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Asbestos was removed over fall break from the hallway ceilings inside of Rawl. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Asbestos hits campus Contractors remove asbestos from Rawl

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

An asbestos abatement notice was posted on a door in Rawl over fall break. The notice was to inform staff and students that asbestos was discovered on all of the three floor hallways.

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral made out of a set of six silicate minerals.

Contract personnel accredited by the State of North Carolina removed the mineral during fall break. ECU facilities services and environmental health and safety oversaw the project.

Exposure to asbestos can increase the chance of getting

asbestosis, lung disorders, lung cancer and mesothelioma cancer.

"As long as the material is intact and undisturbed, then it does not present a hazard, that is why the contractor came in and they set up enclosures that contains the material while it is removed," said Phil Lewis, assistant director of environmental health and safety.

The contractors removing over 1,000 sq. ft. of the asbestos was Enviro Assessments East, Inc.

"Asbestos was used in thousands of building projects over the years, so we do still have it in pipe installation, floor tile and ceilings across many of our buildings and whenever we renovate those build-

ings, then we address the removal of it at that time," said Lewis.

Buildings on campus that have asbestos containing ceilings are Rivers, Speight, Howell, Austin, Rawl, Whicard, Spilman and Graham.

Staff members on campus were given asbestos awareness training over the break. Some of the regulations that were taught when dealing with possible asbestos was to stop working immediately, not to attempt to clean-up, secure the area, notify supervisor and contact emergency personnel.

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ECU hits bye week after win

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

After achieving its fifth win in a 28-17 rally at South Florida on Saturday, No. 18 ECU is using its second bye week of the season to prepare for an American Athletic Conference matchup against Connecticut.

The Huskies (1-5) have dropped its last four games, including Saturday's 12-3 loss at Tulane. On Sunday, ECU (5-1) moved up one spot to No. 18 in the AP Top 25 poll and also reached No. 16 in the Coaches Poll after gaining three spots.

In the meantime, ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill is enjoying the benefits of having an extra week to prepare for UConn.

"The season is made up of 15 weeks and before the season, we knew we had seven non-traditional weeks where we wouldn't play on Saturday," said McNeill. "[We have] four open dates and now we'll be getting into the Thursday and Friday games. We planned to use it to the best of our advantage. It's not a bad thing by any means for us. I thought it was well earned."

McNeill continued, "As a staff, it gives us a chance to regroup players who are nicked."

ECU used a steady rushing attack to overcome a ten-point halftime deficit and pave the way for a victory over the USF Bulls in

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N.C. allows gay marriage

Collyn Sheaffer and Amanda Adkins
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

North Carolina legalized gay marriage on Oct. 10 when a federal judge ordered the ban to be dispersed.

U.S. District Judge Max Cogburn put aside North Carolina's ban on gay marriage.

House Speaker Thom Tillies and Senate President Phil Berger had their request denied when they asked for the rulings to be delayed.

"I do believe in gay marriage," said Nicole Peralta, junior communication major.

"I believe in equality and I don't think that gay people's relationships should affect other people's lives. Everybody should love everybody."

North Carolina previously approved a state constitutional amendment in 2012 that defined a man and woman marriage as the only domestic legal union.

Friday's ruling followed a decision that was

made in July by the U.S. Fourth Circuit of Appeals statement that said Virginia's gay marriage ban was unconstitutional. The same statement would coincide with the bans in the other states of the fourth circuit, North Carolina, South Carolina and West Virginia.

"I don't feel strongly either way but I do believe in the traditional views of marriage that my Christian family has taught me" said Emily Joseph, junior speech and hearing major.

"I was raised in a family that believed in the idea of marriage as a man and a woman. I do support the gay community and their lifestyle and I respect them trying to progress."

Lower court rulings stated that the original same-sex marriage ban was unconstitutional and Governor Pat McCrory joined in with his opinion that the ban needed to be changed.

North Carolina is now the ninth state to either approve same-sex marriage or have taken

the steps to approve it.

"I thought democracy was what made this country so special, so I think it's disrespectful to the people of North Carolina that they completely disregarded the popular opinion that people had already voted on," said Sarah Crews, junior accounting major. "I don't have anything against gay people but the decision had already been made."

South Carolina and Kansas blocked issuing same-sex marriage licenses until a federal judge is able to rule on the case in those states.

Amendment One was officially dispersed at 5:30 p.m. and some counties offered same-sex marriage licenses that evening and other counties began offering them Monday morning.

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Vidant prepares for Ebola

Collyn Sheaffer
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Vidant Health Center is prepared for the slim chance of Ebola spreading to Eastern North Carolina, according to Dr. Keith Ramsey, Medical Director of Infection Control for Vidant Health.

"Vidant Health is readily prepared to place any person with Ebola in immediate isolation," said Ramsey.

The main concern with an infected patient would be to prevent blood exposure. According to Ramsey, Vidant does this daily by using hand hygiene, standard precautions, the proper handling of sharps, plus gloves and gowns when indicated to prevent accidental exposure to HIV and the Hepatitis viruses.

Parts of the world are currently experiencing the biggest Ebola virus outbreak ever recorded.

Guinea, Lagos, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone have been the first countries to experience the virus, which is primarily hosted by fruit bats. Recently this fatal virus has spread to other countries. "The disease is passed to human with exposure to bats and animals with bat exposure" said Ramsey.

Once a human contracts the virus, it can be passed person to person via contact with infected blood and body fluids or contaminated surfaces.

Symptoms are similar to that of the flu or other common viruses, but Ebola is often fatal. Infected patients will experience fever, headache, joint and muscle aches, sore throat and weakness, followed by diarrhea, vomiting and stomach pain.

According to Ramsey, skin rash, red eyes and abnormal bleeding may be seen in some patients as well.

Recently, Ebola cases have spread to places outside of Africa including Spain and even the United States of America. Hospitals have diagnosed citizens and one patient passed away in Texas from this dangerous virus.

