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Pirate athlete charged with DWI

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

Danny Webster, junior wide receiver for the ECU football team, was charged last Saturday around 1 a.m. for driving while impaired.

Officers pulled him over on East 10th St. because his car was swerving from left to right. The



Danny Webster

officer pulled Webster over in the parking lot of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

After Webster failed attempts at a Breathalyzer

test, the officer obtained a search warrant for blood to be drawn. A sample was submitted to the State Bureau of Investigation to determine Webster's blood alcohol content.

Webster was released from jail on a \$500 bond.

Webster was also charged with

reckless driving in August 2012 after he fell asleep while driving his truck and went off the road.

"Head Coach Ruffin McNeil has been made aware of the situation, and he has to meet with Webster before deciding and then announcing disciplinary actions," said Tom McClellan, university

assistant athletics director for media relations.

Webster was suspended from the 2013 football season for violating team rules. For the first five games of the 2013 season, he had 18 catches for 144 yards and a touchdown.

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GREEK LIFE

Pi Kappa Phi returns to campus

Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

After being suspended in 2011, fraternity Pi Kappa Phi will join the Interfraternity Council this spring and is currently in a recruitment process.

Since Feb. 3, Trae Hestness and Brad Middleton, leadership consultants for Pi Kappa Phi, have been at the university promoting the fraternity. Hestness and Middleton will be on campus throughout February to hold information sessions and help recruit members for Pi Kappa Phi.

Pi Kappa Phi is using social media to network. The organization recently made a Twitter account and a Facebook page for interested students to follow and like.

"We've done Facebook ads to target the young men... We've also done a lot of tabling and informational sessions so far," said Middleton.

The Beta Phi chapter of Pi Kappa Phi was founded on Feb. 16, 1963, and members must uphold by the acronym C.L.A.S.S., which stands for character, leadership, achievement, scholarship and service.

The organization aims to promote these ideals throughout the recruitment and new member

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Black Student Union members believe that Black History should be incorporated into history education curriculums just as much as American history is now.

BSU gives opinion on Black History Month

Puja Patel
TEC STAFF

ECU's chapter of Black Student Union, established in 1998, has its own ideas on Black History Month.

Many BSU executive board members, as well as general body members, believe that Black History should not just be confined to one month or one time period. Jasmine Spruill, sophomore nursing major and secretary of BSU, believes that.

"I do appreciate the month, however, people should want to learn about their history outside of just a specific month," said Spruill.

BSU's Chief of Staff Niage't Talbert agrees. "Black history is not taught and celebrated in the same way as American history, and it should be and should serve the same purpose," said Talbert, sophomore psychology and criminal justice double major.

The BSU aims to "achieve success through

unity," as in mentioned in their motto and mission statement. The social organization caters to African American students but is open to anyone interested in African American culture and values.

BSU is hoping to work with Campus Living & Dining to have more black history knowledge at

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Debate showcases contrasting gun views

Ryan Clancy
TEC STAFF

John Lott, author of "More Guns, Less Crime," and Paul Helmke, former president of the Brady Campaign Center to Prevent Gun Violence, debated the pros and cons of gun control on Thursday, Feb. 6, at Hendrix Theater.

The Student Activities Board held "The Gun Control Debate," which was cosponsored by SGA and the Residence Hall Association, along with nine other organizations hoping to educate students.

"From an SGA standpoint, you try to find any way to get involved," said Jake Srednicki, SGA's speaker of the senate. "It's a good way for the SGA to give back to students."

SAB also thought it was important to provide the debate to students.

"It's good to have current events in college because we need to be informed," said Janice Raines, SAB initiatives chair. "Guns are a really hot topic right now. We thought it'd be really important and really interesting to have it."

Lott and Helmke's debate was focused partially on whether or not guns should be allowed on college campuses and included broader points about gun control in general.

Lott advocated for less gun control and spoke about banned gun law hurting innocent people more than criminals.

"Law abiding citizens are more likely to obey them," said Lott.

Lott said data shows legal gun owners are usually law-

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Lott said strict gun laws hurt innocent people and not criminals.

BRIEFS

Heart Institute opens Advanced Lab

The Board of Trustees will open advanced laboratories and simulated clinical rooms on Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m. on the fourth floor of the East Carolina Heart Institute.

The opening of the labs will complete the Heart Institute as its research segment. Researchers can begin using the 37,000 sq. foot space this Thursday.

Women in Business Conference

The Shine From Within Women in Business 5th Annual Conference will be held on March 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The conference will be held at Goess Student Center at Pitt Community College.

Cost of attendance for the conference is \$99 per person and \$89 per person for four or more attendees from the same company.

New teachers to receive pay raise

North Carolina state leaders unveiled plans to increase starting teacher pay by over 13 percent over the next two years, with a \$2,200 raise this year and \$2,000 in 2015.

This pay raise will not cause an increase in taxes. The intention of the plan is to make pay more competitive and attract talented teachers to North Carolina.

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the Dine, Dance, Dress & Drama Black History Month dinners being held at Todd Dining Hall on Feb. 18 and at West End Dining Hall on Feb. 26.

