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McNeill composes pirate tale

Jessica Gribbon
TEC STAFF

From playbooks to children's books, Head Football Coach Ruffin McNeill has now added author to his résumé.

"A little Pirate's ABC's" is the first book of McNeill's upcoming series of books for young children. Tuffie, the main character, is a boy who performs well on the field, but Coach McNeill encourages him to be a better person off the field by choosing his friends wisely.

"ABC stands for Avoiding Bad Company," said McNeill. "People need to surround themselves with others who share their best interest at hand, people who are high achievers and making good choices of who is in their circle."

McNeill's appreciation for schooling and education comes from his experience as a coach as well as his home life. Both of his parents were teachers, and today, his daughter Olivia teaches as well.

"My parents were both teachers for over 38 years," said McNeill. "Education has been a part of my family for as long as I can remember."

Coach McNeill said he believes in mentorship; helping to shape the minds of young people both on and off the field. This includes promoting and sharing the importance of reading, especially with the youth.

"Reading is one of the most key tools a person can have," said McNeill. "My parents always bought my brother and I books, no matter how hard the times, they never refused us a book."

Even though he had never awas lessons and experiences such as these that have paved the way for Coach McNeill to write this series

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ECU receives diversity award

Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

ECU received the HEED award for the third year in a row for its efforts in promoting diversity and inclusion.

The HEED award stands for Higher Education Excellence in Diversity and is awarded by INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine according to Jamitress Bowden, program coordinator at the Office for Equity and Diversity.

"It is given to colleges and universities in the United States who are recognized for their work as far as being a diverse and inclusive campus," said Bowden.

Bowen said the criteria for receiving the HEED award considers the programming that supports diversity on campus, and the policies that allow ECU's campus to produce an inclusive and diverse society.

INSIGHT Into Diversity began the HEED award in 2012 and all schools have to apply to the magazine to receive the HEED award.

"The application is long and very detailed and it goes into what goes on here on both of our campuses, main campus and health sciences... and some of our application was on how we progressed from what we have done in the past," said Bowden.

Bowden said that according to her supervisor

LaKasha Alston, associate provost for equity and diversity, ECU is a leader of promoting diversity on our campus and we are being recognized for those efforts.

According to the magazine's website, HEED award recipients were chosen based on "their institution's exemplary diversity and inclusion initiatives, and include all aspects of diversity including gender, race, ethnicity, veterans, people with disabilities and members of the LGBT community."

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MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Freshman running back Anthony Scott (3) finds a running lane in the Mustang defense. The Pirate backs finished with 171 yards rushing on 33 carries.

Pirates pull away from SMU

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

In its inaugural American Athletic Conference game that proved to be more competitive than many expected, ECU claimed a 45-24 victory over Southern Methodist on Saturday that led to the Pirates garnering a No. 19 ranking in the national polls.

The Pirates (4-1) allowed the Mus-

tangs (0-5), who had only scored a combined 12 points in four games, to rack up a season-high 390 yards at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, but ECU's offense was able to compensate for the defense's struggles with 581 total yards.

Senior quarterback Shane Carden was named The American's Offensive

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Shane Carden

Senior quarterback Shane Carden became ECU's all-time leading passer Saturday.



Aaron Beck, ECU student, smokes a cigarette outside of Mendenhall.

MYLES TRAVITZ | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Handbook includes e-cigs

Jessica Wyant
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students are having disputes about the designated smoking areas, and the e-cigarette and what their rights are in regards to smoking their e-cigarettes in or around their residence halls.

"What harm would be done if the 25 foot distance away from the door was changed to 10-15? When it is raining, the 25 foot rule doesn't really go over too well," said Macy Ruckart, freshman living at Tyler Residence hall.

The ECU Policy Statement on Smoking last revised on January 12, 2009, and issued by the chancellor states that the "use of possession of a lighted

cigarette, lighted cigar, lighted pipe, or any other lighted tobacco product" must not occur within the designated no smoking areas, therefore e-cigarettes, vaporizer pens or "vape pens" would not fall into the category of "lighted tobacco product" and would be exempt from the rules and regulations regarding smoking on campus.

Though no mention of e-cigarettes is made in the ECU Policy Statement on Smoking, a statement was made addressing the e-cigarette rule in the Resident Handbook: "By state law and for the health and safety

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BRIEFS

Greenville Convention Center hosts healthcare summit

The Carolinas Chapter of the National Diversity Council is holding the Inaugural Healthcare Diversity Summit today at the Greenville Convention center.

The summit met about the NC health care industry, such as insurance, medical centers and higher education.

Pharmaceutical manufacturer expands Greenville facilities

Patheon, a pharmaceutical manufacturer, is planning to expand facilities in Greenville. The expansion will generate close to 500 new jobs.

The company has more than 20 facilities worldwide and is investing \$159 million in Greenville's facility expansion.

Gas leak causes residents to evacuate homes for the night

The gas leak near Charles Boulevard and Red Banks Road was repaired Friday morning. The incident occurred when contractors were clearing tree's in the area.

Over 200 residents had to be evacuated from the area, but were able to return home after the repair was completed.

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Minges adds blue light



One of the blue light emergency phones at Minges Coliseum is currently out of service. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Karson Daisey
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A second blue light emergency phone was activated in the lower parking lot outside Minges Coliseum last week. The emergency phone was installed after on-campus construction accidentally cut a power line for the first emergency phone earlier this year.

The decision was made to add the second phone after ECU Police discovered the first phone in the parking lot was no longer working. Lieutenant Derri Stormer also said having the second phone at the bus stop was another safety provision for the high level of commuters who use this parking lot.

"We know that students are most likely going to be exiting their cars and walking to the bus stop," said Stormer. "So, it was the ideal place to install the second phone."

There are over 100 blue light phones on ECU's campus and they are checked to be fully functional a couple times throughout each week. Often times they can be fixed rather quickly, but in the case of the phone in Minges' lower lot, the damages caused to

the power line will take longer to replace.

The replacement time for the broken phone is unknown, but the project is a priority for campus police.

Until the phone is fixed, Stormer encourages students to take advantage of other safety resources that ECU offers.

"A lot of students forget that we can provide escorts and that we have student patrol that works until midnight," said Stormer. "Please utilize these resources."

ECU Police ask that students not only report suspicious behavior, but also sign up for the campus messaging system ECU Alerts. The system sends out emails and text messages whenever a threat or crime is reported on or near campus.

Stormer also asked that students have the ECU Police telephone number in their phone in case of an emergency of any kind.

If a student finds a blue light emergency phone that is not functioning correctly, ECU Police encourages them to report it.

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Shooting undergoes investigation by the SBI

Staff Report

The State Bureau of Investigations is looking into a deputy-involved shooting that occurred on Saturday night.

Deputies with the Pitt County Sheriff's Office responded to 2907 Wesley Church Road just before midnight on Saturday.

According to a police report, a woman reported that she was concerned for her 25-year-old son's well being.

The mother met deputies at the residence with an involuntary commitment order for her son. Due to her intense concern, four deputies entered the residence to locate the son.

During the involuntary commitment, one shot was fired and the son was shot in the arm.

The son was admitted to Vidant Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. All four of the deputies have been placed on administrative leave while the SBI investigates the incident.

"As with any situation where a deputy discharges his firearm, the deputy is placed on leave and an outside agency is called in to investigate," said Sheriff Neil Elks in the press release. "I'm confident that this situation will be investigated thoroughly."

The Pitt County Sheriff's Office is unable to provide further details about the case while the SBI investigates.

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Residents speak up

Students claim male visitors have been staying past curfew at Greene Residence Hall and using the women's bathroom

Kelsey Padgett
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The beginning of a new school year means new friends, new freedom, and new changes. Some residents feel Greene Residence Hall, the only all-female dorm on campus, needs some changes too.

Many residents have noticed men in the building past the allotted visiting hours.

