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Students in The Boneyard cheer during the Homecoming game Saturday against Tulsa. The Pirates won the game, 30-17, to move to 4-3 on the season and 2-1 in American Athletic Conference play. The game ended the weekend homecoming festivities for ECU.

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Pizzeria shuts doors

Michaelangelos Uptown location closes down

Danielle Gentry
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Michelangelo's Pizza, which has been a part of Greenville's downtown scene for years, has recently announced that they will be closing, leaving many East Carolina University students confused and heartbroken over what will satisfy their next midnight craving.

Since Michelangelo's closing on Saturday, Oct. 3, many shocked ECU students have been walking past the empty restaurant on Fifth Street, stopping to look inside the windows and read the sign on the door, posted by the manager, Jeff, which said: "CLOSED. Thank you for all of your support. We are grateful to have you as our customer." The sign then went on to encourage students to visit their other two locations in Greenville, one on Evans Street, and the other on Fire Tower Road.

Ashley Norris, sophomore hospitality management major said at first she thought the restaurant was only closed temporarily.

"When I realized that it was closing for good, I thought that all my late nights downtown won't be the same without my typical order: one slice of cheese pizza and a side of ranch dressing," said Norris.

Michelangelo's was a popular spot for students to end their late nights downtown, and now they are left wondering where they will get their next late-night snack.

"Nothing's better than ending your night with pizza, and Michelangelo's was by far the best pizza in town," said



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Michaelangelo's Pizza owner closed his 5th Street store in the beginning of the month.

Courtney Conway, junior history education major.

Matt Haitcock, who was previously employed at the downtown location of Michelangelo's from 2009-2010, now serves as the manager to the Evans Street location. Haitcock said the Evans Street store has seen a huge increase in college-aged customers since the closing of the store downtown. These customers often come in looking for a great slice of pizza, but also looking for answers as to why the location downtown is no longer in business.

Haitcock said the Michelangelo's on Fifth Street was sold, and is supposed to re-open as a different pizza restaurant, which is unassociated with Michelangelo's.

"Rest assured that there will be another pizza place to take (Michelangelo's) place within a few weeks, but until then, our other two locations will be open for business and are not looking to close anytime soon," said Haitcock.

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ECU mourns student death

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University administration released a statement Monday morning in response to a student death over the Homecoming weekend.

At around midnight on Saturday, Samuel Matthew Mayo, 19, was struck in the eastbound lane of 10th Street at Copper Beech Way by a red Chevy Camaro, carrying three occupants.

ECU Police responded at around 12:30 a.m. Sunday to a request for traffic control assistance from Greenville Police.

Sgt. Dale Mills said efforts by Greenville firefighters were unsuccessful. Mayo was then transported to the Vidant Medical Center and later pronounced dead.

"Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Mr. Mayo. Any time we lose a student it is devastating to the entire ECU community," said Dean of Students Lynn Roeder. "We will do our best to help those closest to the victim in the days ahead. Coping is an individual process and we want to support in any way that we can."

Mayo was a sophomore majoring in engineering originally from Lucama, North Carolina.

The Student Government Association will host a candlelight vigil today at 5:30 p.m. at the Student Memorial Garden.

"We lost a member of Pirate Nation and we wanted to hold a vigil in memory of his life," SGA President Mark Matulewicz said. "We encourage students to attend in honor of Matthew Mayo."

Dean of Students Lynn Roeder is scheduled to speak at the vigil, along with Chris Venters from the engineering department.

ECU's Student Affairs office has reached out to the victim's family to provide assistance and support. The University is also offering additional counseling services for students this week.

According to Sgt. Mills, no foul play was involved. Greenville Police are handling this investigation into the incident.

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Students, staff host STEM event for kids

Anna Parrish
TEC STAFF

This past Friday, East Carolina University held its fifth annual science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) conference for about 100 middle school girls from all over Pitt County.

The conference was geared toward building awareness and knowledge for girls that are interested in STEM careers and the STEM field of study.

What is unique about this program is that is led by all women faculty and only for girls to attend. Research has shown that by middle school age, students have already made preconceived ideas about the subjects. Students begin to shy away from STEM in elementary and middle school.

"We love to recruit to those students to ECU and exposing them to fields and pay a lot (more) money than non-STEM fields," said Margaret Turner, director of Marketing & Outreach for the College of Engineering and Technology.

The STEM program is an all-day program that is filled with hands-on activities in each section of STEM, which is all led by female students of ECU. In science, students looked at genetics with marshmallows. In engineering, students explored hydraulic pressure with crushed soda cans to understand mate-

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BRIEFS

CNN Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist to visit ECU

ECU will host Pulitzer Prize-winning CNN correspondent Sara Ganim today at the Mendenhall Great Rooms. Ganim will give the keynote address at the annual Eastern North Carolina High School Media Workshop to over 125 high school students.

The workshop will include sessions lead by ECU School of Communication faculty as well as ECU student Emily Gardiner, editor-in-chief of the Buccaneer yearbook.

Camp WholeHeart supports heart health

Camp WholeHeart is scheduled to run October 23 through 25 at Camp Don Lee Center in Arapahoe, North Carolina, near New Bern and Oriental.

Camp WholeHeart is for individuals ranging from seven to 18-years-old, who have complex congenital heart defects. The camp provides a support system for the families of those with complex congenital heart defects.

Volunteers at the camp include East Carolina University students, faculty and alumni along with cardiologist and nurses from the Brody School of Medicine.

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Online program ranked No. 13

Kandice Scarberry
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's School of Communication was rated No. 13 in the nation by Affordable Colleges Online for its concentration in interpersonal/organizational communication.

Affordable Colleges Online takes universities and colleges and ranks them by looking at certain factors: if there are over 1,000 students enrolled, if it is a public or private institution, if it offers at least one online bachelor's degree program, provides academic and counseling services to students and offers job placement services for graduates.

"We have worked so hard trying to promote this Distance Education Program," Mary Tucker-McLaughlin, coordinator for undergraduate studies, said. "This is a huge honor for us."

Tucker-McLaughlin said there are 144 students enrolled in this online program. She said it is designed to be a rigorous and dynamic system because the university wants to ensure that its students are prepared for a career after they graduate.

Many of those who are enrolled in the online program also maintain full-time jobs and families, Tucker-McLaughlin said. Graduates who received interpersonal degrees tend to take careers in social work, health care management, human resources, education, marketing and nonprofit administration.

"Even though I am a new instructor here, it makes me feel very proud because I feel like the distance education program is very difficult and competitive," said Brittany Thompson, instructor in interpersonal communication.

She said students who are going into the interpersonal communication field are required to have leadership and followership traits, have a good vocabulary, excellent social skills and the ability to empower others. In the program, students are taught these skills in order to succeed in the interpersonal communication field.

"As a long-term [distance education] faculty member, I am thrilled to have our School of Communication's program recognized for the quality of education we all provide our students," said Rebecca Dumlaio, online communication instructor.

Many of the interpersonal communication

professors who teach online give much of the credit to Dumlaio because she was the one who helped make the concentration what it has become today.

