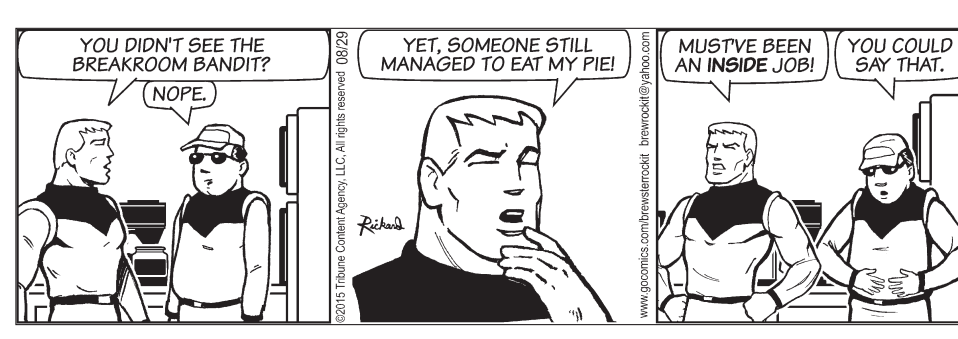
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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Postpone mundane rituals for something unexpected. Trust a crazy hunch. Make a delightful (profitable?) discovery. Follow your mom's advice and win. Putter and clean. Make happy plans. Count blessings. Visualize perfection. Relax into blissful peace.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Circumstances startle you. Consider an outrageous request. Your community can provide whatever is needed. Put together a sweet deal that speaks to your heart. Meet the perfect people. Follow through on commitments and gain respect. Celebrate together.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Accept an unusual assignment. Verify the investment

of time and money first. Close a deal or sign papers. Team projects go well. Go for excellence. Reward yourself with some private time and relax. Savor peace and beauty.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You're especially charming and attractive. Share something joyful with loved ones. Good news, maybe? Reaffirm a commitment for positive changes. Your team is hot, and getting hotter. Resist the urge to flee and success rewards your efforts.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Start from a point of balance. Change is inevitable. You gain new insights regarding resources. Conditions seem unsettled. Use your popularity to encourage participation. Get expert support. You've waited long enough. Push

your agenda. Come from love.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Make an artistic or creative beginning. Take steps to realize a beautiful dream. Start with what's available. Get the best. Add muscle and intuition. Prepare everything in private. You're magnetically attracted. Raise the heat on a collaboration.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Passions get stirred. Plans shift. Speak your heart and figure out how to do it later. Make bold promises that may include a graceful exit. Come up with a realistic budget, and get others on board.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Ignite creative fires. Invite participation. Accept advice from loved ones and especially chil-

dren, who speak their views straight and unfiltered. Provide support to the process. Your full attention is a gift your family appreciates.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Get assistance to realize a home improvement project. Upgrade your infrastructure. Find new ways to save resources. Question the status quo. Your greatest strength is love. Share your appreciation with family and friends. They're your rock.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Learn new tricks for earning and saving money from trusted experts. Discuss family finances to determine priorities. Listen more than talking. Find out what others want. Beautify shared spaces. Provide faith and muscle to make it happen.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- If finances seem uncertain, track them carefully. Short tempers spark with little provocation. Verify balances before spending, and reduce unnecessary expenses. Accept gifts, when offered, gracefully. You can find another revenue source. Follow a creative hunch.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Follow a leader who knows where he or she is going. Work out plans together. Go for harmony, beauty and satisfaction. Pursue a brilliant idea. It may take you in a new direction. Toss out the superfluous.

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Signing day yields talent for ECU

Diamond bucs welcome 17 new players

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's second-year head baseball coach Cliff Godwin welcomed 17 new recruits to the program following the 2015 signing day.

Godwin is coming off a year in which his team won 40 games, claimed the American Athletic Conference crown, and made it to the NCAA Regionals.

Godwin lost Luke Lowery, David Lucroy and Reid Love to the MLB draft as well as senior captain Hunter Allen to graduation.