"The Black History Month dinners will help educate students on Black History Month," said Martrell Walker, BSU president and senior health fitness major. "But having more speakers on campus and having more [events] on campus could help with that too."

At their latest meeting, BSU executive board members talked with general body members about whether or not black history month should even be a month.

"Until our education system becomes more integrated and the differing perspectives of black people are included in the teaching of U.S. History," said Hamilton, "African American history month should remain relevant."

Averaging two to four events a month, BSU strives to showcase

themselves and their cultural differences to the campus community and student body.

BSU is currently working to do Black History Month events and to educate others on Black History.

"We want members to gain knowledge, and a clear understanding of what Black History Month is and means," said Briana Hamilton, vice president of BSU and junior nursing major.

Throughout the month of February, BSU held meetings catered to Black History Month. Meetings begin with icebreakers where members guess famous black historians and answer trivia questions, according to Graves.

Many of the organization's meetings involve stories about black activists and debatable topics.

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education processes and make them lifelong objectives of each member.

"We want to redefine fraternity as a lifelong brotherhood, and we're trying to crash the stereotype of what fraternities are now," said Hestness.

As leadership consultants Middleton and Hestness travel the country, leading expansion efforts and serve as the primary connection between the national headquarters and the individual chapters. According to Middleton, there was a strong chapter here before, which will offer a great alumni group. Members of Pi Kappa Phi gave their first bids to new members last week and will continue to do so throughout the semester.

Pi Kappa Phi was suspended in February 2011 due to an investigation of a violation of the fraternity's alcohol policy, according to WITN.

Two young men were charged and over 60 people were cited after ALE agents, Pitt County ABC officers and Greenville police obtained a search warrant for the Pi Kappa Phi house. ALE agents said they seized alcohol, marijuana and drug paraphernalia from the party.

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abiding citizens.

"Name one place where guns were banned and murder rates go down," argued Lott.

Helmke, in favor of gun control, argued that more guns do not always mean more safety.

"If more guns worked, we should be the safest country in the world," said Helmke.

Helmke also said he believes guns can escalate situations from minor fights to potential crimes.

While Helmke did not advocate guns being completely banned for regular citizens, he did advocate for limits to be placed on them. He suggested using background checks as a precautionary standard for people who desire to own a gun.

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 Assistant Professor, Department of History

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PIRATE RANTS

When did pirate rants become missed connections? Too much thirst.

Can someone tell me if the bike locked up outside Brewster with jumper cables is an inside joke and I'm just not getting it?

Safe Ride? Lol...just walk home and hope you don't die.

Dear person who's been an undergrad for nearly six years, don't blame the ECU advising center for you not getting your life together.

Babies should not be allowed in Joyner. I come here to study, not to listen to your child cry! PLEASE KEEP YOUR BABIES AT HOME!

I was gonna (insert productive activity here)... but then I got high.

Hey girls. I know you think you're cute decked out in your lulu lemon gear, but the only thing the three of you are accomplishing by pressing out 30 pounds on the leg press machine is to piss me off.

I've noticed a pleasant surprise on campus; you guys don't wear your pants around your kneecaps here! Bravo!

I truly believe that the East Carolina Parking Enforcers would give a ticket to their own mothers if they had the chance.

Can't wait to celebrate singles awareness day by being blackout drunk all weekend. Forget you feelings.

Hope you enjoy your valentine's week sober because I've cut all your underage suppliers off. You're welcome. Karma.

My music taste ranges literally anywhere from punk rock to Disney soundtracks.

When is White History Month?

Guys in sweatpants are the equivalent for me, to girls in yoga pants for you! Take a minute and figure that one out.

I'm getting so many of my rants posted this semester they really should just go ahead and give me my own column!

If you expect a thank you, I don't think you understand how chivalry works.

That's all I have to say about that.

The only thing open past 9:00 p.m. on the weekends is the clubs, not the libraries, just ranting.

This 8 a.m. lab makes me need espresso because me depresso :(

We don't remember anything from last night. Remember?

When your class is so boring that the Pirate Rants are literally being passed around the class to keep themselves awake. #ThankyouPirateRants

Going to be watching hours of Olympic curling instead of going to class. #canadianprobz

On Wednesdays we wear pink.

I'm sorry I ruined your New Year's Eve party, Lieutenant Dan. She tasted like cigarettes.

I mean, I understand pubic hair, but why does armpit hair grow because of hormones?

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

Be cautious of the gun control debate

On Thursday, Feb. 6, a gun debate took place that discussed the pros and cons of gun ownership. Specifically, parties debated on if guns should be allowed on college campuses.

As an editorial staff, regardless of the amount of gun control, we believe students should educate themselves on the topic of guns. This includes knowledge of laws, safety, care and anything that will enhance one's knowledge on how to handle a gun safely and properly.

The more knowledgeable a student is, the more likely they will handle such items with care.

If students should choose to own guns, we also highly believe they should highly uphold safety. Being properly educated will increase the safety of the owner and of others.

As a way to increase a student's knowledge on guns and the safety of them, we believe that the university should offer a course or that university police could offer a workshop in gun safety.