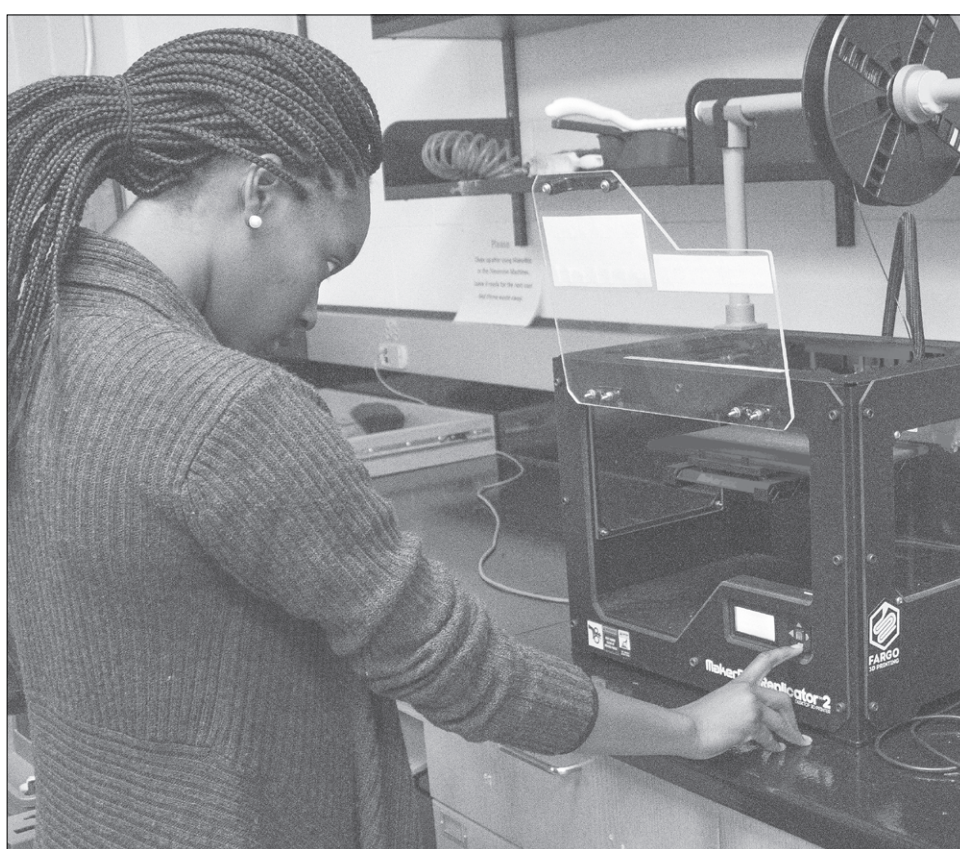
"Much of the credit to building this should go to Rebecca Dumlaio because she really saw this through," said Thompson.

While the program is not easy to get through, Tucker-McLaughlin assures students that it is well worth it. She said the beauty of online classes was that anyone in the world can become an ECU graduate, and that is rewarding.

"It makes me feel good to know that my program is ranked so high because I know that I will be getting a good education, so I can succeed in my field," said Madison Caron, junior communication major.

The School of Communication faculty hopes that this rating will help the interpersonal communication field because it does not get as much attention as many of the other communication concentrations.

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Angel Chukwu, engineering major, uses a 3D printer. She showed students how to use the printer.

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material properties. In math, they looked at decoding and creating secret messages with material properties.

At the end of all the sessions, students were introduced to the world of 3D printing by one of the students in the engineering department, sophomore Angel Chukwu.

Chukwu talked about how the students were very interested and could tell that the girls were inspired by the demo.

The printer, known as the Makerbot, heats up to approximately 230 degrees, while a 2D object is displayed on the computer. The printer then cuts the object into slices and prints each layer one at a time. Chukwu talked about how she once printed a functioning whistle.

"In my engineering classes I am one of five girls in my classes," said Chukwu. "It is great to see a program take initiative and let girls know that science and math can be fun."

Not only do students get to envision themselves within the STEM fields, but they are able to see successful women in those STEM fields as well.

"Women in STEM fields are extremely unrepresented and women only hold 25 percent of all stem jobs," said Turner.

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PIRATE RANTS

The MARCHING Pirates are AWESOME! Now, what can we do to double the size of the band for a bigger sound representing the Pirate Nation?

When our National Anthem is being played everyone should stand facing the US flag on the field, with their hand placed over their heart, while the entire piece is played. Please do not shout, clap or move until the final note is played. Our band plays a rendition that includes a flourish at the end. If you cannot hear the music to know when the last note is actually sounded, wait until the Cannon Crew fires their salute. They always get it right. Let's ALL get it right this Thursday night.

To the Student Pirate Club and any other pirate fans who read the rants: Shame on you for leaving the homecoming game so early. The stadium was packed until after halftime. Stay till the clock is zeroed out in the 4th quarter, even if it looks like a blow out. As an alumni, I was ashamed that our fans for leaving so early.

Regarding last Thursday's article pertaining to Israel's conflict with Palestine I would like to remind Mr. Faulconer that ideals are peaceful and history is violent.

It's amazing that we look at the Holocaust with horror, but when a world leader calls for the annihilation of Israel you nut jobs say we should stop supporting them. The predominant religion of the area calls for the slaughtering of Jews and when they defend themselves you call them the racist.

wow an anti-Jew opinion piece....It's always great with racist out themselves

Hezbollah and Hamas use their own people as human shields. The Israelis have a right to defend themselves

There was never a Palestinian state. It's kind of hard to occupy a country that never existed

I truly hope all these "cool" people with their headphones at maximum volume go deaf before 30.

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

Our view

Marching bands play college football song

Students congregate on Saturdays to their favorite tailgate spots for hours of refreshments and sometimes food. The familiar sound of E.C. Victory, the school's fight song, plays in their heads like background noise as the game nears. The instruments come to a palpable, sometimes deafening climax as mere inches separate the purple and gold clad fan from their instrument-holding counterparts.

The band goes by, the music fades into the stadium, and it's back to the festivities until kickoff brings them together again.

Walking into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, it's hard to miss the ECU Marching Pirates. They make their way around campus, past College Hill, nearing the stadium and sometimes blocking our paths. But they put on quite a show and without them, the game day experience wouldn't be the same.

We, as an editorial staff, feel that college marching bands

have become an underappreciated part of college football game days, but they are a crucial part of the experience.

Imagine walking to the stadium, or playing cornhole in a tailgate spot and not hearing the sounds of brass instruments float through the sky while the boom of drums inching closer signifies the distance between you and the beloved sound of your university.

It's no secret that traditional marching bands have lost traction in recent years but to college football fans everywhere, whether they recognize it or not, the band and its beloved tunes are just as recognizable as the team itself.

The simple sound of a school's fight song can trigger memories of autumn Saturdays. Players and coaches gather with fans to sing the song after a big win, rejoicing in what they just accomplished.

That's what game days are all about and we owe it to the band.

Loneliness key to self-growth



Joseph Perez
TEC COLUMNIST

A CUP OF JOE

People are so often afraid of the concept of solitude. Hardened prisoner's knees tremble at the thought of being locked in a cell for 23 hours a day with only their own thoughts to keep them company. Successful business tycoons fear the moment when they are alone in their plush penthouses, going so far as to purchase people to surround them and keep them company.

