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First Street narrowing down to two lanes

The Greenville City Council voted last week to rebuff the First Street area by decreasing the lane size and redesigning the area to match the rest of the downtown area.

According to Marion Blackburn, a council member, First Street was originally constructed as a thoroughfare for heavy traffic. Greenville has grown in different directions that lessen the need for a four-lane road.

The street will be decreased from a four-lane road to two with a turning lane in the center. The vote for the street's construction was unanimous.

The council is aiming to make the area more pedestrian friendly and more connected to the downtown area. The design will provide bicycle lanes, additional parking in the form of 85 spaces, as well as a street-level median. The changes will provide easier access to the town commons.

The revitalization will cost about \$20,000 to be paid for by a bond passed in 2004. Construction on the lanes will begin in June.

High gas prices to dip in the upcoming weeks

Over the past two weeks, gas prices have jumped 20 cents, but the Lundberg Survey is predicting a change. The nationwide average at the moment is \$3.80, but it can decrease to \$3.70 by April. The change is expected due to a change in crude oil prices as well as marketers and retailers price range.

The Lundberg Survey is an independent market research company offering local and national coverage on fuel prices, fuel taxes station population studies and market shares.

The highest average is \$4.29 in Los Angeles with the national low in Billings, Montana at \$3.23.

Forum held for local African-American males

East Carolina University and Pitt Community College will be holding a panel discussion about educational and social opportunities for young African-American males. The forum will be held on Thursday at the Craig Goess Student Center on Pitts campus.

The forum hopes to enlighten the community to opportunities while also engaging young individuals to challenge social outcomes and increase their educational prospects.

An associate professor from Howard University, Ivory Toldson, will be speaking at the panel. The founder of The Beyond the Bricks project, Derek Koen, will also speak.

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Vonta Leach revisits stomping grounds



Once a linebacker and fullback for the Pirates, Baltimore Ravens' All-Pro Vonta Leach (44) is now a Super Bowl Champion. To celebrate, he came back to ECU.

Josh Graham
SPORTS WRITER

Pirate football fans packed Todd Dining Hall last Thursday night hoping to meet all-pro full back and ECU alumnus, Vonta Leach of the Baltimore Ravens.

Leach, who played a key role in helping the Ravens defeat the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XLVII earlier this month, posed for hundreds of photos and signed anything put in front of him—ranging from jerseys, to cell phone cases and even book bags.

Leach was selected to play in his third consecutive Pro Bowl this season, but happily passed up a trip to Honolulu in favor of a championship

win in New Orleans.

“Ever since you’re a little boy, this is what you work your whole life for. Your dream is to play in the Super Bowl, and not only play in it, but win it,” said Leach.

Leach resides from nearby Rowland, N.C., and played for the Pirates from 2000-2003 under Head Coaches Steve Logan and John Thompson. Logan recruited a highly sought after Leach in 2000 as a linebacker, and decided to change him into a fullback during his junior season in 2002. At first, Leach did not agree with the decision.

“We didn’t really see eye to eye when it happened, but I played and finished my career (at

ECU). I didn’t see Logan again until four or five years after I’ve been in the league,” said Leach, who added jokingly, “He made me a millionaire.”

As most full backs usually are at the collegiate level, Leach was overlooked and not selected in the 2004 NFL Draft after the Pirates finished 1-11 in his senior season. He played sparingly his first three campaigns with the Packers, before bursting onto the scene with the Houston Texans.

“I always had belief in my ability. If I just got the opportunity, I knew I would make the best

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SGA revamps for spring semester

Emily Gardiner
STAFF WRITER

A new semester is bringing changes to the university’s Student Government Association, which is the organization that represents the student body by projecting their voices all over campus.

Student involvement is a major component of SGA. Without student interest, the organization cannot make the changes the student body desires, so as part of SGA’s reformation, their main concern is establishing and acquiring firm diverse student interest and involvement.

“I never felt that the SGA represented the whole student body... but absolutely, a larger voter turnout means more interest on who the candidate is and that inherently will bring more student involvement,” said Alexander Register, SGA elections chairman and information and computer technology major.

SGA is not an organization that contains only four executive positions that yield all of the power.

“SGA is you, me...it’s everyone. We’re all members of SGA whether we realize we hold positions or not,” said Register.

Many decisions are approved by SGA, like funding for organizations and support for trips. SGA heavily encourages students to get involved and know who to talk to since they make many decisions.

Any student with a 2.5 grade point average who is not on probation by the university can run for a seat. The elections process started about a month ago and will continue with a filing period for applications from Feb. 25-28, a campaigning period from March 18-21 and a voting period from April 2-5.

President Matt Paske is working with all of SGA to reform the orga-



Elects Chairman Alexander Register manages the 2013 election process.

nization. Register says that Paske has taken the role of a leader well by taking in comments, suggestions and ideas from anybody, so the executive branch can take into consideration the overall student body voice.

By establishing a new judiciary branch and revamping the SGA senate, a checks and balances system will be established to inhibit one branch of student government from yielding too much power on a decision.

