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Approximately 50 people supported a protest against cuts on public education, including the cutting of the Teaching Fellows program and masters incentives.

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Protest held for education

Edward Boseman
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Yesterday from 12 to 2 p.m., teachers in the local community and around campus gathered at the ECU cupola to protest in support of public education.

Recent budget and legalization signed into law over the summer has sparked protest, such as this one, as the protest was part of a statewide "walk-in" protest.

There were 50 to 60 people who showed their support for the walk-in, despite the chilly weather. Whole classes came to watch. The recent budget reduces teaching fellows funding in effort to completely phase it out in two years.

Tenure for K-12 teachers has been eliminated through recent legislation and offers no pay raises to teachers, though they did receive more vacation days.

Micelle Eble, a speaker and organizer for the event, said the event was for raising

awareness and educating the public and local communities about the situation.

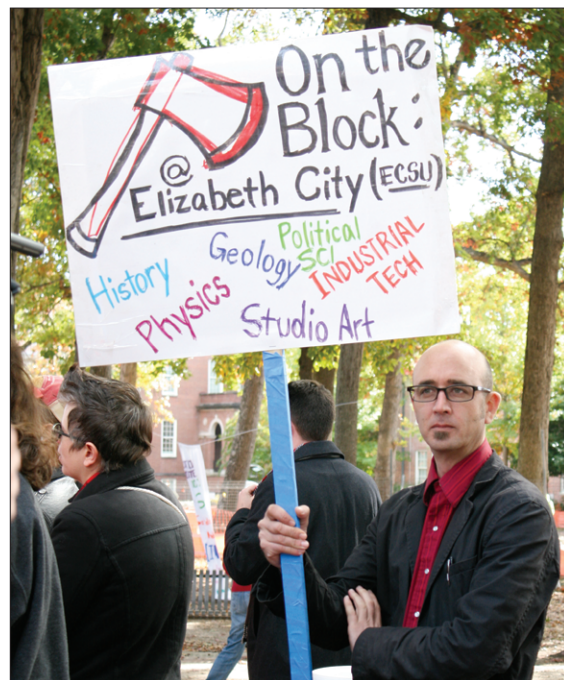
"Three years ago the budget cuts were because of the economy, but now there is a surplus in the budget and yet there are more cuts," said Eble. "The numbers don't add up."

Teachers will also lose tenure and instead enter into short-term contracts of 1-4 years based on experience. For K-12 teachers, tenure does not guarantee a lifetime job, only the chance for a hearing if they are recommended for dismissal.

With such legality done away with there is less protection for teachers and less job stability overall.

Rashaad Denzel, a senior public relations major, said that while he does not agree with all the recent changes, he supports some of the new policies, such as the elimination of pay increase for master degrees.

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English professor Peter Franks protests the budget cuts.

HOMECOMING

Campus to host 'Shipwreck'

Staff Reports

Competitions, concerts, parades and games punctuate this week as campus begins celebrating Homecoming 2013: Shipwrecked in Pirate Nation.

Tomorrow, a lawn competition and skit competition will be held on campus. The lawn competition will begin at 3 p.m. Greek houses will be decorating their lawns in the theme of shipwreck. Residence halls will also be decorating their halls to celebrate homecoming. The skit competition for student organizations and Greek life begins at 9 p.m. at Wright Auditorium.

On Thursday, the Student Activities Board Homecoming Concert will begin at 7 p.m. in Minges Coliseum. J. Cole will be performing at the annual concert, as well as opening act Bas. Doors open to the concert at 6 p.m.

On Friday, a homecoming pep rally will be celebrated at Freeboot Friday in Uptown Greenville beginning at 5 p.m. The NPHC Step Show will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Wright Auditorium. Both men's and women's basketball teams will be playing at Minges Coliseum on Thursday, as well. Women's basketball will be playing Virginia Intermont at 12 p.m. while the men will be playing Wesleyan College at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, homecoming events will be in full swing. A float competition begins at 7 a.m. at Wahl-Coates Elementary followed by the homecoming parade at 10 a.m. The parade will take place on Fifth Street.

The homecoming football game against Tulsa will kickoff at 3:45 p.m. at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The homecoming king and queen will be announced at half time.

Jessica Richmond contributed to this report.

Halloween uneventful for police

Tyler Stocks
TEC STAFF

Halloween 2013 offered good times without causing major issues for law enforcement last Thursday night in Greenville.

The amount of crime that occurred on Halloween night was less than average, according to a press release.

However, East Carolina University Police and Greenville Police did respond to an assault and a strong-armed robbery that took place after downtown was closed, at 2 a.m.

An ECU alert was issued and cancelled moments later.

According to the alert, a strong-armed robbery happened near Jenkins Art and Fifth Street between 2:30 a.m. and 2:50 a.m. Nine suspects robbed two people of their cellphones before splitting up into groups. One group took off in a blue Toyota Camry and the other group fled on foot towards campus.

An assault also took place at 14th Street and Berkley Boulevard at 2 a.m. The victim was assaulted by four to seven black males, the alert said. No suspects were identified in the incident and witnesses say they took off towards College Hill Drive. The

victim assaulted was transported to Vidant Medical Center for his injuries.

Keeping the peace during the rest of the Halloween festivities, involved crowd control and taking care of intoxicated persons who were causing trouble. For this year's event police made no changes to how they dealt with the crowds.

"We didn't have to do anything different than we did last year," said Greenville Police Sgt. Joe Friday. "We had controlled access points, DWI

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Underage drinking statistics

In North Carolina:

- 79% of 18-year-olds report they have drank alcohol at least once in their life.
- 14.3% of 16 to 19-year-olds consume alcohol on a regular basis.
- 8.9% have engaged in binge drinking.
- 60 alcohol citations, on average, are given each week.

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BRIEFS

Human Society to have pets for adoption

The Human Society of Eastern Carolina will have pets for adoption and be collecting donations at Sweet Pets on Nov. 19 from 1-4 p.m.

All dogs have been spayed or neutered, have updated vaccines and are all medicated for flea and heartworm prevention.

Red Cross requesting blood donations for the holiday season

The American Red Cross encourages people to donate blood or platelets for their Give Something That Means Something campaign.

