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## MEN'S HOOPS FALLS



Michael Zangari (34) and Daveon Boardingham (11) fight for possession during tip-off during Saturday's game. For full coverage turn to A7.

# Snowstorm to hit today

**Summer Falgiano**  
TEC STAFF

The university is in preparation for the anticipated snowfall scheduled for today and tomorrow. An expected four to eight inches of snow is reported to hit Eastern North Carolina and temperatures are to remain in the 20s.

Meetings were held to discuss plans for the severe weather ahead. According to Thomas Pohlman, assistant director of Environmental Health and Safety, the university is fully prepared for the winter weather.

"We've been responding to situations like this for a number of years now," said Pohlman. "We go through a checklist tailored to each specific severe weather event and since this [winter storm warning] has been on radar for a while we have had time to prepare."

Students were notified yesterday

around 5 p.m. that all classes beginning after 2 p.m. today were canceled.

In response to the cancellation, ECU Transit will continue to operate all daytime routes as normal until 3:00 p.m. At that time, all routes will end early and make their final departures from campus with a couple exceptions.

The 304 Campus Shuttle and 305 Gold routes will depart for their last trips at 2:50 p.m. Routes 303 Blue and 307 Wal-Mart will not operate. According to ECU Transit, all final departures from campus will operate drop-offs only, and no riders will be picked up for return trips to campus. Additionally, all 800-series Night Combination routes and SafeRide have been canceled and will not operate.

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## PIRATE PROMOTION

# Chancellor Ballard to get new assistant on Feb. 1

**Caroline West**  
TEC STAFF

Effective Feb. 1, Christy Daniels will begin her new role as assistant to Chancellor Steve Ballard. The chancellor announced her appointment to ECU faculty and staff on Jan. 17.

Daniels, a Greenville native and mother of two, has served the university in a variety of roles within the health sciences division for about 22 years.

Christopher Locklear, chief of staff, said Daniels' extensive knowledge of her career is an advantage to her in her new position.

"One of the advantages of having Mrs. Daniels in this position is that she has a depth of experience here at ECU," said Locklear.

Starting in the winter of 1990, Daniels was hired to work in the department of obstetrics and gynecology in the Brody School of Medicine. She worked in the department for two years until she made the transition to the dean's office in the College of Allied Health Sciences.

She was promoted to the dean's office of the School of Nursing, now College of Nursing, in 1994, and worked as the executive assistant to Dr. Phyllis Horns.

"I would not be where I am today without Dr. Phyllis Horns, vice chancellor for health sciences, giving me the opportunity to advance with

her in her various leadership roles," said Daniels.

In 2009 Daniels was named the executive assistant to the vice chancellor for health sciences and has stayed in the position ever since.

Through her work with the staff senate and her time in various positions within health sciences, Locklear believes Daniels' expertise goes beyond technical skills but she has a deep appreciation for the institution. During Daniels' work as liaison, she has worked hard to build relationships within the university and has branched out to external constituents.

"I think she will be a wonderful addition to the Chancellor's Office," said Locklear. "In her new role as assistant to the Chancellor, Daniels will serve as the 'gatekeeper' to the Chancellor."

This position requires an understanding of key internal and external constituents, scheduling demands and putting that together with institutional priorities. The assistant to the Chancellor works closely with the Chief of Staff office to help with special events, policy development, communications, strategic initiatives, like legislative affairs, and community relations.

"ECU is fortunate to have many

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# Research on sea level rise recognized internationally

**Ryan Clancy**  
TEC STAFF

Environmental research done by university students and faculty is being used worldwide as one of the best indicators of sea level rise.

"ECU faculty [is] informing a global audience," said Reide Corbett, a professor in the department of geological sciences who worked on the research. "The data we found in North Carolina is being used as an example of how it's changing on a global scale and how it's changing recently."

The research was published in 2009 and was a group effort by university faculty, students and researchers from other universities to measure past sea levels in order to determine how sea levels will rise in the future.

Besides Corbett, these researchers include members of the geology department, including Stanley Riggs, Dorothea Ames, David Mallinson and Stephen Culver, as well as faculty from other universities such as Ben Horton and Andrew Kemp.

"There's this broader collaboration with ECU and others outside of ECU," said Corbett. "That's always been the case."

Research performed by university faculty and students has been used by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a scientific body that is



Reide Corbett

the most prominent authority on climate change in the world for its reports.

"The IPCC has pointed to these curves [in sea level rise] as one of the best curves we have over the recent time period," said David Mallinson, who conducted the research. "That's the type of data we need more of frankly."

Their research shows that sea levels are increasing more quickly than they have in the past.

"The data in North Carolina is helping us demonstrate that the rate of acceleration with time is not a constant," said Corbett. "It's increasing."

The university's researchers conducted their research by performing radiocarbon and lead dating on peat marshes in North Carolina. They also checked for the presence of small organisms of which different species live at different levels of the marsh.

"We were using the salt marshes as a tool for studying sea level change," said Corbett. "We were just doing it in our back yard."

Stefan Rahmstorf, a prominent climate change

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## BRIEFS

### Civil Rights lecture canceled

The university cancelled tonight's campus visit by civil rights leader Julian Bond due to anticipated weather conditions.

Bond was set to give a lecture in Wright Auditorium at 7 p.m. tonight, Jan. 28. The university is working to reschedule the lecture in fall of 2014 and will announce a date as soon as it is confirmed.

Ticket holders seeking refunds can call the Central Ticket Office in Hendrix Theater.

### Intramural Seed Grant Programs to support research projects

The Interdisciplinary Research Grants Program will support collaborative team-based research projects demonstrating potential to be sustained through extramural funding.

The Research and Creative Activities Reassignment Program will provide departments up to \$5000 to "buy-out" a portion of a faculty member's effort.

### Vidant to care for pregnant women suffering from substance abuse

The university and Vidant Medical Center have teamed up to help pregnant women with a history of substance abuse across Eastern North Carolina.

Staff and master's students will provide group counseling and collaborate with nurses at Vidant.

Participants must be pregnant or up to one year postpartum.

## ONLINE

Check out:

"GPD chooses Officer of the Year" by Amanda Adkins

and

"18th annual Polar Bear Plunge" by Emily Schultz

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For staff and faculty members, the adverse weather policy will begin at 3 p.m. The university will close at 6 p.m. tonight. Emergency personnel should communicate with their supervisors regarding work schedule.

Facility Services and Grounds Department is responsible for cleaning up the fallen snow.