On college campuses, the pressure of dating is all around with seasons dedicated to not being alone. "Cuffing season" has become a thing on college campuses all over.

While it is necessary for humans to interact socially with each other in order to be healthy, the time that we spend alone is not time that should be feared. It is the time we spend alone that gives us strength and allows us to emotionally mature.

A person who cannot spend time with themselves is uncomfortable with who they are, and should probably master that before spending too much time with others.

Isolation has the potential to empower us in so many different ways. We may be a social animal, and by all means one should strive to be healthy in that aspect and interact with as many people as we can or as we feel comfortable with.

The next time you are faced with solitude, however, do not fear. Embrace it as a regimen that should be kept, a practice to help you grow and heal. It may go against the grain of our natural genetic programming, but solitude is important to our becoming better beings.

Individuals are judged by others based on their actions, and rightly so. It is in our own isolation however, where we judge ourselves. It is here where the greatest authority on a person, their own mind, picks apart and digests all of their feelings and decides what needs to be improved upon. It is in the quiet of our own mind, in solitude, where we become comfortable with who we are, where we locate the force

that drives us to grow.

It is loneliness that brings out our instinctive social need for others. Like a dog whose master just walked in the door, we are all so much happier for the company of others after a time spent alone. While alone, we realize our dependence on other people, and through that a person can be humbled.

Be warned though, time spent alone is limited time, so use it wisely. Far better to spend your time in isolation studying or praying, or doing anything that will have a positive influence on your being, than to waste it on television, or moping around about your loneliness.

Time spent alone has the possibility of being a gymnasium for your mind and spirit to bulk up. By using this time wisely, when you once again find yourself in the company of others, you will find you are a better person for it.

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Administration cares about safety



Virginia Hardy
GUEST COLUMNIST

In Fall 2015, East Carolina University recorded its largest enrollment with 28,289 students. With a commitment to reach 30,000 students by 2019, we embrace this growth. However, the safety and security of the campus environment is critical to the success of our students and remains a top priority.

It's disheartening that sexual assault, rape, domestic violence and bullying are becoming commonly reported experiences on college campuses across the country. This is a sad fact, but true.

ECU has continued to commit resources to campus safety initiatives. Despite more than \$107 million in state budget cuts in the last seven years, ECU has updated camera systems, enhanced emergency blue light phones and upgraded lighting across campus.

In addition, ECU has focused on strengthening the protocols and processes for investigating sexual misconduct cases. Equally important is providing students with the vital resources and services needed in the days and weeks following a reported incident.

As a result of student feedback, East Carolina has implemented several changes to make the investigation process more student-centered and timely:

Title IX student investigations, which may include sexual assault allegations, are now completed through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR). Staff members are

trained to investigate and address sexual misconduct and provide a more timely university response.

Kathleen Bursky, ECU's Victim Advocate, is now located in the Center for Counseling & Student Development (CCSD) in Umstead Hall. This service offers students confidentiality and provides a closer connection to counseling support services.

The ECU Sexual Misconduct Response Team (SMRT) meets weekly to review active investigations and ensure that support services are provided to all parties involved.

Increasing and enhancing communication has become a focal point. Members of the SMRT and OSRR provide frequent, ongoing communication with parties involved in a sexual misconduct investigation. While the communication will still involve electronic communication, there is now more face-to-face and phone communication opportunities during the process. This includes updates on the status of an investigation and/or next steps for the university and the student.

OSRR will also ensure that all involved parties know they can view the case file upon completion of the investigation.

While this is great progress, it's not enough. Safety is everyone's job. This means faculty, staff, administrators, parents, alumni, and students. Yes, you as students play a vital role in making our campus safe.

For instance, Stand.Speak.Act. is ECU's new Bystander Intervention campaign, which focuses on empowering Pirates to safely intervene on behalf of potential victims in any situation that is perceived to be unsafe. Trainings are available for the entire ECU community through Campus Recreation and Wellness and the Counseling Center.

SGA launched the "It's on Us" campaign in the spring, which will return in November as a part of Pledge Purple Week. Pledge Purple will be held

November 9-12 on both campuses and focuses on education and advocacy centered on sexual violence, harassment and bullying.

Did you know ECU is also the first school in the UNC System to implement a Good Samaritan regulation? This regulation follows the bystander intervention model and philosophy by encouraging students to act proactively to secure medical help for other students without fear of University sanctions in cases of alcohol related health emergencies.

Furthermore, every fall semester ECU requires all incoming freshmen to complete a series of online safety modules (*AlcoholEdu, Pirate Safety, and Haven*).

We all have a responsibility to keep our campus community safe. Become an active bystander. Trust your gut and if something doesn't seem right, it's probably not. If you see something, say something. Safety requires everyone working together and we need to watch out for our fellow Pirates.

We want our students to know that sexual misconduct is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

If you are a victim, we ask you to please report it. Report it to the Victim's Advocate or the Counseling Center. Report it to the ECU Police Department or the Office of Equity and Diversity. Report it to an RA or the Dean of Students or a faculty or staff member.

Your safety comes first. Reports can be taken through ECU Cares at (252) 737-5555 or submitted online at www.ecu.edu/ecucares. The Victim Advocate can also be reached through ECU Cares.

The Pirate Nation is on the move and we are growing. Let's grow a safer and more supportive ECU community...together.

Dr. Virginia Hardy is vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Bill Koch is associate vice chancellor for Environmental Health & Campus Safety.

Poll results

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Greenville gives back to the nation

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This Saturday, millions of volunteers across the nation and in Greenville, will unite with one common mission: to improve the lives of others.

Make A Difference Day is a USA TODAY initiative, backed by the Gannett Company and TEGNA Inc. Make A Difference Day is the largest national day of community service and this year is their 24th year of service.

Lizzie Shepard, an Americorp Vista here at East Carolina University, has helped to put together different volunteer sites here in Greenville for this year's Make A Difference Day.

"In the past, ECU has been competing with others in Greenville for the same community partners, but this is the second year that we've partnered with Operation Inasmuch and it makes a huge difference," said Shepard.

The Volunteer and Service Learning Center has come up with 18 different opportunities in the Greenville Community for students to participate in service opportunities on Make A Difference Day. Operation Inasmuch is providing 10 of the 18 sites and each one has a different designated student leader.

Some of the volunteer sites include Little Willie's Center, Habitat for Humanity, Eppes Middle School and Oak Haven Assisted Living where volunteers will be joining in bingo and other activities with residents.

The different sites provide various ways for ECU students to get involved and make a difference in the lives of the Greenville community residents. Volunteers at RHA

Howell Center will be playing games, reading, singing with and doing crafts with medically fragile children and infants. Meanwhile volunteers at Crossroads Community Center, which is a new community shelter in Greenville, will be tearing out and repairing floors along with replacing drywall and painting.

According to Shepard, volunteering can have a lasting impact.

"An ECU student stepped in and started volunteering with Adopt a Grandparent. Her presence in that woman's life helped her to heal and it brought life back into her and joy into her eyes while she was there," said Shepard. "Residents really enjoy seeing ECU student's faces and just having authentic conversations with people."

Eppes Middle School and Little Willie's Center will be asking volunteers to assist with grounds upkeep which includes tasks such as pulling weeds, tilling gardens, raking yards, cutting down small trees and trimming hedges.

