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N.C. lifts ban on marriage

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Marriage equality came to North Carolina on Oct. 10 after several years of being deliberated.

Federal Judge Max O. Cogburn Jr. ruled against North Carolina's constitutional amendment that banned marriage equality. This judicial ruling has made North Carolina the latest state to see this kind of ban struck down since the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its memorable rulings on marriage last June.

This decision came after the Supreme Court declined to hear cases from five states challenging the constitutionality of state bans on marriage equality.

Governor Pat McCrory made a statement saying he will support the ruling to allow gay marriage in North Carolina whether it agrees with his personal opinion or not.

"You know, there are some court rulings that I agree with and there are some court rulings I disagree with. But after they make the ruling, it is my duty to enforce the law," said McCrory

at a press conference at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Whether I disagree with it or not, that's the way democracy works."

Some local people in Greenville were also neutral about the situation, with similar views to McCrory.

"I would personally never be in a gay relationship and I can see the controversy between people on both sides, but who are we to tell other people who they can or cannot be with," said Meredith Craig, senior hospitality major.

North Carolina is now one of the few states in our country working towards equality of all people.

"Today's ruling allowing loving, same-sex couples to marry across North Carolina is a historic moment for our state," said Chris Sgro, executive director of Equality N.C.

Equality N.C. is the state's largest gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender advocacy organization.

Now that the court has ruled

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(Above) Sarah Hemminger and Jessica Johnson were married in Pitt County.

Meeting teaches safe sleep for infants

Jessica Wyant
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This month is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month across the United States. The Pitt County Child Fatality Prevention Team and the Pitt County Sheriff's Office have collaborated their efforts in order to better inform people about safe sleep conditions for infants.

"Over the last 14 months at least five infant deaths in our community have been linked to unsafe sleep environments," said Christy Wallace, Pitt County Sheriff's Department public information officer.

Authorities in respective areas are doing their part to inform their communities of this issue, and the precautions that should be taken in order to prevent the infant deaths

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Diyas (above) are used during Diwali, the Hindu celebration known as the festival of lights.

LWCC hosts Diwali

Arvanna Smart
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and the East Carolina University Indian student association will be hosting the second annual Diwali Light Festival tomorrow in front of Mendenhall Student Center at 7:30 p.m. as a passport event.

The Diwali light festival is a traditional Indian festival that is held every year.

"It is one of the biggest festivals celebrated in India," said Sonia Kaur, co-president of the Indian student association at East Carolina University.

Diwali consist of dances, food, cleaning and many other festivities. Diwali is celebrated on the darkest day of the year, where the Diyas, little candles, are lit all around the house, neighborhood and outside to light up the night.

"Diwali is about good versus evil, light over darkness," said Kaur.

The festival also has religious meaning behind it. The day that Diwali is celebrated

falls on the day that India's financial calendar starts over and it is celebrated during autumn so many people chose this day to pray all day and night to have a great harvest season and that their businesses do well.

"Different cultures, different religions actually celebrate the Diwali for different reasons so you won't find one reason for this tradition... throughout it all the common theme is that good is winning over evil," said Kaur.

Diwali is celebrated with fireworks, firecrackers, food, and cultural dances.

"It is similar to the fourth of July here in America but is not for independence more for victory," said Kaur.

Diwali is relatively new to East Carolina University, and it was held last year at a smaller magnitude.

"We hope to put this event on every year," said Mariza James, assistant director of the

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Response team forms

Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

The Dean of Students office has come up with an initiative, called a rapid response team, to help students understand and discuss current issues on campus and around the world as they are happening.

According to Lynn Roeder, associate vice Chancellor and dean of students, the role of the team is to create a "structured response" to current issues students are dealing with. The idea of a rapid response team comes from the dean's office, but it is a joint effort across the campus that includes ECU's faculty and staff.

Roeder said one of the ways the rapid response team could handle a situation is to have a panel of experts to discuss exactly what is happening and provide information on how the issue impacts ECU.

"I think as a university, that it's important for us to get out there, respond to it, not to say something is right or wrong, but help students articulate what they are thinking and feeling and that it's okay to have different viewpoints but everybody's voice is heard," said Roeder

Travis Lewis, associate dean of students, said it is essential for students to be informed about the issues that are happening on ECU's campus and around the world. He believes that the initiative should have started a long time ago.

"For instance, if we are talking about domestic violence and the Ray Rice situation, that would've been a perfect opportunity for us to come together as a campus quickly after that first hit the media... for us to pull our students together to have our experts talk about domes-



Travis Lewis

tic violence, dating violence and how you can report it on campus and what the support services are," said Lewis.

ECU has seen its share of issues already this year that have impacted the student body in different ways.

Lewis said the situation regarding anti-Semitism on campus is just one example of where the rapid response team could have helped students get more informed.

Although students talk about these issues with each other, Lewis and other ECU faculty members hope that this new initiative would create more informed and better conversations.

The idea of a rapid response team first came about after the tsunami hit Japan in 2011. Lewis said some students were impacted by the disaster because they had connections with friends or family in Japan.

"We said that we really need an opportunity to discuss this tragedy together and kind of debrief... and we were so busy trying to help each individual student that we needed to take a step back and see how we as an institution could talk about what is happening," said Lewis.

According to Roeder, one of the goals of the rapid response team is to get the information out there quickly so that it is available to whoever needs it.

"This is the issue at this moment," said Roeder. "Tomorrow it will be something else, so it's sort of catching lightning in a bottle."

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BRIEFS

The Princeton Review recognizes ECU's College of Business

ECU's College of Business has ranked among the best in the country by The Princeton Review for the eighth consecutive year.

ECU was featured in the 2015 edition of "The Best 296 Business Schools" and was featured in a two-page profile in the guide. The guide highlighted academics, student life and admissions information.

Registered dietitian nutritionist offers healthy holiday eating tips

Kay Craven, registered dietitian nutritionist of ECU's Department of Family Medicine, offered tips for avoiding weight gain during the holiday season.

Craven recommends that students and staff don't skip meals, choose vegetables first, eat slowly rather than fast and bring a healthy dish to celebrations.

North Carolina health officials create website about Ebola

North Carolina health officials have started a website with information about Ebola.

The site includes facts about the virus, a list of frequently asked questions and updates from the federal Centers for Disease Control. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services hopes the website will raise Ebola awareness.

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ECU experts discuss Ebola

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As Ebola cases continue to pop up around the world, ECU is taking it head on by preparing students with information about the deadly disease.

The "Ebola: African Dilemma or Global Health Crisis?" held last Thursday in the Rivers building, consisted of eight panel members with a list of accredited credentials behind their name.

More than 100 students, faculty and citizens of Pitt County packed out the lecture hall in Rivers.

"I am confident that it will get stopped in its tracks, before reaching ECU," said Andria Brown, freshman nursing major who attended the discussion. "However, it does worry me because it is a real deadly disease that is currently impacting people around the world."

Dr. Alethia H. Cook, director of Security Studies, put together this panel to give the public an understanding of how "threatening Ebola may or may not be."