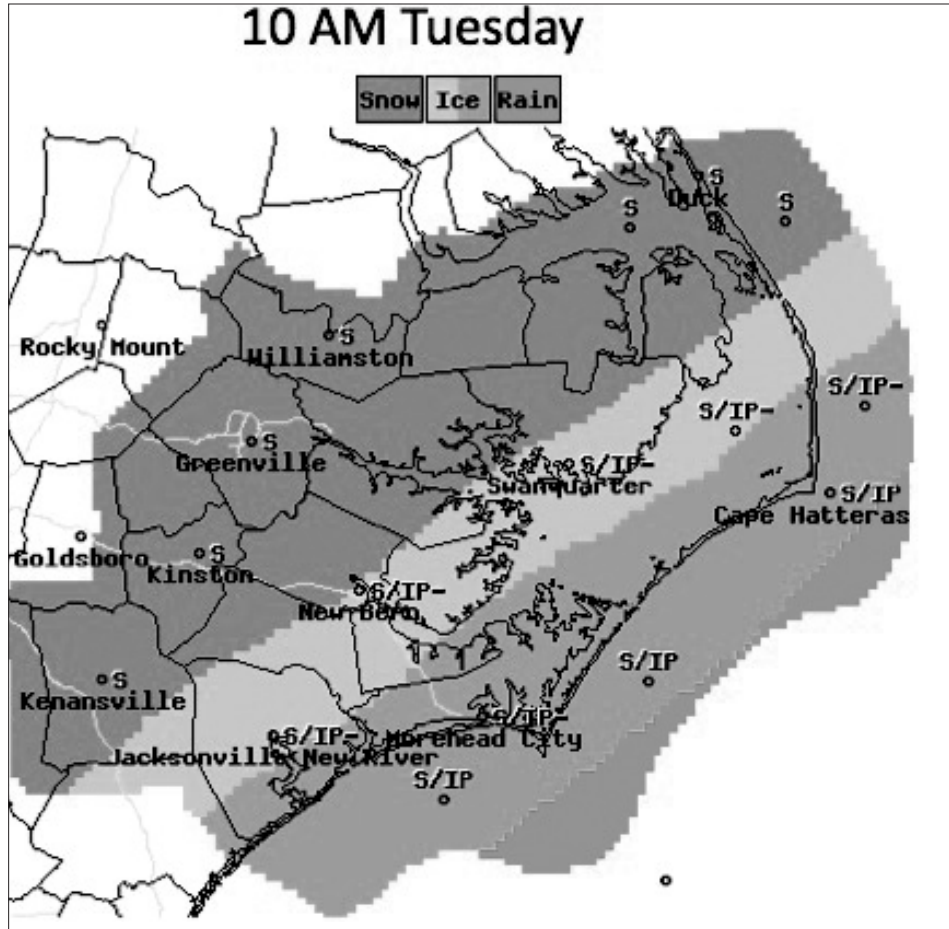
"Most Grounds trucks have plows installed on them, and each of them are accompanied with plenty bags of salt," said Pohlman.

A main concern is to remove snow from sidewalks around residence and dining halls first. From there, facility services and grounds will clear up the rest of campus and some roads so campus can open as soon as possible.

Students are expressing different opinions about the recent severe weather. Rafael Gamero, creative writing graduate student from Belize, is not used to seeing snow.

"The last snow was freaking awesome. I can't imagine how exciting it will be with six or eight inches," said Gamero.

Other students are not as thrilled about the second snowfall of the semester.



Snow will begin to hit the North Carolina coast around 10 a.m. and will continue into Wednesday.

"It's inconvenient because we will have to make up the [cancelled] classes and rearrange our schedules," said senior psychology major Adam Welch.

According to university officials, a decision on

Wednesday's schedule will be announced by 11 a.m. Tuesday.

"Safety is our primary concern, and we will be updating students with information as we get it," said Pohlman.

Pitt County Schools also responded to the inclement weather. Schools are canceled through Wednesday.

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# GREENVILLE STAYS SAFE

## Pitt County crime rate drops

Amanda Adkins  
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At the Jan. 14 Greenville Police Department community police forum, police showed a crime report that showed Greenville's crime rate was lower than rates in other cities in North Carolina.

The Greenville Police Department held its third community police forum on at C.M. Eppes Recreation Center to discuss crime prevention and address community concerns. They also showed a crime analysis report showing comparative crime rates in Eastern North Carolina.

The crime analysis report showed that crime in Greenville is much lower than other cities in North Carolina. The report compares crime rates in Greenville and other surrounding cities in 2011 and 2012.

The new data comparing crime rate shows that Greenville had the fourth

lowest amount of violent crimes in 2012.

"I have lived in Greenville for six months, and I think the crime has gone down recently. Since I have been back at school, I have not heard of any crimes," said Dionne Agyemang, freshmen Biology major.

One chart showed 50 people out of 1000 were affected by crime in Greenville, while Rocky Mount held the highest crime rate with 72 people out of 1000 being affected by crime. The least amount of crime was in Jacksonville, where 32 people out of 1000 were affected by crime.

"I have lived in Greenville my whole life and I do think crime has gone down. I do not know anyone who has been a victim of crime here, and I think it is a safe place to live," said Courtney Cox, freshmen physical therapy major.

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scientist and member of both the IPCC and the German Advisory Council on Global change, visited North Carolina to see for himself where the research was done.

"[Rahmstorf] was interested in getting out in the field," said Corbett. "He wanted to see where the marsh was and how we collected the data."

Tyshea Long, a freshman psychology major, thinks it is good that research performed by university faculty is being recognized.

"It's good to let the world know what ECU worked on," Long said.

While their research is finding success worldwide, it is not being as well received by the North Carolina government. North Carolina law says that current sea level models cannot be used to make predictions for coastal planning.

"You're not allowed to use any of the models to project what it's going to do in the future," said Mallinson.

Instead, North Carolina is working on the assumption that the rate of sea

level rise will remain constant rather than embracing models that show accelerating sea level rise.

"It's like saying today its going to be 26 degrees and sunny, so in July it's going to be 26 degrees and sunny," Mallinson said.

Corbett says that it is unwise for the state to not use updated models when considering coastal planning.

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highly skilled assistants who know how to run an office effectively and with great customer service," wrote the Chancellor. "Christy Daniels stood out among many candidates because of her experience, trustworthiness and problem-solving skills."

Daniels is eager to begin her new role and to learn the specifics of being the assistant to the Chancellor.

She is not worried about making the transition to the Chancellor's Office and feels good about what she has learned and experienced in previous roles.

"I'm excited, it is a great opportunity and I'm honored to be selected," said Daniels. "I'm looking forward to continuing to serve ECU and the Pirate Nation."