The campaign runs through Jan. 6, 2014, and aims to bring in donors during a time of year where numbers are usually lower than other times during the year.

New members admitted to MLK Commission

Seven new commissioners were inducted to North Carolina's Martin Luther King Jr. Commission on Nov. 4.

The North Carolina Human Relations Commission inducted new members.

The MLK Commission consists of 16 members and each member serves their positions for four years.

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Fall open house welcomes about 4,000 students to campus

William Franklin
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This past Saturday ECU hosted its fall open house to allow prospective students and parents to come and view the campus and meet people at ECU.

According to Lauren Byers, assistant director of undergraduate admissions and coordinator of the Fall Open House event, the event has drawn people from as far as New England and New York and anywhere between 3500 and 4500 prospective students.

David Fay, marketing and communications manager for the

university, believes that the event is important because it allows students to connect not only with other students, but also with people in different departments and campuses.

To prospective student, Grant Jones, the feeling off community was widespread throughout open house.

"It seems like it's got a real good community feel," he said.

The open house also included a number of events such allowing students to visit different dorms on campus. This was an important aspect among many of the accepted

students who came to visit. It allowed them to get an idea of where they wanted to live next fall.

The open house was much more than an amplified tour. It allowed students to explore the different aspects of the university.

Many students found the university welcoming and were intrigued by the variety of programs offered.

According to Byers, "It showcases all that ECU has to offer very extensively."

Taylor Smith, another prospective student, really liked the university's atmosphere.

She said, "I really like the atmosphere and the school spirit and all the programs they have."

The prospective students' responses were exactly what Fay hoped for.

"We hope that people will see that even though we're hosting thousands of people, [ECU] still an individual experience," said Fay. "You can still have friendly people talking to you and answering your questions."

The day featured a number of ways for prospective students to experience different departments by having an extended open house.

"We're trying to give multiple opportunities for people who can't catch a session in the morning to be able to catch a follow up session," said Fay.

The open house ran until 3 p.m., and there were still a number of students participating in events until the end. The event appeared to be a success with the number of people that showed up and participated from beginning to end.

ECU will have an open house in the spring for those who were unable to make it this past Saturday.

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inspections and mutual aid from surrounding agencies in Pitt County as well as aid from Jacksonville."

On the issue of underage drinking during Halloween, Friday said that Greenville Police enforce the laws when confronted with the issue.

"We don't go out and target people. The perception has long been that the Greenville Police Department goes around and targets college students," said Friday.

In 2012, underage drinkers totaled 9.7 percent of all alcohol sold in North Carolina, ranking number 23 in country for alcohol consumption by youth according to the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation.

"As far as underage drinking goes, obviously we do not tolerate it," said Greenville Chief of Police Hassan Aden. "If we get a call for service at a residence and there are people that look too young to be consuming alcohol, then we do take action."

Aden went on to say that alcohol enforcement duties are that of the Pitt County ABC Law Enforcement and state Alcohol Law Enforcement Agents or ALE.

"Our main function downtown is to make sure that these students get home safely. We try to create safe passage zones where we have high visibility along with our partners at ECU Police to get the students home safely," said Aden.

This Halloween was Aden's first in Greenville.

"I was involved in a lot of the planning upfront and it takes months to plan it out. We used mutual aid and over 200 officers at this celebration. To some, this may seem like overkill but when your dealing with crowds of 4,000-6,000 people, I think that is an appropriate number," said Aden.

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"Just because you have a masters does not mean you are a better teacher," he said. "Teachers should have a passion for the job then the financial drive."

The incentive will end the new fiscal year and any who received the pay increase will be grandfathered in.

Cassandra Kossman, a freshman music education major, said she has a vested interest in the protest, as she wants to become teacher in the future.

"I still want to be a teacher even with all that is going on," said Kossman. "I want to study in N.C., but I think I may just move out and teach somewhere else."

North Carolina has some of the lowest paid teachers in the nation according to the National Education Association. In 2008, North Carolina ranked 25th in the nation for average teacher pay. North Carolina dropped to 46th in 2012.

The recent legislation

has also allowed the cap on charter schools to be raised and are further subsidized by North Carolina.

"We pay taxes to support public schools. The voucher system shifts money to charter schools. They no longer support public schools, but private schools," said Michael Gross, professor of German history. "That is an abuse of tax dollars."

The North Carolina Association of Educators announced that they plan to challenge the budget in court on the constitutionality of school vouchers and the legality of taking tenure away from teachers.

Out-of-state students will face a 12.3 percent tuition increase at some UNC schools, while students at other UNC campuses must pay up 6 percent more. Community college students will see a \$2.50 per credit hour increase in tuition.

Gross and Eble spoke at



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Entire classes attended the protest to support teachers.

the event, along with other faculty members, such as David Wilson-Okamura and John Given.

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North Recreational Complex 2:00pm - 5:00pm

November 4th
Homecoming Banner Competition
MSC Brickyard 9:00am-1:00pm

November 6th
Homecoming Lawn Competition 3:00pm
Homecoming Skit Competition
Wright Auditorium - 9:00pm-11:00pm

November 7th
Homecoming Canned Food Drive
Food Bank 12:00pm-3:00pm
SAB Homecoming Concert
Featuring J Cole
Minges Coliseum - 7:00pm

November 8th
Homecoming Pep Rally
Freeboot Friday 5:00pm - 8:00pm
NPHC Step Show
Wright Auditorium - 6:30pm

November 9th
Homecoming Float Competition 8:00am
Homecoming Parade 5th Street 10:00am

ECU vs Tulsa Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
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PIRATE RANTS

If you're going to vote, don't do it ignorantly. Getting information from one erratic candidate is not "informing yourself."

If you party every night and your grades suck, you're NOT getting into dental school.

Campus Dining, how about offering pirate meals during the morning too at Chick Fil A or Cupolas!

"You who must not be named" who hums the Harry Potter theme song on the bus: I would proudly hum along with you!

I only run at the rec on Thursday nights so I can watch the volleyball team practice. #piratebooty

I honestly appreciate that apology from Facilities Services. I'm disappointed I graduate in December and won't get to experience the finished product.

Saw an ad on Craigslist for a "2 Wheel Bicycle"... I bet those are rare.

