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Pirates start season 1-0 at home



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Richardson (22), Amos (39), Benton (6), Scarfone (10) and Brunson (34) jog off the field after making a defensive stop.

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

In the first quarter of the Pirates' season-opener, senior wide receiver Justin Hardy launched a 41-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Isaiah Jones to give ECU a 10-7 lead over Football Championship Sub-division opponent N.C. Central.

That reverse trick play ended the Pirates' underwhelming start to the game and gave them the

momentum they needed to cruise to a 52-7 victory in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Saturday night.

"I'm very proud of our team and how we played together," said fifth-year ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill. "We made adjustments and stayed steady."

Quarterback Shane Carden had a good beginning to his senior season by completing 26-of-37 passes for a total of 283 yards. He connected with nine different targets and threw three touchdown passes — two to Justin Hardy and one to freshman Trevon Brown.

Jones grabbed a career-high 10 receptions for 150 yards and was easily Carden's most consistently open receiver all night.

"He's one of our better receivers and all the other guys got

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GPD trains students



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Participants of the Greenville explorer program will take part in ride-alongs.

Greenville Police Department continues with Explorer Program

ReAnn Melaga
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Greenville Police Department is hosting a program for students to learn first-hand what a career in law enforcement is like.

The Explorer Program started in Greenville in 2007 and is taught in the training rooms at the Greenville Police Department Headquarters. During the program, students will be taught basic law enforcement skills while getting a close look at other aspects the public is not exposed to.

"It lets them know really what a day-to-day job is like, whether you want to be a traffic officer, patrol officer, detective, forensic technician, whatever you want to do," said Explorer Program Coordinator, Detective Matthew McKnight. "It gives you a really up-close-and-personal view that you otherwise might not really get."

McKnight has been with the program since 2009 and says that along with learning more about working in law enforcement, participants are

also able to learn important life skills.

"At the same time we teach basic life skills. Good citizenship; just how to interact with the police," said McKnight. "If they come out of it thinking they don't want to be a police officer, that's great. Let's go ahead and learn that now because they are at a stage in their life when they're making important life decisions about their career."

The program is set up so that participants are first introduced to certain programs before they can participate in activities such as traffic stops, handcuffing and participating in a ride-along. Participants are not allowed to handle live firearms, drive police cars or carry handcuffs.

"We're not going to put anybody in danger, but they can learn a lot by what they see," said McKnight.

According to Greenville Police Officer, Gary Davis, the department wants the students to get the biggest impact without the day-to-day

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Sororities will continue recruiting students this week in hopes to welcome them into the Panhellenic community.

Recruitment week starts

Sororities at ECU experience high interest numbers during this year's recruitment week

Micah Molinas
TEC STAFF

Sororities at ECU are opening their doors this week to welcome more students into their community.

Starting on Saturday and running through Sept. 7, sorority recruitment will give participating students a look at what it is like to be a part of the Panhellenic community. President of the Panhellenic Council, Grace Brown, says that she expects a record number of students to attend.

"ECU as a whole is growing and with that comes our Greek community growing," said Brown.

"Each year we are able to have a greater impact on our community and I think that is something that a lot of women coming into college really like to be a part of."

Growing from approximately 750 participants last year, Brown says that 831 students are taking part in this fall's recruitment. This is something she believes shows a bright future for the community in years to come.

"I think it means maybe expanding and having more chapters. I think that it also gives us such a great opportunity to come together more," said Brown, adding that coming together

would allow the community to have a greater impact on ECU's campus.

The large turnout for the Panhellenic community's recruitment comes weeks after being one of 21 organizations to receive achievement awards from the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC).

Brown believes that the award could lead to even more growth in the future, adding that having an award shows what students can expect from their investment in the community.

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BRIEFS

Non-profit organization recognizes Greenville cancer support groups

Riley's Army, a non-profit program that supports children affected by cancer, is getting ready for National Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Greenville Mayor Allen Thomas is allowing Riley's Army to honor the agencies in Greenville that work with kids who have cancer. Mayor Thomas is planning to make a proclamation for all the local pediatric cancer support groups in Greenville.

English department chair awarded grant for John Donne poetry project

The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded Dr. Jeffery Johnson, English department chair with a \$270,000 grant. The grant supports "The Variorum Edition of the Poetry of John Donne," which is housed on ECU's campus. On Sept. 1, Johnson was named the general editor for Donne Variorum. NEH has given the project \$1.8 million in total since 1986. John Donne was an English poet and a cleric in the Church of England.

Director with the school of art and design named top 100 creatives

Creative Quarterly selected Scott Eagle, assistant director and director of graduate studies in the School of Art and Design, as one of the journal's top 100 creatives for 2013. A panel of judges from around the world picked the top 25 pieces for recognition in four categories: fine art, graphic design, illustration and photography. Eagle's work will appear in the fall edition of the Creative Quarterly Magazine.

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Campus increases safety

Katlyn McCarthy
TEC STAFF

The safety of the students is a top priority at ECU. In the event of an emergency, or occasional required testing, ECU uses text messaging and emails to relay information about crime going on and around campus to students, faculty and staff in order to keep them safe.

“We have the ultimate responsibility of maintaining a safe environment for our campus and we will work constantly and vigilantly to develop that safety and increase safety awareness,” said Lt. Christopher Sutton of the ECU Police Department.