To further ease citizens minds, North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory spoke at a news conference on Monday and assured listeners that there are no known cases of Ebola in North Carolina.

If a case does come to North Carolina, then McCrory assured listeners that the state is pre-

pared and the proper procedures are already in place to tackle the virus before it would have the chance to spread.

Patients who have tested positive for Ebola will be put in isolation and require necessary equipment and immediate action in order to prevent the virus from spreading or killing the patient.

According to the CDC, when hospitals are dealing with a patient who could possibly have Ebola, they conduct a travel history with every person that patient has come in contact with. If the patient has traveled from one of the countries with the Ebola outbreak, within the past 21 days, they are immediately placed into isolation.

Although Ebola has similar symptoms to the flu or a common cold, Ebola is not as contagious or common as the other viruses. Ebola is strictly spread throughout exposure to bodily fluids.

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BRIEFS

National Institutes of Health awards professors with grant

Dr. David Brown of the Department of Physiology and Dr. S. Raza Shaikh of the Department of Biochemistry were awarded with a \$366,744 grant from the National Institutes of Health to search for ways to protect the heart during a heart attack.

The doctors have written multiple grants, received industry funding and presented at international symposiums.

Minges Coliseum holds this year's Fall Career Fair

The university is hosting the Fall Career Fair from 1 to 4 p.m. today at Minges Coliseum. More than 100 employers are expected to recruit students for internships and job opportunities.

On-campus students should bring an ECU OneCard to be admitted to the event. Alumni and distance education students should bring an ECU OneCard or Banner I.D.

ECU's Educator's Hall of Fame will induct twenty-six educators

Twenty-six educators and education advocates will be inducted into ECU's Educator's Hall of Fame on Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. in Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center.

Each inductee was sponsored and a monetary gift of \$1,000 or more was contributed to the Educators Hall of Fame Scholarship endowment on their behalf.

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Middle school girls from the Pitt County School system were selected by their teachers to attend this year's annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics conference on ECU's campus.

ECU hosts STEM conference

Kelsey Padgett
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

More than 100 middle school girls visited East Carolina University's campus on Friday for the fifth annual STEM Girls Conference.

The conference was hosted by students and teachers in the College of Engineering and Technology, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, Brody School of Medicine and the College of Education.

It was held to give middle school girls more information about fields like science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM. The purpose of the conference is to manifest these interests in girls at a younger age, making them more likely to go into a STEM career in the future.

Girls were selected to participate by their teachers and counselors from all 13 public middle schools in the Pitt County school system. Participants were selected based on self-motivation, and a showed interest in a STEM field or

the ability to have their interest ignited by such an event.

The girls rotated between lessons and activities in the Science and Technology building, the Flanagan building, and the Brody Medical Sciences building.

The activities were meant to mimic real careers that they could have in a STEM field and showed the girls how the STEM fields could be used separately or together in their futures.

In one activity, the middle school girls were asked to follow a "genetic code" to build a "person" out of different size and color marshmallows and pipe cleaners. The colors and sizes represented the dominant and recessive genes that go into making a person.

Other activities offered to the students included learning the supply chain management system with Goldfish crackers, learning the properties of materials by crushing cans and creating secret messages using prime numbers.

Only about 27 percent of careers in STEM fields are held by women. In the engineering field alone, men outnumber

women a staggering 10 to one. STEM careers typically pay about 33 percent more than non-STEM careers, and the wage gap between men and women is also significantly smaller than that in a non-STEM career.

Dr. Jamie DeWitt, assistant professor of pharmacology and toxicology in the Brody School of Medicine, said that she would never have pursued a degree in science if she hadn't been given the opportunity to learn about it hands-on.

"Classroom learning is great for foundational knowledge, but 'doing' science is what gives us the passion to dig more deeply," said DeWitt in a press release.

The conference was sponsored by Grady-White Boats and Mayne Pharma. Transportation for students was provided by Pitt County Schools.

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Register your guest for FREE by 8pm on October 31st by going to ecu.edu/hallockweek. One guest per registered student permitted. Walk up guest registration at a cost of \$10 (cash only) is available from 9:30pm - 1:00am on October 31st at the Guest Kiosk at Gate 7. Each person should have valid photo identification as well as your ECU 1 Card.

Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Department for Disability Support Services at least 48 hours prior to the event at (252) 737-1016 (Voice/TTY).

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Student media hits the courts

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

The Platinum Street Ballers will compete against ECU's student media on Saturday at 3 p.m. at Minges Coliseum.

The Platinum Street Ballers are a unique basketball team that plays similarly to the "Harlem Globetrotters."

ECU's student media is made up of The East Carolinian, WZMB, Expressions, Buccaneer and Rebel.

"They do a lot of fun plays and trick shots," said Steve Rollings, WZMB general manager. "The Street Ballers will be playing a game against a student media team mostly comprised of WZMB staffers."

The game is a kickoff event for the ECU Lady Pirate Basketball team as it continues on the inaugural season in the American Athletic Conference.

ECU Athletics will use the event to announce the men's and women's basketball teams and WZMB will use the event to announce that they will be broadcasting all of the Women's Basketball games



Members of student media will compete against the Platinum Street Ballers at Minges Coliseum.

on their channel at 91.3 FM. The broadcasts will also be streamed online. "We each wanted to make announcements about the Basketball season," said Rollings.

ECU's student media has been invited to attend the event and pass out products. Other giveaways will be available as well as music and a concession stand.

ECU Athletics and WZMB are hosting the free event that is open to the public.

"Student media will absolutely not win. They are going to crush us but we will put in our best effort and will probably play the role of The Washington Generals," said Josh Graham, News and Sports director for WZMB. The Washington Generals

are the opposing team that continuously competes against and almost always lose to the Harlem Globetrotters.

EDITORS NOTE: Josh Graham is the football editor at The East Carolinian.

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Corrections/ Clarifications

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GPD undergoes crisis training

ReAnn Melaga
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Local law enforcement are working closely with persons trained in the field of mental health in an effort to better understand and recognize those who suffer from mental illnesses.

The Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Program trains officers to immediately recognize when they are dealing with people who are in a mental health crisis and how to handle the situation.

The training was voluntary, but has now been required for Greenville police

officers to complete in order for them to carry a taser.

"That's a pretty important piece of policy because in a lot of places you just go to your Taser training and you can carry your Taser, but what we've learned is that a lot of people that get tased are actually suffering from mental health crises in some way, shape or form," said Greenville Police Chief Hassan Aden.

In order for an officer to be CIT certified, they must participate in a 40-hour class that takes a full week to complete. During the class, officers are

trained by mental health professionals to identify mental health crisis situations by learning the characteristics and behaviors that go along with specific mental health diseases.

"It really goes deep into both verbal and non-verbal communication skills and what people might perceive as threatening to them when they're in crisis," said Aden.

Throughout the course, various exer-

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National College Health Assessment Web Survey

A select number of ECU undergraduates have been randomly selected to participate in the National College Health Assessment Web survey (NCHA-Web). The NCHA-Web is a survey designed to assess student health behaviors in order to provide better services and support for ECU students. This is an excellent opportunity for you to assist in providing accurate information regarding health and wellness behaviors on our campus. The web link to the NCHA-Web survey will be sent only to the randomly selected undergraduates.

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A Screening of the *Freedom Riders* documentary from the *Created Equal* Series. A discussion and reflection session will follow with original *Freedom Ride* participants Dr. Robert Singleton, Ph.D and Mrs. Helen Singleton, MA. Refreshments will be served.

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Gas prices drop in N.C.

Steve Lyttle
MCT CAMPUS

North Carolina motorists can buy gasoline for less than \$3 a gallon for the first time in four years.

They'll have to look a bit for those sub-\$3 prices, but experts said Tuesday that the bargain gasoline prices could become much more widespread in coming weeks. Meanwhile, South Carolina's statewide average price for a gallon of regular gas has fallen below \$3 a gallon, with some stations in the Greenville-Spartanburg area listing prices as low as \$2.72.

The sinking gas prices are the result of surging U.S. production, a lessening of demand elsewhere in the world, and a cheaper winter blend of fuel being used, officials said. AAA Carolinas President David Parsons said the falling prices could remain through Thanksgiving, the biggest travel holiday of the year. "It's great to see motorists in the Carolinas drive away from the gas pump

"It's great to see motorists in the Carolinas drive away from the gas pump with more money in their wallets."

-David Parsons

with more money in their wallets," Parsons said. "Travelers hitting the road for the Thanksgiving holiday could be enjoying even lower prices at the pump than we've seen in recent years."

North Carolina's statewide average Tuesday was \$3.16 a gallon, according to AAA Carolinas. The Charlotte-area

average was \$3.11, down 18 cents a gallon in the past month.

South Carolina's statewide average was \$2.97. Five other states -- Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Tennessee -- also are below the \$3 mark.

In the immediate Charlotte area, the cheapest gas prices Tuesday morning were in Cabarrus County. A BJ's store on Weddington Road Extension in Concord and a Sam's Club in Kannapolis were selling regular for \$2.91, according to the website Gas Buddy. There were a number of stations selling gas for \$2.92, including one in Mecklenburg County -- a Wilco Hess on

North Tryon Street near Mallard Creek Church Road.

Steve Lyttle is a reporter for The Charlotte Observer in Charlotte, NC and is a contributor for MCT Campus. This story was originally published October 14th, 2014

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cises are done in order to give officers a better understanding of how to recognize and assist people experiencing mental health crises. This involves various role-playing and interactive activities along with the classroom components.

As a part of the interactive and role-playing portion of the training, officers participate in an exercise called "Hearing Voices." During this exercise officers wear headphones that play sounds and voices that someone experiencing a psychotic episode might hear. This is something that Aden believes is a critical component to the training.

"It builds some compassion and understanding of what people are going through, so it's really from A-Z," said Aden. "I think that it builds trust and it shows that we care about the community that we serve, and that's really important."

Although the training focuses on how to handle situations where someone might be experiencing a mental health crisis, Aden believes that the lessons learned during the program can be used in officer's off-duty lives as well.

"They come out of there with tools they can use for the rest of their lives, and in many cases their off-duty lives too," said Aden. "It really does make people think about problem solving and what resources are available in a very, very different way."

While some may think mental health crises are not

common, Aden says that they can be encountered on any call, whether it is a domestic disturbance or a traffic stop.

With the CIT program, Aden believes that both he and his officers are able to have the necessary training and understanding to handle a difficult situation, such as a mental health crisis.

"We have the incredible power to take someone's freedom and to enforce the law. With that comes incredible responsibility to do it with the ability to do it with restraint and with compassion for the people we are sworn to protect and serve," said Aden.

Aden believes that the program is important not only for his officers, but for the lives of those they help as well.

"In my 29 years of policing, CIT is by far one of the most worthwhile, game changers in our field to protect our officers and to protect the public from situations escalating to violence," said Aden.

Since the program has been a part of the Greenville Police Department training, over 100 sworn officers have completed it. The program has also resulted in a 43 percent reduction in taser use from 2013-14, according to Greenville Police Department records.

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Oct. 25 **Rocky Horror Picture Show and Costume Contest**
Hendrix Theatre - 9:00pm

Oct. 27-31 **Spook Fest Movies - Hendrix Theatre**

Oct. 27 **The Purge Anarchy** - 9:30pm
Oct. 28 **As Above, So Below** - 9:30pm
Oct. 29 **Deliver Us From Evil** - 9:30pm
Oct. 30 **As Above, So Below** - 9:30pm
Oct. 31 **Deliver Us From Evil** - 7:00pm

Oct. 27-31 **Frightfully Fit Group Fitness Classes**
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Oct. 28 **7:07 Series Ghost Hunter**
Hendrix Theatre - 7:07pm

Oct. 28-29 **College Hill Haunted House**
Scott Hall - 8:00pm-11:00pm

Oct. 30 **Climbing and Costume Competition**
SRC Courts 5 & 6 - 5:00pm-9:00pm

Oct. 30 **Halloween Lunch**
Todd and West End Dining Halls - 11:00am-2:00pm

Oct. 31 **Halloween Havoc and Costume Contest**
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium - 10:00pm-2:00am

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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.

