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FOOTBALL

Spring ball starts

Players begin practice period

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

It's back (well, sort of). The ECU football team began the first of its 14 spring workouts at the Cliff Moore Practice Facility Friday evening.

Although the players were just wearing pad-less jerseys and shorts, they exuded an excitement to be back on the field with one another and the coaches.

Maybe this added enthusiasm was simply a carryover from the fashion of which last season ended—the Pirates completed the second 10-win season in school history with a Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl victory in December—or maybe it was just the sunny, mid-60's weather conditions they were greeted with.

Having several playmakers return for another season certainly doesn't hurt, either. ECU retains its prolific quarterback-receiver combo of seniors Shane Carden and Justin Hardy as the team prepares for a slightly upgraded level of competition in the American Athletic Conference.

Carden, who was named a Heisman trophy candidate last month by American Commissioner Mike Aresco, passed for a school-record 4,139 yards and 33 touchdowns to just 10 interceptions last season, while finishing with the nation's third highest completion percentage (70.5).

His go-to target and fellow classmate, Hardy, already owns most

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BAND COMES BACK



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The Ethnographers, once a local Greenville band, made a full reunion debut at Peasant's Pub Saturday night for Spazz Fest. The Ethnographers first came together back in 2009 but stopped touring in 2012 to pursue other projects. In their years together they acquired both success and a large, loyal fan base. This was the first show since 2012 that all seven members played in together.

Tipped cow returns

Campus landmark now anchored by concrete pad



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The cow now sits in a concrete pad that prevents it from being tipped over.

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

Four months after the Pirate cow was damaged in a vandalized tipping, it is back on campus with a new platform to stand on.

Wells Fargo donated the six-foot tall, 125-pound fiberglass cow last fall after a fundraising event for the North Carolina Children's Hospital in Chapel Hill. It was placed in front of the Rivers Building with concrete footers on the hooves. The cow had experienced multiple tipplings, but was tipped for the last time in

November, which caused damage to the hooves.

India Lynch, freshman nursing major, agrees that it is surprising that students would vandalize the cow. She also thinks that the persons guilty should have to pay back the school for the damages whenever they are caught.

"It is sad that you cannot put stuff up without worrying about it getting vandalized and it is

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CAMPUS STRUCTURE MOVED

Dowdy bell gets new off season home

Ryan Clancy
TEC STAFF

The bell that sits in front of Dowdy-Ficklen stadium during the football season will be moved to the Student Government Association's office during the off season to prevent damages and improve the overall appearance of the office.

"We did encounter that it was getting broken if it was left out there," said SGA President Tim Schwan. "So from now on,

the bell is going to remain in the SGA office in the off season and then during the football season we're going to remount it outside of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium."

The university campus landscape architect, Kevin Barnes, who helped design the bell, said there was also a concern that the bell would get stolen.

"It is very valuable, and it's bronze," said Barnes. "Someone can take it in 30 minutes. There is a video camera but that doesn't stop

a lot of people."

Initially, the bell will be placed towards the front of the SGA office, but its final position may end up changing.

"It'll go in the front, kind of where you walk in, so you'll be able to see it from the outside," said Schwan. "It's good sized though, so we're going to have to play with it a little to decide where we actually put it."

Previously the bell was difficult to move, but a new wooden base has been added that

will allow the bell more mobility.

"Our carpenters have put a good base on it so it can be displayed now," Barnes said.

While the goal had been to display the bell someplace else during the offseason, it was not until this year that the goal came to fruition.

"That was always the plan," said Barnes. "We couldn't leave it out there. It was just too much money to leave out."

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BRIEFS

Veteran and his service dog come to campus to hold book signing

Author of "Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him," Luis Montalvan, and his service dog will visit the university today and Wednesday.

Montalvan will meet in Joyner Library for a book signing scheduled to last from 3:45 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Tomorrow a free event will be held in Wright Auditorium.

Joyner acquires access to literature citation and web resource database

Scopus, one of the largest intellectual and citation databases of literature and web resources will now be available to users of Joyner and Laupus libraries.

The database comes as a replacement for the recently canceled Thomson Reuters citation indexes. After careful analysis of cost and usability the university made the switch.

Greenville City Council desires to bring sustainable living for elderly

The Greenville City Council and Taft Family Offices are partnering to bring homes to the elderly of Greenville.

The proposed plan is to build a 98-unit complex in Greenville's medical district near a pharmacy and grocery store. The supposedly affordable development will be called Parkside Commons and will mirror Nathaniel Village.

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STUDENTS MOVE FORWARD

Med students accepted into residencies

Brody School of Medicine holds Match Day Ceremony for fourth-year med students

Edward Boseman
TEC STAFF

Last Friday, anxious fourth-year medical students received their letters of acceptance into residency programs.

At the Match Day Ceremony, students, along with friends and family, gathered at the Brody School of Medicine auditorium, despite technical issues, with an excited buzz. Each student was called in random order to receive their letter stating which program they will be attending.

Students received an email confirming if they were "matched" to a residency program, but students had no prior knowledge of which program they were accepted to until that day.

"There is some form of match day ceremony in all medical schools," said Kelly Lancaster, director of student services and financial aid. "Today is about the students and besides graduation, it is one of the most important days."

There are 82 fourth-year medical students graduating in May. Of the 82, two will pursue higher education, 47 students will pursue primary care medicine, such as family medicine

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-Nathan Fleishman

and pediatrics, and 33 students will pursue specialty care medicine, such as dermatology and anesthesia.

"Match day and the envelope represents all the hard work put in the past three-and-a-half years, and along with being with friends, family and classmates, that is what makes today so special," said Nathan Fleishman, fourth-year medical student.

Students submit applications to programs of interest in the fall semester. Programs then invite students for interviews, which students have to schedule while attending their final year of school.

At the end of February students rank their programs of choice and the various programs do the same with students. A computer algorithm configures the best fit and actual matching

of those involved.

On Monday, March 17, students received emails confirming or denying their match of choice. Students who did not get matched to their program must reapply to available programs. For some students, this can be a very stressful time, considering that most students rarely visit the program when they reapply and the time restraint involved.

Nationally, 29,761 first and second-year residency positions were offered, according to the National Residency Matching Program. Of those who matched, 16,399 were U.S. medical school seniors. Across the country, family medicine and internal medicine saw increases in the number of students who matched to residency programs.

By tradition, the last student whose name is called gets a pot of money that was collected at the beginning of the ceremony. This year, Demi Dawkins was the last name called and collected \$318. She is going to the University of Wisconsin for a residency in neurosurgery.

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CHAPEL HILL CRIME

UNC under alert

Chapel Hill campus locked down due to suspected man armed with four knives

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) activated an emergency alert at 4:24 p.m. on Sunday after police reported an armed and dangerous man.

UNC-CH Police Spokesman Randy Young said that campus police received a 911 call about a man in possession of knives near the Student Union on campus. Once police arrested the suspect, they found four knives.

