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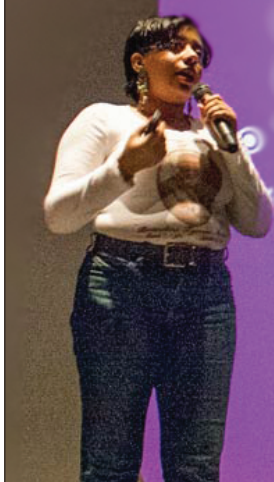
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ECU recognizes World AIDS Day



Kimberly Knight explains Red is the New Black to students at a presentation in order to advocate AIDS awareness.

Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

Kimberly Knight, owner of Knight-Moore Inspirations, LLC, and freelance writer, was the keynote speaker of the Red is the New Black event last night in Hendrix Theatre for World Aids Day.

Knight is an advocate of HIV/AIDS awareness and came to East Carolina University to educate students on being bold when talking about sexual relationships.

"I want students to be aware because this is a time in your life where sexual health can become a focus point," said Knight. "The pressures of sexual activity on college campuses is

very strong, and I think there needs to be more open dialogue between partners, even when you are students, because you're coming in contact with so many people in so many different situations."

Knight said it is important to educate high school and college students about AIDS because they are transitioning from teenagers to adults, and they may not be aware of the dangers of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

"They should be more aware that it's an intimate encounter with someone... I want people to not take sexual health so casually," said

"I want students to be aware because this is a time in your life where sexual health can become a focus point."

-Kimberly Knight

Knight.

Knight became an advocate for AIDS awareness after her husband died unexpectedly in September of 2012.

"My husband was the love of my life... we were high school sweethearts and connected after the college years and got married and within 11 months he passed away very sud-

denly within three days and I had no idea why," said Knight.

She said that a doctor had to tell Knight that her husband was HIV positive, and he never received treatment for it.

"I think about how many times we had the opportunity, we could

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Peaceful protests at Pitt Courthouse

Zach Elsam
TEC STAFF

The grand jury in charge of determining whether or not Darren Wilson, the officer who shot and killed 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., has decided to not indict Wilson on his actions.

Peaceful protests were held on college campuses in the United States this week, including East Carolina University, which held its own protest in front of the Pitt County Courthouse last Tuesday night.

The rally was organized by the Pitt County Coalition Against Racism and the Pitt County NAACP. A crowd of about 50 gathered to greet Greenville Police Chief Hassan Aden, who had just arrived back from St. Louis County, Mo.

"In policing in general in America, we have done a lot of damage in our communities," said Chief Aden. "Now there's a new group of police chiefs throughout the country that we're here for reform. We're here to make things right."

Member of Pitt County Coalition Against Racism Don Cavellini said that the protests which are taking place across the country are not singular moments, but rather the beginning of a larger movement for justice and racial equality.

The now infamous shooting occurred on Aug. 9 earlier this year, after Brown and his friend Dorian Johnson, two black men, were caught on camera lifting cigarillos from a local convenience store.

The officer who responded to the scene was Darren Wilson, who noticed the two men walking down the middle of the street. According to multiple witness

testimonies, Wilson approached the men in his cruiser and noticed they were the suspects he was looking for. An altercation occurred in the vehicle's driver side window between Brown and Wilson until the officer's gun fired.

Brown and Johnson then fled in separate directions, with Wilson in pursuit of Brown. The end result was Wilson shooting and hitting Brown seven or eight times with 12 shots, the last of which was fatal. Witness reports vary as to whether Brown had his hands raised in surrender, and if he was approaching Wilson during the last shots.

Prosecuting attorney for St. Louis County, Mo., Robert McCulloch announced that Wilson would not be indicted on any charges about four months later.

Civil unrest broke out in the city of Ferguson following the announcement that Wilson would be freed of any wrongdoing. The violence was primarily sparked by the belief that Brown was surrendering, alongside the long-standing racial tension between the majority-black Ferguson community and majority-white police and government.

The peaceful protests gradually deteriorated into violent rioting with millions of dollars worth of property damage being inflicted in response to the case. Threats have escalated and some threats include an assassination plot aimed toward McCulloch and even the destruction of the Gateway Arch national monument, according to a Ferguson Police press release.

Former ECU student Jonathan

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>> Man suspected of stabbing fiancée to face judge on Monday

>> Board of Trustees considers possible Aycock Hall name change

Senior closes roller coaster career

Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

From an outside perspective, a 15-16 record for ECU volleyball does not seem successful. For the Lady Pirates' lone senior Zarah Cecich, however, this feat was nearly unimaginable following her sophomore season.

Cecich and her Lady Pirates had just finished up a third consecutive two-win season in 2012 and things looked bleak in the program. The 5-foot-11 setter thought about transferring, but chose to stay as she felt a cultural shift in the program coming.

"I debated whether I was going to transfer or not. Not winning ever was sad. It was

kind of depressing," said Cecich. "I knew there was a new coach coming in and I thought that would help. And I didn't want to leave the team because they became my family."

Head Coach Julie Torbett stepped in and gave new life to ECU volleyball and looked to build confidence in the program.

"Coach Torbett provided a structure for us. We didn't have much of a structure before this so that really helped us," said junior libero Erika Figueroa who suffered through a 2-25 season with Cecich in 2012. "So we really started from zero with coach and we're still on the rise."



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Senior Zarah Cecich (16) celebrates after a point win this season.

