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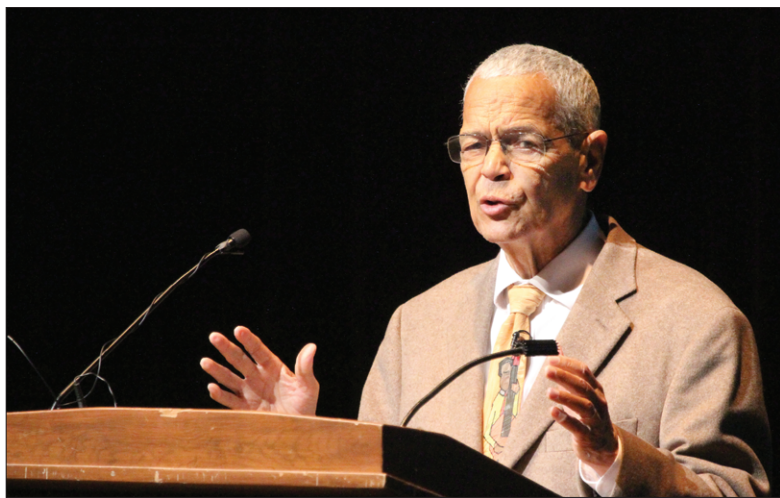
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Receiver Justin Hardy (2) pumps up the crowd. The senior is just four catches away from breaking the all-time FBS record for catches. He'll look to make history this Saturday as ECU takes Tulane. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN



Julian Bond speaks at Wright Auditorium for the Voyages of Discovery Lectures. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

## Civil rights activist speaks with students

Lindsay Rayner FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Civil Rights activist Julian Bond came to East Carolina University on Tuesday to speak as part of the Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series. While he was visiting, he met with a group of students for an intimate question and answer session.

Being a distinguished figure in American history, Bond told the group how he first got involved in the Civil Rights movement.

"Somebody asked me to participate in this thing. And I said yes I would. And I did. And that's how I got involved," said Bond.

Bond's first time participating in the Civil Rights movement took place while he was studying at Morehouse College in Georgia at a local café near by.

"In a couple of weeks, we had enough people from all these

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## Fraternity sleeps outside for homeless awareness

Altavia Lowery FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

While many students may be focused on going home this Thanksgiving break, one fraternity at East Carolina University has its mind set on something else.

The Xi Nu and Omicron Gamma Sigma chapters of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity are hosting "Sleepout for the Homeless," a national program to raise awareness about the effects of homelessness for the Greenville community.

From tomorrow until Saturday, the fraternity will collect winter clothing, coffee, toiletry, bedding and any other prepackaged items to donate to the homeless this Thanksgiving.

"I joined this organization because they do a lot of service," said senior marketing major Chanon Imes. "It feels good to impact the community in a positive way and Sleepout for the Homeless gives us that opportunity."

During the event, Xi Nu and Omicron Gamma Sigma will be sleeping outside to further support their cause.

"Sometimes Greek organizations have a reputation for partying and doing whatever they want," said

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Phi Beta Sigma poses together before sleeping outside. CONTRIBUTED

### BRIEFS

#### The Board of Trustees meeting to be held Thursday and Friday

The Board of Trustees will meet today and tomorrow in the Great Rooms of Mendenhall Student Center. Committees of the Board will begin at 8:30 a.m. today and the full board meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. tomorrow. Board members will discuss the new student union, Ebola preparedness and possible tuition and fee increases.

#### Greenville Convention Center breaks ground on expansion plans

Tuesday marked the groundbreaking on an expansion to the Greenville Convention Center. The \$4.5 million was approved for updates to the current facility and includes an update on the interior and addition of 12,000 sq. ft. The addition will make it the largest meeting center in Eastern N.C.

#### No arrests made in Delta Zeta House breaking and entering

The Delta Zeta House on East 5th Street reported a breaking and entering on Tuesday. Four white males were reported to have kicked in the front door and then fled on foot. No injuries were reported and no other description of the suspects have been released at this time.

### ONLINE

Check out all other TEC content:

>> Thanksgiving treats to impress your family with



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# Interfraternity Council elects new president

Emily Schultz  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Interfraternity Council elected their new executive council last week, including president Evan Ball who has many plans for the future of Greek life.



Evan Ball

Ball is a junior communication major concentrating in public relations. He has been vice president of his fraternity, Delta Chi, for over a year and a half and has served as vice president of standards on the executive council since April.

This year, he took a step forward by running for IFC president.

With many executive council members graduating this year, Ball wanted to step up and take on a larger role than before.

"The biggest thing is that I want to be a representation of all the chapters on campus and I want each chapter to have an equal opinion," said Ball.