"As with other pandemics, there's a chance that people's reaction to it would have more of an impact, than the disease itself," said Cook.

The experts assured everyone that as of now, an Ebola risk in the East is low, but that it is important to stay aware and prepared.

"We need to be on heightened alert that we may have a case identified in the state, until that happens I think that the level of concern at the university is not high," said Dr. Kristina Simeonsson, public health expert.

Brown believed the discussion was necessary for students.

"I really enjoyed the discussion," said Brown. "I think it is necessary for students to stay aware of what is going on around them and it is important that ECU faculty helps us in any way they can."

Other panel experts were Paul Cook from the department of internal medicine and infectious disease, Viva Reynolds from the department of geography, Angela Thompson from the department of history, Bob Thompson from the department of public administration, Holly Mathews from the department of anthropology and Issa Thulla, master of arts in international studies.

The event was free and open to the public.

As Ebola continues to spread, ECU is keeping students and parents informed.

The ECU Communicable Disease Outbreak Planning Committee, composed of members of the local health community and ECU experts, has been keeping track of Ebola and planning steps that will be necessary if a case comes here.

ECU has also dedicated areas on their web page's such as "ECU Alert" and the Student Health Center website to help keep students updated on what is going with Ebola.

Ebola is spread through direct contact with blood or bodily fluids, objects that have been contaminated with the virus and infected animals. It cannot be spread through the air or by food or water.

The symptoms include fever, headache, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain, muscle pain and unexplained bleeding or bruising. As of now, there is no FDA-approved vaccine available for Ebola.

Those who are traveling to an area infected by the Ebola outbreak are most at risk and should practice good hygiene while there.

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Hackers leak snapchat photos

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Hundreds of thousands of private Snapchat images were compromised after a breach in a third party application's security system in an event that has come to be known as "The Snapping."

Snapchat, which has been worldwide since its release in 2011, allows users the chance to send photos and videos from their phone to contacts that can be viewed for a maximum of 10 seconds. After the 10 seconds, the images are



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Snapchat images were leaked after a security system breach.

supposed to disappear forever.

In 2013, a website called SnapSaved surfaced that allowed its users the chance to save all the images they received using Snapchat without the sender knowing.

On Oct. 10, hackers breached the servers on these two third-party applications and nearly 200,000 images were leaked online.

Shortly thereafter SnapSaved posted on Facebook

assuring Snapchat users that the breach was not in the security of the Snapchat application itself.

"I would like to inform the public that SnapSaved.com was hacked," SnapSaved posted on their Facebook page last week.

Kinsey Miles, junior nursing major, has taken extra precautions since she heard the hacking took place.

"I have always been very

careful in what I post to Snapchat because anyone can take a screenshot," said Miles. "The hacking has resulted in me changing the security on my account to make it available to only my friends."

While it is still unclear as to what kinds of images and videos were released in the hacking, Snapchat is encouraging users to steer clear of the third-party applications.

In a blog post last Tuesday, Snapchat told users to refrain from using any apps that ask for your Snapchat login information. Once a user gives out his login information, Snapchat can no longer be 100 percent responsible for your images and where they end up.

"The best way to keep our community safe is a combination of security countermeasures and common sense," a

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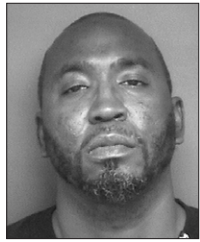
Narcotic detectives with the Pitt County Sheriff's Office obtained information about a known Greenville heroin dealer being in possession of a large amount of heroin.

The information was received on Oct. 16 about Megueil Dwayne Gardner of 1400 Hunter's Lane.

Greenville Regional Drug Task Force members conducted a traffic stop on Gardner while he was travelling in the Stantonsburg Road area. K-9 Deputies stopped Gardner and discovered about 150 bags of heroin from the vehicle.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for Gardner's residence as part of the investigation. At the home, detectives recovered approximately two ounces of heroin, manufacturing equipment, eight guns and \$7,500.

Gardner was taken to the Pitt County Detention Center and placed under a \$1,025,000 secured bond. He was charged with one count of Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver a Schedule 1 Controlled Substance, one Count of



Megueil D. Gardner

Maintaining a Dwelling for Controlled Substance and two Counts of Trafficking Heroin or Opium.

The Greenville Regional Drug Task Force uses a cost effective approach to combat narcotics traffickers within Pitt County and Eastern North Carolina. The task force provides a network of experienced criminal investigators who pursue violators of state and federal controlled substance laws.

The Greenville Regional Drug Task Force is composed of officers from the Pitt County Sheriff's Office, Greenville Police Department, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations, Winterville Police Department and Farmville Police Department.

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The Pitt County Sheriff's Department offers tips for infant sleeping environments.

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occurring as a result of common mistakes made by caregivers of infants.

The Pitt County Child Fatality Prevention Team and the Pitt County Sheriff's Office held a conference last Friday in the Sheriff's Office to discuss safe sleeping condition for infants.

The conference aimed to explain the purpose and function of the group, review the community awareness campaign, and provide an interactive demonstration of suggested safe sleep conditions for infants.

Committee members from the Injury Prevention Program at Vidant, Vidant Medical Center, Medical Examiner's Office, Tedi Bear Center and the Public Health Department attended the conference.

The goal of the collaboration between the Pitt County Child Fatality Prevention Team and the Pitt County Sheriff's Office is simply to create awareness of this issue and to educate the public on how to irradiate this issue.

According to Christy Wallace, 100 percent of these deaths caused by unsafe sleep environments are preventable and that is why the Pitt Child Fatality Prevention Team and the Pitt County Sheriff's Office understand education is the key to eradicating this problem.

The precautions suggested to those with infants to prevent facilitating these unsafe sleeping environments include not keeping pillows or blankets or numerous soft items in the crib with the infant, not letting the infant sleep in the same bed as the parent (regardless of breastfeeding habits), and strongly advocating that infants should sleep on their back only.

According to the Pitt County Sheriff's Department, 90 percent of babies are being put down in unsafe sleeping environments without the parents knowing they are doing anything wrong.

The suggestion for avoiding sleeping with the infant in the parents bed was to use a bassinet, which keeps the infant close to the parents for easy access for care taking at night, but keeps the infant out of the unsafe sleeping environment of the parent's bed.

"Starting on Oct. 17, for the next week the Pitt County Sheriff's Department will be hosting a social media campaign on Twitter and Facebook in order to educate the public about these issues which are 100 percent preventable," said Wallace.

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MARRIAGE continued from A1

Now that the court has ruled against the ban on same sex marriage, the state is working to get appropriate forms in place of marriage licenses. What people have called the "marriage race" began almost immediately after the Supreme Court's decision.

"Now that the disagreement has been resolved in the courts, it's our job to live together and work together and play together and respect each other together," said McCrory.

Republican legislative leaders are saying that an appeal on the court's decision is definitely possible.

Republicans attempted to delay what appeared inevitable as the Supreme Court was leading up to the decision, so that their arguments could be heard.