During the next three years, the university plans to spend more than \$1 million on specific safety measures. Some of these safety updates will be emergency blue-light phone upgrades, lighting improvements, card access and alarms on buildings.

“We place the blue light phones in strategic locations. They are normally within eyesight of another blue-light. Many have cameras on them,” Lt. Sutton said.

There are 100 blue-light phones throughout campus. These phones are for the use in case of emergency situations, including potential safety hazards, assistance needed, suspicious activity, feeling unsafe or needing a walking escort. Walking escorts are trained students by the ECU Police Department who provide safety escorts during evening hours

to the campus community. With the help of Coastline Construction, the university’s electrical contractor for the project, campus got 53 light fixtures installed and existing lamp poles got new LED lights on the mall this summer. LED lights are energy efficient and are less expensive to maintain. The project that started May 27th cost ECU \$448,000.

The university has many other options for students who are out at night. Safe Ride is one of those options. When you need to get picked up, dial 252-328-RIDE (7433). Give them your name, pick up and drop off location, and you’ll be given an approximate wait time. Make sure to have your ECU 1 Card ready. Once Safe Ride arrives, show your 1 Card to the radio operator before boarding.

“We offer RAD training Rape Aggression Defense training,” said Lt. Sutton. “Registration is available on our website. We also encourage everyone to follow us on social media for tips and updates.”

Rape Aggression Defense offers lectures, education, discussion, and self-defense techniques for women and men of all ages and abilities. It is no charge to students and you can register on the ECU Police Department website. Class times and dates are on the website.

“It teaches techniques and you have the opportunity of demonstrating them against officers,” Lt. Sutton said. “It has been offered for several years.



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Blue lights will be upgraded as ECU continues safety updates.

Students are always pleased with the class and training.” Another good idea is to not walk alone, instead use the buddy system. The university does not recommend walking alone at night. “Be aware of your sur-

roundings and maintain the ability to make wise choices,” said Lt. Sutton. “Do not impair your judgment with alcohol or drugs.” This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

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dangers that police officers have to deal with.

Davis is a graduate of the Explorer Program and believes that he is a good example of the benefits the program can bring to participants.

“Me being part of this program now is a great privilege because I’m a great example of what the program can do for you,” said Davis.

Davis says that he has received nothing but positivity since being a part of the program.

“I’m constantly inundated with emails and phone calls from people who want to be a part of the program,” said Davis. “I was thinking maybe I would get five or 10 people, but its been great, the response I’ve been getting.”

Maurice Northern, a senior at Farmville Central, heard about the Explorer Program when his stepfather mentioned he heard it on the news. Both North-

ern and his stepfather are excited to see what the program has to offer.

“This is something that would keep me out of trouble. It’s something to do after school, something to keep my head out of a lot of the negative stuff around me at certain times,” said Northern. “It will give me something positive to do.”

The program is open to anyone between the ages 14-20. Participants must have passed the eighth grade and must maintain a 2.0 GPA while also being a good citizen. Those interested in participating must obey all Greenville Police policies and cannot associate with known offenders or have previously been arrested.

The program takes place every-other Monday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. during the school year. There is no deadline to apply for the program.

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“Being an award winning community speaks volumes,” said Brown. “You really are putting your money where your mouth is in a sense. We can tell you these things during recruitment, but to actually have an award and be able to show it, I think that really does prove to be a huge factor.”

In order to build upon this success and continue to grow, Brown believes that the community has a good foundation to build upon. This means that they can continue their effort to create their own, unique community.

“Really having it be more value based recruitment, meaning how our conversations are about our organization and not ‘Oh this is what we wear to game day,’” said Brown. “But also realizing that we are our own community, we don’t need to compare ourselves to other communities in the state.”

After applying for the award shortly after the spring 2014 semester concluded in May, the Panhellenic Council received notice that they had won on Aug.15. In order to qualify for the achievement award, the council had to meet a minimum of five of the seven criteria that they were evaluated on.

“Our high-performing College Panhellenics are an integral component of the entire fraternity and sorority community across the globe,” said Julie Johnson, Panhellenics Committee chairman for the NPC said in a statement released last year on Aug.18. “It is an honor to work alongside these bright women who represent what it means to be a thriving sorority woman in today’s society.”

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PIRATE RANTS

Want more Pirate Rants? Make sure you submit every week at theeastcarolinian.com You could see your rant in next week's issue.

Dear ECU Administration, Fixed-Term Faculty are people too.

My buns don't want none, son, unless you've got a thick one

Dear ITCS: Why do I need to password protect my own phone just to view my email with it? Ain't nobody got time for that. I've got arthritis.

In lieu of recent reality tv shows, ECU should up the ante with Naked Pumpkin Spice Latte ordering, Naked Bus Riding to campus, or Naked Brother Ross lectures.

Nice win boys!!! Now let's go fry some Gamecocks in the next game!!!! #ECUdaunted

Great win for the Pirates. But did anyone else witness the huge loss at halftime? NCCU's band was half the size and twice as loud and entertaining. Dag Marching Pirates.

Females with real dreads are beautiful!

Pirate Rants have Captcha now?! You getting more strict on people submitting while drunk? No better way

"Oh right there was a game today" said the small percentage of people who didn't get drunk and watch football on Saturday

Did anyone else feel that 7-52 is a bit of overkill on Saturday's game against NC Central?

Dear ECU player #2 I love your golden yellow gloves!!!