In addition, Ball said that he wants more respect for the fraternities on campus and he would also like to see a greater sense of brotherhood among the fraternities than there is now.

"I don't want there to be this kind of hostility and aggressiveness to each other because it's really unnecessary," said Ball. "You know, we're all Greeks here and if we all hate each other, there's no point in being Greek."

Another plan Ball has is the Greek President's Council, which is the overseeing body over IFC, Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and the Multicultural Greek Council. Ball and Ron Hinton have been writing the by-laws for the new council.

Ball also wants to talk to administration to get a Housing Committee to search for more housing for the fraternities, which will fall under the Greek President's Council.

"We are trying to build this Greek President's Council to have a lasting affect on campus," said Ball. "We can say all this stuff, like that a Greek tailgate spot would be cool, but wouldn't a scholarship for a Greek student be even cooler? We want something that's like a lasting affect on campus... something I could say I created, like a legacy for the people behind me."

Each fraternity chapter gets one vote in the process of a new IFC president, so Ball campaigned to the fraternities all across campus in the three weeks between being nominated and the election.

"I wanted to hear what the chapters wanted to see from IFC. I wanted to be the voice for all of them," said Ball.

In the past, Ball had lost two elections for executive council positions.

"Going in there in a room full of guys that you don't know and losing is really nerve-racking and tough, but you know I stuck with it and third time's a charm," said Ball.

According to Director of Greek Life Keith Tingley, Ball is hardworking, committed, and driven.

"He has been one of my go-to guys when I need someone to get something done," said Tingley.

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COURTNEY TITUS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students (above) use the interactive mapping machine to map their location and other favorite spots on campus for GIS Day.

# Geography department holds interactive event

Kelsey Padgett  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's Department of Geography, Planning and Environment hosted an event using interactive mapping of students to celebrate Geographic Information Systems Day or GIS Day.

GeoClub, the ECU chapter of the American Meteorological Society, The Coastal Society and SPAN co-hosted the event.

The activity took place in Wright Plaza from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday. It allowed students the ability to map their location, as well as favorite place on campus, with the use of the live twitter feed, #GISDay. Event hosts were then able to harvest the results from the "twitter-verse" to determine student's favorite spots on campus. Students could also win prizes and learn more about GIS from brochures.

"GIS is a growing field," said Tom Allen with the department of Geography, Planning, and Environment. "Roads, power lines, and piping underground are all mapped out. Our interactive demo using social media, which is also growing rapidly, shows how that too can be mapped."

GIS provides users of geographic information systems technology the ability to "demonstrate real-world applications that are making a difference in our society" on a worldwide medium.

GIS Day is celebrated annually all around the world on the Wednesday during Geography Awareness Week, known as GeoWeek, which fell on November 16-22 this year.

Geography Awareness Week began in 1987 when it was started by the National Geographic Society to promote an increase in geographic literacy in commu-

nities, with a focus on the geographic education of children. It is a program meant to encourage citizens of all ages to come together to better understand the importance of geography. The National Geographic Geography Awareness webpage promotes geography so that citizens "understand where things are found, why they are there, and how they develop and change over time."

Each year Geography Awareness Week has a focus for its awareness. This year it is "The Future of Food."

"GeoWeek annually brings attention to a subject that plays a vital role in every part of our lives," said Kathleen Schwillie, vice president of curriculum for National Geographic Education and Children's Media, in a press release. "Knowledge of geography is important for all of us, not just teachers, decision-makers and world

leaders. Whether you're a traveler looking for a hotel near public transportation or a grocery shopper looking to make more sustainable, local food choices, you have to understand the connections that link places and people."

GIS Day is sponsored by the National Geographic Society, the Association of American Geographers, University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, the United States Geological Survey, The Library of Congress, Sun Microsystems, Hewlett-Packard and others.

To learn more about geography and GIS, students can visit the department of Geography, Planning and Environment webpage. Students can also take classes on campus about GIS technology.

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senior criminal justice major Jamaal Jaynes. "It's important for our fraternity to show that we care about the community and have an impact on it by serving others. We believe in the 'collective we,' and that involves the campus and the community working together to make a change."

The Sigmas are welcoming students all across Greenville to join them in the sleep out.

"We are trying to reach out to everyone in the Greenville community, not just ECU students," said senior media production major Jared Caldwell.

Caldwell believes that this is an event that will help tie the ECU population with the local Greenville population.

According to the U.S. Census, 30.4 percent of Greenville's population lives below the poverty level.

Meaning that out of 89,130 Greenville citizens, 27,095 people are struggling.