"I'm graduated and now a teacher" - wrong. You HAVE graduated, you DID graduate, or you ARE AN alumna/alumni. Sincerely, grammar teaching nursing major.

Dear Bate Computer Lab attendants, I'm trying to do school-work. Please shut up. Your muffin choice is of no concern to me.

TEC, please start putting level 4 Sudokus in the paper...they need to last the whole 50 min...not 20. Thanks!

I survived the Great (FAKE) lockdown of 2013!

Right foot lets stomp. Left foot lets stomp. FREEZE!

Favorite costume of the weekend: mermaid man and barnacle boy! You ladies are awesome.

I would be ashamed to be apart of the wolfpack right now.

I think there was more people at my party last night then the ECU game at FIU.

Dear UNC, After Nov. 23 I believe this will be OUR STATE not yours. Sincerely, Pirate Nation

Dear North Campus please explain to me how you can't afford to fix the pool gate, yet you're secretary can afford fake boobs.

If any one finds my dignity that I lost this weekend please let me know via pirate rant.

Anyone else get laid this Thursday night outside the Rawl building?

Really NC Sate you're going to copy our logo? Congratulations you've just hit rock bottom, don't worry we'll take you out of your misery.

ECU lookin' like the Walking Dead Friday morning.

Ladies, I hope you're ready because it's beard season.

Huge shout out to the girl with see through leggings on! You made my week!

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Our view

Giving back, good for the soul

In the Oct. 31 issue of *The East Carolinian*, Kappa Kappa Psi and the Marching Pirates took a break from their Halloween costume planning to give their time for a greater cause. The two groups brought their music and more than 600 lbs. of canned goods to people of the community in need.

As an editorial staff, we support groups like Kappa Kappa Psi and the Marching Pirates who provide us with a great example of using a holiday as an opportunity to give. Holiday or not, there is always a chance to make a difference in society. Even with little gestures, like

bringing canned goods, there are people in the world who need others to put their wants to the side to bring life's little pleasures to those lacking these necessities that we take for granted.

ECU's public image of heavily-populated block parties and large amounts of alcohol consumption has taken a back seat for some philanthropic-motivated organizations, like the national honorary band fraternity and our marching band. These students used the holiday to bring childhood traditions of candy gathering to those who are in need of much more than candy.

Turning strangers into friends

Because Laura Said So...



Laura Said
TEC COLUMNIST

Halloween night. It was surprisingly easy to get around downtown Thursday and the ALE was considerably nicer than years before. I thought ECU would make it without any criminal activity for once, but I was proven wrong by the end of the night.

I was walking home on Fifth Street around 2:30 a.m. and I heard a girl scream, "It's just a DROID!" A group of men and a woman walked away from the girl, as her friends were holding her back. Observing the situation, I had no idea what was going on. I yelled after the group that was walking away, but they kept walking towards the art building on campus. My friends told me to stay out of it because it was best not to get involved in a situation we knew nothing about. The other people around us told us what they saw and the immediate assumption was that her cell phone was stolen, and we were right. Thinking about it now, I wish there was something I could have done.

It was reported by WITN the next morning. To the group of people that stole the cell phones: As I watched you walk away, I won-

“ Even if you can't keep something bad from happening, do what you can. ”

dered what kind of shallow person could steal something right out of someone's unsuspecting hands. I feel sorry for you, and it angers me that you could do that to someone else. I bet you'd feel differently about your actions if it had happened to you. Honestly, if you had taken my cell phone, things wouldn't have ended so smoothly for you. I'm a firm believer in karma, as well as justice, and I'm sure you'll regret your actions as soon as you meet your consequences.

To the girl that had her cell phone stolen: I'm sorry I didn't help. There were so many things running through my mind and I'm glad your friends held you back. They were smart for that. I can only imagine that watching someone walk off with your cell phone must have been hard to do, but for your own safety, it was the smart choice.

It's interesting to me how the human mind works. We have controversy in our own heads between the things we think we should do and what we should actually do, because both sides hold their own negative aspects. If I helped the girl, I could have gotten physically hurt. I'm confident in my own ability to protect myself, but in the end, I wasn't sure of theirs. But by not doing

anything, I ask myself what kind of person that makes me.

If I had gotten my cell phone stolen and no one helped, I would feel even more untrusting of the human race than I already do. We all have the thought process between right and wrong, but it should never override moral stamina.

I understand that people aren't always going to act accordingly in situations like the one that happened on Halloween night. I also know there probably wasn't anything I could have done to help stop the situation. But the guilt I feel knowing that I didn't help (even in the smallest way) has bothered me since I saw it happen.

As people, we have a moral obligation to each other. Have you ever noticed that people tend to pull together when we all fear the same danger and face the same threat? We are here for one another, just as easily as we turn against one another.

So here's my plea to the readers of this article: Even if you can't keep something bad from happening, do what you can. If you see a homeless person on the street, at least acknowledge their existence. Do the best you can to be the best person you can, at all times. Don't just watch as a stranger struggles, because that stranger could have been you.

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The fight of value and completion

Take a step back



ReAnn Melaga
TEC COLUMNIST

The end of the semester can be a bittersweet time for students.

School is winding down and the holidays, vacations, family time and incredible amounts of food is quickly approaching. However, it also means the dreaded week of finals is hiding right around the corner; waiting to claim its next set of victims.

Aside from having to wake up for class on time, finals week is one of the most difficult and demanding times of college. Professors drown us with study guides and notes, the library becomes more popular than downtown and energy drinks are in high-demand for sleep-deprived students.

Along with the lack of sleep, the stress of the end of the semester may cause some students to take drastic measures. The pressure by parents, professors and a competitive job market can only make things more difficult in an already challenging time.

For some, this difficult time means there are no limits for what will be done to attain ideal final grades. Some students go as far as cheating on tests and plagiarizing papers to get the grades considered to be acceptable. The fear of failing a class seems to override the potentially severe consequences if they were to get caught.

Albert Einstein once said, "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." In my opinion, society needs to adopt this same concept. Yes, students need to be pushed to do well in school, but not to the point where they are willing to put their entire college career in jeopardy because they are more concerned about final grades and

not the information being presented to them.