In 2012 North Carolina voters approved Amendment One. The constitutional amendment proposed

to amend the state constitution that makes it unconstitutional for the state of North Carolina to recognize or perform same sex marriages or civil unions.

Many of the North Carolinians who voted in favor of Amendment One did so for religious reasons, looking at the bible and other spiritual sources for clarification. So now that the state has lifted the ban on gay marriage, some people believe it's contradicting to that decision made in 2012.

With last week being the first full week of legalized same-sex marriage in North Carolina, many couples went to the register of deeds office to receive their marriage license.

Mecklenburg County has issued the most same-sex marriage licenses with Buncombe County, Wake County, Guilford County and Durham county not far behind.

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Snapchat spokesperson said in a press release. "We'll continue to do our part by improving Snapchat's security and calling on Apple and Google to take down third-party applications that access our API."

While unknown for sure, the images could contain child pornography. As Snapchat's main audience is between the ages of 14 and 17, if these images were to exist, some could possibly be facing jail time.


The hacker, who if found could be facing up to 20 years in prison for the invasion of privacy.

Anyone found guilty of saving the underage nude photos could face time in jail as well. Knowingly possessing any pornographic images of a child is a federal crime that can be punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

"The security of these apps aren't guaranteed so if you post something

The SnapSaved website was deactivated on Oct. 13 after the website administrators discovered the breach and has yet to be reactivated.

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Ain't I a Woman: My Journey to Womanhood

Laverne Cox is an actress, writer, producer, and transgender advocate who plays Sophia Burset in the critically acclaimed Netflix original series *Orange is the New Black*. Drawing on her own story, she will share challenges and joys that she experienced along her journey to womanhood, professional achievement, self-acceptance, and love.

She will also discuss how race, class, and gender affects how she navigates the world as a trans woman of color, actress, and advocate.

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Campus Movie Fest returns

Allison Kincaid
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The world's largest student film festival is calling ECU its home for the next week. Any and all students are invited to take part in this once in a lifetime experience. No previous film experience is necessary.

Wey Lin, promotions manager for Campus Movie Fest, says her company is happy to be back at ECU.

"This is our second year at ECU," said Lin. "Basically, we offer filming equipment to all students so they can shoot their own personal five minute movie and it's all completely free."

Today from 12 p.m. until 5, all students are invited to go pick up the free movie equipment from the Mendenhall student lobby.

"It's a first come, first serve basis but we have lots of equipment to offer," said Lin. "For the filming week, students will be provided with a Panasonic HD camera, a MacBook equipped with the full Adobe Creative Cloud editing software, a Western Digital portable hard drive, a mic, a tripod, and 24/7 tech support."

There are no rules or regulations regarding the filming process except it must be an ECU student behind the camera making the movie. Anyone can be involved



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CMF provides all participants with equipment and software to help them create films.

in the in front of the camera content; it does not have to be a student.

"What do you have to lose by participating," said Lin. "You get to use state of the art equipment for free and it's an extremely unique opportunity."

Following the seven days that students are allotted to shoot their movies, there will be a finale event on Oct. 30. An anonymous

panel consisting of students, faculty, and staff will judge all of the movies.

"The top 15 films will randomly start playing on the big screen at our finale," said Lin. "The reveal of the movies that make it to the top 15 will be a complete surprise to the students and everyone in the audience. The top 15 will then be narrowed down to the Top 4 Jury Award winners."

The finale event is free and open to the public.

"The Top 4 Jury Award winners will have their film screened at our CMF Hollywood event in June but the students will be responsible for finding their own way out there," said Lin. "Most schools tend to be financially supportive of their winners, as they want to make sure their school is represented at our national event."

The Top 4 winners will also be given t-shirts, trophies and a one year subscription to an Adobe software program that is worth \$600.

"There is also a chance that these movies could be showcased at the short film festival in Canne in May which is a huge honor and opportunity," said Lin.

This is Campus Movie Fest's 14th annual world tour. CMF wants to assist students in creating and sharing their stories with the world in bigger and better ways.

"We are excited to be back at ECU this year," said Lin. "We really like the spirit and energy here at ECU. Everyone should definitely come to the finale! It's a lot of fun and excitement for everyone involved."

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Nina Davuluri (above) will be speaking about the struggles and triumphs of her diverse victory.

Pageant winner visits ECU

Nichole Currie
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Nina Davuluri, former Miss America, will be discussing her experience on winning the 2013 Miss America pageant tomorrow in Hendrix Theater at 6 p.m.

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will be hosting this event along with the support of the Indian Student Association. LWCC's tagline is "Where culture comes together."

Davuluri will share her trials and challenges with participating and winning the Miss America pageant as a second-generation immigrant. Davuluri has made many appearances and is now coming to East Carolina University.

"Every year we try to bring prominent speakers to talk about issues relevant to the students but also about diversity and cultural issues," said Melissa Haithcox-Dennis, director of Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

Her platform will address competence and the issues of bullying. Davuluri will address how to deal with future challenges and understanding people from a different background. Davuluri faced many

critics upon winning her crown.

"Upon her being crowned she was openly ridiculed on social media, especially twitter," said Haithcox-Dennis. "She was accused of being a terrorist and that she wasn't truly American. They really treated her poorly on social media and other outlets."

Despite her negative critiques, Davuluri embraced many individuals. "She's very tenacious, a go-getter, very intelligent and unapologetic for her beauty and her willingness to give," said Haithcox-Dennis.

Gagandeep "Sonia" Kaur, a senior majoring in public health studies and founder and co-president of the Indian Student Association, gave her insight on the struggles Davuluri faced.

"I honestly found out about her being Miss America through these racist comments. It was all over the news," said Kaur. "Its very sad that is the way I found out about it but that's also why it made it that much more of a reason to spread awareness."

Kaur is also looking forward to hearing Davuluri speak. Kaur explained her interest was sparked on the beauty queen last year and she has been eager to hear her speak since.

"She will definitely show that it doesn't matter where you are from but if you have those right intentions that you will definitely be able to help the community," said Kaur.

Both Haithcox-Dennis and Kaur encourage students from all backgrounds to attend this event and learn more about Davuluri.

"She is the girl next door and people have to realize the girl next door is changing," said Haithcox-Dennis.

"I think it's going to come from the heart, it's a great opportunity," said Haithcox-Dennis. "LWCC is where culture comes together and we start seeing people who represent a different ethnicity, race or just someone who is different but you see them in a light that is engaging and real and authentic. It helps you to understand not only them but yourself. You can see yourself in others."

This event, which is also a passport event, will take place in Hendrix Theater at 6 p.m. prior to the traditional Indian celebration, Diwali Festival of Lights.

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Eamon to host N.C. history book lecture

Kiera Huiel
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's students and faculty are invited to come out to Tom Eamon's Book Lecture on his new book, "The Making of a Southern Democracy: North Carolina Politics from Kerr Scott to Pat McCrory." This event will take place tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Joyner's Library Special Collections Reading Room on the fourth floor.

"My book is about Southern and North Carolina Politics," said Tom Eamon, a political science professor at East Carolina University.