According to the federal government, as of 2012, poverty level in the United States is defined as making an annual income of



Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will collect drop off items that will go towards helping the homeless.

\$23,283 or less for a family of four or making \$11,945 or less for an individual.

The overall poverty rate for North Carolina was 17.2 percent in 2012, according to the U.S. Census.

The mission of Sleepout for the Homeless

is to make the community aware of these statistics and do something about it.

"We don't want to just collect money and give it to someone else," said Jaynes. "This is a two way program; we're raising awareness by being an example and collecting tangible

items to actually go and give. When you're in college and busy, it's easy to forget about real issues going on in the community, we want people to stay aware and concerned about these issues."

The event will be held in downtown Greenville at The Clemons Law Firm at 823 Evans Street.

Sleepout time will run from 5 p.m. on Friday until 7 a.m. Saturday morning.

Food, music, games and other activities will be provided for students and local citizens that attend.

Everyone is encouraged to drop off any items they can and stay for festivities, even if they are not able to sleep out.

People planning to sleep out are encouraged to bring sleeping bags, blankets and tents.

"Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity changed our lives," said senior business major Jarrett Sloan. "Now we will use it as a platform to impact the lives of others."

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schools to have our first sit in," said Bond.

The mixture of students from different Universities was a key component.

"It demonstrated that we were united," said Bond. "We had more power because all of us were doing it."

While Bond attended Morehouse College, he was one of eight students to take a class with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Dr. King only taught one time. Only taught one class. Only eight people in the class. I'm one of the eight," said Bond. "So I'm one of the eight people in the whole world who can say I was a student of Dr. King."

While working with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, Bond said he utilized his skills in writing.

"I used that skill to push and tell the story of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee about who we were, what we did, why we did it," said Bond.

Bond describes the Non-Violent Coordinating Committee as a campaign organization to the other groups devoted to non-violent desegregation.

Students are not as involved in activism today as previous students used to be and that is something that Bond would like to know why.

"Why are you not as active as your elders were at your age?" asked Bond.

One theory Bond has about the difference in involvement between then and now is a misconception. "We think that in the

1960s, everybody was involved, everybody was doing this stuff, and that's not true," said Bond. "It wasn't as many people as we think it was."

One of the topics Bond also discussed was how race relations today are better than in the past, but there is still a lot of room for improvement.

"Race relations are better now than they were then," said Bond. "But they're not as good as they ought to have been."

Bond said he believes that he is an optimistic person.

"I've always believed in life that it's either laugh or cry," said Bond. "And I don't like to cry."

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Seriously ECU dudes, where are all the manbuns?

While you've been getting down and out about your failing grades, you could've been getting down to this sick. beat!

Why not just approach the guy in your GEOL class? This isn't middle school.

Why dress like a sl\*t when you can dress like a 4.0 GPA student? Why not both? Sl\*tty and smart aren't mutually exclusive!

Why is it always so cold in the Math Cave???

Does anyone else think the "Verify Box Letters" stage of submitting Pirate Rants was designed as a failsafe to keep drunk people from embarrassing themselves?

Dear females: If I buy you Chipotle, then I'm allowed to sample your fajita.

Since accusations against the SGA president weren't made public, I'm going to assume he was drowning kittens and punching babies. #harshtruth

Thank you to whoever turned my lost phone into the driver on the 610 struggle bus.

TEC should have an app for submitting pirate rants.

To the person who said minges needed a Chick-fil-A. That would probably be the most worst type of food to have at the college of health and human performance. Everyone else on campus may be unhealthy and overweight, but we definitely shouldn't be.

What is it the chancellor actually does? Does anyone know? Because he seems more useless than the Queen of England to this student...

Why is the line at Starbucks always so long? I just want a cup of black coffee without waiting a half hour.

If you didn't go to the Room, you missed out.

Why is the weather always changing so much? Hot, cold, hot, cold....

With all the stupid people at ECU it makes me sad that they are getting the same degree that I am.

Anyone else want to sit and drink craft beer this winter?

Sexual health at ECU? What a joke...

Time for uggs, uggs everywhere.

People are already getting ready for Christmas and Thanksgiving isn't even here yet.

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## Our view

# Regarding the award snub of Justin Hardy

We, the students of East Carolina, along with anyone pretty much anywhere, tend to fall into the trap of thinking our current events and happenings in our bubble are more nationally relevant than they are.

This is not one of those instances:

Justin Hardy is set to become the all-time leading pass catcher in major college football history – four catches away. It is the opinion of this editorial staff that his accomplishments transcend eastern North Carolina. The moment he breaks this record should be one of the premiere highlights of this season in college football.

The decision by the Biletnikoff committee to leave Justin Hardy off its list of the ten most impressive receivers of 2014 is questionable at best.