We have grown up in a time when standardized tests determine our worth and final grades are what decide if we are adequately prepared for the future. Instead of pressuring us to achieve such high standards, students should be encouraged and praised for their efforts.

Each student is unique in his or her own way. Some are great writers, some are great with computers and some are good at solving impossibly long math equations. It seems unfair to make people feel as if they are not

prepared for the real world if their strong suit does not happen to be taking tests.

I strongly hope that in time students will be able to genuinely value what is being taught to them in class. I do not think this will happen unless parents and professors are able to understand that positive reinforcement will encourage students much more than unnecessary amounts of pressure ever will.

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STUDENT UNION SHOW



Hostess, Michelle Michaels (above) introduces about four professional drag performers to the audience.



The GLBTSU Professional Drag Show was held in Hendrix Theatre.



The Legendary Purina Chow performed a rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody at last year's Professional Drag Show hosted by ECU's GLBT Student Union.

Pro drag performers return to campus

Staff Reports

GLBT Student Union held their semi-annual Professional Drag Show last night in Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center.

With Michelle Michaels as the evening hostess, the show featured drag performances by professionals like ECU graduate that goes by

the stage name of Chanté Elise Casidy, who performed at last Spring's Amature Drag Show.

Proceeds for the event support the organization that strives to promote diversity, awareness, and acceptance of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community to students, faculty and the society at large.

Behind the pages of N.C. Literary Review

Amanda Adkins
FOR STAFF

Since 1992, the North Carolina Literary Review (NCLR) has published poetry, fiction and non-fiction by N.C. writers and articles about these writers. ECU and the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association publish the NCLR annually. The NCLR is both a literary magazine and a scholarly journal.

"We promote N.C. literature, both by alive and dead writers," said Margaret Bauer, editor of NCLR since 1997. "We love finding new writers and rediscovering old writers. We discover writers by them either coming to us or literature scholars will submit suggestions."

Not only does the magazine accept writers, they also welcome submissions by freelance artists and photographers from N.C. whose subject matter is N.C. They are currently looking for work based around next year's theme, which is "War in North Carolina."

This year's theme for the review was "North Carolina: A State Of Change, A Changing State."

The NCLR will also hold the annual James Applewhite Poetry Prize in the middle

of March. For this competition, writers can submit three poems for \$15 or five poems for \$20 and then compete to win the award. The finalists will be considered for publication in the review.

In order to be eligible to have stories published, you must have either lived in N.C. at some point or currently be living here.

"We [also] have these great intern opportunities where you can work for 10 hours a week and gain a great experience from it," said Bauer. "It is hard work but it prepares students for careers in publishing and it will help with being accepted into grad school."

All of the hard work that staff and interns put into the review has paid off because



Margaret Bauer has served the literary community as editor of the North Carolina Literary Review for 16 years.

Five-Year Achievement Award for Excellence in Research/Creative Activity in 2008.

"It is definitely a 24/7 job because from the start to finish," said Bauer. "I am editing all of the stories. I probably read each story 12 times before it goes to press and the student workers spend months fact checking and finding images for the pieces."

A few writers that the NCLR has published

they have been awarded with the Best Journal Design award in 1999 and 2010, and has had three citations from the Council of Editors of Learned Journals.

Bauer was awarded with the Parnassus Award for Significant Editorial Achievement in 2007 and the

are Fred Chappell, Jim Clark, Calvin Alexander Ramsey and Anna Jean Mayhew. One of the writers in this year's issue is Daniel Wallace, writer of the 2003 Tim Burton film "Big Fish."

Many of the writers that they publish can be met each year at the Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming, held at the end of September. This event has been held for seven years and Bauer is a co-chair on the planning committee. At this event, community members and writers can interact and share ideas for possible stories to be put into the review.

"When we get stories at the review, I format for publishing and then Mrs. Bauer reads it and we go back and forth with editing it," said April Modigliani-Estraella, intern at the review and senior English major. "After the edits are done, in-design will format it for printing. It's a lot of work, but really worth it."

The review can be bought at independent books stores in North Carolina or in Bauer's office located in the Bate building. It is \$25 for a two-year subscription and \$15 for one of current year's review.

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Hooping community grows to Pirate Nation

Brooke Rowe
FOR TEC

One of America's favorite childhood toys has made a recent come back in young adults in the form of exercise, dance and meditation.

This hooping phenomenon has been rapidly growing all over the world, and is starting to break ground in Greenville N.C.

For 23-years-old Chelsea Biondi, who teaches a class on hula hooping, it's more than just twirling a ring of plastic for reminiscent feelings of childhood bliss. It is her bliss and her form of meditation.

"In theory, if your mind is clear and you cannot think of anything but moving, your mind is in a meditative state," said Biondi.

Sitting still to meditate was never something she was able to do, and the rhythmic motion of hooping creates that calming mindset for her because it takes a lot of physical concentration. Biondi said she always strives to in to the moment that she thinks of nothing other than where to move her body in relation to the hoop.

"I like to call that the flow," said Biondi. "When you're not thinking, you're just in it."

Biondi picked up hula hooping the summer after her 21st birthday, after seeing a YouTube video that sparked her desire to master it.

After getting involved in the hooping community she found while living in Florida, she decided to bring that sense of unity and connectivity to North Carolina.

"I really wanted a hooping community for Greenville because I had one in [Pensecola] Florida," said Biondi. "I thought maybe I had something to offer here."

Back in Florida, Biondi was a part of the hooping community that referred to them as the Pensecola Hoop Tribe. Once a week, a group of about 100 people would meet up and get together at a park where they would play music, buy and sell handmade hoops, and socialize with each other. They would also teach each other tricks such as illusions and different body spins or get in groups to practice twirling hoops ablaze on the beach.

After a few years of engaging in the hooping culture and practicing elaborate dances she taught herself through several YouTube videos, Biondi began teaching a hooping class on Wednesdays at Fitness by Vidal, located on Evans Street, to help build upon the local hooping community.

She said she typically teaches a group of about eight students per week, all at different levels of experience.

In her classes, she teaches proper hooping etiquette, such as arm and body placement, as well as a variety

of tricks to different tempos of music.

"Listening to music while hooping helps really get into the movement of the hoop," said Biondi. "The different kinds of music stimulate different kinds of movements. Relaxing music can create slow and controlled dance moves, while quicker and more up-beat music makes it easier to do fast tricks that switch constantly."