Not only have males been seen wandering around hallways, but they have been seen using female bathrooms. There is only one male bathroom in Greene Hall, which is located on the ground floor near the mailroom.

"I understand that it's a hassle to come all the way down the stairs to use the bathroom, but I shouldn't have to worry about guys walking in on me in the shower," said Zoe Plumpley, freshmen biology major.

Paula Jordan-Mayo, freshmen art major, lives at Greene and believes that there needs to be another male bathroom in Greene Hall so these problems can be eliminated.

Some residents feel more security is needed or that the rules need to be more strictly enforced.

Possible solutions that have been proposed are a sign in sheet for males or punishments for those who allow their male guests to stay later than visiting hours allow.

"If guys come here they should stay with the people they are visiting," said Trisha Daly, freshman undecided. "The rule is for the girl to escort their male guest, but no one actually does."

According to the Resident Handbook, the policy regarding visitors in Greene is as follows, "Overnight, opposite-gender guests are not permitted after 2 a.m. or before 8 a.m., Monday through Friday morning."

This also applies to residence hall student family members. Overnight, same-gender guests, are permitted within individual residence hall rooms throughout the night on Friday and

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-Zoe Plumpley

Saturday, if both roommates agree."

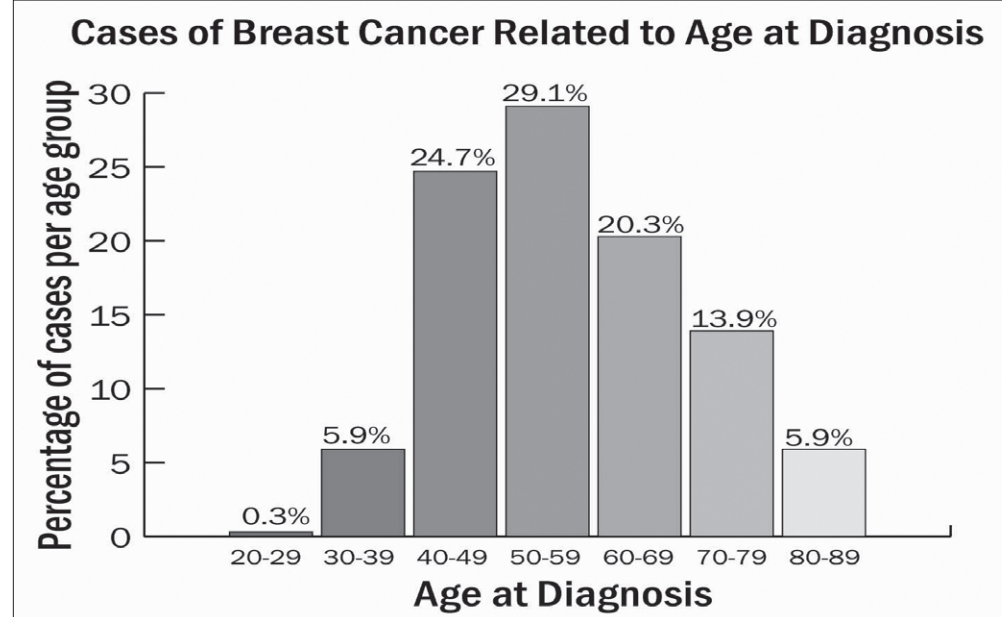
"The male visitor rule is too lenient," said Jenna Hussey, Green Hall Resident Advisor. "As an RA it is hard to monitor who is coming and going every night until 2 a.m."

Hussey feels as though the policy should be changed to allow visitors until midnight instead of 2 a.m.

She thinks students abuse the policy and that a curfew change would make the environment safer for the female residents.

"Allowing boys until 2 a.m. makes them think they can push it until 3 and then 4 and the next thing you know we have boys walking around at 5 a.m.," said Hussey. "Pushing the time back until midnight will help RAs keep track of who is still in the building."

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Caption

Doctors diagnose pirate with Stage 0 breast cancer

Altavia Lowery
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Louanne Hoverman was a regular student at ECU, until she was diagnosed with breast cancer at the young age of 29.

"It started in January when I woke up and my shirt had tea colored splotches on my shirt," said Hoverman, a distance education philosophy major. "I was not in pain, I didn't feel a lump or anything unusual so I let it go."

Hoverman's family has a history of breast cancer with her dad's sister being diagnosed, as well as her mom and aunts.

By April of 2014, the discharge was getting worse so she finally went to see a doctor. After her breast exam, no lumps were found but to be on the safe side, a mammogram and ultrasound was done. The biopsy showed negative for cancer, but the sample's color concerned the radiologist that it was "discordant" and highly suggested a lumpectomy.

"I decided to have a lumpectomy to remove the suspicious mass because I didn't want to live in fear about what was lurking," said Hoverman.

Hoverman had the surgery at the end of June, and at her post-op appointment with the surgeon five days later, she was told the most devastating news of her life.

At age 29, Hoverman was diagnosed with breast cancer. What made her case so shocking to most people was her age. The youngest breast cancer patients range from 35 to 40 years of age.

"It was a blur of terminology and numbers; Stage zero, Ductal Carcinoma In Situ (DCIS)," said Hoverman. "My surgeon estimated that the cancer had been growing for three and a half years. He stressed that my life wasn't in danger and I had an excellent prognosis but I needed to

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consider genetic testing for the BRCA mutation and radiation therapy."

After a couple of weeks she received her test results and tested negative for the mutation, but her radiation treatment was starting up. Radiation reduces the risk of occurrence by 50 percent.

Hoverman's radiation treatment plan consisted of 34 treatments. Her last treatment was on Sept. 26.

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in American women. ECU's Student Health provides breast information and is open for appointments to discuss breast health or changes you may be experiencing.

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Pirate writes personal short story



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Tyler Stocks, junior communication major, recently had a short story published.

ECU student is published in Chicken Soup for the Soul: Reboot Your Life as one of their youngest contributors

Collyn Sheaffer
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU student Tyler Stocks was chosen to submit a personal short story that he wrote to "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Reboot Your Life."

Stocks, a rising junior at ECU, is a creative non-fiction writer who has been writing for publications the past three years that he has been in college. Stocks was originally interested in writing journalism.

"I switched to writing creative non-fiction because I believed that it would open new doors for my future," said Stocks.

This edition of "Chicken Soup for the Soul" is full of short stories that are intended to motivate readers to achieve their full potential.

Stocks started to write his own story about "self-discovery and starting over" more than a year before he was selected to be a part of this edition of "Chicken Soup for the Soul."

"I came across the opportunity for "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Reboot Your Life" through the Writer's Market Guide," said Stocks.

The Writer's Market Guide is a system that helps writers figure out how and where to sell what they write. They were looking for more staff for Chicken Soup for the Soul, so Stocks submitted his story in January and waited to hear a response.

"I switched to writing creative non-fiction because I believed that it would open new doors for my future"

-Tyler Stocks

It took about four to six months for Chicken Soup for the Soul to get back to him, after receiving stories from all around the world to look at and read through.

Stocks' story was chosen as one out of 101 short stories from all over the world to be added to the book. Stocks is one of the youngest writers to have been published in the book.

Stocks is having a book signing at Barnes & Noble on Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. He plans to continue writing and hopefully get more of his work published in the future. Currently, Stocks is working on another short story to get published.

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(Above) Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, previous provost, Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of INSIGHT, and LaKeshia Aiston, asst. provost.

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This award is designed to tie into two of the seven guiding principles of ECU's new strategic plan, called Beyond Tomorrow. These two principles are to make a commitment to being a diverse and inclusive campus, and to increase opportunity.

The award does not contain any monetary value, but it does give ECU an advertisement in the INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. Any institution that receives the award will also get a certificate and access to the award logo for promotional uses.

Since ECU has received the award previously, Bowden said INSIGHT Into Diversity took ECU's growth over the past three years into account when choosing the university as a winner. Other North Carolina

schools who received the HEED award were Elon University and N.C. State.