The book starts off in the World War II, mid-40s, and goes on to the change of politics to now. His book just came out this year and he has already done many lectures all over North Carolina. He said he hopes to inform students about the political world.

"Teaching is my first love," said Eamon.

It is very important for the upcoming generations to know about the history of North Carolina and where it all began.

"One, I want people to capture the flavor of what the state is like, two, I want people to appreciate the change of North Carolina, and three, I want people to think of politicians as people," said Eamon. "People who have an interest in politics will enjoy reading it."

There have already been very many reviews on his book since it came out. "One source said that my book was scholarly and very well written," said Eamon.

He got interested in politics from his father.

"My father played a big role in my life," said Eamon. "He was interested in political science and then somehow I did too. My father is actually a graduate of ECU off a tennis scholarship."

While most people usually learn the word 'no' or their 'ABC's,' Eamon did not.

"I learned the names of presidents before I could read," said Eamon. "It is a very interesting and important topic."

Eamon said that with elections coming around it is very important for people to know about the political world.

"Both North Carolina and Virginia are deviating in certain ways away from the South," said Eamon. "North Carolina has changed a lot since World War II."

Back then there was segregation amongst the races in the southern states. Coloreds and whites were not able to share anything.

Segregation was included in facilities, services, employment, education, medical care and transportation. Segregation also differentiated the political views of many North Carolinians.

"North Carolina is a much freer society now," said Eamon.

Eamon has spoke in Greenville numerous of times, but this will be Eamon's first time giving a lecture at East Carolina University for faculty and staff.

"I have the perfect job because I love teaching college students," said Eamon.

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Anonymous social media app sparks controversy



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Jamal Roberts (above) skims Yik-Yak as an unknown user.

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The mobile phone application industry is littered with a number of fad and trending programs which have all come and gone in popularity throughout the past few years. Recently, an app known as YikYak has dominated in total downloads and is quickly becoming a highly used application among ECU students.

YikYak is an app which provides the user a live feed of what other users are saying in their immediate area, without letting others know their identity. Users are limited to 200 characters and no pictures per individual post.

The app also includes features including an up/down voting system, an option to look in at what other YikYak communities are saying

at other universities, and the ability to look in topical conversations happening nationwide.

The app caters to college students that crave anonymity on their social media. The creators of the application said they based YikYak on three basic principles, of which included the addition of a GPS locator, Twitter's news feed, and incorporating complete secrecy of an individual post's authorship.

YikYak has created an online society on many college campuses in the country where wlocal news can be obtained even quicker than Twitter. Since posters do not need to edit their posts based on what they are known to do reputation-wise, posting becomes that much faster.

"I use the app more than I use Twitter or Instagram," said Jack Nicholson, senior information technology major. "It always has the real talk about what's happening right now without any nonsense."

While YikYak may have positive potential by quickly providing news and information

it has also gained a reputation for toxic comments similar to the comment sections on sites like Youtube.

Middle and high school administrations in the United States have worked with the app's creators in 'geo-fencing' specific global locations where YikYak would be banned from use. The main cause for such drastic measures is the exponential increase in cyber bullying and threats stemming from YikYak's message boards over the past six months.

YikYak does integrate an up/down voting system which allows users of the app to judge specific posts for relevance. Upon receiving a compiled vote of negative five or lower, the post will disappear from YikYak as though it was never even posted. This enables every YikYak user to effectively become a forum moderator.

YikYak is available for free on both Android and iOS mobile operating systems.

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ECU introduces Three Minute Thesis

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU will be hosting its very first “3MT” this Wednesday. The Three Minute Thesis competition is a research communication competition that challenges both predoctoral and masters students to present a compelling presentation on their research findings in only three minutes to a non-specific audience.

The 3MT was first held at The University of Queensland in Australia back in 2008, and has now spread to over 170 universities in more than 17 countries.

Carlyle Rogers, Technology Transfer Fellow and CMT chair, said the competition, “works in the style of an elevator pitch, they have three minutes to talk about why their research is important, their findings, [and] sort of how they plan to go forward.”

The style of the presentations is “molded around not so much sort of them dumbing down their research, but sort of presenting it in a way that a non-specialist audience can understand and get excited about,” said Rogers.

The way it will work is “out of each heat, we’ll have one judges winner and then we’ll have one peoples choice,” said Rogers. “That’s probably the really cool part about it is the audience gets to decide who goes onto the next round.”

There are 33 participants in the competition, and the presenters are separated into three heats. The event is open to the public,

so it will be a fair audience to all the contestants competing.

“It’s a very diverse group of judges as well so there’s really no biasedness either way,” said Rogers.

The eight judges come from various backgrounds, ranging from entrepreneurs to librarians.

“We actually have some of the centers on campus as well to kind of include everybody,” said Rogers.

This diversity also carries into the participants.

“It’s a very diverse group,” said Rogers. “We got 10 from the Brody School of Medicine, we’ve got probably 10 from biology, and then the others are kind of scattered around. [So it’s] not just one group of people that were sort of registered to participate.”

That way each presentation will be unique. “That’s one thing you’ll see, I’ve really tried to separate each heat so its not heavily weighed on one topic,” said Rogers.

The tools the contestants are allowed to use while presenting are limited.

“Each student gets one slide, and that slide has to be static. So that means no animations, videos [or] sounds,” said Rogers. “It’s not really meant to contain data, but more of a big picture concept.”

As for the voting, Rogers said, “We’ve actually come up with these ballots that will basically have the heat... and then you write down the name of the presenter. And then at the very end of the heat, [we will] collect

them all, and count them up.”

The championship round will contain two students from each heat. One will be the judge’s pick, and the other will be the people’s choice.

“[Then] they will once again give their 3 minute talk, and in the end, the judges pick a winner and that winner actually goes to New Orleans,” Rogers said.

The trip is completely paid for on behalf of the graduate school and will allow the chosen participant to compete at the regional level.

The 3MT is designed to provide valuable experience for participants that can have a long term effect.

“I think the big thing is, you can sort of see it on the news everyday, scientific funding, grant funding is going down and I think part of that is we sort of lost our ability to communicate effectively to sort of the general

public on why research is important,” said Rogers. “So I think this really helps in terms of being able for them to say this is why its important this is what your tax dollars are going to.”

Roger said it would also help when applying for a job.

“Being able to talk to a person or to go to a job interview [and say] this is what I did, this is why its cool, [and] getting them excited will help them moving forward in their career path.”

The contest is taking place tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Great Room 1 inside Mendenhall Student Center. Admission is free and open to all ECU students.

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DIWALI continued from A1

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

The event will be on the brickyard in front of the MSC.

“We will have tents set up for the students to go to and we will have a Rangoli that the students will be able to put the Diyas around,” said James.

A Rangoli is a chalk figure made of bright colors in the shape of a flower that is used during the Diwali to put the Diyas around and light up the area. From the sky, a picture

of the flower can be seen because of the Diyas lighting it up.

“We want people to be interactive, so we will have them put the Diyas on the Rangoli,” said Kaur.

The event will have a DJ, Indian Cuisine, a candle lighting ceremony, and modern and classical Indian dances.