SGA campaigns underway



Jessica Richmond
TEC STAFF

Student government elections are around the corner and nominees have begun their campaigning around campus. If this doesn't sound familiar, you're not alone. Only 40 percent of the student body votes in student elections. Many students claim not to care because, "it's going to the Greeks anyway, why bother." In fact, there's been more than a couple pirate rants saying exactly that.

It's not an outrageous claim when the entire current executive council (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and chief of staff) is Greek and only 20 percent of the student body is involved in a fraternity or sorority. What kind of representative hopes can we have when a small minority represents the majority? But that sounds familiar doesn't it?

Student government emulates real government. 40 of the 47 Supreme Court justices have been Greek, 76 percent of all congressmen and senators are Greek, and every President and Vice President, except three in each office, born since the first social fraternity was founded in 1825 have been members of a fraternity.

So why is this the case? Did the non-Greek American people simply decide to not bother running because "the Greeks are going to win anyway" or do the Greek organizations instill a sense of leadership and ambition that is otherwise missing? I think it comes down to coincidence in personality. The same people that are outgoing and friendly enough to seek brotherhood or sisterhood at a Greek fraternity are the same people that have the political ambition to campaign for a government position.

Fraternities and sororities have a requirement of philanthropy that gets them involved in the community. While some students do volunteer, the majority of students can barely muster the energy to click the next episode button on Netflix, let alone volunteer on the scale of Greek organizations.

If people seriously have a problem with Greeks dominating our governing body, do something about it. If you think you'd do a better job, they have open filing periods for everyone on campus. Not voting is simply fueling the system to stay the same. Your voice should be heard even if you think it's just a whisper into a void. Habits we make in college



WEB PHOTO

Students can vote on OneStop for SGA elections starting on February 25.

follow us into the real world. If you don't vote when it's as easy as logging into OneStop, then what are the chances you're going to vote in national elections?

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Today's media impacts decision-making



Will Farrar
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We are all guilty of it. Watching television has become just as big of a part of our generation as any other past time. Television series airing new episodes weekly and too-good-to-miss movies coming out every Friday don't make it any easier on us to ignore this deep hole of entertainment.

There are over 115 million homes with at least one television in the household, and 31 percent of those homes have at least four television sets. Starting at age two, we are exposed to an average of 25 hours of television per week. That number goes up to 35 hours when we become teenagers.

With all that being said, major media outlets should be recognized as one of the leading sources of peer pressure on our society. Many blame alcohol and marijuana as being gateway drugs to other drugs, but why do we fail to realize the amount of drug usage in today's television content.

It is no secret that the amount of violence in crime has gone up with the new coming of each decade, but many fail to realize that violence in media has gone up right along with it.

I am not telling you that television is the sole reason for today's violence and crime, but I do

believe it is beyond irrational to not give the problem at hand more attention.

What we are exposed to as younger children has a huge impact on what we do and who we become as we embark on our lives. We were all watching cartoons and playing video games filled with fighting, shooting, and even killing. We all played and still play games like Call of Duty and Halo, where we are able to take on the role of a gunman and participate in multi-player shootouts.

There is no way watching shows like the Power Rangers, Pokémon, and Tom and Jerry helps in trying to cast children away from the urge to want to start altercations.. These shows and others repeatedly take violence and use it as a tool to make viewers interested in a suspenseful plot.

If you had siblings, I am sure you remember growing up and play fighting with your brothers and sisters.

Reenacting stunts seen on shows such as WWE and WWF were ways many people could remember goofing around as a child.

Many people reading this is in school and not have had their lives

plagued with fighting and other violent acts that could have landed them charges. However, when you are watching the news or hear stories about some guy brutally attacking another for no apparent reason, ask yourself have you seen something like that in a movie you have watched.

The world would be a better place if we could eliminate the senseless acts of violence. If you could walk alone at night or could sleep with your doors unlocked, would you not be able to enjoy life a little more?

By the age of 18, the average American has witnessed 200,000 acts of violence and 16,000 murders in media. I'm not saying reducing this number will eliminate violence, but it could be a great start.

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Musicians tie old style



James Leva, a musician visiting Tippy Teapot, will feature traditional rural sacred music styles.

Tippy Teapot brings Rural Sacred concert

Brooke Rowe
TEC STAFF

The Tippy Teapot will host a workshop and a concert tonight, Rural Sacred Music: Styles and Songs, showing the ties between today's contemporary music and traditional religious musical styling.

Two musicians, James Leva and Riley Baugus, are visiting Greenville for a series of events sponsored by ECU Fine Arts Funding, the ECU Students' Forum for Musical Organization, and the Folk Arts Society of Greenville. English

professor and Folk Arts Society board member Leanne Smith said these events tie into an honors seminar on Appalachian culture. "It's something where people can enjoy the gathering and singing," said Smith. "It's not a church service but is open to anyone. Even those who don't identify with tradition can find it comfortable and interesting."

