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MYLES TRAVITZ | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Boys and Girls Club of Greenville is encouraging students to come out and volunteer with some of Greenville's youths at the non-profit organization.

Non-profit recruits ECU

Jessica Wyant
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Boys and Girls Club of Greenville is collaborating with East Carolina University classrooms by showcasing the volunteer opportunities for students associated with the non-profit organization.

The mission of the Boys and Girls Club is "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens."

According to the the Boys and Girls Club presentation, one out of five youths live in poverty, 28 percent of youths in Greenville live in

poverty and three out of ten will not graduate from high school on time. The Boys and Girls Club takes on all of these issues while working with children at their facilities.

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Meeting discusses Pirate Rant

Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

The Black Student Union held a general assembly meeting last night with a panel of speakers to discuss the issue of possible under-representation on ECU's campus.

Members of the discussion panel included Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Virginia Hardy, BSU Vice President Jasmine Troy, Editor-in-Chief of The East Carolinian Jessica Richmond, Student Media Advisor John Harvey, Director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Melissa Haithcox-Dennis, SGA Vice President Jake Srednicki, Sga Speaker Tyler Moore, the Interim Assistant Director of Student Activities and Assessment, Darius Barrow and the Assistant Director for the Central Reservations Office, Chris Chappell.

The major point of discussion

Junior athlete starts promising R&B career



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Blake (18) rises for a serve in a 2014 match.

Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

Her family's rich athletic history includes a 1991 Peach Bowl victory, a Pro Bowl caliber quarterback for a father and a three-time Super Bowl winning uncle, but Torre Blake, a junior volleyball player, is blazing her own path.

Music is her passion; something she said was instilled in her from a young age from church choirs to starting to write while she was in high school.

"I took a creative writing class and I just fell in love with it," said Blake. "I was always interested in writing, but I think that just sparked it more."

Blake then started to meet producers and get into the studio to record tracks. Before the start of her junior campaign, she had the opportunity to go to New York City and make new contacts and connections in the music world.

Blake she doesn't have a specific inspiration for her R&B and hip-hop crossover musical style. She lets her own style develop from taking in all different inspirations.

"I don't have a particular genre or artist that I'm like 'that's my artist,' I take from various artists," said Blake. "I think that's what creates your sound, hearing other things and getting new ideas from every single thing."

On the court, Blake has continued her success from last season and is a major piece to the Lady Pirates' continued development. She has notched 18 kills, good for sixth on the team. Blake is also a critical server for the Pirates with four service aces on the season.

Head Coach Julie Torbett had high praise for her junior outside hitter.

"She's coming in with an aggressive serve, she's ready to fill in for our freshman outside hitter, she's played right side, we utilize her in a lot of different areas," said Torbett. "She's definitely a leader on the team, she's vocal... she's very committed to ECU with family history and that kind of thing. You like to have somebody that is very passionate about the Pirates and know a lot about the history of our athletic program."

Jeff Blake, Torre's father, was a major factor in her decision to become a Pirate. Without her father's influence, she said, she may never have known about ECU.

"I'm so glad he went here because I fell in love with the school right when I came here," Blake said. "The atmosphere, the campus and the people; yeah, he definitely influenced me."

Jeff can be partially credited with putting ECU on the map as a football program. The Pirates' owned a losing record in 1990 before



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Blake (18) is an upperclassman and a vocal leader on the court for ECU.

righting the ship and earning a Peach Bowl victory over NC State. Blake said knowing of her father's success in helping to turn around a program fueled her desire for similar successes.

As an incoming freshman, her Pirates had won four games in two years. Her freshman season saw the same result with just two wins. However, under the new regime of Torbett and her staff, the Lady Pirates won 13 games in 2013.

"It's still a process, turning a program around takes time, but I think we are improving," said Blake. "We have basically a totally new team and we still have to work on our team chemistry and just keep grinding it out."

Blake's uncle, Robert Jones, won three Super Bowls as a member of the Dallas Cowboys and was a first round selection after the 1991 season. His son and Torre's cousin, Isaiah, are close friends. A smile blew over Blake's face when talking about him.

"Seeing success in both of our programs has been awesome," said Blake, whose Pirates stand at 6-4. "He's such a great kid and we're cheering each other on. It's so nice to have family here and watching each other grow has been amazing."

Blake knows her music career is something that will take time to develop, but like she has learned early on in her collegiate athletic career, it's worth the wait.

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BRIEFS

Christian relief organization sends supplies to West Africa

A North Carolina Christian relief organization is sending 100 tons of supplies to parts of west Africa that are struggling to prevent the spread of the Ebola virus.

The plane with the supplies was scheduled to leave the Charlotte Douglas International Airport on Wednesday.

Pitt County Police Department bans sweepstakes parlors

Police Departments in Pitt County began enforcing the ban on sweepstakes parlors on Wednesday.

Sweepstakes businesses were given over a month's notice and had to stop operating at midnight on Tuesday. The Grifton Police Department joined the Greenville Police Department in ensuring that businesses stick to the ban.

Airmen show Pirate pride in photos from Afghanistan

On Wednesday, Jay Leno and Al Roker visited Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan.

Two of the men who took photos with Leno and Roker displayed the pirate flag for the photos. Senior Airman Nathan Smith and 1st Lieutenant Chris Niswonger are both ECU graduates and imitated hook hands while posing with the pirate nation flag.

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Greenville Police Department Chief of Police Hassan Aden spoke at the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Candlelight Vigil on October 1st.

Greenville remembers victims

The Department of Justice recognizes Pitt County for their efforts in preventing domestic violence homicide in the area

Collyn Sheaffer
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Department of Justice has chosen Pitt County as one of four national sites for Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention.

This is not the first time Pitt County has been chosen to participate in prevention against domestic violence. In 2013, Pitt County was chosen to be one out of 12 sites nationally to be a part of Phase I activities, which included an intensive review of the county's "readiness to implement a model of domestic violence homicide prevention" according to the Pitt County press release regarding the decision.

Federal teams evaluated certain aspects of the Sheriff's Office in Pitt County and other emergency response teams.

This also included many activities such

as stakeholders meetings with professionals and domestic violence advocates. These specific meetings evaluated Pitt County's "internal readiness with policies and procedures as well as their ability to provide research data" according to Melissa Larson, grant administrator at the Pitt County Sheriff's Office.

Pitt County will be implementing the Lethality Assessment Protocol, or LAP Model. During this model, police officers will have a specific set of well thought out questions to ask victims in domestic violence cases. The victim's answers to these questions will be evaluated to see if this situation seems like something that could lead to a future threat or homicide. This is one way to possibly save people's lives that are threatened by people they trust.

There are other national sites, even in

North Carolina, that have implemented the same kind of prevention awareness but without using the LAP Model. There are only four national sites using the LAP Model and these sites will be the only ones that qualify to be evaluated by the federal teams.

The local initiative in Pitt County will be led by the Pitt County Sherriff's Office with help from the Center for Family Violence, the City of Greenville Police Department and research teams at UNC at Chapel Hill. The Center for Family Violence Prevention hosted a candlelight vigil on Oct. 1st to show support for the families who have lost loved ones.