It so humid outside, I feel like my walk to class has turned into a shower with squirrels.

Same sex marriages are now legal in N.C.? Hold on a second! (10 minutes later...) OK! I just looked outside... and no zombies! I also called my pastor and no one in my church has disappeared and left their clothes! Move along people... Just deal with it and move along!

Ok, was anyone else as tense as I was watching the game against USF? I haven't been this tense during a game since the VTech upset. Still, good game Pirates. Another W for us.

Congrats to the football team for their first win against USF and moving up to No. 18 on the AP poll and No. 16 on the USA Today poll! ECUndaunted!

Are pedestrians supposed to obey traffic signals too? Yes. If you hit me will you get charged with manslaughter? Absolutely.

I'm an alum and just got a new job in a building full of State fans. Don't you know my office is now purple and gold from wall to wall! GO PIRATES!

To the ranter who said they love autumn because of North Face jackets, uggs and yoga pants... Why so basic? Wear real clothes for once!

The next time you whip out your camera for a selfie, I'm just going to keep on walking right into you. Seriously. Selfies are annoying.

Love the purple street signs on campus!

Is it too much to ask the band to play something newer and exciting... I mean we've heard earth, wind and fire for long enough.

To the ranter last week about dating an Indian boy: Believe me, girl, being an Indian girl dating a white boy gets you even more stares! But I'm still all for my interracial relationship!

Ya just can't fix stupid!

Notice to all ECU students too stupid to understand pictures: When you see a red hand that is not blinking while you are crossing 10th St. you do not have the right of way and will not receive benefits if hit, only death.

I'm no veterinarian, but wouldn't the coyote have died of starvation in the end because he never caught the roadrunner?

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

Cameras could prove useful for city police

Due to a lack of surveillance equipment we might never know what happened in the events leading up to the shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. With that kind of uncertainty, police departments all over the nation, including the Greenville Police Department, are requiring their officers to wear body cameras.

Wearing a camera while on duty is nothing new for GPD. Since 2013 about 50 officers have used cameras, but beginning January 1, 2015, all 115 patrol officers will wear them as part of their uniforms.

Hassan Aden, Greenville Police Chief, said, "It's a game-changer in terms of community engagement, and also, people have been known to make false accusation against the police... So, those are dealt with pretty quickly when

we can go to the videotape."

We as an editorial staff believe it is a smart decision that GPD is expecting all of its officers to wear cameras. A camera will give a first hand account on whether there is a problem in this city regarding unfair treatment by police and will help provide accurate records of police work and put an end to he said, she said arguments.

While we do support the decision to wear cameras we as a staff still see that wearing a camera is a situation that needs to be monitored so it doesn't infringe upon the privacy rights of citizens.

We need to use technology to our advantage and find ways to not let another Ferguson instance happen ever again.

Plagiarism education needs fix



Joseph Paul
TEC COLUMNIST

Offenses involving academic integrity are among the most prevalent violations to the student code of conduct at ECU. This is no surprise given the ever-increasing role of technology and the Internet where plagiarism can be carried out

with ease.

A visit to the website of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibility at ECU reveals a lengthy and strict process for evaluating these incidents and offers resources to prepare faculty against these threats to "Academic Integrity." But does the education given to students, particularly vulnerable freshman, about the technicalities and nuances of plagiarism, properly complement this regulatory system?

This criticism is not lack of personal respect for the issue; I believe that any purposeful

attempt to steal or paraphrase unoriginal information should be met with the harshest of penalties within the academic realm. The trouble is that many students may are not familiar with the process of citing reputable information to strengthen an argument. Citations are the ultimate antagonist to this theft of ideas. However, for an undergraduate this usually means meeting requirements for an assignment but in the "real world" beyond college, citing is driven by the honest desire to give credit to people who have generated knowledge influencing or pertaining to the work.

Citing information is yet another compartmentalized and schedule component of undergraduate education, and ECU is no exception. Too often students strive to check off a box (in this case a component of an essay or writing rubric) rather than to understand a skill or technique. Indeed, these requirements for citations on student writing assignments are typically

aimed at deterring plagiarism in the first place.

In contrast, a ground-up approach to writing education that teaches about mapping the flow of ideas that go into professional writing may be more helpful than the scare tactics used to impose the practice of citation as a simple method to prevent plagiarism.

The culture of low-tolerance towards plagiarism is not sustainable without proper education. Jonathan Bailey of Plagiarism Today recently noted that "Strict plagiarism enforcement without solid plagiarism education doesn't make better students, it makes better cheaters." This responsibility of education will require drastic changes to English education for undergraduates and should likely be incorporated into the required, entry-level coursework.

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Letters to the Editor

Senator Hagan should reevaluate foreign policy priorities

The Middle East is unstable. ISIS is beheading Americans and increasing their control over territories throughout Iraq and Syria. Earlier this year, President Obama called ISIS "JV" and Senator Hagan missed numerous Armed Services hearings.

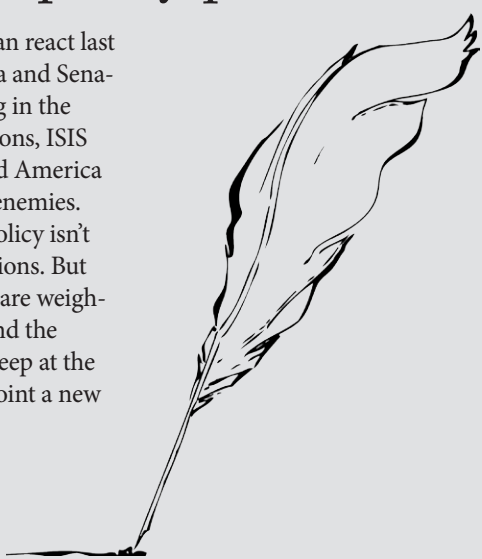
Senator Hagan is the chair of the subcommittee on emerging threats and has never called for a public hearing on ISIS. She even skipped a meeting for a New York City cocktail fundraiser. Up until this fall, ISIS was the perfect example of an "emerging" threat—now it's a full blown threat. Unfortunately for North Carolinians, Senator Hagan has been asleep at the wheel.