Rural sacred music is a term coined for music that was historically used in religious services. Most contemporary American music over the past 50 years is derived from those sources and can trace back to gospel music. The

series of seminars and concerts will examine specific styles that have somewhat faded in many areas, but have been revived in rural regions. "There is a pretty wide variety of sacred music tradition," said musician James Leva. "When it was long out of fashion and disappeared everywhere else, rural communities in the south and in the mountains took those up."

Leva said today's music came from previous generations, such as The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, which has been borrowed from country, rhythm and blues, and rockabilly music. The harmony and rhythms have been taken from the same kind of music played in churches for centuries.

The variety of traditional music in the south began when musical recording came about. To describe the transition of sacred music into contemporary music, Leva used the example of Johnny Cash and Elvis. Both were southern boys who took country music they knew and combined it with R&B styles that they heard on the local radio, which eventually led to the development of rock and roll. "For most of human history, music has been an expression of culture, history, and society," said Leva. "It is the DNA of what we have been through, but music has become a commercial commodity and is sold like McDonald's hamburgers."

Leva emphasized the interaction between people of widely different backgrounds that created what most people recognize as music today. Music goes even further back to the mixture of Irish and Scottish musicians with African banjo players who tied it to funky rhythms to create different styles of music. "Music is like a nourishment of the soul," he said. "You can turn on the radio and get your McDonald's music, which is the same everywhere you go, or do research on a variety of music that people make."

At 3 p.m., the Leva and Baugus will host a workshop with fiddler and banjo player Tommy Jarrell's music styling, which they've known personally, and learned several styles from. Leva said Jarrell was taught by Civil War veterans, and was the last generation of musicians to gain his musical knowledge from people rather than the radio. They will honor the influential key figure in old style music by sharing his legend and playing his music.

They will host a concert at 7 p.m. tonight on the more traditional rural sacred music styles and how it fits with more contemporary music, showing the constant flow between history and the present. "We are really looking forward to having James and Riley here at Tippy," said Delia Liuzza, the owner of The Tippy Teapot. "We think their musical style is a good fit."

The event is free to the public and The Tippy Teapot, located at 409 S. Evans St., will have food and drinks available for purchase.

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Percussion groups perform

Jordan Registrar
TEC STAFF

This Wednesday, the School of Music will host a Percussion Players Concert. The concert will be conducted in part by Dr. Jon Wacker who is the head of the Percussion Department. Dr. Wacker has extensive experience and is equally versatile in both the jazz and the classical areas of percussion.

As a jazz artist, he has shared the stage and recorded with artists such as Milt Hinton, Clark Terry, Arturo Sandoval, Plas Johnson, Harry Allen and more. In the classical realm, Wacker has performed with the North Carolina Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Charleston Symphony Orchestra, Reno Philharmonic and various chamber orchestras around the nation. His articles on jazz drumming and orchestral percussion have been published in "Modern Drummer and Percussive Notes".

Wacker says the concert will be "unlike anything you've ever seen or heard before" due to the large array of strictly percussion instruments. "The pieces range from straight classical to a sort of bombastic grunge rock and roll," said Wacker.

He says percussion instruments don't just sound great, but are also visually pleasing due to their size and elegant construction. The pieces are played entirely by students except in one piece where a faculty member plays a clarinet solo accompanied by the students.

Wacker encourages any students interested in percussion to stop by his office.

"We've had all sorts of majors come in that just played drums in high school and really enjoyed it, and they can play in this ensemble for class credit they just don't know it," says Wacker.

There are two different ensembles performing in the concert, both are percussion but different students. One is referred to as the Percussion Players and the other just as the Percussion Ensemble. The concert will last for an hour and feature six pieces.

An incredibly wide array of music will be performed including 'Hora

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Uptown's new addition The Side Bar

Jessica McGettigan
TEC STAFF

This past fall, a new nightclub opened up in downtown Greenville bringing a fresh spot for students to hang out at on the weekends. The Side Bar, previous known as Levels, has been completely renovated and remodeled and offers drink specials that can't be beat in another area downtown.

"We tried to create an environment that is comfortable and laid back," said Jen DeCola, manager of Side Bar. "I like to give [people] an environment where they can come in, relax, and feel down to earth and make it a chill kind of spot for people to go and enjoy themselves."

So many changes were made to the venue to give it the look it shows today. "The place has been completely renovated and completely remodeled and everything has been redone," said DeCola. "Everyone that comes in is just amazed we get a lot of compliments."

Some noticeable exterior changes are the lighting that was put all up and down the alley that is on the side of Side Bar. Experienced bartenders are also part of the new additions, and drink specials that rival those of the other downtown venues feature everything from margaritas to Kamikazes.

"We've created a set of specials that are a little bit cheaper, not less quality," said DeCola. On Wednesday, there is a penny liquor special. Thursdays are two-dollar martinis and three-dollar margaritas.



The Side Bar is the night scene's newest bar located off of East Fifth Street in Uptown, Greenville.

"Thursdays we feature glass stemware because it's like a ladies night so ladies are free to enter," said DeCola.

Fridays and Saturdays are dollar draft, \$2 imports and \$3 wells. Sundays offer \$2 pitchers, \$3 kamikazes, \$3 jägerbombs and \$2 wells. All five days offer \$3 fireball and \$5 trashcans. "The trashcan recipe is the original Levels recipe which they gave to us with their blessing," she explained. "We

haven't modified it, changed it or tried to tweak it in any way, it's exactly the same."