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## PIRATE RANTS

To the girl with braces on the bus and the awesome back pack. I meant to ask you for your number but chickened out.

It would take a Zombie Apocalypse for ECU to cancel classes.

I almost got into two wrecks on the way to class at 10 a.m. Wednesday... Thank goodness the roads were safe according to ECU.

Thanks ECU for waiting until 6 a.m. to post the delay, I know some ECU employees were already at work!

Am I just being extremely picky or is the food on campus actually as horrible as I believe it is? I'm tired of having to eat chicken sandwiches and pizza everyday!

I would tell my neighbor upstairs to quit jumping up and down on the floor above me, but I've seen her and figure she could use the exercise.

The ECU jump roper was the reason I use to go to the gym #nowihavenomotivation #Whereareyou.

Instead of Mean Girls quotes, we should do Forrest Gump quotes.

To the girl face timing while you used the bathroom, sorry he didn't see your boobies and your hair bun wasn't that good.

Why do these girls think the furry vest look cute? They don't, you look like chewbacca .

So over white girls calling themselves basic.

Guy In Math 2228 at 12:30, I don't care if you have a girlfriend your blue eyes are GORGEOUS!

Can we ease up on parking fines and start fining people for wearing UNC and State apparel around campus?

Evidence of fake majors, sports agents as "teachers" and illiterate students. Tell me again how UNC is an elite institution.

Why vote for SGA if we all know the Greeks are going to cheat there way back in? We all know the parties and booze from the last campaign.

I'm so tired of people playing fashion police. Who are you to tell someone what they can or can't wear and then judge them for it?

To the couple who had sex in the warm pool after the Polar Plunge: Really? #Classy.

Stupid is as stupid does.

But you ain't got no legs, Lieutenant Dan.

Just got in trouble for doing cartwheels in the hallway...but it's okay to stumble down the hallways drunk at 3AM? High on life is better than high on drugs.

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

# Our View

## Students should embrace the snow

January and February have always brought discussion among young people in this region, who are hoping for the arrival of a wintry mix that could possibly cancel classes. But the recent explosion of social media has only escalated that angst.

Whether it's a northerner who is outspoken about how southerners don't know how to handle winters, or it's a southerner who responds, "Go home," this time of the year always creates a buzz. We live in an era of media hype, one in which anticipation for an

event like a snowstorm is high. The result: extreme letdown if the event doesn't come to be (no snow).

Most of our staff is hoping for snow because we feel that a rare, thick blanket here in eastern North Carolina could be an exciting time for students to not only miss classes, but make some memories as well. ECU and the greater Greenville area has its share of steep but safe hills for sledding, and there's nothing quite like a game of football in the snow.

# Social media links the world

## Take a Step Back



ReAnn Melaga  
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Smart phones and social media appear to have become the driving force behind the interaction amongst a large portion of the world's population. It is nearly impossible to go anywhere without seeing a single person looking down at whatever the latest gadget is that they happen to have in their hands.

Face-to-face conversations are practically a thing of the past when we have texting along with mobile apps such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram always within our reach. Although our generation may not be as keen on in-person interaction, we are constantly building connections with people online that we might not have communication with otherwise.

Think of the countless Facebook friends and Twitter and Instagram followers we all have. How many of those people do we manage to see in person every day? Assuming that I am not the only one who has friends in various places across the state and country, that number is probably very few. However, with the benefits of social media, we have the ability to connect with all of these people we may not be able to keep in touch with.

Personally, I would have lost touch with a number of friends and family members when I left home and came to ECU, but thanks to social media that is no longer an issue. I can



WEB PHOTO

Many people believe smart phones and social networks interfere with everyday interaction.

Skype with friends from back home and chat with family members on Facebook whenever time allows. Although catching up on life's latest happenings via the Internet is not as personal as talking face-to-face, it still allows for those conversations to happen.

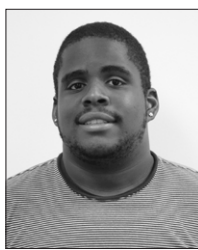
There are also websites and apps such as Tinder and E-Harmony that are bringing people together that may not have had the opportunity to meet any other way. Of course there is the well known and much talked about negative stigmatism associated with this form of social media, but I believe the connections they allow people to build should outweigh any disapproval associated with it.

For many people, social media has become a huge part of their every day lives. Whether they are catching up with an old friend on Facebook or tweeting about how their day has been, social media is being used as a link to the world and billions of people who inhabit it. It goes without saying that the various means of communication available can be a distraction at times but it is important to keep in mind the various benefits it can bring.

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# Cut Sherman some slack

## Will's Way



William Farrar  
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Despite propelling his team into Super Bowl 47 with a miraculous play against the San Francisco 49ers, All-Pro cornerback Richard Sherman has still found a way to gain negative media attention in weeks leading up to the Super Bowl. Despite his heroic efforts, a post-game interview turned rant put Sherman in the "thug section."

Those who have played sports have been able to relate to the football player who dissed his opponent and harshly explained to everyone that he is 'the best cornerback in the game.' Before we deem his antics as rude, out of line, or way to far, we should first put ourselves in his shoes.

With under a minute left in the NFC Championship, the round before the Super Bowl, The 49ers were marching down the field, and appeared to be seeking their second straight appearance in the biggest annual event in all of sports. Richard Sherman, guarding San Francisco's wide receiver Michael Crabtree,

made the play of the year on a pass from Colin Kaepernick that would have zoomed pass many other defenders in the league.

The deflected pass from Sherman with seconds remaining landed safely into his teammates hands to secure the victory for the Seattle Seahawks.

Richard Sherman's actions at the end of the game took over the fact that he won the game. After criticizing Crabtree and the opposing team for 'trying the best corner in the game,' Sherman became the topic of many arguments.

Being called a thug and other stereotypes were some of the negative comments that started to circulate around Sherman. While I do believe he was wrong for discrediting his opponent, we must understand the emotions that come with sports.

How many of us can say we have made a play that significant on the biggest stage in sports? Not many I am assuming, so we should take the time to think outside the box. After always being criticized for being outspoken and boastful about his skill level, Sherman proved himself and made himself a spot in NFL history.

Personally, I would feel just as confident as Richard Sherman, LeBron James, Cristiano Ronaldo, or any other international sports icon that has been in that situation. To put an athlete in the same category as gang members

and criminals for being proud of themselves is wrong.

I do believe that professional athletes should remember to stay humble, considering they are role models to people of all ages. They should always keep in mind that they have fans worldwide watching them.