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GPD: Man displays gun to steal phone

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An armed robbery occurred on Tuesday at Pirate Place Apartments on Charles Blvd. The robbery took place at approximately 5:20 p.m.

The suspect was described as a black male, wearing a red/white checkered shirt and tan pants.

The suspect reportedly showed a handgun and took the male victim's phone while at the parking lot of Pirate Place Apartments. The suspect then fled on foot towards Charles Street. No injuries were reported.

According to ECU Alert, the suspect was last seen heading towards Ficklen Drive.

"We got the call around 5:15 p.m. but there was a 10-15 minute delay in reporting due to the fact the victim tried to chase the suspect," said Kristen Hunter, Greenville Police Department public information officer. "We are looking into the possibility that there could be a connection between the suspect and the victim. No arrests have been made at this point but the investigation is ongoing."

The Greenville Police Department canine unit was brought to the scene for further assistance.

An ECU Alert was sent out at 5:43 p.m. announcing the location of the robbery and encouraging students to follow ECU safety tips. At 6:04 p.m., another ECU Alert was sent out announcing that the dangerous situation had ended and the area was searched thoroughly by police officers.

ECU also sent out an alert email to encourage students not to walk alone at night and report any suspicious or criminal activity.

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WEB PHOTO

Patients have been treated in Greenville for the Human Enterovirus D-68.

Greenville treats rare virus victims

Karson Daisey
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Between August and September, more than 200 children have been treated for Human Enterovirus D-68, a rare respiratory illness that is quickly spreading throughout the nation.

Recent outbreaks have been found in 40 U.S. states, now including North Carolina.

Enterovirus D-68 presents itself as a cold with common symptoms being coughing, fever, runny nose and sneezing. It is usually found during the summer and fall seasons.

According to the National Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the virus can spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes or by touching contaminated surfaces.

All cases have been found in children, with the exception of one adult. The age at highest risk is children five and under. This virus is not common; therefore most immune systems in younger people are not equipped for an outbreak like this. There is no known treatment for the virus at this time, but no cases have been linked to fatality.

CDC is working with state and local health departments to enhance their capacity and to better identify outbreaks. Six

outbreaks of EV-D68 have been found in North Carolina, all in different areas. Two out of those six patients were treated at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville.

Vidant recently sent out a release that stated, "Because the testing conducted on site at Vidant Medical Center suggested the presence of Enterovirus D-68, the appropriate care was delivered right away."

Enterovirus D-68 is most commonly found in children that already suffer from asthma.

Prevention is the best option since there are no medical vaccines and no specific treatments currently for the virus. People with asthma are advised to make sure they are taking their medications as prescribed.

"If coughing turns into wheezing and flu and cold symptoms aren't getting better, you should be tested for the virus," said Amy Holcombe, junior media specialist for Vidant Medical Center.

Some things to do to help protect from EV-D68 and prevent the spreading of the virus are as follows: wash hands often, do not touch the face with unwashed hands, do not come

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Law may affect state fair



WEB PHOTO

North Carolina's most recent gun law may allow citizens to bring concealed firearms to this year's N.C. State Fair.

Recent state gun law may allow citizens to bring concealed firearms to this year's N.C. state fair

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The state's most recent gun law may allow concealed firearms at this year's N.C. State Fair, where they have been forbidden for decades.

Grass Roots North Carolina, an advocate group for gun owners, plans to file a legal action establishing the right under state law, according to representatives.

Fair officials, meanwhile, are considering stepped-up security and plan to continue the yearly event's no-guns policy.

"We're not changing any policy that we've had in the past," said Steve Troxler, the state's agriculture commissioner and the head of the fair. "Hopefully... we'll get the word out now: Leave them in the car."

Fair officials became aware about two weeks ago of the possibility that state law could allow guns at the fair, according to spokesman Brian Long. Troxler spoke Monday with members of

Grass Roots and learned that the group thinks the fair's no-guns policy now is illegal, Long said.

Josette Chmiel, director of development for Grass Roots, said that the legality of weapons at the fair is clear.

"It's black and it's white, and it's in House Bill 937," she said, referring to a law passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Pat McCrory in summer 2013. The fair's insistence on keeping guns out is wrongheaded, Chmiel said Tuesday.

"If you want to make sure it's safe, you need to make sure you're targeting criminals," she said, arguing that concealed-carry permit holders are responsible and that an increased number of permitted guns would not bring any increase in violence or injuries to the fair.

"As usual, the wrong people are being targeted here," she said. Troxler said some legislators

told him in private that the bill was neither expected nor intended to allow guns at the fair. He did not name the legislators.

But Rep. George Cleveland, a Jacksonville Republican and a primary sponsor of the bill, said the new law should allow concealed weapons at the State Fair.

"There was nothing in the bill that I could remember that said that the agricultural fair was exempt, or that the parking area... was exempted," he said. "We've said that wherever crowds gathered, concealed carry was allowed."

Neither of the bill's other primary sponsors could be reached for comment Tuesday night, nor could Gov. McCrory.

Troxler said he would allow concealed-carry permit holders to bring guns to the fair if a court orders it. The event may use more metal

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The Boys and Girls Club combines recreation with the involvement of broader lessons.

"Recreation is healthy, both mentally and physically, it teaches social skills, determination, drive, all things which cannot be taught, but can be advocated," said Donyell Jones, vice president of operations. "Recreation is a great way to form relationships, a way to informally impact kids."

There are many different age groups that attend the club, from kindergarten level all the way through high school.

Dr. Nelson Cooper, a professor in the Recreation and Leisure Department at ECU, held a class at The Boys and Girls Club last Thursday, where Jones spoke about the vision of the club and the requirements necessary in order to fulfill the mission of the club.

"The Boys and Girls Club gives a holistic development alternative to young people,"

said Dr. Cooper. "We are a micropolitan community, the amount of young people The Boys and Girls Club is serving for this community is incredible."

The Boys and Girls Club has grown within the past five years, from 2009 when there were just two clubs in Greenville, to 2014 where currently there is a total of five clubs in Greenville.

There are several opportunities for ECU students at the Boys and Girls Club through volunteer work and part time jobs. As a new volunteer, the club allows students to tutor or help children with their homework.

Some of the opportunities for volunteer work are more hands on, like being a counselor who leads the children in their recreation activities.

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detectors and may bring on more security staff, Long said.

The fair employs hundreds of law enforcement officers across its 100-odd acres. The Wake County Sheriff's Office is the chief agency inside the fair.

Sean Sorrentino, who runs "An NC Gun Blog" said that the issue has been simmering among the most vocal advocates of expanded gun rights since last year.

"(Grass Roots) caught

absolute hell," for failing to push the issue last fall, said Sorrentino, who also runs the group's Twitter account as a volunteer.

It's unclear when Grass Roots' legal motion will be filed, or when a judge will decide whether to overrule the fair's gun ban.

Grass Roots will not encourage gun owners to break the law in any situation, Chmiel said. She declined to say what the

group would do if it does not win its injunction. "We know what the law says, and we're going to fight for the letter of the law," she said.