Having been open for only one semester, Side Bar has slowly but surely been making an impact on the downtown area and on the Greenville community itself. "On that side of 5th street there isn't much so we're a little farther removed from everything," said DeCola. "It's not like anyone walks by so our spot is a destination. We do have a good

amount of business and those that come there come specifically there."

For such a large school, there are only a few areas downtown, most of which have been established for several years. Being completely brand new, establishing a community of people that visit Side Bar frequently, is something that the management and staff put most of their time and energy into.

"We have people that come religiously," said DeCola. "In the one semester that we've been open we've really been building a business and we're trying to communicate and reach the people that haven't been here yet."

Side Bar is open Wednesday through Sunday for everyone over eighteen, and although it is a nightclub for all to enjoy, it is a hot spot to book private parties and other social gatherings. "We have parties all the time, we book a lot of parties, different socials, and birthday parties," said DeCola. "In December we had graduation parties. Everyone wants to have a good time and so I work with everyone that comes in."

For anyone who has not been to Side Bar yet, it is definitely a spot to not miss out on. "People get set in their ways. It doesn't hurt to try something new," said DeCola. "It's something fresh, a fresh look and a fresh start. You have to try it out."

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'House of Cards': It's Netflix binge time

Rich Heldenfels
MCT CAMPUS

Try this line on your loved one: "Be my valentine. Let's watch TV for 13 hours." Don't

be surprised to hear that on Friday, since that is when the second season of "House of Cards" arrives at the program service Netflix.

Derived from a British dramatic trilogy, "House of Cards" stars Kevin Spacey as Francis Underwood, a congressman from South

Carolina who is manipulating his way up the political ladder. His scheming has also involved his wife, Claire (Robin Wright), and an ambitious reporter, Zoe Barnes (Kate Mara) — but alliances shift among the political and moneyed classes in Washington.

So, even though Underwood was set to become vice president as the first season ended, it was also clear that trouble loomed. In the second season, says Netflix, that trouble includes Barnes inching closer to the truth about Underwood's crimes, Claire dealing with the brighter spotlight on her life and marriage, and billionaire Raymond Tusk (Gerald McRaney) wanting payback for help he gave Underwood.

Just those hints make me want to clear my schedule. "House of Cards," after all, gave new impetus to binge-viewing when Netflix put all 13 episodes of the first season online at the same time, letting people either stretch out their viewing or devour the whole thing. (I

mixed devouring with some breaks.) The subscription service will do the same thing with the second season, with all 13 new telecasts available on Friday.

Thanks to DVRs and DVD/ Blu-ray sets, people have been able to binge-view for some time, and there have been series — "24" leaps to mind — that lent themselves to big gulps instead of waiting week to week for new developments.

In most previous cases, bingeing involved saving recordings of a show as it aired, or waiting for the release on disc — and trying to avoid spoilers until you could watch.

"House of Cards" made the experience more intense by releasing an entire new series at once, and particularly

by doing it with a serialized program designed to keep you leaping from episode to episode until you are done.

And, whether you binged or not, the first season of "House of Cards" was a grim look at the evil men and women do in pursuit of power — a look that was helped not only by good performances but by the gloom-laden atmosphere generated by writer Eric Roth and producer-director David Fincher. Of course, it was wildly implausible in spots, and occasionally dragged. But there was always enough to keep viewers hooked.

So maybe your sweetheart will want to watch, too.

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Thirteen episodes of the second season of "House of Cards" will be arriving on Netflix on Friday. WEB PHOTO

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Staccato, which is a violin solo transcribed for xylophone which has a very classical tropical sound. Another song being played is titled 'Damn' by John Mackey. Wacker describes Mackey's piece as "loud rock grunge bashing piece" with punctual and intense drum sequences

When asked about attending the concert, students around campus say they haven't heard much about the concert, but are interested in going. Freshman neuroscience major Olivia Mitchem takes a music class on the history of rock and roll and is interested in hearing the percussion ensemble's rendition of a rock song.

"I think the diverse

variety of music they plan to play at the concert sounds like it would appeal to a lot of people," said Mitchem.

Another student interested in attending is Amanda Capps, freshman biology major, who is a member of the Marching Pirates and Concert Band.

"I didn't know about the concert but it sounds interesting and I would love to go support my school," said Capps.

The percussion performance will be held in Fletcher Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night. The event is free and open to the public.

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Pirates seal home victory

Brian Wudkwyh
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When Brandan Stith's lay-up with 10:35 left in the game gave the Pirates a 20-point lead over the University of Texas San Antonio Roadrunners, it looked like it was going to be an easy victory for ECU.

The Roadrunners didn't quit though. After the Pirates gained their 20-point lead, Jordan Sims hit a 3 pointer. From there UTSA went on a 24-9 run, and with just 2:41 left in the game, the Roadrunners were down by five.

The Pirates hit all 14 of their free throws from that point on and preserved the 81-71 win.