Volunteers at the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina will be working in various ways to help the foodbank prepare food to be distributed, which includes labeling cans, bagging produce and sorting food.

"A big thing that we're assisting Greenville residents with is cultivating Greenville. At one site volunteers will be re-mulching and prepping the soil for winter gardening," said Shepard. "Some soils in Greenville are very tired because people don't know how to properly or they just don't garden here so revitalizing their soil is great so that in

>> PLAN TO GO

WHAT: Make a Difference Day

WHEN: Saturday, October 24

WHERE: Volunteer and Service Learning Center

the summer they can grow the produce that they need for the community."

After a day full of service, the VSLC is asking everyone to join them at 3rd Street Community Center at 2:30 p.m. to reflect with one another on their Make A Difference Day of service. The purpose of this closing ceremony is to bring large groups together to see the differences they've all made on the Greenville community.

"Our goal this year is to engage 200 students and I think that's possible being that the population at ECU is about 27,000. I think more people need to get involved with the community; they should be involved and this is a great way to do that or to even start," said Shepard.

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TV REVIEW



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Evan Peters, who plays Mr. March in AHS: Hotel, has been a character on the hit tv series since the first season AHS: Murder House.

AHS: Hotel proves to be too terrifying for television



Altavia Lowery
TEC STAFF

Just in time for Halloween, "American Horror Story" has returned with more screams, scares and Lady Gaga. Unfortunately, some do not agree with the vulgar scenes and explicit content.

The Parent Television Council is a group that aims to protect children and families from graphic sex, violence and profanity in the media. PTC gives reviews on TV shows and movies monthly grading for their newsletters and releases. In PTC's latest review they blasted 'American Horror Story: Hotel' and named it the Worst Cable TV Show of the Week due to its "unbelievable levels of ultra-graphic sex and gore."

Examples of the scenes Christopher Gildemeister, PTC blogger, describes include a naked man coming out of a tub, cocaine snorting, shots of Countess (Lady Gaga) nude and participating in sex all while throats are getting slashed and blood is gushing everywhere.

"It is one thing to read descrip-

tions of these scenes. Disturbing though those descriptions may be, it is something else again to actually watch them. To see the programming that FX is making available on basic cable and the internet is to feel that the latter days of the Roman Empire have returned," writes Gildemeister. "American Horror Story: Hotel" premiered Wednesday Oct. 7 on FX and is now coming up on its third episode.

Following an anthology series pattern, the show is known for having a large amount of characters that do not stay on or alive for very long.

This specific season has been titled 'Hotel' and you can assume that this is where the location is. Just imagine booking a nice hotel with a pool, a great view, restaurants nearby and room service. And then you get there and you realize everything that you saw online was a lie. The hotel is old, dirty, the lights barely work and something or someone is inside of your king size mattress. This is what 'American Horror Story: Hotel' symbolizes: the worst hotel in

America. With past seasons locations being at a carnival, a haunted house, an asylum and a school for witches, this ancient, creepy hotel fits right in.

Although some characters from past seasons will not return, there are a few who you can count on. Kathy Bates and is playing Iris, the sassy and sarcastic hotel reception clerk.

This will be Bates' third season with the show having a played racist Madame LaLaurie in "AHS: Coven" and a drunk with a beard in "AHS: Freak Show."

Sarah Paulson will return but, unlike last year where she played conjoined twins, she will be playing Hypodermic Sally. Hypodermic Sally is a bad girl who has a rivalry with Iris.

Denis O'Hare, Angela Bassett and Evan Peters will also be returning. And then there is pop star and fashion risk taker Lady Gaga who has joined the show. Lady Gaga is the main focus of 'American Horror Story: Hotel' this year by replacing Jessica Lange.

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Talent show helps build confidence

Ashley Federici
TEC STAFF

F.A.M.E Modeling Troupe will be holding their first annual yard show at 8 p.m. today to give on campus organizations and individuals the opportunity to display their talents.

"We are working to build our brand and our community by trying to give everyone a way to express their creativity," said F.A.M.E President Kiara Jackson.

Jackson said F.A.M.E wanted to hold the yard show during the day in front of Dowdy Student Stores but the university does not permit amplified sound in that location during the day. This obstacle led F.A.M.E to the idea for a yard show, which Jackson says is popular among the minority community.

F.A.M.E has previously held talent shows in side of Hendrix Theatre. Jackson said having the yard show at night in front of Mendenhall makes the show more informal and can get more students attention.

"We wanted to make sure students know about minority organizations because that is on the fore front and on people's minds," said Jackson.

A few of the acts that are planning to perform are members from NPHC Greek Life, the Black Student Union, Signature Sounds, and Iconic Productions, as well as F.A.M.E themselves. A few students will be performing individually. Jackson said the performances range from poetry readings to stepping and dancing.

The yard show is free and open to anyone who wishes to perform.

Jackson said through events such as the yard show F.A.M.E hopes to help students build self-esteem.

"It teaches self worth and allows them to build a stage presence," said Jackson.

Jackson said the planning for the yard show helped her and the other members of F.A.M.E grow their organization and planning skills, the organization utilized social media and flyers around campus to get the word out about the show.

Jackson said there will be a lot of acts that have previously collaborated with F.A.M.E. Jackson hopes that the yard show will get the attention of other organizations on campus that want to collaborate on future events together.

"I hope as a student body they want to collaborate with us more because we are currently working with mostly minorities. We would like to branch out," said Jackson.

Recently, more boys have joined F.A.M.E, which is something that Jackson said she is proud of and she hopes the diversity of F.A.M.E will continue to grow.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Game's new album surprises audience



Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

The first album I ever bought was The Game's debut album, "The Documentary," in 2005, and I have always been amazed at its production and raw energy. So, when the sequel for his debut was announced as a double album with 38 songs, I immediately became skeptical. But Game proved me completely wrong.

The Game's career has been flooded with scandal since he was kicked out of hip-hop mogul 50 Cent's group G-Unit. Game actually talks about this situation on both discs. The transition between "Made In America" and "Hashtag" addresses the situation.

"We all make mistakes look what happened to me and 50," Game says on "Made In America." "Ego's, ego's... we broke up like The Beatles," said Jelly Roll on "Hashtag."

Game also explains in detail why the break up happened on the intro for "Documentary 2.5," entitled "New York Skit." He tells that the break up happened because Game refused to stop being friends with then-enemies of 50, Fat Joe, Nas, and The Lox. Game's removal from G-Unit redirected his career entirely.

Game repaired his relationship with executive producer of his debut, Dr. Dre, but his career, while successful, has never regained the steam like his debut that sold 5 million copies.

This album is a revival for Game, not only commercially, but sonically as well. The album is currently No. 2 on the Billboard Top 200, making it his first Top



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Rapper, Game, recently dropped his albums *The Documentary* and *The Documentary 2.5*, which were better than critics anticipated them to be.