According to the INSIGHT Into Diversity website, all 2014 winners will officially be announced in the magazine's November issue.

There were 83 recipients of the award this year, and the magazine's website said they received more than triple the amount of applications they got in previous years.

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Students are required to smoke tobacco products 25 feet away from all university buildings.

"All residence halls rooms are non-smoking- this includes electronic-cigarettes."

hibited in other outdoor spaces (beyond 25 feet) for safety or health reasons." While it is stated in the ECU Policy Statement on Smoking that "facilities services will provide appropriate receptacles for smoking waste in designated areas," the smoking waste receptacles, ashtrays, are approximately 10 feet closer from the designated spot of 25 feet away from the building.

ECU Police may issue students citations if observed not following the rules and regulations of smoking on campus. These citations may result in a \$25 fine and possible additional court costs.

of our students and guests, all residence halls rooms are non-smoking- this includes electronic-cigarettes." Therefore, the rules and regulations pertaining to lighted tobacco products being used on campus also apply to e-cigarettes.

The ECU Policy Statement also defines the designated no smoking areas as being "prohibited within 25 linear feet of all university buildings. Smoking may be pro-

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Coming home

Homecoming in review

Students celebrated the week's events pirate style



ALCRIST MORETA | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Chi Omega (above) presents its dance in the skit competition.



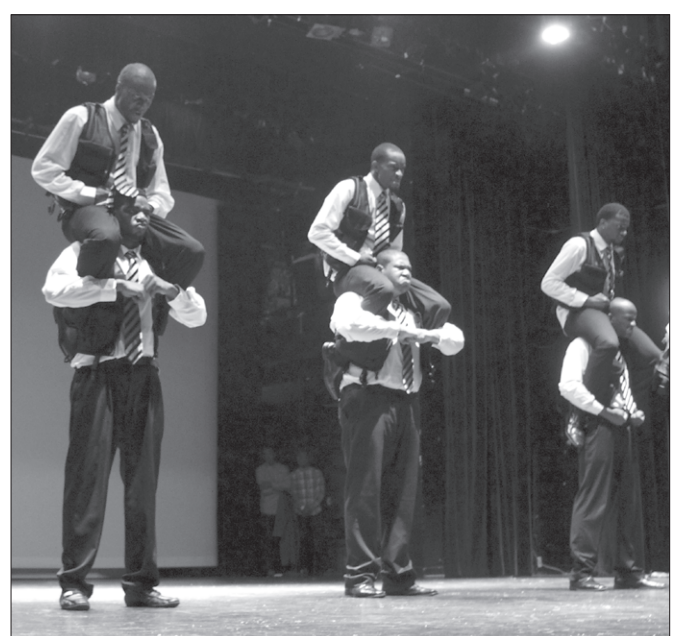
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Future (above) performed Thursday at the concert.



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Minges was packed with students who went to see Future perform.



ALCRIST MORETA | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Alpha Phi Alpha (above) in the NPHC Step Show.



COURTNEY TITUS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Homecoming Parade featured the Marching Pirates (above) and other organizations.



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Ashley Carr and Chris Battle (above) are 2014 King and Queen.

Campus wellness presents awareness trivia

Ally Kincaid
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Student Rec Center will be home to Trivia Night: Cancer Awareness Wednesday night. Georgia Childs, assistant director of Recreation Services, is responsible for this event.

"Trivia nights are something that we started last year and it's really to get students to come and have an entertaining, educational experience," said Childs. "We pick different topics each time and the reason we're doing cancer awareness this time is obviously because October is breast cancer awareness month...we wanted to make sure that we not only talk about breast cancer, but we also talk about cancer from a global perspective, for both men and women."

At this event, each student will belong to a team and they will be given a team name. They will write their answers to the trivia questions on scorecards and those scorecards will be turned in to the administrators after each round.

The educational aspect of this event comes into play while the administrators are grading the scorecards; the presenters will be giving the students information, providing the correct answers to the trivia questions, and having some

general dialogue with the students. Typically, the winning team wins t-shirts.

Childs is heavily involved with cancer awareness in general. She is the advisor for Colleges Against Cancer and she also advises Relay For Life.

"My mother became a breast cancer survivor 11 years ago," said Childs. "It's personal for me but I think it's personal for a lot of people."

Childs is very involved and said she takes pride in spreading cancer awareness to all students.

"We hear from students all the time that either themselves or someone they know has been affected by cancer," Childs said. "Cancer is a big part of everybody's life. In any room that we go into, if you ask how many people have been affected by cancer, whether it's you or someone you know, everyone raises their hand. That's why for us, it's very personal but it's also about getting messages out to people because there are ways that you can protect yourself."

Childs said what she hopes for students to get out of the event is, "education, awareness, gaining knowledge of the resources and the places that you can go on campus for cancer screenings. If you're a survivor or for example,

a student with a parent that is a cancer survivor, we have a counseling center which offers not only counseling but also support."

This same event took place last year but the topic was strictly breast cancer awareness.

"The trivia isn't much different this year, it's just a different audience because we target co-ed 1000 and health 1000 students," Childs said. "This is also a wellness passport event."

Ciera Williams, Campus Recreation and Wellness intern, is in charge of organizing this event and Childs is providing administrative oversight.

Trivia Night is set to last one hour and will ultimately provide knowledge of cancer awareness that every student can benefit from.

"It's all about connecting students to resources on and off campus in our community and making sure they have the correct information," said Childs.

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School of Music prepares for Octubafest



MYLES TRAVITZ | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Senior music majors are required to perform during the semester.

Sarah Gallo
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The ECU School of Music will present Octubafest, a student-led tuba and euphonium performance, Thursday and Friday from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The 8th annual event "Octubafest" features tuba and euphonium students. The performance prepares students for their required future senior recital. "Six or seven weeks into the semester students know they have to perform, but only for the senior recital," said Dr. Tom McCaslin, instrumental department chairperson.

Dr. McCaslin is also the associate professor of tuba and euphonium.

"Octubafest has been a great success by developing skills and preparing students for their senior recitals," McCaslin said. This helps students see what playing in front of an audience is like, before they have to perform alone.

All music majors must present a senior recital their senior year to help further their music education at ECU as well as to gain performance experience. During their senior recitals, students must play individually in front of an audience.

Octubafest will feature tuba and euphonium chamber ensembles as well as two soloists. The soloists being featured are senior Jacob Daniel and Zac Grass, tuba performance major.

"Jacob Daniel is a part of Canadian Brass, the best known quintet in the world," said McCaslin. "We are having only two soloists this year, to put more emphasis on the chamber ensemble sound."

The performance will focus on the tuba and euphonium quartets this year. These quartets will give the performance a full, chamber-like feel. The chamber ensembles are the heart of the event.

"I teach 19 students one on one," said McCaslin. "We have formed six different quartets, most of which are chamber ensembles."

Although not as many students had to worry about playing a solo, scheduling practices was difficult for some. The emphasis on the ensemble as a whole helps students practice by learning to work with others. Octubafest benefits students by giving them experience playing as a part of a group. It also provides them with experience

playing in front of an audience.

Harvey Phillips, Professor of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, Bloomington, founded Octubafest in 2006.

"Harvey Phillips is the biggest advocate of everything tuba," said McCaslin. "He started TubaChristmas at the Rockefeller Center."

TubaChristmas featured many popular Christmas songs and eventually led to the start of Octubafest. Phillips founded the International Tuba Euphonium Association and was the founder of the Harvey Phillips Foundation, Inc. The foundation sponsors Octubafest, TubaChristmas, Tubasantas, Tubacompany and Tubajazz. Phillips was inducted into the American Classical Music Hall of Fame in 2007, the only wind instrument to do so.

The event will be located in A.J. Fletcher Music Hall and is free of charge. No ticket is required. The performance is held annually every October.

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series of children's books. His writing incorporates the importance of mentorship, something that is very special to McNeill.

"I tell kids all the time to Avoid Bad Company," said McNeill. "Success starts with the courage to surround themselves with people who are ambitious and hard workers. This book reiterates that on an elementary level; and that's exciting."