Francesca Tomic, senior philosophy major, has been hula hooping for a little over a year and has also noticed a growing number of hoopers everywhere. She advised that setting personal goals and noticing small improvements is just as important as having a good time when hooping. "Being able to dance and go hoop at live music, you get a good feeling," said Tomic. "You lose yourself and get in your zone."

Biondi recommends those who are interested in picking up hooping to never get discouraged no matter the frustrations, to constantly look for inspiration and tips, and to never treat it like a competition, but rather as a personal interest.

"It is infinite, you are always growing in skill," said Biondi. "No matter how long you're doing it, you will never be at the top of your game. There is always something new to learn."

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Chelsea Biondi brings hoopers together to learn new skills and tricks.

'Ender's Game' changes medium

Orson Scott Card's award winning sci-fi novel hit theatres this weekend after a 28-year-long wait



Melissa Phillips
TEC STAFF

The length of time it takes to produce a feature length film created around a prominent novel, generating a buzz in pop-culture, has narrowed tremendously in recent years.

History has shown that novel-to-film series like "Twilight" and the "Hunger Games" have proven to be profitable franchisees. With "Twilight" hitting the big screen in 2008, it would be hard to believe that t-shirts dawning Team Edward or Team Jacob were popping up just three years after the book was published.

And today, "Ender's Game," a notable science fiction series originally published as a short story in 1977 by Orson Scott Card, and later elaborated into a novel published in 1985, has now hit the big screen. A record-breaking 28 years later, the Hugo Award winning novel has now come to life on film for all to see.

The task of remaining true to a popular story in film can be a challenging one. To take the visual image created by readers with varied imaginations and apply those thoughts into a cast, crew and cinematographer, requires adequate planning.

The good thing about the sci-fi genre is the futuristic setting they usually takes place. This was a benefit for Gavin Hood, director and co-screenplay writer of Ender's Game the film. With Card by his side, Hood produced a phenomenal visual interpretation of the post-apocalyptic life

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of a young boy named Ender Wiggin, played by 16-years-old Asa Butterfield.

Young spectators may be unaware of the film's plot. Andrew "Ender" Wiggin, born into a society where children are observed and chosen to defend Earth against an alien race, has been chosen as the primary candidate to lead the third and final attack against, who they've come to believe is their worse enemy, the "Buggers."

Colonel Hyrum Graff, of the International Fleet played by Harrison Ford, recruits Wiggin, 12-years-old at the beginning of the film. If the pressures of social expectations in young adulthood weren't enough, Ender is separated from his family and sent to Battle School. Shipped to an almost high school-like environment, Ender faces bullying and social challenges as he trains in combat for the interplanetary warfare.

Ender's quiet and intelligent identity helped push him past the adversity and molded him into what Graff suspected to be the next legendary hero as commander of an epic victory for all of mankind and the defeat of a technologically superior alien species.

"Ender's Game" the film and novel is a model narrative of the complexity of adolescence, the importance of empathy and fearlessness, and the underlining consequence of war. In a generation raised in constant civil, national and international warfare, this film is a perfect reminder that knowledge is power, and emotional intelligence should play a larger role in military tactics.

Unlike other book-to-movie adaptations, "Ender's Game" successfully translated the printed sci-fi story in all areas of Orson Scott Card's vision.



Logan Miller
TEC STAFF

"Ender's Game" has been loved by generations of readers since its release in 1985, not to mention the simultaneously winning the Hugo and Nebula awards for Best Novel. In fact the sequel to this novel, "Speaker of the Dead," won the same awards the very next year. In addition to this one of a kind achievement, Orson Scott Card's flagship novel has become a staple in the childhood of the American teenager.

Students all over the country are still having heated classroom debates about whether the novel is an antiwar protest or an ode to genocide. The novel even has a cult following in several branches in the military whose members felt an instant attachment to Ender.

"Ender's Game" never truly fell out of the realm of American pop culture but when the movie was confirmed, sales of the cold war era novel skyrocketed. An already popular book gained a second wind and is currently in the top five of three separate New York Times bestseller lists, where it has remained for the last year.

This success cannot simply be just the hype from the film. There has to be another reason drawing fans as surely as your bare foot to that thumb tack you lost several months ago and has now only resurfaced because you have your arms filled with fine china you inherited from your grandmother. The answer is, plainly enough, that the novel is rich in themes that young teenagers can identify with. Several

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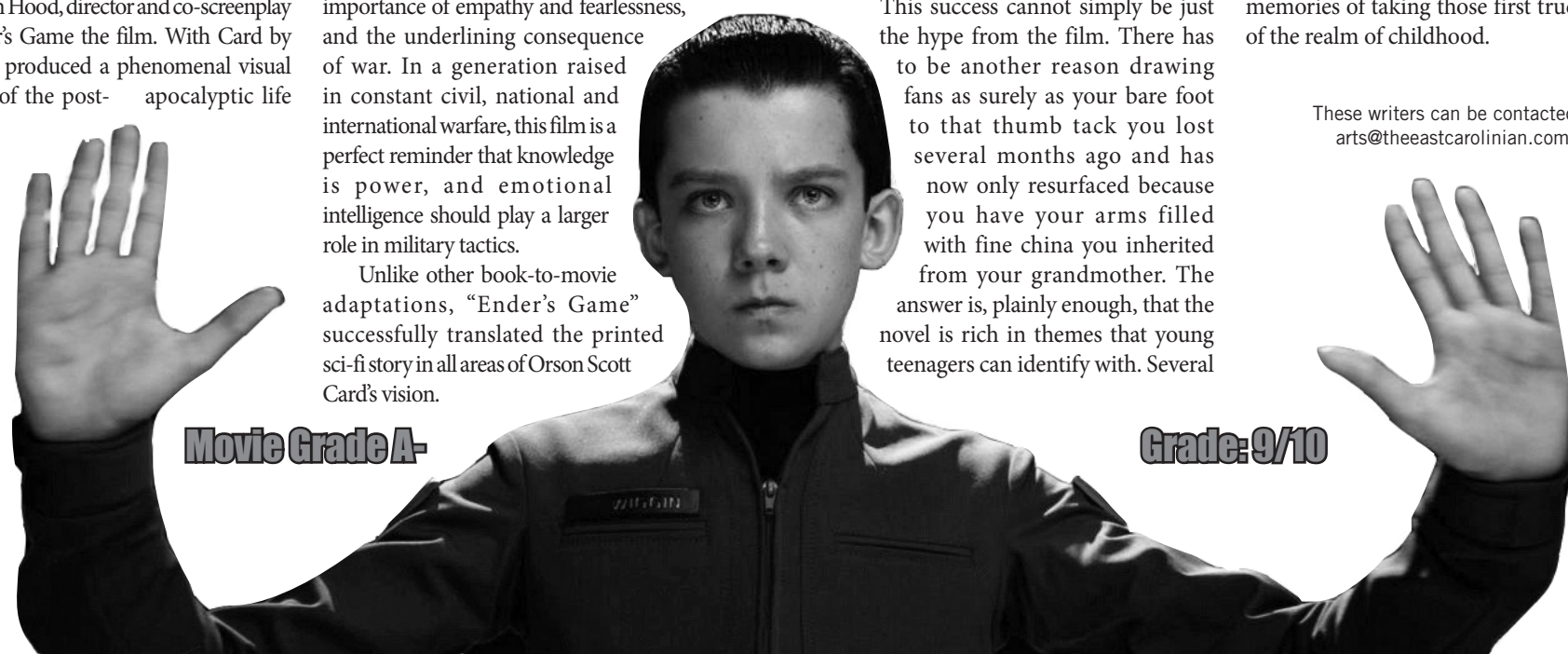
generations have grown up with the novel and now feel well deserved nostalgia.