"I'm really proud of the way that we finished this game," said Lebo. "We got the ball in the right guy's hands."

Richmond, along with the rest of the ECU basketball team, has seen his fair share of struggles recently. He has been keyed-in on by opposing defenses and has seen a drop of production as a result.

Their fortune was reversed Saturday as Richmond went off for 31 points and hit three threes in the game against UTSA. He also hit all 15 of his free throws, which is a new school record.

"I'm just playing with a lot of confidence," said senior guard Richmond. "I know teams are going to play me hard, but I'm not going to lay down for anybody."

"He's as confident a

shooter as I've ever coached," added Coach Lebo.

The first half of the game didn't have the feel of a high-scoring bout. The Pirates managed to score just 33 points but held an eight-point lead going into the half.

Richmond and company came out in the second half and looked like an entirely different team. The Pirates began to drive the paint and big men Michael Zangari and Stith helped establish a presence inside. Zangari and Stith finished the night with 11 and seven points respectively. The two big men combined for 12 rebounds and two blocks as well.

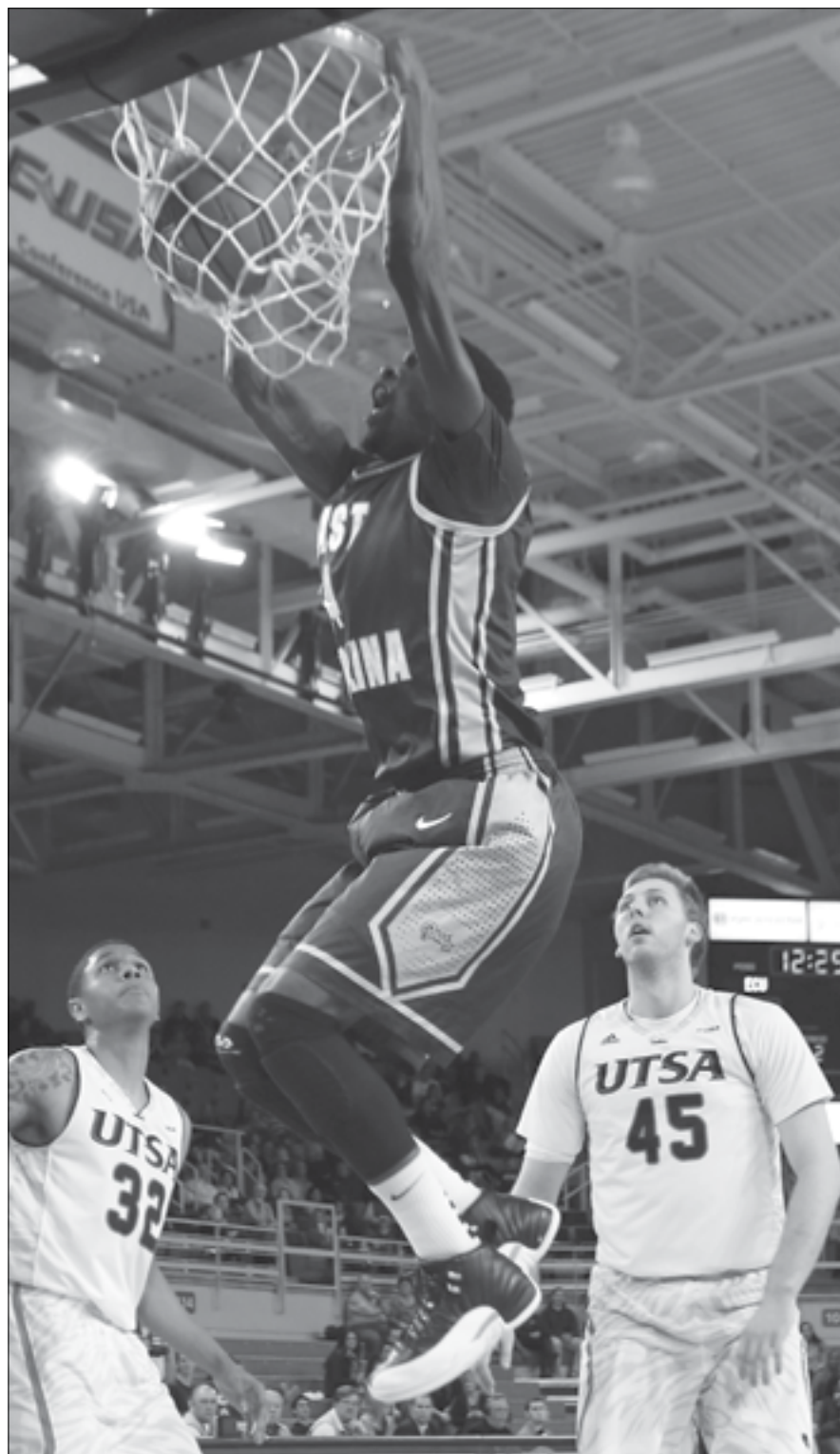
Stith's lay-up at the 10:35 mark gave the Pirates their biggest lead of the game, 58-38.

The victory marked the first conference victory at home for the Pirates and gave them a 13-11 record this season.

