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Too Tall (top), Jet (left) and Hawk (right) of the Globetrotters get the crowd excited with a three person dunk.

Election swept

Winners share their plans for the upcoming academic year

Ryan Clancy
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Ticket 3 won the SGA elections for executive board on Friday with a straight ticket victory, winning the elections for the president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary positions.

"I'm so excited," said Michael King, who will be the new SGA president. "I'm more excited my whole ticket won. We put our platform together as a ticket and we won as a ticket."

Members of the new executive board will soon start shadowing the current executive board to better understand their positions. King will begin by shadowing with current president Tim Schwan.

"The next step is to start shadowing Tim [Schwan] as much as possible," said King.

Even before they are sworn in as the new executive board, Ticket 3 will begin to work on implementing their platform. King said he is going to start on the safety elements of the ticket's platform, including putting more blue lights throughout the grid and adding crosswalks on areas of 10th Street.

"I'm going to start getting in contact with Greenville and ECU Police as well as the City Council," King said.

King is also working to get OneCards accepted by businesses in downtown Greenville, a task he hopes can be accomplished before next year.



Michael King

"We plan to get that process started as well," said King. "We're going to get in touch with restaurants in downtown Greenville."

Jake Srednicki, future SGA vice-president, said that their executive board will be getting feedback from the university's student and faculty population to make sure they accurately represent them.

"We have to be communicating with as many faculty and students as possible to lead us in the right direction," said Srednicki.

Srednicki is currently the SGA speaker of the senate, and said that experience will help him as vice president.

"It offered me the opportunity to really have a strong in-depth [understanding] of how SGA runs," said Srednicki.

Members of the new executive board will also be staying over the summer, partially to get new students acquainted with the university.

"We're going to spend a lot of time at orientation to introduce students to ECU and SGA," Srednicki said.

Kaitlyn Dutton, who was the SGA secretary her freshman year, will be the new treasurer, and she

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CULTURE HIGHLIGHTED

LWCC addresses Women's History Month

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Throughout March, the university's departments of history, sociology and women's studies, the LWCC and the university's Global Academic Initiatives are sponsoring events to highlight Women's History Month.

Last year, there were only two events held for Women's History Month. This year, with the help from the Chancellor's Office and other university offices, there will be more events to educate students about Women's History Month, according to Dr. Melissa Haithcox-Dennis, director of LWCC.

To begin the month and International Women's day on March 8, the university will host author and journalist Asra Nomani who will present "Women in the Muslim World." As a Muslim woman, Nomani will convey the struggle Muslim women have with reclaiming Islam traditions erased and blurred by manmade rules and traditions.

Students can attend this event today at 7 p.m. in SciTech Room C207.

The LWCC hosted a National Women's History Month Essay Contest on Feb. 8, where competitors were challenged to highlight a special woman in their lives, and just exactly how they fit the theme of "character, courage, and commitment."

The LWCC and the Muslim Student Association will hold "Under Wraps," a panel discussion where Muslim women will talk about the hijab, the female Muslim headscarf, and the burqa, the all-covering dress that some Muslim women wear. This event will occur on March 20 in MSC Room 244.

Students can check out human books at Joyner Library's event the "Human Library." Each human book will tell a story of their life that centers around a stereotype or a group of similar ones. According to Joyner Library's website, "The event's main purpose is to break stereotypes and create an open dialogue about increasing inclusion on campus. Joyner

Library also has a Women's History Month Display with facts and books on display on the 2nd floor, at the Teacher Resource Center.

"There are so many women changing the landscape here at ECU, and it is important to acknowledge them," said Haithcox-Dennis. "As well as acknowledge women who have come and gone before, that have made it possible for women to attend ECU."

At 12 p.m. on Mar. 7, the College of Human Ecology will provide a cross-cultural context of motherhood. Faculty from Gdansk, Poland, will talk with the College of Human Ecology faculty at the event titled "Motherhood in Cross-cultural Perspective" in Rivers' Room 260.

Students can become more informed on women's rights across the globe from the event "Women's Rights in Nigeria and the Issue of Widow Inheritance." Dr. Charles Iruonagbe from Covenant University, Nigeria, will speak at this event held on March 25 from 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. in SciTech's Room 144.

Women's History Month dates back to the 1970s when it was first introduced as International Woman's Day on March 8. The day soon grew to a week in 1980 when President Carter declared a National Women's History Week. In 1987 Congress declared there to be a National Women's History Month due to the number of states that independently recognized women's history.

This year's nationwide theme for Women's History Month is "Character, Courage, and Commitment."

The LWCC's mission is to support campus diversity and to enrich student skill development through cultural, educational opportunities for all students. They try to celebrate all heritage and history, according to Haithcox-Dennis.

"Women's History Month is helping us to include all students and make ECU a welcoming environment," said Haithcox-

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BRIEFS

Biodiversity Symposium addresses climate change influences in U.S.

On Mar. 14 and 15, the ECU Center for Biodiversity will host a symposium on the Influence of Climate Change on Biodiversity in the Science and Technology Building room 307. The basis of this symposium is to discuss how climate change is going to affect biodiversity in the Southeastern United States. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon on Saturday.