However, we as fans should understand they are real people with real emotions just like us. For anyone, those emotions will get to strong to handle from time to time, specifically in times of glorious victory and agonizing defeat.

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## Poll question

Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?  
Broncos or Seahawks?

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Graham, Noah, Sydney and Jamie Sierota of Echosmith released their last album, "Talking Dreams", Oct. 2013. This year the band will be touring the country, performing at different colleges.

# Echosmith

## Rising stars bring tour to Greenville

Jessica McGettigan  
TEC STAFF

For up and coming band Echosmith, making music is a family affair. Having grown up in a musical family in Southern California, lead singer Sydney Sierota and her three brothers, Jamie, Noah and Graham decided to take their well-bred passion for music to the next level by forming a band.

"We all grew up in a really musical family but we didn't even think of starting a band until about six years ago," said Sydney. "We finally decided to play together because we were asked to play for a benefit concert and the band has been developing ever since."

Although they are relatively new to the industry and business of music production, these four have already begun making a name for themselves. This year, MTV recognized Echosmith in their "Artists to Watch" category for 2014. Last year artists that were nominated in this category included Macklemore, Ryan Lewis and Austin Mahone.

"It's so cool because everyone knows who MTV is," said Sydney. "It's such an honor to

have them behind us now and I can't wait to see what comes from it."

Since the release of their debut album "Talking Dreams," which was released in October this past year, Echosmith has not only been recognized by MTV, but by major magazines such as Seventeen and Rolling Stone.

"It's really crazy to watch something you've been doing for so long actually truly grow," said Sydney. "It's been really cool and crazy to see our Instagram and Twitter numbers grow every single day. We love when people love our music and our band."

Each member of the band plays several different instruments that collectively create Echosmith's unique sound. Sydney, who is for the most part the lead singer, also plays the keyboard and the tambourine. Jamie also sings and plays the guitar, Noah sings, plays the bass and the keyboard, and Graham sings and, although they can all drum, is the main drummer.

Not only is Echosmith instrumentally talented, but they are all extremely vocally gifted as well. In addition to having their own album and music videos available to view

on YouTube, they also have done multiple song covers differing from the likes of Ellie Goulding to vocal powerhouse Adele.

Although the members of Echosmith may be very young, ranging in age from 14 to 20, their style is heavily influenced by many older generations of music, especially the 80s, as well as many of today's pop singers. Sounding like a blend of Paramore and Icona Pop, Echosmith also has a few rock influences that contributes to making their music so unique, further expanding the already broad genre of modern pop music.

"We took our time figuring out what we wanted to sound like," said Sydney. "We finally wrote "Lets Love," and ever since that song we figured it out: alternative pop with 80s influences. We love The Killers and Coldplay but we also love lots of different things like Fleetwood Mac. We're into all sorts of music, if it's good music it's good music."

This year will be a new experience for Echosmith, as they will be touring all around the country. "This year is full of touring," said Sydney. "Right now we're doing this whole college tour and basically we'll be touring all

of this year. I think it'll be really fun to see all of the different types of people and all of the different places."

Echosmith is no stranger to the difficulties of forming a band, but one thing they know how to do very well is set themselves apart from the rest.

"I think one of the most important things is to really find out what you want to do and figure out what you want to stand for," explained Sydney. "There's so many bands and singers out there that it's so easy to get lost in what you sing."

Many of today's younger generations may not be as heavily influenced by 80s music as Echosmith is, but being different is something Sydney especially advocates.

"You really stand out when you're different and I think it makes it more fun when you're unique," she said. "There's so much more room for unique people, so find something unique and write about what you feel."

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## BOOK

### REVIEW

## Hopkins writes yet another best seller



Jordan Register  
TEC STAFF

New York Times best-selling author Ellen Hopkins recently came out with "Smoke," her riveting sequel to the award-winning novel "Burned". In this thrilling installment to the hit series, Hopkins continues the story of Pattyn Scarlet Von Stratten, a teen girl raised in an abusive family with extremist Mormon values.

"Smoke" starts off with Pattyn on the run after she allegedly shoots and kills her abusive alcoholic father, protecting Jackie, one of her eight younger sisters from his violent drunken assault. Pattyn's former boyfriend Ethan and her unborn child died in a tragic car wreck that was inadvertently caused by her father in "Burned" giving her seeming motive to murder her father.

Unlike Hopkins' past works, this novel switches between only two perspectives, allowing the reader a more defined look at the character development. In previous novels Hopkins switches between a myriad

of character perspectives that can give the books more depth and facets but can also cause the character development to get lost in the tumult.

Throughout "Smoke," two stories are told from the perspective of Pattyn and her eldest younger sister Jackie, the one who was almost killed by their father before he was shot. Pattyn's tale is that of a girl on the run, just trying to see the ocean before the authorities inevitably find her and lock her away, and Jackie, that of a young teen struggling with the injuries her father imprinted both physical and mental.

Not only does Jackie have to deal with her father's death and her part in it, she was the victim of rape by a member in their church. Unfortunately due to the extremist notions held by her family and most of the church, she is silenced and continually tormented at school by peers and by the boy who committed the act. Meanwhile, her sister Pattyn is on the run and being hunted by the police.

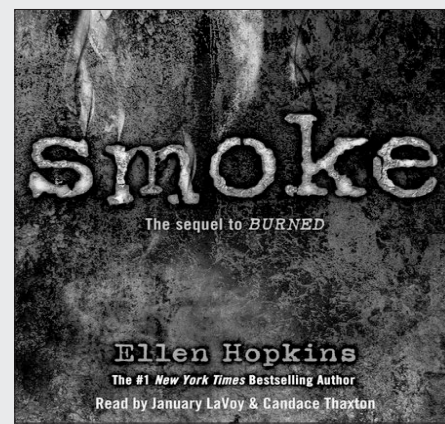
Throughout the novel, Jackie is slowly empowered as she faces her demons and regains a sense of self-worth and begins

to speak up about the injustices that have befallen her. At school her peers torment her for her allegedly consensual actions and her own mother refuses to support her decision to press charges on her rapist. Soon she meets a boy who teaches her not all men are cruel and gains the confidence she needs to let her truth be heard.

Pattyn finds acceptance and love in an unexpected place and learns redemption. At the humble house of the Medinas, illegal Mexican immigrants, all they have is a gentle way of life centered on working to stay alive and staying under the radar.