No relevant legal action had been recorded on the Wake County court system's computerized records as of Tuesday afternoon.

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BSU Vice President, Jasmyn Troy (left), and Dr. Virginia Hardy (right), spoke on the BSU panel.

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was the Pirate Rant that was published in last Thursday's issue of The East Carolinian. Richmond said that the rant was published because it was a student that submitted it and that student has a right to their opinion.

According to Richmond, all Pirate Rants have the potential to be offensive to someone at ECU.

"Pirate Rants are open to everyone," said Richmond. "If all of them said that The East Carolinian was a horrible paper, I would have to publish every single one of them. I have published sexist rants, despite being a female. I have published a lot of rants because a lot of people have different opinions."

However, Richmond does not endorse the rant. "I don't agree with the Pirate Rant that was published either, but the response that came about was not a response to the opinion of the person, which I think should actually be more questioned, but it was instead an attack on free speech and freedom of the press," said Richmond.

Hardy said that she does give Richmond and The East Carolinian some credit because now the responsibility is on the students to decide if the newspaper should continue to pub-

lish rants. Students had the opportunity to vote until 11:30 p.m. last night on The East Carolinian's website on if they wanted to keep the Pirate Rants or not.

Even though the Pirate Rants were a main point of discussion, members of the panel agreed that they weren't really the problem.

Members of the panel said some students do feel underrepresented, but instead of having a huge controversy over issues like this one, the way to stop these issues from coming up again is to start having conversations about them.

Haitcox-Dennis said that the rant could be described as "a symptom of a larger problem" and that there tends to be a theme of underrepresentation in some of the bigger organizations on campus.

"The Pirate Rant was not the main issue, it was like a tipping point for a lot of the other things that have happened on campus and I think that students are looking for a little bit more representation in all aspects of ECU's campus, whether it be in SGA or Student Media or whatever," said Haitcox-Dennis.

Hardy said that students should not wait for this kind of event to happen to

spark a conversation, so they need to begin talking to one another about the issues.

"Until we really start getting to the meat of it, the change won't happen... But this conversation will help make East Carolina better, more improved and more diverse" said Hardy.

Hardy believes that if students feel like their voices aren't being heard, they should be active in changing that. Students need to feel like they have a place at ECU, and Hardy encourages students to make that happen.

"You all can make this campus, this institution, a model, for how folks from all across different walks of life can come together and unite around whatever the cause might be," said Hardy.

Tyler Morrison, the president of BSU said that the purpose of the organization is to serve as a civic, community, social and cultural resource for the black students at ECU. In addition, Morrison said that the organization should promote camaraderie among all students.

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Corrections/Clarifications

In the editorial "Concerning Pirate Rants," Micah Lockhart's quote should have read "SGA should be your advocate on all levels and should not sleep until action is taken."

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper please contact Jessica Richmond, editor@theeastcarolinian.com

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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 love how the people that preach tolerance are only tolerant of views and opinions they approve of.

Someone said a monkey could pass classes at ECU. Try going to nursing school, a**hole!

Engineers are the best tutors! Talk nerdy to me.

ECU rank #8 out of 100 schools as a party school.... I guess that means we need to party more to make ECU the #1 party school

So everyone is predicting the SMU game to be a snoozer. Please pirate fans, stay till the end even if its a blow out. National tv, pirate pride and support for our boys are big incentives.

TEC, not all ECU students support Uriah Ward's Democratic policies just because he's a student. #StudentsforBrianBrown

I want to be Pirate Football's Supervisor of Morale. Oh wait, our fan base alone is actually enough morale. #sorryUNC

Idk why girls care so much about getting an engagement ring, if a guy proposed to me with a giant pack of slim jims and coffee I'm sure I'll say yes

Am I the only girl that likes football only because of the players big bootys in those tight pants?

If ECU is going to keep accepting more people than we have room to accommodate, can we expand the library PLEASE? Getting a study room is like the hunger games.

Who's really worse? The fact someone expressed their opinion or the hatred they received for it?

If you get to the bus stop last you should not be the first one on the bus. Seriously, don't be a jerk.

The library computers are for those working on schoolwork, not for you to watch Netflix on between classes while you eat your lunch.

Kudos to the football stadium's Jumbotron featuring an intro video of our MARCHING Pirates! It was long overdue. Our Cheerleaders should be next.

Freshmen: When you're crossing 10th street and the light turns green, that does not mean to continue to walk slowly across the intersection. Is it going to take one of y'all getting hit to realize you do not have the right away.

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

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Our view

Letters provide public forum

Since the Pirate rant reading "Will someone explain to me why there is no 'White Student Union' I feel under-represented..." was posted, students and professors have come out and voiced their opinions on the rant. We as an editorial staff welcome all views on the rant and believe it is essential that students have the ability to express their views in public forums such as TEC. Whether students hold opinions that support or decry the rant, we believe they should be heard. Whether students agree with TEC's decision to publish the controversial rant or adamantly oppose it, it is still essential that their view be represented. This is why we provide students the option to submit

Letters to the Editor. We are fortunate to have received multiple Letters to the Editor concerning the rant and how its publication was handled. We have decided as an editorial board to run every single Letter to the Editor we received concerning this rant.

We would like the Letters to the Editor to continue. Student opinions are very important to this paper, which is why we have an opinion page in the first place. We hope that this event will inspire future Letters to the Editor on a wide range of topics and concerns. Student voices should be heard, and we as an editorial board hope this event will encourage students to speak up.

Men should back feminists



Maddie Lee
TEC COLUMNIST

Harry Potter actress Emma Watson recently made a statement to the United Nations about how men should get involved in the feminist movement globally. She is correct, but she has been attacked for speaking her mind.

After her speech, Watson started the HeForShe movement, to get men involved in feminism across the world. She stated that if men never get involved in the movement, the fight against misogyny will never be over. Many have agreed with Watson and her message, and she has many followers starting their own HeForShe movements globally.

After the movement began, a website told Watson that if she kept doing what she believed in, a timer would count down and would expose nude photos of the star at its end. The website, which actually turned out to be a hoax, is still part of the problem.

The fact that a woman's body can still be used as a weapon against them shows that there is still misogyny in the world. With the recent nude photo leaks that have come about from actresses Jennifer Lawrence and Scarlett Johansson and other celebrities, it becomes clear; nude photos are becoming the new weapons of misogyny in the digital age.

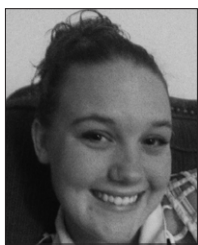
This is evident in everyday life. Some women choose to take nude photos of themselves and may send it to whomever they trust. While I am not condoning sending pictures out into cyberspace, they are sometimes used as a weapon against these females to "get back at them" or simply to just embarrass them. It ruins their entire lives, when really, it shouldn't. No one should ever be ashamed of their body, and the fact that everyone seeing it could tear a woman's life to pieces is only a small part of a large problem.