Freshman Brittany Butler, a communication major, said, “I feel like since they’ve opened up more branches they have made themselves more accessible to student involvement.”

The SGA senate is composed of students who represent each college at the university. Senate members will have more responsibility. Instead of senate members only being figure heads of a college, they will be responsible for representing that college’s student

voice by voting on issues involving their college.

Murdock Bowman, elections committee member and health service management major, said, “The changes SGA is making are a good way to get students involved, as part of the elections committee, I know personally that we are trying to implement more ways to let students know SGA is for everyone.”

The changes the organization is making are small steps to ensure a better future. The ongoing changes now, are designed to allow students to make a bigger impact in the future.

“Things are changing and it’s about making the rest of the student body aware that we’ve been listening,” said Register. “So for us, we know that it’s not going to change while we are here. We know that already and we accept that.”

Improving the constitution is an imperative change that the SGA is undergoing. Currently,

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Master Plan underway for student centers

David Rish
STAFF WRITER

At a Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 22, the board unanimously voted to approve the building of two new student centers.

This decision comes at the hands of attempting to better meet the needs of student organizations. One center will be on main campus and one on the health sciences campus.

At a meeting on Feb. 22, ECU’s Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the next step of the project—the design phase.

The new center on main campus will be a welcome center for visitors and prospective students as well as a hub for student activity.

“Right now we don’t really have a welcome center,” said Rick Niswander, vice chancellor for administration and finance.

The proposed plan for main campus is a 209,000-square-foot building and a 700-car parking garage. University officials said the project is necessary to accommodate the current 27,000 students and more than 300 student organizations.

“We’ve outgrown the Mendenhall Student Center,” said Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for student affairs. She said the new student center will be the ‘living room’ of campus, an atmosphere conducive to students as a place to hang out, rather than just another campus building, like the current facility is considered to be.

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CREATIVE DATING

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Campus Wellness



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Plans for the new student center on main campus include a 250-seat theater; a dining marketplace and sports grill, meeting rooms, a large event space, a game room and spaces for lounging and socializing. Also included would be the campus bookstore and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, which is currently located across the yard from Mendenhall. The structure will be located on space currently occupied by a parking lot south of Mendenhall.

Students are excited about the new structures.

"It would be very convenient and very helpful that it's all in one place so you don't have to scatter across campus," said Graham Burns, freshman biology major. "It would be good for some students who don't want to go downtown."

If construction begins as planned, freshmen should be around to see the finished facilities.

To be located between the

East Carolina Heart Institute and Laopus Library, the 68,000-square-foot building proposed for the health sciences campus would house a recreation center, a Student Health Services office, a wellness resource center, a multi-station food court, a multi-purpose event space and lounge and meeting spaces. The building is intended to fit needs of graduate and medical students, who often differ from the rest of the student body.

Costs for both projects are estimated to total \$162 million, to be paid primarily with student fees phased over time so that students who are going to use the building will be the ones who pay for the building. According to Hardy, fees could range from \$200-400 per student. They would not take effect until construction begins.

Students were surveyed beginning in 2008 on their needs and preferences for both buildings. The results

were taken into account.

Open since 1974, Mendenhall Student Center will be repurposed for use as meeting rooms and to fill other space needs at the university. Hendrix Theatre and the bowling alley will continue to operate in the center.

The planned additions come in the wake of a national and regional trend among colleges to house various student services in a common building as a face for their campus. Administrators hope the new student centers will be a recruitment and retention tool for the university.

ECU officials will continue to discuss programming for the proposed student centers. The Board of Trustees will review financing and the initial design work again in November. If everything goes as planned, construction could begin as early as Fall 2014.

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the new proposed constitution is being processed and voted on.

Ultimately the changes are encouraging more students to get involved, and to increase student interest. They are attempting to bring their platform down to a student level, allowing students to understand and become involved with what is happening in SGA.

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Hey pretty lady, thank you for the best two years of my life. It only gets better from here.

Let's clarify something, ladies when a dude says nice guys finish last, he's not bitter. He's just telling the truth.

That awkward moment you buy Plan B and get rung up by a someone in two of your classes.

Not gonna lie, I only pick up the school paper for the Pirate Rants.

Joyner's third floor study rooms are the perfect place for my girlfriend to study my male anatomy.

The more ECU boys I meet, the more I love my dog.

Pirate Rants have sucked lately. Probably because none of mine have been published.

Listen babe, you're not a relationship guru. Stop trying to get your romance advice published in the Pirate Rants.

Dear Jennifer Lawrence: Don't feel embarrassed about falling at the Oscar's, I fell for you during the hunger games.

I love girls who forget their blinds are open and people can see in.

Look man, stop being so extra with these females. My motto is what a woman wouldn't do for me, she cannot ask of me. That way you wont be another nice guy who got played.

My dream is to be proposed to on the 50-yard line in Dowdy Ficklen. I'm going after that MRS.

I have a 3.9 GPA and still find time for my appearance...I'm here for a masters but a MRS. can't hurt.