Torbett made an immediate impact in starting to change the program's culture and helped lead the Lady Pirates to a 13-19 record in 2013 with help from Cecich. She led the team in assists for the third straight season as the starting

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BRIEFS

Accident on Sunday takes the lives of three Greenville citizens

Three people from Greenville were killed in an accident on Sunday morning in Edgecombe County. The accident happened just before noon on NC-42 east of Pinetops, according to Highway Patrol. Alan Thompson, 30, Mickeyla Little, 15, Christian Thompson, 2, all from Greenville, were killed.

Six-month Atlantic hurricane season came to an end Sunday

Atlantic hurricane season has ended and North Carolina was the only state to have had a storm hit the U.S. mainland. The six-month hurricane season ended on Sunday and only one hurricane, Arthur, made landfall on the east coast on July 3-4.

Pitt County Board of Education swears in five new members

New members of the Pitt County Board of Education were voted into office yesterday. Judge David Leech swore in five school board members: Mary Blount-Williams, Benjie Forrest, Caroline Doherty, Mildred Council and Walter Gaskins. All terms will end in 2016.

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Sarah Harvell, graduate student, checks OneStop for her available tuition and fees balance for the upcoming spring semester.

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GPD discovers child prostitution

Amanda Adkins and ReAnn Melaga
TEC STAFF

Greenville Police were called to the Dollar Tree on 814 S. Memorial Drive after a 14-year-old attempted to use counterfeit money.

According to Greenville Police Department Public Information Officer Kristen Hunter, officers sensed something was not right when they arrived on the scene and spoke with the teenager.

Officers then discovered that the teen was a runaway from New York and was a victim of human trafficking.

Police searched a room at the Quality Inn located at 821 S. Memorial Drive and there arrested Maurice Spencer, of Florida, for human trafficking a child victim and promoting prostitution. Jalonda Graham, of New York, was charged with human trafficking a child and aiding and abetting prostitution. Ashley Nicole Thomas, of Washington, N.C., was discovered at the hotel and charged with aiding and abetting prostitution. She received a \$5,000 secured bond.

The suspects were booked at the Pitt County Detention Center and given court-appointed attorneys. Spencer received a \$250,000 bond and Graham received a \$200,000 bond.

The suspects are due in court again on Dec. 18th. The victim's parents were notified and she was taken in by the Office of Juvenile Justice.

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ECU Trustees propose tuition and fee increase

Caroline West
TEC STAFF

Sophomore communication major Mackenzie Tewksbury grew up in Maryland, far from Greenville, but when she was choosing a university to spend the next four years after high school, East Carolina University was an easy pick.

"I picked East Carolina because it wasn't ridiculously expensive compared to the other schools I was looking at," Tewksbury said. "We tried to find a school that we could afford for four years... it was nice to find ECU because it was reasonably priced for out-of-state students."

Out-of-state students like Tewksbury could see a rise in their tuition because of a proposal made by the Board of Trustees.

Before students loaded up their cars for the Thanksgiving holiday, the Board of Trustees recommended a tuition increase for all undergraduate and graduate students for the next two academic years.

The proposed plan passed unanimously by Trustees.

The recommendation means in-state undergraduate students would see tuition rise \$198 and \$208 a year later. Current tuition is \$3,959, but it would increase to \$4,365 by fall semester of 2016.

Both out-of-state undergraduate and graduate student tuition under the proposal would increase by three percent each of the next two years.

"Because out-of-state students pay so much more... their increase

is higher on a dollar amount," said Rick Niswander, vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. "An in-state student will pay \$198 more and an out-of-state student will pay \$575 more."

The increase in tuition would allow for the majority of the revenue to go towards a salary increase pool for faculty members.

"Over the last seven years our EPA faculty and staff have received a 1.2 percent raise and when you factor inflation into that, that means that every one of them had a 13 percent pay cut," Niswander said. "We can't continue to keep and attract high quality faculty, which is a foundation of our university, if we don't pay them well."

Last year the university lost about 35 faculty members.

An award is given each year for an Outstanding Researcher and all but one of the faculty members awarded have left the university. The university also loses faculty with research grants. One individual in the biological sciences that had a \$2 million research grant left for another university and took the research grant with them. The College of Business lost three individuals. Two of those individuals left to other universities and one to the industry.

"Obviously salary is not the only thing, but salary obviously makes a difference," Niswander said. "It's where you are, how you feel about where you are, and how well you feel you are compensated."

Tewksbury was in support of the board's proposal and said the faculty is very deserving of an increase.

"I think if we are going to raise tuition it should definitely go towards raises for faculty," Tewksbury said. "They work hard everyday to give us the education we are paying for so they definitely need that extra bonus."

Trustees from North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Greensboro and UNC Wilmington, among others also voted to raise tuition and fees.

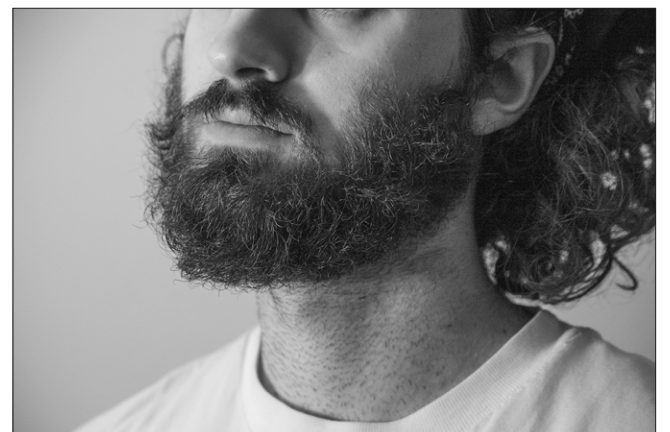
"The issue here is how do we provide the best quality education that we can within the general constraints we have," Niswander said. "We don't have an unlimited source of money, we understand that, but we want to provide the best education we can and if we lose our good quality faculty, every single student will be adversely affected."