ECU band how you gonna turn up I the stands but not on the field?

Honestly I am so drunk at this football game it took me 14 min to figure out where to submit my pirate rant.

Your not a true pirate unless you know the alma mater. Learn it student section.

yeah I was knitting at the pool... big whoop

Aramark, why the hell do you have candy options in the Student Rec. Center? I'm trying to be healthy here!

to all you pirate freshmen-dont pay too much attention to school, you might miss something important

Why is it that no one will give up their seat on the bus for a lady anymore? Show some class.

To the guy who went to the NSO in nothing but a towel...thank you.

The Starbucks at joymer really needs to be open the same hour as the library. I NEED MY STUDY BOOST.

Pirates please please please remember to lock your bikes properly....through one wheel and the body of the bike, before someone steals your ship.

Free food? I'm there!!

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

Our view

Construction getting old for senior class

Those who have been on campus at ECU the last several years have probably witnessed an abundance of construction.

We as an editorial staff understand that the university has an interest in expanding and a necessity to expand for obvious reasons, but it has to be getting aggravating for current students, especially upperclassmen.

The university releases statements about how excited they are for the future of ECU's campus and that's understandable. And the class of roughly 2019 can be excited as well, but the students who are paying for the majority of these projects (parking decks, student centers, athletic venues) won't get to enjoy them during their time at ECU.

We understand that the university is doing its best to appease students complaining about parking, campus safety, etc., but the Class of 2015 and the surrounding classes is undeniably getting the raw end of a deal.

The university needs these projects, but shouldn't it have been possible for the university and city of Greenville to keep their projects to one or two a year? Uptown Greenville is currently getting a major overhaul as well, so this has to be the busiest time for construction in years.

Not only have seniors paid for a large portion of these facilities that they will likely never use, but they are experiencing a senior year bombarded by construction everywhere they turn.

Time to embrace stem cells



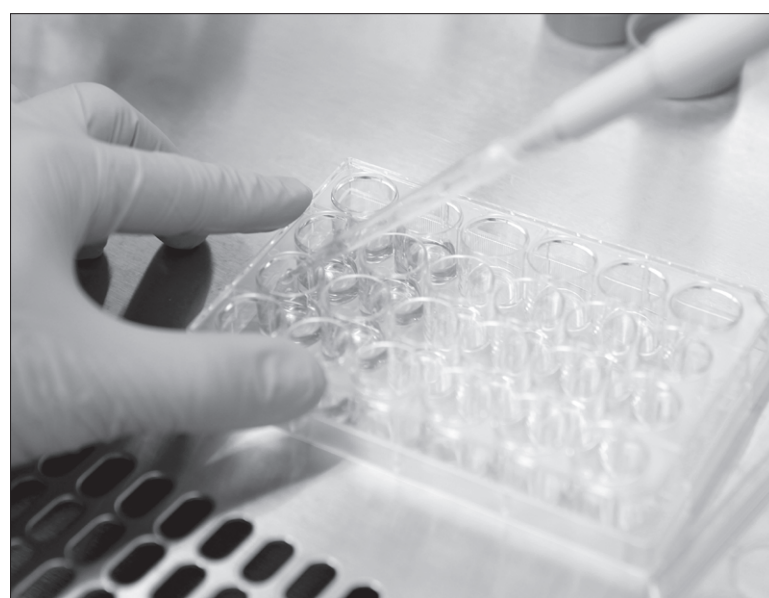
William Franklin
TEC STAFF

As the ice bucket challenge is starting to slow down its time to discuss the implications of the challenges. One of the major issues that came up with the ice bucket challenge and ALS research is the use of stem cells. For a number of people that I know the use of stem cells in research is the same as abortion. This could not be further from the truth, and stem cell research is something that deserves to be stood up defended.

There are two types of stem cells and the one that people have the problem with are the embryonic stem cells. The main quarrel that people have with these cells is they come from embryos, or fertilized eggs. This is not something that people should be getting in a tizzy about, because the fate of the eggs is incineration if they are not used. They can be used for good, they can help cure some of the major ailments of the day and can help do it quicker and more efficiently than other methods. The notions that using them is in some way immoral or ethically grey is a laughable opinion that isn't scientifically or morally informed.

Part of the issue when trying to make these decisions is people who try and make an opinion based on a religious belief or conviction. While people are more than welcome to their religious beliefs, those beliefs should not solely inform their decisions on issues that are scientific and health oriented in nature.

It's important to make a decision that is void of any religious belief when dealing with a subject such as stem cells. Everyone is going to have their own different religious views, so it only makes sense to make a decision based solely on the physical evidence.



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The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge has brought up stem cell research debates.

In the future when people criticize fundraisers such as the ice bucket challenge, they shouldn't be upset about the use of stem cells or the research methods in trying to cure a disease, but rather be hesitant about the intuitions that are receiving the money and how they use that money.

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ECU needs fans in its stands



Ronnie Moore
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Each and every student at ECU and fan of Pirate football wants to see a victory every game. Many would prefer a big win, yet Saturday night when the final whistle blew, the Boneyard was all but empty.

Yes, it was a night game and it was very late on Saturday, but students most likely didn't rush home from the game to get some rest but rather to go downtown. The players don't deserve that, the coaches don't and neither does the national media. Empty stadiums are not desirable and that goes for watching games on ESPN as well.