Icy weather causes delays and campus computer lab closings

ECU officials delayed classes until 9:30 a.m. today due to yesterday's wintry mix that fell over Eastern North Carolina. Also, any classes beginning yesterday at 5 p.m. or later were cancelled. The IT Help Desk and the Austin computer lab closed early and will reopen today at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. respectively if weather permits.

NC House Speaker Tillis shares opinion on minimum wage

Wednesday, North Carolina House of Representatives special interest speaker Thom Tillis expressed his opinion that raising the minimum wage was a "dangerous idea." In his argument he went even further to say he felt like there should not be a minimum wage. When asked what he considered a livable minimum wage was, Tillis gave no opinion.

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GREEK LIFE FUNDRAISER

Ron-a-Thon 5k to benefit Ronald McDonald House

Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

The 4th Annual Ron-A-Thon 5K and Red Nose Fun Run fundraiser is being held by Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Delta Pi and the Ronald McDonald House Teen Ambassadors Saturday, March 22, at 9 a.m. in the Greenville Town Common. The event benefits the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina.

Davis Keenan, Philanthropy Chair of Pi Kappa Alpha, said this is an event Alpha Delta Pi has been doing for four years, but members Pi Kappa Alpha got involved three years ago to help with the marketing side of the fundraiser.

Earl Aube, Public Relations Chair of Pi Kappa Alpha, said the year before last, they only raised a little over \$5,000. The event got even bigger and more prominent in the past two years, according to Keenan.

"This is my second year organizing the event and last year we raised over \$12,000," said Keenan.

All of the proceeds from the race go toward the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina, located in Greenville.

"Having the house in Greenville lets you see where the money is going. It's not like it's going to some national location. Here you can meet the families the money is going to," said Keenan.

Keenan knows a family that had to stay in the Ronald McDonald House before, so he has a personal tie to this event. Once he knew about the fundraiser, Keenan said he felt the need to get involved and make sure it did well.

Keenan, Aube and all members of Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Delta Pi encourage everyone, including ECU students, faculty and Greenville residents, to come out and take part in the run.

"We don't want it to be just a Greek exclusive event. We want this to be a big, broad, Greenville-wide race," said Keenan.

Keenan said they've had people of all ages come out and run in past years, and he wants that to continue this year.

"I've never known people that haven't had a good time at the event," said Aube. "It's a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon."

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The cost to run the 5K is \$20 before the race day and \$25 on race day. Everyone who pays will receive a t-shirt and a pre-race breakfast. For students, the cost to run is \$15 before race day and \$20 on race day. The price to participate in the one mile Fun Run/Walk is \$10 and t-shirts are optional to purchase. Prizes will be given out at the end of each race.

For more information, or to register for the event, visit ecrr.com, or talk to any member of Pi Kappa Alpha or Alpha Delta Pi. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

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said that Ticket 3's plan to have a house of representatives made up of student organizations will improve awareness of appropriations funding.

"We want to use the bicameral congress to make sure people know how to apply for appropriations funding," said Dutton. "That'll make sure people get what they need and make the biggest difference."

Srednicki say that another one of the new executive board's goals is to make the SGA more accountable to students.

"I hope to see SGA generate more accountability and more transparency," said Srednicki.

As the new SGA secretary, Katie Swanner said she wants to begin working towards getting in contact with organizations throughout the university.

"I'll be there to just reach out to organizations," said Swanner. "Just being that liaison for the students."

Dutton believes that their executive board will find success. "I think we'll complete a lot of the things that are on our platform," Dutton said.



The current and upcoming SGA executive staff. Row one: Dieu-Merci Medju, Jake Srednicki, Brett Winter, Jesse Breaux, Mike King, Tim Schwann. Row two: Kaitlyn Dutton, Kara Dough, and Katie Swanner.

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PIRATE RANTS

Why is spring break so early? Can the school wait until warmer weather is here?

A guy thinks I'm into him because I kept staring at him. I was only trying to guess what animal he looks like: It's a beaver.

Yeah, you're a 10. On the pH scale. Cause you're basic.

PSA to freshman in shorts: It's called ECU for a reason. (Everyone Carries Umbrellas) Don't get caught in freezing rain.

The Academy ripped Sandra Bullock off! Pirate Pride Sandy!

Bearded man on the Minges bus that wears a shirt and tie every day, I want to tackle you and do you on the bus. I don't even care who watches. You game?

I've been reduced to wearing ear plugs to bed so my one beer q**** of a roommate can stay up and watch cartoons as loud as possible with the rest of his friends who aren't going anywhere in life.

I make life's most difficult decisions while sitting on the toilet with my pants still on.

To the people that live above me at North Campus: there is a special place in for hell for you! I'm sure there will be loud techno music playing in the background!

If ECU is such a 'party school' someone please explain why I can't find a single room at Joyner to study Sundays through Wednesdays?

When I start teaching you can bet your sweet behind that I'll be playing Bill Nye and Reading Rainbow.

I recently started going to ECU Women's Basketball games and now I'm hooked! Good luck in Norfolk and El Paso, Lady Pirates!