North Carolina and America need Senators who take international threats seriously. We need Senators who are willing to educate themselves on threats so

America can have a plan in place rather than react last minute to serious threats. President Obama and Senator Hagan have reduced America's standing in the world. Iran is close to getting nuclear weapons, ISIS is growing, Russia has invaded Ukraine and America appears feckless to stop the growth of our enemies.

Like many North Carolinians, foreign policy isn't usually a top issue for me in midterm elections. But this midterm, the countless threats abroad are weighing heavily on my mind. North Carolina and the world cannot afford to have our leaders asleep at the wheel, so I think it is long past time to appoint a new driver—Thom Tillis.

Adam Caldwell
Chairman, ECU College Republicans



University studies offers options



Ryan Clancy
TEC STAFF

University Studies programs are often unfairly labeled as useless programs for students who cannot decide what they want to do.

The recent addition of a University Studies major to ECU proves that this does not have to be the case. If used correctly, University Studies are an important opportunity that few students truly take advantage of.

Every major, no matter how well designed, will include classes that will be completely unhelpful to a student's eventual goal or job once they graduate. Alternately, there will be classes that can be extremely useful to students that do not come as options in their major or minor.

College provides an almost unlimited amount of opportunities for students to learn. Why not customize your program to meet your goals?

Certain people want to have jobs that don't fall neatly in line with degree programs, and yet find themselves too limited by those same programs to take the classes they really want or need.

While degrees are useful and students do have the option to take a minor or additional classes, University Studies provides an option for students

to completely customize their program to fit their needs.

Students shouldn't be afraid of the stigma of University Studies, and should certainly consider the options it has to offer.

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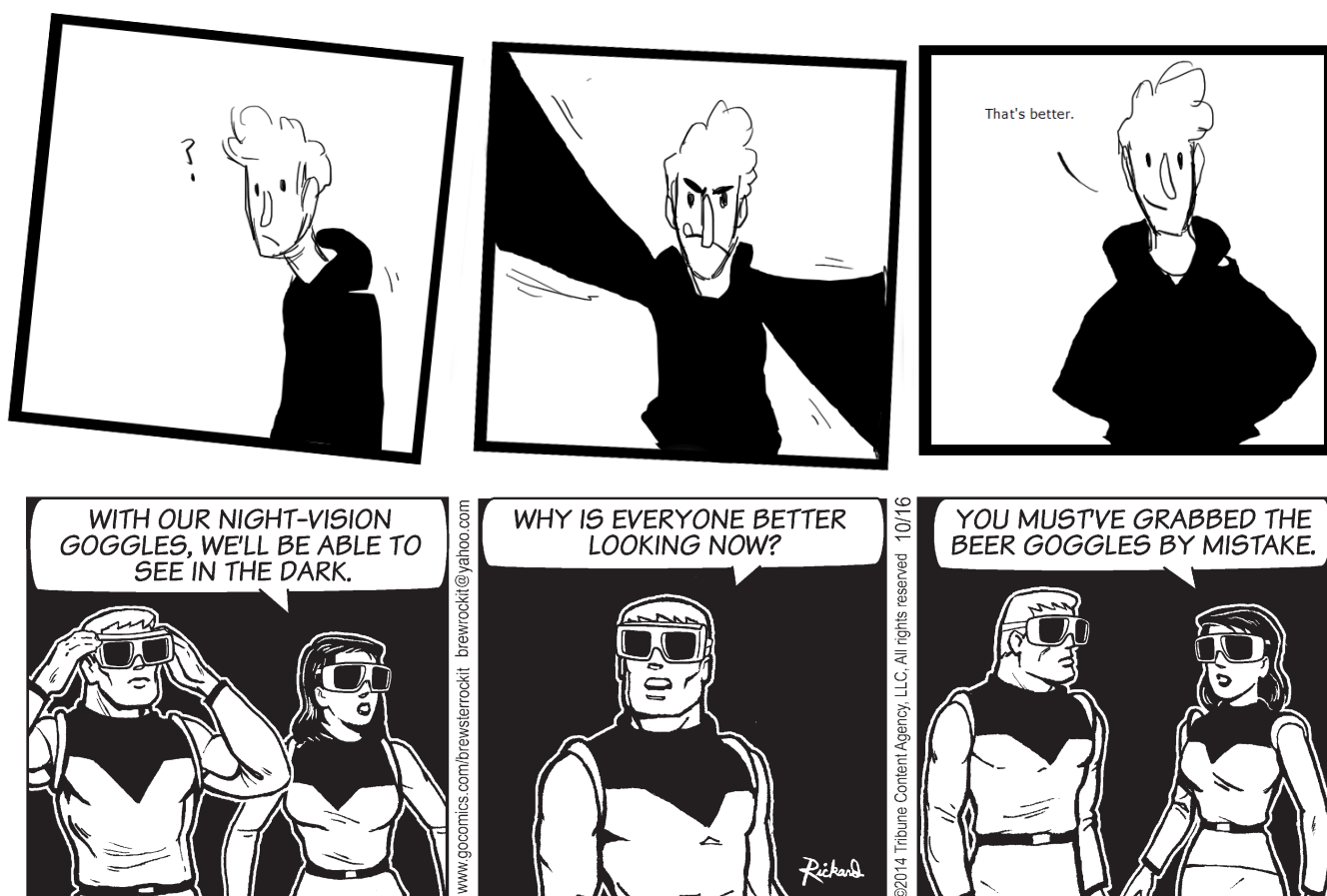
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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE 10/16/14

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

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- Dangler on a dog
 - D-Day city
 - "A likely story!"
 - 19th-century English novelist Charles
 - Greenish-blue
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 - Having "but one life to give for my country," to Hale
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 - "Surfin' _"
 - Like painter Jan Steen
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 - Capture
 - Extremely attentive
 - Big laugh
 - It may need boosting
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By Gail Grabowski and Bruce Venzke 10/16/14

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Pirates take the crown



Junior Jacob Hicks lines up a putt. He tied for 13th with an even par 144, one of many individual performances that led to a Pirates' team tournament win.