His publisher, Diane Taylor, approached him and had asked him if he would be

interested in writing a book. From that point forward, the two began planning and writing, which resulted in the final product. McNeill also added that Taylor's support and encouragement aided during the writing process.

"This book is sure to sell out. We encourage people to pre-order and have a once in a lifetime gift for the holidays," said Diane Taylor, owner of Taylor Made Publishing LLC. "It's truly an extraordinary story for little pirates everywhere

and as Coach would say 'you want some, come get some.'"

With the release of this book and several more stories on the way, Coach McNeill took a moment to reflect on the process and acknowledge what he felt after seeing the finished product.

"The best part of this experience has been seeing it all come together," said McNeill. "It's like a game plan that you put together on a Sunday that you get to watch unfold in the game on Saturday, it's exciting."

"A Little Pirate's ABC's" is available for pre-order on Coach McNeill's website. The book will only be available until Dec. 1 and pre-orders are filled first. A portion of the proceeds will go towards his foundation, which includes football camps and other initiatives within the community.

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'Paint it Pink' returns to Todd

Sara Ataalla
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Todd dining hall will host Paint it Pink this Thursday, an annual event at East Carolina University that brings awareness to breast cancer. The event consists of speakers who inform attendees about breast cancer and cancer fighting foods, which will be served at the event.

"My mother is actually a breast cancer survivor," said Latifah Gorhan, parlor leader. "I know we're going to serve pink hot chocolate and I'm trying to have candy set out for everyone, we are just going to enjoy the event."

In 2014, it is estimated that among U.S. women there will be 40,000 deaths due to breast cancer. 1.7 million new cases of breast cancer were diagnosed in 2012.

"I have love for the victims of breast cancer," said freshman Chris



WEB PHOTO

Students are encouraged to visit Todd dining hall for cancer fighting foods.

Leonard. "My aunt had to get a mastectomy due to breast cancer."

Breast cancer affects people worldwide, but for some ECU student's breast cancer hits home.

"My aunt and mom had breast cancer and they both passed away from it and I want to support the cause," said freshman Shaun James. Todd dining hall has hosted this

event for years.

"Our nutritionist Jannie E. Banks actually teamed up with Susan G. Komen nonprofit organization, she is very involved with breast cancer awareness and plays a big part in this event," said Darrel Weldon, production manager. "Part of the idea is to make students aware and to be involved in this event, we will have many posters, and flyers for students to look at and we hope they learn from it."

Many students are attending to see what the event is about but others are attending for other reasons.

"My great-grandmother just passed away this summer from breast cancer and I want to attend this dinner to honor her," said freshman Katie McCabe.

Not only are students supportive of the event but, "it's a good cause especially for the students that have family members or friends with

breast cancer," said Morgan Foskey, a food service worker. "This is an event that brings people together in honor to those who are affected by breast cancer."

The Paint it Pink dinner is tradition here at ECU.

"I remember when I went to this dinner, and they had really good pink cupcakes with breast cancer ribbons on them," said junior Katelyn Waldrop. "The dinner really means a lot to me because my grandmother was affected by breast cancer, and I love the spread of awareness."

Production Manager Darrel Weldon suggests everyone to come out Thursday evening to eat, learn about breast cancer and help spread the awareness. The event begins at 4:30 p.m.

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Dance company to host residency

Arvanna Smart
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Koresh Dance Company, founded in Philadelphia in 1991, will hold a residency at ECU Wednesday to Monday.

The dance company embodies techniques such as Graham technique, Luigi jazz, classical ballet, hip-hop and Israeli folk dance. The Koresh School of Dance welcomes over 20,000 students every year to classes at all levels and for all ages.

"I've been dancing for about fifteen years now and I am excited to finally see and learn from the Koresh Dance Company," said Aleah Johnson, East Carolina University student.

Coming to teach the residency is East Carolina University alumnus Micah Geyer

and alumna Shannon Bramham. Geyer has performed at the Kennedy Center and the Joyce Theater for Tap City, as well as tour throughout Europe and South America. He received his BFA in Dance Performance and Psychology from East Carolina University and joined Koresh Dance Company in 2007.

Bramham graduated with her BFA in Dance Performance from East Carolina University. In 2007, her choreography was selected to be shown at the American College Dance Festival Association Gala. Bramham joined Koresh Dance Company in 2008 and now teaches both adults and students at the Koresh Dance of school.

The artistic director, Ronen Koresh, was born in Israel. He received dance training

from his mother, who is a folk dancer, and from teachers such as Alida Gera, Micha Deri, Nira Paz and Moshe Romano. He was a member of Martha Graham's Batsheva 2 Dance Company at the age of 17 before enlisting in the Israeli army for three years. In 1983, Koresh moved to New York to study with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

He performed with Shimon Braun's Waves Jazz Dance Company, and in 1991, founded Koresh Dance Company in Philadelphia, followed by the Koresh School of Dance in 1993. Koresh has a collection of over 40 works and develops two to three new works each year. These include pieces for Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Giordano Dane Chicago, GroundWorks Dance The-

atre, Las Vegas Contemporary, Odyssey Dance Theatre, Spectrum Dance Theater, The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts and Dance Celebration.

"Why I choreograph? In creating dance, it is better to do than not to do; better to create than to do nothing... where there was nothing, now there is something. Dance has enabled a unique clarity of communication," said Koresh.

Overall, the Koresh Dance Company has been around only a short amount of time but has been stirring up a lot of buzz. The Koresh Dance Company will host their residency at the Messick Theatre Arts Centre.

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Medical Theatre hosts show

Sarah Gallo
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Brody School of Medicine, College of Nursing and College of Allied Health Services Department of Physician Assistant Services performed the short story "The Girl With a Pimple Face," on Monday in Howell Science Complex as a part of ECU's Medical Readers Theater.

Medical Readers' Theater is a nationwide program that supports medical discussion by bringing medical-related short stories to life. "The Girl With a Pimple Face," brought up issues such as the doctor-patient relationship, how assumptions made based on appearances can be false, and the issue of death. The short stories chosen for the readings were based off of the medical questions they present.

This year's readers included

nursing student Paris Bryant, first year medical student EJ Collins, and nursing student Rachel Jones.

"The script is a Readers Theater script, not a stage script," said Dr. Todd Savitt, assistant dean for diversity at Brody School of Medicine. "The readers bring the stories to life."

Savitt organized ECU's Medical Readers' Theater program in 1988 and wrote a book about the program, "Medical Readers' Theater: A Guide and Scripts." He is nationally involved with the program, organizing performances across the country.

"The Girl With a Pimple Face," by William Carlos Williams, is a short story taking place in the 1930s regarding what is deemed an appropriate doctor-patient relationship.

After the reading, the audi-

ence discussed the story and the medical issues it raised with the readers and other students. The audience discussed whether or not doctors can avoid bias, and how bias can affect a patient's medical care. The audience also shared their opinions about what characteristics a good doctor should possess.

The discussion is the purpose of the event, used as a way to form a relationship between medical professionals and potential patients.

"The heart of what we do is have a discussion about the story, moderated by a faculty member," said Savitt.

The program was originally founded to discuss current, controversial medical issues and their pros and cons. "The goal is to bring humanities discussion[s] to the public," said Savitt.

North Carolina State Uni-

versity and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill were both originally involved with Medical Readers' Theater, but not for long.

"East Carolina is the only school in the region that kept it going," said Savitt. "In the eighties, the program only consisted of medical students. In the nineties, nursing students joined in. Now, medical and nursing students as well as physician's assistants are involved in Medical Readers' Theater."

Medical Readers' Theater benefits both the audience and students involved.

"This discussion provides aspiring medical professionals with feedback from the public on controversial medical topics," said Savitt. "The program has been a huge success."

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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.

I get it - you're late to class - but PLEASE stop playing your own version of frogger on 10th street when I'm in my car and I have the green light.