Getting real tired of seeing girls with \$300 handbags wearing \$3 outfits.

To whoever is playing a guitar in the library, could you not?

Your voice is like a combination of Fergie and Jesus!

I get so distracted walking through campus. Gorgeous girls everywhere!

You have a boyfriend, yet you're still on Tinder? WTF?

Breaking my tibia, fibula AND ankle has been a real Buzz kill to my last semester here.

You. Yes you. On the Minges bus. Lets take our talents on a date sometime.

All I want is a hot guy to watch Jeopardy with me. Is that too much to ask?

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Our view

Campus life not for everyone

For the second consecutive year, campus living is being forced to lean on off-campus apartments to help fit the large load of students under campus living contracts. With the UNC School System requiring that all freshman stay on campus, the 250 students placed at the Province will be upperclassmen.

It is very disappointing that freshmen are still being required to stay on campus, despite the lack of space. For some of the upperclassmen here, the option was given to opt out of campus living as a freshman.

The move from home to college can be a life

changing experience. Dorms are usually great ways to get freshman used to living on their own; there are plenty of people to socialize with and really close dining locations just to cover the basics.

What about the people who do not do well in those settings? We as an editorial staff believe that no student should be forced into any living situation. Over crowded bathrooms and halls is not a comfortable setting for anybody thrown into that situation.

Balancing a job and school

Jobs create stress now, good habits later

Take a Step Back



ReAnn Melaga
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Recently, a Duke University student revealed her involvement in the porn industry to pay for her college expenses.

The story was first heard when she was anonymously interviewed for an article titled "Portrait of a Porn Star" in the Duke Chronicle, the university's campus newspaper. In the article, the student who was referred to as Lauren Aurora said she started working in the porn industry when her regular waitressing job could not pay her annual \$60,000 tuition bill.

College expenses can be detrimental to students and their parent's bank accounts. Most people have to take out loans or get financial aid to compensate for the amount of money being drained from their wallets. Along with receiving financial help, many students work part-time, or even full-time jobs to cover the overhead cost of college.

As with the Duke freshman, many students

find themselves working less-than-ideal jobs to pay for the multitude of expenses that come with attending college. Fast food restaurants, grocery stores, and other chain businesses are usually the destinations around town chosen by students.

Participating in the porn industry obviously is an extreme example of students doing what it takes to make sure their college bills are paid, but it is a great example of the possible negative impacts of working while being a student.

Late hours at work, lack of sleep and free time and the stress of having a job itself can all potentially harm the success of student's classwork. It is difficult enough going to class on time and even harder to do so after a long day or night of work. Combine this with the struggle of finding time to study and do homework between class and a job and you could potentially have a recipe for disaster.

Not to consider the fact that most jobs around your typical college town will not pay college students anything to live comfortable off of. Any college student with a job will tell you how lucky you are if you get anything outside of minimum wage.

On the contrary, if a student is able to manage his or her time properly, dealing with

a job along with being a student can be a great learning experience.

When students graduate from college they are quickly thrust into the real world. This can be shocking if students are ill prepared for the responsibilities they are suddenly faced with. But, to the students who have worked while in college, their experience can lessen the blow of the shock.

Working while in college can be a hassle and can also have the potential to affect one's success. However, it can be very beneficial by teaching the importance of balancing a job along with other obligations. Paying bills on time and managing a budget are things students cannot learn in class, but something they must learn through experience; experience they can only get from the real world.

College is about learning, whether it is done inside or outside the classroom. Students are always going to be faced with challenges but what is important is that we are able to overcome them.

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The time scale on marriage



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My Facebook news feed has been bombarded with engagements, marriages and babies ever since I graduated from high school. I graduated from a Greenville high school, D.H. Conley in 2010 with a class of a little over 250 students, of those I would say a quarter or more are married, engaged or parents. Compare this to my friends in New York who graduated with a class of around 350 that consists of one engagement and less than five parents.

There's a pressure down South to get married younger and pop out babies as soon as possible. There have been articles circulating across social media with titles like "26 Reasons Why I Got Married Young" and counter arguments like "26 Reasons I Have Better Things To Do Than Get Married." I feel as though the concentration on young marriages stems from the Christian basis of most of these Southern households. When in the Bible belt, getting married equals finally being able to have sex. With an increase in premarital sex in mainstream culture, the pressure on couples to get married for sex skyrockets.

It's no coincidence that the lowest median ages for first marriages all come from the bible belt, according to Livescience studies: North Carolina 25, Arkansas 24, Tennessee 24, etc. While more metropolitan states with fewer Christian bases have much higher median ages for their first marriage: Washington D.C. 30, Massachusetts 29, New York 28, etc.

I wish I could explain this difference in culture without resorting to religion; perhaps an economical reason is pushing couples towards tying the knot. I think there's almost a hereditary link—if your parents got married at 20 and are happy, they're the example you hold for marriage making it more likely that you'll get married at 20. There's nothing wrong with getting married when you're 20 and there's nothing wrong about getting married when you're 32 or never getting married.