"We did lose some guys that were very valuable to the program," said Godwin. "But we had a lot of guys, who played last year that are back."

While Godwin returns a major-

ity of his players back for his second season with the Pirates, he is excited about his recruiting class.

"We brought in a lot of front-line pitching depth," said Godwin. "We brought in some very athletic infielders and outfielders; and some power hitters, including a catcher. Those were kind of the focus for our recruiting class."

Godwin is confident in the program that he is running. He feels last year that ECU baseball was brought back to where it needed to be.

"We just have to continue to develop the culture here," said Godwin. "Last year was the step in the right direction. Our goals here are to host Regionals, host Super Regionals, and then get to Omaha."

Godwin said the position that

will be the biggest battle is the shortstop position, but there will be a lot of competition.

"Last year, we felt pretty confident that Hunter Allen was going to play shortstop," said Godwin. "This year, we have two junior college shortstops and a freshman. Then who's going to play outfield, and who's going to fill in some of the production of Luke Lowery?"

Godwin, who was praised as a recruiting guru at Ole Miss, has already brought his prowess to Greenville, evidenced by his 17 newest additions.

"We are recruiting against some of the best programs in the country, because we are one of the best programs in the country," said Godwin.

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ECU shortstop Casey Alcorn tosses a ball during a game last season.

Four newcomers ink with Pirate softball

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's new softball head coach Courtney Oliver pulled in four new recruits for her inaugural signing day as a Pirate.

Oliver inherits a team that went 16-37 last season and welcomes a mixed bag of experience and youth. Even with the youth on the team, Oliver understands the importance of recruiting from her time as an assistant coach.

"Recruiting is the future of our program," she said. "And the previous coaching staff did a pretty good job with the recruit-

Softball 2015

Morgan Halo
RHP

Tate McClellan
IF

Ashley Weingartz
C/OF

Mary Williams
RHP

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Baseball 2015

**Position

Denny Brady RHP/INF

Matt Bridges RHP

Turner Brown INF

Cam Colmore RHP

West Covington RHP

Justin Dirden OF

Kendall Ford OF

Chris Holba RHP

Sam Lanier RHP

Ryan Littlefield 1B/OF

Brady Lloyd INF

Zack Mozingo RHP/OF

Shelton Perkins RHP

Wes Phillips INF

Drew Piscorik INF

Jake Washer C

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Golf eyes season-opening tournament

Craig Moyer
TEC STAFF

The Pirate men's and women's golf teams are set to defend their titles from last year's tournaments as they kick off their respective seasons this weekend.

The men's team kicks off their season Sept. 12-13 at the Rod Myers Intercollegiate in Durham, North Carolina, where it got its first win of last season.

This season the team faces off against many powerful teams, including Wake Forest, Duke and Penn State, but the team's head coach, Press McPhaul, said the tournament is a good test for the team.

"It's a really good assembly of teams and competition for us to get started and find out where we stack up," McPhaul said.

The women's team begins its season on Sept. 14-15 at the Minnesota Invitational in Minneapolis, a tournament that it won at the beginning of last season.

The field is full of very competitive teams, including seven of the 12 teams from last year's field. The team's head coach, Kevin Williams, knows they will face strong competition, but have a good chance of defending their title.

"It's a strong field and I know we'll be tested and it's a great test to start the year out because you find out right off the get-go where you stand and what you need to work on," Williams said.

Both teams beat out the rest of the field in the same tournaments last year by several shots

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Senior Pirate women's golfer Nicoline Engstroem Skaug follows through on a drive last season.

TEC'sperts The East Carolinian Sports' experts predict this weekend's football game



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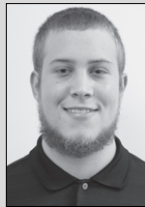
Who Wins? Florida, 44-13
Why? If Towson athletes pushed ECU's defense, imagine what an SEC opponent will do.