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Weekend split for volleyball

Brady Boyce
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Lady Pirates came away with another split in conference play for the second straight weekend in which they defeated USF but fell short against conference-leading UCF.

Overcoming a rough second set and 27 errors on the night, ECU had a good showing against the Bulls on Friday night, taking the match 3-1. Sydney Darden played through an apparent calf injury, finishing with 12 kills and 11 digs. Freshman Ashton Mares, coming off of a career game against Houston last weekend, also had a double-double with 12 digs and kills. Middle hitter Ashley McRae, who ranks No. 11 in the NCAA in hitting percentage, came up huge with some key kills in the third set.

"We knew what we had to do when we came in and we didn't need to vary from that," Head Coach Julie Torbett said. "We knew our roles, knew what we had to do, and did those well."

Heading into fall break on the semester, a crowd of 501 still came out to show support for the home team on Paint it Purple night.

"I was pleased with the fans here," Torbett said. "I thought it was a good crowd. Looked like some people were enjoying some good volleyball."

The match marked ECU's second straight win in the American Athletic Conference, while it saw USF lose their third straight game. The Bulls are now 8-10 on the season.

UCF came into Minges on Sunday sitting atop the conference, and they showed every bit why they're undefeated in it.

While ECU did put up a good fight, they were swept by the Knights with scores of 25-18, 25-12, and 25-20. The Lady Pirates, donning pink jerseys in support of cancer awareness, just couldn't overcome UCF's size and athleticism. The Knights refused to help the Lady Pirates in any way, finishing the match with only six errors.

Coach Torbett was still encouraged by her team's play.

"I thought we had moments out there where we looked really good and you can see where we're making great strides," she said. "I thought we hung with them offensively for quite a bit of the match, but defensively they outplayed us."

Sydney Darden was again a bright spot, finishing one kill shy of a double-double with nine to go along with her 11 digs. Senior setter Zarah Cecich had eight kills to go along with her 29 assists.

The loss brought ECU to 9-6 on the year, while UCF propelled to 12-5.

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Golfers finish first at Duke tournament

Adam Decker
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The ECU men's golf team won the Rod Myers Invitational this weekend, its first team title of the 2014-15 season at the par-72 Duke Golf Club.

Junior George Kilgore finished the tournament in first place shooting 7-under 137 to lead the Pirates to victory.

Severe weather issues forced the tournament to be shortened to a 36-hole event. Play was stopped Saturday evening due to consistent lightening and the third round was scratched due to the travel arrangements made by some of the partaking teams.

The Pirates had three players finish in the top ten, all three of which shot under par. To go along with Kilgore's first place finish, Junior Wes Conover shot 4-under to finish tied for fourth place and Redshirt Junior Al Dickens shot 3-under to finish tied for sixth.

After finishing in the top three of their three tournaments so far this year, the Pirates finally earned their first title by shooting 15-under 561 collectively beating out three top-35 teams.

The Pirates finished ahead of No. 2 Baylor, No. 25 North Carolina and No. 33 Iowa according to the Golfweek/Sagarin Rankings.

The Pirates have now jumped the likes of

Iowa after this weekend's win and find themselves ranked 22nd in the nation according to the same Golfweek rankings.

ECU's head golf coach Press McPhaul was very impressed with the way his team played.

"This was a strong field on a challenging course," McPhaul said. "The weather created adversity with delays yesterday. Our guys responded to all those challenges positively. They were undaunted and that gave us a chance to win."

Kilgore shot a 4-under 68 in the tournament's first round, his best single-round score as a Pirate, helping him receive medal honors for the first time since joining the program.

"I really stayed in the process this weekend," Kilgore said. "We have a team motto this year: win the battle. And that's what I tried to do every shot, every hole and every round."

Kilgore started the season slowly but has seemed to pick up the pace since the Rees Jones Invitational in late September where he tied for 36th place and shot 15 over par.

He bounced back quickly two weeks later however by finishing tied for 15th place shooting 3 over par at last week's Wolfpack Intercollegiate Tournament. And he followed it up with this weekend's win where he shot under par for the first time this season.

Coach McPhaul said he was very happy

"...They were undaunted and that gave us a chance to win."
- Coach Press McPhaul

with how Kilgore played.

"George Kilgore was outstanding. He put his head down, ignored leader board distractions and stayed committed to the process of playing his best each hole and each shot."

Wes Conover shot 4-under to tie for fourth place, his fourth top six finish of the season. Junior Al Dickens shot 3-under to finish tied for sixth place, his second top ten finish of the season.

Junior Jacob Hicks tied for 13th shooting an even par 144.

Freshman Tim Conover finished at 4-over 148 tied to place 33rd.

This victory is the first ECU has won since the River Landing Intercollegiate on April 11, 2014.

ECU will end its fall season at The Pinetree Intercollegiate, Oct. 20-21, in Kennesaw, Ga.