The problem comes when the goal is marriage and only marriage. Get an education, travel the world, go skydiving, whatever and do it without marriage in the back of your mind. Don't go to college to meet your husband, don't travel the world to meet a foreign husband, don't go skydiving in the hopes that your instructor will be the "one." If you do that you're going to settle down with the first person you meet and stop trying to be anything more. If you experience all these things for your own self-improvement, you'll truly understand who you are as a person.

Getting married at that point, whether you're 22 or 56, is when marriage is not a mistake. Marriage is designed to give you a partner through life but what kind of partner are you going to be back to them if you don't even know who you are. You should be able to share stories about all your adventures before them and include them in your future adventures. Your only story should not be "I looked for you and I found you."

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Fashion week debuts trends for fall

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This past month, the top four fashion empires of the world, New York, London, Milan and Paris, debuted the collections of hundreds of designers for fall/winter 2014. Designers ranging from household names to hopeful up-and-comers showcased their best looks for the season to star studded crowds, including front row regulars such as Blake Lively and Olivia Palermo.

Fall fashion typically consists of oversized knits, layers, and chunky jackets that are created in multiple cuts and colors. Traditionally, neutral and jewel tone colors predominate runways all over the world. However, several unexpected pops of color, such as baby blue and fuchsia, stomped their way onto the catwalks of New York City and a revival of 60's mod and 70's detailed prints reentered the runways in London.

Wearing high fashion designer outfits can be outrageously expensive especially for

college students. But just because you can't afford Gucci and Dior doesn't mean you can't dress fashionably. Pulling inspiration from these high fashion looks can help to build your fall wardrobe for a third of the cost. Here are some of the major trends that you'll see from each of the shows that can be easily incorporated into your closet.

The first fall/winter 2014 Fashion Week began in the fashion capitol of the world: New York City. Some of the most well-known American designers, such as Marc Jacobs, Michael Kors, DKNY and Proenza Schouler, introduced their takes and remakes of falls top trends. Loose fitting silhouettes, long hemlines, cardigans and contrasting colors like fuchsia and baby blue were staple trends from one collection to the next.

"I like the longer cardigans and elbow patches," said Gracie Glover, Finance Major. "I agree, I think you can get away with making the look casual or nice," said Kelly Sloane, English Education major. Baby blue was also a top choice of runway looks to be incorporated into collegiate closets. "I

really like the baby blue colors," said Sloane. "It looks really good on my skin tone so its something I would wear."

Following New York Fashion Week came London Fashion Week. According to an online source, Flamingo, "London Fashion Week has always been known to bring out some eclectic, whimsical and imaginative collections." This season, two looks were inspired by the ghost of fashions past. Victorian silhouettes and 70's textiles were given a 21st century makeover by the likes of Burberry, Topshop and Vivienne Westwood.

While these fashions are fun to look at, wearing oversized fur collars and graphic prints may not be an easy look to pull off around campus. "I don't think this is something I would wear," said Caroline Herring, sophomore Speech and Hearing major. "Maybe I would wear those colors but nothing with a big collar or design like that."

The third week debuted Italian fashion in the city of Milan. Italian designers, such as Dolce and Gabbana, Armani, Prada and

Versace showcased classic Italian design. "Italian fashion is typically known for impeccable tailoring, textiles, femininity and luxury," said Flamingo, online/ an online source (not sure how to quote) Pristine hemlines and high end tailoring were a constant theme across multiple Milan runways that brought new versions of traditional menswear, especially seen in the outdoor designs. "I would do the long vests," said Herring. "I've been looking for a nice vest and I like that look."

One major design that was introduced on the runways of Milan was a futuristic look. Atmospheric colors were designed into tailored looks foreshadowing the designs of the future and a modern twist on 60's mod came back to the catwalk. However, high fashion looks like this are difficult to wear around campus. "Prints like that are a lot for me," said Herring. "I'd rather stick to the basics."

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Fashion trends for fall 2014 are a variety of layers and a mix of neutral colors with bursts of baby blue and fuschia. Designer runway shows from left to right: Burberry, Marc Jacobs, and Michael Kors.

WEB PHOTO

Runway to everyday

Brooke Rowe
TEC STAFF

Though you may not want to walk to class wearing a high-fashion couture gown straight off of the runways, you can easily pull a few looks from fashion shows to update and ready yourself for the season's trends.

For the past few weeks, some of the top trendsetters and fashion influences in the world showcased their fall 2014 collections in fashion shows in Milan, New York and London.

Start looking for styles that are prevalent in the fashion shows and try to add it to your

wardrobe piece by piece. Since fashion trends are a process, you'll be able to wear some current styles with future trends and show yourself as a trendsetter.

Becky Kachur, senior fashion merchandising major, outlined a few pointers on colors and styles to be on the look for and get a head start on building your closet. Kachur said runways are, "where the trends start. You can't predict what you're going to see on the runway, but by looking at the runway designs, you can predict what you will see on the streets for that season."