The "all clear" was sent out an hour after the alert was sent out to let people on the campus know that the threat had ceased. Police issued a press release saying that Jesse Alan Kister, 31, was in custody and committed to UNC Hospitals for an involuntary psychiatric evaluation.

ECU has similar ways of notifying students

whenever an emergency has occurred.

"Students can be alerted from text messages, social media, outside speakers, plasma screens, internal speakers, email and computer screen pop-up," said Lt. Chris Sutton, administrative lieutenant of ECU Police.

During emergencies on campus, Lt. Sutton says that students in classes or buildings should lockdown the building or classroom by barricading themselves inside until law enforcement officers arrive to safely remove them from the threatening area or until an all clear is issued. If students are on campus or on their way to campus, they should immediately leave the area and find a safe location.

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UNIVERSITY AIDS NATIONAL PROJECT

Professor helps organize archive

University criminal justice professor Dr. Jonathan Sorensen assists "Capital Jury Project" nationwide archive

Caroline West
TEC STAFF

University criminal justice professor Dr. Jonathan Sorensen has been compiling data and providing assistance on the Capital Jury Project (CJP) archive.

Sorensen is working alongside CJP creator William Bowers as they both reorganize data and provide help to researchers who are using the databases for their publications.

While Sorensen works with the creator, a copy of the database has been housed within the university's Department of Criminal Justice.

Bowers recently asked Sorensen to collaborate on the Capital Jury Project and forwarded its data archive to Sorensen.

"This guy [Bowers] is like a hero to me," said Sorensen.

"I've known him since 1988, and I've worked with him but kind of on the side lines and now to get a chance to publish with him is pretty awesome."

Conducted by in-depth interviews with jurors, the Capital Jury Project is a program that researches how jurors serving on capital cases make the life or death sentencing decision.

"Really it is about juror comprehension and do they understand what are they supposed to do in terms of sentencing instructions... and ultimately we ask them what was your vote and why did you vote the way you did," said Sorensen.

Since its creation in 1991, the project has sought to determine whether jurors' sentencing decisions are in compliance with constitutional standards and whether they do not reflect the arbitrary decisions ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1972 court case Furman vs. Georgia.

"The significance of the CJP is hard to overstate: it is the single most comprehensive and influential study of capital punishment ever completed," said Sorensen.

The data archive, originally supported by the National Science Foundation, has collected interviews from more than 1,198 death penalty jurors in 14 states. The study has produced findings that have allowed researchers to publish over 60 academic and law journal articles within the last 22 years.

"Bowers and his colleagues sought to look inside the 'black box' at sentencing deliberations to better understand the decision making of jurors in capital punishment cases," said Sorensen. "We will continue with this and similar studies to assess the efficacy of capital punishment policies nationwide."

Joining the department of criminal justice in 2012, Sorensen has achieved national prominence as an expert on capital

punishment and prediction of criminal offender dangerousness.

He is the author of three books and more than 70 peer-reviewed

articles and has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in Ring vs. Arizona (2002) and the American Bar Association, among others, according to ECU News Services.

Sorensen has worked on multiple major cases and is currently working as a defense expert on the trial of the Aurora, Colorado theater shooter, James Holmes.

According to ECU News Services, Criminal Justice Department Chair Dr. William Bloss is pleased that the department has been selected to house the CJP archive.

"Having Dr. Sorensen affiliated with the Capital Jury Project is a distinction for the department and a testament to his stature as a scholar," said Bloss. "Housing the CJP archive will afford our faculty and students an extraordinary opportunity to work, along with Dr. Sorensen, on this historic research study."

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disappointing to the school that their students did this. Why would someone want to disrespect their own school?" said Lynch.

The cow was moved to a secured storage building while the university determined the cost of the damages.

"We recently put the cow back up and placed it in the same location, but added a new platform. Now the cow is firmly attached to an entire concrete pad and we mainly aimed to add more structural integrity to the legs," said Nicole Wood, director of external affairs at the College of Human Ecology.

The repairs and the new pad cost nearly \$2,000 and a sign has been placed around

the cow's neck to remind people that the cow is made of fiberglass and will break if people sit or lean against it.

"It seems like a lot of money that did not necessarily need to be spent because you would not think that students would tip the cow over. It blows my mind that they did that," said Kimberly Lewis, freshman chemistry major.

Wood said her department initially was not worried about the cow being vandalized but now understands it must take precautions against such things.

"We are also trying to work with a security team to see about having the cameras repositioned so that it will

face the cow," said Wood. "At first, we were not worried about anyone vandalizing the cow, but now we know that we have to be concerned about it"

According to Wood, the university wanted the cow back at the Rivers Building because it is the farthest academic building and the cow would help bring tours down to that area of campus. The university hopes that tours would come to see the cow and also learn about the buildings surrounding the cow.

"We got notification at the end of February that the cow would be coming in a

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BELL continued from A1

The bell's construction was sponsored by the SGA, which is why the SGA office was chosen as the location to house the bell.

"SGA paid for the bell," said Schwan. "A few years ago they sponsored a contest and people got to submit different designs and quotes."

The end result of the contest was the bell. "Students decided they wanted a bell and SGA sponsored that," said Schwan. "So we only thought it would make sense to bring it back to the SGA office."

The bell has been displayed in a variety of places, including the floor of Barnes' office. He is excited that the bell will be making its debut to a better viewing location.

"I would rather have it there than my

office floor," said Barnes. "I've been looking forward to this."

Schwan said that the SGA office will be a good place for the bell.

"Having the bell at the stadium, people only really see it when they go there," Schwan said. "This will bring it back to the students. It shows that we support athletics and that we support school spirit."

Dieu-Merci Medju, the SGA attorney general, agreed.

"I feel like it'd be a good fit," said Medju. "It'll make the SGA office look good."


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PIRATE RANTS

I told my friends I was going to Pirate Rant about them. If this gets in, you know exactly who you are.

Making fun of your "desperate ex" makes you sound like a bitter loser.

Good job, UNC. Your lockdown for a pocketknife makes even us look good. #Gunbrella

It's not much of a pop quiz if you have it every class...take a hint.

You're the one creeping on your ex's Tinder... And he's the loser?

With as much money as Greek life raises, you would think Greece would be in a better economic position.

High wasted shorts are a plague.

If we could have a 90s Disney Weekend in Hendrix, I would be so happy...

Found a Discovery Zone token while cleaning my room over break. It is now my most valuable possession.

To my noisy neighbors: hate, hate, hate. Double hate. LOATHE ENTIRELY!

To the guy wearing the scuba diving shirt in my Wednesday night physics lab: please come to the next ECU scuba club meeting because you're so fine!

To my fellow bros: the best bathrooms to drop a number two on campus are in Graham. You're welcome.

Girls out here hitting dudes up on Tinder to "hang out." Oh how the roles have turned.