Fees for athletics, education-technology and student health services would also see an increase total to \$59 in 2015-16, and \$66 for 2016-17.

Housing and Dining would also increase to about \$150 for residence halls, and an annual \$100 increase for residential meal plans for the next two years.

The proposal by the Board of Trustees will go to the UNC system's Board of Governors for approval in February.

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Aaron Beck grows out a beard and mustache for cancer awareness.

MYLES TRAVITZ | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

No shaving for charity

Altavia Lowery
TEC STAFF

The Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the Make-A-Wish foundation is hosting a No Shave November Beard Contest featuring many East Carolina University fraternities.

No Shave November is a way to bring awareness to cancer. The goal is to grow hair awareness by embracing hair, which many cancer patients lose. The money that would normally be spent on haircuts, grooming, and shaving is then donated to The American Cancer Society.

"We decided to fund-raise through our local chapter of Make-a-Wish foundation, because we wanted to have a direct impact on our community. On average the cost to finance a "Wish" is \$7,500, so we set out to raise awareness and high-

light this realistic goal," said Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Interfraternity Council member Joseph Rossabi.

Each organization or fraternity had a chance to put forward their best beard growers at \$15 a person. This contest lasted all of November 2014 and at the end of the competition, on Wednesday, a panel of judges will assemble to decide upon the following: Best Beard, Best Mustache, Best Design and People's Choice. The winners from each category will receive a trophy and bragging rights for the next 11 months.

"This will be the first year of the event," said Rossabi. "We actually came up with this

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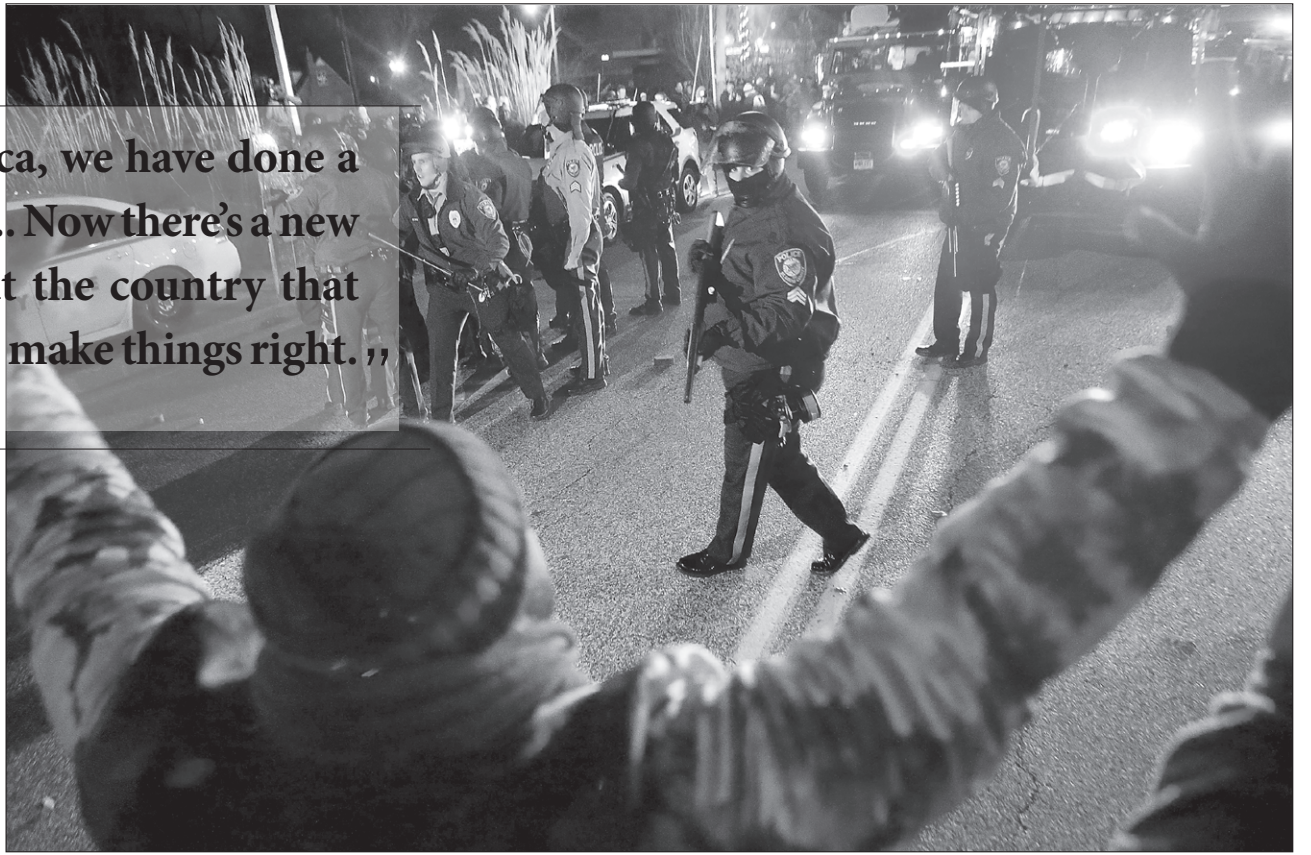
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“ In policing in general in America, we have done a lot of damage in our communities... Now there’s a new group of police chiefs throughout the country that we’re here for reform. We’re here to make things right.”