ECU was also in action on Thursday night when they took on the University of Texas El-Paso Miners (17-6, 7-1) at home on national television.

In front of a blacked out student section, ECU got off to a fast start against the Miners with an 11-4 lead, but UTEP's size ultimately lead them to a 58-47 victory over the Pirates.

UTEP's record is tied for the best in-conference this year, and despite their drastic



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> **MEN'S BBALL** page A8 Prince Williams (4) had multiple highlight dunks in the win over UTSA on Saturday night.

SWIMMING

Ladies finish undefeated

Wayne Hall
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It was a perfect season—literally. Last Saturday's final regular season win over Campbell (129-94) placed the Lady Pirates Swimming Team (11-0) as the only other team besides the 1941 ECU Football team (7-0) to go undefeated in regular season action.

The feat is a very impressive and even history making Head Swimming Coach Rick Kobe couldn't hold back his excitement over the ladies' victory.

"We can't be more excited to go 11-0 with the schedule we have," Kobe said. "To go 11-0, you've got to have a lot of good swimmers and divers."

All evening Saturday, the ladies showed the Campbell Camels just how good their swimming and diving was. Sophomore Delaney Fox and freshman Liz Browne cruised to first and second place finishes respectively in the 1000-yard freestyle with times of 10:28.76 and 10:31.78. While Campbell's only swimmer, Olivia Dwyer finished with a third place time of 11:07.70.

Pirate freshman Lauren Baker also took home a first place finish in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:3.45, while juniors Danielle Morrin and Lauren Gray followed closely with second and third place finishes of 2:03.79 and 2:04.83 respectively.

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Football recruiting roundup

Dan Hunt
TEC STAFF

Continuity is just what a program like ECU needs. The Pirates have always had the fan base, the game day atmosphere and the facilities that has improved over the last several years. They haven't however, had a consistent assurance that their best head coaches will stick around.

Barring an extremely surprising turn of events, McNeill isn't going anywhere and recruits are starting to take notice.

Arguably the most consistent unit on the Pirate defense in each of the last few seasons has been the linebacking corps, specifically on the outside.

Some of Ruffin McNeill's best athletes play outside-linebacker/defensive-end. That tendency has attracted intriguing talent from that position to ECU over the past few years.

The class of 2014 was no different, as the linebackers were the deepest and most

promising group of the defensive recruits.

Massadiq Walton and Markel Winters are examples of what McNeill looks for on the outside, while Yiannis Bowden, also manning the outside, is considered by some, ECU's most talented commitment. Ray Tillman, Kyron Speller and Joe Carter are the 2014 commitments at the inside linebacker position.

At 6-foot-7, 230 pounds and 6-foot-4, 235 pounds respectively, Alex Evans and Shaun James are the type of intriguing specimens at defensive-end that McNeill and his staff have started to bring in consistently.

Rick Smith has an eye for talent in the secondary and he believes he brought some to Greenville in 2014. Corey Seargent is a quick cornerback, known for good football instincts, while Drew Turnage and Cody Purdie are hard-hitting defensive backs.

ECU was landed both of its most notable fence sitters in junior-college lineman Quincy

McKinney and all-purpose back Anthony Scott on National Signing Day. They also avoided any last second negative flips from verbal commitments, marking the most successful National Signing Day for ECU in years.

The coaching staff addressed the biggest area of need in the 2014 class, offensive line, and he managed to do so with flying colors.

The signing of seven linemen, two of them JUCO, should immediately fill the holes in the unit in 2014, helping the Pirates restock rather than rebuild. McKinney was arguably the prize of the class, flipping from Louisville last minute. Desmond Barmore, Garrett McGhin, Messiah Rice, Kyle Erickson, Erik Lenzen and Dontae Levingston (the other JUCO) round out the balanced class.

Receiver was another area of need and always is in the air raid. Dre Massey, Malik Gray and Quay Johnson were all notable high school quarterbacks who elected to commit to the

Pirates as receivers. Curtis Burston and Terrell Green are also committed as receivers, while Stephen Baggett can play both inside-receiver and tight end.

Between guys like Massey and Johnson, there is plenty of speed in the 2014 class at receiver, but ECU's lone running back commit Anthony Scott may be the fastest man in the class. Scott picked the Pirates over Old Dominion in the final hours of the recruiting season.

The Pirates may not have earned anyone's top rankings for recruiting classes, but McNeill found guys that fit into the formula that he's instilled and more importantly, addressed the direst needs for 2014.

McNeill believes in his recruiting class and its value: "We don't go by stars. We go by what fits."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coming off an overtime victory at UAB, the Lady Pirates will take on North Texas at home on Saturday at 5 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates take on Tulsa on the road after ECU has won two of its last three games.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Akeem Richmond named Conference USA player of the week after averaging 26.5 points this week.

ECU FOOTBALL

Head Coach Ruffin McNeill received 23 Letter of Intent on National Signing Day. The new commitments join four early enrollees pushing ECU's class to 27.

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS

The Bobcats are 22-29, eighth in the Eastern Conference.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

Hurricanes are sixth in the Metropolitan Division of the Eastern Conference with 59 points with a record of 26-22-9.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Head Coach Rick Kobe picked up his 500th career win this weekend. He is only the sixth coach in NCAA history to accomplish the feat.