I remember myself in eighth grade with a yellowed Enders Game paperback thrown haphazardly on my desk as I daydreamed of all of the elaborate ways in which my geography teacher was holding me back from true happiness. I was sure that just like Ender, the adults around me were manipulating me. Now it seems silly that I thought that diagramming sentences and learning about F.D.R. was somehow slowly brainwashing me. That is unless it worked.

Ender's Game will remain in top the science fiction and young adult novel lists most likely indefinitely. I wouldn't be the least bit surprised if one day it stands alongside novels such as Moby Dick or The Count of Monte Cristo and the other great classical novels.

Despite Card's outspoken political belief that has been causing a stir lately, Ender's Game cannot be taken away from him. Card both captured and created a piece of Americana when he wrote it. The novel has taken on a life of its own and turned into a postcard from the past, conjuring up memories of taking those first true steps out of the realm of childhood.

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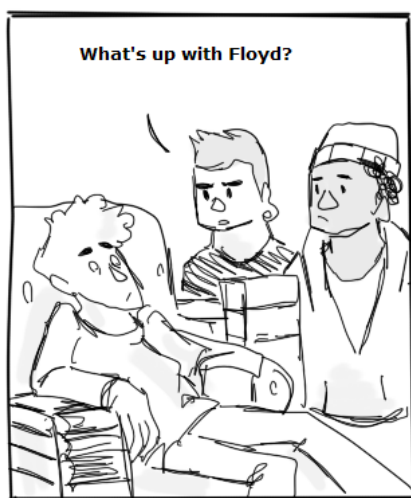
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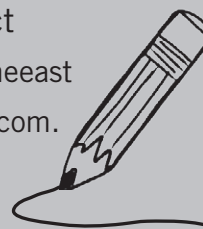
"You've got to be kidding! A time-out?!"



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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE 11/5/13

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Sleeps out under the stars
- 6 NYC gambling outlets closed in 2010
- 10 Transcript figs.
- 14 Cookies in some pie crusts
- 15 Gather in a field
- 16 Latin for "elbow"
- 17 Reuters or Bloomberg
- 19 Geological age
- 20 Los Angeles-to-San Bernardino direction
- 21 Sausage unit
- 22 Produce seller's kiosk
- 23 Macho man
- 25 Chips in a chip
- 27 Top USN rank
- 30 Nutritionist's recommendation
- 34 Wedding party
- 36 Popeye's Olive
- 37 "Alas!"
- 38 At full speed
- 39 Basic biological molecule
- 40 Skier's spot
- 41 Food __: listlessness after a large meal
- 42 Cranberry source
- 43 Lost color
- 44 "My goose is cooked!"
- 48 Cavity filler's deg.
- 49 Not skilled in
- 50 Lends a hand
- 52 Boldly states
- 54 Hay holder
- 56 County of the Blarney Stone
- 60 Parting word with an air kiss, perhaps
- 61 Aromatic plot, and where to find three different plants hidden in 17-, 30- and 44-Across
- 63 SASEs, e.g.
- 64 Dancer Kelly
- 65 Tour leader
- 66 Homer Simpson outbursts
- 67 Home run gait
- 68 More than rotund

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- 3 Kitten calls
- 4 Updates a wiki page, say
- 5 Org. that issues about 5.5 million new numbers annually
- 6 Zesty Twirls maker
- 7 Graceland's st.
- 8 Informal "Likewise"
- 9 Cloak-and-dagger type
- 10 Honduras neighbor
- 11 "Kindly stay on the line"
- 12 In a bit, old-style
- 13 Golf bunker filler
- 18 Epoxy, e.g.
- 22 Hog home
- 24 "What happened next?"
- 26 Stanley Cup org.
- 27 Chinese counters
- 28 Sick kid's TLC giver
- 29 Southern Florida coastal resort city
- 31 Sound in "cube" but not "cub"
- 32 Like electric guitars
- 33 West Yorkshire's largest city
- 35 Dorothy portrayed in the film "The Wiz"
- 39 Sassafras soda
- 40 Drove too fast
- 42 Push-up top
- 45 QB scores
- 46 Wager over darts, e.g.
- 47 Former "The View" co-host Lisa
- 51 Cancel at NASA
- 52 Served to perfection?
- 53 Ristorante glassful
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- 59 "Oh! Susanna" joint
- 61 Alt.
- 62 In the past

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ECU claims comeback win



Head Coach Julie Torbett recorded her 350th career win on Sunday. The Pirates are now (12-16) on the season. MIKE SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Corey Keenan
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU Volleyball Head Coach Julie Torbett's 350th career win was capped off in comeback fashion after the Lady Pirates held off Middle Tennessee in the fifth and final set.