Well played, TEC, well played.

The food at the dining halls is offensive to me. Can we have a panel to discuss that?

If I see one more stupid internet meme picture taped to the walls of my dorm I'll go insane.

"Oh its so cute seeing you and your bf cuddle on the couch, please don't ever move to your room" said no one ever.

This ain't no beer belly, it's a fuel tank for a sex machine!

Another pirate win!! But let's tighten the screws for the game against USF next week.

Shane Carden is the way.

I'm 21 and living in the dorms. The freshmen party harder than I do...

Girl, do you have a deck of cards in your back pocket... because your rump is the trump.

If you want a study room in Joyner, here's a thought: RESERVE ONE! It's easy, and then you get to kick people out. But if you're too lazy to do that, your complaining is simply a result of your laziness.

I believe that America's lack of containment of the Ebola virus is a clear sign that the Zombie Apocalypse won't be prevented.

Your eyes remind me of a Coldplay song....Warning Sign.

Give me Pirate Rants or give me death!

It's weird how they are voting for new toilet paper. I swear every time I use the bathroom I have a discussion in my head about how much I hate the d**n toilet paper because they are so cheap!

If a Pirate Rant a day kept the Ugg S***s at bay, we'd all have a jolly good Christmas

The expression you're looking for is "right of way" and if I'm in the crosswalk, I do actually have the right of way.

Yes, I am white and my boyfriend is Indian. I don't know why that is such a reason to stare us both down like we are a rare and wild species! Please stop gawking!

I call dibs on Batman as a Halloween costume. Anybody else dressing up as him best be prepared to receive a batarang to the face.

931, you've been vacuuming for almost an hour... how dirty can it be?

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

Guns aren't needed at the NC State Fair

Since 1853, the North Carolina State Fair has predominantly been a family-oriented tradition. For a week and a half, thousands of families from around the state head to the fairgrounds to enjoy southern cooking, fair rides and concert performances. This year, the fair may experience a few security changes due to the recent gun law: fair-goers may now be able to carry a concealed firearm. For years, guns have been prohibited from entering the fairgrounds but due to this possible change in legislation, security officials will have to take necessary precautions to ensure the safety of event-goers.

Here at TEC, we believe that having concealed firearms at the North Carolina State Fair is unnecessary and inappropriate. This is not to say that carrying a concealed firearm is wrong, it is just not necessary to have a gun at this specific event. According to Technician Online, there were 829,344 people in attendance at last year's fair and it is safe to say that most of these numbers were families.

What happens if a person carrying a concealed firearm is on a ride and the gun falls out? What if someone accidentally forgets that they left the safety off? These things happen. If you feel the need to carry a gun around at the fair, join the security team.

For anyone who has ever frequented the fair, it is no secret that it is a crowded attraction. Lines for food, rides and bathrooms can make fair-goers wait up to a half an hour before they are able to participate in the many events. Sometimes it is impossible to even move because of overcrowding.

Think back to the unfortunate event that happened at last year's fair. No one expected critical injuries to result from riding the Vortex, but it happened. Allowing people to carry a gun, concealed or not, allows the opportunity for more serious injuries to be sustained. The fair is traditionally a family-oriented event. Fair-goers should be able to enjoy the attractions without worrying about a gun-related incident.

Democracy under fire at home and abroad



Logan Hare
TEC COLUMNIST

Last week in Hong Kong, tens of thousands of young people took to the streets to protest the local government and to demand a new level of democracy throughout not just Hong Kong but also the entire country of China. These protesters

had planned for peaceful protest but were met with violent response from the local police force and suffered physical abuse at the hands of government forces.

In another part of the world, the nation of Ukraine has been involved in its own civil war with some citizens striving for Ukraine to remain a free and independent nation while others in the country demand a return to colonialism under Russia. Hundreds, if not thousands, have died during the conflict. Over the last few years we have seen a rise of conflict throughout the Middle East. But these

conflicts aren't about WMDs that may or may not exist or the gaining of necessary resources, these conflicts are about revolution as a hopeful Arab Spring has devolved into further misery.

Many nations across the world are under pressure because the people of these countries have decided that there needs to be a renewed desire for freedom and democracy, safe from the oppression of their government or religious zealots wishing to impose their radical philosophies on the common masses.

Recently the world has seen a rise in deadly conflict and protest where the purpose of each movement has a similar theme, democracy. The concept of democracy has been around since the ancient Greeks and who has been the modern day leaders in the pursuit of democracy? The United States of America. We've had democracy since day one after our own revolution for the right to be free and govern by the will of the people.

But it seems that we as a nation have lost the whole point of democracy. Democracy means

to run a nation by the people and for the people. Lately, when Americans talk about our elected head of state, many people will loosely throw around terms like "tyrant" or "dictator," even "oppressor." Apparently these self-proclaimed patriots don't know what the meanings of those words truly mean and how many people have died in an effort to fight such types of governance. President Obama is not Kim Jong-Un or Muammar Gaddafi. President Obama was elected by the majority of the citizens to act upon all of the citizens' behalf. To call him a dictator or tyrant is an insult to all the people across the globe that are fighting and dying to bring about change in their nation and to rid themselves of a true dictator. We, as Americans, too often take for granted what it means to be a democracy. One need only to read a newspaper to understand how lucky we truly are to be free.

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Letters to the Editor

Pirate rant controversy opens up opportunity for discussion

I support The East Carolinian 100 percent for the move that was made regarding the Pirate Rant situation. Most people claim the rant as an ignorant post, but when you look at the facts, maybe this student does feel underrepresented. We highlight the aspects of some cultures in a way that can cast shadows over other cultures because of many events of the past. People say this rant should have never been published, well, why are we hiding from a situation that needs to be confronted, discussed and learned from?

In response to the fact that the Student Government Association needs to reach out more to student organizations, I feel that it is a two way street. Organizations have executive boards and advisers for a reason. They go to workshops and trainings each semester for a reason. The SGA is involved in that process for a reason. Organizations know that the SGA is here to help them with their needs and are provided with resources at these events, however organizations must also take the steps necessary to have their needs met, including seeking help and following the chain of command within the SGA, which has an open door policy.

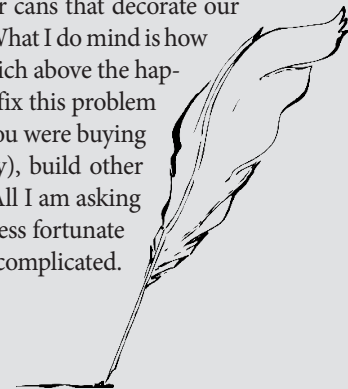
Every student on this campus has a responsibility, because as a student at East Carolina University, the "Leadership" university, you are a member of the SGA. As leaders on this campus, leadership need not be shown only when someone feels offended or at a controversial point in time, but throughout our times at ECU when things could be improved for all of our fellow pirates. I also feel that people should not bring problems without offering solutions. Yet, no one can come up with a constructive and effective solution that will unify our campus on this issue because we are all too busy placing blame and throwing stones. There is an opportunity here, make the most of it.

Keep Making Moves
Andre Kent

Freshmen parking lots should not be used for tailgating on game day

I am glad we have school spirit. And I am glad I am receiving a fantastic education here while not having to pay that much. However, I am not glad that I pay over \$200 for a sticker for the inside of my car to park on campus just to move it so rich people can get drunk on Saturdays and leave a mess in the parking lot after they are done. I am not glad that I have to walk thirty minutes to get to my car just so I can get to work. I am not glad that every single time there is a freaking home game, I have to figure out what to do with my car if there are no available parking spaces and how the hell I'm going to get back to my dorm. I honestly don't mind the tailgating, the obnoxiously loud and rowdy crowds surrounding my dorm, or the beer cans that decorate our beautiful campus come Sunday morning. What I do mind is how you put money and the need to serve the rich above the happiness of your students! My suggestion to fix this problem is send the tailgaters downtown (I heard you were buying most of that property down there anyway), build other parking lots for them to drink and party. All I am asking is that you stop making the lives of those less fortunate (and those less interested in football) so complicated.