Which vegetable loves to have a good time? Turnup greens.

The freshmen 15? S***, the food here isn't that good.

To be, or not to be, that is the question.

I have nothing to rant about, my life is good.

If you go to the Bahamas on Spring Break and don't Instagram it, did it really happen?

After freshman year, your friends all move off campus, transfer, or get super into their studies. Savor freshman year, young ones, but don't get crazy.

Can we please have a public service announcement about how to properly lock your bike? Through the body and back wheel, Pirates! Or else you'll learn an expensive lesson.

Already ready for some Pirate football! Go Pirates!!

Fellow Pirates, water fountains are not where your chewed gum goes. Sincerely, I don't want my face that close to it.

Everyone forgot to shout out Sandra Bullock, former pirate, looking real fine at the Oscars.

Am I the only one that thinks the Mellow Mushroom guy looks high?

Wow Chick-fil-a I ask for a chicken sandwich with no pickle and you just grab a chicken sandwich and take the pickles off. I could have done that. Maybe I should have said I was allergic.

When are people going to stop using the terms "gay" and "retarded" as offenses to others? Come on people!

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

Educate yourself to be disaster ready

The American Red Cross trained university students from the Navigate Counseling clinic so they could better be prepared for local area disasters. Students learned psychology fundamentals and emergency medical training and will now be trained volunteers who respond to disasters within the area. In such a hurricane-prone area, this kind of training is beneficial for when disasters strike.

We as an editorial staff believe everyone should be prepared in some way for disasters and other unfortunate events. Training in something as small as CPR, learning how to properly stock your home and learning where the nearest shelters are can

all help yourself and victims affected by disaster.

We encourage everyone to explore opportunities to learn emergency-response training so when the unexpected time, perhaps one that involves life or death, comes someone will be equipped with the right skills appropriate for the situation.

The Greenville chapter of the American Red Cross offers volunteer opportunities where you can gain skills from hands-on experience, and it also offers workshops in various medical and safety training. Visit the local Red Cross' website for further workshop information.

The state of our generation

Line of Fire



Dana Morgan
TEC COLUMNIST

"We are a product of our environment."

Everyone's heard it, but does everyone believe it? Personally I think we are a product of our experiences. Then again, who's to say what's right or wrong? Are our superiors the wisest simply because they've experienced more? Moreover, do they know what's best for our generation?

Could they have managed all the technological advances, unforeseen disasters and socio-economic developments without our presence? As Generation-Y continues the attempt to give itself its own identity amongst the scrutiny, I feel it's important to assess our current standing.

As a direct benefactor, I've noticed a couple blemishes on the face of our picture perfect cohort. Before I begin, I ask not for agreement, but for open-mindedness. All of these may not apply to you personally, but they are in fact relevant. Let's proceed.

One issue is our uncanny lust for recognition. Although this may not necessarily be our fault entirely, it's still troubling. When we got good grades in elementary school we got stickers, when we performed well at work we got praise, heck, when we say something even slightly relatable to others we get a retweet. We are, exclusively, attention seekers.

Next, due to convenience (information, communication, medical, etc.), we often get comfortable – a little more comfortable than needed. Let's be honest, we want what we want when we want it. It's important to remember that many fought, even died, for the luxuries we have today.

This leads me to my last and probably most important point, one that touches on many aspects. We are enthralled with the idea of easy. Plagued by media, we have an unrealistic misconception that becoming wealthy and successful is nothing more than a little hard work and money. Chances are people in high positions either have deep rooted connections, have an improbable amount of luck, or worked tirelessly to get where they are.

The world is ours, but it owes us nothing. It's also important to refuse the easy way out.

It's never about the destination, but about the journey. We are educated and resourceful, so it's important to utilize these attributes accordingly. The work you put in is the product you'll get out, sometimes you'll find yourself in a better position than when you started.

Now that we've looked at our shortcomings let's switch gears and take a look at what makes us unique. We're confident, connected, and open to change according to Pewsocialtrends.org. We are fearless pioneers, wishful thinkers, and hopeless dreamers. We question authority (as it should be), and test the limits in hopes of finding the next best thing. Pew found that we are the most racially diverse generation, with a positive outlook towards the future. We are the millennial.

In conclusion, if we exploit our advantages and discern our flaws, we have boundless potential. Our superiors have built the foundation, and it's up to us to shape the monument. Whatever direction we choose, our own limitations are in today's line of fire.

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Don't try to control 'free' time

Will's Way



William Farrar
TEC STAFF

Now that we are in college, we don't get many opportunities to go out to the park to play around on the monkey bars or shoot around on the court like we were able to back in grade school.

I know everyone remembers those days playing red rover, dodge ball and kick ball everyday during recess. If you weren't running around with your friends like a chicken with its head cut off every chance your parents allowed you, then you missed out on what every childhood should be like.

Our generation and generations to come behind us have all fell victim to the constant debate of whether or not we have been affected by the abuse of television use, video games, the internet, and any other form of technological entertainment. I think the answer is obvious that there has been an end result of children being exposed to more and more media over time, but to say if it has had a negative impact is the tricky part.

When you were in elementary and middle school there were usually less than a handful of options on your to-do list after the boring and unnecessary homework: You were either going to go play outside or you're turning on the television, video game console, or the computer.

This is where the arguing between all of the "professionals" begins. Should that kid be outside getting some physical activity in or should he be browsing television channels and looking up trending topics on the internet? The two opposing sides have bickered on and on and it has only gotten worse. Instead of always trying to choose a winner, I think it is obvious that both hobbies are essential to our development.

Leisure, or free time, is defined as the time spent away from business, work, and our domestic duties and chores. After reading that definition, which was provided by dictionary.com, I came to the conclusion that maybe

we should not be so critical of what is done with our leisure, or recess time.

Physical activity and incorporating the time for media outlets that would be beneficial to a human's development as a person from a young age should be a part of our duties and daily chores. Being active is a huge part of staying healthy and having a good lifestyle so a child should not be left to get his only playtime in during his free time. Like wise, being informed and being up to date on technology and other current events is also an important aspect that should be added in our daily agendas as early in life as possible.

To sum everything up, I am saying we should leave free time to be used as FREE time. If Billy wants to go outside and work on his jump shot or ride his bicycle down the neighborhood hill, then let him. But if Jack wants to stay in and beat the new Call of Duty game, let him as well. Either way that child is doing what they want and picking up a skill along the way.

