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Students fall ill from possible mold

Altavia Lowery
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As the weather changes, getting sick is not a surprise, but it can be when mold is the cause.

An East Carolina University student who lives at The Province claimed to have mold in her apartment bathroom. However, after telling maintenance, nothing was done resulting in two out of the four students in the apartment getting an upper respiratory infection.

"I noticed the red mold in my bathroom during the second

week of school," said Paige Smith, a sophomore English major. "When I first mentioned it to maintenance, they said they would come look at it, but never did."

Smith said she started getting sick and that she knew something was wrong because she rarely gets sick.

Casside Butler, a sophomore psychology major, at ECU is also one of the four girls staying in the apartment that the mold affected. Butler went out of town, and when she returned

she also started feeling under the weather.

Butler put in a work order with maintenance hoping that would help solve the problem, but they still never came out.

After a few weeks past, both Butler and Smith spoke with maintenance and the Property Manager. Smith was told that it was not mold and Butler was told that it was makeup.

"I have never felt so belittled



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> **MOLD** page A3 Students claim to have found mold on a bathroom wall at The Province apartments.

Grant funds LGBT center



(Left to right) Tyler Prewett, junior biology major, Jessica Melowsic, marriage and family therapy graduate student, Kunisha Person, sociology sophomore, Derrick Cooper, environmental health senior. Atlanta doctor Jesse Peel donated a large grant to help include an LGBT center in the new student center.

Doctor continues support with \$500,000 donation

ReAnn Melaga
TEC STAFF

A new LGBT center has been ensured to be included in the new student center planned for main campus after a \$500,000 gift was donated to East Carolina University.

The generous donation was made by Atlanta doctor, Jesse Peel. Dr. Peel and his family have chosen to make several significant donations to ECU

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-Mark Rasdorf

over the past nine years with this donation being his latest gift to the university.

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a highly profound gift because it's going to result in the first named LGBT center on a campus anywhere in North Carolina," said

Mark Rasdorf, assistant director for the LGBT Resource Office at the Center for Student Leadership and Engagement.

LGBT is an acronym that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. The LGBT Resource Office at ECU was founded in 2011 and currently serves the entire campus with educational events and programs

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FIRE Dumpsters catch fire at empty store

Staff Report

Greenville Fire-Rescue received calls on Sept. 29 around 3:20 p.m. for a fire located at the old Home Depot building on Thomas Langston Road.

The fire occurred in two outdoor dumpsters at the rear of the building. Black soot stained the rear exterior of the building, which is currently being renovated for a new outlet store, the Burlington Coat Factory.

After construction workers smelled smoke and called emergency crews, Greenville Fire-Rescue arrived with a ladder truck to help extinguish the flames. Winterville Fire-Rescue also arrived on the scene and assisted in putting out the fire.

First responders were able to contain the fire to the dumpsters before it spread.

According to Greenville Fire-Rescue, construction workers were inside of the building during the fire, but safely evacuated without any injuries being reported. The cause of the fire is not yet known and firefighters are investigating the cause.

The building experienced minor damage and is not expected to delay the November opening of the Burlington Coat Factory.

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SGA holds forum for campus topics

Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

Students and members of the SGA Senate discussed the controversial pirate rant published in last Thursday's paper during a public comments section at the weekly SGA Senate meeting Monday night.

The Pirate Rant that was discussed said, "Will someone explain to me why there is no 'White Student Union'... I feel

underrepresented," which was submitted by an anonymous reader.

SGA Vice President, Jake Srednicki, attended the meeting and spoke about how SGA is handling the complaints related to the pirate rant. Srednicki said he spoke with students on the matter and that it is SGA's responsibility to have "open forums that are regular happenings" to address issues that are bothering students.

"There are a lot of issues taking place on campus, a lot of students don't feel like their voices are heard, they don't feel like SGA is doing anything... so that's why I thought that it was important that we all come together this week," Srednicki said.

Richmond agreed that discussing the issue was important, but said that student government does not have a role in what is

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BRIEFS

ECU receives diversity award for the third consecutive year

East Carolina University was given the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award for the third year in a row. The award was given by the Insight into Diversity magazine.

The magazine recognizes colleges and universities in the U.S. that show commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Organization raises money for male sex trafficking victims

A non-profit organization in Greenville is raising money to build a shelter for male sex trafficking victims. Restore One held their fundraiser Friday night and raised \$70,000 towards building the shelter.

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center reported that they received 623 tips last year from people in North Carolina about possible sex trafficking.

Pitt County Health Department hosts workshop for women

The Pitt County Health Department hosted a workshop for women this past weekend.

The free workshop addressed issues affecting women's health, such as HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Valda Ford, founder of the Center for Human Diversity, was the featured guest speaker at the workshop.

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Student competes in BMX event



Diogo Canina, graduate student, was elected to compete in the upcoming Red Bull Dreamline BMX competition.

Kelsey Padgett
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

An ECU student has been invited to compete in the Red Bull Dreamline BMX competition this October.

Diogo Canina, who is currently finishing his thesis for his Masters in Economics, was selected as one of the top 32 BMX riders by Red Bull. The title awards him the opportunity to compete with 31 other BMX riders from all over the world in the Red Bull Dreamline at Oskar Blues REEB Ranch near Asheville, N.C., on Oct. 11.