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FOCUS ON DETAILS

"A big look seen on the runway was jeweled collars, which you will start to see this coming spring, and will continue to be popular in the fall," said Kachur. "They'll be putting jeweled collars on more basic pieces such as button ups, sweat shirts and other things." Exotic and elaborate details were prevalent in the shows and have made their way into stores the past few seasons with shoes and shirts lined with jewels and fringes. It sends a flashy yet laid back style that shows you know how to be glamorous, but you can kick back and swing it at the same time. "Fringe on bags is always popular, and the style comes and goes when it comes to apparel. But with the release of 'The Great Gatsby' last year, I think the popularity is growing because of Daisy's fringed 20s look," said Kachur.

RETRO PROFESSIONAL

"I think there will be a lot of white and black, prints will be popular such as polka dots and cutouts, and sheer material," Kachur said. "Polka are going to be really big, they were seen a lot on the NY runway by Dolce & Gabbana and Burberry so I think we will see them mixed with other patterns, like stripes and floral." To go along with the more professional tendencies of the trends, men's clothing played a big part in influencing the styles, such as ties, button-ups, fashionable sweatshirts and over-sized men's pea coats. "The men's dress shirts were being turned into dresses in New York and I know cutouts were big," said Kachur. "I noticed a lot of pop art too. Pop art is being incorporated into a lot of designs, giving it a bit of a 1960s Andy Warhol feel."

FALL COLORS

"Some of the popular colors for fall 2014 that I saw while following NY's fashion week, and that were confirmed by the Pantone color report, were bright cobalt, aurora red, radiant orchid, and misted yellow," Kachur said. "The cobalt color is being carried over from last fall's look and will continue to be a huge success." To create a chic look with bold colors, such as the aurora red and bright cobalt, try pairing them with solid white wide leg pants, another popular piece both for spring and fall. The more low-key but still bright colors, such as the misted yellow and radiant orchid, would be easily matched with a navy blue or a brown to soften the look.

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Former students perform with Wye Oak

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Tomorrow evening at the Haw River Ballroom in Saxapahaw, N.C., a band that formed at ECU will be performing along with Wye Oak. Future Islands, formerly named Art Lord & The Self Portraits began their musical career while attending the ECU school of Art. Future Islands has been touring since 2006, played an excess of 800 shows, and has toured not only in America, but in the UK, South America and many other countries as well.

Guitarist William Cashion recalls one of the bands most memorable shows which took place in Paris. "A few weeks ago, we performed in Paris and at the very end the crowd rushed the stage, so there were about 50 people on the stage at once and it was definitely a good energy." Cashion says the last show they played in Greenville, as the Art Lords, was a memorable one as well.

When Future Islands began as Art Lord and the Self Portraits, Cashion met Sam Herring (current bassist of Future Islands)

through the many classes they shared together at ECU School of the Arts. The duo shared a common interest of starting a band and within a few months, the two were performing their first show by Tar River on Valentine's Day.

Cashion says since they left ECU not much about their performance style has changed. "We still use clip lights for our live show, the same kind of lights we used at house parties. The stage may be a little bigger now but we still try and keep it pretty bare boned." The original duo is now a trio with the addition of Gerrit Welmers to the original Sam Herring and William Cashion.

Their huge success includes not only an international tour, but also multiple sold out shows, and a myriad of albums being released. Their most current album titled "Singles" is set to drop March 24 and 25. The album was recorded over 18 days in legendary Dreamland Studios located in New York City. Dreamland is a refurbished, century-old church. One of the most famous songs recorded at the studio is "Love Shack"

by the B-52's. Their new album can be pre-ordered on iTunes.

The band describes their style as post-wave dance music. The band came up with the term while at ECU, and still use it to dub themselves as pioneers of this new genre. Cashion says it's a combo of post-punk and new-wave. Their style is one part melancholic, one part euphoric and "full of animated bass lines, robust drum machines and questing keyboards, all set off by Sam's remarkably distinct, soaring vocal," according to hawriverballroom.com.

An audience attending a future islands show can expect a loud and energetic atmosphere. "We want people to feel it and even dance. We're playing some new songs from our upcoming album at the show so hopefully we can make the audience feel something," says Cashion.

In addition to Future Islands, Baltimore based band Wye Oak will also be performing with Future Islands. This indie folk-rock duo consisting of Andy Stack and Jenn Wasner has been touring constantly since 2011 and

their music has been featured on hit shows "The Walking Dead" and SyFy's new series "Being Human."

Stack from Wye Oak is famous for his unique method of performing, using both drums and keyboards, playing the drums with his feet and right hand, and the bass line with his left hand.

The Haw River Ballroom where Future Islands and Wye Oak will be performing tomorrow night is set in the former Dye House of Saxapahaw's Historic Cotton Mill. The Ballroom has three levels, a riverside deck, a concessions bar, a full service stage and sound system, gorgeous historic detail, solar and geothermal power and an idyllic rural setting befitting the eclectic Future Islands and Wye Oak.

Tickets to see Future Islands and Wye Oak can be purchased online, and those attending their show in Saxapahaw tomorrow night should be at the Haw River Ballroom at 7 p.m. The show will begin at 8 p.m.

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Senior day basketball victories

Pirates split final two games

Jesse Deal
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ECU was on track for its fourth straight victory, but its offense stalled in the final 4:32 and allowed Marshall to turn a 10-0 run into a 64-61 win.