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<p>Thursday 10/16</p> <p>Women's Soccer</p> <p>Houston</p> <p>7 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday 10/17</p> <p>(Away) Women's Volleyball</p> <p>Tulsa</p> <p>8 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday 10/18</p> <p>Swimming/Diving</p> <p>College of Charleston</p> <p>1 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday 10/19</p> <p>Men's Tennis</p> <p>ITA Carolinas Regional Championships in Cary: Second day</p> <p>All day</p>	<p>Monday 10/20</p> <p>Men's Golf</p> <p>Pinetree Intercollegiate in Kennesaw, Ga.</p> <p>All day</p>
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CALENDAR

TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

ECU dropped its last game, 2-0 at the hands of Memphis on Sunday. The Lady Pirates are 8-5-1 on the year.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pirates lost to UCF in straight sets Sunday.

GOLF

The Pirates earned their first tournament title this weekend at the Rod Myers Invitational.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Senior Katie Kirk shot an even 72, earning all-tournament team honors at the 2014 Lady Pirate Invitational.

FOOTBALL

The Pirates came from behind to defeat USF on the road Saturday, 28-17. ECU is currently in a bye week.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers and Bengals tied, 37-37 Sunday. Carolina is 3-2-1 on the season.

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Whisnant's wait almost over

Shooting guard set to make impact after long transfer year

Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

The last time Terry Whisnant played his home games in North Carolina, Cherryville High School was brought to life by his play. Now that the prodigal son has returned home he will look to bring success to The Pirates' first year in the American.

Whisnant was a highly decorated high school player. Whisnant finished his high school career with 2,561 points, good for not only a school and county record, but seventh all-time in North Carolina.

His four 40-point games as a senior, including three in a row, captured the eye of power conference coaches. He decided on Florida State as his home.

Despite playing in 30 games and starting 19 games, something was still missing for the redshirt junior.

He wanted to return to his North Carolina home and settled on ECU. His connections to the Pirates make the choice easily understandable.

His father was a standout football player at the University of North Carolina, and just happened to be close with now Head Coach Jeff Lebo.

His AAU teammate, Paris Roberts-Campbell is a senior guard with the Pirates. Lastly, his high school home is just outside of Charlotte.

Lebo turned to Roberts-Campbell to pitch in on recruiting Whisnant.

"I called him up and talked to him for a couple of days and he finally let me know that he was going to come here," said Roberts-Campbell who started playing AAU with Whisnant when they were 15-years-old on the Carolina Raptors.

Lebo said having players that can help recruit is vital his program.

"Our guys are terrific at selling what this place is about, their belief in this place and why they came here," said Lebo. "A coach can come into your home and say whatever they want to. But the kids that are here will tell the truth."

Whisnant's return to North Carolina has him excited to get back to his basketball roots. He said a lot has changed, but it feels a little like the old days.

"I feel a little bit more mature than I was then," said Whisnant. "But on the court, I definitely feel great, like I used to."

His excitement about getting back on the court for games is clear. He said being able to practice but not play was like torture for him.

"I feel really solid after sitting out a whole year for the first time," said Whisnant. "I was able to sit back and learn, and it really just got me excited for this year. I'm really looking forward to it."

Whisnant said watching from the bench last year gave him a different perspective that he plans to use to his advantage this season.

"Being on the sidelines and seeing things on the court... I think it's going to enhance my performance," Whisnant said. "Also for our entire team, because I might be able to see things that they didn't see and just help them."

Whisnant also provides big game experience. With 19 starts in the Atlantic Coast Conference, he has played in hostile environments.

"I think that's big, I might be able to give pointers here and there, or some games we might get rattled, I look at myself as being able to calm them down," said Whisnant. "Collectively, it's going to be really important, I think."

Roberts-Campbell said Whisnant is great for team chemistry and is gelling well with the team.

"He's always been quiet, but he's really gotten involved with the teammates and everyone loves him," said Roberts-Campbell. "He goes out with us and everybody just gets along with him."

Whisnant will look to use his talent and experience to anchor a Pirates' team that will play its first season in the AAC this year, including two games against defending national champions Connecticut.

"Coming into this year, I just want to win as many games as possible and make it to a tournament," Whisnant said.

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Terry Whisnant (31), as a Seminole, glances upcourt while dribbling around the top of the key. WEB PHOTO

	Points	Rebounds
As a sophomore at FSU...	5.6	1.0
As a freshman at FSU...	2.1	1.0
In high school...	31.7	7.9

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Runners set for Blue Ridge

ECU Cross Country team heads to Boone for Friday test

Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

In the midst of a stimulating season, ECU's cross country team is headed to Boone to compete in the Blue Ridge Invitational this Friday.

The team started the 2014 season strong at The Covered Bridge Invitational. The men's team placed eighth, and the women's team placed fourth at its first meet since last season. In the 6,400-meter course, the top finisher was redshirt senior Chase Miller. Placing 34th, Miller clocked in at 21:53.21.

Miller is at the halfway mark of his final season as a Pirate. During his previous seasons, Miller excelled over his competition. In 2013, Miller achieved Conference USA Third Team Honors.

"It came together for a goal that I wanted for basically my whole college career," said Miller.

During his premier season in 2010, Miller was chosen as the team's top freshman.

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

The women's team raced in the 5K. Caroline Reiser, sophomore transfer from FIU completed the 5K finishing in 14th clocking in at 19:30.34.

The next Pirate to cross the finish line was sophomore Caitlyn Sheva who finished with a time of 19:55.74 placing her in 22nd place.

Following the Covered Bridge Invitational, the Pirates headed to The Wolfpack/Adidas Invitational. Both men's and women's sides earned third place finishes. The Pirates accumulated 104 team points that placed the team ahead of UNC Wilmington (141) in fourth, and UNC Greensboro (168), in fifth.

Two Pirates broke their personal best scores during the meet. Redshirt junior Brather Cline achieved his personal best time of 15:34.8. Cline was the first male Pirate to cross the finish line in 21st place.

The next Pirate to cross the finish line was sophomore Abel Teclé. Just six seconds behind Cline, Teclé placed 24th clocking in at 15:40.5.

Crossing the finish line in 25th place was redshirt senior Chase Miller with a time of 15:48.3. Exactly one second later, freshman Jorge Montes crossed the finish line at 15:49.3, placing 27th.