Sincerely,
Sarah Faircloth



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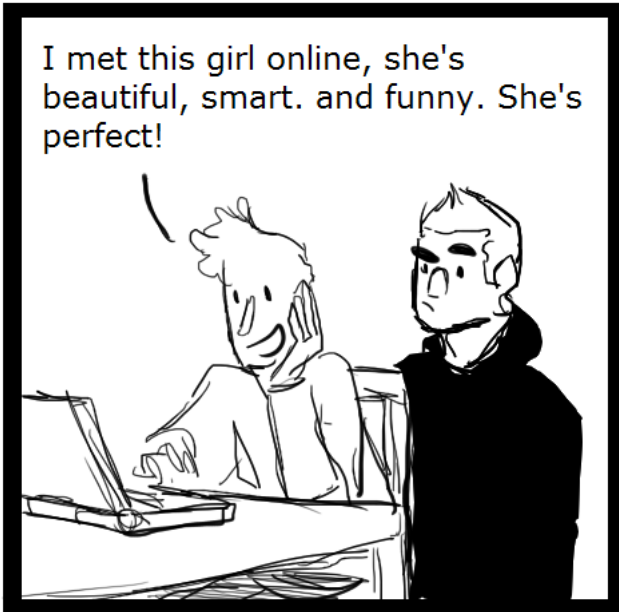
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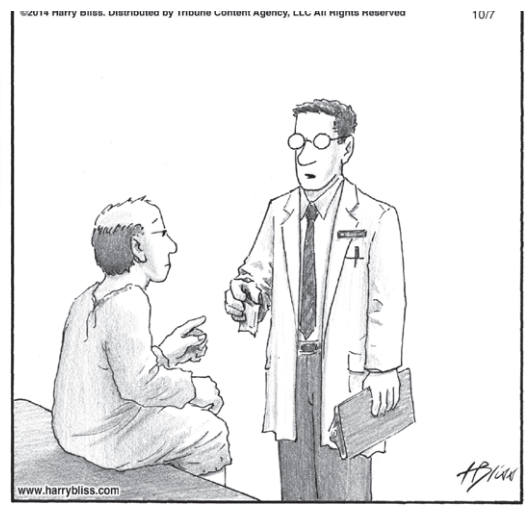
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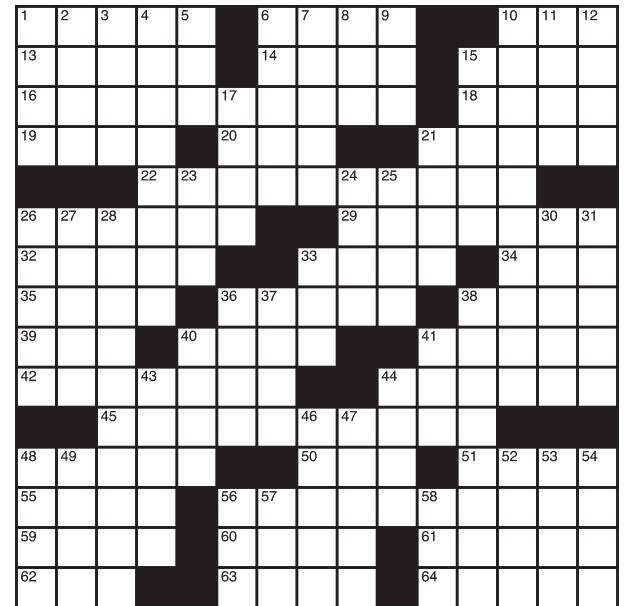
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- 1 18th Greek letter
 - 6 Instagram account creator
 - 10 Gunpowder container
 - 13 Contest submission
 - 14 Campus sports gp.
 - 15 Call, retro-style
 - 16 Symbol of a good try
 - 18 To be, to Cato
 - 19 Just okay
 - 20 Place to apply gloss
 - 21 Use unwisely, as time
 - 22 Movie for all
 - 26 Organ near the stomach
 - 29 Playground threat
 - 32 Rips
 - 33 Clash of clans
 - 34 Ornamental pond fish
 - 35 JFK postings
 - 36 Straight-A student's bane
 - 38 Show sleepiness
 - 39 Christmas tree
 - 40 Follow one's new job, in Realtor-speak
 - 41 Private student
 - 42 Go up alone
 - 44 Persian Gulf ships
 - 45 "Lady Chatterley's Lover" author
 - 48 Gaze intently
 - 50 Before, to Frost
 - 51 Like skyscrapers
 - 55 Bee flat?
 - 56 Noted O.J. Simpson attorney
 - 59 Bone-dry
 - 60 Bartlett cousin
 - 61 Like the man of one's dreams
 - 62 Marry
 - 63 "Yeah, sure!"
 - 64 Tractor maker
- DOWN**
- 1 Goes out with
 - 2 Data
 - 3 Classic Pontiacs
 - 4 "Won't you be my neighbor?" TV host
 - 5 Nautical consent
 - 6 Not up to the job
 - 7 Check (out)
 - 8 Musical skill
 - 9 Singer in an interrogation room?
 - 10 Musical inspired by "The Taming of the Shrew"
 - 11 Fort Worth-to-Dallas direction
 - 12 Merriment
 - 15 Passed out cards
 - 17 Caramel-topped custard dessert
 - 21 Like some very bad pitches
 - 23 Legal matter
 - 24 God, in Grenoble
 - 25 Reasons for school absences
 - 26 Sheet music quintet, and with 31-Down, what the first letters of 16-, 22-, 36-, 45- and 56-Across represent
 - 27 Danger
 - 28 "Seinfeld" co-creator
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 - 31 See 26-Down
 - 33 Progressive Insurance spokeswoman



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- 36 "Dracula" star Lugosi
- 37 Furrow the fields
- 38 Christmas season
- 40 Part on stage
- 41 Muscle spasm
- 43 Destroy, as files
- 44 Premium plane seat, usually
- 46 Pee Wee in Brooklyn
- 47 Upright
- 48 "Pygmalion" playwright
- 49 Radial
- 52 Out of the wind
- 53 Goneril's father
- 54 Country singer Lovett
- 56 Source of DVD warnings
- 57 Easy throw
- 58 Help out

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Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

ECU's 21-point victory over Southern Methodist University Saturday might not have been the impressive, blowout victory that everyone on the outside looking in expected, but games like this are exactly what a team with high expectations—both internally and externally—need.

The 45-24 final score is not one anyone would scoff at on paper. Beating any team, especially a conference opponent, in that fashion is far from disappointing. That is unless you are the No. 19 ranked team in America with hopes for a BCS bowl bid. In that case, every move you make and every point you score matters.

When No. 18 Brigham Young lost late Friday night to Utah State it opened the door for the Pirates. BYU was ranked four spots ahead of the Pirates and because of their independent status, it was considered to be the top ranked, non-“Power Five” team.

All ECU had to do was take care of business against the winless Mustangs and they would inevitably take over as the highest-ranked Group of Five team with a shot at a post-season BCS bowl.

They took care of business. It wasn't the flashy 70 point explosion it had against North Carolina, but it was a victory, by three scores nevertheless.

Where it becomes a bit peculiar is how the pollsters viewed ECU's victory. The Pirates have done more than enough to prove themselves worthy of their Top 25 ranking, but when the game is compared in relation to that of other ranked teams, the fashion in which they won becomes all the more important.

SMU played No. 9 Texas Christian, No. 14 Texas A&M and No. 5 Baylor. In those three games, the Mustangs were defeated by a combined score of 159-6. They were thoroughly dominated on both sides of the ball. That's the same team that hung 24 points on the Pirates, which is more than Virginia Tech managed to put up against them.

The game didn't drop the Pirates in the rankings. ECU actually moved up a few spots to No. 19, but somewhere in their victory over SMU, there arose a sense of doubt about the team's chance to run the table.