To the feminist from last week's rants...GET LAID ALREADY!

Here's a hint: Return the favor and I'd be much more willing to see you.

Dating aside...realize that, right or wrong, appearance is a factor that people base their opinions on. Remember that when you are going around to your teachers for reference letters.

To the girl in my PSYC class that takes notes for the Frat guy next to you to impress him, YOU ARE PATHETIC.

Facebook+Instagram=FBI.

I swear Clark Kent was def. on campus this past Wednesday with his cute little tie...that's the kind of nerd I want.

The cost of an ECU parking permit is highway robbery.

The fact that I'd be willing to make you a sandwich at your discretion is saying something pretty huge.

She thought I was cute til I asked what the a** like.

To the guy who called me beautiful on the bus Saturday night, I wish I wouldn't have been that drunk, because I might love you.

I hate it when I look in my closet for clothes but I find Narnia instead.

"I love the Pirate Cave Math Lab!" said no ECU student ever.

That moment when you realized you're Asian and not that smart...

Girls use beer as an excuse for random sex, men just do it.

High school 2.0

Torre Grills
OPINION COLUMNIST

High School was a magical place for some and a horrid memory for others. The four years prefacing your acceptance to East Carolina University could have gone many ways; you could have been the burnout skipping class, the head cheerleader or even the valedictorian.

The one thing all of those paths have in common is drama. There are few things high school emulates more than dramatic encounters with acne ridden, body developing, teenagers that think they know everything.

All I simply want to know is when we traveled back to a time where it was acceptable for 20 year olds to revert back to acting like children? I understand you think that you're cool because you no longer have a curfew and can go on dates without a chaperone, but that doesn't make it okay to forgo common sense.

A perfect example of this is subtweeting. To those of you who do not have Twitter or simply have missed the boat, subtweeting is essentially talking about someone behind their back in a very public forum. It's similar to if everyone posted what was said in the locker room or at the lunch table from behind their computer screens.

This past week, as I was perusing Twitter I stumbled upon someone who had subtweeted about me. To say I was shocked would be an understatement. A girl, whom I had never met, decided that it was somehow acceptable to talk about me via Twitter. Now, I understand it's your own personal page and you, by the first amendment, have to write to talk about whomever



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you chose. Along with that though, you have to know there are repercussions.

For the most part I find myself to be a pretty forgiving person, but there's something about talking about me "behind my back" that really irks me. At least have the tact to make sure that you spell my name correctly if you truly think it's a necessary addition.

Seriously, even 12-year-olds know how to use spell check. Also, check your facts and make sure that if you're tweeting about something, it's actually correct. It just makes you look bad if you attempt to cause drama and what you're saying isn't even true.

This goes without saying that Facebook statuses as well should not be online diaries. No one cares

if you walked your dog because it was nice out or you and your boyfriend fought for the umpteenth time today. Go to Dollar Tree, buy a notebook, start it with "Dear diary" and spare us all. Don't pretend like we don't all feel the same way. If you're the one person that doesn't agree, it's probably you that just typed a status about how delicious your breakfast was.

The Internet isn't the only place where college students are acting more and more like teenagers everyday. I find myself constantly surprised by the encounters that I have with people my own age. Relationships are the same way.

Most high school hierarchies are formed based of the social status of whatever clique you belong to. Initially, most people come

into college forming new friendships and attempting to broaden their horizon on who they surround themselves with. After time though, people get tired of putting on a good face and end up right where they were when they started. People get territorial and post claim on friendships.

Embrace that your friends get along, last time I checked that was a good thing. Athletes can be friends with art students, English majors can befriend the science department and nursing majors aren't robots the just study all the time. No matter how old we become, we never "own" anyone. Putting people in boxes doesn't make you more friends; it just makes you look scared.

Congratulations, you're in college. You're an individual with a say in the world and a purpose other than getting into the cheerleader's skirt or sneaking out to go to the party you're not supposed to be at.

You're in a place that fosters growth and development. Embrace it. Stop being scared of looking weird or what other people think about you. Act your age. Heck, act older than your age.

Being mature doesn't mean that you can no longer be fun. It means people will respect you. It means when you graduate after four years, people will remember you for your intelligence rather than the girl you picked a fight with through Twitter.

Close your computer and read a book. Stop talking about people behind their backs and make a friend. This isn't high school--this is college, now start acting like it.

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Knowledge taking the backseat

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OPINION COLUMNIST

I am ashamed to say that I live in a society where the salaries for rapping about sex, drugs and violence are substantially higher than the teachers educating our youth, or the doctors keeping us alive. Money is imperative for our survival, but so is intelligence.

Entertainers and athletes may have bettered their lives through their career choices, but society is not benefitting from them in the least.

Rappers make hundreds of thousands of dollars for simply walking into a club and showing their overly tattooed faces; but teachers, doctors, lawyers, philosophers and scientists are lucky to see that income annually.