The competition track, conceived by pro rider Anthony Napolitan and made a reality by master builder Adam Aloise, is designed to push riders to the limits and highlight the best of their abilities. The 32 riders will ride in two heats of 16 each for the qualifying round with each heat judging the other. The top six riders from each heat will then advance to the final.

In 2011, Canina competed in the Red Bull Dreamline in Minnesota. In 2008 and 2009, Canina took home a silver medal from the X-Games.

This ride will be extremely important for Canina, who fell on a jump and injured his hip in 2012. Although he had surgery at Duke Medical Center after the accident and has spent the last two years trying to rehabilitate, he says he still isn't where he would like to be, mobility wise.

"My goal for this race is to have fun and most importantly stay safe coming out of this injury," said Canina.

Canina, who was born and raised in Amparo, Brazil, says that he has been riding BMX as long as he can remember.

"BMX riding is natural for any kid. Every kid has a bike and rides," said Canina. "When the internet blew up though, it gave

"Live life fast and do what makes you happy, because you're only going to get one chance at it"

-Diogo Canina

me the chance to learn more tricks and techniques. Before that I was a kid in a small town riding with my friends."

Canina moved to the United States when he was 20-years-old to allow himself more opportunities for his education and for BMX. He has lived in New York, New Jersey, California and now North Carolina.

With many pro riders like Dave Mirra living nearby, Canina said he knew he needed to make the move to Greenville for his career.

Canina later applied to ECU during the height of his career in 2008 after winning his first X-Games medal. He graduated in 2012 with a BS in Economics and continued on to his Masters.

"I have been fortunate to have BMX, because my sponsors and my career have allowed me to pay for my education," said Canina.

As the focus for Canina begins to shift to school and his future, he remains certain that BMX will continue to be a major part of his life.

"Live life fast and do what makes you happy, because you're only going to get one chance at it," said Canina.

The Red Bull Dreamline will be televised Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. on NBC.

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NC celebrates 30 years of pride festivals



Hundreds of citizens attended the 2.5 mile Pride Parade route at Duke University's East Campus on Saturday to celebrate the 30th year that North Carolina has participated in pride festivals.

Supporters attend Pride Parade at Duke

Lauren Horsch
MCT CAMPUS

The streets around Duke University's East Campus were packed Saturday with hundreds of Bull City residents celebrating 30 years of North Carolina Pride festivals.

Celebrations happened all over the Triangle this weekend, but Duke's East Campus became a meeting ground as the annual Pride Parade made its way down a 2.5-mile route.

Even though NC Pride has been happening for 30 years, newcomers are still making their way to the festival every year. B.J. Moore and Leila Renollet are two of those newcomers. Moore and Renollet have been together for 31 years, and last year they got married. The couple is spending the next few years in the Triangle for Moore's job, and thought coming out to the festival was a good way to spend the afternoon.

"It's lovely," Renollet said.

Moore said coming out the festival this year also was a way to see more support for the LGBT community.

"It's becoming more of the norm," she said. "It's also nice to see straight families supporting the community."

It's also a way for the couple to reflect on how far the world has come in accepting and celebrating the LGBT community. That thought of reflection echoed throughout this year's festivities.

Carrboro Mayor and Parade Marshall Lydia Lavelle spoke to festival goers before the parade took off Saturday afternoon.

"It's important as part of this day to remember where we began, and to reflect on our journey along the way," she said. "The past several years have been years of really unbelievable success for the gay community."

She noted that the Stonewall Riots, which are viewed as starting the first gay pride parades, happened in 1969.

"Through the years since Stonewall, the LGBT community has faced challenges at every turn," she said.

Even though the community has faced an onslaught of challenges, it has also seen its victories -- from electing openly gay politicians to having the right to marry in 19 states.

Those victories, however, do not mean that the community has arrived, Lavelle said. But just because the community is facing attacks from politicians who believe that being gay isn't genetic, or those that oppose equality rights for transgender individuals, Lavelle said the community still has a lot to celebrate.

"We might very well, next year at this time, be celebrating a lot of newly married couples," Lavelle said. "We can dream, right?"

This year's festival was the largest in 30 years. Not only were Bull City LGBT organizations present at the parade, but multiple politicians were on hand to show their support for the community.

Costumes abounded from every corner of East Campus -- including more than one man dressed as Jesus. One rode



Volunteers walked at the pride parades located in the Triangle.

a Segway.

College students from across the Triangle came to Durham to show their support for members of the LGBT community, so did some of Durham Public Schools.

While the celebration remained in high spirits, some protesters were on hand, and that caused tensions for some parade goers. But for the most part, the celebration remained positive and focused on the community and its growth.

"Everybody needs to celebrate everybody," Moore said.

Lauren Horsch is a reporter for The Herald-Sun in Durham, NC and is a contributor for MCT Campus. This story was originally published September 28th.

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SGA Vice President, Jake Srednicki.

published in the paper.

"I feel as though SGA has every right to hold a meeting to discuss the concerns of students," said Jessica Richmond, Editor-In-Chief of The East Carolinian. "However, as we are an independent newspaper, SGA would be violating the first amendment if they were to dictate editorially what was published in our paper. In addition, I would like to point out that we don't endorse pirate rants."

The public comments section is fairly new, according to Speaker of the House,

Tyler Moore. Although a few students spoke at the event, there was little mention of The East Carolinian or the Pirate Rants during the section.