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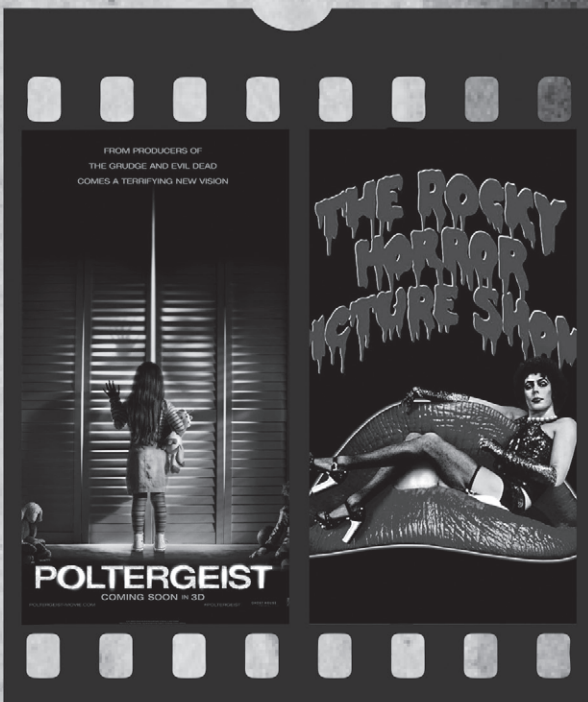
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Homecoming 2015

ECU community celebrates 'Pirates Rewind'



Seth Gullidge
TEC STAFF

Thousands of alumni and former students flocked to Greenville last weekend to celebrate East Carolina University's 2015 Homecoming.

Over the weekend, both current and past students of the university attended a football game, parade, concert and pep rally.

For the game against Tulsa, 43,065 alumni and students filled the stands at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium on the way to a 30-17 victory for the Pirates. The win was anchored by a two-touchdown performance by quarterback James Summers and a 100-yard pick-six by senior Josh Hawkins.

During the game the winners

of the Homecoming Court were announced, with Benjamin Reyes representing the college of education being crowned king and Kayleigh Hennessey with the ECU Ambassadors being selected as queen.

A canned food drive hosted during the Homecoming events collected over 42,650 pounds of food for people in need, which is estimated to provide 35,916 meals.

A large number also attended the homecoming parade the morning of the game, featuring the ECU Marching Pirates, cheerleaders, alumni award winners and floats designed by various student groups all guided by Chancellor Steve Ballard and his wife Nanny, who

acted as the Grand Marshals for the parade.

The winners of the float design contest for the 2015 theme of "Pirate Rewind" were Chi Omega and Pi Kappa Alpha in first, Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Sigma Phi in second place and followed by the Kinesiology and Scuba group in third place.

Lee Price, a country music singer performed at the Homecoming concert on Thursday night with special guests LoCash and Emily Minor, an ECU alumnus. The concert was followed by an awards ceremony on Friday, during which 12 alumni were honored for service and achievement.

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- Members of a step show kicked off Homecoming with a colorful performance.
- Grammy Award winning country singer Lee Brice was this year's main performer at the Homecoming concert.
- Homecoming Queen Kayleigh Hennessey and King Benjamin Reyes stop for an interview after their big win.
- Omega Psi Phi brothers perform a step show for a crowded audience at the annual Skit Night.
- Sisters of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority carry a banner through the Homecoming parade that happened early Saturday morning.
- LoCash singer Chris Lucas performs for students and alumni before Lee Brice took the stage.
- The Greenville community anticipated the football game at Freeboot Friday.

Los Angeles Times best-selling books

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| <p>1. "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up," by Marie Kondo.
A guru's guide to decluttering your home and simplifying your life.</p> | <p>2. "Big Magic," by Elizabeth Gilbert.
The author of "Eat Pray Love," shares her wisdom and unique perspective on creativity.</p> |
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The rise of President Ronald Reagan from actor to the White House and his attempted assassination.</p> | <p>4. "Why Not Me?," by Mindy Kaling.
A collection of essays from the creator of "The Mindy Project" addresses fame and life in Hollywood.</p> |
| <p>5. "Between the World and Me," by Ta-Nehisi Coates.
An examination of the hazards and hopes of black male life.</p> | <p>6. "Killing the Messenger," by David Brock.
The former Hillary Clinton attack dog's transformation into her fiercest defender.</p> |
| <p>7. "It's Your Move," by Josh Altman.
One of the stars of "Million Dollar Listing" reveals his trade secrets and insights to outsmart the competition.</p> | <p>8. "M Train," by Patti Smith.
A collection of vignettes from the singer-songwriter ruminating on life, travels, coffee and mortality.</p> |
| <p>9. "Being Mortal," by Atul Gawande.
The surgeon addresses modern medicine's role in enhancing quality of life and comfort at the end.</p> | <p>10. "The Art of Memoir," by Mary Karr.
The best-selling author breaks down the key elements of writing a great literary memoir.</p> |

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Jessica Lange was in all previous four seasons and can be described as the face of the franchise. Now Lady Gaga has stepped up to take on the center of attention role. Her role as The Countess Elizabeth appears to keep quiet but she has proven to be a sex driven character.

Other new additions such as Cheyenne Jackson, Max Greenfield, and even Naomi Campbell are set to be featured in the new season. The saying "Be afraid, be very afraid" applies directly to "American Horror Story" With characters that have multiple heads, hands, and even breasts the word unique comes to mind when attempting to describe the show. Producers Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk continue to

push the limits with every new season. "American Horror Story" does not hold back and the 'viewer discretion is advised' warning at the beginning of each show gives you the chance to turn the channel. "American Horror Story" is not for those with weak-stomachs and innocent minds. The show will scare you but there is something about the polished characters that will keep you glued to your television.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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appearance since "The R.E.D. Album" in 2011. Sonically, Game returns to the gangbanging style that was on the debut, making the name appropriate because it sounds like a sequel. But this album shows Game as a 10-year vet rather than the hot newcomer of the prequel.

One thing that remains consistent on all of Game's albums are the big name features, and this one is not exempt. Game recruits legends, current chart-toppers, up-and-comers, and other frequent-collaborators throughout the album for the 38-track double-disc album. For production, Bongo the Drum Gahd handles most of the production. The bigger name producers include Dr. Dre, DJ Premier, The Alchemist, DJ Quik, will.i.am, Kanye West, along with newcomers Jahli Beats, Mike Will Made It, and DJ Mustard.

The lead single for the album, "100," features the self-proclaimed king of pop, Drake. Drake assists with one of his better verses this year, and a hook that is catchy. Among the current chart-toppers that Game recruited is Kendrick Lamar. The bouncy west coast beat driven "On Me" stars Game and Lamar, who both bring great verses. The other chart-topper is Future, who brings out his Future Hendrix personality for the crooning hook.

"Standing on Ferraris" with Diddy has Game flexing his luxurious lifestyle over a

Biggie sample. The two big highlights on the second disk are "Quiks Groove," produced by Quik himself, which has an 80's west coast hip-hop sound, and "The Ghetto" where Nas delivers verses like only he can, making Nas fans fiend for his album promised in April.