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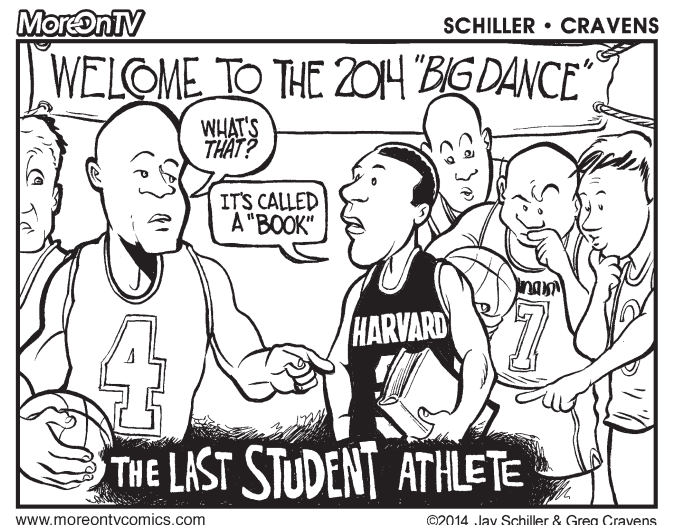
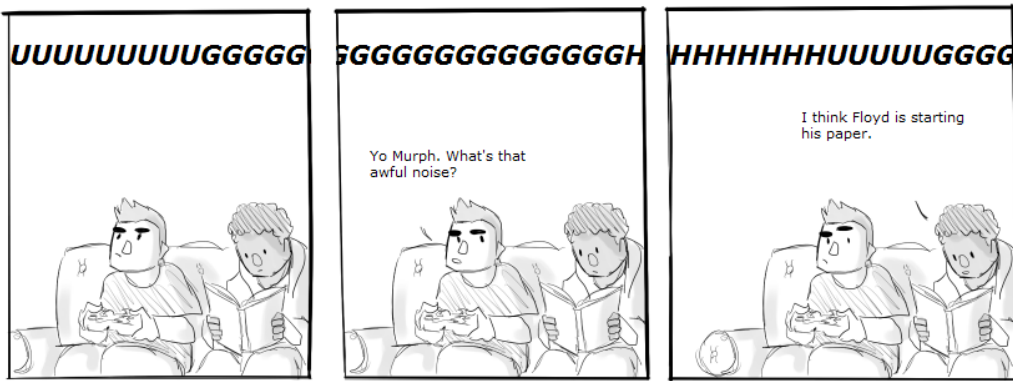
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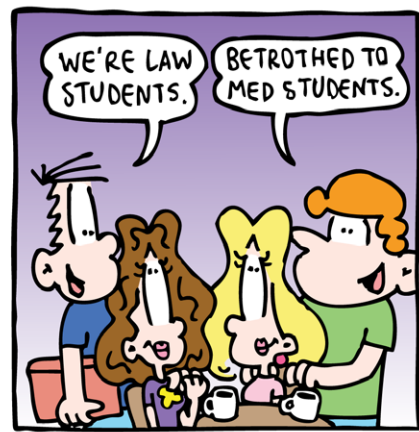
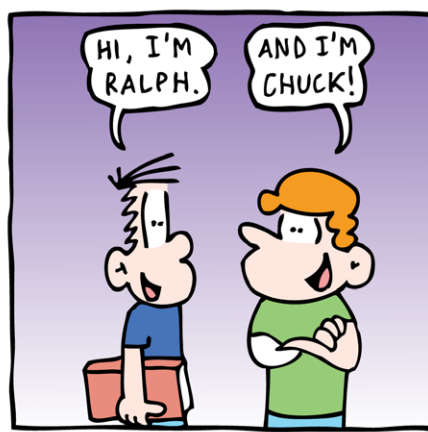
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"Since when is marriage a 'pre-existing condition'?"



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Solution to Thursday's Puzzle

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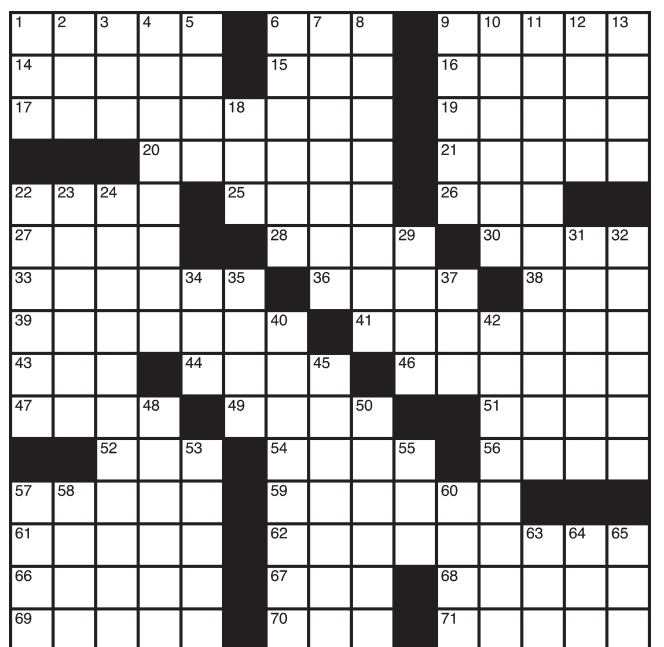
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Ancient Egyptian pictograph, e.g.
- Game, __, match 9 Signs
- Tiny South Pacific nation
- High-tech film effects, for short
- Spreading like wildfire, as online videos
- Place for a Hold 'em game
- Breathing
- Missouri tributary
- Approved of, on Facebook
- Golf club part
- Some evergreens
- Visualize
- Hindu royal
- Feels poorly
- Lith. and Ukr. were part of it
- Swear (to)
- See 38-Across
- With 36-Across, needy people
- Located in that place, in legalese
- Arctic wastelands
- Slippery fish
- Baby bed
- Veterans Day tradition
- Trace amount
- Afternoon socials
- Garden locale
- de plume
- Onetime Russian monarch
- DUI-fighting gp.
- Social division
- Trojan War hero
- Some highway ramps
- Nabisco cookies ... and what you might cry upon solving this puzzle's three other longest answers?
- Long-extinct birds
- Assembly aid
- Open-mouthed
- Opposition
- Sloppy farm area
- Bedbugs, e.g.



DOWN

- Treasury Dept. variable
- Mekong River language
- Relative of har
- Dressed more like an Exeter student
- Fling
- Nova __
- Self-serving activity
- Broadcaster's scheduling unit
- Racetracks
- Surroundings
- Officer Frank Poncherello portrayer of '70s-'80s TV
- Congregation area
- Snowy day toy
- U.K. flying squad
- Like Parmesan, commonly
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- Wall Street watchdog org.
- Tangy

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- Genetic info transmitter
- Dapper pins
- Equestrian competition
- Single or double, say
- Deepest part
- Rational state
- Complicated, as a breakup
- Sales staff member
- Give up, as territory
- Nervous system transmitter
- With all haste, in memos
- Owns
- Get off the fence
- Hoped-for answer to a certain proposal

MOVIE vs BOOK REVIEW vs REVIEW

Divergent cashes in on dystopia

Woodley steals the show as Tris Prior

Jessica Richmond
TEC STAFF



Dystopia has been hitting us from all sides lately whether by book or film. "Divergent," the latest take on the future of Earth, hit theaters this weekend. Set in Chicago after an immense war that left the city in ruin and changed civilization as we know it, "Divergent" captures a future America that has adopted a society divided into five factions.