SGA will hold an Emergent Meeting Thursday, October 2 from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the SGA office as an open forum for members of SGA and other students to come and discuss their concerns.

"We can all talk about these kinds of situations taking place, where we stand as an SGA together, not as individuals, and what we can do to confront those situations and make the change necessary," said Srednicki.

Srednicki said he knows that standing in front of a Senate meeting and speaking can be intimidating for students, which is partially why there is a separate meeting so students can address their concerns openly.

SGA also hopes to better incorporate student concerns by creating a House of Representatives so that a representative from every student organization can be involved in SGA and feel represented at ECU.

"It's not your job to come to us, it's our job to go to you," said Senator Adam Caldwell. "There is so much work that can be done as far as getting more involved in multicultural organizations on campus and it starts with us."

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in my life," said Smith.

After no work was done, Butler went to Urgent Care and it was confirmed that she had an upper respiratory infection. Smith went to Health Services and they also confirmed the same thing.

Smith and Butler both were forced to stay at their friends' apartments because the mold situation was not getting fixed and they were getting sicker.

Butler's mother stepped in and called Health Services. Within 24 hours maintenance came to fix the mold in the bathroom. When Smith returned back to her apartment, her bathroom wall, where the mold once was, was clean and painted over.

Since maintenance came to fix the

mold, both students have gotten better health wise.

Although the situation has been solved, both students still feel as though they were treated wrong.

"I understand we are young, but we are not stupid. It is not fair that we were treated like children and our problem was just pushed under the rug," said Smith. "I felt disrespected and cheated out of the security that they claimed to offer."

The Community Manager for The Province would not comment on the situation at this time.

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ECU STUDENT MEDIA

Billy Battersby, freshman, builds a robot for his College of Engineering and Technology class.

Program holds celebration

Staff Report

ECU's College of Engineering and Technology is celebrating the 10-year-anniversary of its engineering program, Oct. 3 in the lobby of the Science and Technology Building, 2-3:30 p.m.

Dr. Hayden Griffin, department chair for engineering, said in a press release that the program has been instrumental in advancing the economic prosperity of eastern North Carolina and providing a steady pipeline of engineers to support workforce needs.

"ECU engineers have met those industry demands," Griffin said.

Several ECU graduates have been hired by Judy Butts, warranty manager at NACCO Materials Handling Group in Greenville.

"Over the past three years, I have hired five graduates from the ECU Department of Engineering. I have found them to be enthusiastic about learning and hungry to succeed. They have well-developed communication skills and a strong work ethic," Butts said in a press release.

The Department of Engineering began in 2004 to meet a growing need for degreed engineers to help support the large manufac-

turing industry in eastern North Carolina. The department's mission is to provide a theory-based, application-oriented general engineering education that serves as a basis for career success and lifelong learning.

According to the press release, the program began with 35 students and graduated its first class of 26 in 2008. Ten years later, 550 engineering students have been enrolled.

The caliber of students enrolled in the program also has grown, the press release said. In 2013, more than 450 students applied to the program, and 159 are now enrolled as freshmen for the 2014-15 academic year.

Engineering students can choose from five concentrations: bioprocess engineering, biomedical engineering, electrical engineering, industrial and systems engineering, and mechanical engineering.

Classes began in August for the program's first graduate degree, a master of science in biomedical engineering.

The university's engineering program is accredited by the Engineering Commission of Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

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WEB PHOTO

Peedee the Pirate is wrapped in a rainbow flag to support the LGBT community.

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while also acting as a social area.

Other LGBT centers exist at universities across the state such as Duke and Wake Forest, but none have been named in anyone's honor. The new LGBT center on ECU's campus will be named the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBT Center.

The new LGBT center will build upon the foundation of the current resource office. The resource office provides multiple services to all students, faculty and staff, but Rasdorf believes their current site isolates them from other student organizations on campus. This is something that he hopes will no longer be an issue with their new location.

"Because of our physical presence in the new student center, as opposed to on this edge of campus in Brewster, we will have greater participation and greater knowledge and therefore a greater impact on all of student life on campus," said Rasdorf.

In the new location, the LGBT center will have significantly more space for students

and staff to enjoy while still providing programming, educational events, volunteer opportunities and a designated area honoring Dr. Peel.

"What it will be is an inviting place, a welcoming place, a safe zone. It will serve as a place for shared experience and a place where students can come and hang out, come to learn, host different events and have a little bit of history of Mr. Peel," said Zack Hawkins, director of Student Affairs Development and Parent and Family Programs.

Hawkins believes that by creating the new LGBT center, a positive message will be sent not only to the ECU community but surrounding areas as well.

"It really shines a beacon of light from eastern North Carolina to every other place, not only in the state but in the country, that we are a campus that's open and welcoming," said Hawkins. "We fully accept and appreciate diversity and for that student or students that see that we have an LGBT center that's so promi-

nently displayed, that student will know that East Carolina is home just like everyone else across campus."

Having worked with Dr. Peel in the past, both Rasdorf and Hawkins agree that his donations to ECU have opened up doors and changed lives.

"I've been working closely with Jesse since I've been here and he's a very generous man who has a vision that's really going to impact the lives of people across eastern North Carolina," said Rasdorf.

"He is a pretty impressive guy, and he believes in ECU, he believes in the cause and this is great way to showcase all that he means to LGBT causes," said Hawkins.