As American Athletic Conference Commissioner Mike Aresco said in a statement Wednesday:

*We were extremely disappointed to learn that Justin Hardy of East Carolina was not chosen as a semifinal-*

*ist for the Biletnikoff Award. While we understand that there are a number of deserving candidates for this honor, anyone who has seen Justin play this year would have to conclude that he is among the best receivers in the nation.*

*Quite simply, Justin Hardy will finish his career as one of the all-time greats in college football. He is on the cusp of becoming the NCAA FBS career receptions leader, breaking one of the game's most important records, and he has done it with great class and dignity. He has had an outstanding season in every respect.*

*Our extremely competitive conference has terrific players across the board, particularly, at the wide receiver position, and our schools have played the toughest nonconference schedule of any conference in the nation. Justin Hardy stands out in a very talented group and he deserves to be recognized.*

# Guilt not fair for donations



Ryan Clancy  
TEC STAFF

In May the class of 2015 will graduate from East Carolina University. As soon as students graduate, they will be asked to become alumni donors and give back to their school. These donations could be to the Pirate Club, individual colleges, or to the university as a whole. The amounts can vary from low amounts like \$25 to amounts ranging in the thousands of dollars. Every ECU graduate will eventually have to decide whether they should give back and donate money to their university. While giving back to one's alma mater can be a noble endeavor, students should feel neither obligation to give back to their university, nor guilt if they do not.

It's no secret that college is expensive. According to a recent CNN article, college debt

is over 1.2 trillion and tuition costs continue at three times the rate of inflation nationwide. Textbooks can range in the hundreds of dollars. Articles abound on whether college is even worth it; many of which conclude that it is because of future earning potential, but just barely due to the large amount of debt accrued. Universities imply that graduates should donate in gratitude for the educations they receive. But when students have already paid tens of thousands of dollars to attend their respective college, or are still paying off student loans, it sometimes seems absurd to give the school even more money.

Depending on the university, the requests for donations come in the form of emails, calls or newsletters. Their ads typically use words like loyalty, dedication and responsibility. The ads often come off as an unfortunate attempt to guilt former students to donate to the school by implying that not donating is abandoning your alma mater.

This isn't to say that universities that solicit donations are completely in the wrong for doing so. Expenses have to be paid in order to keep the university competitive, and ECU has faced budget cut after budget cut. ECU's faculty has not received a raise in years. There are also advantages to giving back. It helps future students, and money can go to programs that you enjoyed in your time at the university so that others can continue to enjoy those same programs. But in the end, college is about investing in yourself and either you or your parents have made the decision to do that. If a graduate finds themselves in a financially stable position and want to donate to their university, they should do so. But universities should not guilt graduates into donating, and should understand when graduates decide not to.

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# Technology not always a bad thing



Alan Skirnack  
TEC COLUMNIST

It seems that lately more and more people have been upgrading every technological device they have once every three months or crying foul over the folly of man and the rise of the machine. Their cries for humanity often ring to the tune of the past, claiming it to be the high point of humanity and the pinnacle of human interaction. Opponents of technology claim that it has a way of reducing human interaction and one-on-one communication down to code and numbers. They believe that we should go back to the way things were before smart phones were prevalent. Let's face it though, things will never be like they were. Technology already has such a hold in society that it has become all but irrevocable.

The receding amount of face-to-face interaction done between people isn't ideal. But does it outweigh the beauty of having information at your fingertips? Contrary to popular belief, smart phones are not simply a social media instigator; they're the entire human experience in your pocket, where knowledge has been gathered in one spot and all we need are the desires to look for it. We are in an age of rapid societal development, and while some praise this, others continue to belittle the advancements we've made by claiming that we are walking straight into our demise.

This isn't an order for everyone to embrace technology in a warm hug; this is a simple reminder, a minor catalyst to ignite your mind into thinking. Yes, technology may be growing rampantly in today's world, but that's okay. It's not necessarily a bad thing. This is a reminder that we all live our lives the way we want. So next time you see a group of teenagers,



Students on their phones while at dinner. College students spend the most time on their phones, averaging 94.6 minutes per day just sending text messages.

or college students, walking to classes in the morning, don't make side comments about them looking like zombies; casually reminded them to watch where they are going, stay out the bike path, and look both ways before they cross the road. Technology isn't the enemy; it's a friend and needs to be embraced.