“This will be a fun and easy passport event that we hope students will take advantage of and attend,”

said James.

Diwali is traditionally a celebration of victory, a time to pray and a time for family and community to come together.

“It’s just something new that ECU has never had before and I think that just makes it a big reason for you to come out and look at it,” said Kaur.

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Are you going to I'm Schmacked on Thursday?

Should University Studies be a degree? Yes: 54% No: 46%

When someone makes you leave a study room at 9:30 a.m. because they reserved it but over half the study rooms are empty: 1. The rooms aren't going to be filled up this early 2. That was a b**** move to disrupt me and my work when there was a study room right beside me that looks exactly the same.

To the people on the 401 bus Friday afternoon, sorry if I scared you with my craziness. People really piss me off sometimes.

Wanted: a cuddle buddy that doesn't mind sex from time to time. It will be a bonus if you know how to make my coffee the next morning.

It's kind of sad that guys that have nothing going for them can approach me and ask me out, but guys with a bright future don't even have the balls to hold a conversation with me...

It's not really okay to wear leggings as pants, but if you are at least don't wear underwear with them. Smh you look raunchier.

I may be alone when I say this but I prefer Java city over Starbucks any day. And I'm also highly upset that they took the one in the library to make another Starbucks instead.

ECU, 89 cents for a single banana??? You do know the national average price per POUND of banana is 45 cents, right? #b-a-n-a-n-a-s

Dear WZMB 91.3FM: If you are going to give me a list of songs to listen to, let me know where to find them.

There are about five people solidly knocked out in my finance class and the professor is joking on them so hard.

Am I the only one who thinks that muggings and shootings being a routine thing at ECU is a problem? I would be embarrassed if I was a Greenville police officer or in charge of student safety, because it is an absolute joke.

EBOLA?!?! Who else is freaked the h*ll out?

Girl on 401 Purple, your backpack doesn't need a seat.

Why can't we all just get along? We go to the best school in the nation people! Be proud!

To the guy that sat next to me in my Philosophy class: when was the last time you took a bath? That dreadful odor that emanated when you came in gave me a freaking headache.

I love kids, I really do... but can't I just eat my Panda Express in peace? Control your child!

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

Marriage should be everyone's right

On Oct. 10, North Carolina became the 31st state to legalize gay marriage. U.S. District Judge Max Cogburn lifted the ban. In recent years, the topic of legalizing gay marriage has been a prominent subject of discussion on Capitol Hill. In the past year alone, 16 states have legalized gay marriage while 19 states, including Arkansas, Texas and Missouri, still have a ban.

As a millennial generation, gay couples and gay marriage are becoming more commonplace. In the article, "N.C. allows gay marriage," several students were interviewed on their beliefs about legalizing gay marriage. A majority of the responses were in favor of the ban being lifted. What was even more surprising was that a majority of the people that were interviewed were

not part of the LGBT community but were supporters of the LGBT community.

We as an editorial staff believe that it should be a person's right to choose who they wish to marry. It is truly not right to dictate whom a gay man or woman can or can't spend their life with, just because some people in power do not agree with the idea of gay marriage.

While we believe it should be a person's right to marry whomever they choose we also believe that it is a person's right to hold an opinion, either positive or negative, about legalizing gay marriage. With that in mind, having an opinion is different than barring another human being from progression in their personal lives.

Recycling neglected at ECU



Maddie Lee
TEC STAFF

Walking past the library or through Wright Plaza I see about 10 trashcans, most having recycling bins next to them or near them. Why is it so difficult for people to recycle, especially on this campus?

Many people don't understand the impact that they make on Earth when they don't recycle a plastic bottle or a glass jar. That one plastic bottle probably isn't the only thing in that person's lifetime that they haven't recycled; therefore, they've given a huge

chunk of non-biodegradable waste to a landfill. Being a college campus with over 20,000 students, ECU then produces a gigantic section of waste that still goes into a landfill. They will soon be scarce if we keep filling them with things that will never break down. Before we know it, the world will be covered in trash. It is important that we take care of this Earth and if more people recycled on campus, think of the impact we could make on the world.

There needs to be more recycling receptacles around campus. I understand that not everyone is an "eco-freak" like myself, and sometimes you just want to get rid of your stuff. The university needs to step up in dealing with this problem. There is

hardly any money allocated in ECU's budget for environmentally friendly efforts. There should be a Green Fee, which adds \$5 to every student's tuition to allow money to be allocated toward a greener campus. A few schools in the system have already implemented this fee, and it's time for us to make the change as well.

As a college campus, we can have a huge impact on the health of the planet. With a little support from the university, we could make campus more eco-friendly.

Maddie Lee is a junior majoring in communication and a TEC columnist. To contact her, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

ECU students shouldn't get "Shmacked"

Dear ECU Pirate Nation,

This letter is in regards to "I'm Shmacked" visiting East Carolina University this Thursday. For those who do not know, "I'm Shmacked" is a private, for-profit business set on throwing parties around college campuses and producing videos that become viral on the internet and social media. As students we must understand when a ticket is purchased to attend an I'm Shmacked event, you have given permission for them to use you in their videos.

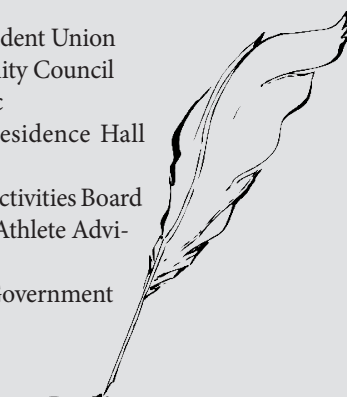
Several student organizations and leaders have come together to write this letter. Our message is simple. We strongly discourage all ECU students from attending this I'm Shmacked event. ECU has been represented negatively in the past and our attendance opens that up once again. Also, consider that our degree can become devalued and later cause future employment implications. Future employers can and will find these videos that influence their decision on your employment. At least two ECU alumni have lost out on being hired for jobs because they were seen in an "I'm Shmacked" video by employers. The impact goes beyond just jobs and also goes for internships, graduate school, scholarships and other opportunities as well. Our degree will lose value and our credibility will be compromised due to what seems to be a fun night.

We should instead represent ECU in a proper manner. ECU prides itself on education such as a remarkable nursing program, producing great teachers, engineers and business leaders and of course amazing athletic teams.

In conclusion, we, as ECU student leaders, ask you to avoid this embarrassing situation and protect your image and the image of East Carolina University.

Respectfully submitted by the ECU student leadership from:

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NC is still not LGBT friendly



Kathleen Daniels
TEC STAFF

Marriage equality finally came to North Carolina two weeks ago. LGBT couples and people, as well as allies celebrated the court ruling, with weddings in courthouses across the state. But some were not as celebratory. While couples across the state anxiously waited in lines for marriage licenses, some were denied licenses by magistrates claiming religious objections. North Carolina has finally reached marriage equality, but it is certainly far from perfect for LGBT individuals.