Pattyn begins work at a walnut farmer's house as a maid but soon realizes things aren't as good as she thought. One of the older teen daughters of the family is an enabled anti-government extremist with a drug problem. Months later, Pattyn has found her place of acceptance and begins to feel safe again, the older daughter shoots the truck full of immigrant workers as a hate crime including Pattyn and her new significant other, Angel Medina.

Angel and Pattyn survive and the police find her at the hospital. However in a plot



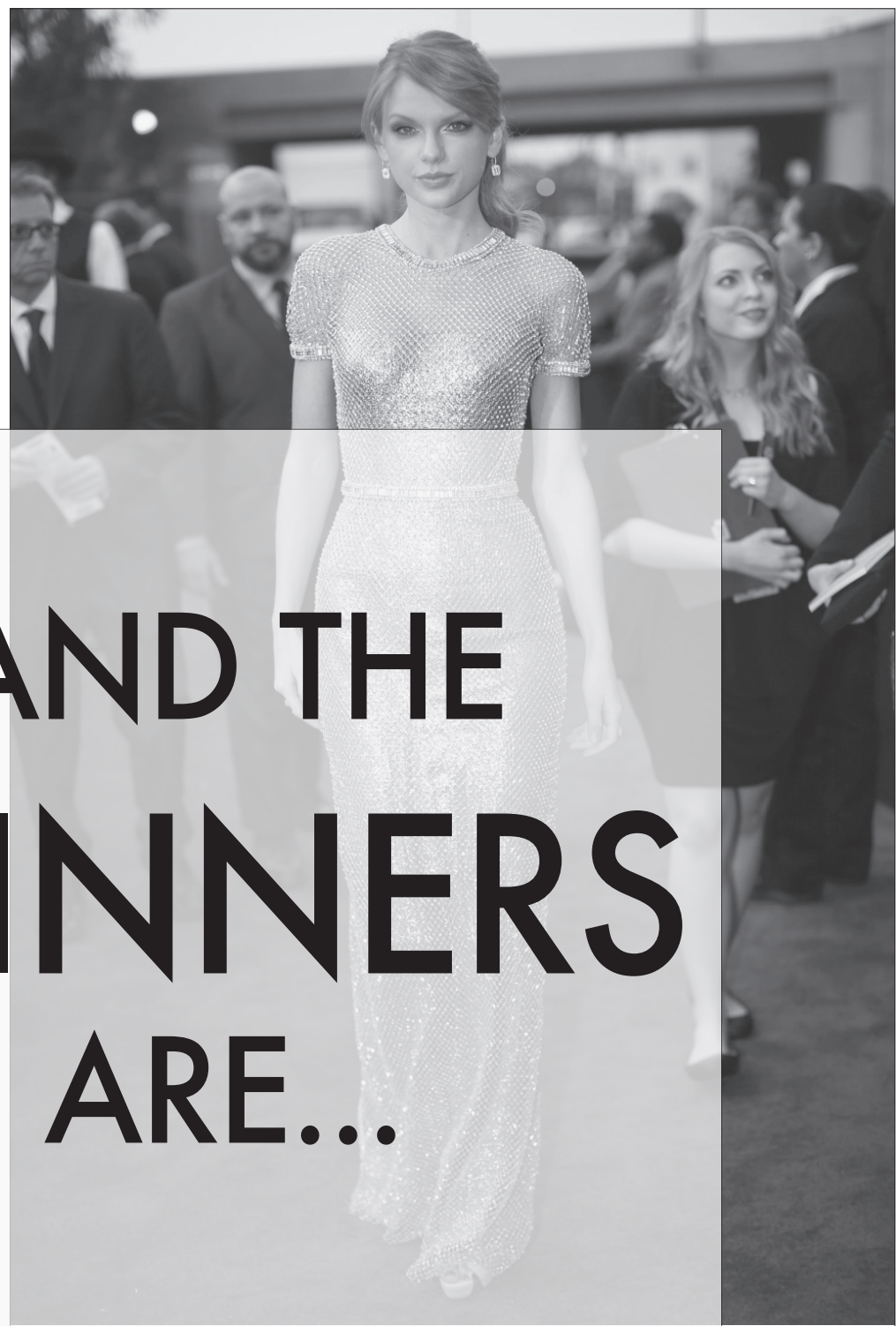
Hopkins' sequel to 'Burned', published Sept.

twist, Jackie remembers that it was in fact not Pattyn who shot their father but her.

Overall, this novel is thrilling and complex exploring the devastating effects internal strife can have on someone and the external factors that cause it. A definite must-read.

**Grade: A-**

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# AND THE WINNERS ARE...



## 56th GRAMMY AWARDS

56th Annual Grammy Award nominations were announced last Sunday night at the Staple Center in LA. WEB PHOTOS

### Red carpet celebrity guests bring monochromatic tones



**Brooke Rowe**  
TEC STAFF

Thousands of people curled up on their couches to watch the Grammy Awards this past Sunday night, partially to watch their favorite musicians receive awards, but also to laugh at or fall in love with the wild and bizarre outfits celebrities brought to the red carpet. In the same way that many people don't have one favorite style choice, many of the top recording artists couldn't stick with just one look. There appeared to be a prevalent theme of a battle between good and evil; half of the outfits featured sparkles and lace while the other half was black and leaned towards a gothic chic look.

One of the major themes of the ceremony conveyed sweetness and innocence with a hint of sophistication. Several celebrities such as Beyoncé, Taylor Swift and Katy Perry all started the night in white or shimmers. Taylor Swift arrived at the Red Carpet wearing a floor length sequin dress complemented by a layer of sheer shimmering fabric over her shoulders and was reminiscent of a bedazzled and sparkling dress of armor. Beyoncé also sported her angelic side in a see-through dress with bits and pieces of her body covered

by white floral lace. Katy Perry wore a dress fit for the musical awards, complete with white chiffon and musical notes that drifted down her floor-length gown. Even Miley Cyrus showed up in a white mini-dress, accented with a fluffy white fur coat.

The women weren't the only celebrities to take advantage of standing out in white. Steven Tyler walked onto the red carpet wearing white from head to toe. His white suit included a white button up, white-toed dress shoes, and was completed with a white bow tie. Cee-Lo Green followed the pure snowy trend with an oversized satin tunic and pants, accompanied by his daughter who was dressed in a white gown to match.

Although many these celebrities started off looking pure, several of them showed their hardcore dark side before the day was over. Beyoncé switched sides for her performance of "Drunk In Love," by wearing an outfit completely opposite of her initial elegant gown. For her musical number, the singer was dressed in a scandalous all-black leotard with black tights underneath. Katy Perry also switched looks and rocked vampish attire for her performance of "Black Horse," complete with black lace tights, and black and purple dress with a light-up red cross across her chest.