The official attendance of the opening game was 42,758, which is significantly lower than the 50,000 fans that normally attend Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Not to mention the fact that

once the Pirates beat NC Central 52-7, less than 10,000 fans were still there.

This season ESPN cameras will grace Pirate Nation more than they ever have before and as a result, ECU will receive much more attention nationally. When the final whistle blows and the football team runs to sing the fight song with the students and the band and only the band is present it looks bad for the university. The "avid" fan base that ECU has should show when no one is watching and when everyone is watching.

So many schools boast good football teams, but their fan base doesn't represent the quality product that they put on the field. On the flip side some schools have devoted fans whether or not their team is doing well or losing a lot. ECU has a reputation of a strong fan base that travels to road games and will support the Pirates wherever they play...but shouldn't that mean late weekend games in Greenville as

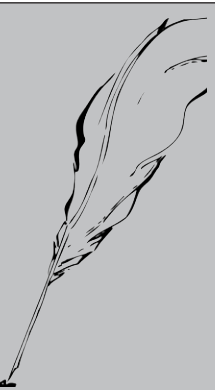
well? I was on the sideline working during the game and the fans were fantastic for most of the game, but to have elated athletes celebrating a 45-point in front of basically no one at the end is something that doesn't accurately represent what Head Coach Ruffin McNeill remembers as an athlete or what he expects from a fan base that he calls "second to none."

My challenge to the Pirate fans is to stay and enjoy all 60 minutes of the action because they only get six home games a year. Once the season is over most students will whine that they don't get to watch ECU play anymore or other things along those lines, but I'll be waiting with the question, "Were you one of the fans who left because you had to head out on the town before everyone else?"

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Campus Cookies employee Andrew Metz, junior Public Relations major, serves hot and fresh baked goods to eager customers Sam Wilson, Ryan Wilson and Haley Cahill Sunday evening.

Downtown welcomes a sweet treat

Campus Cookies, a new bakery, offers late-night dessert delivery for students

Jessica McGettigan
TEC STAFF

A sweet surprise opened on 5th Street last week, adding to the list of renovations that are being made to uptown. Campus Cookies, a late-night dessert delivery service, is a familiar face to several Virginia college campuses, but is a brand new business to North Carolina. Choosing Greenville as its first location in a new state is a decision that general manager Sarah Anderson believes was the right call.

"We looked at a couple of different schools before we settled on ECU," said Anderson. "Putting our location here allows us to serve students both on campus and off campus without getting funneled in the traffic of a city setting. It's the perfect model to get our North Carolina market under way."

Anderson explained that the new uptown location is much different than their other locations in Virginia.

"We've always operated late night, but our other locations are kind of set back away from the street and in locations where we don't have high traffic," said Anderson. "Normally, we come to the people and here they're coming to us, which is something we're adapting too."

Campus Cookies was founded in 2007 by a then-student of James Madison University, Scott Davidson. "Scott was an undergrad at JMU up in Virginia and it was something that he thought 'man that sounds like a good idea,' and he did it," said Anderson. "He started out delivering specifically to his friends and then it kind of broke loose."

After he graduated, Davidson opened his first location in Harrisonburg, Va., for JMU



Damiere Powell, sophomore Urban and Regional Planning major, prepares to heat up baked goods.

students and then expanded to Virginia Tech, University of Virginia and now ECU. When asked why it was decided to focus on college-town markets, Anderson explained that the dynamics of a college town are much better for their model and that they are a one-of-a-kind business.

"What makes us a big success in our other locations is that there is nothing else like us," said Anderson. "We're... open late night when kids are studying and partying. We're awake when they're awake."

The Campus Cookies brand is one that Anderson believes sets them apart from their competition. "We brand specifically for stu-

dents," she said. "We don't do sleek, we don't do edgy, we do fun."

Anderson also explained a second factor that differentiates Campus Cookies from other dessert delivery services. "What we do, which is different from our competition as well, is that we get our cookies from suppliers," said Anderson. "We have gone to gourmet food shows and tested out so many different products [to] see if we like it and if it serves our customers in the way that we want it too."

Anderson explained that they have gone through so many different makers and vendors to find the right fit and right quality that they want to serve.

"It seems kind of odd to serve cookies that someone else has made, but what we provide is the customer service factor," said Anderson.

"People are so impressed that it is a store just for cookies."

-Sarah Anderson

"With that, we have a consistent product so you know that it's always going to be a great chocolate chip cookie, it's always going to be a great sugar cookie, and there's never [going to be a problem] where someone added too much of this or too little of that," said Anderson.

As a dessert delivery service, it is only right that Campus Cookies has a baked-to-order menu that offers almost twenty different varieties of cookies among other baked goods such as cookie cakes.

"People say the funniest things," said Anderson, referring to cookie cake orders. "You wouldn't believe what I've written on a cookie cake in icing before."

Other menu options include drinks, such as milk and iced coffee, and a selection of ice creams.

"We offer so many different varieties and they all taste different," said Anderson. "Not to be cliché, but you can't knock it until you try it!"

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Service group lends educational resources

ECU students create program to help promote education in Sierra Leone community

Jordan Register
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The university has always defined itself by the leadership qualities possessed by its members. The creed, "Serve," or to serve, is the basis on which this university builds its accreditation among the moral ranks. A few students in particular embody that creed with their services not just in regards to ECU, but on an international scale as well.