–Chief Hassan Aden



Police and protestors meet after a grand jury did not indict Officer Wilson in the shooting of unarmed teenager Michael Brown. TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICES

Tolley, who now studies criminal justice at UNC-Charlotte, says that the violent protestors are going about it the wrong way.

“The thing I disagree with most is how it comes off as [the rioters] want everything their way only, while caring less about the havoc they cause in their wake,” said Tolley. “Peaceful protests shouldn’t require the enforcement of martial law.”

Since the announcement occurred almost a week ago, Wilson has stepped down from his position at the police department and riots are still ongoing.

No violence has occurred in Greenville in relation to the events in Ferguson, according to Greenville Police.

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idea in order to become a more unified front for Greek Life, and to help alter the negative perception of ECU’s Greek Life. We have the opportunity to make this event happen annually, with a hope that more organizations will join our team in years to come. Our hopeful end result would be that all students/student organizations and faculty become involved and enjoy the thought that together we changed lives forever.”

SAE helped organize this event along with strong contributions from Phi Beta Sigma, Alpha Delta Pi and many more organizations.

“The more people we can get to support our cause, the more that financial goal will become obtainable,” said Rossabi. “East Carolina’s Greek organizations care about our community and will strive together to reach our goal.”

The contest will be held on Wednesday at the Greenville Toyota Amphitheater. General admissions for the contest is \$5 and the competitors pass is \$15. The contest is from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and tickets are being sold online and at the door.

The Make-A-Wish Eastern Carolina Chapter’s purpose is to grant wishes to children with life threatening medical con-

ditions. Since their founding in 1986, the chapter has granted more than 2,800 wishes and counting.

All proceeds from the No Shave November Contest will go straight to the Make-A-Wish foundation. Food, activities, sponsor giveaways and a live concert from Fresh Batch band will all be a part of the event.

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AIDS continued from A1

have discussed it, and that even though he was tested, his test came out as a false negative,” said Knight.

HIV awareness became her passion after her husband passed and so she created her own business, Knight-Moore Inspirations, LLC.

One of Knight’s biggest talking points last night was the Greater Than AIDS: Empowered campaign, which is about empowering women to be more open about

conversations of sexual health and being advocates for AIDS awareness.

Knight hopes that all students will now be able to have this open conversation about sexual health.

One of quotes Knight lives by is “I’m a voice for the voiceless.” She said she loves this quote because she wants to be a voice for the people who live in silence with AIDS and who cannot speak for themselves.

When she is not giving lectures, Knight works in Durham public schools doing school administration.

Knight graduated from ECU in 2007 with a Bachelor’s degree in sociology and a degree in child development and family relations.

She is graduating North Carolina Central University this December and is continuing her education in January there to get a Master’s Degree in public health and concentrat-

ing in HIV studies.

The next event at ECU for World Aids Week is Trivia Night for HIV/AIDS Awareness on Wednesday in the Student Rec Center from 5. until 6 p.m.

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ECU alumnus releases novel

Spencer Stephens creates a literary work based off of a conversation with a friend and his own life experiences

Lindsay Rayner
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The book is about a man named Donald Gibson who makes the life-changing choice to move to the Hawaiian Island of Lanai where golf appears to be the village's religion.

Stephens said the inspiration for the book came from "a conversation I had with a buddy of mine," while he was on vacation.

According to Stephens, his friend, Alan, enjoys talking about religion and spirituality. During the conversation, Stephens said "[Alan] made this comment during this long conversation about religion and he was maintaining that kids could not grow up to be good moral people if they were not members of a church or a synagogue or a mosque or something like that."

In response, Stephens said, "The truth is that a kid could grow up on a golf course and they could find everything they need for good moral there."

According to Stephens, the conversation "sort of got me thinking, because the conversation had me



Spencer Stephens

so juiced up." As a result, Stephens said he was mulling over it for several days after.

"That was really the point that got me over thinking about the book, so I started the process," he said.

Stephens said he incorporated golf into the book because it's his passion.

"When I thought about the book and I thought about golf, because I like golf so much, it got me more enthusiastic about the idea and it kept me interested in it," he said.

Stephens said, "Everybody says you have to write what you know, which is I think true."

For the book, Stephens used many of his own lessons and experiences from the golf course. "Many of the lessons that [the main character] Donald learns on the golf course are lessons that I learned on

the golf course," he said.

One lesson that is highlighted in the book is the importance of patience.

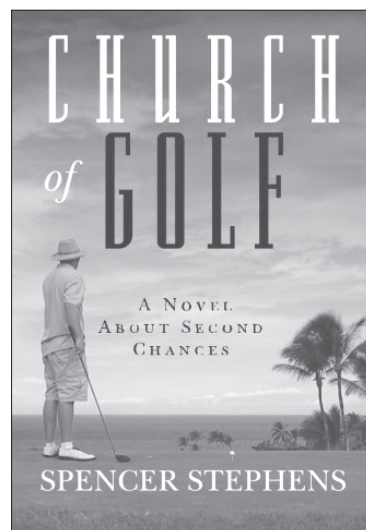
"Donald learns patients and the importance of focusing on what is present, what is in front of you right now," said Stephens. "The golf course is a beautiful place. Be thankful you're there, and appreciate it."