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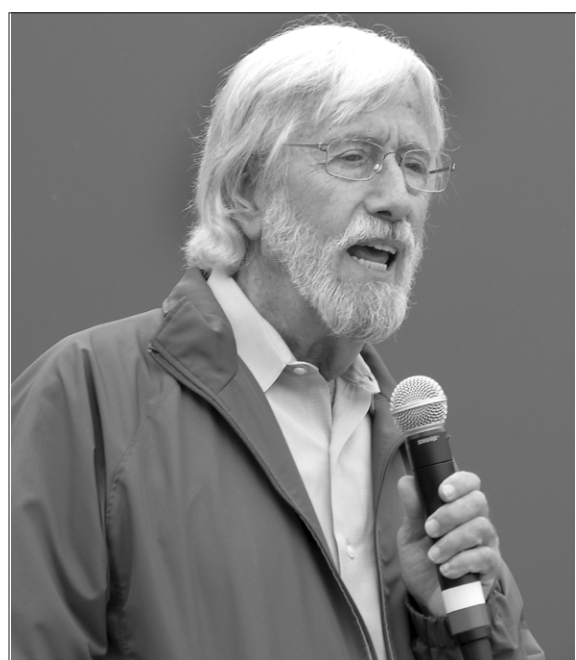
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Cousteau is a celebrated figure for his underwater filmmaking of the ocean and its many inhabitants. His footage has helped to expand peoples' knowledge while also improving the environment.

Jean-Michele comes to ECU



WEB PHOTO

Jean Michele is the son of the famous Jacques Cousteau.

Lindsay Rayner
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Jean-Michel Cousteau, underwater explorer, environmentalist, educator and film producer, will be speaking in Wright Auditorium this Wednesday as part of the Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series.

Jean-Michel Cousteau is celebrated for his work of underwater footage. His filmmaking of the ocean and its creatures has worked towards improving people's knowledge on how important it is to take care of the environment. In 1999, Cousteau founded the Ocean Futures Society, which serves as a "voice of the ocean" by communicating to people the importance of being environmentally aware. Cousteau has received the Emmy, the 7 d'Or, the Peabody award, the Cable Ace Award, and has produced over 80 films.

"Through the work of Cousteau, we've all become explorers of the under-

sea environment," said ECU professor Dr. John Tucker. "Now we sort of take it for granted; everybody's seen the sharks and the fish and the squid and the bottom of the ocean."

Tucker also believes that Cousteau's work in the ocean has been extremely helpful in "advancing the ability of cameras to capture it," which allows us to know "far more about that area than say my Grandmother did."

The Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series is sponsored by the Thomas Herriot College of Arts & Sciences.

"Cousteau was an explorer in the sense that Herriot was an explorer," said Tucker when asked what the reasoning was for selecting Cousteau to speak for the lecture series.

"The lecture series is meant to celebrate [Herriot's] work by bringing in speakers who have made new dis-

coveries or finds that have advanced our knowledge, our understanding of the world that we live in, and so Cousteau was definitely one of those people," said Tucker.

Tucker encourages students to come to the presentation.

"Everybody who goes there is going to get something, a new insight," said Tucker. "Young people... who might not go into water exploration, will never the less hopefully be inspired by his example to explore and discover."

Tickets can be accessed through the Central Ticket Office. Students of ECU may request one free ticket with a valid ECU ID. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Wright Auditorium.

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Students to perform in Bandorama

Jessica Trueblood
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The ECU Concert Band, Symphonic Band and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be playing at Bandorama tonight. Local concert bands will play symphonies from composers such as William Schuman, Jack Stamp and Frank Ticheli.

The event is opened to the public and is designed to expand the interest of those musically inclined. It is also for those who enjoy listening to pieces such as Hailstorm, performed with a member of East Carolina's faculty, Tom McCaslin. Tom McCaslin will be performing as a tuba soloist with the Symphonic Band.

"It's exhilarating when you begin to play a part of the solo, and the music increases as your heartbeat increases, I'm just enthused," said Kyler Zary, a senior and member of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

At Bandorama, he will be sitting in the principal chair leading a solo in the piece, Masquerade for Band by Vincent Persichetti. Zary is a part of the Orchestra, Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble.

"We have students who juggle playing



WEB PHOTO

The ECU Concert Band will be participating in this year's performance at Bandorama this evening.

in our symphonic band and also play in the marching band, so it's a range of tasks they accomplish and very fulfilling that they can showcase their talent at this year's Bandorama," said Carter.

Zary will be moving on to work on his internship this spring semester.

"It's very bittersweet," Zary said.

Scott Carter conducts the Symphonic Wind Ensemble which includes all music

majors and 46 students.

"Our students in the Wind Ensemble study anywhere between 10 to 20 hours a week on their instruments, outside of class, so a lot of effort is put into what we do here at the School of Music," Scott said.

Other conductors are Jay Juchniewicz, and William Staub. Jay Juchniewicz will be conducting the Concert Band and lead the students participating in the band with the pieces Cenotaph (Fanfare for Band), The Humble Heart, and Blue Ridge Reel. William Staub will conduct students in the Symphonic Band. William will conduct pieces Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Hailstorm, Shenandoah, and Old Home Days.

Juchniewicz, also known as Dr. Jay, conducts the largest band at the Bandorama with 82 students.

"For the students in the Concert Band it's about playing music," said Juchniewicz.