The first female Pirate to complete the



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The Pirates recently learned they will be traveling to Boone for The Covered Ridge Invitational. Both teams are looking to build off early success.

race was sophomore Caroline Reiser, who's performance placed her in 22nd, achieving a time 18:18.1.

On the women's side, redshirt senior Michelle Bailey broke her personal record with a new time 18:26.9, earning a 25th place finish overall.

Five places behind Bailey, in 30th place, was junior Shewit Weldense. Her time, 18:48.1, was two seconds better than her time at last season's race (18:50.5).

Sophomore Caitlyn Sheva clocked in at 18:51.4 in 32nd place. Sophomore Sydney Teague (19:00.2) and sophomore Maura McDonnell (19:30.4) locked into the top 50 spots by placing in 38th and 44th respectively.

The Pirates most recent competition was at The Paul Short Invitational at Lehigh University on Oct. 4. Both men's and women's teams placed in 37th, respectively.

Freshman runner Jorge Montes led the Pirates during the men's 8k distance. Montes set a time of 25:37 bringing him in 147th place. Montes, who entered the school year injured, is still doing well with rehab. He is getting better each week during practices and race performances.

Seven seconds behind Montes, in a herd of runners, was Teclé. Following Teclé nine seconds later was Cline. The top three finishers clocked in before the 26-minute mark. Teclé earned a 171st place finish with his time of

25:44. Cline finished in 194th with a 25:53 time.

In the women's 6k, Sheva was the first female Pirate to cross the finish line. Her 22:13 time earned her a 150 place finish. Ten places behind her was Reiser timing in at 22:17.

"I can't promise that anyone is going to break the world record," said Head Coach Dan Lee. "Bottom line is that we're going to work hard and they're going to work hard. Hopefully everything works out well."

This is the first year that the Pirates are competing in the Blue Ridge Invitational.

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Diagnosing ECU's up-and-down wins



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Fans and pollsters alike might be scratching their heads after ECU's 28-17 comeback victory over the South Florida Bulls on Saturday. It was, after all, the second consecutive game in which the No. 18 Pirates did not win in the fashion they expected.

Perhaps the Pirates haven't underachieved, though. It can be easy to forget just how good this ECU team looked during its non-conference gauntlet, especially the 70-41 beat down on the Tar Heels. That win caught the attention of a national audience and declared ECU as a legitimate contender for a shot at one of the three major bowl games—which is awarded to the highest-ranked team of the "Group-of-Five" conferences that are not a part of the "Power Five."

Sure, it would be reassuring to those keeping a close eye on this year's Pirates if the team would just blow out lesser American Athletic Conference opponents every week, but what's really the difference between a winning margin of 30 points and 10 when we look back at these games in December? The main objective should be to take care of business and have faith that their strength of schedule will help them stand out against other ranked "Group-of-Five" teams and more specifically, Marshall.

Marshall just cracked the Top 25 this week after downing Middle Tennessee 49-24. Its sizeable margin of victory has been a common theme with its

closest victory coming in week one, a 15-point win against Miami (Ohio). The Thundering Herd have shown no signs of slowing down either and they have the luxury of possibly playing in a conference championship game, which should make some folks around Greenville a little bit nervous.

But let's take a step back and look at who Marshall has played so far this season. The list consists of Miami (Ohio), Rhode Island, Ohio, Akron, Old Dominion and Middle Tennessee. All of the sudden things don't seem so bad to the Pirate faithful.

Strength of schedule was something that was emphasized when the College Football Playoff was introduced so at the end of the season, if the Pirates sit at 11-1 with an American Athletic Conference title, it would be shocking to see them miss out on an access bowl.

Does it really matter if the Pirates continue to perform under the spread? College football isn't a walk in the park, especially in conference play where the team is going to take a team's best-shot week in and week out. A comeback victory could even be seen as refreshing to some outsiders. It's more or less the precedent. Now we know this team can do it and doesn't have to score early to win.

Despite the slimmer-than-expected margin of victory for ECU on Saturday, this team proved once again that it is capable of weathering the storm and left the field at Raymond James Stadium one game closer to a major bowl game.

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USF WIN continued from A1

Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida, Saturday night. In a tale of two halves, the Pirates emerged from halftime and scored 21 unanswered points.

Despite the win, it was undoubtedly a frustrating night for the Pirates on both sides of the ball. They committed 12 penalties for a season-high 128 yards, including two costly horse collar penalties early on in the game.

"We watched the film and understand that things are called a little differently here than Conference USA," said senior quarterback Shane Carden. "We have to learn and turn it around right now. We can't keep playing the way we've been doing because we can't have all those penalties; they're hurting way too much."

Senior Breon Allen headed the Pirates' ground game with 18 carries for 224 yards as well as the four-yard touchdown rush that gave ECU its first lead of the game, 21-17, with 11:42 left in the fourth quarter.

Carden converted 24 of his 33 pass attempts for a season-low 250 passing yards, but threw Allen his first career touchdown reception in the first quarter. Senior receiver Justin Hardy led all receivers with ten catches for 114 yards. In his return from a two-game suspension, fellow senior Cam Worthy caught five receptions for 56 yards.

After USF quarterback Mike White established senior receiver Andre Davis and freshman running back Marlon Mack early in the game, ECU's defense held the Bulls scoreless for the final 30 minutes.

Junior inside linebacker Zeek Bigger recorded nine tackles while junior outside linebacker Montese Overton notched seven tackles for the Pirates.

Freshman running back Marquez Grayson's first career touchdown—a 24-yard haul to the end zone in the third quarter—initiated the Pirates' second-half surge.

"It was one in a million," said Grayson on his inaugural touchdown rush. "Everything happened so fast. I didn't even know it was a touchdown until I turned around. It was a dive and not many people get that experience that."

Another freshman, Anthony Scott, provided some insurance with his 20-yard touchdown run to give ECU a 28-17 lead in the fourth quarter. Both backs were incredibly efficient, averaging nine yards a carry from nine combined attempts.

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