You do not have to delve deep into history to see the rapid transition in our society from glorifying brains, to glorifying beauty. The geniuses of our past have set a precedent for the progression and development of our future, and our society today is not honing in on those skills that were evolved over the years.

Doctors and teachers possess the most valuable skills and have the

most vital careers to the survival of humans. Teachers give us the knowledge to grow and prosper as intelligent citizens, and doctors keep us alive. Now we all know that money makes the world go 'round, so that has to be taken into consideration.

The average teacher salary is between \$26,000 and \$50,000 per year.

Let me put that number into perspective for you. Lil Wayne had an annual income of \$30 million in 2012, yet we wonder what is wrong with our society these days.

Not to assume that everyone's goal in life is to become wealthy, but I believe people that are responsible for the expansion of the human mind, body and soul should be monetarily compensated before people that are detrimental or simply irrelevant to our society.

I would still listen to Lil Wayne and watch football if these haughty millionaires were making a smaller salary, and I am sure they would still rap and play football if this was the case.

Sports fanatics are going to be up in arms regarding my statements, but the fact is, these barbaric men in tight spandex are only entertaining you. As a viewer, you are not

mentally gaining any knowledge worth mentioning.

Children are idolizing the most disgusting and unintelligent people that are in today's spotlight. I would bet that most kids would recognize Justin Bieber or Nicki Minaj 10 times faster than Albert Einstein or Gandhi.

It scares me to think that generations to come will progressively become worse because of technology and the emphasis on the media, rather than an emphasis on every aspect of reading, writing, math, science, history and psychology.

The United States has fallen far behind many other countries in math, literacy and science. Teachers teach students because they are passionate about it. I am fascinated and proud that people still choose these imperative, hard-working careers even though they know they will never live extravagant lifestyles.

The president of the United States, one of the most honored and influential positions known to man, makes a mere \$400,000 a year running a country. Rappers make more money running their mouths.

Entertainers and athletes work

so hard because they know they are going to have huge paychecks handed to them regularly. I would stay up for 24 hours practicing my vocals and be in the recording studio doing mindless work if I knew that I would be making \$30 million this year.

If more time, money and effort were spent on our education system rather than mass media and the people they choose to focus their time on, we would be producing more productive, intellectual citizens. In this instant-gratification society we live in, people are often looking for the easy way out. Or if not the easiest, the highest monetary gain regardless of what it takes to get there.

Simply because we are entertained by celebrities and athletes, we should not justify that what they are doing is beneficial to society, because that is far from the truth. Our society will flourish when we realize that we are putting emphasis on the most miniscule, extraneous content humanly possible.

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It's Saturday night and after your date with the cute girl from biology, you are probably looking for a cheap place to get dessert; or maybe it is a weeknight and you and your friends need a quick boost and a little break from Club Joyner. Either way, frozen yogurt is your answer. But in a town with more yogurt places than Sheetz (which is saying something) you might need a little help deciding the right place to go. No worries, though. Below I have compared five of Greenville's frozen yogurt joints to help make your decision that much easier.

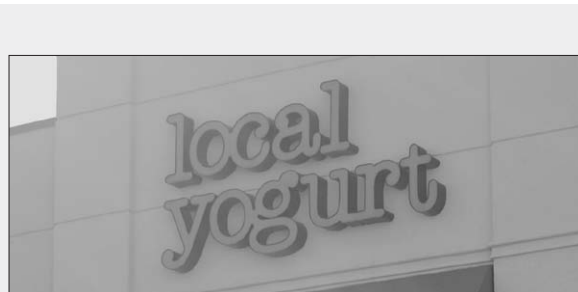


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Best sellers: Original with strawberries

Ordered or made-in-store: Ordered
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Interesting fact: Every day of the week is a different special. Wednesdays are college days, where you get \$1 off your purchase with your student ID. For the rest of the specials, go to www.localyogurt.com.

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Daily Choices: 9-10
Toppings: 50
Price per oz.: \$0.44
Best sellers: Sea salt caramel pretzel & dreamy dark chocolate

Ordered or made-in-store: Some ordered and some made-in-store
How often they change flavors: Depends on the flavor's popularity
Interesting fact: They have a rewards program where every dollar spent counts as a point. Once a customer gets 30 points, they are entitled to a free 7 oz. cup. It was also the first self-serve frozen yogurt place in Greenville. For more details, go to www.peppermints.co/home.



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Daily Choices: 8
Toppings: 62
Price per oz.: \$0.45
Best sellers: Cake batter & Chocolate

Ordered or made-in-store: Ordered
How often they change flavors: Varies, but mainly seasonally and with holidays
Interesting fact: Buy one, get one half off with a student ID. For more information, go to www.brrrberryogurt.com/store/university-commons.

Schweitzer Fellows aim to give back

Jessica Gribbon
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Study, sleep, repeat. That is the typical routine of just about any college student. As those magical college years end in commencement and celebration, most graduates move on from school and on to different things, while others push forward in their pursuit of seeking further education with the hopes of obtaining a professional degree.