The fact that women are still shamed for their form by photos, the media and even by breastfeeding, proves Watson correct. If we as women cannot get men on the feminist movement with us, it will only go nowhere, and our efforts will have been for nothing. If more men got onboard with fighting for equality for women, there would be less victim-blaming and body-shaming in the media. Without feeling ashamed of their bodies, women could dress how they wanted to without fear that someone would judge them, and therefore, with confidence, we become more powerful.

I encourage the men of the world to stand for equal rights between women and men. I believe the world would be a better place with it. You would be surprised at the impact that a woman's power can have.

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Toilet paper needs a change



Kendel Bly
TEC COLUMNIST

Housekeeping doesn't hear many complaints from students, faculty or staff members at East Carolina University but when they do, it's usually about the fact that the school only provides one-ply toilet paper in its dorms, classroom and office buildings. ECU needs to purchase a higher quality toilet paper and provide it in the dorms at the very least. Many students who live on campus crave the two-ply comfort of home and have resorted to buying their own toilet paper, even if they have to go out of their way to get it.

Students pay enough money to live on campus to be offered toilet paper in their restrooms that is thicker, more comfortable and doesn't rip so easily. The Residence Hall association has discussed improving the quality of toilet paper used in dorms and members agree that the current paper is too thin and needs to be changed. Administrators are hesitant to purchase higher quality toilet paper because of the impact it may have on the budget, but if they took a closer look, they would see that a change would be beneficial.

Duke University recently upgraded from one-ply to two-ply toilet paper in 2013 and Director of Housekeeping Albert Scott said it has been more cost effective to provide a better quality paper on the entire Duke campus. He said that purchasing two-ply paper didn't hurt the bottom line at Duke since the new two-ply rolls have about 1,000 feet of paper while the old one-ply rolls only had 800 feet. Also, the new paper costs less than .001 cents more per foot.

Another major positive to using two-ply around campus is that people use less tissue and this helps to save toilet paper. With one-ply, you typically have to use way more paper to achieve desired results and I've heard students say that it's almost like using sandpaper.

Administrators at ECU need to look at all the facts and consider how much a simple change like upgrading the toilet paper around campus could make a big difference. There needs to be more consideration for the comfort of students, staff and faculty members who spend several hours on campus every day or that are here 24/7 and deserve a toilet paper that gives more than it takes. I understand why administrators are cautious when it comes to making changes that could possibly



Duke University upgraded to two-ply paper in 2013.

affect the budget and I appreciate this. However, if they can make time and room in their budget for all the major construction projects around campus, they certainly should be able to take on a minor project that will be cost effective and improve the quality of every student's experience at ECU.

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<h3>Poll results</h3> <p>Do you want to keep Pirate Rants?</p> <p>Yes - 90% No - 10%</p>	<h3>Poll question</h3> <p>Should ECU upgrade its toilet paper?</p> <p>Visit theeastcarolinian.com to vote.</p>
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Do you want to keep Pirate Rants?

Yes	89.6%
No	10.4%

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Liberal arts is necessary at ECU



Joseph Paul
TEC COLUMNIST

Public education is a highly debated theme in modern politics, especially at the state level. While primarily tasked with education, state public university systems are among the major contributors to innovation and economic development in the United States. However, in the tense public budget climate, many public officials have criticized

these institutions for inadequately preparing students for success in the real world. Governors Pat McCrory (R-NC) and Rick Scott (R-FL) recently denounced public university systems in their own states for housing large programs in liberal arts and vowed to eliminate them. As evidenced by the decline of public university systems in both North Carolina and Florida, this assault on the liberal arts can have far reaching consequences but also poses a threat to the future of ECU.

Liberal arts include many of the programs we find in our College of Arts and Sciences—anything from history to biology to languages to geology. Programs in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are the most notable opponent to the diversity of liberal arts in higher education and have dominated educational dialogue for decades. The exclusive and excessive focus on STEM is an artifact of the Cold War era when the national focus was



LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAMS CAN INCREASE EMPLOYABILITY FOR STUDENTS.

on military defense against the Soviet Union. However, the current age is characterized by a variety of industries, many of which demand increasingly dynamic employees who can make connections and quickly interpret changing social, economic, and cultural themes in the context of their work. Indeed, a growing number of leaders within STEM fields cite their experiences with the liberal arts as the most influential components of their success. These skills do not only complement an education in science in technology, they are necessary to be competitive in the modern workplace.

The most obvious advantage for ECU to advance the liberal arts is increased quality and quantity of employment for its students. A more pressing reality is that a diminished focus on the liberal arts at ECU would undoubtedly destine

our university to mediocrity. Over the past decade, the rapid growth of professional schools (not unlike STEM education) has quickly cast a shadow on the College of Arts and Sciences. In many cases, the university provided infrastructure for the goal of “regional transformation” without enough academic creativity to fuel it. Moreover, the rigid organization of the resource-rich professional schools does not permit extensive collaboration or research outside of its predefined scope of objectives.

How can the strategic advancement of liberal arts be a remedy for these issues? Historically, comprehensive education and research emanating from the liberal arts provides the foundation for the collaborative discovery of solutions to a range of problems from devising public policy to creating new biomedical technologies. In the short term, I encourage university leadership to take advantage of our presence in health sciences and catalyze relationships between faculty on east and west campus to study disease and health care. Additionally, ECU should empower young and talented faculty with the means to pursue higher-risk research and creative activity rather than overwhelming them with unmanageable teaching responsibilities.

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Letters regarding Pirate Rants SGA speaker of the Senate responds to rant controversy



Tyler Moore
GUEST COLUMNIST

Let me start by saying that I am deeply troubled by the Pirate Rant that was published last Thursday. However, I do not support the forced censorship of any media outlet. Despite the assertions made in Tuesday's edition of The East Carolinian (TEC), no Student Government Association (SGA) executive officer has advocated for censorship of TEC. The First Amendment protects TEC, just as it

protects the students, and SGA officials, who voiced their opposition to the Pirate Rant. That being said, I do believe that TEC could have handled the situation in a much more professional manner; I do condemn the threats of violence against anyone involved. I also believe that TEC could have been much more understanding in dealing with the response to the Pirate Rant due to the offensive nature of the Rant.

While I believe the Pirate Rant in question was at best ignorant, and at worst bigoted, there is potential for the Pirate Rant in question to do more good

than harm. The Pirate Rant in question has challenged SGA to continue and deepen open dialogues with multi-cultural organizations on campus. These are organizations that are a key part of the East Carolina community and organizations that SGA has, frankly, done a poor job at representing in the past. My hope is that SGA will follow up the open dialogue with meaningful action.

As Speaker, it is my foremost priority to ensure that SGA is both representative and inclusive. I fully expect the student body to hold myself, as well as SGA as a whole, accountable to that priority. I

would ask TEC to help foster the open dialogue I mention in a positive way, not to add fuel to the flames. Just as I believe that TEC has a role to help foster meaningful dialogue, I believe all students have a role in this process. It is vital to East Carolina that we are a diverse, inclusive, and sensitive campus if we want to truly be leaders on campus and in the world.