Members of Abnegation value selflessness, do all charitable work, and run the government as public servants. The Erudite are the intelligent faction who work as teachers and researchers. Candor value honesty and make up the law and judicial class. Amity is devoted to kindness, work as farmers and provide food for all. Dauntless value bravery, train as the military and protect society, from internal and external threats.

The film follows Beatrice or Tris (Shailene Woodley), as she ventures through her choosing ceremony which will allow her to either remain with her family in Abnegation or choose a new faction to call home. She, as well as the other 16-year-olds, are administered an aptitude test that will give them an idea of what faction they belong in.

Beatrice's test reveals, however, that she doesn't fit into any one category. This rarity is called Divergent, a dangerous test result that will propel her character into the underbelly of this "peaceful" world.

Shailene Woodley exploded on screen as she took on a role as a heroine who is brave, selfless, intelligent and kind. Her ability to capture a complex character while still allowing the audience to witness the humanity left in this foreign world is what allowed this movie to move past an ordinary dystopian film. The film will most likely attract lots of comparisons to "The Hunger Games" and Woodley will be compared to Jennifer Lawrence over and over again, but the comparison is just. Woodley is the heart of this film; without her, the film was relatively forgettable.

Fans of the book shouldn't expect miracles, as no adaptation is perfect. The film stuck to the premise without delving too far into the young adult romance sections that bring about "Twilight" comparisons. The romance survived for some cheese-ridden scenes though.

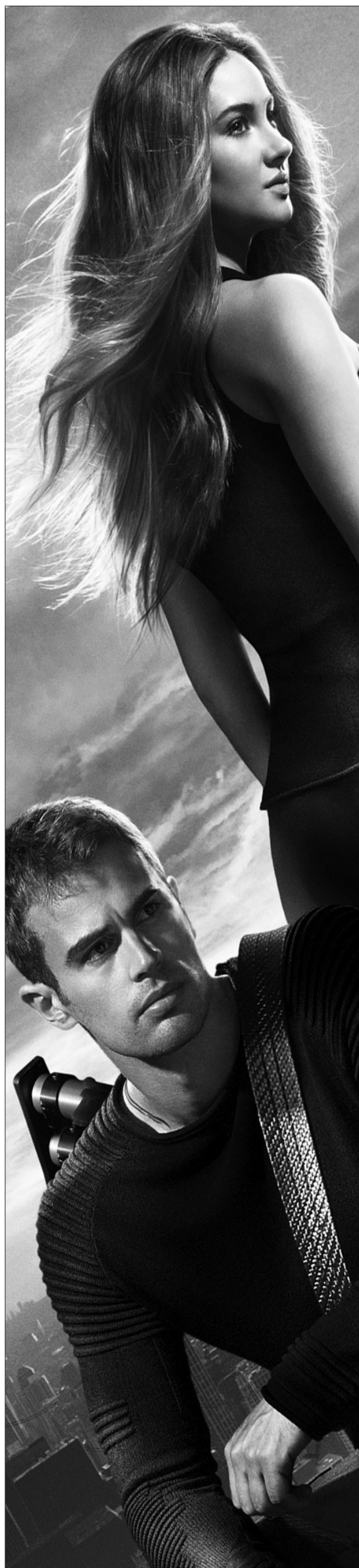
Four (Theo James), Tris' love interest, was every girl's dream hunk, which means he barely resembled a guy at all. Though most love interests in these types of movies are often two-dimensional pretty boys, at least Theo James can act. James and Woodley's chemistry is something to be admired by the teen romance film; too often these types of roles come across wooden and forced. The dialogue is where the true fault comes to the portrayal of their romance. If only they didn't talk.

The director (Neil Burger) more than supplied his amount of cheese though. Like the predictable training montage that was so by the book that all that was missing was "Eye of the Tiger" playing in the background. To his credit though, he adapted an irregularly paced book into a film that moved at just the right speed to keep you interested. However, the pacing towards the end of the film was so rushed that audiences most likely left the theater with a horrid case of whiplash.

The film opened with a \$4.9 million midnight screening and is on track to pull in around \$60 million by April 4 when it releases to international audiences.

GRADE: C+

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Shailene Woodley and Theo James star in the adaptation of Veronica Roth's dystopian book series "Divergent."

Novel appeals to younger audience

Melissa Phillips
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As a child, almost every person has taken a self-identifying quiz or test that defines a trait or characteristic unique to you. In teen magazines you can find anything from "What kind of fruit are you?" or an online quiz on BuzzFeed like "If your love life was summed up in a rom com, which would it be?"

Every year of elementary school I was asked to take a test that identified whether my learning style was more auditory, visual or kinesthetic. When everyone got back their results you can hear the children talking about their results and which style identified them the most. But what if you scored even across the board? Did that mean you're broken?

According to Veronica Roth's trilogy there is a name for individuals like those, Divergent. And being Divergent may not mean you're broken but your inability to be classified into a certain group could cause societal dysfunction.

Dystopian-based novels often show the flaws of government and the power of rebellion, with the ruling power being the enemy. In "Divergent", Roth went in the opposite direction by showing the flaws and strengths of each faction and the irony of the uncontrollable trait in human nature.

In a very imaginative way, Roth created these extreme lifestyles for each group that represented an over exaggerated definition of their named faction.

In the book, lead character Beatrice Prior was born into the Abnegation faction, living a life of selflessness, constantly putting the needs of others above all. Unknowing of her diverse character she shows interest in the reckless behavior of the Dauntless-born - who begin their day jumping out of trains and running with no purpose.

To maintain order, the selfless Abnegation faction is in charge of running society, while representatives from each faction are involved in government affairs. Factions are tasked with a duty based on their strengths. Dauntless, being the brave, are in charge of the overall safety and protection of the city.

In "Divergent" those individuals who either chooses not to conform, or are unable to relate to any faction are the factionless. To be factionless is to be the most undesirable being in society and results in a struggle for life-sustaining resources. Although there wasn't a lot of focus on this particular group, I thought including the "lost souls" of society was important to complete the composition of citizens.

Even though Roth painted a post-apocalyptic scene of a dystopian world through the we teenager, young adult and adult in many of us struggling to define ourselves.

It was disappointing that even though the novel portrayed a lot of strength and power of women, there was still this need to add a love interest to satisfy the young teen reader's heavy dependency on "puppy love." But the dynamic between Prior and Dauntless leader Four, was refreshingly realistic.

Roth's ability to create a set of characters that can relate to so many readers was the most successful part of this novel. Experiencing the detail of the intense training of Dauntless initiation was an adrenaline rush that almost makes you want to delve into the more adventurous side of life. "Divergent" fans are taking "Faction" quizzes left and right to find out if they're peaceful like Amity, brave like the Dauntless, selfless like Abnegation, intelligent like Erudite, or truthful like Candor. And of course, the Divergent.