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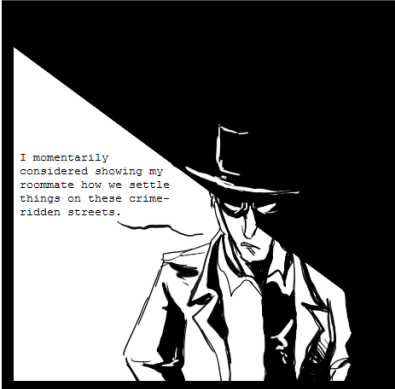
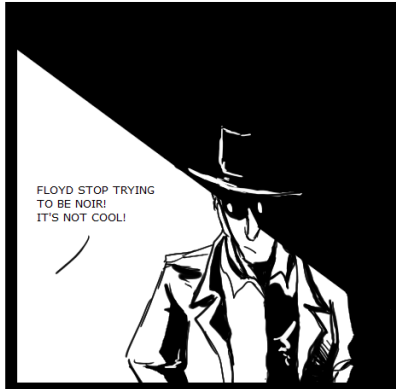
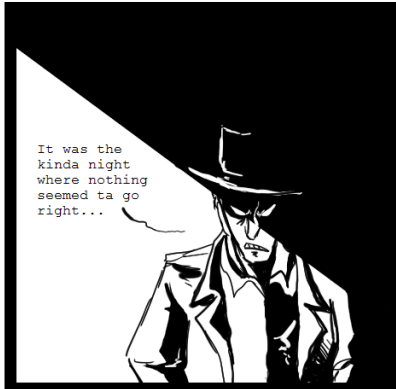
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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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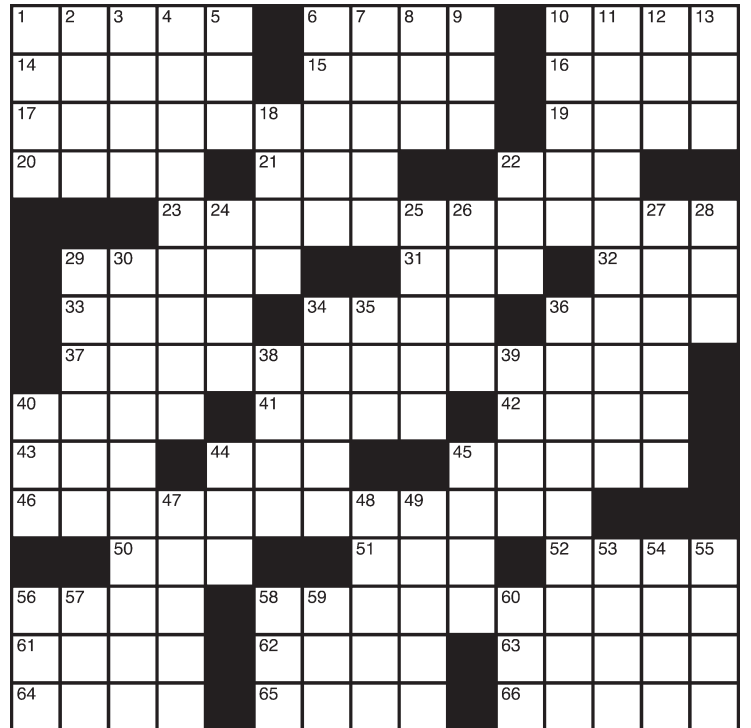
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 122-square-mile republic
- 6 Three or four, say
- 10 Incise with acid
- 14 Voiced
- 15 Racing sled
- 16 Mozart's "\_\_\_ fan tutte"
- 17 Office evaluations
- 19 Industrialist who's had his ups and downs?
- 20 Plenty
- 21 Syncopated work
- 22 Fla. neighbor
- 23 Posh Riviera residence
- 29 Peaceful harmony
- 31 "Bravo!" relative
- 32 Tied (to)
- 33 Riga native
- 34 Bamboozle
- 36 Damage, so to speak
- 37 Mischievous ones hiding in plain sight in 17-, 23-, 46- and 58-Across
- 40 Acute
- 41 Troubadour's offerings
- 42 Sinus docs
- 43 Western treaty gp.
- 44 One in a sports page column
- 45 Art print, briefly
- 46 "That's my general impression"
- 50 Wear (through)
- 51 Huffington Post parent co.
- 52 Whiskey choices
- 56 "Sea Change" musician
- 58 Summer venue where kids can clown around?
- 61 Seize
- 62 Pen sound
- 63 Part of a TV signal
- 64 Milquetoast
- 65 Pine for
- 66 False \_\_\_