Adam Decker

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Who Wins? Florida, 31-13
Why? The Gator defense will rattle the Pirates and keep them from stretching the field.



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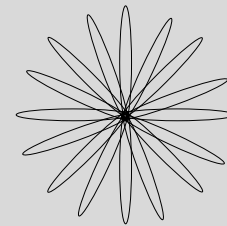
Who Wins? Florida, 38-17
Why? The Gators' staunch defense poses problems for a Pirate offense that lacks a downfield attack.



Brian Wudkwyck

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Who Wins? Floirda, 41-10
Why? This is a much improved Gator team with a great defense. ECU won't have much luck offensively.



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TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

The Pirates (1-0) will travel to Florida for a matchup with the Gators Saturday.

BASEBALL

Signing day ushered in 17 new players to the ECU baseball program.

SOFTBALL

ECU signed four new freshmen to the program.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates open their season with a Greenville-hosted tournament this weekend.

MEN'S GOLF

The Pirates will compete in the Rod Myers Invitational this weekend, hosted in Durham, North Carolina.

VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates will host the East Carolina Invitational this weekend with Hampton, WCU and William & Mary competing.

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Road matchup with Florida looms large

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina football team will look to make a statement this weekend as it travels to Gainesville to battle the Florida Gators (1-0, 0-0 SEC) in a Birmingham Bowl rematch Saturday.

The Pirates (1-0, 0-0 AAC) lost their previous matchup earlier this year, 28-20, behind a late fourth quarter interception thrown by Shane Carden.

While ECU's changes this year have been well documented, Florida has also undergone a serious transformation — the biggest of which is the hire of former Colorado State head coach and Alabama offensive coordinator Jim McElwain.

Florida, a three-time national champion, has recently been on a down slope but seems to have a newfound excitement as McElwain coached his first game in front of 90,227 fans, a sold-out crowd.

"I look at film and they have seven draft choices," said ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill. "We have to make sure we do what we do, take care of the rock again and make smart decisions."

The game against the Pirates will likely be played in front of another sold out crowd, more than double the crowd ECU had against Towson.

"Last week against Towson was the biggest crowd [I've played in front of]," starting quarterback Blake Kemp said. "I have to over communicate with the signals. I have to be more clear."

The Gators are coming off a 61-13 victory over New Mexico State, a game in which they totaled 606 yards and only one penalty. Florida rushed for 222 yards and four touchdowns and passed for 384 yards and four touchdowns.

The most unique part about the Florida offense is their use of two quarterbacks. Sophomore Treon Harris took over the starting role last year and went 4-2, including a win over ninth-ranked Georgia.

The second signal caller is redshirt freshman Will Grier, a four-star recruit from Davidson, North Carolina. He set a national high school record in 2012, passing for 837 yards and 10 touchdowns in one game.

"We offered Will [a scholarship] out of high school, so we know he's a good player," said McNeill. "His dad is an East Carolina Pirate. We thought we'd have a chance at him."

The Gators' rushing attack seems to be by committee as they had four players score and six players rush for 20 or more yards, with their leading rusher tallying just 54 yards.

Kevin Taylor tallied 565 yards and six touchdowns, while averaging 4.9 yards a carry last season and seems to be the front-runner this year, even in the spread out workload.

Demarcus Robinson was Florida's leading receiver last season, catching 53 passes for



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Florida running back Case Harrison breaks Travon Simmons' tackle during the Birmingham Bowl.

810 yards and seven touchdowns. Brandon Powell looks to be a major contributor this season as he scored a touchdown and led the Gators with 50 yards receiver against the Aggies.

On top of playing two quarterbacks, the Gators run an unordinary 4-2-5 defensive formation. The multiple formation is effective against both the run and the pass, making it seemingly hard for the Pirates.

"They want to control the run with four down guys, and defend you in the passing lanes," McNeill explained. "We know it's going to be a tough game. They're an SEC team with a lot of depth."