GRADE: A-

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'Breaking Bad' star Mitte tells students to not give up

Kayte Ramagano
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Born in Lafayette, Louisiana, actor RJ Mitte was far from your average southern boy. He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when he was three years old and much like his character, he faces daily struggles that he must overcome every day.

Cerebral palsy (CP) is an umbrella term that refers to a group of disorders that can involve brain and nervous system functions. Mitte said growing up with CP was fairly normal to him, because he never knew any other way of living.

"It's a lot different than having something happen to you later in life," said Mitte. "I thought I was normal, to me everyone went to occupation therapy, everyone had speech therapy."

It was only until later on in his childhood when he began to realize that there was something different about him.

"Having a disability makes you stand out; I was 8 years old with a 13-size shoe and braces on my leg," said Mitte. "I was a target for bullying."

Although he spoke about being a target for bullying and the struggles of having a disorder like CP, he seemed confident and

content with his disability. Mitte grew up with a marine grandfather and said that words like "no" and "can't" were not in his vocabulary. He said his family never allowed him to feel like he could not do something because he had a disability.

Mitte was not the first in his family to break into the television industry. His younger sister, Lacianna Carriere, was discovered before him at a waterpark in Houston, Texas. Shortly after, the family moved to Los Angeles so Lacianna could work with an agent.

"You know, every good one and a half year old needs an acting agent," said Mitte, jokingly.

The agency then offered Mitte an opportunity to act as well and he began training under Los Angeles talent manager Addison K. Witt. Only six months after working with Witt, he started the auditioning process for AMC's series Breaking Bad. He auditioned five times, four times in L.A. and once in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"I think the first time I really knew I wanted to be an actor was the first day on set," said Mitte. "I thought to myself... I could really do this for a living."

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Mitte said aside from having cerebral palsy there were other things about his character, Walt Jr., that he related to.

"The show was very relatable particularly to the family struggles and I think that's why people gravitated toward the breakfast scenes," said Mitte. "Everyone has family problems of their own...of course maybe not to the degree of a meth-cooking father."

Mitte was in good humor telling stories about when he went to prom in West Chester, Pennsylvania and the time he accidentally drove to East L.A., which his mother was not very happy about. At 21 years old he has already traveled a large part of the country and said he loves the car rides.

"I always like to keep moving forward and keep going," said Mitte. "That's why I love travelling; it's always moving, never a dull moment."

There was one subject in particular

Mitte was passionate about, his work as a spokesman for actors with disabilities. He came to ECU last Thursday specifically to talk about his journey with CP and how he overcame his disability.

"My biggest message is to tell people they are not alone and that they can do it," said Mitte. "I am living proof of that."

He said he felt lucky to be able to be an example for not only actors with disabilities but people in general. Mitte works with many different organizations to raise awareness and promote equality in the film industry for people with disabilities. He is currently a United States Ambassador for United Cerebral Palsy and Shiner's Hospitals for Children.

"Everyone has their own disabilities, things holding them back. We need to break through these challenges and

overcome them," said Mitte.

Mitte was enthusiastic about his work speaking at colleges and said that his message seems to be getting across to people in a positive way. He can relate to everyone he meets and is happy to share his story. He said from the time he was diagnosed he has never felt like he was missing out on a better life.

"Having a disability is knowledge," said Mitte. "It is something that no one will ever be able to take away from you, no one will ever be able to understand it or have your strength."

Now that Breaking Bad is finished, Mitte is looking for new work. He said it is important to create his own jobs because unfortunately in the film industry, roles are not given out easily.

"I have quite a few irons in the fire so we'll see how that goes," said Mitte.

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Mitte came to speak at ECU about his experiences with a disability.

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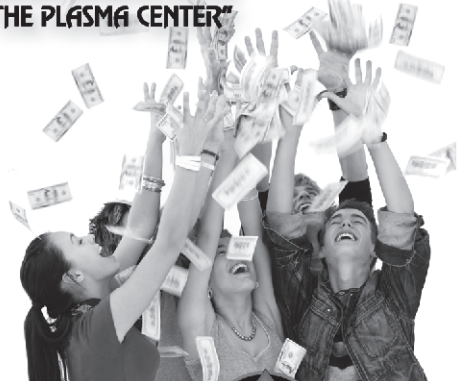
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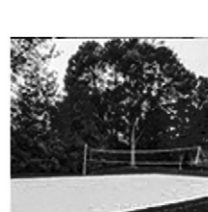
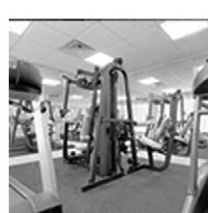
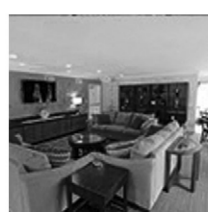


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First year Pirates find success

Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

This season, baseball Head Coach Billy Godwin has received unprecedented success from a pair of first-year Pirates pitchers.

Reid Love and Davis Kirkpatrick have played critical roles in the Pirates starting staff this season. The two have a combined 2-2 record in eight starts and 10 appearances.

Love transferred to ECU this year along with outfielder Ian Townsend from Saint John's River CC. Love held the third lowest junior college ERA in the nation as a sophomore (0.86). He registered 47 strikeouts to just 10 walks last season.

Love has posted a 3.12 ERA with a 1-1 record this season. With 26 innings pitched, the southpaw has picked up 16 strikeouts while allowing 10 walks. He has kept his opposing batters off the base paths by allowing just a .202 average.

Love has also contributed offensively this season for the Pirates. Despite posting a low average (.179), he has driven in three runs and scored three runs himself.

Kirkpatrick, a freshman, is the son of ECU football Recruiting Coordinator Donnie Kirkpatrick. Davis attended D.H. Conley High School in Greenville. He posted a 13-1 record with a 0.55 ERA in his senior season. He struck out 154 batters over 88.1 innings of work. He threw two no-hitters his senior year and broke the school's strikeout record as he picked up 19 strikeouts in a game.

Kirkpatrick has carried over much of his high school success into his college career. Kirkpatrick registered his first collegiate win in his first appearance, an 8-3 victory over Campbell. In the win, Kirkpatrick threw five innings allowing just five hits and three runs (two earned) while tallying five strikeouts. Since his first start, Kirkpatrick's freshman campaign has been filled with consistently solid starts.

This season, he has registered a 3.60 ERA with a 1-1 record. Though he has picked up seven strikeouts through 15 innings this year, the freshman has struggled with his control – allowing six walks with three hit batsmen. Though he is occasionally wild, it has not hurt him much so far. He allows just a .204 opposing batting average, which has limited the damage allowed by walks and hit batters.

Love and Kirkpatrick have become critical parts to the Pirates early season success. With David Lucroy facing early season struggles, the two first-year players jumped on the opportunity and shined in their chances.