Continuing the gothic-inspired trend was 17-year-old Lorde, who was awarded two Grammy Awards, one for Best

Pop Solo Performance and another for Song of the Year. The New Zealander skipped the red carpet, but accepted her awards dressed in a solid black and conservative floor length dress, complete with black fingernails and deep purple lipstick. For her performance, the singer changed into a very simple outfit of black waist-high trousers, a white button up blouse, and black-dipped fingers.

Even some of the men sported their dark styles at the Grammy's in all black and grey suits including Wiz Khalifa, Keith Urban, and even Paul McCartney and Willie Nelson. Receiving a Grammy award for Best New Artist, Macklemore was dressed in a shiny navy blue suit, topped off with a black bow tie and Ryan Lewis showed up in a black and grey hounds tooth suit.

While the Grammy's may be a way for celebrities to show how creative they can be with their attire as they hope to hit the stage for an award, the battle remains against the look of good and evil style. So when you are dressing up to go somewhere nice, follow the celebrity style with a monochromatic choice of black or white and throw a bit of shimmer for a look suited for the red carpet.

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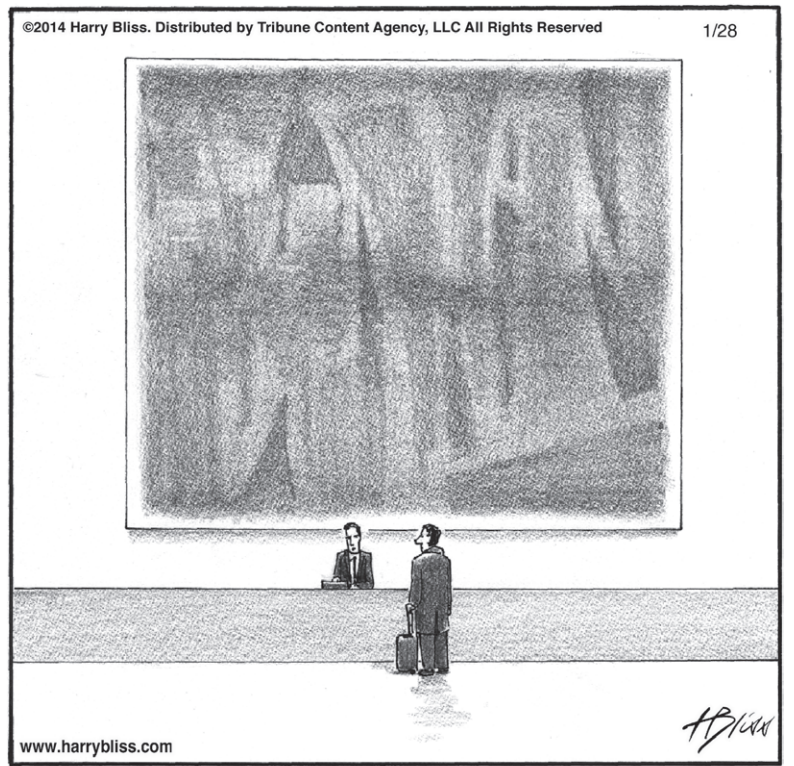
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Solution to Thursday's Puzzle

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 Scale units: Abbr.
- 4 Does as told
- 9 Jazz singer Carmen
- 14 Pop-up path
- 15 Gold purity unit
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- 19 Some IRAs, informally
- 20 2002 Sandra Bullock film
- 22 Like the articles "a" and "an": Abbr.
- 23 Baseball Hall of Famer Speaker
- 24 1981 Alan Alda film, with "The"
- 31 Spread throughout
- 35 Enjoy eagerly
- 36 Blue hue
- 37 TV host Philbin
- 40 Zip
- 41 They're the littlest in their litters
- 43 Peter and Paul, but not Mary
- 45 1988 John Cusack film
- 48 Deserve
- 49 "Don't count your chickens before they hatch," e.g.
- 54 1984 Molly Ringwald film
- 59 Former Portuguese colony in China
- 60 Unwilling
- 61 Unifying idea
- 62 Storm drain cover
- 63 Fish eggs
- 64 Sharon of "Cagney & Lacey"
- 65 Toys that have their ups and downs
- 66 Month after Feb.

### DOWN

- 1 "Chicago Hope" Emmy winner Christine
- 2 "Peanuts" family name
- 3 New England food fish

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- 6 "CHiPS" star Estrada
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- 10 Buttery bakery buy
- 11 Campus recruiting org.
- 12 Arthur of tennis
- 13 Some MIT grads
- 18 Stockholm's country: Abbr.
- 21 Mined material
- 25 Sculling blade
- 26 Beehive State native
- 27 Lear's middle daughter
- 28 Iridescent gem
- 29 Without a thing on
- 30 Health resorts
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- 33 Hierarchy level
- 34 Trig finals, e.g.

### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved 1/28/14

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- 39 Trifling amount
- 42 Easter Island attractions
- 44 Battering postures
- 46 G.I. ration
- 47 E, in Einstein's formula
- 50 Banned bug spray
- 51 Clock radio feature
- 52 Salami selection
- 53 Fragrant compound
- 54 Political satirist Mort
- 55 Slurpee alternative
- 56 Fiddling emperor
- 57 Potter's purchase
- 58 Coupe or convertible
- 59 Appt. calendar entry

# Pirates collapse on the road

## After leading by 18 points, ECU gave it all away

Corey Keenan  
TEC STAFF

With just over 10 minutes left in regulation, Coach Heather Macy and her Lady Pirates held an 18-point advantage (57-39) over Southern Mississippi. What would unfold in the final minutes could be the Pirates biggest collapse of the season.

The Golden Eagles' leading scorer, Jamierra Faulkner with 39 points, led Southern Miss on a run that would eventually force overtime. Faulkner scored 12 out of 15 Southern Miss points during a 15-2 run that spanned five minutes.

With 2:40 remaining in the game and the Pirates holding on to a slim lead (65-62), Ondrea Shaw fouled out. Once Shaw was disqualified, it left the Lady Pirates vulnerable in the paint. The Golden Eagles missed the ensuing free throws and Shae Nelson hit a three with 2:10 left that gave the Pirates a 68-62 lead and a huge swing of momentum.

Senior guard Kristine Mial went to the line with 40 seconds left and a chance to seal the win with a 68-64 lead. Mial made one of two and gave the Pirates a 69-64 lead. The Golden Eagles showed no relent as they came down on the next possession and junior Tamara Jones nailed a three pointer for her first points of the night.