But that's all external noise, which the players and the coach will assure

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Drowning the noise

Outside expectations don't affect McNeill

Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

ECU has moved up three spots to claim the No. 19 ranking in the latest polls and with the newest ranking comes expectations. However, Head Coach Ruffin McNeill insists that he doesn't pay attention to any of it.

“It's not brought up by us or our coaches and I mean that,” McNeill said on Monday during his weekly press conference. “At the end of the year, we want to be playing our best football. What's brought up is how we stay focused on making the team better. Fortunately, we have a group of kids that believe that.”

This season is the first time in six years that the Pirates have garnered a national ranking. In the 2008 season, the Pirates crept up as far as No. 14 in the polls before eventually losing to NC State. Inevitably, when a team finds itself labeled as one of the best in the country, other teams tend to take notice.

Southern Methodist gave ECU its best punch on Saturday and when the Pirates travel to South Florida, they will more than likely receive the same type of performance from the Bulls. As for whether or not that is something players and coaches discuss, McNeill dismissed the notion.

“That's uncontrollable,” said McNeill. “I know [USF Head Coach] Willie Taggart is a good coach and will get his team ready, but I can't control that and I can't coach that team. We have to make sure we do a good job of having a plan for them. I learned a long time ago that if I can control what we do, we'd be all right.”

It's more than just a mindset, according to McNeill. When he became ECU's coach in 2008, he promised to instill team concepts that would run deep. He has repeatedly cited “commitment to the team and to the vision” as one of the key points of emphasis, which includes his team's ability to block out outside noise.

“Our foundation isn't built on rankings,” said McNeill. “We base it on the defining of our program and our team. If we coached that way five years ago, it would have been artificial-superficial.”

Style points are something that pollsters like to look at when determining potential rankings for teams. ECU's 70-41 dismantling of the then ranked Tar Heels was a prime example of winning in style.

Conversely, letting SMU put up 24 points will be looked at as a perhaps something more than an anomaly. Ideally, poll voters would like to see a team win big against a much lesser opponent, but sometimes, it just doesn't happen that way. And for McNeill, a win is a win.

“We want to win by one point and get out of there,” said



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AP Top 25 (No. 15-22)

15	Ohio State	4-1
16	Oklahoma State	4-1
17	Kansas State	4-1
18	UCLA	4-1
19	East Carolina	4-1
20	Arizona State	4-1
21	Nebraska	5-1
22	Georgia Tech	5-1

McNeill. “Wins are hard to come by. Trust me, I cherish every single one. I hope everyone feels the same way. There's no such thing as an ugly win. Ugly is in the dictionary and win is in there, but ugly win is not in there for me. Our kids understand that, too.”

It's all about controlling what you can control for McNeill and if his attitude is any reflection on the team, they're doing a good job handling their business.

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Volleyball splits two matches

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After dropping a tough match against Tulane on Friday, the Lady Pirates volleyball team rebounded on Sunday to claim their first road and conference victory on the season.

Friday night started well for ECU, as it took the first set against the Green Wave with a score of 25-21. Ultimately, however, ECU would fall to the host squad by a string of three straight set losses to drop the match with scores of 19-25, 22-25, and 23-25. Each set remained close throughout, with Tulane's stellar attack percentages in the second (.459) and third (.371) carrying them to a victory.

The win brought Tulsa to a 4-12 record on the year. Sophomore Sydney Darden delivered another standout performance with her seventh double-double on the season with 11 kills and 13 digs. Setter Zarah Cecich came up one kill

shy of a double-double of her own with nine kills and 10 digs. After dropping their first three conference matches of the year, their fourth proved to be the charm as the Lady Pirates willed themselves to a win against Houston.

Down 2-0 heading into intermission with set scores of 14-25 and 15-25, junior Kierra Lee-Dunson took the floor in the locker room.

“Kierra really stepped up and told the team they weren't playing like themselves,” Coach Julie Torbett said. “It wasn't our brand of volleyball.”

The Lady Pirates then swept the next three sets with scores of 25-18, 29-27, and 15-13. Freshman outside hitter Ashton Mares had a career high in kills with 20 to go along with 14 digs. Zarah Cecich notched her double-double this time around, adding 50 assists with 24 digs. Texas natives Torre Blake and Alex Jessett also assisted in the comeback effort with their homecoming.

Lost in the shuffle and another key to the turnaround after the intermission were the adjustments made by Coach Torbett, who got more production out of her front court by removing a setter and getting more production from Jessett at libero.

With the victory, the Lady Pirates recorded their first ever win in the American Athletic Conference, bringing the record to 8-5 overall on the year.

The conference action continues this weekend with USF and UCF coming to Greenville for matches on Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m., respectively.

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TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pirates split their pair of matches this weekend, losing to Tulane Friday before defeating Houston Sunday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

ECU dropped its match vs. Cincinnati Friday, 3-0. The Lady Pirates return to action Thursday against Tulsa.

CROSS COUNTRY

Men and women both placed 37th at the Paul Short Invitational Saturday in Pennsylvania.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Men and women both placed second out of 11 at the All North-Carolina Invitational. They return to action at home Saturday against Davidson.

FOOTBALL

The Pirates defeated SMU, 45-24 Saturday. Shane Carden became ECU's all-time leading passer and the Pirates moved to No. 19 in the AP poll.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers beat the Chicago Bears Sunday, 31-24. Carolina is now 3-2.

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CALENDAR

Basketball begins practice



Coach Jeff Lebo instructs his team during a 2013-14 matchup. The Pirates begin year five of the Lebo era Nov. 17 in Minges. ARCHIVED | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

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With 42 days until ECU basketball's season opener against North Carolina Wesleyan, Head Coach Jeff Lebo and his team held their first official practice of the 2014-15 season on Friday.

A lot has changed since the last time the Pirates touched the floor for an official practice: a new conference, seven new members of the team and a healthy set of forwards.

Along with nine returning letterman from last year's team, seven new Pirates took the floor for their first practice. However, for three of the new members, ECU basketball is nothing new.

Keith Armstrong, Michel-Ofik Nzege and Terry Whisnant were around the club last year, waiting for their transfer year on the bench to end.

"I expect Terry Whisnant to have a really good season, stepping into [shooting guard] Akeem Richmond's shoes," said guard Paris Roberts-Campbell, one of the team's three seniors. "He's a terrific shooter... Michel [Nzege] is a monster on the rebounds and Keith Armstrong, a big body and he'll be able to move people."

Lebo expects his new players to contribute and have early playing time this season.

"We're going to have a lot of guys that will have to play for us that haven't played," said Lebo. "Whether it's guys that were hurt last year or guys that were sitting out last year. When you have that, it takes time for those guys to get back into the rhythm of playing in game situations."

Marshall Guilmette missed most of last season with injury, because he played in just five games in 2013, he was granted a medical redshirt. The forward also suffered an injury at the tail end of his freshman season, staying healthy is a goal for his second try at a full sophomore campaign.

"I can't really explain it, [injuries have] been pretty frustrating," said Guilmette. "You just got to keep looking forward and keep working hard every day to put that stuff behind you."

Lebo said he hopes his team can stay healthy this season, specifically in the front court where all but one player missed time due to injury. Of the six forwards on the roster, only Michael Zangari played out the 2013-14 season.

Kanu Aja, a 6-foot-9 junior college transfer, and Grant Bryant, a true freshman, signed with the 2014 recruiting class as forwards and are expected to see playing time. Both should help bare the load down low where the Pirates struggled defensively last season.

Lebo said the new conference—which featured five teams in the top 25 at one point—will force his team to learn quickly and develop.

"It felt like we were in a new conference last year, it was the same name but a lot of different teams," said Lebo. "It feels like it's going to be another learning experience for us this year. It's going to be different teams—some of them familiar to us but we didn't play them last year—but it's quite a jump up in the quality of opponents in the league."