Project Tumara, founded by ECU seniors Issa Thulla and Sara Kurtz, is a program launched in Sierra Leone, West Africa that gave scholarships and school supplies to 35 students for the 2014-2015 academic years. In addition to these scholarships, Project Tumara works on sustainable community development by initiating weekly meetings to discuss community problems and hosting community service projects in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

On August 6, Project Tumara hosted a street cleaning day in the Portee wharf community. Portee is Freetown's largest and most impoverished wharf community. There are over 2000 residents in Portee with 800 students; however, 70 percent of these students lack access to an education due to financial barriers. Project Tumara is working to lessen that percentage.

The project is especially close to founder Issa Thullah. Thullah is originally from Sierra Leone, and in 2002 won a visa to America after over a decade of civil war ravaged his birthplace. His visit this past winter was the first time seeing his family in over 11 years. Not only did his visit allow him to briefly reunite with loved ones, but while there, he was also approached by small children telling him about their struggle to get an education. This is when the idea for Project Tumara was first conceived.

"Since most households live off of two to three dollars a day, they have to choose between eating or sending their child to school, and seeing that firsthand inspired us to help them," said cofounder Sara Kurtz. Kurtz visited Freetown with Thullah this past winter and says the experience was astounding.



Issa Thulla, a founder of Project Tumara, speaks to an audience at the A Tase of Sierra Leone event about the troubled African area.

In Sierra Leone, there are usually six to 10 people living in a one-room house with no sewer or sanitation, and only a couple days out of the week with electricity.

"Despite their hardships though, they are some of the happiest most determined people you will ever meet," said Kurtz.

Thullah visited Freetown at the beginning of this past August by himself and was almost unable to return home due to the recent Ebola outbreak in West Africa. The Ebola outbreak is a concern to Project Tumara, but in this time of conflict, there is not much anyone can do.

"We really just hope for the safety and well-being of all those we work with and who are in the community," said Kurtz. Meanwhile Thullah and Kurtz are starting a student chap-

ter of Project Tumara at ECU and aim to raise awareness and funds for Sierra Leone. The first interest meeting will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Cynthia Lounge of the Mendenhall Student Center.

"Education can help build infrastructure and even establish countries, and at the end of the day, we are all connected," says Kurtz.

More information about Project Tumara can be found at their website ProjectTumara.org, and Thullah and Kurtz encourage all that are interested to attend the meeting tonight.

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Ayden celebrates collard greens tradition

Community participates in annual three-day festival dedicated to popular dish

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The town of Ayden's Collard Festival starts this week, celebrating a southern staple that many regard as necessary to their traditional Sunday dinner.

Troy Worthington, vice president of the festival's committee, said that he remembers going to the Collard Festival as a boy growing up in Ayden.

"The Collard Festival started before I was even born," said Worthington.

According to the festival's website, the Collard Festival started in 1975 when Lois Theuring suggested that the town should have a festival. Other names that were considered before "Collard Festival" was ultimately chosen included "Cucumber Festival," "Harvest Festival" and "September Fun Festival." After residents voted from ballots included in Ayden's local newspaper, "Collard Festival," became the winner.

Worthington said that the festival would feature a lot of activities for people of all ages. In addition to the rides and fair food, the event would feature live music, a pageant, an indoor art show and a 5K road race. Worthington said there was another event that was integral to the festival.

"Of course, you can't have a collard festival without a collard-eating contest," said Worthington. "It always draws a big crowd. If nothing else, just the curiosity of seeing how much greens people can put down draws a crowd."

Even though Worthington considers the collard-eating contest an essential part of the Collard Festival, he admitted that it is not the event that he looks forward to the most. Instead, Worthington said, he's a "sucker for the parade."

Worthington also said that everything just gets kick started by the parade. "It draws in so many people and leads everyone into downtown Ayden where the actual center of the festival is," he said. "It leads up to the collard-eating contest and the main performance that night."

Besides the parade, the other main attraction at the festival is the live music. Worthington said that committee president Pat Tripp does most of the work involved in narrowing



The family friendly festival will showcase the many ways to prepare the beloved dish and will feature live bands, a 5K race and a parade.

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down the bands, but the 11-person committee as a whole votes on which groups get to perform. The members try to stick to tradition by booking a variety of acts, including beach music, said Worthington.

"We look at the budget, how much we have to spend and kind of measure it out. We try to have the biggest talent and biggest shows for Saturday night," said Worthington. "We usually try to lock that in first."

There are three headlining bands this year, each one playing on a different night. 40 East, Fantasy and 20 Ride will be performing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, respectively. 40 East is a seven-piece

Wilmington-based band that plays a mix of covers and original tunes. Fantasy is a band that blends funk, Motown, hip-hop and beach music. The band features Raymond "Squeaky" Barber on guitar, whom some may recognize from his 20-year stint with Chairmen of the Board, a group that was inducted into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame in 1999. 20 Ride, a Zac Brown Band tribute band, will perform many of the Atlanta-based country-folk group's hits along with songs by Jimi Hendrix, Florida Georgia Line, Guns N' Roses and Prince.

Worthington said he originally joined the Collard Festival committee as a way to give

back to his community. He soon learned, he said, that the best thing about the festival was that it brought people together.

"I always make the point to walk the parade route just as the parade is getting ready to start," said Worthington. "I get to run into literally hundreds of people I've grown up knowing and some of them I only see every year at the Collard Festival. It's awesome being able to see how many people come out."