With 29 seconds left in the game, Mial turned the ball over as the Pirates tried to run down the clock and use their final possession to win the game. Faulkner proceeded to pick up the ball and lay in the tying basket with 20 seconds left. The

Pirates had one last possession and called a timeout with nine seconds left. The Lady Pirates could not use the possession to their advantage and failed to get a shot up.

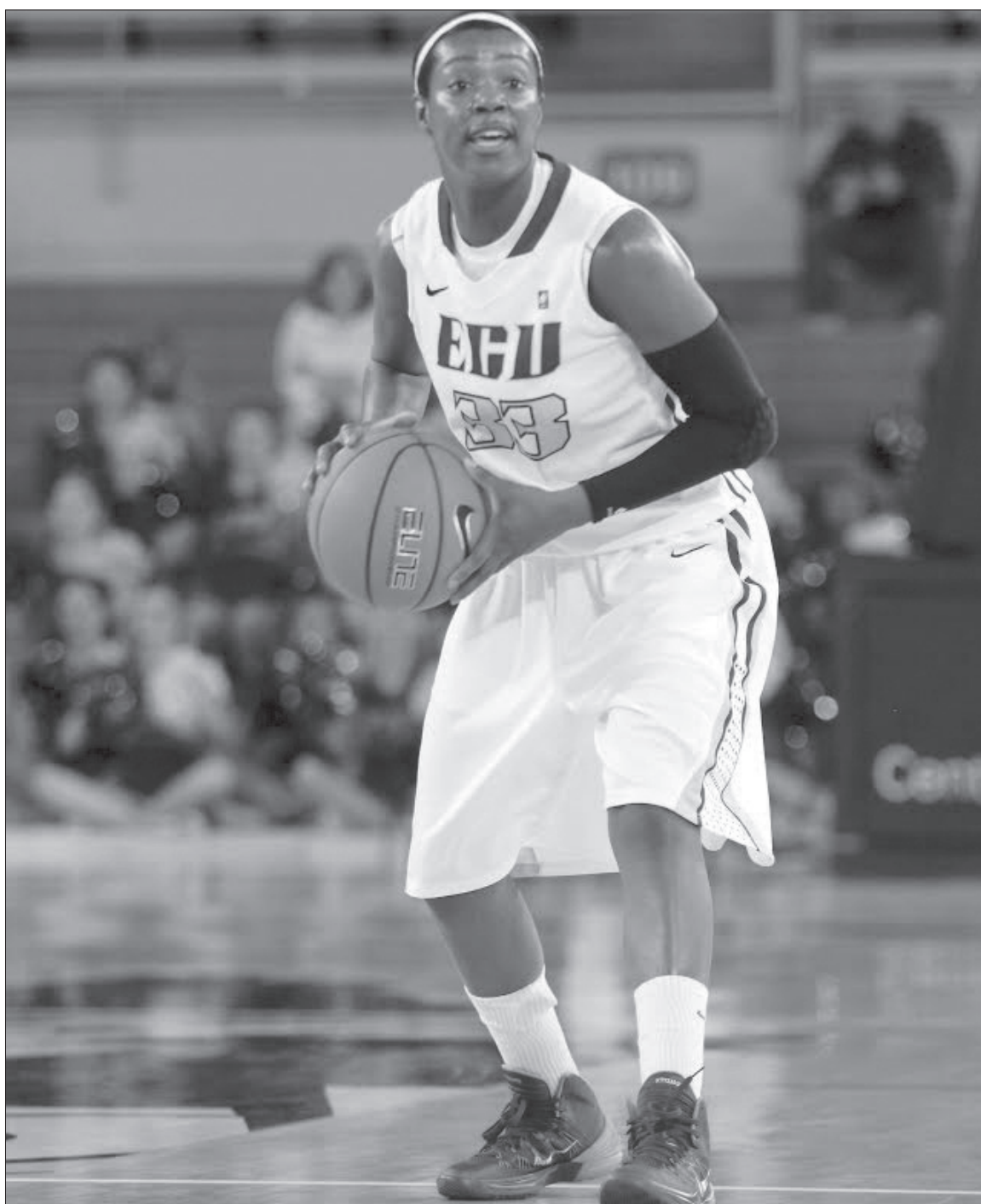
The overtime period was a fierce battle as neither team took more than a two-point edge at any point. With 1:39 left in overtime, Jada Payne hit a jumper that gave the Pirates a 79-77 advantage. USM followed up Payne's basket to take the lead as freshman Brittany Dinkins hit a three to give the Golden Eagles a one-point lead with 54 seconds remaining. Payne was fouled and headed to the free throw line with 34 seconds left with a chance to take a one-point lead. After hitting one-of-two at the line, Payne was tied the game up at 80 apiece.

With 10 seconds left in overtime, the Golden Eagles' Tamara Jones showed off the ice in her veins. Jones took a mid-range jumper and buried it with 5 seconds left to seal the victory for USM. The loss was the Pirates third of the season as they fell to 16-3 and 4-2 in Conference USA play.

Payne, Trice and Mial led the Pirates with a combined 64 points. Losing Shaw was a big blow to the Pirates as she picked up 12 boards, three blocks and a steal in the game before fouling out.

The Pirates will look for a better result as they return home Wednesday to face Old Dominion. ECU will look to pick up a 24th consecutive home victory.

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ECU has shown weakness on the road, with all three losses away from Minges. They will be happy to be home Wednesday.

# ECU overwhelmed in the paint

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The men's basketball team cannot seem to get back to its winning ways. The struggling Pirates lost conference matchups against Tulane on Thursday and Southern Miss on Saturday in Minges Coliseum.

ECU (11-9, 0-5 C-USA) is still looking for its first Conference USA win of the season and the Pirates saw both of their halftime leads this week evaporate into tough losses to swallow.

Tulane junior, Jay Hook, connected on three shots from downtown in the final minutes of play as the Green Wave shot down the Pirates, 59-54.

"It was a tough night," said ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo. "We had our chances the last few minutes of the game, but we couldn't make the plays. So give them credit."

With 8:58 left in the first half, Tulane had a 19-9 lead over ECU. Thanks to a balanced team effort, the Pirates ended the half on a 23-9 run and held the Green Wave without a field goal for 11:46 going into the second half.

Both Akeem Richmond and Caleb White finished the game with a team-high 14 points. However, Richmond made only four of his 13 shot attempts, all of which were from behind the arc.

Tulane got back on track and suffocated a Pirate offense that made only 36 percent (18-for-50) of its field goals.