Your Humble Servant,

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Rants need some internal censorship

I want you to know that I stand behind you, your staff, and the entire East Carolinian. I think the past week has been stressful enough for everybody, but please don't ever doubt the courage you have in doing your job. I think you serve the ECU community in a very unique role that is always subject to some degree of scrutiny that is aiming directly at you. However, your job is to report the facts and be the voice of the students that no level of government can ever be; a job that you are doing very well.

As for the rant I think it is pretty clear that it should have never been published. Could you have foreseen the ensuing mess that has been brought along by the rant? Maybe. Maybe not. Race relations around the world, especially in the United States, are more tense today than they have been in a very long time. The press has an incredible opportunity to impact our society

for the greater good. This isn't accomplished through censorship or the denial of free speech, but rather through encouraging a culture that is accepting of people from all walks of life.

Up until this point Brother Ross has been one of the most controversial figures I have known on campus. His message is harsh and dividing, but he stands on principle nonetheless. He has a right to have his voice heard. This student also has a right to have his voice heard, but perhaps much like Brother Ross it should be on his own terms. I believe where The East Carolinian failed is in the perception that the paper has served as this students podium to impose his own personal hate on the ECU community.

I do not think, or support, any action that would require The East Carolinian to operate under a microscope and be subject to censorship at every level. However, I

do support a certain level of internal censorship that is necessary to dodge situations such as this. We have a responsibility to society to discourage hate and support unison. In efforts to encourage healthier race relations I do not think anyone, even a newspaper that just reports the truth, can tolerate this type of upsetting behavior. Pirate Rants serve as the students soap box. This is a good thing and I hope they stay!

Great article this morning! Stay strong and continue to stand on principle. You are doing a wonderful job. Do not let the firestorm of emails, tweets, and various other comments bring you down. In fact, I would encourage you to be careful in how much you read them. Best of luck to you, and always remember I am standing with you!

Keep the Faith,
Paul Whittington

ECU students need unity on racial issues

Here at East Carolina University, these past few weeks have been challenging for us all. As we are all aware, a fellow Pirate was a victim of hate-themed vandalism.

Along with this, offensive remarks were made in the rant section of The East Carolinian seemingly as an attempt to belittle the under-representation of minority students. Social infringement due to race, gender and religion has birthed an empathy many of us can relate to. The effects of social injustices at East Carolina University has reached the necessary threshold to spark a real, long lasting change on our campus. We now realize that WE have the power to restructure our environment into forms which are comfortable for ALL students, faculty and staff. When we raise our voices alone the sound is faint, but when we raise our voices together, our cry echoes throughout the world. Unification is our strength. It allows us to move in a single body, strengthening our collective force.

However, the necessary ingredient for obtaining such a force is through a UNIFIED VISION. It is now OUR responsibility to set the proper foundation to assure that the children of tomorrow may reap the benefits of our efforts. Let us now redefine what it means to be a Pirate. Let us now re-envision the #NewECU.

Tyree Barnes

Violence does not solve racism debate

I am so flabbergasted and slightly ashamed in my fellow pirates. Something I have always prided myself as an ECU student is our unique and diverse atmosphere. We think act dress and come from different places yet our Pirate pride unites us.

I have been at ECU for maybe more then the traditional four-year term and a custom I have grown to love are The East Carolinian Pirate Rants. Not only awesome and usually hilarious Pirate Rants are an excellent student outlet. Twice a week we open our student newspaper and we get insight on what is happening on our campus from different student perspectives. This unique outlet keeps us connected on a more personal level to our student body. These are just anonymous comments made by our peers; Opinions thoughts jokes an inside look to the unique world we live in.

I am ashamed at the response to hear that people were taking out there anger and hate in violent responses towards the paper. How does your violence and aggression solve the real problem of racism?

We are in college now. We have to reach certain level of maturity. Read and comment and have a voice it is your right, but be respectful and kind. I as a die hard team ECU party on Tuesday at dollar night Peedee stalker fan, I would be so sad to have my pirate rants gone or censored.

Meg Purtle

Freedoms shouldn't require defense

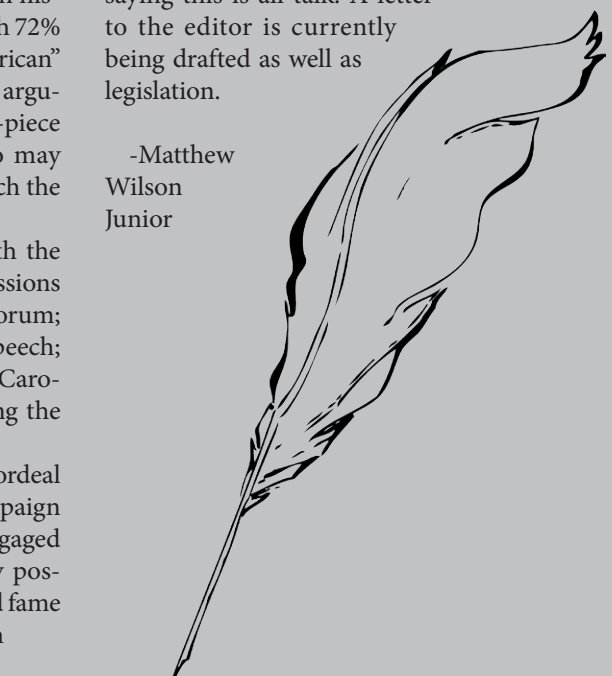
The backlash regarding the Pirate Rant highlighting the lack of a “White Student Union” is misguided and pathetic. Firstly, there is no way a thinking person could have taken those words seriously. It is clear that “Whites” have been historically well-represented in academia. With 72% “White” enrollment and 15% “African-American” enrollment it is hard to imagine a legitimate argument otherwise. Instead this insipid bait-piece was facetiously written by someone who may be racist; or another form of stupid in which the affected believes themselves clever.

Whatever the case it was published with the same scrutiny that all anonymous submissions receive prior to being published to public forum; none. This is the essence of Freedom of Speech; and should not require defense. The East Carolinian Staff is not responsible for censoring the public.

The most disgusting aspect of this entire ordeal is the painfully obvious glorification campaign ECU SGA Senator Micah Lockhart has engaged in. In possibly the most ‘Sarah Palin’ way possible; he has attempted to gain notoriety and fame on the back of an ethnicity-based witch hunt with his publicly available twitter

account as but one conduit. The only entity with the power to suppress Freedom of Speech is a government, and the irony that Mr. Lockhart is tweeting statements like “Oh, and to those saying this is all talk. A letter to the editor is currently being drafted as well as legislation.

-Matthew Wilson Junior



Professor supports rights

I hope you are doing well when you receive this email. I know you have been dealing with a lot as of late but I am emailing you to voice my support for how you have handled this situation and what you said in your write up. As a faculty member of almost 10 years at ECU one of my routines is picking up the East Carolinian and reading what is going on here at ECU. Pirate Rants is one of my favorite sections because it does allow a great avenue for people to voice their inner thoughts and opinions regarding various topics on campus. I also have used the East Carolinian as a teaching tool. I currently teach HMG1500 – Diversity Issues in Hospitality Management and often find myself referencing the topics addressed in TEC. I think you should be applauded for what you are doing and for how you have handled the situation so far. I look forward to this tense situation bringing about difficult, but important dialogues regarding the place of TEC in the ECU Pirate Culture and how it helps bring things to light that need to be discussed so things can continue to get better on what I consider to be an amazing place.