The first ruling for marriage equality came from a federal judge on Friday October 10th, based on the decision from the United States Supreme Court not to hear several appeals in support of marriage bans in multiple states. On Tuesday, a second federal judge ruled the marriage ban unconstitutional. NC House Speaker, and Senate candidate, Thom Tillis and NC Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger have both vowed to continue fighting. They have hired a California attorney to handle the legal battle, as NC Attorney General Roy Cooper has declined to defend Amendment One. The state is running a large budget deficit already and Republicans only want to continue wasting tax payer money.

Soon after marriage equality became the law of the land in North Carolina there were already troubles. Reports surfaced of several magistrates refusing to issue marriage licenses to same gender couples based on their religious objections. Magistrates across the state were soon told they had to perform all marriages equally with no discrimination. They have a mandate to follow the

law. The magistrates were told they could face legal penalties for not fulfilling their duties. At least one magistrate has resigned over the issue.

Clearly, North Carolina is still unfriendly to LGBT individuals. A fight is still to come. In North Carolina, it is legal for employers to fire individuals for who they love. A couple can wait in line for their marriage license and then end up waiting in line at the unemployment office the next day. It is time for North Carolina to see what is right, equality. No one's love should mean more or less than someone else's. Our state needs to understand this and stop wasting taxpayer money and begin protecting the rights of everyone.

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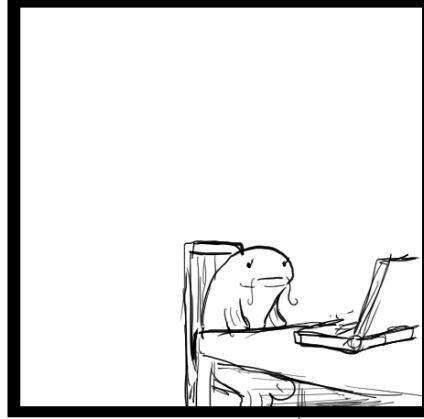
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 - 9 Charitable sort
 - 14 Cain's victim
 - 15 Lotion additive
 - 16 "Drab" color
 - 17 Ashram authority
 - 18 Agent Scully on "The X-Files"
 - 19 Rubber tree product used in paint
 - 20 "What is our flatware made of, Lone Ranger?"
 - 23 Pea container
 - 24 "Sonic the Hedgehog" developer
 - 25 NFL scores
 - 28 Red, White or Black
 - 30 Reddish-yellow
 - 35 Toward the ship's rear
 - 36 "What does it take to succeed in Hollywood, Tonto?"
 - 39 Quahog, for one
 - 41 In the past
 - 42 Write with acid
 - 43 "What makes up my mane, Roy Rogers?"
 - 48 Environmental prefix
 - 49 Meryl who played Julia Child
 - 50 Nine-digit-number issuing org.
 - 51 Bad-mouth
 - 52 Rock concert gear
 - 55 CBS forensic drama
 - 57 Start of the "Mister Ed" theme song, and hint to who is asking 20-, 36- and 43-Across
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- 70 Bakery array
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- 5 "I wouldn't do that if I were you"
- 6 ___ Bator
- 7 Top 40 numbers
- 8 Poke fun at
- 9 Cents partner
- 10 One of five Norwegian kings
- 11 Evening, in ads
- 12 Above
- 13 Tyrannosaurus ___
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- 22 "___ Rhythm"
- 25 Dials next to speedometers, for short
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McNeill puts character first

Head coach holds morals in high regard for recruiting

Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

In order to be a successful player, you need to be able to perform on the field, but according to fifth-year ECU coach Ruffin McNeill, being a consummate Pirate requires much more.

McNeill's brand of no-nonsense coaching is one that he thinks is going to help build his "family" concept and keep his program clear of negative attention.

"I look for [players] with a story and who have gone through some things," McNeill said at his weekly press conference. "That's very important to me because if they've gone through adversity, they won't flinch when it's not going well. They'll dig a little deeper."

McNeill credited his past experiences with helping mold how he approaches his players. During McNeill's tenure as the defensive coordinator at Texas Tech, he recalled times of trials and tribulations that he felt were necessary evils, including a time when he and his wife were enjoying a belated honeymoon vacation only to be interrupted by a call from a Texas Tech counselor in regards to an incident with two players.

"It didn't become a vacation. I cheated Erlene out of that. I'll never forget that," said McNeill of the incident. "And when I got back,



McNeill speaks to the media at his weekly press conference Monday. His Pirates host visiting UConn on Thursday night.

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I told those two guys to leave. At first, I was a little worried because we were supposed to have a good team.

We became a better defense after we let those two guys go. I learned my lesson. We try to avoid

distractions as much as possible."

McNeill is not unlike others in that those around him often shape who he is.

He mentioned an encounter with one of college football's best coaches, Alabama's Nick Saban, on

a recruiting trip. Saban compared coaching to driving a car, telling McNeill that when you drive a car your number one priority is to protect the passengers.

"So, we have the passengers in our car here, and we want to

expose them to as many personal development stories as we can because they're kids. We've been strict on discipline consistently, and that won't ever change, but there is also room for education," said McNeill.

Room for education meaning that McNeill and his staff don't expect players to come in as polished products. Rather, he envisions that by the time a player leaves the program they will represent the values that their coach holds to be true. But when it comes to recruiting, McNeill has a very rigid idea of the types of players that he wants to coach.

"I've turned down and rescinded scholarships after going to see a kid," said McNeill. "I've done it here and I did it at Texas Tech. When they come here, I'll have (players) call me. I've had kids call and I ask them how things went. They've called in and said, 'He does not fit in well here, Coach.' They tell me, and I trust them enough that I'll take offers back. That's how strongly I feel about getting the right people here."

For McNeill, it all starts with character and the results on the field have only backed up his core beliefs off of it.

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Coach develops running game



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Kirk Doll voices instructions to his unit during a game.

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

In his third season with the No. 18 Pirates' (5-1) coaching staff, Kirk Doll has developed a competitive running back core, which serves as no surprise to those who have paid attention to his work over the last 33 years.

After helping the Pirates win the Southern Conference title as a defensive end in 1972, the Wichita, Kansas, native has gone on to coach for a myriad of teams. He was an assistant head coach under Nick Saban and the linebackers' coach for the 2004 BCS championship-winning LSU Tigers.

Doll also served as a special teams mentor for the Denver Broncos between 2004 and 2006 before returning to college football and later accepting a job as a special teams coordinator and running backs coach at ECU in 2012. Under the watch of Doll and offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley, the Pirates put together back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons, thanks to former backfield threat Vintavious Cooper, and are on pace to do so again in 2014.

In ECU's 28-17 win at South Florida over a week ago, Pirate ball carriers averaged over six yards per carry for 231 yards

and accounted for every score, proving once again that they play a sizable role in the nation's fourth ranked offense.

"If a defense is trying to take away the pass game and we can run it on them, then that's what we should do," said Coach Doll. "You want to win. That's the bottom line."

Despite being heavily influenced by former Texas Tech coach Mike Leach, ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill and Riley have both refuted claims that they operate an "air raid" offensive scheme. Coach Doll isn't big on pigeonholing the Pirate offense into one solitary label either.