After a trio of clutch treys from Jay Hook in the final 2:43, the Pirates trailed Tulane, 54-50. With just under a minute left Paris



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Using their size and toughness, Southern Miss' hurt the Pirates in the paint on Saturday night.

Roberts-Campbell knocked down two free throws for the Pirates.

Tulane answered once again, but ECU still had a chance.

Richmond drained a three-pointer with 15 seconds left. Tulane responded by capping off the game with two trips to the free-throw line and four straight free throws to close the door on the Pirates.

Saturday's matchup versus the Southern Miss Golden Eagles (18-3, 5-1 C-USA) had

another disappointing result for ECU.

The Pirates ran out of gas in the second half and allowed conference-leading Southern Miss to leave Minges with a 60-46 victory and hand ECU its fifth straight loss.

ECU controlled the first half and had a 30-23 lead. However, the Golden Eagles made 52 percent of their field goal attempts in the second half and stymied the Pirates to only 31 percent shooting.

The Pirates went 12-for-34 from behind

the arc, but only scored on 25 percent of their two-point field goal attempts in the game.

"It was a tale of two halves, offensively," said Coach Lebo. "Our inability to make shots in the second half doomed us."

His team was unable to contain USM under the basket and allowed 34 total points in the paint.

With 4:33 left in the first half, White made one of the Pirates' two free throws and gave ECU its largest lead of the game at 28-18. White had 13 points and four rebounds in the game, but all of his scoring was in the first half.

Southern Miss applied more defensive pressure after halftime. Despite three early treys from Richmond, who finished with 18 points, six rebounds and five assists, the Golden Eagles erased the Pirates' lead.

ECU was clinging to a 43-42 edge with 10 minutes left in the game. USM senior forward Daveon Boardingham dunked the ball and started a backbreaking 14-0 run. Boardingham led the Golden Eagles with 15 points and six rebounds.

This run was the knockout punch to a deflated Pirate team that has struggled in the second half of all its conference games this season.

The Pirates will continue their quest for a conference win in Murfreesboro, TN, against the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders (13-7, 3-2 C-USA) Thursday night at 8 p.m.

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## TAKEAWAYS

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates lost to Southern Miss in overtime after giving away an 18-point lead.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates seek first conference win, when they travel on the road to take on Middle Tennessee Thursday night.

### ECU BASEBALL

The Pirates began intra-squad scrimmages over the weekend.

### CHARLOTTE BOBCATS

The Bobcats sit at 19-27 this season, eighth in the Eastern Conference.

### CAROLINA PANTHERS

Mike Tolbert scored the Pro Bowl winning 2-point conversion on Sunday.

### ECU FOOTBALL

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# Once a Pirate, always a Pirate

**Dan Hunt**  
TEC STAFF

Over the last few seasons, ECU has been characterized by offensive explosiveness. The Shane Carden-Justin Hardy tandem received most of the headlines for good reason. But looking back, Vintavious Cooper, who operated from the tailback position, was the wheel that made the offense turn.

Yes, even the air-raid offense requires balance. In two short seasons, the now-former Pirate, Cooper silenced the critics who said that running backs couldn't thrive in the air-raid. The Homerville, Ga. native became the first back to rush for 1,000 yards in Lincoln Riley's air-raid offense and only the third Pirate ever to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons.

"All the running backs that get drafted played in a different system in college," said Cooper. "It's definitely possible for a back to blossom in the air-raid system. It's all about finding the right situation and the right system for each player."

Air-raid running backs need to make the most of their limited carries, considering their touches are essentially an extension of the short passing game. "Three yards and a cloud of dust," doesn't cut it in this type of offense, so Cooper's 5.2 yards per carry average in back-to-back seasons was exactly what Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley needed.

NFL scouts took notice of Cooper's success during his time in Greenville, but at just 5-foot-9 and 200 pounds, Cooper lacks typical, NFL tailback size. Cooper noted that his agent has "talked to a couple people," but he is still waiting for calls from NFL teams. The former junior college transfer has a backup plan if all else fails.

"I'm getting my communications degree in May and I'm going to be a sports analyst," said Cooper with assertion.

The senior Pirate may not be garnering the type of attention from NFL scouts that he'd like to, but that hasn't stopped him from singing praises for his fellow senior teammate and hopeful-draftee Derrell Johnson.

"Derrell is an amazing competitor," he said in regards to the standout pass-rusher. "He's a leader and you'll never see a day where he doesn't give 100 percent."

Just like Johnson, Cooper had his fair share of memorable

moments during his days wearing purple and gold (and black). He compiled 256 yards of total offense in a victory over the rival UNC Tar Heels in Chapel Hill this past year. In the final game of his career against the Ohio Bobcats, he rushed for 198 yards and two touchdowns on his way to earning the most valuable player award of the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl. But Cooper says he will look back at the indelible "Cooooop" chant more than anything.

"I had 50,000 fans doing the 'Coop' chant before I even earned a start. It will definitely be the most memorable thing for me," he said. Cooper explained that he won the starting job the same game that the chant began. "[Former Pirate running back] Reggie Bullock went down at the beginning of the [UTEP] game [in 2012] and hats off to him because he was an amazing player. But that opened the door for me to start, and that's when the chant started as well."

The fact that he won the heart of Pirate Nation and the faith of the coaching staff simultaneously, speaks volumes to him being a fan favorite during his time at ECU. Cooper's days on the field may be over, but his days as a Pirate fan are just beginning. The shifty back is excited to see what the future holds for Ruffin McNeill and his Pirates.

"We're definitely on the rise," said Cooper. "We've had a great couple years of recruiting and we were competitive during my two years. I see no reason why we can't continue to compete. I'm excited to see my teammates play against some new competition [in the new conference]."

So who will replace Cooper at the tailback position next season? Breon Allen, who saw plenty of time as a junior in 2013 and redshirted freshman Marquez Grayson are likely candidates, with former walk-on Corey Hunter and rising junior Chris Hairston also in the mix.

But honestly, Pirate fans were spoiled by the fact that Cooper was an absolute work-horse, dominating the carries over the last couple seasons. So don't be surprised to see a platoon at the position next year, at least until one of the candidates earns a chant of his own from the Pirate faithful.

"I want to thank Coach 'Ruff' [McNeil] and Coach Riley for giving me the opportunity to accomplish what I was able



**Vintavious Cooper (21) ended his career with a bowl MVP trophy.**

to accomplish. I'll never forget one moment from my time here at ECU," said Cooper.

Now that the impressive statistics have been recorded and his legacy here in Greenville has been cemented, Pirate Nation will not likely forget about number 21 either.

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