This plays true for Shannon Holcomb and Christin Carter, second year dental students, who are a part of the inaugural class of the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine.

As many people know, pursuing a degree in any professional program requires hard work and serious time commitment. Everything comes second to class, work and studying.

"The first six weeks of dental school are gruesome," said Holcomb. "You are pretty much studying the entire time and you have no social life."

While others are partying downtown or

simply going shopping, Holcomb and Carter can be found under piles of books prepping for exams and reviewing medical journals. Although socializing in the party scene may be difficult, the girls are still able to dedicate a significant amount of time to giving back to the community.

Holcomb and Carter participate in a wide variety of student run organizations, as well as local volunteer programs.

"I like to interact with others, not just with students, but with faculty as well," said Holcomb. Some of these organizations include North Carolina Dental Society, American Student Dental Association, Scrubs and Stilettoes, and DMD, where Holcomb is president and co-founder.

Carter is the service chair for DMDA, and also the Community Service Coordinator for the Class of 2015. One of their most important volunteer activities is at the Bernstein Clinic. The clinic provides both medical and dental care to adults and children with minimal cost or no insurance charges. In addition to the clinic,

they have an onsite pharmacy.

The girls are also fellows in the Schweitzer Fellowship, a commitment to improving the health of those who are less fortunate in communities across the country.

"The fellowship requires us to run a one year service project focusing on an underserved population in our area," said Carter.

Though it is common to accept a fellowship individually, many fellows partner up as a means of getting more accomplished and are then able to divide whatever work needs to be done equally.

Similar to the university's mission statement of service, Holcomb and Carter have created a mission statement of their own: "As Schweitzer Fellows, we are working to improve oral health and access to care for women and children by providing oral health education and a link to dental care in low income clinics around the Greenville area," they said.

This mission statement is the nucleus of every philanthropic act these girls pursue and they are devoted to each and every word.

On Jan. 20, the partners, along with other fellows from both the university and UNC-Chapel Hill, hosted an event at Grimesland Community Resource Center.

The Grimesland Clinic is a free facility where medical volunteers and students from ECU provide acute medical care. The group was able to meet with 32 patients. Among the many free services they provided, such as fillings and extractions, the volunteers also provided oral hygiene instruction to children.

In addition to the dental fellows, four medical students and two translators also volunteered. The medical students provided testing for HIV and administered 15 flu shots to those who attended the event. Dr. Lisa Doherty, a dentist at the Bernstein Center, accompanied the volunteers as one of the four faculty facilitators.

"Dr. Doherty has been a huge inspiration to me in Greenville. He cares so much about

Sculpture brings remembrance

Staff Reports

On Friday, the university unveiled the Student Memorial Garden, located outside the Mendenhall Student Center by the Erwin Building.

The memorial, which was sculpted by current student Trey Martin, was created in remembrance of the students who have died while attending ECU. Students, staff, family and community members listened to speakers in the student center before the outdoor unveiling.

Martin's design was chosen through a school-wide vote held last spring. He and his father installed the structure on Feb. 16.

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people, it's contagious," said Holcomb.

Another important mentor to both Holcomb and Carter is Dr. Serio, a faculty member and one of Carter's mentors for her fellowship.

"He spends a lot of his time and energy with underserved populations," said

Carter. "Not only in the U.S., but in the Dominican Republic as well. He is an inspiration to us all."

Though time plays a huge factor in everyone's every day life, Holcomb and Carter still make time to volunteer, even with their hectic schedules.

"I hope to open a practice

in rural North Carolina with an undeserved population," said Carter. "There is a major shortage of dentists in many North Carolina counties, and I would like to help address that problem."

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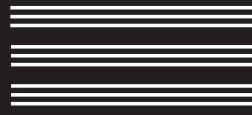
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Four Pirates win at Indoor Championships

Joseph Samuels and Tynita Butts earned first place finishes in the men's 60-meter hurdles and women's high jump, respectively, as the ECU track and field team competed at the 2013 Indoor Conference USA Championships.

Over the weekend, the Pirates won four individual events and set five school records. The men finished in third place with 108 points, to tie their highest ever finish, while the women placed fourth with 59 points. Houston won the men's indoor championship with 143 points, while UCF claimed the women's title with 132.5 points.

Samuels won the men's 60-meter hurdles finals with a time of 7.91. Previously he placed first in the preliminaries of the same event with a qualifying time of 7.84. Demonte Wilson placed fifth in the men's 60-meter hurdles finals with a personal best time of 8.18, which is good for seventh on the ECU Indoor Top 10 list. Quinton Harley rounded out the Pirate trio with an eighth-place finish in the event with a time of 8.53.

Bayou City Collegiate Championships

The ECU men's golf team finished eighth at the Bayou City Collegiate Championships on Sunday with a 54-hole total of 16-over (880) at the par-72, 6,963-yard Redstone Golf Club.

Texas won the event with a 22-under 842, while Houston finished at one-under 863, with South Carolina third at seven-over 871. Louisiana Tech (+10, 874) and Chattanooga (+11, 875) rounded out the top five.