In total, 172 ECU students will be performing at Bandorama. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

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NPHC to host their annual Step Show

Nichole Currie
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

On Friday the National Pan-Hellenic Council of East Carolina University will host their annual Homecoming Step Show. This show will take place in Wright Auditorium, starting at 6 p.m.

There will be many performances presented for NPHC alumni and the ECU students. The NPHC is an organization composed of nine historically African American Greek lettered

fraternities and sororities. The show is a homecoming tradition and has always had a large crowd.

This year six Greek organizations from ECU will be performing along with neighboring universities' Greek organizations, such as Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternities. Sororities Zeta Phi Beta and Sigma Gamma Rho will perform as well.

As the show is quickly approaching the performing organiza-

tions are still in preparation to ensure an excellent show. Most of the fraternities and sororities have been practicing since June and July.

"Every night for about two to three hours... it's pretty tough," said Anthony Bennett, member of Phi Beta Sigma.

There have been some trials on the road to this show.

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Campus hosts 7th Peace.Love.Pirates.Cure

Kiera Huiel
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University will be hosting their 7th Annual Peace. Love. Pirates. Cure Event on Wednesday.

Peace. Love. Pirates. Cure Event is designed to inform students and faculty about the different types of cancer and how to prevent them.

"We want to bring the community together and show that we care for the ECU students and faculty," said Georgia Childs, associate director for Campus Recreation and Wellness.

This event started seven years ago. The idea came from the previous Breast Cancer Awareness events that were held in October.

"We pulled people all throughout Student Affairs, Brody School of Medicine, Women's Studies, and

ECU's School of Dental Medicine," said Childs.

This is the first year that the School of Dental Medicine will be a part of Peace. Love. Pirates. Cure. The School of Dental Medicine will display oral cancer screenings. Students and faculty will be able to sit in the chairs while getting their teeth checked while dentists look inside mouths to help identify any potential issues.

"Oral cancer tends to be overlooked and smoking is common risk for cancer," said Childs.

In 2012, 13.7 million Americans were diagnosed with cancer. Cancer still remains as the second most common cause of death in the U.S., causing nearly one out of every four deaths.

"We just want to educate students on how to prevent cancer," said Childs.



For the seventh year, Peace.Love.Pirates.Cure speaks to students on campus.

Childs hopes that a lot of people come out to support the cancer awareness.

"We want students to know there are resources on campus," she said.

The Counseling Center will

have a booth set up for helping people who survived cancer and a reference to be their support system if they have any difficulties.

The Alexander Paul Institute of Hair will have a station where hair can be donated.

"We had one person that donated 12 inches last year," said Childs.

One activity that they will have for the second time is Taste the Rainbow. This activity showcases healthy food that represents each color of the rainbow.

"It is a cancer fighting booth that promotes better health," said Childs. "It is so important to protect yourself and prevent yourself from cancer."

This event is very important to Childs and her family.

"This event is like my baby," she said. "My mom is an 11th year survivor of breast cancer. I would never miss it."

This event will take place at the Student Recreation Center on Courts 1 and 2 at 10 a.m. from 2 p.m.

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"Finding a place to practice was probably one of our biggest challenges," said Tevin Woodard, member of Kappa Alpha Psi and Vice President of NPHC.

As this is their show, they have expectations for their own organization as well as others.

"Being NPHC Vice President, I just want everybody to be a good representation of their [organization] and also NPHC as whole here at ECU," said Woodard.

This performance is also a competition and everyone is going for the win in some category. Ryan Harris, member of Alpha Phi Alpha informed us on his expectations.

"Being as this is the second show I'm going to be in, the expectations are high for Eta Nu [fraternity chapter]," said Harris. "Every year we do not



Members of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity (above) practice their routine for this year's Step Show.

win overall but we do win the male category, and its ten years plus running so it's a tradition."

"Being that we won it last year, we've got to get bragging rights again," said Breyah Jones, a Zeta Phi Beta member. "You can't lose when you won

the year before."

Khaaliq Johnson, member of Alpha Phi Alpha will be performing in this step show for his first time after he currently crossed, or joined the fraternity, last spring.

"[For] me just crossing,

its important for us to uphold this tradition and work hard," he said. "I know what I need to do to bring it to the table."

This show means several things for NPHC.

"It's a time where everyone's alumni members come

" It's more of a celebration, all about fun. Yes it's a competition and yes everyone wants to win but it's about coming together. "

**-Danielle Curley
President of Zeta Phi Beta**

together and everyone's back in town," said Danielle Curley, president of Zeta Phi Beta. "It's more of a celebration, all about fun. Yes it's a competition and yes everyone wants to win but it's about coming together."

Anna Mitiku, sophomore at ECU, explained her view of the show.

"It's a way you see people socialize in a sense and its also entertainment, and you're also supporting not only the Greek organization but...the school

too," Mitiku said.

The NPHC Advisor Dorothea Mack said that the event is full of fun and culture and that everyone should experience it.

"Learn more about NPHC and to see what they represent and how they come together," said Mack. "I think it may be a cultural experience for someone who is not African American."