The best track on the album is the title track "The Documentary 2," produced by the legend Premier, that finds Game showing off his best flows and bars of the album, along with one the best hooks, o

The double-disc album is a revival in sound for Game, but the biggest problem with the album is its time - two hours and 31 minutes seems a bit too long and overdue. Overall, Game has proven skeptics wrong with this album, which could be the most pivotal project of his career.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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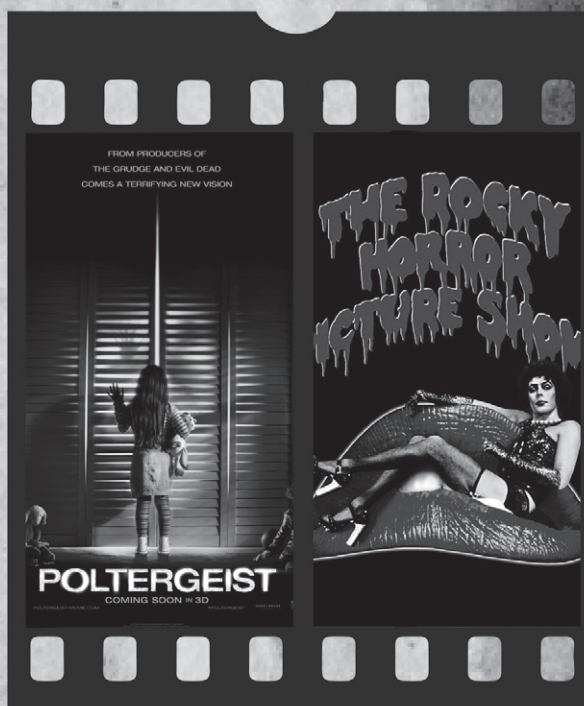
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10 Me-time resorts

14 Fencing choice

15 Trip the light fantastic

16 Quarterback-turned-congressman Jack

17 "Cardiologically healthy, as a diet

19 River of Pisa

20 Wide variety

21 Gauge showing rpm

23 How Marcie addresses Peppermint Patty

24 Howl at the moon

25 "Affectionate apron inscription

29 On its way

30 Handmade scarf stuff

31 Radar dot

34 Chic modifier

37 Pay hike

40 "Commuter's headache

43 See eye to eye

44 ___ fide: in bad faith

45 "Teh" for "The," say

46 Dry as the Atacama

48 Omelet necessities

50 "Title for Aretha Franklin

54 Fabric flaw

57 Address bar address

58 Pilot's alphabet ender

59 Wear away gradually

61 Long-billed wader

63 Musical conductor ... and, literally, what the start of each answer to a starred clue is

66 Charge

67 "Lucky" aviator, familiarly

68 Stew veggies

69 Was sure about

70 Crème de la crème

71 Footprint part

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1 Detox program

2 Word before house or after horse

3 In need of tissues

4 Wife of Zeus

5 Promos

6 "China Beach" war zone, for short

7 Swarming pests

8 "Ice Age" saber-toothed squirrel

9 Easily annoyed

10 Caribbean music

11 Be the epitome of

12 Prenatal test, for short

13 Hybrid utensil

18 Kid

22 "Do I ___ Waltz?": Rodgers/Sondheim musical

26 A big fan of

27 Doodle on the guitar

28 Summer camp activities

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Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 9 -- Friends are a big help today and tomorrow. Unexpected breakdowns hold your focus. An illusion dissipates, and communication difficulties don't help. Maintain balance amid upheaval. Take a time out when necessary. You can afford to feed your crew.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Stay steadily on course. A formidable barrier blocks the path, so take care. Wait to see what opens up. Work with someone who sees your blind spots. Career opportunities show up today and tomorrow. Advance when you can.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Innovations upset the routine, although joyfully exciting.

Physical exercise reduces stress. Care for your people. Don't pick a fight with someone bigger. Be firm, yet gracious. Manage existing responsibilities and resist temptation to accept new ones. Wait.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- There's a solution. Wasting money is unnecessary and gives the wrong impression. Reduce insistence on getting your own way. Postpone an outing until the job is done. Figure out what skills you lack. Focus on your goals.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Enjoy a two-day partnership phase. Spend time with an attractive person. Ideas flow freely. Emotions go haywire. If at first you don't succeed, try again with modifications. You could learn

more than you wanted to know. Work interferes with play.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Dig into a big job. The work is in the details. Profit from meticulous service. Focus on your work today and tomorrow. Balance chaos with peace; noise with quiet. Rely on a rigorous schedule. Get creative.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Enjoy some fun and relaxation today and tomorrow. Proceed slowly or break something. Fact and fantasy clash. Harsh words could easily fly. Decrease clutter. Go for clarity. Include tranquil moments in beauty. Spend time near the water.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Family matters

need attention now. Perfect your environment. Play with long-range ideas, and dabble in elements like color, form and line. Take notes. Chart site plans. Budget to conserve resources while nurturing your clan.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Emerge from your cocoon over the next two days. Take advantage of changes. Clean up messes. Consider an older person's feelings. Don't try a new idea. Give away stuff you don't need. Take things slow and easy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Let things cook. Your morale rises along with your income over the next few days. Work more and make more. Watch your step ... conditions seem unstable. Let things percolate over a slow fire.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Strike out in a new direction. Follow the path directly ahead. You're powerful and confident over the next two days. Work out the numbers for a new personal project. Strategize. Drop old assumptions for uncharted territory.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Take a few days for peaceful planning and introspection. Putter, cook, clean and speculate. Do some daydreaming. You know the difference between probable outcomes and fantasies. Don't take on new challenges yet. Decrease stress and rest.

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FOOTBALL

The Pirates (4-3, 2-1 AAC) defeated Tulsa, 30-17, in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Saturday.

FOOTBALL

Senior cornerback Josh Hawkins was named the AAC Defensive Player-of-the-Week Monday.

VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates (10-9, 3-5 AAC) dropped road matches to UConn and Temple over the weekend.

CROSS COUNTRY

The men's team finished 10th and the women's team finished seventh at Friday's Wake Forest Open in Kernersville, North Carolina.

MEN'S TENNIS

Kasey Countee made it to the round of 32 in the ITA Regional Tournament over the weekend.

SOCCER

The Pirates (7-8-2, 2-4-1 AAC) fell to Cincinnati, 3-0, on the road Friday.

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Pirate senior cornerback Josh Hawkins returns an interception 100 yards for a defensive touchdown against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane Saturday.

Pirates take Tulsa matchup

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

Sometimes expectations don't match reality, as was the case Saturday afternoon when the high-powered offenses of East Carolina and Tulsa clashed in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Facing an inconsistent ECU secondary and considering that the Golden Hurricane were the seventh-ranked offense in the country, Tulsa quarterback Dane Evans had to be licking his chops.

Instead, Evans walked off the field throwing for just 288 yards, his lowest yardage total since he played the Pirates last November (199). ECU's defense turned in its best performance of the season, carrying the Pirates (4-3, 2-1 AAC) to a 30-17 victory over Tulsa (3-3, 0-2 AAC).

"I've coached a long time, and for me this was one of the best wins I've had as a head coach," said ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill.

" I was just thinking I'm about to make a play. I'm [thinking] I'm about to take it to the crib. I've gotta meet Momma there. "

-Josh Hawkins

"Period. You saw the kids, as a team, fight and scrap and do what they had to do. There was no panic."

On the game's opening drive, Evans rolled out of the pocket, looking towards the end zone, and fired a dart downfield. Pirate cornerback Josh Hawkins, playing zone defense, was covering the deep rout and picked off the throw at the goal line. With linebackers blocking for him, the former running back took the interception back 100 yards for an

ECU touchdown.