The Longhorns' Brandon Stone won individual medalist honors at with a nine-under 207. Freshman Grayson Murray finished as the Pirates' top individual with a one-over-par total of 217. Murray fired a two-over 74 in Sunday's final round after shooting one-under in the first two rounds to finish tied for 18th.

Richmond Wins Player of the Week

ECU junior guard Akeem Richmond has been named the Conference USA Player-of-the-Week by a media panel representing the 12 member schools. Richmond averaged 23 points and three rebounds, while shooting 56-percent (14-of-25) from the three-point line in helping the Pirates to a pair of road wins last week. This is his first career C-USA Player-of-the-Week honor.

He scored a career-high 29 points Saturday against SMU, draining an ECU record nine three-pointers. The nine three-pointers were also a Moody Coliseum record, an SMU opponent record and tied the C-USA record for most three-pointers in a conference game. His performance from behind the arc marked the most threes in a game most by a C-USA player this season and tied for the second most three-pointers made off the bench by a Division I player this season.



Pirates Bryan Bass (6) and Jay Cannon (23) have plenty to celebrate about after winning three straight games this weekend at the Keith LeClair Classic.

Pirates sweep Classic

Cameron Stephenson
STAFF WRITER

The ECU baseball team hosted its 10th Annual Keith LeClair Classic this weekend at Lewis Field inside Clark-LeClair Stadium. The Pirates competed against the University of Illinois, Boston College and New Mexico State University. ECU (3-3) swept the competition, clinching its first three victories of the season after entering the tournament with a 0-3 record.

The Pirates competed in the final game of the Classic against New Mexico State, in which the first five innings were scoreless. An RBI double by New Mexico State's Kent Blackstone put the Aggies out on top

at 1-0 in the top of the sixth inning.

Then, ECU's Bryan Bass and Jack Reinheimer each countered the opposing score with singles, leaving two runners on first and third base. Drew Reynolds followed with a base hit to tie the game at one.

Next to bat for ECU was Chase McDonald who hit a single, allowing Reinheimer to score, followed by a double down the left field line from Nick Thompson, letting Reynolds score. ECU's Jay Cannon then hit a fly ball to centerfield that allowed Thompson to score, moving the score to 4-1 in favor of the Pirates. ECU would hold on to the lead for a 5-1 victory.

Senior Andy Smithmyer led the Pirate pitchers, allowing only one hit over two innings with five walks

and four strikeouts.

Junior Ryan Williams earned his first victory as a Pirate in ECU's second game of the tournament against Boston College. Williams struck out five batters in seven innings and only allowed one run.

The Pirates drew first blood in the matchup after a single from McDonald scored Travis Watkins in the third. McDonald was thrown out on the play, which concluded the third inning.

ECU would strike again when a double from Cannon allowed Nick Thompson, who was walked after being struck by a pitch, to score before Cannon was thrown out while trying to stretch the play into a triple.

Boston College would strike back in the sixth inning on a

throwing error that scored BC's Tom Bourdon. However, the score would not build enough momentum for Boston College to gain an edge as the game concluded at 2-1, giving ECU their first consecutive win of the season.

The Pirates earned their first victory of the 2013 season on Thursday against Illinois University. The Fighting Illini jumped out to an early lead, with the score at 1-0 in the bottom of the fourth. ECU's Zach Houchins stole the momentum away from Illinois with a two-run homer, moving the score to 2-1. ECU would then go on a scoring rampage in the sixth inning,

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Ty Armstrong (5) and the Pirates sit in fifth place in Conference USA play as the season quickly comes to an end.

A trip to tame the Mustangs

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Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Over the weekend, ECU was inept offensively in the first half and they dug an early hole against the SMU Mustangs.

After the halftime buzzer, ECU trailed by 11 and it was time for one of the Pirates to get hot. Akeem Richmond answered the call and stepped up big time in the second half. After a furious rally and a 51-point second half, the Pirates came away with a 72-69 victory.

The Pirates struggled out of the gates, missing their first 10 shots before Ty Armstrong converted a layup more than six minutes into the game. Despite its early struggles, ECU

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ECU Women win again

Craig Barnes Jr.
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Pirates basketball team improved its record to 19-7 on the season and 9-4 in Conference USA play after defeating University of Central Florida Knights, 56-41, during Sunday's contest in Orlando, Fla.

This marks the first time in five years that the Lady Pirates defeated the Knights in UCF arena. The Lady Pirates offensive attack was led by redshirt senior Whitney Edwards and redshirt sophomore Kyani White who both finished the game in double figures scoring 13 and 10 points respectively.

Edwards finished the game with six rebounds, four assists and a trio of steals while White contributed four rebounds and three assists to compliment her 10-point performance.

Ariana Jackson led the team in rebounds hauling in seven rebounds on the night. Tatiana Chapple and Britny Edwards finished with similar stat lines, both finishing the game with eight points. Britny edged out Chapple in rebounding by one, finishing with three on the night.