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Lady Pirate hoops on the rise



Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

I am often asked, "Hey, why has ECU basketball taken such a large step backwards this season?"

I tell them quickly, it is just the men's team that has fallen upon tough times. Meanwhile, Heather Macy's Lady Pirates are enjoying one of their best seasons in school history.

ECU (20-3, 8-2 Conference USA) became the first team in C-USA to win 20 games this year following its 83-73 overtime victory at Alabama-Birmingham Saturday. Despite their impressive overall record, the Pirates remain deadlocked in a three-way tie for second place in the league standings, trailing only Middle Tennessee State (19-4, 8-1 C-USA), who visits Minges Coliseum on Feb. 26.

Speaking of Minges, ECU has been unbeatable on its home floor, owing a 10-0 mark this year. In fact, its last home loss was Nov. 17, 2012 against the College of Charleston. Since then, the Pirates have won 25 consecutive games in the friendly confines of Minges Coliseum, which is the second largest home winning streak in the nation.

Also, both of ECU's C-USA losses were on the road and decided in overtime by a combined three points. Its lone loss in non-conference-play was on Dec. 14 (86-76 to Grand Canyon) in the Warhawk Classic, hosted by Louisiana-Monroe.

The Pirates are arguably playing their best basketball of the season right now, having won four consecutive games and seven of their last eight. Their recent success has been due in large part to the emergence of Shae Nelson.

Nelson, a 6-foot-1 forward, has captured or tied her career scoring high in each of the last four games. During that stretch, she has averaged just over 21 points per game. She poured in a career-high 27 points and was 5-for-8 from three-point range against UAB.

With shooting guards Jada Payne and Abria Trice already in place as the team's primary scorers, Nelson fits in nicely as a reliable third option that can fill up the score sheet. Payne (19.7) and Trice (16.6) are ranked fourth and seventh respectively in C-USA scoring.

Fans are beginning to take notice of the program's success as well. In ECU's last home game, a festive crowd watched the Pirates come from behind to beat Charlotte on Feb 1.

"There are some fans that have been loyal from the beginning and I appreciate them so much," Macy said. "Now we've got everybody bringing their neighbors about and it's the thing to do."

Up next for the Pirates is the annual "Play 4 Kay" game Saturday at Minges Coliseum. Created in honor of the late Kay Yow, who was an ECU alumna and hall of fame basketball



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Kyani White (2) drives baseline against a Charlotte defender.

coach at N.C. State, "Play 4 Kay" is a nationwide initiative to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer awareness.

"Obviously, that's a game where we're playing for something bigger than basketball," said Macy.

ECU's opponent will be North Texas (10-13, 4-6 C-USA). Tip-off time is set for 5 p.m.

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In all diving events, it was fairly one-sided. Colleen Jones picked up first place finishes in both the 1-meter and 3-meter springboard events with a tally of 234.52 points and 268.73 points respectively.

Saturday's victory marks the first time ever in ECU's swimming and diving program that the women have gone undefeated, an achievement that is hard for senior Anna Gibas to describe.

"You can't put it into words; none of this has ever happened before," said Gibas. "We've never been on this playing field and it's so exciting."

With the Lady Pirates finishing out their regular season schedule with no blemishes, it makes them heavy favorites going into the conference championship meet two weeks from now. But for now, with Kobe eclipsing 500 wins two Saturdays ago and the women going undefeated for the first time this Saturday, there is only room for celebration at ECU. It was hard for Kobe to put it to words, so he simply said, "It's just an exciting time to be a Pirate."

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size advantage over the Pirates, ECU stuck around for much of the game.

The Miners out-rebounded the Pirates 42-17 and held ECU to just 14 points in the paint. The Pirates had chances from the perimeter, but after a couple of early makes, including three consecutive three-pointers from Richmond, they cooled off.

"Rebounding tonight and (UTEP's) second-

chance opportunities was the difference in the game," said Lebo.

Richmond managed 20 points in the game and was 60 percent from beyond the arc, but outside of his production, the Pirates were shut down offensively.

Freshman Caleb White had, perhaps, his worst game of the season. He has been a key player in the Pirates offense, but finished the night with just two points. White is a player that is at his best whenever he can put the ball on the floor and drive to

the paint. With UTEP's size down low, White was unable to be a factor inside.

UTEP's big men John Bohannon, Vince Hunter and Julian Washburn were schematic nightmares for Lebo and the rest of the ECU staff. The three forwards combined for 33 points and 23 rebounds.

The Miners also hit shots from the outside, and once they figured out the soft-zone that the Pirates were playing, their offense had no trouble getting inside and overwhelming

the Pirate forwards.

"They had three guys that scored," said Lebo. "Their vet guys Bohannon, Cooper Washburn were difference makers for them tonight. They made some timely shots late in the shot-clock and they were back breakers for us."

The Pirates return to action Thursday as they travel to Oklahoma and take on the Tulsa Golden Hurricane (11-12, 6-3 C-USA).

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