The Ayden Collard Festival runs from Sept. 4-7. The parade starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

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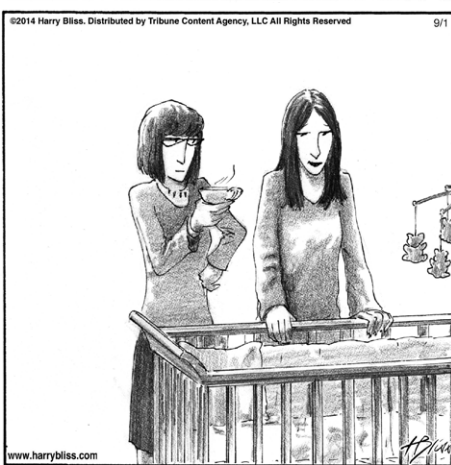
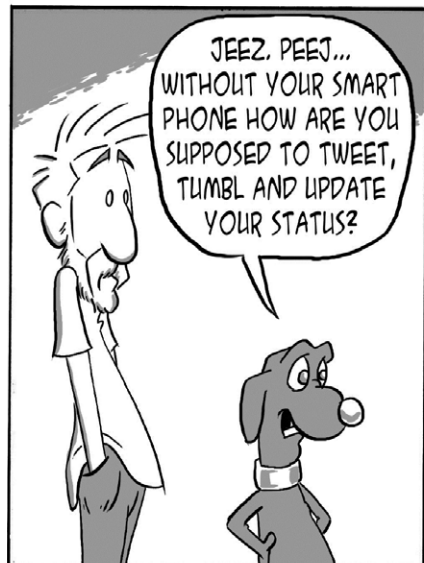
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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Junk email
 - 5 "A Streetcar ___ Desire"
 - 10 Talks and talks and talks
 - 14 Strauss of denim
 - 15 Double-reed instruments
 - 16 Author ___ Stanley Gardner
 - 17 Fateful date for Caesar
 - 18 Unlucky thing to draw
 - 20 Poverty-stricken
 - 22 Share and share ___
 - 23 Banned apple spray
 - 24 Solved, as a cryptogram
 - 26 Tabletop game requiring steady hands
 - 30 Witch trials town
 - 31 Like a prof. emeritus
 - 32 Narrate
 - 36 Supermarket chain initials
 - 37 McCain's title
 - 41 Pizzeria order
 - 42 Male offspring
 - 44 Univ. proctors, often
 - 45 Seat of New York's Oneida County
 - 47 Go on strike, in slang
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 - 54 Have in mind
 - 55 "I'll do whatever you need"
 - 56 "Language" that gave us "amscray"
 - 60 Menace who destroyed houses made of the ends of 18-, 26- and 47-Across
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 - 64 List-shortening abbr.
 - 65 "... had a farm, ___"
 - 66 Bullpen stats
 - 67 Really annoy
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By Amy Johnson

DOWN

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- 2 Feet pampering, briefly
- 3 State confidently
- 4 Error
- 5 "Never gonna happen"
- 6 Finds repugnant
- 7 Tie up in the harbor
- 8 At any time, to Frost
- 9 Summer hrs.
- 10 "Amscray!"
- 11 Extra Dry deodorant
- 12 Eubie of jazz
- 13 Embroidered, e.g.
- 19 Potato bag
- 21 Future prunes, perhaps
- 24 Weight loss plan
- 25 Opposite of endo-
- 26 Trident-shaped Greek letters
- 27 "Othello" villain
- 28 Scottish family
- 29 Garbage
- 33 Larger-than-life
- 34 Kiss from a dog

TUESDAY'S PUZZLE SOLVED

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Josh Hawkins will likely cover South Carolina's top receiver on Saturday. The Pirates will need strong efforts from their cornerbacks and safeties.

Pirates find form in opener

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

Trailing the N.C. Central Eagles by a touchdown in the first quarter wasn't exactly how the Pirates wanted to begin their season-opener at home.

However, they responded nicely from their slow start by scoring 52 unanswered points.

It was business as usual for quarterback Shane Carden and company on offense. Just like he did in the two previous seasons, Carden used his arsenal of receivers to march down the field with ease.

"We have such a deep receiving core with so many different athletes and weapons," said Carden. "Whoever they zone in on, they're going to leave some other guys wide open."

The Pirates picked up 32 first downs and converted all six of their red zone opportunities, turning an early seven-point deficit into the blowout win that seemed inevitable by many.

"I'm excited about some of the things we did well," said ECU Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley. "I'm also excited about some of the things we didn't do well because I think they're very easily correctable. In a lot of areas, we're further along than we've been in the first game before. We're correcting some things that, in the past, we were correcting on game two, three, or four."

Last season, ECU had the 13th-best run defense in the country. Despite only having three of their defensive starters from last year, the Pirates looked impressive by holding the Eagles to 2.3 yards a carry on 31 rush attempts.

There's no doubt that the Pirates would like that level of rush defense to continue throughout the rest of the season. However, it's tough to judge the real impact of that kind of performance against a Football Championship Subdivision opponent.

With the toughest stretch of their schedule beginning at South Carolina on Saturday, ECU's defense has a chance to reclaim its national status as a unit that can shut down opposing running backs. South Carolina's star running back Mike Davis was listed as doubtful, according to Gamecocks' coach Steve Spurrier.

One thing is for certain — the next few weeks will tell us a whole lot more about ECU's true potential this season.