Out of the gates the Lady Pirates

jumped up six, before a scoring drought of nearly six minutes limited the Lady Pirates offense and force them to surrender the lead. UCF took a 10-2 run, taking the lead, 13-8, with 10:50 remaining in the half.

The Knights extended the lead going up seven before the Lady Pirates mounted a comeback and ignited a run of their own.

ECU used the final five minutes of the first half to score 11 unanswered points, which changed the momentum in their favor. The first half ended with the Lady Pirates up 24-20.

In the second half of the contest, the Lady Pirates came out like a new team. They kept the Knights from scoring, going on an offensive tear, scoring 13 points in the first four minutes of play after intermission. With the Knights only down six, Edwards drained a three-point basket, then received a pass off the steal from Celeste Stewart and connected on a layup to take an 11-point lead.

Three jump shots and two layups later and the Lady Pirates were in full control of the game, 47-31. ECU extended the lead by as much as 19 before the reserves came in to close

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Hot start ends coldly

Josh Graham
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU Softball team entered this weekend's Pirate Invitational on its first winning streak of the season and started the tournament in grand style. They defeated Liberty 12-1 in five innings and led Fairfield 6-4 Friday going into the seventh inning. In one half inning, everything changed.

After retiring the Stags' leadoff hitter, ECU allowed 10 runs to score on eight hits with two defensive errors. The Pirates lost 14-10 and lost its next three games to conclude the tournament.

"We never recovered from it, and even though we tried, I don't think our pitching staff recovered from it," said Head Coach Beth Keylon-Randolph.

The Pirates (6-7) had an opportunity to salvage a victory Sunday against the same Liberty team they beat by 11 runs on Friday. Trailing by a run in the bottom of the seventh inning, second baseman Kristi Oshiro reached base with a leadoff double, but made a game-changing error when she was caught trying to steal third base. Liberty escaped ECU's Softball Stadium with a 5-4 win.

"It was a miscommunication," said Keylon-Randolph. "Although, (Oshiro being caught stealing) looks drastic, that's not what lost that game."

On Saturday, Notre Dame began its dominance of the tournament. The Fighting Irish faced the Pirates and scored six runs in the top of the first inning, while adding three more in the second to put ECU behind the eight ball.

Freshman Mary Beth Smith pitched three scoreless innings out of the bullpen, but the Pirates did not muster anything at the plate. Notre Dame hurler Laura Winter fanned eight of the 18 batters she faced and only surrendered a hit and a walk—helping the Irish to a 9-1 win.

In the rematch on Sunday afternoon, the Pirates went with Smith again to start the game, but the results remained the same. The Irish crossed five runs on four hits in the first inning off of Smith and added a solo shot en route to a 6-0 decision.

Notre Dame (8-4) swept its four tournament games by a combined score of 30-7. Before the Pirate Invitational, they were narrowly

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"That's the reason I took the job. To have no girls leave after only winning two matches. There is something special at East Carolina, I'm convinced of it." -New Head Coach Julie Torbett, about the ECU volleyball team.

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of it," said Leach. "Hard work pays off. It may have taken a long time, but I stayed the course."

2012 was a magical season for Leach and the Baltimore Ravens. On multiple occasions, the Ravens seemed down and out, but miraculously got off the mat and pulled through. Whether it was the fourth and 29 conversion in San Diego, or the last second hail mary against Peyton Manning's Denver Broncos in the

playoffs, the Ravens appeared to be a team of destiny.

"We overcame a lot of adversity," said Leach. "We got a lot of guys back (from injury) at the right time and we just started playing together."

ECU now has had at least one of its alumni win the NFL's big game in each of the past three seasons. In 2010, defensive tackle CJ Wilson and the Green Bay Packers lifted the Lombardi Trophy. New York Giants

defensive tackle Linval Joseph followed suit in 2011.

Leach expects this trend to continue with the football program soon transitioning into the Big East Conference.

"We got a lot of good young talent here. We just have to develop it. I think we're going to be right up there ready to play with the big boys in a couple years."

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started by Reynolds' double to right center. That was followed by a ground-rule double by Thompson that brought Reynolds around to home plate. Houchins and Garrett Brooks were both walked following a ground-out by Dylan Brown, leaving the bases loaded for Watkins to hit a two-run single, pushing the score to 6-1 in favor of the Pirates.

In the seventh inning the bases were loaded again, this time with Brown up to bat. Brooks hit a single, which scored Reynolds, followed by a walk from Watkins, which scored McDonald, moving the score to 8-1. Illinois would score again in the ninth inning, but it would not be enough as the Pirates took the game, 8-2.

The ECU baseball team will return to action on

Tuesday, February 26 at 5 p.m. against VCU. The Pirates will have their work cut out for them when they face the 5-0 Rams of Virginia Commonwealth University, but will have an advantage coming off their current winning streak and 13-game home stand.

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The Lady Pirates sit second in CUSA.

scoring column. ECU used a combine team effort to pull away from the Knights who only had one player score in double figures.