"Whatever you want to call it, it's to win the game," said Doll. "I'm just happy to be a part of the offense. We have a good group of guys that have a lot of different talents in certain areas so we've been trying to utilize those the best we can."

Senior tailback Breon Allen has performed at an exceptional level six games into this season and leads the Pirates' crowded backfield with four touchdowns and 504 yards on just 61 carries, which is an average of 8.3 yards a rush.

Allen turned in a 211-yard rushing effort against North Carolina and amassed 124 yards at USF, but made sure to give credit to

where he felt it was due—with Coach Doll.

"I have the utmost respect for that guy," said Allen. "I definitely look at him as a father figure. He stays on us 24/7 and has taught me some valuable life lessons. He's such a caring guy. It's more than just football with him. He cares about you as an individual and wants to see you succeed on and off the field."

In terms of production, Allen isn't the only ECU back playing at a high level. Three other Pirates—junior Chris Hairston, freshman Marquez Grayson and freshman Anthony Scott—are averaging over five yards per carry.

Hairston ranks second on the team with 199 yards from 29 attempts, while Grayson and Scott have picked up 176 and 162 yards, respectively. As still one of the country's younger coordinators, Riley has relied on Doll's coaching methods and experience and believes they have been beneficial to the team.

"He brings an old school approach and I think our backs have gotten a lot tougher with him here," said Riley.

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| <p>Tuesday 10/21</p> <p>Men's Golf</p> <p>Pinetree Intercollegiate in Kennesaw, Ga.</p> <p>All day</p> | <p>Thursday 10/23</p> <p>Football</p> <p>Connecticut</p> <p>7 p.m.</p> | <p>Friday 10/24</p> <p>Women's Volleyball</p> <p>Cincinnati</p> <p>7 p.m.</p> | <p>Friday 10/24 cont.</p> <p>(Away) Women's Soccer</p> <p>Central Florida</p> <p>7 p.m.</p> | <p>Friday 10/24 cont.</p> <p>Women's Tennis</p> <p>ECU Invitational</p> <p>All day</p> |
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CALENDAR

TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

ECU defeated SMU on Sunday, 2-0. They travel to UCF for their next game.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pirates were shut out in back-to-back road matches against Tulsa and SMU.

GOLF

The Pirates are set for Tuesday's Pinetree Intercollegiate in Georgia coming off their last tournament win last weekend.

SWIMMING

Both the men's and women's team came away with dominant victories over College of Charleston this weekend.

FOOTBALL

The No. 18 Pirates had a bye week of preparation for Thursday's home game against UConn.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers lost to Green Bay, 38-17 on Sunday. Carolina is now 3-3-1 on the season.

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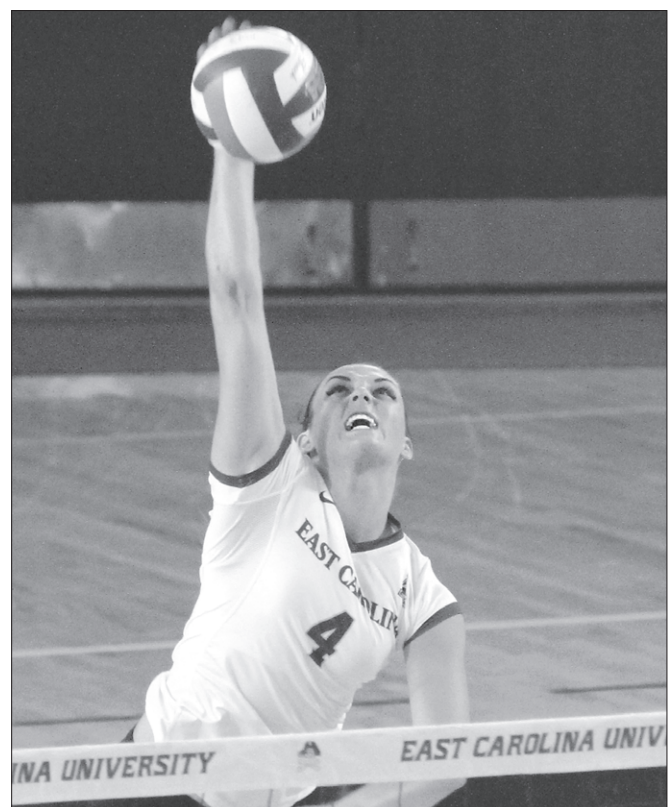


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Volleyball struggles on road



Sophomore Sydney Darden (4) skies for the ball in an AAC mathup. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

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This weekend was not a good one for the Lady Pirates, as they dropped both road games to conference opponents in Tulsa on Friday and SMU on Sunday.

Friday night saw ECU compete against a Tulsa team that had won three straight games in front of their home crowd. Even with a crowd of just over 200 for Friday's match-up, they still managed to have some influence on East Carolina.

"We lost composure against Tulsa," said Head coach Julie Torbett. "Some of the heckling broke some of our players' focus."

One glance at the box score would easily reflect coach Torbett's words as

some of ECU's top performers didn't put up the numbers they're used to. Sophomore standout hitters Ashley McRae and Sydney Darden finished with six errors apiece, although McRae registered nine kills.

Keeping it close throughout, the Lady Pirates were still swept by the Golden Hurricane with scores of 19-25, 17-25, and 21-25. Leading Tulsa were Bailey Clappitt with 31 assists to go with 11 digs, while Valerie El Houssine led the team with 13 kills.

With the win, Tulsa evened their conference record to 4-4 and 12-7 overall.

Sunday afternoon saw the Lady Pirates get swept for the second straight game against a conference opponent, as SMU defeated

ECU with set scores of 23-25, 21-25, 16-25.

Even with the loss, Coach Torbett is still encouraged by the play of her very young squad, especially against an opponent that sits atop the division.

"We played better against SMU and led most of the way," Torbett said. "I think we did well defensively."

Sydney Darden and defensive specialist Lauren Bewick both had a good game defensively, finishing with 13 and 11 digs respectively. On offense, senior setter Zarah Cecich led the team in assists with 23.

Leading the way for the Mustangs were Abbey Bybel and Caroline Young, who put up a double-double in kills and digs. SMU improved to

16-4 with the win.

Now sitting at 9-8 on the season and losing their last nine sets dating back to last Sunday, the Lady Pirates look to get over their recent woes by coming back home for a three game home stand. Awaiting them will be Cincinnati and Memphis on Friday and Sunday. Both teams hold weight within the top five of the American Athletic Conference and will certainly put ECU to the test.

ECU will round out the home stand against Maryland Eastern Shore on Tuesday before heading to Florida for rematches against UCF and USF on Halloween weekend.

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Runners compete in Boone

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TEC STAFF

The ECU Cross Country team headed to Boone on Friday to compete in the Blue Ridge Invitational, hosted by Appalachian State University.

The women's team placed in fifth while the men's side finished in sixth place.

The top finisher for ECU was junior Shewit Weldense on the women's side. Her time of 18:48.1 put her in 13th place.