The most intriguing player the Gators have on defense is projected first round pick and first team all-SEC selection cornerback last season

Vernon Hargreaves.

"We're not going to be scared of him; we are going to be smart," said ECU offensive coordinator Dave Nichol. "You can't say that you can't throw to that side of the field."

Hargreaves finished with three interceptions and was seventh on the team with 50 tackles, leading the SEC with 13 pass break ups. Coincidentally, Hargreaves was the player that intercepted Shane Carden in the final minutes of last year's bowl game.

The Pirates will look for their first win in program history against the Gators on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

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Soccer returns home for matchup

Allison Jobe
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The East Carolina women's soccer team will return home to host Western Carolina Friday at 7 p.m. after four consecutive road matches.

"We're excited to play at home, we're excited to have our fans," said head coach Donnenwirth.

The Pirates (2-3-1) are coming off a 3-0 win against UNC Greensboro after sustaining a three-game losing streak.

"We need to keep creating goal scoring chances, and finishing them. Last week we worked on that quite a bit and we will continue to work on that," Donnenwirth said.

ECU met Western Carolina last fall, taking a 1-0 victory in its first win of the 2014 season. Junior midfielder Jenna Geist was the star of the game, as she scored the first goal of the 2014 season and her first game-winner on the Catamounts.

Western Carolina (3-2-1) halted its two-game losing streak with a 1-0 win over Longwood this past Sunday.

"Kendall Frey and Lana Spittler are the two who have been scoring and getting assists. Stephanie Seagrave was out all

of last year due to an injury and I see her starting to turn the corner, getting back to where she was," said Donnenwirth. "Midfielders Jenna Geist and Danielle Eule have done well. Saundra Baron isn't hard to miss on the field. Autumn Berry has been the most consistent player so far."

Senior striker Kendall Frey is one to watch as she plays her final season with the Pirates. She notched a career-high three goals to help defeat UNC Greensboro.

In August, Frey was one of 11 players named to The American's 2015 preseason women's soccer all-conference team. She was an All-American Athletic Conference Second Team choice and selected to the all-tournament team in 2014. Frey was also named to the NSCAA Scholar All-South Region Team.

Another all-star on the team is Baron — she was named the first American Athletic Conference Goalkeeper-of-the-Week for the 2015 season on Aug. 24 after posting back-to-back shutouts against George Mason and Loyola-Chicago. She was able to make six saves across 200 scoreless minutes.

Senior Stephanie Seagrave tapped the third game of the

night against UNC Greensboro, earning her seventh-career goal. Seagrave is back this season after suffering a season-ending injury in 2014.

Junior striker Lana Spittler scored twice against UNC Greensboro in her second-career multi-goal game.

"The main thing is for them to keep getting better each week," Donnenwirth said. "Sunday, I told them we need to keep preparing and keep getting better. It was a good week-end overall."

The freshmen on the team are proving themselves as well. Defender Lindsey Tornabene, forward Courtney Cash and defender Madeleine Watson have each had their fair share of minutes on the field. Tornabene started and played every minute in each game, while Cash and Watson have seen big minutes as substitutes.

"With new players and a new team, so much changes that," said Donnenwirth. "Our team knows that they're a hard working team, so they know what to be prepared for."

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the women's team winning by 21 shots and the men's team winning by seven.

Both coaches know that last year's wins at the same tournaments help the teams as they enter this year's tournament by increasing confidence and familiarity.

"I think they believe we can win. I think they have really good vibes, four of the five starters all played well there last year and I think that should give us a lot of confidence heading into this weekend," Williams said.

"We know what the golf course demands, we know how to attack

the golf course, we know when not to attack it," McPhaul said.

The four returning starters for the women's team are Frida Gustafsson Spang, Nicoline Engstrom Skaug, Lisa Pettersson and Lane Gakeler. Freshman, Catherine Ashworth will also compete with the team and freshman, Kate Law, will compete as an individual.