The book's setting, the Hawaiian Island of Lanai, is personal to Stephens. "While I was in high school I lived [in Hawaii] for about four months and really enjoyed it."

Stephens believes "it's a beautiful, wonderful place" and "it has very happy memories for me."

While he was planning out the story, he said, "The whole concept of the book was that the main character was going to go to some community where he was isolated from negative influences." For Stephens, this pace was an island.

When Stephens found the Island of Lanai, he said, "It's isolated from society in almost every way, and it's in a location that most read-



WEB PHOTO

The cover of Spencer Stephens' book. ers would think is ideal."

When creating the characters for the book, Stephens said, "The truth is that if you're going to try to come up with a character, you have no choice. You have to pull from what you know, the people you've come into contact with."

Stephens used his family members as inspiration.

"The three sisters in the book really are modeled after my grand-

mother, and two of her sisters."

Stephens, who is ECU alum, said the English program and ECU "got me thinking about writing and the amazing role that good writing can play in a life."

As he continued through school, "I found myself imagining what it would be like to be able to write these kinds of books, these kinds of stories that we were studying," said Stephens.

Looking back, Stephens said, "The quality of the professors I had were good and the quality experience was really good."

Stephens considered writing the book multiple times before actually writing it.

"I'm just thankful that so many pieces have come together, so many pieces of life's puzzle that got me finally to the point where I had written a novel," he said. "It was very gratifying to be able to do that and get it done."

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Uptown shops decorate store fronts



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Jefferson's (above) won the holiday competition last year with its over the top window displays.

Nicole Currie
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Today Uptown Greenville will jump into the Holiday spirit with their Uptown Storefront Decorating Contest.

Uptown Greenville is a downtown development organization that exists to promote quality of cultural residential economic development for residents. They plan to inspire a brighter and more decorative holiday season is the Uptown District. This holiday driven competition is open to the entire Uptown District. There is also no need to sign up.

"We are interested in promoting a vibrant center city and we believe that the holiday window decorating competition instills the sense of spirit and enthusiasm that we like to see in our downtown," said Bianca Shoneman, the executive director of Uptown Greenville.

This competition has been going on for seven years in the Greenville District.

"It's been good," said Shoneman. "There's always folks that stand out from the crowd with their decorating skills and their enthusiasm for the holidays."

Every year there is one winner picked

by the Events and Branding committee. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$250. Local business Jefferson took first place and won the prize last year.

"Additionally Jefferson took it outside," said Shoneman. "They put the toy soldiers on the exterior façade of their building. They also draped lights of the three-story building. It was just beautiful."

Shoneman said that the competition is important to Uptown Greenville.

"Downtown Greenville is a walkable, pedestrian, friendly environment," said Shoneman. "When our stores engage in visual enhancements like storefront decorating competitions, it creates a more enjoyable experience for the shopper, walker or the uptown goer."

This competition will start today and will continue through Wednesday, Dec 10th at 5 p.m. The winner will be announced Dec. 11th at the Uptown Holiday Christmas Party and posted in the Uptown Greenville E-newsletter.

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Merge Gallery (above) incorporates their artwork into their window displays as well as in front of the building.



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Merge Gallery (above) has their display items available for nice gifts.



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Bradshaw's (above) dressed up models.



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Five Points Plaza will light the Christmas tree this Friday at Greenville Gives.

15 New films you'll want to see this December

Steven Rea
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Nazis! Ghouls! Orcs! Kim Jong-un! Creepy hunters with sexist leers! What would the holiday movie season be without them? It's the rush to the finish line, and the start of serious campaigning for awards season kudos, as 15-odd titles make their way to movie screens—and more than 15-odd if you happen to live in New York or Los Angeles, where would-be Academy Awards contenders must be booked for a one-week run before Dec. 31. There's something for everybody, sort of, although the themes are darker, the offerings sparser than in previous end-of-year lineups. Here's what we have to look forward to.

THE BABADOOK

(Dec. 5) "It's just a book, it can't hurt you," the single mum assures her 6-year-old son, scared silly by the spooky picture book they've been poring over at bedtime, and by its top-

hatted namesake in Jennifer Kent's award-winning Australian horror pic. The term "pop-up book" gets a whole new, and ominous, meaning. **No MPAA rating**

DIPLOMACY

(Dec. 12) Imagine the City of Light without the Louvre, sans Eiffel Tower. Hitler's command to destroy Nazi-occupied Paris before the Allies rolled in is the subject of Volker Schlöndorff's historical

pas de deux, with Andre Dussollier as the Swedish diplomat who entreats the German general, played by Niels Arestrup, not to proceed with the plan. **No MPAA rating**

TOP FIVE

(Dec. 12) Chris Rock stars—and wrote and directs—this roman a clef-y romantic comedy about a famous comic star who wants to

be taken seriously, and then a beautiful newspaper reporter Rosario Dawson enters the picture to see what he is made of. **R**

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 3: SECRET OF THE TOMB

(Dec. 19) The third and final installment in the hit series in which a former museum guard (Ben Stiller) hobs and nobs with figures from the past. This one has something to do with the

waning magic powers of the Tablet of Ahkmenrah. Ben Kingsley, Owen Wilson, Steve Coogan, Ricky Gervais, and the late Robin Williams pop up to help, or hinder, or steal a few laughs. **PG**

INTO THE WOODS

(Dec. 25) The James Lapine/Stephen Sondheim Broadway smash gets the Rob Marshall (Chicago, Nine) movie musical treatment—but you wouldn't know it from the trailer, which doesn't even offer a snippet of a song. With