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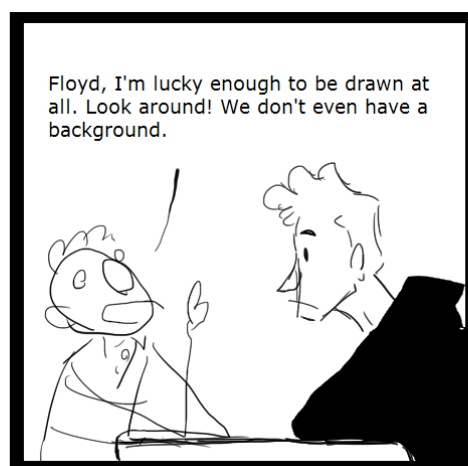
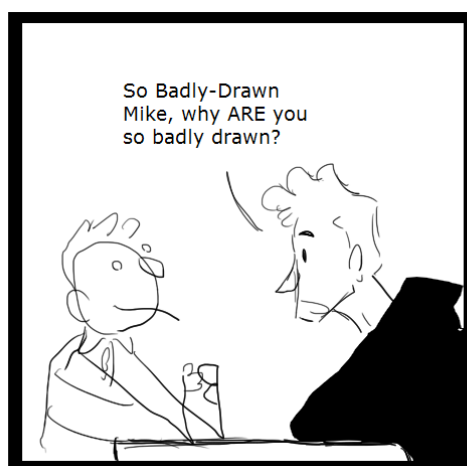


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Homecoming marks new era



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Fifth-year ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill addresses the media in his weekly press conference Monday. Pirate alumni will travel to Greenville this weekend for ECU's first AAC game against SMU.

Coach McNeill, Pirates prepare for first AAC matchup

Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

ECU's upcoming matchup with the SMU Mustangs marks two significant occasions for both the team and their coach.

Not only is the game the team's first taste of the newly joined American Athletic Conference, but for fifth-year coach Ruffin McNeill, it is a chance for him to revel in the lure of Pirate Nation as the matchup marks ECU's homecoming game.

Homecoming at ECU has always been a special occasion for McNeill. Nobody has invested more into Pirate football than McNeill and that goes all the way back to his playing days. As a defensive back for legendary coach Pat Dye from 1976-1979, McNeill helped lead ECU to its first modern-era bowl appearance in 1978.

"I've never attended a homecoming game," said

McNeill. "I've always been coaching...but it's great to get the alums back. Some of my former teammates have already contacted me."

It's not McNeill's first homecoming game as the coach of the Pirates but considering he's in his fifth year leading the program, this is the first homecoming with an ECU team made up entirely with his players.

And it couldn't have come at a better time either with the No. 22 Pirates leaving the Conference USA for what appears to be greener pastures in the AAC.

ECU is the conference's only ranked team, but the competition level exceeds 18-27 record that AAC teams have posted so far this season. Collectively, the conference has played the most challenging non-conference record of any Football Bowl Subdivision.

Teams like Cincinnati, who boast quarterback Gunner Kiel and a high-powered offense, and Temple, whose defense has only allowed 48 points through four games are teams that could potentially compete with the Pirates in the conference. For ECU, the journey for its goal of an AAC championship starts Saturday against SMU.

"It's going to be a challenge and we're looking forward to it," said McNeill. "We've been waiting and preparing for it but I think it's a historical moment for us and our university."

The AAC also provides the Pirates with an enhanced national presence. Under the conference's contract with ESPN, every conference-controlled game will be televised with 90-percent of those games being broadcast nationally including Saturday.

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Volleyball drops two straight

Chris Boyce
TEC STAFF

This weekend proved to be a rough one for the Lady Pirates as they dropped both matches to American Athletic Conference foes UConn (8-4) and Temple (9-4).

The team held their own against UConn on Friday night as they played in front of a rowdy home crowd of nearly 800. Ultimately however, they dropped the match with set scores of 26-24, 19-25, 25-19, and 25-18. Kierra Lee-Dunson led ECU in kills with 13 while junior Lauren Bewick had 16 digs. Head coach Julie Torbett was impressed with her team's effort.

"I thought we gave them a pretty good battle," Torbett said. "They were picked sixth in the preseason and they're a good team."

The road victory saw UConn to a 9-4 overall record on the year, with a 2-0 record within the conference.

Sunday afternoon was a different story. ECU fell to Temple with set scores of 25-19, 25-22, and 25-13. It looked to be a day of miscommunication, as the Lady Pirates seemed slow to the floor on digs and were tormented by mental mistakes, committing 19 errors. Coach Torbett appeared livid during the first timeout in a set that saw

Temple lead by a score of 16-6 at one point.

"I just thought we uncharacteristically didn't go after balls," said Torbett. "[We] just seemed out of sorts and never got it going."

Temple improved to 10-4 on the year after their win, bringing their conference record to 1-1.

Kierra Lee-Dunson was again a bright spot, leading the team with 9 kills. Freshman Ashton Mares led the Lady Pirates in digs with 12.

The team appears to be going through growing pains, as the youth of the team was one of the story-lines heading into the season with only one senior aboard in setter Zarah Cecich.

Although dropping both of their conference matches over the weekend, ECU still sits at 6-4 for the season with a chance to turn things around against N.C. Central Tuesday night at Minges Coliseum.

"Once the season starts, those matches start flying and you just can't afford to have those kind of mental letdowns like we did today," said Torbett.

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Coach Torbett addresses her team during a break in the action. ECU has lost two matches in a row.

TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

After losing to Connecticut last Thursday, the Lady Pirates got a win against Temple with a 2-0 score.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pirates dropped both matches against conference foes Connecticut and Temple over the weekend.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Swimming and diving held an intrasquad meet on Saturday as a tune-up for the All-North Carolina Invitational in Greensboro on Friday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach Macy's squad is set to host their annual media day Tuesday.

FOOTBALL

The bye week injury report was clean on Monday. The Pirates had no new injuries to report.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers lost on the road against the Baltimore Ravens with a final score of 38-10. Carolina is 2-2 on the year.

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Tennis competes at Elon

Aaron Jackson
TEC STAFF

Over the weekend, the ECU men's tennis team participated in the Elon Invitational.

The Pirates started the invitational off with a round of singles play and the lone player to earn a win was junior Tendai Tapfuma. He defeated Old Dominion's David Botti in a dominant 6-1, 6-1 sets.

Freshman Kasey Countee fell short of a victory Friday by losing the tiebreaker in three sets to UNC Greensboro's Nazhone Wilkins 10-4. Both pirates Ross Nigro and Patriek Wolterbeek lost their singles matches, falling 6-3, 6-3 and for Wolterbeek 6-4, 6-3.

Day two of the Elon Invitational consisted of six victories for ECU. Senior Patriek Wolterbeek won both of his singles matches by defeating Adrien Rossignon of Campbell and N.C. Central's Dan Gerasimov in straight sets 7-5, 6-3.

Kasey Countee and Ross Nigro both alternated their pair of consolation round matches. Countee beat James Madison's Alex Berdnikoff 6-3, 6-1, and after the win, he fell short to Norfolk State's Daniel Grauel 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Nigro split his matches also. He lost his first match to Brett Moorhead of JMU 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. Nigro's lone win came against Elon's Brian Kowalski 7-6 (4), 6-3. Countee and Nigro paired up to play in the B1 Doubles Draw. They lost both of their matches,

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Soccer opens 1-1 in AAC



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Defender Kelley Johnson (34) dribbles away from Temple's Gabriella McKeown (10) and the ECU box. The Lady Pirates defeated Temple, 2-0 for their first AAC win.

Lady Pirates respond well to loss in opener

Rev Blanquicet
TEC STAFF

The ECU Women's Soccer Team started off its conference play, 1-1 by defeating Temple University (8-3, 1-1 American) after an overtime loss against the University of Connecticut (8-3-1, 1-1-0 American) in the conference home opener.

The Lady Pirates (7-3-1, 1-1-0 American) were delivered a tough loss from the UConn Huskies in overtime at the Johnson Center. ECU lost 2-1 in its first American Athletic Conference match.

"I thought our forwards needed to be more aggressive trying to break their defensive line with runs," head coach Rob Donnenthirth said. "We were making things too easy on them."

Early on in the match the Pirates were on defense, allowing the Huskies to get off a handful of shots. However the match remained scoreless through the first half.

In the second half the Lady Pirates came out aggressive looking for an early goal. After midfielder Lexi Herring's shot bounced off of the cross bar, forward Lana Spitler sent the rebound through the top of the net in the 58th minute.

UConn answered back in the 70th minute as Huskie midfielder Riley Houle sunk a shot from inside the goal box. Both teams battled in overtime, but a hole in the Pirate defense allowed the Huskies to score with 45 seconds left in the period.

"Every game is going to be tough," said Donnenthirth. "We're going to be ready to come back out for this next game and I have faith in them to do that."

The Pirates rallied and defeated their next conference opponent, Temple, 2-0 behind a pair of goals from Spitler. ECU also recorded its eighth shut out of the season, which is currently tied for fourth in program history.

"She's a very good goal-scorer," said head coach Rob Donnenthirth of Spitler. "We want to give her more opportunities to shoot and we keep telling her that. She's someone that is very hard on herself so I'm happy that she's been able to get those goals."

Spitler's first goal came off a rebounded shot from Herring, this time finding the net early on in the seventh minute of the match. Her second goal

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ECU holds annual intersquad

Wayne Melvin Hall Jr.
TEC STAFF

Last Saturday's annual Purple/Gold meet, which was held in Minges Aquatic Center, served as the unofficial start to the season as the Pirate Swimming & Diving team looked to get things underway.

The small intra-squad meet featured an impressive turnout as friends, family, and spectators alike flocked to Minges in order to see the Pirates in action.

The anticipation surrounding the pool was worth the wait, as the Pirates seemed to quickly pick up where they left off just a season ago.

Junior Bailie Monahan set the tone early, as the Virginia native swam to first place finishes in the women's 100 and 200 yard butterfly events. Monahan also set a new meet record in the women's 200 fly with a time of 2:02.52.

Freshman Vendela Norrman used the Purple/Gold meet as a chance to display her talents as Norrman swam to a new women's meet record while making her case in the same process with a time of 2:21.08 in the women's 200-yard breaststroke.

Competition fared just as intensely on the men's side as the relay team composed of Reed Wheeler, Rokas Cepulis, Nikola Semic, and Adam Dear set a new meet record in the men's 200-yard medley with a time of 1:35.22. Simic would later prove to be a key piece on another record-setting squad as the 400-yard freestyle relay team, composed of Simic, Michael Dugan, Shawn Hunter, and Trevor Irish swam to new found glory with a time of 3:07.99.