The two new Pirates give the Pirates the deep pitching staff needed for success in Conference USA play. With three teams in the conference ranked inside the top 35 (Rice, Florida International and Florida Atlantic), having a deep pitching staff will be critical during conference tournament time.

Godwin and his Pirates play at home on Tuesday as they take on UNC-Wilmington.

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Davis Kirkpatrick (12) has helped solve ECU's midweek problems in the pitching rotation this year. DREW CARTER | ARCHIVED

Marshall takes series victory

Andi Caruso
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Pitcher Caroline Umphlett gave up two hits and one unearned run while Jordan Lewis and Casey Alcorn both hit homeruns to push the Pirates past Marshall, 9-1 in six innings on Saturday.

The ECU softball team (16-10) played a three-game Conference USA series against Marshall (9-20) at the East Carolina Softball Stadium this past weekend.

The Pirates got things going in the second inning during their final game as Alex Fieldhouse's sacrifice bunt attempt turned into an eventual hit when Marshall overthrew the ball. The Pirates advanced 1-0 as the Marshall shortstop dropped a fly ball.

Lewis led off the bottom of the fourth inning with a solo-homerun that gave the Pirates a 2-0 advantage over the Thundering Herd. The homerun was Lewis's fifth of the season, securing her position in seventh place in the school record book with 19 career homeruns.

With runners on first and second, Chelsea Kaluhiokalani-Glackin hit an RBI single. The Pirates led, 3-0.

In the same inning, Abby Wynne hit



Casey Alcorn (9) homered against Marshall this weekend leading the Pirates to a win on Saturday. DREW CARTER | ARCHIVED

an RBI single into left field, allowing two runners to score, which gave the Pirates a big lead, 5-0.

The top of the fifth inning, one unearned

run was scored by Marshall as they trailed the Pirates, 5-1.

In the bottom of the fifth, Alcorn hit a two-run homerun, her third homerun of

the season that increased the score gap, 7-1.

The Pirates scored two additional runs in the bottom of the sixth with a hard hit ball to first base by Lewis; Kristi Oshiro scored. Alcorn followed with a hard hit ball to third, and a run scored that gave the Pirates a 9-1 run-rule victory.

Umphlett achieved her season high of four strikeouts.

"Coach Randolph and I, we've been working on a lot of things about just going in and being mentally strong," said Umphlett. "I just decided to clear my head and just throw the ball and just go out there and do what I could. And I knew I had my defense behind me."

The Pirates fell short of victory during both games on Friday.

During the second game, Umphlett retired nine batters in a row.

The Pirates could not hold Marshall as the Thundering Herd advanced early in the fourth inning 0-2.

The Pirates remained scoreless until the bottom of the sixth inning as Oshiro hits a

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TRACK AND FIELD

Successful showing at Carolina

Shane Cuthrell
TEC STAFF

This weekend was a big deal for the Track and Field team as they traveled to Chapel Hill on Friday for the Carolina Relays.

After recently finishing their indoor season, the team got their first taste of outdoor competition and they did not disappoint. They won 10 events and rewrote a few records in the ECU record book.

The relay squads were very impressive as three of the squads earned first place finishes.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team earned the first place spot as they finished with a time of 45.23. Their time was .18 seconds off of the current school record.

Another women's win came from the 4x400-meter relay team. They had a time of 3:52.38, which was more than two seconds faster than the second-place team.

The third relay win came from the men's 4x100-meter relay team. Their time was 40.56, almost two seconds faster than the second-place team.

Sophomore Avion Jones won the men's high jump after he registered a clearance of 2.11-meters, marking him as third all time in the ECU record book. Jones also finished second in the triple jump with a mark of 14.48-meters.

Three Pirates claimed the top three spots in the long jump. Sophomore Cameron Hudson came in first with a mark of 7.31-meters. Junior Alexander Mobley-Hollie came in second with a mark of 7.00-meters. Redshirt senior Austin Lewis came in third with a mark of 6.95-meters.

Hudson also came in first in the men's 200-meter dash with a time of 21.42.

Redshirt senior Joseph Samuels won the men's 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.66 and freshman Rodney Johnson

earned first place in the men's 400-meter hurdles with a time of 53.02, giving him ninth place in the ECU record book.

Sophomore Janieyah Collins came out on top in the women's 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:03:72.

On the field, redshirt senior Tynita Butts won the high jump with a mark of 1.71-meters, two-feet better than the second place finisher.

This was a weekend to remember for junior Dana Keister as she had her career-best in the hammer throw. She ended up in second place with a throw of 53.33-meters, but she is now ninth in the ECU record book in the event.

The Track and Field team will continue their outdoor season at the Mountains vs. Beaches meet in Wilmington, N.C. on Friday, March 28.

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TAKEAWAYS

BASEBALL

The Pirates swept Charlotte on the road this weekend, giving ECU a 13-11 record.

SOFTBALL

ECU lost two of the three games versus Marshall this weekend. With the losses, ECU drops to 16-10 overall and 5-4 in Conference USA.

TRACK AND FIELD

ECU had a successful weekend with multiple podium finishes in the Carolina Relays hosted by UNC-Chapel Hill.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes are 31-31-9 with 71 points and currently sit in seventh in the Metropolitan division.

FOOTBALL

ECU has started their spring season. The 12 practices culminate in the playing of the Purple-Gold game on April 12.

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS

The Bobcats (34-37) are seventh in the Eastern Conference and have won sixth of their last 10 games.

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SOFTBALL

Pitcher Andino stays focused

Wayne Hall
TEC STAFF

Before playing in college, Lady Pirates' pitcher Gabby Andino never imagined that softball would become such an important part of her life.

Though Pirate softball pitcher Gabby Andino has had much success on the diamond, she'll be the first to tell you that she never actually saw herself playing softball at the collegiate level. In fact, as a little girl, Andino had unconventional dreams of playing in the Majors.

"I played baseball until I was 11 and it was really my mom who made me play softball," Andino said. "I actually wanted to be the first girl to play in the MLB and I was so mad at my mom for making me tryout."

At first, Andino's opposition to playing softball was evident, because she showed up to her first tryout dressed as a baseball player, wearing a baseball cap and pin striped pants. As the road went on, Andino would at one point



Gabby Andino

seriously contemplate quitting softball altogether because of her inability to just be a teenager. But just as she was about to throw in the towel, Andino's family encouraged her to keep pushing on.

That push turned out to be all the motivation that Andino needed, because soon after she realized that not only did she like softball, she actually had a talent for the game as well.

"I found out that it was my best sport. I was most natural at it, so I eventually ended up loving it," said Andino.

After falling in love with the sport, Andino spent her next two years playing at Florida State College, a two-year JUCO college before deciding to take her talents to ECU.

"I transferred here because I really liked the program and the coaching staff," She said. "It was also kind of cool because the coaches also came from Chattanooga State, which is also

a JUCO with a really good program so that's pretty exciting."