Roberts-Campbell said there has not been a lot of talk among the team about the American Athletic Conference.

"We haven't really talked about playing any of the new teams yet, we just want to take it one day at a time," Roberts-Campbell said. "We're really more focused on playing with each other right now for the month of October."

The Pirates will open up play at Minges Coliseum on Nov. 14 against North Carolina Wesleyan.

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Pirates start Cliff Godwin era

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Optimism was the prevailing theme this weekend as first year manager Cliff Godwin and the ECU baseball team began their first team practices of the year.

"They did a good job," Godwin said. "Friday was probably our best day. Everyone was excited and I thought they had a lot of energy. We've got to bring that same type of intensity every day."

Last season the Pirates finished the season with a 33-26 record, including a 16-14 in conference record. The team finished sixth in Conference USA and was eliminated in the second round of the conference tournament. This year, however, the team has much greater aspirations.

"The number one goal is to make it to Omaha (the College World Series)," said redshirt freshman Cameron Snow. "The second goal is to win the conference. We want to have a good outing as a team. We have a very talented team and should go far."

Throughout the weekend the team performed drills and played short scrimmages in order to prepare for the challenges that await them in their first year in the AAC.

"(The AAC) is gonna be one of the top five baseball conferences in the country," said Godwin. "We're going to have to compete and play good every single weekend in order to win."

Coach Godwin does not take the challenge lightly. He played catcher for ECU from 1998 through 2001. He graduated magna cum laude from ECU in the year 2000 with a bachelor of science degree in management information systems. The new coach said he is thrilled to be returning to the program.

"I'm really excited," said Godwin. "It's amazing to coach a program that I not only played for, but also to coach the program that (former coach) LeClair coached."

David Lucroy, an all-conference sophomore pitcher last season, says he loves playing for his new coach because he expects the best from the team day in and day out.

"He's awesome," said Lucroy. "He drives us and that's the best part about it. He pushes us past our limits and that's where we need to be."

Lucroy's praise wasn't limited to his new coach. He also had high praise for the perform mance of his teammates throughout the weekend.

"Practice went better than ever," said Lucroy. "The past three days we've had amazing scrimmages and it's unbelievable to see how the team has looked so far."

This year's team is a close knit bunch. Jimmy Boyd, a transfer student from Brunswick Community College, said that team chemistry was his primary reason for joining the team.

"When I first got here I was a little nervous," said Boyd. "The guys immediately embraced me. It seems like we're family. We've got 16 ball players living close to each other so we're constantly hanging out. Playing MLB: The Show gets pretty intense."

Still, according to Lucroy, this family has just one goal: winning.

"We're gonna win," said Lucroy. "That's my personal goal for this team and the goal of the team. We're gonna beat everybody and we're just gonna have a good time doing it."



Cliff Godwin finally got a good look at his team over the weekend. WEB PHOTO

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Swimming/diving starts strong

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The season started off quickly for the Pirates as both the men and women swam to second place finishes in the All-North Carolina Invitational, held Saturday afternoon in Greensboro.

The ladies' squad finished with a team total of 1,413 points, 167 shy of eventual champion NC State (1580). Among a few of the notable standouts, junior Bailie Monahan who established two new meet records in both the 200 IM and the 200 butterfly, posting times of (2:06.41) and (2:01.40) respectively. Monahan later took second in the 100 butterfly, touching only 0.33 seconds behind NC State's Natalie Labonge.

Monahan was the only female to capture gold Saturday, but she was backed by a strong supporting cast from the rest of the ladies. Freshman Julie Lajoie went for the triple crown of silvers as the Massachusetts native picked up second place finishes in the 400 IM (4:24.49), the 200 butterfly (2:02.02) and the 200 backstroke (2:02.43). Looking to get into the mix as well, fellow freshman Vendela Norrman looked to build on a breakout performance last weekend. Norrman took second in the 200 breast stroke with a time of (2:18.44), reaching more

than two seconds ahead of fellow teammate Megan Sellers.

For the men, the Pirates finished second with a team score of 1251, 430 points back of NC State's 1681. Senior Rokas Cepulis was the only Pirate able to capture gold Saturday, winning in the 200 breast stroke with a time of (2:01.70).

Nikola Simic made a strong case for himself as well, as the senior finished with the men's only second place time of the afternoon, touching with a time of (45.77) in the men's 100 freestyle.

Simic later paired with Fran Krzrnaric, Shawn Hunter and Trevor Irish, as the four man swim-squad earned a third place finish in the men's 400 freestyle relay with a time of (3:05.35).

Freshmen Matt Mullen also held it down for the divers as Mullen finished third in the men's one meter diving competition, racking up an overall score of 245.55.

With their first invitational of the season finished, the Pirates now turn their sights towards Davidson as they open up their first dual meet of the season next Saturday in Minges Natatorium. First dive begins at 1 p.m.

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ECU picked up where it left off. Both men's and women's finished second out of 11 this weekend.

RECAP continued from A1

Player-of-the-Week after completing 31 of 41 passes for 410 yards with four first-half touchdowns in his third consecutive and sixth-career 400-yard passing game.

With a 30-yard pass to Isaiah Jones in the third quarter, Carden eclipsed former Pirate great David Garrard as ECU's all-time leader in passing yardage. The Houston native now owns the school record with 9,134 passing yards.

"I think Shane's one of the best quarterbacks in the country and one of the best quarterbacks in school history," said ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill.

Carden added, "It's an honor to be a leader in that category... It hasn't really sunk in yet. People have congratulated me but it's one of those things that I'll look at when the season's done."

Meanwhile, senior receiver Justin Hardy caught three touchdown passes for the first time in his illustrious career at ECU. His third score was his most impressive as he grabbed a dart thrown by Carden and ran it to the end zone for a 30-yard score to give the Pirates a 28-7 halftime lead.

Along with Jones, Hardy piloted the Pirates' receiving core just as he has done all season. He caught eight passes for 120 yards, while Jones recorded nine catches for 130 yards and a touchdown.

"I think I have the best receiving core in the country," said Carden. "I've said that since the offseason. They're a great group

and they make me look good."

SMU's offense was carried by two juniors—quarterback Garrett Krstich and receiver Darius Joseph—and played effectively in the second and third quarters. Krstich had a career day to a tune of 42 of 67 passing and 339 yards. His main target, Joseph, notched a career-high 13 catches for 100 yards with two touchdowns in the third quarter.

Aside from a one-yard rush to the end zone by Pirate freshman Anthony Scott, the momentum in the third quarter was possessed by SMU, who outscored ECU 17-7.

The Mustangs abandoned their running game, instead focusing on quick passing routes that befuddled the Pirates' defensive backs.

A 27-yard field goal in the closing seconds of the third quarter reduced the Pirates' lead to 35-24, but it was a 40-yard miss to begin the fourth quarter that resulted in the Mustangs' offense running out of gas and the Pirates sailing to victory.

ECU closed out their first conference win with a field goal and an eight-yard touchdown rush by Chris Hairston. The junior led the Pirates running attack with 12 carries for 53 yards.

"We're still fighting a consistency battle," said ECU Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley.

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you means nothing.

"There are no easy games," said ECU cornerback Josh Hawkins. "We definitely didn't think we were going to blow them out. They definitely played a great ball game."

A game like that can go a long way for a team that isn't used to playing with high expectations. The last time the Pirates were ranked was back in 2008, so playing with the pressure of a Top 25 ranking is something that the players on this team haven't experienced yet.

If there is any way to look at that game, it's as a wake-up call. Perhaps it's just what the team needed to help itself refocus, especially coming off of a bye-week.

"We definitely can't just come in here easy," said Hawkins. "We need to stay more focused in practice."

It's more than likely not going to be the only game that the Pirates will face adversity, but being battle-tested could be an advantage when the team finds itself trailing.

If the Pirates were to run the table and find themselves in the conference championship game, they just might look back on their Saturday matchup against the Mustangs as a game that taught them how to handle expectations.

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