"It's a lot of fun," said Head Swimming and Diving Coach Rick Kobe. "For us, it lets us know where we are and it gives us a good look at what we have for freshman."

Saturday's meet also served as indicator of what events the Pirates are excelling at, and what changes still need to be made.

"It's shown us [the meet] that we have some events at this point that are very strong, and some events where we have



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The swimming/diving team will look to build on an impressive 2013-14 campaign. Their season begins this weekend in Greensboro.

some work to do but we'll get there," Kobe said.

The environment surrounding ECU's annual Purple/Gold meet was energized with fans screaming and yelling in support of their players and the players themselves screaming to support each other. But at the end of the day everyone is aware that Purple/Gold meets are really there to serve as the team's only trial run before officially beginning things next Saturday as they travel to Greensboro to take part in the North Carolina invitational.

Although Purple/Gold meets may only serve as a warmup for the real season-opener, senior butterfly/freestyle swimmer Lauren Gray also sees these meets as a chance to really compare the growth of this team with last year's.

"They're kind of like a benchmark to compare from where we were last year," Gray said. "It also sets the tone for the rest of the season."

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ECU's monster in the middle



Fifth-year senior nose-guard Terry Williams joins linebacker Brandon Williams in sandwiching a Virginia Tech ball-carrier. Williams has made a huge impact in his career when healthy and on the field. RONNIE MOORE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

When Williams plays, defense goes from good to great

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

It's hard to match the combination of size and athleticism that senior Terry Williams brings to the Pirates' defense.

The massive 6-foot-1, 353-pound nose tackle from Loganville, GA, has impressed in his pair of appearances this season, picking up five total tackles, half a sack and a quarterback-hurry in his season debut at Virginia Tech.

However, those numbers fail to describe the amount of pressure that he inflicted on the Hokies' offensive line. Virginia Tech's 2.8 yards per rush were a more-telling indicator of his anchoring of ECU's 3-4 defensive scheme.

In the Pirates' landslide victory over UNC, Williams recorded five tackles, despite being limited by a lingering sore knee.

Back in March, he tweaked his right ankle during the Pirates' first spring scrimmage and underwent the following recovery process. He then injured his left knee in August, forcing him to sit out of ECU's matchups against N.C. Central and South Carolina.

Those injuries were the newest bumps in a road that hasn't always been a smooth ride for Williams.

He missed the first two games of the 2012 season because of a non-football-related suspension and spent eight weeks sidelined because of another suspension in 2013. After a unanimous vote by his fellow teammates, he played in the Pirates' final games versus Marshall and Ohio last year.

With his final campaign as a Pirate now underway, Williams is ready to make up for lost time.

"It feels good to be back," said Williams. "It's a blessing after all I've been through. I'm just grateful to be out with my team. It's like another family and my second home. I'm still working on my knee but everything is good."

ECU defensive coordinator Rick Smith was also certainly glad to have Williams back on the field again.

"When we lost Terry, not only did we lose his leadership but we also lost our best run stopper at nose guard," said Smith. "Terry came back and now [senior] Chrishon Rose can play boundary end or nose guard, so you helped yourself with experience at other positions and that's where

Terry's been valuable."

Smith continued, "You can't run the ball unless you double-team him and he's still going to get push."

Although there have been a couple setbacks, a mutual appreciation of one another exists between the larger-than-life defensive lineman and the 33-year coaching veteran.

"He's a great coach. Words can't explain what he's done to this defense," said Williams. "He's experienced and has been out there for a while so we take in and listen to everything he says."

After taking an active role in the Pirates' two biggest wins in years, both the team and the coaching staff are hoping that Williams can remain healthy for the eight American Athletic Conference games that lie ahead on the schedule.

"His presence gives the whole team confidence when they know he can play. When Terry says something, they usually listen," said Smith with a laugh. "I know I would."

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came from an assist by midfielder Rachel Renfrow in the 86th minute.

"I've been working really hard lately and the team has been working well together," Spittler said. "We've finally been connecting and it's helping everyone score. What's good about this team is that everyone can score."

The Pirates end their four-game home stand Friday October 3 at 7 p.m. hosting the Cincinnati Bear Cats (7-3-2, 1-1 American).

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one to NSU and Elon.

Tendai Tapfuma's win on Friday advanced him to the quarterfinal match on Saturday against Campbell's MC Visser in the B1 Singles Draw. Tapfuma lost his match in straight sets, 6-4 and 6-2. Despite the loss in the quarterfinals Tapfuma bounced back with a win in the consolation round. He defeated UNC Asheville's Brett Landau in straight sets 6-2, and 6-0.

Wolterbeek later teamed up with Tendai Tapfuma to start the A2 Doubles Draw. Their first victory came against N.C. Central's team of Kert Kilumets and William East, 8-1. ECU's duo captured third place in the A2 Doubles Draw. It defeated ODU's pair of Michael Weindi and Theophile Lantheiz 8-4, before it lost its final match

of the semifinals to UNC Asheville.

The A2 Singles draw concluded with ECU's Patriek Wolterbeek taking a match against JMU to three sets, but falling short to lose the match 6-1. He was the only Pirate to compete in singles play on Sunday.

In the B2 Doubles Draw, Countee and Nigro captured 7th place. They defeated Old Dominion's Darragh Galvin and Sam Perleman, 8-4.

ECU's next event is October 10-12 at the Wake Forest Invitational in Winston-Salem.

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