"I just saw bodies flying everywhere," said Hawkins. "People were falling. I just started running as fast as I could. I didn't even realize I was back that far. I was just thinking I'm about to make a play. I'm [thinking] I'm about to take it to the crib. I've gotta meet Momma there."

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ECU football head coach Ruffin McNeill talks with tight end Stephen Baggett on the sideline Saturday against conference foe Tulsa.

ECU prepares for short week

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

With Thursday's matchup against No. 22 Temple looming, East Carolina head football coach Ruffin McNeill discussed his team's plan for handling a short preparation week at his Monday press conference.

"I'm big on having clear minds. Cloudy minds have slow legs and clear minds have fast legs. We have a fast football team, so we want their minds clear so we can play fast," McNeill said on getting his team ready. "Making sure your guys are fresh, but at the same time, it's about quality, not quantity, which is our thought process."

Temple (6-0, 3-0 AAC) comes into the contest ranked 22nd in the Associated Press poll and 24th in the coaches poll, as the Owls are undefeated with notable wins over Penn State and Cincinnati.

"Their defense is one of the best in the conference and one of the best in the country," McNeill said. "Their special team is one of the top three in the conference. They're a well-rounded team and deservedly so in the top 25."

The Owls defeated the No. 21 Pirates (4-3, 2-1 AAC) in early November last season, dropping them out of the rankings. Although it is now a reversal of roles, McNeill says there is no revenge factor in this year's contest.

"They beat us last year. It wasn't luck. They did a good job," McNeill said. "[Temple] proposes a great opportunity, but a challenge for us. I talk more about preparation. That's how I'm built and that's what I believe in."

As comes with most short week games, injuries will prove to be a bigger issue in the game with neither team having an off day to rest their aching bodies. Thursday's matchup will mark the seventh consecutive game both squads will have played without

a bye week, and the short week will just add to the adversity.

Both teams will be facing certain points of difficulty, as they are limited to two days of preparation. McNeill usually gives the Pirates off on Monday, a day to allow rest to his players and allow the coaching staff to devise a game plan, something that has been compromised with the four-day prep week.

The American has received a lot of publicity this week, as it now has three teams ranked in the top 25. The conference is showing that it is capable of playing with Power Five schools, with the same number of ranked teams as the Pac-12.

Undefeated Memphis is ranked 18th after its upset victory over No. 13 Mississippi last week, while undefeated No. 21 Houston is ranked for the second week in a row after overcoming Louisville Saturday.

"I'm proud of the conference with the three teams up there. ... I think well done is better than well said. It doesn't surprise me," McNeill said. "I don't remember who I said it to, but I said, 'Don't be surprised if Memphis beats Ole Miss.' The coaches and the teams are deserving and they've earned it. They all came up the same way."

Even with the conference's mid-season success thus far, the Pirates still have a viable shot to win the East division and the conference championship, as they have suffered only one conference loss — something that McNeill won't let get to his team's head.

"Not one second. Not one syllable. Not one word," McNeill said on if the topic was discussed amongst the team. "The reason we need is because it's the next game. That's the motivation. Our thought process isn't going to change."

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Men's tennis competes in ITA Regional

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Members of the East Carolina men's tennis team traveled to Cary, North Carolina, to compete in the ITA Regional Tournament over the weekend in their first competition in over a month.

The regional tournament was hosted by Duke and consisted of colleges from North and South Carolina.

Senior Tendai Tapfuma, junior Fredric Lehfeldt, sophomore Kasey Countee and freshman Willem Himpe all competed for the Pirates.

The strongest play came from Countee as he beat players from Wofford and Furman, but ultimately fell to 11th ranked Christian Seraphim of Wake Forest.

"Kasey probably had the best tournament event wise, winning both his first and second matches and beating two quality opponents. He didn't play his best tennis in the match he lost in the round of 32 though," head coach Shawn Heinchon said. "The results he had on the first day, especially back to back wins, was probably the best out of any of the guys."

Tapfuma finished the tournament with a win in the first round over Andres Torres of North Carolina at Wilmington, but fell in the second round to Christian Harris of Clemson.

Lehfeldt and Himpe both lost in the first round, a big blow for the duo.

Though some players did not get the individual results they wanted, the tournament provided an opportunity for the team to gain valuable experience and confidence in preparation for the spring season.

"I think anytime we can get results against opponents that we don't necessarily see all the time, it gives you more confidence even if sometimes those results are not to your liking. The more exposure we can get against different opponents, the more that is going to help us play against anyone that we will see in the spring," Heinchon said.

The four individuals also competed in a set of doubles matches. Countee and Tapfuma competed in the first round while Himpe and Lehfeldt won only their first match. They lost to North Carolina's Bo Boyden and Anu Kodali in the second round of doubles play.

Heinchon believes that the matches they lost were competitive and high quality, while the matches they won were good, solid victories that serve as confidence boosters for the individuals.

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Individual performance breeds hope



Allison Jobe
TEC STAFF

Despite a sub-.500 record and the potential of missing out on the conference tournament, the East Carolina women's soccer team has seen great individual performances throughout their 2015 campaign, breeding hope that better days are ahead.

With an inspiring season opener, ECU (7-8-2, 2-4-1 AAC) defeated George Mason 2-0. In front of a record crowd of 884 fans, the Pirates sure had everyone in high hopes for the remainder of the season.

The Pirates started off the season strong, returning their top two offensive threats, senior forward Kendall Frey and junior striker Lana Spittler.

On ECU's defensive unit, the side took a slight turn after losing all-conference second team pick Kelley Johnson to graduation, but juniors Autumn Berry and Caitlin Hite returned with Haley Patsey who missed all of the 2014 season due to an injury.

Redshirt senior goalkeeper Saundra Baron also returned to close out her collegiate career after missing the entire conference slate with an injury. The team also welcomed nine freshmen to kick off their collegiate season.

Being unable to play in the 2014 conference action, Baron knew how to turn things around for her team.

So far, she is preserving her title with the conference-leading seventh shutout of the year and number 19.5 for her career.

With Baron's seventh shutout, it put her in a tie with Amy Horton and Amber Campbell for the fourth most in a single season in school history.

Frey has outdone herself for her final season for the Pirates as well.

She scored the 20th goal of her career and 12th game-winner, capping her historical night when she scored the game-winning goal with 31 seconds remaining in regulation against UCF.

Frey's 20th goal increased her career total to 48, moving her into a tie for fifth place with Kelly Gray on the program's all-time scoring list.

For what seemed to be an up in the air season for the Pirates from the beginning, the team has made significant progress, and the leaders on the team are going to great lengths to continue that progress.

Head coach Rob Donnenwirth has done a remarkable job coaching the team through their ups and downs, but still wants to see growth in his players.

With conference play coming to an end, ECU is looking to the American Athletic Conference Championships. However, it is still undecided as to whether or not the Pirates can pull through and play for the AAC title.

ECU will host the final two games of conference action on their own field, which it hopes will give them an advantage in its quest to make the conference tournament.

No. 15 Tulsa and Memphis stand in the way of the Pirates' hopes.

Pirate fans have a lot to look for as the women's soccer team isn't backing down just yet. With ECU's chances of making it into the AAC Championships looking slimmer with every loss, the players are going to have to give it their all this week — otherwise individual performances will be the only bright spot in the season.