The men's team consist of Wes Conover, Tim Conover, Jacob Hicks, Al Dickens and George Kilgore. The team will also send Stephen Lavenets to the tournament to compete as an individual.

"My hope is that we will compete well, that we will stay committed to

our strategy and committed to our process and then we'll reflect on ways to get better after the tournament," McPhaul said.

McPhaul and Williams both know that their teams are filled with talent and if they play their best at the tournaments they will be giving themselves a chance to win.

"We've been playing well. I think we're going to have a lot of confidence and I think we're as good as those teams are and we're just excited to see how we measure up starting this year off," said Williams.

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ing class coming in this year."

The team last year was marred with problems in coaching as the team dealt with the loss of former head coach Beth Keylon-Randolph before the start of the season. Oliver didn't get a chance to recruit as she was hired two months before school started.

Oliver wants to make sure that she builds her program the right way so the program can eventually become of the best in the nation.

"We want to make sure that we're going to build it to a level of national prominence," said Oliver. "If we're going to do that we're going to have to recruit better athletes all-around."

Last year, the team had five streaks of losing five or more games. Oliver wants to make sure in recruiting that she can get players that know how to win.

"We need elevator play," said Oliver. "It's important that we recruit kids that come from a winning background."

For most schools it's hard to recruit when the team isn't very good. Luckily, last season's 37-loss performance was an

anomaly of sorts. The Pirates have been one of the most consistent teams over the last decade. Oliver also claimed that ECU's facilities are some of the best in the area. Education is also a big sell, as ECU's athletics program has some of the best education marks in the country.

"We sell what we, as a coaching staff at East Carolina, can bring to a student athlete," said Oliver.

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another will make the game more simple.

"It's in the back of your mind," Bigger said of the memories of the Birmingham Bowl. "We've seen them once and now we get to see them twice. They know who we are and we know who they are. It's time to knuckle up. The best team will win."

Bigger, who takes a more laid back approach to leadership, said he's not going

to play with more fire than he usually does. At this point in his career, the senior says, every game is exciting.

"This is my last year, and every game counts," said Bigger. "It's going to be really exciting for me and the rest of the team. Even the coaches, having the chance to pull out this win and come back with a dub."

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Volleyball set to host ECU Invitational

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina volleyball team is set to host multiple teams this weekend as it plays its first home game of the season during the ECU Invitational.

The first team the Pirates (4-1) play against this weekend will be the Hampton Pirates. In a previous match up with Hampton during the Davidson volleyball tournament earlier this season, ECU came out with a 3-0 win. Hampton is yet to put up a win in this season's campaign, sitting with an 0-6 record.

The Pirates second opponent for the weekend is in-state rival Western Carolina. The Catamounts current record stands at 3-5. The Pirates offense will look to get past the Catamounts defense, which includes WCU's defensive star, senior libero Elyssa Mulheron, who was named the Southern Conference's defensive player of the week last week.

The third and final opponent of the invitational will feature a bout with the College of William and Mary. The Tribe's record sits at 3-4 currently and senior outside hitter Dessi Koleva leads the team with the highest average of assists.

"We want to come out strong in our first

home games of the season," said head volleyball coach Julie Torbett.

The Pirates are still shaking off their first loss of the season after falling to Davidson in the final game of the Davidson Tournament last Saturday.

"We really need to come out stronger in the beginning for these games," said Torbett. "If we can start out with the lead it will definitely be a better game. We just have to stay consistent and play our game."

The Pirates will rely on their seniors to help take them to victory.

Senior defensive specialist Erika Figueroa will look to come in strong ECU's defensive game. Figueroa has been aiming for some of the program's volleyball records, and currently sits third all time for digs in a game with 33.

Offensively, the Pirates look to senior middle hitter Kierra Lee-Dunson to generate some points. Lee-Dunson was named to the all-tournament team in the Davidson Tournament last week.

"If we play our game right, things will definitely go in our favor," said coach Torbett.

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Senior defensive specialist Erika Figueroa celebrates after the Pirates scored a point in a match. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

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