Nicole Willis got it all started with a kill that ended a four-point run by the Blue Raiders and led the Lady Pirates to an unbelievable comeback victory.

Following a tough 3-0 loss on Friday, the Lady Pirates took on MTSU Sunday. In the first set, the Pirates hung around early in the set. After a 13-12 score, the Blue Raiders ran away with the set and won 25-19. The second set was more closely contested as the Pirates and MTSU went back and forth with ties early in the set. The Pirates were down just 19-18 before MTSU made a run to take the 25-21 win.

With the Pirates trailing two sets to none, there was little margin of error for the Pirates. Early in the third, the set went through seven ties and six lead changes. After an 11-11 tie, the Pirates started a 5-0 run that propelled them to a 25-18 set win with a final kill by Torre Blake. The Pirates had a .333 hit percentage in the set after having just a .133 hit percentage in the first two sets.

The fourth set started with the Pirates committing errors leading to a Blue Raiders five-point lead. The Pirates put together a couple runs and eventually tied the set at 15 points. The Pirates finished the set with a 25-19 win.

The Pirates started the next set strong, taking a 6-2 lead. The Blue Raiders would not go down without a fight as they brought the set back to 13-12. Nicole Willis threw down a big kill to make the score 14-12, leading the Pirates to a 15-13 final set win.

"I haven't won a single volleyball match, my players have," said Torbett about her 350th victory.

The atmosphere in the victory over Middle Tennessee made the Pirates feel comfortable, like they were in their own zone.

"We did a really good job of not getting rattled at all," said Torbett. "It was kind of like it was just us here with no crowd, no distractions, we were just playing."

Preceding Torbett's 350th win, ECU suffered through a tough loss to Southern Mississippi Friday night.

In the first set, Southern Miss took a 1-0 lead and did not relinquish the lead through a 25-13 win. The second set was closely competed at the start of the set with three ties, but the Golden Eagles ran away to take the set, again, 25-13. In the third set, again the Golden Eagles did not allow a tie or lead change as they took the set 25-14 and won the match.

"This was not the way we've been playing and we've been fighting, so it was frustrating to see," said Torbett following the loss.

The Pirates play at home Sunday at 2 p.m. against Charlotte for senior night.

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Pirates sack the Panthers

Dan Hunt
TEC STAFF

ECU entered last Saturday's affair at FIU as 20-point favorites to win and they covered the spread with a 34-13 victory, but the Pirates needed two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

It wasn't the prettiest game for ECU (nor the officials), but the better team won.

"It was a good performance," said quarterback Shane Carden. "We didn't play bad; we didn't play great."

Regardless of how it looked, with the win ECU assured its spot in a bowl game for the third time in four seasons under Ruffin McNeill. ECU's most valuable asset on Saturday was its defense.

"It was a phenomenal effort defensively," said Defensive Coordinator Rick Smith. "Our players ran to the ball as well as any defense I've ever been around. I was very excited by how they played after watching the film."

After allowing only 73 yards



ECU sacked FIU nine times on Saturday, raising its total to 29 on the season. DREW CARTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

on 1.7 yards per carry against FIU, ECU is third in the country in rushing defense at 85.3 yards per game. More notably, with the nine-sack performance on Saturday, ECU now leads the country with 3.63 sacks per game, 29 total.

From blisteringly fast outside-linebacker Montese Overton, reli-

able inside-backers Zeek Bigger, Jeremy Grove and Brandon Williams, to pass rushers Lee Pegues, Terrell Stanley and Derrell Johnson, the ECU defensive front has asserted itself as the best in the conference.

Smith believes it should be noted that the secondary deserves

credit for the accolades that the big boys are racking up.

"We had nine sacks on Saturday," said Smith. "And at times it was because the coverage was perfect. [Safety] Chip Thompson is playing phenomenally right now."

Saturday, Thompson had nine solo tackles, two assist tackles, a pass breakup and an interception.

The ECU offense didn't operate as methodically on Saturday as it did against Southern Miss, as the Pirates, at times, had difficulty sustaining drives. Rather, they found production, by way of the big play.

Justin Hardy burned the FIU defense on a 44-yard catch and run on the Pirates' first drive. Then he proceeded to throw for a 35-yard score to Isaiah Jones in the fourth quarter, off of a reverse.

Hardy had his fourth 100-yard receiving game of the season with the five-catch, 136-yard effort, while it was a coming out party for freshman Isaiah Jones (9

catches, 92 yards, 1 touchdown), who has now established himself as legitimate target for Carden.

"He's a nice target with range, who is very dependable and he made a few plays after the catch," said Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley. "They gave Hardy a lot of attention at times, so some areas opened up for Isaiah. We want to be a pick-your-poison type of group."

In the three matchups (at Middle Tennessee, at Tulane and at FIU) where the attendance was, at most, one-fourth of what the Pirates are used to at Dowdy-Ficklen, the offense has looked sluggish at times, needing to rely on big plays down the stretch.

Fortunately for the Pirates, if there is a trend developing there, conference home games against Tulsa and UAB and important road matchups at N.C. State and Marshall are sure to draw good crowds.

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<p>Tuesday (Away) Women's Volleyball NC A&T 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday (Away) Women's Soccer UTEP Noon</p>	<p>Friday Women's Basketball Virginia Intermont Noon</p> <p>Men's Basketball NC Wesleyan 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday Football Tulsa 3:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday Women's Basketball George Mason 6 p.m.</p>
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TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Head Coach Julie Torbett collects win No. 350 as ECU defeats Middle Tennessee State.

CAROLINA PANTHERS
The Carolina Panthers beat the Atlanta Falcons, 34-10, on Sunday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Caitlin Hite (1st team), Danielle Romano (3rd team) and Kendall Fry (3rd team) all received Conference USA honors.

SWIMMING & DIVING
Both Men's and Women's teams beat Limestone College. The Ladies beat Richmond to cap their tri-meet.

FOOTBALL
ECU defeated FIU 34-13 with Justin Hardy recording a TD catch and pass. The ECU defense recorded nine sacks in the game.