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Nicole LaDuca practices her backhand stroke at ECU's tennis practice facility. The senior has a spot in the ITA Regional Championships. COURTESY OF ECU MEDIA RELATIONS

Pirates earn tourney spot

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East Carolina women's tennis players Nicole LaDuca and Celia Ruiz both put up impressive results last weekend at the Wake Forest Invitational, giving them each a spot in this weekend's regional tournament in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Ruiz went 2-1 in singles, defeating Liberty's Mariely Hassey, Christine Kharkevitch, of North Carolina at Wilmington, and losing to Marina Espana of East Tennessee State.

LaDuca went 1-2 in singles, beating Olivia Lucas of Elon, and losing to Old Dominion's Nikol Hristova and Claudia Wiktorin of North Carolina State.

As a doubles team, LaDuca and Ruiz posted a 2-1 record, beating doubles teams from North Carolina at Greensboro and Liberty.

The ITA Regional Championships feature some of the top men and women's tennis players across the country, with over 8,000 student-athletes participating.

As a senior with three seasons under her belt, LaDuca feels confident going into the regional tournament on Thursday.

"I feel like we have done a lot of things right in these first two months to get ready to play some of the best players in the country," she said. "We've hit the weight room hard, have done a lot more conditioning and have very intense practices."

Overall, LaDuca feels that the strengths when playing with new doubles partner and freshman Celia Ruiz outweigh the weaknesses.

"We both have a really good sense of what each person is going to do on the doubles court," said LaDuca. "We read each other very well and are both pretty athletic, allowing us to get to the majority of the shots that we face."

However, the two have admitted to needing to refocus their attitudes, particularly in times of struggling. That, according to LaDuca, will be a key point of emphasis as the tournament looms.

"As for the weaknesses, we both just need to work on staying positive,

especially when things aren't falling our way," she said. ≠

As LaDuca and Ruiz look to prepare themselves for the high level of competition they are going to face, practices are going to continue to be challenging. Improving on their strengths and reversing their weaknesses is key.

The number one doubles team is used to facing hard-hitting opponents, with LaDuca playing in the number one singles spot and Ruiz playing number three. Both have been able to gain the experience needed to put up a strong fight against some of the best players in the country.

Expectations are high for both players going into this weekend's tournament, as they are hoping to produce wins in doubles and singles play.

"We are just going to try and play our best tennis," LaDuca said. "If we can do that, the results will take care of themselves."

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ECU drops two over weekend

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

The Pirate volleyball team was unable to keep its winning streak alive on the road this weekend, losing both their matches to conference foes Connecticut and Temple.

East Carolina (10-9, 3-5 AAC) played the UConn Huskies on Friday. The Pirates started the match slow, losing the first set 25-23. ECU rallied back to win the next two sets both by the score of 25-21. The Pirates then lost the fourth set, 25-18, and ultimately losing the tie-

breaker set, 15-11.

"I feel like we should've won in three sets," said head ECU volleyball coach Julie Torbett. "The first set was really close, 25-23, and it went back and forth and back and forth, and we weren't able to stay steady until the second set. I think we played well enough to win, but I think this is an example of how competitive the conference is now."

Sophomore outside hitter Ashton Mares lead the Pirates offense, recording 16 kills. She also got a double double in kills and digs, recording 11 each. Senior libero Erika Figueroa led the defense to record 26 digs, bringing her career digs to over 1,100 and putting her into the top five all-time career digs at ECU.



ECU head coach Julie Torbett speaks to her team before a match. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

"[Mares] has been playing really well for us, she one of two rotation players, so she is always on the court," said coach Torbett. "Ashton has to do everything as a six rotation player, she has to spot, pass, dig, hit, she has to do it all and she's only a sophomore, and I'm happy with her performance."

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The pick-six was tied for the longest in school history with a former effort by defensive back DaShaun Amos. Ironically, Amos' pick-and-rumble also came against Tulsa.

"We talked about it," said Hawkins, who was named the AAC Defensive Player-of-the-Week Monday. "He said 'man, you're going to be in the record books.' I don't even think about all that stuff. I'm just trying to do the best I can to be a factor and help this team."

It was all ECU from there. Tulsa didn't even get on the scoreboard until the fourth quarter, after the Pirates had opened up a 23-0 lead.

"We were trying our best to get that goose-egg," Hawkins said. "Sometimes it doesn't go the way you planned. I'm just proud of our defense for the way we got that win. I'm proud of the whole entire ECU team."

Tulsa's offense wasn't the only group struggling to meet expectations. ECU's offense started slow and didn't get going until Blake Kemp was replaced by James Summers in the second quarter. It marked the fourth consecutive week the backup quarterback outperformed the starter.

"It's hard to win in this conference," said running back Chris Hairston. "It's hard to win anywhere in Division I football. We just stuck together and kept playing out until the end.

Fortunately, we got the win."

Hairston scored a touchdown for the third consecutive week, and while he personally totalled 100 yards, the senior running back said Tulsa's defense played differently than the Pirates expected.

"They basically came out and did a lot more blitzing," said the senior. "When they knew we were going to run the ball, they started blitzing the back side where we had less blockers. It was hard to get that blocked up."

Summers finished the game with 127 yards passing, recording a touchdown pass to Hairston. He also ran for a score, now rushing for a touchdown in all four of the games he's played since ECU committed to the two-quarterback system.

Still, with Summers at the helm, the Pirates only scored 10 points in the second half, seven of them coming late when Tulsa failed to convert a desperation fourth down attempt deep in its own territory. On a day where offenses were supposed to shine, it was Pirates' defense stealing the spotlight.

"We just came out and played how you're supposed to play," said senior Montese Overton, who recorded 1.5 sacks. "We just played fundamental football and had fun. We weren't worried about what the media was saying, or what anyone else was saying. We just came out and focused on executing."

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-Julie Torbett

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formances and look forward to seeing her get better," said Torbett.

The Pirates then followed up the loss to the Huskies with a match against the Temple Owls. The Owls were tied for first in the American Athletic Conference coming into the match. ECU looked like it came to play winning the opening set, 25-18. The Owls then showed why they're tied for first, winning the next three sets, 25-22, 25-12, and 25-23 respectfully, to ultimately win the match.

"The first set we came out and easily won the first set, and they were making a lot of errors," said coach Torbett. "The first two sets were what I want to see, we were not making any errors and playing really good volleyball. I felt we had a

really good chance to win the second set as well. The third set has always been the set that we come to struggle with when it comes down to it, the break for whatever reason throws us off."

Sophomore middle blocker Natali Montini and junior middle hitter Ashley McRae led the Pirates offense both recording 13 kills each. Erika Figueroa and Ashton Mares were both big defensive presence both getting 18 digs each.

ECU's next five games will be at home in Greenville, with conference play beginning to heat up.

"We're 4-1 at home, and we've played 19 matches, we want a winning record and the home court advantage really helps us, and this long stretch of home matches will be good for us," said coach Torbett.

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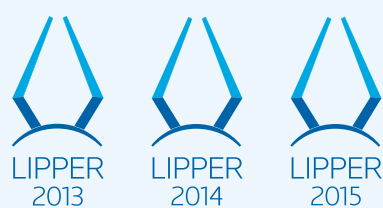
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