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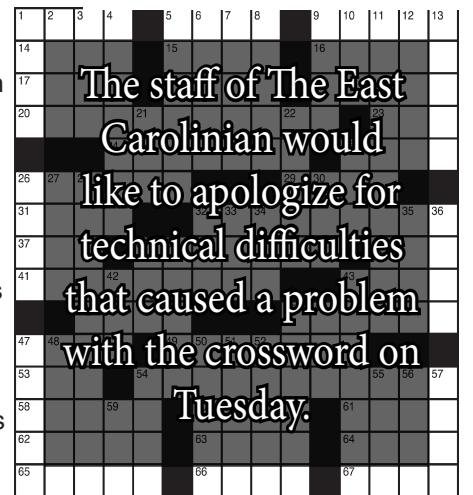
- 1 Subject of clothed and nude Goya portraits
- 2 Frequently
- 3 Gray wolf



By Jeffrey Wechsler

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## TUESDAY'S PUZZLE SOLVED



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- 4 Becomes even more charming, say
- 5 Org. promoting water fluoridization
- 6 Police profile datum
- 7 Spore producers
- 8 Custard component
- 9 Broncos wide receiver Welker
- 10 USDA inspector's concern
- 11 Gross figure
- 12 CBS series set in a lab
- 13 Presley's "(Marie's the Name) \_\_\_ Latest Flame"
- 18 Serving aid
- 22 Street sign abbr.
- 24 Words to a traitor
- 25 Seals the fate of
- 26 First name in jazz
- 27 On a smaller scale
- 28 Home security letters
- 29 Orioles, e.g., briefly
- 30 Buildings from a plane, metaphorically
- 34 City northwest of Detroit
- 35 "A hot temper leaps \_\_\_ a cold decree": Shakespeare
- 36 Butcher's offering
- 38 Worms, perhaps
- 39 Actor Dullea
- 40 Showy carp
- 44 Moisten
- 45 Ripsnorter
- 47 Does some gardening
- 48 Incredible stories
- 49 '90s White House cat
- 53 When tripled, a story shortener
- 54 Muslim dignity
- 55 Pal of Rover
- 56 Incidentally, in textspeak
- 57 \_\_\_ de parfum
- 58 Kin of org
- 59 Trio on Big Ben
- 60 Sweden-based carrier

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## Lady Pirates claim home win

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The ECU Women's basketball team improved to 3-0 and scrapped their way to victory Wednesday, beating the Charleston Cougars 68-55 in Minges Coliseum.

ECU improved its all time record against the Cougars to 4-3 and Head Coach Heather Macy improved her personal head coaching record to 2-2 with the decisive win.

The Pirates continued their strong defensive play once again, forcing the Cougars to 26 turnovers. The Pirates recorded 16 steals as well as five blocks in their defensive dominance.

The Lady Pirates also continued to show that they are a strong rebounding team, out-rebound-

ing Charleston by 12, pulling down an impressive 20 offensive rebounds.

Statistically, the Pirates struggled in almost every category offensively, shooting a mediocre 42.6 percent from the field, 13 percent from behind the three-point arc, only making 36.4 percent of their free throws.

The Pirates never lost their lead and seemed to always have the game's momentum by swarming the Cougars and forcing them to turn the ball over.

"Our defense creates our offense," Macy said. "We shot 36 percent from the free throw line; when we shot 47 the other weekend, I didn't think we could shoot lower. Those are all things that are very correctable, and we feel good about heading into

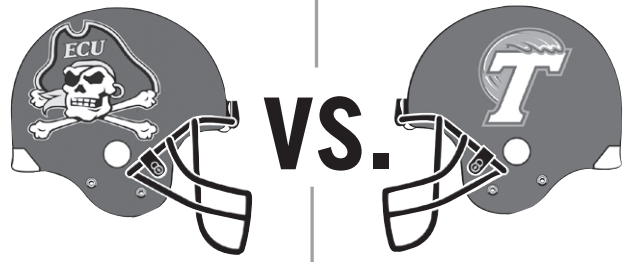


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Abria Trice (21) rises for a floater during Wednesday's win over College of Charleston.

> **WOMEN'S HOOPS** page A8

## ECU set for AAC foe Tulane



Brian Wudkwyh  
TEC STAFF

After suffering back-to-back losses for the first time since 2011, the ECU (6-3, 3-2 American Athletic Conference) football team returns to the friendly confines of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for the first time in nearly a month to take on the lowly Tulane Green Wave (3-7, 2-4 AAC) Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

The Green Wave roll into Greenville fresh off of a 38-7 loss to the conference-leading Memphis Tigers and have had a season marred with ups and downs.

The inconsistency that has hurt Tulane's season thus far can be personified in the quarterback position. Tanner Lee, a red-shirt freshman, has started eight games this season and thrown for 12 touchdowns, but his 13 interceptions have hurt his team's cause.

Lining up behind Lee are running backs Sherman Badie and Lazedrick Thompson. Badie and Thompson

provide ECU with a unique challenge as they have vastly different play styles.