With 10 seconds left, the Herd's freshman forward Ryan Taylor was fouled on a successful layup attempt and made his free throw to give Marshall a 62-61 edge. Taylor finished the matchup with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Senior Akeem Richmond unleashed a potentially game-winning trey with five seconds to go. The Thundering Herd's Chris Thomas blocked the shot and Marshall slipped past the Pirates to get its 10th win of the season.

After trailing Marshall for the majority of the first half, the Pirates came alive and took a 41-30 lead at halftime. ECU made 61 percent of its shots while holding Marshall to 35 percent shooting. But the second half was a completely different story.

Richmond had 15 points in the game, but made only one of his 10 shots in the second half. As a team, ECU scored on a paltry 28 percent of its second half field goals. The Pirates' shooting woes were the nail in the coffin as they were also outrebounded, 44-28.

Freshman Caleb White was a bright spot for ECU with 23 points and three rebounds. White was dubbed C-USA freshman of the week after his performances in the Pirates' two games this week.

Sophomore guard Prince Williams played well again off the bench as he led ECU with 10 rebounds and nine assists.

The Pirates were much more impressive on Thursday night in their 75-68 win over the Charlotte 49ers (15-13, 6-9) in Minges Coliseum.

In a spectacular senior night performance, Richmond was 8-for-14 behind the arc and dropped 27 points to go with five rebounds. No trey was more important than the one he made with 3:53 left to give ECU a 64-60 lead.



Akeem Richmond (1) scored 27 pts on senior day.

The Pirates closed out the game by making 11 of 14 free throws.

"It really couldn't have gone any better than how it went," Richmond said.

Ten minutes into the contest, ECU had a dominating 21-2 edge over Charlotte. The 49ers responded with an 11-3 run and managed to trail by only eight at halftime. After another Charlotte run, the matchup was tied at 50 with 8:44 remaining in the second half.

Despite the 49ers' comeback effort, the Pirates were resilient and never allowed Charlotte to lead in the game. Much of that can be credited to ECU junior guard Antonio Robinson, who arguably had his best game all season with 15 points and six rebounds.

Donning a homemade shirt with "I Love ECU" on the front, Richmond was

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Even with Jada Payne (23) having an off game, the Pirate seniors stepped up big on Saturday.

Ladies break losing streak

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The ECU women's basketball team recovered from its three-game losing streak to beat the Tulsa Golden Hurricane, 78-69, Saturday.

Seniors Kristine Mial and Carly Vendemia were recognized before the game and each turned in stellar performances on Senior Night in Minges Coliseum. Mial tied for a team-high 17 points, while Vendemia poured in nine, but it was the Pirates' (22-6, 10-5 Conference USA) bench that was the difference.

Freshman J'Kyra Brown matched Mial's 17 points - 15 of which were posted in the second half - on 6-for-9 shooting for her third straight double-figure outing and junior Shae Nelson rounded out the Pirates' double-figure scorers with 12 points.

Thanks in large part to Brown and Nelson, ECU totaled 38 points off the bench to break the program's largest losing skid in two seasons.

"We have relied so much on Jada [Payne] and Abria [Trice]," said ECU coach Heather Macy of her scoring duo that combined for just 12 points Saturday. "What we need to rely on is ways to win. That means when they are not having a great night, other people have to and I think that's what we did today."

Brown took over the game with about 10 minutes left in the second half. With ECU clinging to a slim 43-42 lead, the 5-foot-11 shooting guard buried three consecutive three-pointers over the span of 92 seconds to push the advantage back to 52-44.

The Golden Hurricane (11-15, 5-10 C-USA) would not get any closer. Rather, Brown's spurt sparked the Pirates and was just the beginning of their offensive outburst in the second half.

Vendemia hit back-to-back lay-ups - including an and-one three-point play - to

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Pirates sweep LeClair Classic

Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

Anchored by the pitching staff, the Pirates' baseball team picked up three wins over the weekend to sweep the LeClair Classic and improve to 6-5 on the year while stopping a four-game losing skid.

"This was really special, I thought our guys played well," said Coach Billy Godwin. "We played three really good clubs and this was a huge point in the season for us to come out, turn it around and get three wins."

Sunday's starter against Ohio State, Davis Kirkpatrick, struggled out of the gate as he allowed a leadoff triple to Troy Kuhn. Kuhn was knocked in by Pat Porter to give the Buckeyes a 1-0. From there, Kirkpatrick did not give up a run for the rest of his outing.

Kirkpatrick started to lose his control as he came out for the fifth inning. With one out, he issued eight straight balls and was pulled for senior Ryan Williams.

Williams went three and two-thirds innings allowing just one hit and a walk. He picked up the win as the Pirate



Ben Fultz (1) rounds third base to score this weekend at home.

bats picked up just enough to get the victory.

Ian Townsend and Luke Lowery picked up consecutive singles with one out in the second. Eric Tyler walked with the

bases loaded to score Townsend and Kirk Morgan followed him up as he reached on a fielder's choice to drive in Lowery.