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Secondary awaits test

Brian Wudkwyck
TEC STAFF

Despite being relatively untested on Saturday night against N.C. Central, the ECU secondary will be heavily relied on as the season progresses and perhaps most especially this Saturday when the Pirates travel to Columbia, S.C., to face Southeastern Conference opponent South Carolina.

ECU replaced three starters from last year's secondary that finished 13th in the nation with 18 interceptions. Safeties Damon Magazu and Chip Thompson, who are now both graduated, combined for seven of those picks and seemed to have left a big gap in the Pirates' defensive backfield.

Stepping into their shoes are Domonique Lennon and Lamar Ivey, while cornerbacks Detric Allen and Josh Hawkins both split time in starting roles last season. The secondary as a whole saw little action come their way during their game with NCCU. The team limited the Eagles' offense to just 104 yards on 22 pass plays. That, however, likely won't be the case in Columbia this Saturday.

South Carolina has a senior quarterback in Dylan Thompson with multiple weapons around him. One of those weapons — the Gamecocks' starting running back, Mike

Davis — is questionable to play with bruised ribs, which might leave ECU's secondary in a position where they could see more of an aerial attack from the Gamecocks than previously anticipated.

"(Thompson) is a fifth year guy and the last time East Carolina played South Carolina, he played quite a bit," said defensive coordinator Rick Smith. "He's a very good runner and he's a very good thrower."

Smith was also quick to highlight that Thompson's versatility may pose a challenge for the Pirate cornerbacks as his safeties will have to respect both his running and the passing abilities.

South Carolina, during its 52-28 loss at the hands of Texas A&M, showcased the abilities of Thompson and his receiving core. The Gamecock offense racked up 366 passing yards and four touchdowns through the air and attempted 40 passes.

"Doing their job, proper technique and no eye violations, but making sure they're in the right place," said Head Coach Ruffin McNeill of the challenge his secondary will face. "It will take 11-man football to control their running game and pass game. That's how we'll approach it and that's what we're doing right now."

One thing that the Pirates do have in their favor is size. Ivey, Lennon, and Allen all check in at more than six-feet tall.

"When it comes to game time height and speed (of their opponents) don't matter to us because we have that height and speed as well," said Hawkins. "We just need to perform how we know we can perform."

Another advantage of the ECU secondary is their experience. Despite not having a lot of starting experience between the four players, Allen, Ivey, Lennon and Hawkins have seen plenty of the field and are all upperclassmen.

"We have experience and it's definitely a good thing," said Lennon. "We make mistakes as younger guys and they say you learn from your mistakes so that's a big thing."

Going into a game of such great magnitude against one of the premier teams in the SEC is a daunting challenge for ECU. The Pirates will have to be clicking on all cylinders on the defensive side of the ball. But don't tell the Pirates that.

"I feel like we have a great chance against them," said the cornerback Hawkins. "We're not going in with a losing mentality so I feel pretty good."

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Cross country begins year positively

Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

This past Friday, the ECU cross country team started off their season strong by heading to Boone to compete in the Covered Bridge Invitational. The women's team placed fourth while the men's team placed eighth.

The men's team competed in a 6,400-meter course. The top finisher for ECU was

redshirt senior Chase Miller who finished the course in 34th with a time of 21:53.21. Chase Miller was a 2013 all-conference performer.

Redshirt junior Brather Cline placed in 39th, just less than 10 seconds behind Miller finishing with a time of 22:02.33. The Pirate following Cline was C.J. Buck, finishing in 63rd.

The women's team raced in the 5K.

Caroline Reiser, sophomore transfer from FIU completed the 5K finishing in 14th clocking in at 19:30.34. The next Pirate to cross the finish line was sophomore Caitlyn Sheva who finished with a time of 19:55.74 placing her in 22nd place.

Following Sheva was Morgan Anderson who completed the 5K in 32nd, marking in at 20:19.15. In 37th place was Pirate

Sydney Teague finishing with a mark of 20:30.48. Maura McDonnell finished in 39th place clocking in at 20:45.80.

The Pirates are looking forward to competing in their next event on September 19th in Raleigh at the Adidas Invitational in Cary.

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<p>Tuesday 9/2</p> 	<p>Wednesday 9/3</p> 	<p>Friday 9/5</p> <p>Women's Volleyball East Carolina Invitational Tournament begins</p>	<p>Friday 9/5</p> <p>Women's Soccer Davidson 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday 9/6</p> <p>(Away) Football South Carolina 7 p.m.</p>
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CALENDAR

TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

ECU advanced to 2-1 with a 2-0 victory over George Mason in Northern Va. on Friday. They played Monday night as well. For a full recap, visit our website.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates kick off their season September 5 with the East Carolina Invitational.

GOLF

ECU will start its 2014-2015 campaign September 12 at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate in Chapel Hill.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Lady Pirates tee off their season in Minneapolis, MN on September 15 for the Minnesota Invitational.

FOOTBALL

The Pirates take on South Carolina on the road Saturday. The game will be broadcasted on ESPNU at 7 p.m.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers blanked the Steelers, 10-0 Thursday bringing their preseason record to 2-2. They are set to start the real season Sunday as they take on the Buccaneers.

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some attention,” said ECU Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley. “He had a lot of one-on-one coverage and he did a good job taking advantage of it.”

It was a memorable night for Hardy, who had eight catches and surpassed Dwayne Harris’ school record of 268 career receptions.