Meryl Streep, Emily Blunt, Anna Kendrick, Chris Pine, Tracey Ullman, Christine Baranski, and Johnny Depp singing and dancing their way through a Grimm universe. At least, we think that's what they're going to do. **PG-13**

BIG EYES

(Dec. 25) The story of celebrated kitsch artists Walter and Margaret Keane, famous in the 1950s for their mass-produced paintings of orb-eyed children and clowns. Walter claimed the artwork as his,

but Margaret did most of the brushwork. And hence, a big, messy divorce. Christoph Waltz and Amy Adams are the Keanes, and Tim Burton, who explored the depths of schlock artistry in Ed Wood, directs. **PG-13**

THE GAMBLER

(Dec. 25) Mark Wahlberg is a college professor with a bad gambling jones and a student (Brie Larson) who wants to seduce him, in Rise of the Planet of the Apes director Rupert

Wyatt's tough-looking Los Angeles drama. John Goodman, Jessica Lange, and Michael Kenneth Williams also ante in. **R**

THE PYRAMID

(Dec. 5) From the director of the remake of The Hills Have Eyes, a tale of vengeful pharaohs set on an archaeological dig in the Egyptian desert. "You're crazy if you think I'm not going in there!" Abercrombie & Fitch model and Chronicle costar Ashley

Hinshaw says, heading for the orifice of a creepy, three-sided tomb. "Help me!" one of her fellow excavators can be heard screaming a short time later from the labyrinthine bowels of the titular edifice, designed in ancient times to insure that no one, ever, gets out alive. **R**

WILD

(Dec. 12) Reese Witherspoon is still the front-runner—or front-trekker—in the best actress awards race, starring as Cheryl Strayed in the adaptation of her best-selling memoir

about a 1,100-mile solo hike on the Pacific Crest Trail, trying to right a life that has gone woefully wrong. From the director of Dallas Buyers Club. **R**

EXODUS: GODS AND KINGS

(Dec. 12) What strange accent doth Christian Bale speaketh in Ridley Scott's biblical epic, playing Moses to Joel Edgerton's Ramses in the CG-crazy Old Testament reenactment? "Remember this. I am pre-

pared to fight. For eternity," this warrior Moses cautions the Egyptian king, just before the sea parts and chariots chase 600,000 Israelites being led by an Oscar-winner to a new land. **PG-13**

THE HOBBIT: THE BATTLE OF THE FIVE ARMIES

(Dec. 17) Martin Freeman is the furry-footed hero in Peter Jackson's final J.R.R. Tolkien adaptation, leading the Company of Thorin out of the Lonely

Mountain and into an epic dustup with orcs, wargs, elves, dwarfs, and men. Pass the pipe, Master Baggins, we must celebrate forthwith! **PG-13**

ANNIE

(Dec. 19) Will Smith is one of the principals behind this new take on the 1977 musical based on Harold Gray's vintage comic strip, Little Orphan Annie. Beasts of the Southern Wild's Oscar sweetheart Quvenzhané Wallis has the

title role and Jamie Foxx is the Daddy Warbucks-ian Will Stacks, a multimillionaire running for mayor who thinks it would be good p.r. to have his photo taken with a cute waif. Cameron Diaz and Rose Byrne also star. **PG**

THE IMITATION GAME

(Dec. 25) Benedict Cumberbatch stars as Alan Turing, the British mathematician and logician who cracked the Nazis' Enigma

code in World War II—and whose life in subsequent years, when he was outed as a homosexual, turned cruelly hellish. **R**

UNBROKEN

(Dec. 25) A World War II survival drama from director Angelina Jolie, her second feature. (Her first, In the Land of Blood and Honey, also dealt with the horrors of war.) British newcomer Jack O'Connell

stars as the real-life Olympic track star Louis Zamperini, who survived a plane crash in the Pacific, was adrift for 47 days, and then was taken prisoner by the Japanese. The Coen Brothers get screenplay credit. **R**

THE INTERVIEW

(Dec. 25) Already condemned in North Korea, a comedy about two tabloid-TV nincompoops—James Franco, Seth Rogen—who land an exclusive interview with dictator Kim Jong-un,

only to find themselves enlisted by the CIA in a plot to assassinate the Supreme Leader. This could start a war. **R**

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PIRATE RANTS

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Color isn't what determines the worth of your life, what you do with your life determines your worth. Greenville needs to get a Giorgios...only then will I consider Graduate School!

I'm a former Pirate and I miss ECU all the time! Enjoy it! ArrGH!

Attention all women, not every guy is attracted to you. Even if you are hot, some of us are happily married and could give a sh*t less about you.

Dear ECU Longboarders, A skateboard is not an efficient mode of transportation, and you do not look nearly as cool as you think you do. If you're not popping tricks you're doing it wrong.

Thanks ECU for making me pay tuition for next semester before Christmas... you have officially ruined my Christmas!!

I've lived in Austin, TX, and now LA, yet here I am reading rants and dying to go back. -A Pirate Forever

Dear Duke: Sorry to hear about your locker room. If it helps... Just have all your students walk down Franklin St. wearing purple and gold and carrying "Speed Limit 70" signs.

If you don't know what the Chancellor does for the University, you belong at UNC-CH not ECU.

So, none of the scanners at MSC works. The one in Flanagan doesn't work either. What are they doing with our money right now?

So you're telling me, that instead of getting updated educational equipment we get new sidewalks? You might as well give that money to me. I can do something useful with it.