The Pirates' grabbed their third and final run in the third frame. Zach Houchins took first on a walk and later hustled to second on a passed ball. Townsend drove in Houchins on a double.

Drew Reynolds nailed down the save despite allowing a run in the ninth. The save was Reynolds' 27th of his career - the most all-time by an ECU pitcher.

"That's a veteran, a senior who is not going to get rattled," said Godwin of Reynolds cold-blooded closing performance. "Maybe that doesn't happen as a sophomore, but as a senior showing the medal and the mechanics to step up right there."

Reid Love got the start against Pittsburgh on Saturday. Love surrendered an unearned run in the first inning after a throwing error by Reynolds. Love went on to retire ten in a row.

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CALENDAR

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BASEBALL

The Pirates swept all of their weekend matches to win their second consecutive Keith Leclair Classic title.

SOFTBALL

ECU swept all three matches against Tennessee Tech this weekend. The Lady Pirates have won nine out of their last ten.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates' 3-game win streak was snapped at Marshall Sunday 64-61. ECU travels to Old Dominion Thursday to finish out the regular season. ECU forward Caleb White was named C-USA Freshman of the Week.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates defeated Tulsa Saturday 78-69 in their home finale. They travel to Old Dominion Wednesday for their final regular season match.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Canes are 0-4 in their five-game road stand after the Olympic break.

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The Bobcats are 27-32, 7th in the Eastern Conference with 23 games remaining.

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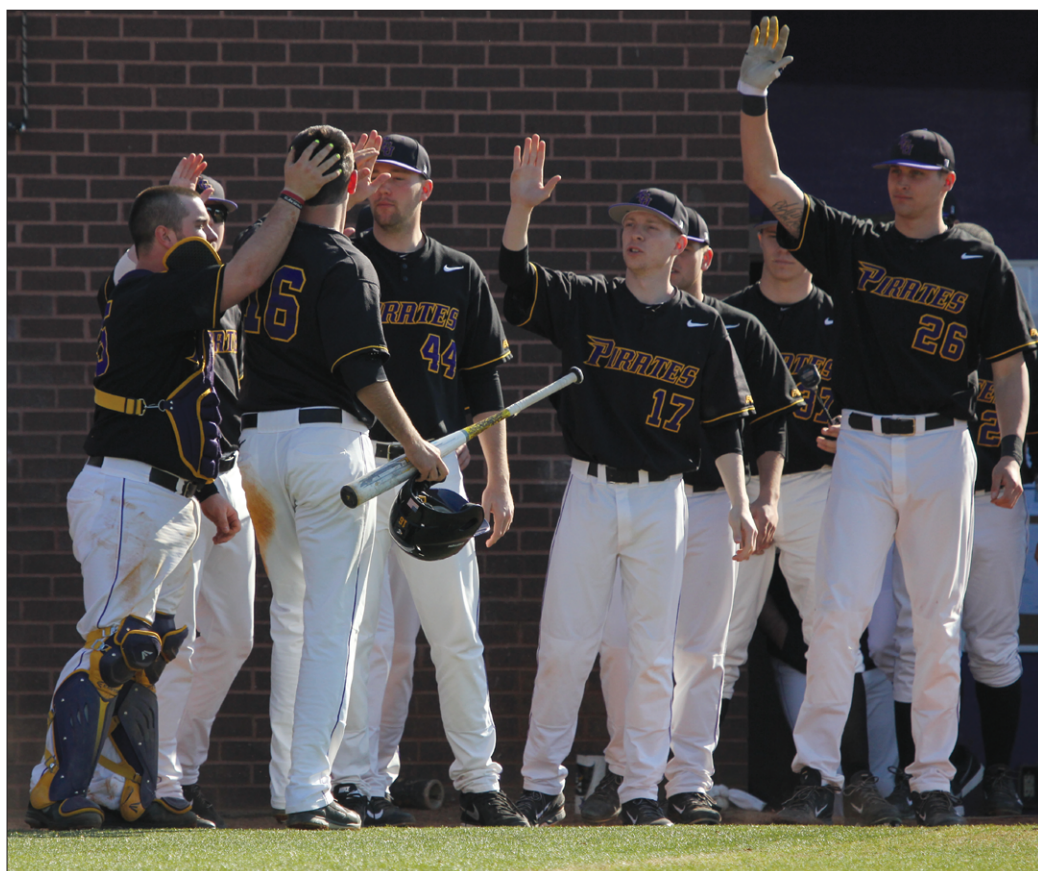
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Ben Fultz (1) makes a flying catch in the outfield as he approaches the outfield wall.



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Zach Houchins (16) is greeted with high fives as he heads to the dugout during the Keith LeClair Classic.

Like Kirkpatrick, Love ran into trouble in the fifth as he allowed another unearned run when A.J. Lardo scored on a pass ball. Love was pulled for Brett Mabry who went three and two-thirds and allowed just one hit.

Reynolds picked up the save, which at the time tied the record for saves in a career, as he struck out all three batters he faced to give the Pirates the win.

The offense registered 10 hits and four runs against Panthers

pitching. In the fourth, Reynolds and Houchins started the inning with back-to-back singles.