At ECU, Andino continues to hold firm with making her family proud of her decision to stick with softball.

"It's all of the sacrifices they make," said Andino. "Just all of the little things that they've done for me that makes me want to make them proud. They just continue to inspire me."

Even though both of her parents have played equally big roles in keeping Andino on track, she will be quick to point out that her mother has been huge. As it turns out, every morning Andino's mom sends her a text message that says, "Stay focused, be humble, and try your hardest."

Over time, Andino has heard those words so much that she has actually resorted to posting them by her door. When she leaves, they can serve as a constant reminder that whenever she is faced with a new situation, just as she was with softball, she may find that she has a talent for that as well.

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SOFTBALL

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solo homerun, her third of the season.

Marshall continued to score in the seventh inning, making the final score 1-7 Marshall.

Friday's first game ended in defeat as the Pirates got run-ruled with the final score, 9-1. Oshiro ended the game, 3-3 with a RBI and two doubles.

The Lady Pirates travel to UNC this week for a double header. They play Wednesday at 5 and 7 p.m. against the 16-12 Tar Heels who are 9-2 in the ACC, thus far.

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FOOTBALL

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of the school's receiving records after his 114 catches for 1,284 in 2013. With both players beginning to gain recognition nationally, the tandem looks to do more in its final season together.

"Records are meant to be broken and I feel like we've got the familiarity to do anything we want to put our mind to," Hardy said. "We've been together for a long time, we know each other. So anything is possible."

However, not everybody is back in the fold this season. The Pirates graduated three seniors along the offensive line and their elusive tailback, Vintavious Cooper, who rushed for nearly 1,200 yards and 13 touchdowns last fall.

Towering 6-foot-5, 325-pound tackle Tre Robertson gained invaluable experience as a sophomore, stepping in when senior Adhem Elsawi was out with an eye injury.

Things get more concerning on the defensive side of the ball, particularly in the secondary. The Pirates graduated four players, including three starters, on the back end alone. Fortunately, experienced corners Josh Hawkins and Detric Allen are back to fill those spots on the outside, but ECU is alarmingly thin at each of the safety spots heading into the spring.

Other position battles worth noting are at outside linebacker and kicker, although, none of these positions will likely be ironed out until the weeks leading up till the Pirates' season opener on Aug. 30.

But for now, just take spring ball for what is: football. Also, it's an opportunity to learn some of the new faces that will don the purple and gold in the fall.

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Pirates sweep Niners on road

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TEC STAFF

ECU baseball (13-11, 6-3 C-USA) picked up a much-needed sweep during their three game series that was held at UNC-Charlotte over the weekend.

The Pirates came into the game with a 10-11 overall record and a 3-3 record in conference play.

Games two and three of the series were held on Saturday during a double header. Ben Fultz helped the Pirates take a quick 3-0 lead in game two before the Pirates eventually downed the 49ers 5-2.

David Lucroy got the game three start for the Pirates and reversed his early season fortune. Lucroy, who had struggled mightily coming into the series, pitched seven innings, allowing one hit while striking out five Charlotte hitters. Lucroy received the win after Ryan Williams worked one and one-third innings of perfect ball to earn the save.

Ben Fultz was the hero of game one for the Pirates. Fultz picked up four RBIs and the Pirates rallied after falling behind early to pick up an 8-5 win.

Reid Love was charged with a five-run fourth inning before being spelled by Brett Mabry. The combination of Mabry and Reynolds shut the Charlotte lineup down and led to a five-run fifth



Freshman Bryce Harmon rounds third base and heads home vs. Charlotte.

inning by the Pirates.

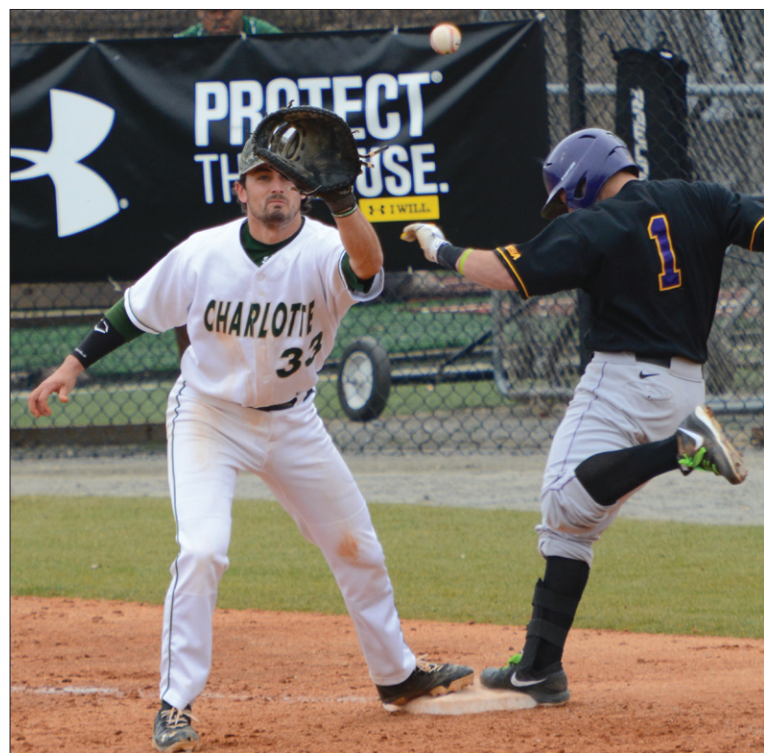
Ben Fultz knocked in three runs on the inning with his bases loaded to left field. Luke Lowery's single to left scored Fultz and tied the game at five a piece.

ECU eventually broke through offensively and tacked on three more runs while holding the 49ers at bay. Reynolds picked up his fourth save of the season and Mabry got the win, which moves him to 2-0 this season.

Game one of the series ended in

late-inning drama as ECU picked up three runs in the top of the ninth on their way to 5-3 victory.

ECU opened up the ninth by getting its first six batters on base. Dylan Brown got the inning going with his single to right. After Reynolds and Zach Houchins reached base, Ian Townsend knocked in two with a hit to right and tied the game at three. Harman and Fultz also added one run apiece to give the Pirates some insurance going into the bottom of the ninth.



Ben Fultz (1) successfully beats the throw to first against the UNCC 49ers.

Williams pitched two innings and picked up the save after replacing Jeff Hoffman. Hoffman had another strong start for ECU. He pitched seven innings and allowed three earned runs on six hits and striking out two. Hoffman earned the victory.

The Pirates enjoyed offensive success against Charlotte and outscored the 49ers 18-10 in the series. They also recorded 37 hits

in the series to Charlotte's 24 hits.

ECU has a slate of home games against UNC-Wilmington today, North Carolina Central on Wednesday and then a weekend series against University of Maryland Baltimore County before they start to move into the heart of conference play.

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