Best regards,

Dave R.

David Rivera, Jr., PhD
Associate Professor
School of Hospitality Leadership

Offensive rant seems to condone

I am messaging you in regards to your article “Concerning the Pirate Rants.” Please explain to me how censoring racist or sexist rants is akin to censoring rants on underage drinking or administration, that is one of the most idiotic statements I have ever read. Surely you see the difference between someone taking issue with a professor giving too many homework assignments and somebody insulting an entire race of people. They are completely different, and if you can’t understand a concept that simple, I don’t understand how you were hired. While I understand that you and the rest of the staff do not write the pirate rants, you must understand that publishing offensive rants makes it seem as if you are approving them, or at least deeming them appropriate. Personally, I did not believe the rant that started this was racist, simply ignorant. However,

I don’t understand the reason behind censoring the rants today, your staff could simply instate a policy saying that you don’t accept racist, sexist, or homophobic rants. In my four years at ECU, I have never known of any controversy surrounding the pirate rants, which means that the vast majority of the rants you publish must not be seen as offensive by all that many people, if any, so it isn’t like you would be losing a large amount of rants if you refused to publish rants that might be deemed offensive by a large portion of Greenville and East Carolina University’s population. The rants are approved at the discretion of your staff, therefore it is your responsibility to make sure the things you publish are appropriate.

Sincerely,

Brandon Reed

The speech presented in the Pirate Rant is offensive not hateful

On September 25th, 2014, an anonymous Pirate Rant was published in The East Carolinian. It read: “Will someone explain to me why there is no ‘White Student Union’ I feel underrepresented...” This set off a chain of negative reactions. These were addressed by a forum on campus, individuals reaching out to the Student Senate, and a response article by Jessica Richmond in the September 30th, 2014 issue of The East Carolinian. My answer: end free speech.

It is clear that our society simply does not need free speech anymore. Forget the First Amendment. Student Senator Micah Lockhart, in his response to Ms. Richmond’s response to his original statement, said on an image posted to Twitter, “I said that we won’t sleep until this issue is address (sic) and TEC is held accountable for publishing and providing a platform, therefor promoting, hate speech that is in direct opposition to the morals of this university.” I could not agree more with Mr. Lockhart and all the students he “represents.” Shut them down, end the hate! Perhaps we are overlooking something, though.

The speech presented in the Pirate Rant is offensive, not hateful. Had the speech been hateful, had it advocated for the disenfranchisement of any individual or group based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, etc. there might be something to discuss beyond individual

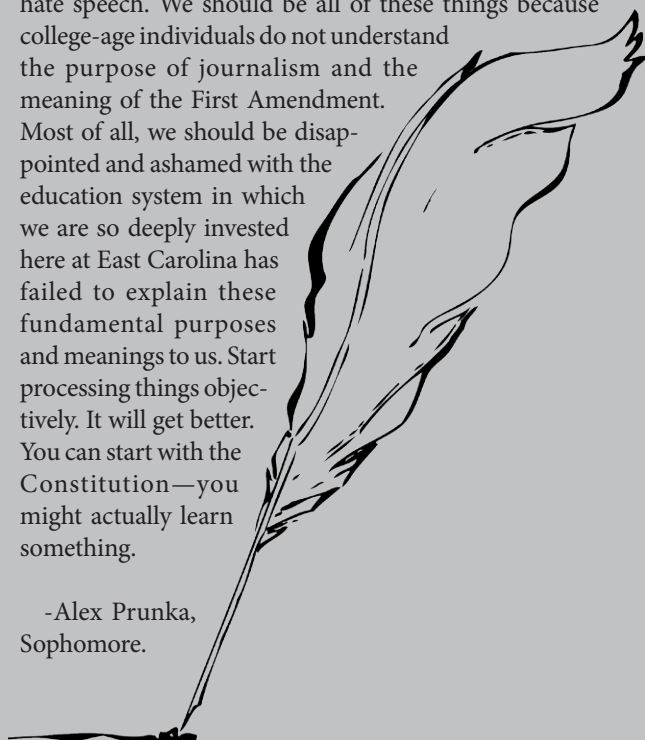
displeasure. There is not, though. You can be offended someone said that, but why hate our campus newspaper for doing its job?

If there is such an uproar, such a call to action from organizations and “government” representatives, it should be for education, not for reprimand. The East Carolinian has a duty to present the opinions of as many members of this great community as possible on its pages. Unfortunately, sometimes other peoples’ views can be seen as offensive. If you want those censored out, where does it end? First it is the “offensive” views. Then falls the entire opinion section. After that, maybe the whole newspaper should go. If we are getting rid of The East Carolinian for being potentially offensive maybe John Stewart, Stephen Colbert, Family Guy, Southpark, and dozens of other television programs should be pulled. Shut down the publication of the National Enquirer. Ban Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity from radio.

The First Amendment exists to protect the individual, the press, and religion. It is the first because it is the most important. Be offended all you want, but do not for one second declare your personal offence to be broad reaching hate because the minute you do, you invalidate dozens of other mediums of information and entertainment. There should be outrage.

We should be angry, but not because demagogues like Micah Lockhart have deemed offensive speech to be hate speech. We should be all of these things because college-age individuals do not understand the purpose of journalism and the meaning of the First Amendment. Most of all, we should be disappointed and ashamed with the education system in which we are so deeply invested here at East Carolina has failed to explain these fundamental purposes and meanings to us. Start processing things objectively. It will get better. You can start with the Constitution—you might actually learn something.

-Alex Prunka,
Sophomore.



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Dowdy welcomes SMU

ECU hits American schedule



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Pirate students packed the Boneyard during ECU's previous win over North Carolina. The football team will be looking for similar support Saturday vs. SMU.

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

Even without facing any American Athletic Conference opponents yet, the Pirates have already made quite the first impression in their new league. No. 22 ECU (3-1) is currently the league's only ranked team and is considered by many to be the frontrunner to win the American Championship, thanks to "Power Five" conference wins against Virginia Tech and North Carolina.

Although it is the Pirates' American debut, the Mustangs (0-4) likely won't demonstrate the usual talent level that the Pirates will see in the rest of their conference games. SMU has been outscored 202-12 this season and is the lone winless team in The American.

So far, just a few of the Pirates' scheduled conference contests appear to be real tests, starting with a road game at Temple on Nov. 1.

The Owls (3-1) are the only team in the league — aside from the Pirates — with three wins, which includes a "Power Five" win at Vanderbilt in week one. They followed that up with a 31-24 loss to Navy, a 59-0 and decisive wins against FCS opponent Delaware State and Connecticut (1-4).

Led by a staunch defense, Temple is fifth in the nation in fewest points allowed per game (12) and tied for second in forced turnovers (17).

The Pirates' second notable conference test is a road matchup at Cincinnati on Nov. 13.