ECU BASEBALL
Fall Prospect Camp is officially open for registration. The ECU baseball staff will host its annual camp Nov. 23-24.

ECU BASKETBALL
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Battle for top spot in C-USA

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

The ECU football team did not play up to its potential against a mismatched Florida International team Saturday night.

The Pirates held the ball for less than 20 minutes on offense, surrendered 60 yards in penalties and had three missed field goals on special teams. Also, FIU was within one possession with just over eight minutes left to play before ECU scored a pair of late touchdowns to pad its lead.

But regardless of how it looked, the Pirates (6-2, 4-1 C-USA) found a way to leave Miami with a win.

More importantly, they sit atop Conference USA's East Division going into their last four games of the regular-season slate. After a weekend that featured several surprises in C-USA, ECU will take a win, no matter how it gets it.

"Road conference games are hard. It doesn't matter who you're playing and it doesn't matter where you're at," said quarterback Shane Carden. "To go down there and get that win, that was huge for us. I think it's a great starting point to finish these last five games off."

Just north of Miami in Boca Raton, Fla., Tulane (6-3, 4-1 C-USA), who handed ECU its only league loss, was stunned by a program in turmoil: Florida Atlantic (3-6, 2-4 C-USA). Trailing 17-7 at halftime, the Owls closed the game with 27 unanswered points to come from behind and win,

34-17, Saturday. The rally was ignited by interceptions on four consecutive Tulane possessions in the second half.

Rice (6-3, 4-1) also dropped its first league game last Thursday at North Texas (6-3, 4-1 C-USA). As a result of Rice and Tulane's losses, there is now a three-way tie for first place in the West Division.

Although, it's still about a month away, it is hard to not circle a pair of matchups on the final weekend of regular season. Tulane will face Rice in Houston, while ECU goes on the road to Marshall (5-3, 3-1 C-USA).

The Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) will not debut its new four-team playoff format until next season, but ironically, C-USA may inadvertently have their own playoff to decide which teams represent the conference in the league's championship game.

There are two wild cards in this equation that beg to disagree: Middle Tennessee State (5-4, 3-2 C-USA) and the aforementioned North Texas team.

A week removed from its upset against Marshall, Middle Tennessee State escaped Alabama-Birmingham (2-6, 1-2 C-USA) with a 24-21 road win on Saturday. Place-kicker Cody Clark booted the game-winning field goal from 18 yards away with just seven seconds remaining.

Looking ahead, the Blue Raiders' last three games are against the league's three worst teams



Justin Hardy (2) recorded 136 receiving yards and a touchdown against FIU. Hardy also threw a TD to Isaiah Jones to seal the win.

that have a combined 2-22 record this season. North Texas' final three opponents are not much better — amassing just seven wins thus far (7-18).

Another interesting development is the exponential growth of C-USA after it lost four of its longtime members in July. Both of which — South-

ern Methodist and UCF — appeared in bowl games last season.

C-USA has four teams that are already bowl eligible this season and two more that are on pace to join them.

"When I went to [the C-USA] head coaches meeting this spring, I looked around the table

and there were some really good ball coaches there," said ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill. "I could just go around the room and talk about each coach that has been around... it doesn't surprise me that the conference is successful right now."

The league had five teams appear in bowls in

2012 and finished 4-1 in those games. ECU was the lone team to lose against Louisiana-Lafayette in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, but McNeill will have another shot at obtaining his first bowl win this winter.

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Multiple Pirates chip in Men's golf optimistic for spring season

Jesse Deal
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The ECU men's golf team wrapped up the fall season at the Pirate Intercollegiate last week. There have been ups and downs throughout its five tournaments, but the team is optimistic heading into the off-season.

The Pirates participated at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate in mid-September and had a solid start to the season.

Led by senior Eric Brady, they tied for sixth place out of 14 teams. Brady's score of 2-over (218) was enough to

place him in a tie for 13th individually.

ECU's next challenge came a week later at the Rees Jones Intercollegiate in Daufuskie Island, S.C. The team finished fifth out of 12 squads with four players in the top 20. Red-shirt sophomore Al Dickens tied for 11th place at 5-over (221).

"There's so much talent from top to bottom on this team," he said. "The fun thing is that you never really know who's going to be playing well each week. We all feel like any of us can be prepared to play well in any tournament."

The Wolfpack Intercollegiate ended up being the best tournament of the season for ECU with five players placing in the top 30. The Pirates shot 7-over (871) and came in fourth place ahead of 13 other teams. Sophomore George Kilgore shot for par (216) and an 11th place tie.

The following week, ECU travelled to Durham to play at the Rod Myers Intercollegiate. Coming off their excellent performance in Raleigh, this event was certainly a disappointment. The Pirates finished seventh out of 11 teams. The lone positive of the tournament was senior Eric Brady, who shot 3-under (213) and tied for eighth place.

After a two-week break, ECU hosted the Pirate Intercollegiate at the Brook Valley Course at Greenville Country Club. Despite coming in third out of nine teams, the Pirates felt that they didn't played their best. However, Eric Brady dominated the individual scoreboard and finished in first place with a final tally of 2-over (215). It was the first win of his collegiate career.

"I'm encouraged and confident that we can be really good," said Coach McPhaul. "I don't think we've reached our potential yet. We still have quite a way to go to realize it."

ECU Head Coach Press McPhaul has been impressed with the maturation of his team throughout the season. He also

acknowledges that the Pirate golfers have the talent to play better than they have.

"On the whole, we've seen a lot of progress," he said. "We've seen some good individual play. Al Dickens has stepped up and played some quality golf. He's been very consistent. Eric Brady has continued to get better and better."

Eric Brady echoed his coach's sentiments to a tee.

"We played some good rounds, but just couldn't quite get over the hump and put a whole tournament together," said Brady. "Every time we go out there we have a good chance to win. We just have to figure out how to put three solids rounds together."

Al Dickens has certainly made a name for himself with his play this fall. He is looking forward to seeing how his team will perform in the spring season.

"If we work hard and push each other, I see a lot of potential for this team to do some great things in the spring," said Dickens.

ECU's next event will be at the Sea Best Invitational on Feb. 3, 2014. The tournament is at the famed TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. The Pirates finished fourth out of 15 schools at last year's event. The team will resume practices in mid-January.

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