Genevieve Carter was the lone double figure scorer for the Knights, finishing the game with 15 points, six rebounds, three steals and one assist.

The Lady Pirates contained the freshman phenom, Briahanna Jackson, for the second time this season. In the first matchup, the Lady Pirates contained Jackson to five points and in the second matchup the Pirates defense did not allow Jackson room to breathe. She

finished the game 2-11 and five points.

ECU shot nearly 50-percent in the second half and remain undefeated when holding their opponents under 10 free throws. They also improved their record to an astonishing 14-0 when outshooting their opponents.

The Lady Pirates look to improve on their conference record as they host the University Alabama-Birmingham on Thursday Feb. 28, 2013 at Minges Coliseum. The game is scheduled to tip-off at 7:00 p.m.

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managed to stay close with the Mustangs only leading by two, 10-8, with 11 minutes remaining in the half.

Richmond had six first-half points, both three-pointers, but the one trick pony also contributed in the game with two rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot.

With the absence of Corvonn Gaines and Shamarr Bowden, Richmond has been asked to step up and play a bigger role in the Pirates system. He has also logged at least 25 minutes in three straight games, which shows the confidence that Head Coach Jeff Lebo has in his sharpshooting guard. His ability to play better defense is another reason that Richmond has played extended minutes.

With 16:07 remaining in the game, Richmond simply took over, scoring 21 of the Pirates' next 23 points. During that stretch, Richmond made seven of eight three-point attempts, including a run of six straight. He had a game high of 29 points in only 29 minutes of action.

For his 17 and 29-point performances this week, Richmond garnered the Conference USA Player of the Week award.

Freshman guard, Prince

Williams, got his first substantial playing time of the season. In those 14 minutes Williams managed to get five assists, three steals and a rebound. Williams led the team in assists. Miguel Paul wasn't his normal self and only played 25 minutes while tallying three assists.

Maurice Kemp has been held under 10 points in two of the last three games. Saturday against SMU, Kemp only logged eight points on 2-of-7 shooting. He also pulled seven rebounds in the game.

With 19 seconds left in the game, Miguel Paul hit two free throws to give the Pirates a six-point lead.

Nick Russell responded for the Mustangs with a dunk during their next possession. After an ECU turnover, Russell hit a three-pointer to cut the lead to just one. Russell scored the final eight points for the Mustangs.

Luckily, Kemp hit two free throws with eight seconds left to put the Pirates up three. In desperation, SMU's three-pointer was off target and ECU completed the comeback and notched an important road win.

Richmond has been the team's spark with Paul and Kemp both struggling to

shoot the ball efficiently. The six-foot junior guard has been the best three-point shooter in C-USA this season. While making the most in the league, he is also third in three-point percentage, 45.1 percent. He is ranked 18th in the nation in three pointers made, while he also ranks 40th in percentage.

Robert Sampson had another good game for the Pirates making seven points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots. Sampson is fourth in C-USA in rebounds per game (9.2) and he ranks third in C-USA in blocks (1.88).

With the win, ECU finds itself sitting in sole possession of fifth place in the conference standings. Tulane is just a half a game behind the Pirates as ECU has a 7-6 record and the Green Wave is currently sitting at .500 (6-6). These two teams will have an important matchup when Tulane travels to Greenville on Wednesday, March 6th.

The final road game of this season for ECU is this Saturday in Hattiesburg, Miss., where they face Southern Miss, the second best team in C-USA.

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edged out by No. 1 Oklahoma in extra innings, 7-5, on Feb. 17 during the Campbell/Cartier Classic in San Diego.

"We got excited for Notre Dame coming into our place. At the same time, I think we were a little nervous," said preseason all-conference outfielder Jill Jelnick.

Sunday's action concluded ECU's 13-game home stand

to begin the 2013 season. Wednesday, the Pirates will begin a 15-game road trip at Elon. On Thursday, they will travel to Tempe, AZ., on the campus of Arizona State to play five games in the Wilson/DeMarini Invitational. The slate includes games against North Carolina, Baylor and the hosting Sun Devils.

"I think this is a perfect

time (for the trip). As much as I love playing at home, we need to get out of here and we need to play some new teams and we need to play at a new place," said Jelnick. "We need some new mojo going, and I have no doubt Arizona State has that in store for us."

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Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences

Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series presents

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

"Strange Bedfellows: The Bible, American Politics, and Homosexuality"

The Jarvis Lecture on Christianity and Culture

Cosponsored by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Religious Studies Program and Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church. The ECU Religious Studies Program selects the lecturers. The views of the lecturers do not necessarily reflect United Methodist theology or the beliefs of Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church members.

Levine is the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School.



Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

**Tuesday, March 5, 2013
7:00 p.m., Wright Auditorium**

Complimentary tickets for the Jarvis Lecture are available to all attendees through the Central Ticket Office by calling 252-328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS. For more information, contact Dr. John Tucker at 252-328-1028 or tuckerjo@ecu.edu, or visit www.ecu.edu/voyages.

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