If you are going to be on the phone while I teach, please be OK with me being on the phone when you come to me with questions after class.

Ninety minutes a day texting? My roommate spends 19 hours.

I want a beer and I wanna see something naked!

Why does ECU schedule exams for right after the break? It really doesn't make any sense to me...

So many shooting here at ECU...

Am I the only one who can't wait for exams to be over and to go back home?

Dear ECU football team, please win against UCF! From an ECU graduate in Florida

Average *ss (noun): The male equivalent of a basic bitch. They often can be seen driving lifted trucks, wearing Patagonia trucker hats, boat shoes, and a t-shirt that insinuates they hunt and/or fish.

Can't wait for the football game on Thursday!!!

Time to beat UCF!!! is due on the same day.

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Our view

Students could use week of break

Fall and Thanksgiving breaks are on the minds of administration. Currently they are looking at combining the two breaks, so students and staff would essentially have a full week at Thanksgiving. With the breaks starting in the middle of the week, many students choose to skip their classes in order to gain a longer vacation. Students don't seem to see the issue, whereas faculty and administration think otherwise. Following the last day of class before fall break, the university supposedly sent an email out to professors asking them about their

attendance in classes that day.

We as an editorial staff believe that having a full week off at Thanksgiving is more beneficial than having both a Fall Break and three-day weekend over the Thanksgiving holiday. While having a break in the beginning of October is nice, it isn't necessary since it is so close to arriving back at school. Many colleges and universities offer a full week off at Thanksgiving, providing more time for students to travel as well as less class cancellations due to poor attendance the day before break.

Abolishing the SAT



Craig Malmrose
GUEST COLUMNIST

It might be newsworthy to note that over 800 four-year colleges and universities have dropped their SAT and ACT entrance requirements. According to FairTest, The National Center for Fair and Open Testing, "This list includes institutions that are "test optional," "test flexible," or otherwise de-emphasize the use of standardized tests by making admissions decisions about substantial numbers of applicants who recently graduated from U.S. high schools without using the SAT or ACT." And that's a wonderfully positive change for many American institutions and the countless students who seek higher education.

According to Bob Schaeffer, public education director of FairTest, "An admissions exam is supposed to predict college performance accurately and fairly while resisting high-priced coaching manipulation. The SAT has long fallen far short of these goals. The SAT will remain a weak predictor of undergraduate success," Schaeffer continued. "High school grades will continue to forecast students' graduation chances more accurately. The exam will still under-predict the

performance of females, students whose home language is not English, and older applicants. Well-to-do families will not stop buying their children 'test prep steroids' from \$1,200 intensive workshops and \$500 per-hour tutors. SAT scores will remain a better measure of family income than of college readiness." And a report in *The Progressive* goes on to say, "How well you do on the SAT has far more to do with your family's income—so much so that the higher the family income, the higher the average test scores."

But these aren't the only problems that plague the lofty and long-lived SAT exam. This test does virtually nothing to assess the broad-based, creative aptitude of high school students. Those who aspire to be artists, designers, musicians, creative writers or inventors are essentially isolated and ignored by the content of this exam, and in doing so, are put at a substantial disadvantage in their pursuit of higher learning. So, at the very least, the SAT is a test that is heavily weighted toward the narrow and dubious common core curriculum and toward certain demographic groups. And it's a test that wrongly presumes one size fits all.

We all work hard to ensure that bias is eliminated from our curricula and from our roles as professors at this university. Yet, we seem to

accept the SAT at face value and with no questions asked concerning its veracity.

I'll spare you the sermon on left-brain, right-brain learning paradigms, but it will suffice to say that we're all wired differently. Forcing every student through the gauntlet of science and mathematics is painfully shortsighted, and fails to unlock the broad potential of that quirky and diverse group of sensitive mammals known as human beings. In his book, "Shop Class as Soulcraft," Matthew Crawford warns us about the consequences that come with an absence of creative, haptic learning and a sense of craftsmanship. Not the least of which results in legions of "knowledge workers," filling endless, unremarkable cubicles from here to eternity.

The not-so-new science I've cited above has compelled numerous colleges and universities nationwide to re-examine their reliance on that broken-down instrument known as the SAT. Unless East Carolina University is interested in painfully biased testing as a means for accepting freshmen, the university should eliminate the SAT and ACT admission requirements immediately. This institution will be better off for it.

Craig Malmrose, Professor
School of Art and Design

Police presence needed for safety



Kaitlyn McCollum
TEC COLUMNIST

We have all been there. We have all been doing homework, walking around campus or sitting at home watching Netflix when all of the sudden we all get an ECU Alert via text or email. Some sort of armed robbery taking place off campus (or recent shootings), what the suspects look like and which direction they are headed to next. It is chilling to those who do not live on campus because it is more difficult to break into a dorm than it would be into one of the off-campus apartments. Why does this happen so often? Why are police not ensuring that off-campus residents are safe?

College is not the time where students should be worried about their safety on or off campus. College is the time to find yourself and your only major worry should be about when your next test is and whether or not you're prepared for it.

It seems more common now that students are worried for their safety. Walking to and from their cars at night because of the constant fear that something terrible could happen to them is not something that students should have to face on a nightly basis. Police need to be more vigilant and present at the apartment complexes and at the dorms during the evening hours because then people will be less likely to try anything if

they know law enforcement is around.