“It felt great getting a chance to do it in front of our home crowd,” Hardy said of breaking Harris’ record.

The Pirates starting linebackers stayed active and notched a combined 22 tackles. Inside linebacker Zeek Bigger’s game-high 11 tackles did the majority of the damage, while NCCU quarterback Quinn Billerman was sacked three times while his team was limited to only one red zone appearance.

The Eagles got their only points of the game in the first quarter when safety C.J. Moore recovered a fumble by ECU running

back Breon Allen and ran it back 31 yards for a touchdown. After that early mistake, it was smooth sailing for the Pirates.

Red-shirt freshman Marquez Grayson led ECU’s balanced backfield attack with seven carries for 78 yards. Another freshman running back, Anthony Scott, impressed with a 38-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Allen added to the mix with a touchdown rush of his own. Overall, the Pirates picked up

208 rushing yards on only 28 attempts.

“The offense did a good job of staying consistent,” said McNeill. “I thought we did a good job on defense of playing 11-man football.”

ECU will face a much more difficult challenge Saturday when they take on the South Carolina Gamecocks in Columbia, S.C., at 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast on ESPNU.

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Recapping summer ball

Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

The Diamond Bucs had an array of athletes playing in different summer leagues. While players like Garrett Brooks, Luke Lowery and Evan Kruczynski had a successful summer; other Pirates struggled to get their summers going.

Brooks had a productive summer and hit .248 with a .351 on base percentage. He earned All-Star honors while driving in 26 runs, drawing 23 walks and striking out just 29 times. Brooks said he worked more on the mental aspect of the game than mechanics this summer.

“This was all about my mental process,” said Brooks. “It was different using a wood bat so I had to make some adjustments. But it was still just about going out and playing to the best of my ability.”

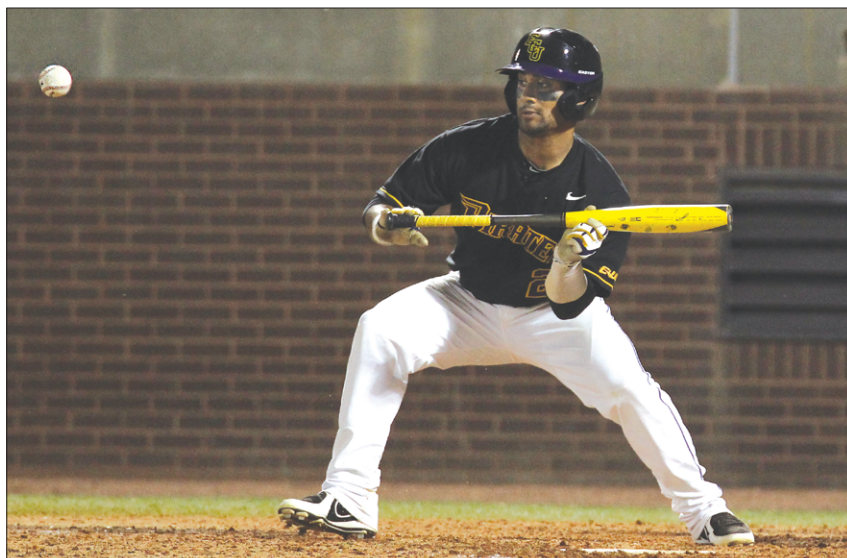
New skipper Cliff Godwin had high praise for the center fielder.

“He is a very good player and a hard worker,” said Godwin. “We really want him to be a leader on this team.”

Luke Lowery played in the Cape Cod League and showed power as he finished second in the home run derby. He hit .231 while handling the catching duties for the Brewster Whitecaps. He belted five home runs and racked up 14 RBI. Lowery said he worked on his leg kick and tried to adjust his two strike approach.

“My leg kick was a little too big and I couldn’t catch up to some of the speed,” said Lowery. “Everyone that plays summer ball knows, you have to go up and make daily adjustments. Out there, I just wanted to work on shortening up my stride.”

Lowery said it was tough catching for guys that were Friday and Saturday



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Garrett Brooks lays down a bunt in ECU’s win over in-state rival North Carolina in 2014.

starters on their college team.

“Catching wise – you just have to lock in more than normal,” said Lowery. “Guys have a lot more movement and a lot better (breaking balls). Sometimes they don’t know exactly where it’s going, but once you catch them in the bullpen, it’s easier to figure it out.”

The All-Freshman Conference USA right side of the infield in Charlie Yorgen and Bryce Harman struggled over the summer. Yorgen hit under the Mendoza line with a .148 over 12 games before being released from the Wilson Tobs. Harman did not pick up a hit in his five at bats and sat out a few games before being released. Both returned to ECU for the end of the summer and worked out with the coaching staff.

Godwin said he was not concerned by their lack of production over the summer. “I don’t make excuses for any of our

players, but guys that are freshmen and play every single day with a competitive schedule like we have at East Carolina,” said Godwin. “It’s tough for them to go out and play at a high level over the summer and play that many games ... Their summer doesn’t really concern me.”

Kruczynski put together a solid summer with 11 appearances and nine starts. The southpaw tosses 55 innings in the Northwoods League and logged a 2.78 ERA. Kruczynski is entering his sophomore and could contribute to the rotation this season.

“Summer league is always big for a young players development,” said Godwin. “Especially for the underclassmen to get a shot at seeing more talent.”

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