Following her in 17th place was sophomore Caroline Reiser timing in at 19:09.60. This is the fourth time this season this season that Reiser crossed the finish line in one of the top two spots for the Pirates. Reiser's time was nearly 21 seconds better than her time at the Covered Bridge Invitational, held at the same course.

Behind Reiser, in 29th place, was sophomore Caitlyn Sheva. Her time, 19:48.18, was three seconds better than her time at the Paul Short Invitational (22:13) on Oct. 4.

All of the Pirate runners on the women's side crossed the finish line before the 25-minute mark. Sophomore Sydney Teague came in 49th (20:34.32). Following her was junior Rachel Rice in 65th (22:00.60) and freshman Caroline



Chase Miller

Parrish in 92nd (24:13.96).

On the men's side, freshman Jorge Montes led the men's 6,400-meter course, crossing the finish line in 16th place, timing in at 20:51.87. Montes beat his previous personal best time from earlier in the season, from the exact same course. He clocked in an impressive three minutes and 50 seconds earlier than his previous record.

This is the second time this season that Montes led the men's team. The last time Montes led the Pirates was at their last event, the Paul Short Invitational. His time of 25:37 earned him a 147th place finish out of over 250 runners.

Following Montes was redshirt senior Chase Miller, timing in at 21:24.28 at a 39th place finish. Behind Miller was redshirt junior Brather Cline in 53rd place (22:03.21). Just 27 seconds behind Cline was sophomore Abel Teale in 67th place (22:30.12). The last three to cross the finish line on the men's side were junior Pol Solanelles in 63rd, junior Dylan Traywick in 74th and sophomore Justin Lane in 78th.

Both the men's and women's side finished above Lenoir-

Rhyne University and Lees-McRae College. The men's squad earned a total of 163 points, while the women's side earned 123 total points.

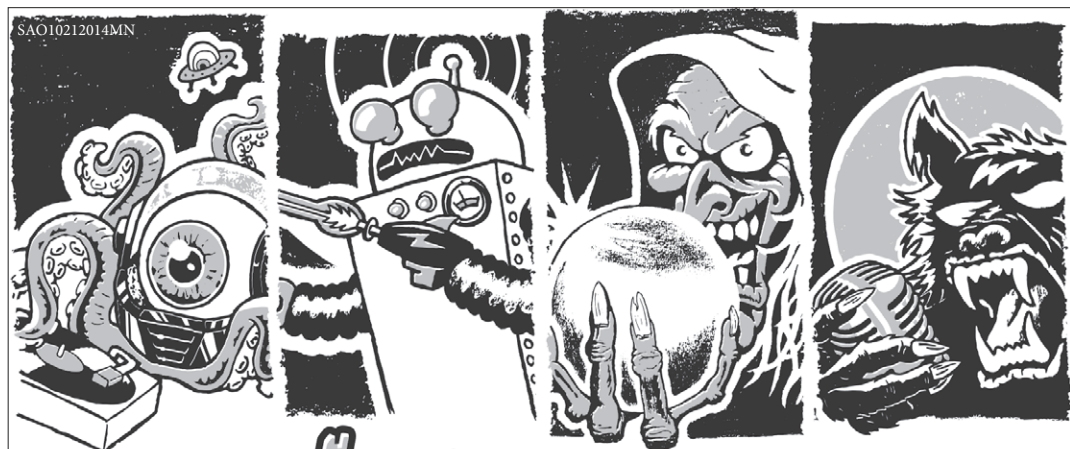
The cross country team will compete next at the American Athletic Conference Championships at the University of Tulsa. This is the first time that the Pirates will compete at the AAC-Championships.

Last year the Pirates were in Conference USA. During the C-USA Championships, the men's team placed ninth and the women's team placed fourth. There, two Pirate Runners made All-Conference. Alumni Brook Kott earned First-team All-Conference honors, for her second time. Miller also achieved All-Conference. He earned Third team All-Conference recognition.

This season, the team will compete at a new course with new competition. The team has performed well overall this season, earning four top-five wins combined between both the men's and women's sides. The team has competed and excelled over tough competition.

The Pirates will be competing at the AAC-Championships on Oct. 31.

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East Carolina University

Pirates dominate weekend



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Head Coach Rick Kobe's swim teams enjoyed a blow out of College of Charleston this weekend. The men earned a 174-115 victory over the Cougars and the women swam away with a 186-103 win.

Both swimming teams defeat College of Charleston

Wayne Hall
TEC STAFF

The ECU Pirates' Men and Women's swim teams kept things rolling Saturday afternoon as both teams took down College of Charleston.

No sweat was broken for either Pirate squad during Saturday's contest at Minges, as the men swam to a 174-115 victory, with the women putting up similar numbers in their defeat of Charleston, 186-103.

The lopsided affair kicked off during the 400 medley relay for the women, as the team, composed of Julie Lajoie, Megan Sellers, Bailie Monahan and Tori Angermeir sealed a first-place victory with a combined time of (3:49:02). However, Monahan took it a bit further as she later swam to victory in the 200 yard butterfly, setting a pool record with a time of (2:01.89) in the process. But

that wouldn't be the junior's grand finale. Monahan's day concluded with a first-place claim in the 100 butterfly as she swam to a time of (56.93).

Lauren Chew and Anna Marie Svanbergsson didn't let Monahan have all the fun though, as Chew took first in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of (2:06.60), while Svanbergsson, a Denmark native, took first in the 50 and 100 yard freestyles, with times of (24.57) and (52.25) respectively.

Sophomore diver Ashley Sams also punched her ticket to the NCAA Diving Championship as well, as Sams took first on both the one-meter springboard (268.52), and the three-meter springboard (311.85).

The men enjoyed a day of similar success as they started off the meet with a medley victory of their own, capturing first in the 400-medley relay. Andre Smedstad,

Nikola Simic, Rokas Cepulis and Adam Dear captured a winning time of (3:23.10).

Cepulis and Simic later added consecutive victories to their resumes, as Cepulis won both the 100-yard breaststroke and the 400-yard IM. They touched with times of (57.26), and (4:05.06) respectively. Simic followed suit with two victories in both the 50 and 100-yard freestyles.

The meet also served as a chance for some newcomers to flex their wings, as Reed Wheeler, a junior transfer from NC State took home a first place victory in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of (52.23), while freshman Miami native Bolek De Pawlikowski won both the 1000-yard freestyle as well as the 200-yard backstroke.

After the meet's conclusion, Head Swimming & Diving Coach Rick Kobe had his thoughts on the day's turn of events.

"It's always nice to win, but even more importantly, it's nice to swim fast and we had great swims today," Kobe said.

With three weeks before the Pirates' next dual meet match-up, Kobe also weighed in on the team's preparation.

"We can really start to train a lot," Kobe said. "We've got to make sure we stay in shape so the next couple of weeks will be good training."

These next three weeks of rest and preparation will be key for the Pirates as they look ahead to a rematch in South Carolina against a tough Gamecocks team. They are also preparing for a rematch against the College of Charleston, who will undoubtedly be looking to even the playing field.

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