"Lazedrick is a pounder and a powerful guy, and Sherman is a really quick redshirt freshman," said ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill.

Together, the running back duo has combined for 1,104 combined yards rushing and seven touchdowns and been primary reason for Tulane ranking third in the American in rushing. However, it will be up against the conference's top ranked rush defense in ECU.

But what the Wave has done this season takes a backseat to what it did a year ago; specifically in the case of ECU. The two schools' clash in the Superdome was a game that the Pirates were supposed to win but instead Tulane sunk ECU with a 36-33, triple-overtime win.

However, McNeill insists that last year's performance is history.

> **TULANE** page A8

## Catching history



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Justin Hardy reaches out for a highlight-reel grab in ECU's previous home game against UConn. The senior scored on the play.

## FBS record in Justin Hardy's reach

Jesse Deal  
TEC STAFF

Only four catches separate Justin Hardy from becoming the all-time Football Bowl Subdivision leader in receptions.

The senior wide receiver will likely notch his historic 350th catch against Tulane in front of thousands of cheering fans in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Saturday, surpassing the mark set by former Oklahoma receiver Ryan Broyles in 2011. For Hardy, it will simply be another milestone in the marvelous career of the most decorated Pirate receiver of all time.

Nobody expected Hardy to do what he has done at ECU. After deciding to forfeit his scholarship to play at Fayetteville State, the Vanceboro native began his time in Greenville as a walk-on member of the scout team for the 2010 season. It was at this time that he met his future quarterback and ECU record-breaking partner-in-crime, Shane Carden.

Hardy impressed his coaches and went on to become the Pirates' leading receiver as a freshman a year later – a

title that he's held ever since. Along the way, he's formed an unbreakable bond with Carden.

"He's done a lot for me since I've been here," said Carden. "He was out on the field before me and he gave me a lot of confidence when I first started. I think he deserves everything he gets. He's made me a better player and he's bailed me out on a lot of situations on the field."

With the final chapter of his collegiate career coming to an end soon, Hardy is taking it all in stride. The 6-foot-1, 188-pound receiver acknowledges the significance of the all-time receptions record looming on the horizon but he has his sights set on helping the Pirates (6-3, 3-2 AAC) record a win after two tough road losses.

"I think it's a big accomplishment," said Hardy on the record. "But at the same time, I'm really focused on the team and going out there and getting that win."

On Monday, 10 semi-finalists were named for the Biletnikoff Award, which is awarded to the most outstanding college football receiver of the season. Much to the dismay of ECU Head Coach Ruffin

McNeill, Hardy was not on the list of semi-finalists. "Life goes on; I have to go out there and play," said Hardy, seeming to be unfazed by his exclusion.

Not everyone has ignored Hardy's efforts, however. He was named as one of 10 semi-finalists for the Burlsworth Trophy on Tuesday. That prize is given to the nation's most outstanding player who started out as a walk-on.

"Any type of award you're up for is a great accomplishment but it's still a team thing," Hardy reiterated. "I wouldn't be in that position without the teammates and coaches that I have. I'm just going out there and playing my game and the rest will take care of itself."

Some detractors have said that Hardy's success at ECU is solely a result of offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley's spread offense system that relies heavily on the passing game. While that has played a factor in his 346 catches, 4049 yards and 32 touchdowns, Riley says adamantly that Hardy's skills are unique.

"I've been around some pretty

> **HARDY** page A7

<p>Thursday 11/20</p> <p>Men's Basketball</p> <p>Virginia University of Lynchburg</p> <p>7 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday 11/21</p> <p>Swimming/Diving</p> <p>Nike Cup in Chapel Hill, NC</p> <p>All Day</p>	<p>Saturday 11/22</p> <p>Football</p> <p>Tulane</p> <p>3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday 11/23</p> <p>Women's Basketball</p> <p>Delaware</p> <p>11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Sunday 11/23</p> <p>(Away) Women's Volleyball</p> <p>Cincinnati</p> <p>1 p.m.</p>
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## CALENDAR

### TAKEAWAYS

#### MEN'S TENNIS

The ECU men's tennis doubles team of senior Damien Brenard and sophomore Fredric Lehfeldt lost in the second round at the regional championships.

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Junior libero Erika Figueroa tied the single-game record for most digs in a match with 34 in a 3-2 conference win over UConn.

#### SWIMMING/DIVING

Junior Bailie Monahan and sophomore Alicia Roueche were named to the AAC Female Swimmer and Diver of the Week.

#### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Pirates wrapped up its season with a 27th place finish at the 2014 NCAA Southeast Regional on Friday.