The Bearcats (2-1) feature one of The American's premier quarter-

Surging Pirates to host struggling Mustangs

Brian Wudkwych
TEC STAFF

The Pirates will officially make their debut in the American Athletic Conference when they get set to face lowly Southern Methodist on Saturday.

Something will be starkly different for the Pirates, though. Whereas they entered their last three contests with something to prove against well-known opponents, the journey through their new conference will feature matchups in which they are the team with a target on their back. They are, after all, the league's lone ranked team in the AAC.

"The only ranking we care about is the one at the end of the year," said offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley. "We could care less about (the polls), I'm sure our opponents will say the same thing."

On paper, the game against SMU (0-4) has the makings of a rout. The Mustangs, who are currently being coached on an interim basis after sixth year Head Coach June Jones resigned on Sept. 8, have been disastrous statistically thus far this season. Through four games, the Mustangs have scored 12

MISMATCH MEASUREMENTS

	SMU	ECU
AVG. PTS	3(128th)	43.3(13th)
AVG. PTS ALLOWED	50.5(128th)	25.5(67th)
AVG. YPG	207(128th)	582(7th)
AVG. YPG ALLOWED	551(127th)	361(45th)

*National Ranking in parentheses

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TEC'sports

The East Carolinian Sports' experts predict this weekend's football game



Dan Hunt

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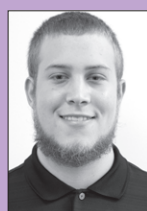
Who Wins? ECU, 56-7
Why? SMU is ranked dead last in the country in points, points allowed and yards gained (second to last in yards allowed). ECU easy.



Josh Graham

@_JoshDGraham

Who Wins? ECU, 48-10
Why? The Pirates should roll and roll big.



Jesse Deal

@jesseddeal

Who Wins? ECU, 62-7
Why? Both sides of the ball will flourish in what may be the biggest mismatch of ECU's season. Pirates win in a landslide.



Brian Wudkwych

@brianwudkwych

Who Wins? ECU, 52-6
Why? On paper, this has the makings of a blowout. ECU should have no problem scoring on the Mustangs.



Ronnie Moore

@RonnieMooreBass

Who Wins? ECU, 63-6
Why? SMU has been horrible this season and it's not a good time to come to Greenville and face the Pirate offense.

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Women's Soccer

Cincinnati

7 p.m.

Saturday 10/4

Football

SMU

12 p.m.

Saturday 10/4 cont.

Swimming/Diving

N.C. Invitational

All day

Sunday 10/5

(Away) Women's Volleyball

Houston

2 p.m.

Monday 10/6

(Raleigh) Men's Golf

Wolfpack Intercollegiate

All day

CALENDAR

TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

On Wednesday, AAC released ECU's 2014-15 schedule. The Lady Pirates will appear on ESPNU twice.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pirates swept N.C. Central Tuesday to end a three-match losing skid.

SOCCER

ECU forward Lana Splitter was named AAC Player-of-the-Week. Senior Erika Lenns was named Goalkeeper-of-the-week.

MEN'S GOLF

Wes Conover was named AAC Golfer-of-the-Month.

FOOTBALL

The Pirates are coming off a 70-41 home win over North Carolina and a bye week. ECU is 3-1 and ranked No. 22 in the country.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers (2-2) suffered a 38-10 loss in Baltimore to the Ravens last Sunday.

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New league, same message



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Head Coach Heather Macy draws out a play on the sideline for her team. The Lady Pirates have won 20 games in back-to-back seasons for the first time in ECU history. This season starts Nov. 17.

ECU looks to continue ascension in tougher conference

Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

After two triumphing seasons, the East Carolina women's basketball team is headed into this season looking to make an impact in a new conference.

Last year, the Lady Pirates took out the competition finishing the season overall 22-9 with a 10-6 record within Conference USA. The ladies have won 27 out of 28 last home games at Minges Coliseum. Also, the team ranked in the top-50 in the nation in five different categories. Among those categories, the team ranked 11th in steals per game (10.7), and ranked 14th in blocked shots per game (5.3).

The Pirates are now playing in the much tougher American Athletic Conference.

"The biggest thing for us is that we're really looking forward to the challenge of this new league, and learning the league," said Head Coach Heather Macy.

The ladies will compete against, but not limited to, Tulane, USF, Syracuse, and UCONN.

"I think it's going to be every single night you're going to have to play, and every night you got to bring your best to really compete and advance," Macy said.

Heather Macy is starting her fifth season as head coach.

She guided East Carolina to consecutive post season appearances for the first time in program history when the Pirates played in the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) in 2013 and 2014.

In the past two seasons, she has lead the team to 22 consecutive wins. These triumphs are the second time the team scored back-to-back 20 win campaigns in program history. Macy recently earned a five-year extension to her contract over the offseason, extending her as head coach through the 2019-2020 season.

"They're fun to coach," said Macy, "There's never a dull moment."

Returning for the Pirates are all five starters from last season. In the 2013-2014 campaign, guard Jada Payne broke the record for three-pointers made in a single season (70) as well as setting the all-time mark in free-throw percentage (.843). Along with Payne, last season point Ondrea Shaw set the new single-season program standard in blocked shots (101), as guard Abria Trice notched the third highest free throw percentage (.831).

"The biggest difference is that we didn't lose our three big scorers as we did a year ago. To have Jada and Abria back is a huge advantage," said Macy. "We're actually returning

all five of our starters so I'm excited to coach a group who's been together for a little bit."

Also a returning starter for the Pirates is forward Tatiana Chapple who concluded the season with 134 rebounds, 30 steals, and 26 assists. Guard Janesha Ebron led the Pirates with 154 assists last season, which ranks 52nd in the nation.

"I'm excited about Janesha Ebron," said Macy. "Our starting point guard is returning and what an amazing season she had. I feel so comfortable with the ball in her hands, and she's really looking to be a steady force for us."

The team is pleased to welcome 10 transfer players this season from a variety of teams such as LSU, Oregon State, Troy University, and Georgia Tech. The returning Pirates have come together to make the transfer players feel like home.

"They really seem to bring the newer kids along and taking them under their wing," Macy said.

The Lady Pirates start regular season practice on Monday Oct. 6. Just around the corner, on Nov. 14, the Pirates kick off their 2014-15 season playing Fairfield in Rhode Island.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

Women's Basketball Schedule

>> URI Tip-off

11/14/14	vs. Fairfiel	Kingston, R.I.	2:00 p.m.
11/15/14	at Rhode Island	Kingston, R.I.	3:00 p.m.
11/19/14	vs. Co. of Charleston	Greenville, N.C.	7:00 p.m.
11/21/14	vs. Delaware	Greenville, N.C.	11:30 a.m.
11/23/14	vs. Bethune Cookman	Greenville, N.C.	2:00 p.m.

>> Junkanoo Jam

11/27/14	vs. Syracuse	Freeport, Bahamas	2:00 p.m.
11/28/14	S. Carolina/Wisconsin	Freeport, Bahamas	TBA
12/04/14	at Cleveland State	Cleveland, Ohio	7:00 p.m.
12/06/14	at Ohio	Athens, Ohio	TBA
12/09/14	at Loyola Maryland	Baltimore, Md.	TBA
12/20/14	vs. Norfolk State	Greenville, N.C.	5:00 p.m.
12/28/14	at USF	Tampa, Fla.	12:00 p.m.
12/31/14	vs. Connecticut	Greenville, N.C.	2:30 p.m.