Reynolds scored on a ground out by Ben Fultz. Lowery followed him up with an RBI single to drive in Houchins.

The Pirates knocked in another run in the fifth as Townsend drove in Morgan on a sacrifice fly. The final run came as Garret Brooks drove in Dylan Brown in the sixth.

Friday's pitching performance by Jeff Hoffman turned out to be the

best performance of the weekend, despite not getting the win.

Hoffman threw eight innings allowing just five hits and one unearned run. In his 109-pitch performance he struck out 14 batters— a LeClair Classic record—while allowing just one walk.

The lone run came in the sixth inning as Cody Wofford scored on a single by Ryan Church. Hoffman continued to cruise after allowing the run. He was pulled after the eighth inning and he struck out the

last two batters he faced.

Ryan Williams picked up right where Hoffman left off as he stuck out four of the six batters he faced and did not allow a base runner.

The offense manufactured just one run through nine innings as Bryce Harman drove in Fultz on an RBI double in the seventh. After extra innings were forced, the Pirates picked up a win in the 10th inning.

After two quick outs, Brooks drew a walk to put him on first.

Reynolds moved Brooks to third with a single.

Houchins played hero for the second time this season as he drilled a grounder to second baseman Scott Wilcox who could not handle it. Brooks scored to end the game and the four game losing streak the Pirates were on.

The Pirates play next against UNC Greensboro on Wednesday on the road.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Pirates claim second, third in championships

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A second and third place finish in the Conference USA championship meet was a bit of a step backwards for two teams that were slated to win it all. But from the very first whistle early Wednesday morning, to the last one Saturday evening, both Pirate swim teams fought hard.

The Lady Pirates' combined score of 700 points was good enough for a third place finish behind Florida International (740) and Rice (1000) on Saturday. Though a third place finish puts a damper on an otherwise spotless season for the ladies, they still proved to be a tough matchup.

Wednesday, the ladies came out of the gates propelling as senior Anna Gibas, sophomore Megan Sellers, freshman Tori

Angermeier and sophomore Anastasia Amoiroglou all helped lead the Lady Pirates to a second place finish in the 200-yard medley. The four-swimmer relay team set a varsity record time of (1:39.33).

Amoiroglou and senior diver Colleen Jones were the only ladies to reach the podium on the second day of competition however, as Amoiroglou finished third in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of (23.05). Not to be outdone, Jones finished third as well in the 3-meter springboard with a score of 291.90.

Friday evening the ladies brought the intensity, especially sophomore Sellers who was the first Lady Pirate to receive gold medal honors at the championship. Sellers earned gold by setting a new meet standard with a time of (1:00.42) in the 100

breaststroke. Junior Danielle Morrin also set a new ECU varsity record finishing fifth in the 400 IM with a time of (4:20.23).

On the men's side, the Pirates finished second with 1,038 points behind champion Western Kentucky (1,225). On opening day, the Pirates wasted no time capturing first in the 800 freestyle relay as Michael Dugan, Nikola Simic, Fran Krznicar and Julien Dodu touched quickest with a time of (6:32.10). The Pirates carried that same trend over Thursday as Krznicar and senior Attila Kiraly both had NCAA 'B' cuts, finishing second and third in the 500 freestyle with times of (1:47.11) and (1:47.90).

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visibly joyful after his final regular-season performance in Minges Coliseum.

"I'm just so blessed to have such a great opportunity to play for East Carolina University," he said. "I want to say thank you to all the fans and everyone who has supported us throughout the season."

ECU will travel to Norfolk, VA for a rematch against Old Dominion (14-16, 8-7) on Thursday at 7 p.m. The Pirates fell to the Monarchs, 81-70, in January but will look for revenge and a victory to close out the regular season.

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further stretch the cushion and a pair of Brown foul shots gave ECU its largest lead, 73-55, at the 5:33 mark.

"Kristine [Mial] started off [when] she went off with all of her three's and I couldn't let her be the only senior that scored. So I had to put something into it," said Vendemia.

With ECU trailing 28-27 in the first half, Mial drained two of her five 3-pointers before halftime to grant the Pirates a 37-30 lead heading into the locker room. They would not trail again.

"I'm just so happy for [Mial and Vendemia] because this is something they are going to remember for the rest of their lives," Macy said. "They both played probably their best games of the year."

Tulsa shooting guard Ashley Clark supplied a game-high 26 points, but didn't get much help from her teammates,

offensively. Meanwhile on the defensive end, ECU center Ondrea Shaw blocked five Golden Hurricane shots Saturday.

The towering 6-foot-4 junior has 92 blocks this season, which are three short of tying the single-season school-record. Marcia Girven swatted 95 shots in consecutive seasons in 1978 and 1979. Point guard Janesha Ebron tied her career-high in assists (9) for the third time this season.

ECU will close the regular season at Old Dominion Wednesday. The Pirates edged the Monarchs, 64-63, in its first meeting on Jan. 30, but this game could carry a larger significance for ECU.

With a win on Wednesday and a loss by Tulane, ECU would finish fourth in the league standings, clinching a double-bye in the conference tournament.

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