#### FOOTBALL

Justin Hardy was named a Burlsworth Trophy semi-finalist, given annually to college football's top player that began his career as a walk-on.

#### CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Hornets lost to the streaking Dallas Mavericks, 107-80, on Nov. 17 at Time Warner Cable Arena. The Hornets are now 4-7 on the season.

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### TULANE continued from A6

"I look at Tulane as a chance to get back on the field and get a win," said McNeill. "It's about being ready to get that taste [of winning] back in our mouths. These guys are used to winning and they have a chance to accomplish some things as a group of seniors that may have never been done before."

The team may be playing down the potential of a revenge factor, but last season's performance against Tulane provides ECU with a chance to play a team that is familiar with, which is a luxury that it didn't necessarily have in their last three contests.

"[It helps] maybe a little bit," quarterback Shane Carden said of the familiarity with Tulane. "But teams have done different things when we played them so we just have to prepare for certain things that we may not see."

Statistically, Tulane has racked up 70 tackles for a loss, which is a representation of how aggressive the defense is. Making sure that the offense doesn't fall behind early in a drive is something that the Pirates recognize they need to avoid.

"It's going to be very important," said McNeill. "They attacked a lot last year, so it's going to be very important when we

talk about getting first downs."

Carden added, "We always talk about staying on track especially against a team that's this aggressive. You never want to get behind the chains in any situation."

Anchored by senior safety and leading tackler Sam Scofield, the Tulane defense ranks eighth in the conference with 29.7 allowed points per game and has allowed 30-plus points in all but three of its games this season. Conversely, the ECU offense ranks first in scoring and has a reasonable chance to continue to put up points against the Wave.

The chance to avenge last year's loss and an opportunity to get their season back on track are all storylines going into the Pirate's matchup. A win against Tulane would also preserve an outside chance of the Pirates winning the conference.

"We still have a number of goals that we are shooting for," said McNeill. "Getting ready for Tulane is one of them. This mission of the team and staying focused is always at the forefront. We have three games left and a bowl game. That's four games, so let's go fight. Let's play."

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### WOMEN'S HOOPS continued from A6

the weekend."

One thing that the Pirates seem to always be able to count on is redshirt junior Jada Payne. Payne led the Pirates in rebounding and scoring last season and seems to be continuing where she left off.

Payne led the last Pirates' night, notching a season-high 24 points as well as tying her career high of 13 rebounds. It was her second double-double of the season and the ninth of her career.

"At all times, I try to do whatever I can to help my team out," Payne said. "I didn't know at all [about career game]. I'm just happy that we got the win."

Junior Community College transfer Tiana Taylor pulled in eight rebounds for the third straight game and was a major spark for the Pirates on both ends of the floor in the second half. Taylor was consistent in finishing around the rim as well as playing scrappy, hustling up and down the court recording steals, blocks and rebounds.

Taylor finished the game with 13 points, nine rebounds, and four steals off the bench, as well as recording an impressive block while chasing down a Charleston player on a fast break.

With two minutes left in the game, when

the Pirates seemed to have sealed the win, redshirt senior Abria Trice was involved in an altercation that led to her ejection. Trice and a Charleston player both fell to the ground, while trying to recover a rebound and things escalated to hair being pulled and some punches being thrown.

"I think it was an aggressive basketball play," Macy said. When asked if Trice will miss any time due to the incident, Macy replied. "We will have to go to the video and check with the American conference rules."

Trice is a starter and was the second leading scorer for the Pirates last season.

The Pirates have fared very well the past couple of seasons playing at Minges, going 14-1 in two straight seasons. They have the sixth highest home winning percentage in the NCAA during that span.

The Pirates will try to keep the home momentum going this weekend when they play Delaware Friday at 11:30 a.m. and Bethune Cookman Sunday at 2 p.m.

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



Dan Hunt

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Who Wins? ECU, 42-27  
Why? The secondary is in a bad place right now. There should be a lot of shuffling. But ECU's offense is due to put it all together.



Josh Graham

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Who Wins? ECU, 41-9  
Why? The Pirates are at home for the first time in forever facing a team they are better than. Enjoy this one, ECU fans.



Jesse Deal

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Who Wins? ECU, 38-14  
Why? After a pair of road losses, the Pirates could rebound big in a home contest against three-win Green Wave.



Brian Wudkwyh

@brianwudkwyh

Who Wins? ECU, 37-24  
Why? This ECU defense can be exploited for big points but ECU will have last year's loss in the back of its mind.



Ronnie Moore

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Who Wins? ECU, 42-23  
Why? Tulane can't score enough points to keep pace. Pirates stay unbeaten at home.

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