01/04/15	at Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.	3:00 p.m.
01/07/15	vs. Tulane	Greenville, N.C.	7:00 p.m.
01/10/15	at Houston	Houston, Texas	3:00 p.m.
01/14/15	at Tulsa	Tulsa, Okla.	8:00 p.m.
01/18/15	vs. Memphis	Greenville, N.C.	2:00 p.m.
01/21/15	at SMU	Dallas, Texas	8:00 p.m.
01/24/15	vs. Tulsa	Greenville, N.C.	2:30 p.m.
01/28/15	at Connecticut	Storrs, Conn.	7:00 p.m.
01/31/15	at Tulane	New Orleans, La.	3:00 p.m.
02/03/15	vs. Houston	Greenville, N.C.	7:00 p.m.
02/10/15	at Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	TBA
02/15/15	vs. USF	Greenville, N.C.	2:00 p.m.
02/18/15	vs. SMU	Greenville, N.C.	7:00 p.m.
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Hispanic runner shows promise

Freshman displays poise in transition from Mexico to USA

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When a student transitions from home to college, nerves rush through their bodies. It can be hard to adapt to a new environment with new faces and new obligations. For freshman Jorge Montes, it is a whole different story. Montes had to adapt to a new culture, new languages and new experiences. Montes traveled from his hometown of Tijuana, Mexico, to ECU to compete for the cross country team.

Montes grew up around runners in his family. His father was a former runner who encouraged Montes to run as a kid.

"My dad used to run... I wanted to do of his events one time and then I wanted to do that," Montes said.

Montes was taught and coached by his father during his childhood years.

Montes was happy with his dad being his coach because his father was his coach during the day and his father back at home.

His father's coaching helped Montes' running abilities reach the highest extent possible.

This season, as a freshman, Montes competed in the Covered Bridge Invitational, his first race as a Pirate. Crossing the finish line in 82nd place marking in at 24:41.21. During his second race as a Pirate, Montes jumped 55 places to earn him 27th place at the Wolfpack Invitational in Raleigh, N.C., with a time of 15:49.3.

Montes' main priorities are to finish the season strong while focusing on his school work.

"I really want to place in the top two at regionals," Montes said.

Montes said that he is happy with the

environment th at he is in now and that he really likes his coaches and his teammates.

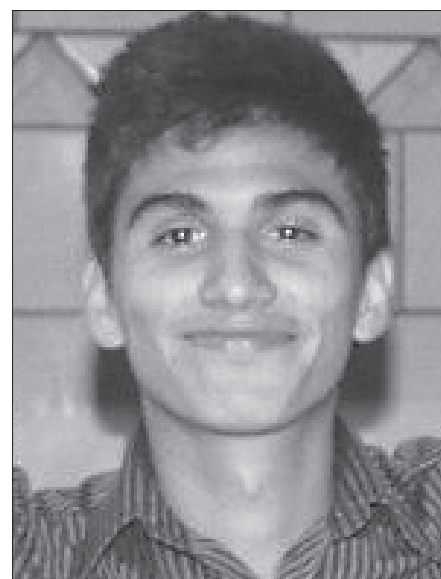
The transition from his hometown of Tijuana to Greenville was strange for Montes and he said he was not used to being in a town where most of the residents are college students.

One thing from home that Montes said he misses the most would be his mother's cultural cooking. Montes said he also misses the cultural aspects of his town.

Located on the border of the United States and Mexico, Tijuana has a combination of both American and Mexican cultures.

Montes said he's excited to head to Lehigh University in Pennsylvania along with the rest of the ECU cross country team to compete in the Paul Short Invitational on Saturday.

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Jorge Montes is a contributor as a freshman.

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points combined—with just one touchdown—and average 207.2 yards per-game.

On the defensive side of the ball, things aren't much better for the Mustangs. They have given up, on average, 50.5 points per game and 551 yards and have been outscored in touchdowns 24-1.

The Pirates, however, will assure you that the game isn't played on paper, instead it will be played in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in front of about 50,000 raucous ECU fans.

"Those stats do not show what kind of defense that is," said quarterback Shane Carden. "They've played some great offenses and that defense has been put in some bad situations."

It's been a tough non-conference schedule for the Mustangs. They've played No.10 Baylor, North Texas, No.6 Texas A&M and Texas Christian University, which is likely the primary cause of SMU's disconcerting start.

"I know they've had to play two top teams as well and we can't forget that," said Head Coach Ruffin McNeill. "We have to do a great job this week of making sure we get back to what we do, believe in us and get better."

The Pirates are off to a 3-1 start to the season with signature wins over Atlantic Coast Conference opponents North Carolina and Virginia Tech. They have since gained the No.22 ranking in the AP poll and have been receiving increased national attention. In order to keep climbing the polls, ECU will have to beat up on lesser opponents, which all starts Saturday against the winless Mustangs.

"There is a huge season ahead of us," said Carden. "We need to



Head Coach Ruffin McNeill welcomes his team to the sideline during the win over North Carolina. McNeill is searching for his first win in the AAC Saturday.

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backs in sophomore Gunner Kiel, who has thrown 14 touchdown passes — which is the third-most in the country — while racking up 1,041 yards.

Kiel, along with senior receiver Jalen Fitzpatrick and a four-man rushing crew, will have to compensate for the Bearcats' questionable defense. After home victories against Toledo and Miami (OH), the Bearcats were throttled by No. 20 Ohio State in Columbus, OH last week, allowing 710 yards and 45 first downs in a 50-28 defeat.

ECU's final regular season performance on Dec. 4, a home game

against the UCF Knights (1-2), is another prime conference showdown.

The Knights were undefeated in league play last season and upset eighth-ranked Louisville to earn the inaugural AAC championship. As the No. 10 team in the nation, they finished the season with a 52-42 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl victory over Baylor and a 12-1 record.

Sophomore quarterback Justin Holman has taken the reigns from Blake Bortles, Jacksonville's third pick in the 2014 NFL Draft, with mixed results so far. Holman nearly

led UCF to a come-from-behind win over Penn State, but fell short in Ireland. However, his pair of interceptions proved costly against No. 24 Missouri as the Knights fell 38-10. UCF's only win was a 41-7 cakewalk versus Bethune-Cookman.

Memphis (2-2) and Houston (2-2) are viewed as middle-of-the-road teams in the conference, but will avoid playing the Pirates this year.

Instead, ECU has easier matchups at South Florida (2-3) and Tulsa (1-3) and at home against Connecticut and Tulane (1-4). On Nov. 22,

the Pirates will aim to avenge their overtime loss at the hands of Tulane last season.

Aside from a 33-23 loss at South Carolina, ECU has made the most of its non-conference slate. The Pirates are now in the drivers' seat in The American with aspirations of running the table. That goal begins on Saturday at noon.

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