Police need to be more out there for the public to see. This would function as more of a deterrent and prevent people from committing crimes. The more often the police drive up and down 10th street, or the more often police drive through an apartment complex the less likely a crime is going to be committed there. Who would rob you at the ATM on 10th if they knew police were up and down that road almost constantly? It would put the minds of those who do not live on campus more at ease to see a greater presence of police.

As always, make sure you report any suspicious activity, do not walk alone at night, and be aware of your surroundings. Part of making ECU safer as a community is acting as a community and reporting odd things to help ensure a safer place for others, not just yourself. There needs to be a joint effort between the community and the police to make the community a safer place for all.

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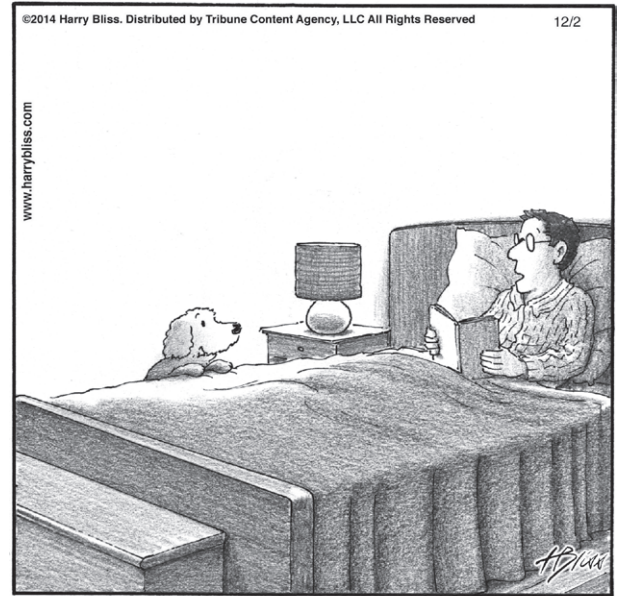
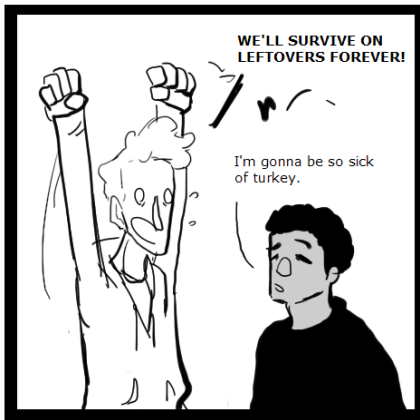
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ECU's 'Rudy' dresses

Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

To even the most hardcore ECU fans, Greg Robinson is just another name that will likely get lost amongst the 19 other Pirates announced during Thursday night's senior day ceremonies. But to his teammates, Robinson means so much more.



Greg Robinson

Robinson has spent the entirety of his four years at ECU on the scout team at multiple positions after being spotted

running a 40-yard-dash during a team tryout as a freshman. He has never gotten playing time in a game, but still his coaches and teammates don't underestimate his importance.

"He has total respect of his teammates and coaches," said McNeill. "And he doesn't complain, no excuses...there will be no comparisons. Greg will be successful in life."

McNeill noted that despite not seeing time on the field, the 5-foot-11 senior from Fayetteville, N.C. has performed so well in practice

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Ruff relives senior night

Coach talks rivalry, emotions of final home game

Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

Emotions will be high in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium during Thursday's senior night matchup against UCF.

Not only will ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill be leading his seniors through the purple mist for the final time. He will be doing so moments prior to his Pirates' matchup with conference rival UCF with an opportunity to derail the Knights' hopes of claiming a share of the American Athletic Conference title.

For McNeill though, the moment belongs to the seniors.

"The biggest thing for me is that it will be senior night," said McNeill. "There is going to be some emotion with these guys. I'm not going to hide it or ask them to suppress it. I want them to enjoy it. They will handle it well."

And who better to lead the 19 seniors onto the field than McNeill, the former Pirate player and emotional headstone of the team.

"With these seniors, I can identify with exactly what they're going through," he said. "I've gone through the exact same thing and I know what's going through their minds."

The moment, though, gives the fifth-year coach the chance to watch his first ever-recruiting



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ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill speaks to the media Monday in Ward building.

class, headlined by quarterback Shane Carden and receiver Justin Hardy, finish their ECU careers — a gratifying sentiment that only comes with success.

"It's weird," said Carden of wrapping up his career. "The last couple years you play in other players' senior games and you tell them 'this one is for you' and now it's my turn to be in those shoes."

And to see how far the record-breaking duo has come since arriving on campus five years ago makes the moment even more special. From scout team to leaders, the quarterback and his receiver can't help but reflect on their time together — including

their first game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium together.

"It was against UTEP, I believe," said Carden. "We had some good things go on early and I definitely got one to him in the end zone in that game and thinking about that now is pretty crazy."

Hardy added, "That was a game to remember. It was played in the rain, but I think it was one of the best games I ever played and Shane played great as well."

Not only will Carden and Hardy be gone, but several other role players and starters will also be under the Dowdy-Ficklen lights for the final time. Cam Worthy and Breon Allen are two other notable names

that will be gone on the offensive side of the ball along with a cast of starters on the defensive side, including Brandon Williams, Maurice Falls and Terry Williams.

And according to McNeill, the roles on the field take a backseat to the character of the players he calls his sons.

"I love them more as people than I do inside their uniforms. I love those kids personally," McNeill said. "They love as us well. I love coaching with them and coaching for them. These guys have done everything I ask."

But the life lessons that McNeill has passed on to his players will come to a crossroad when the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium tunnel meets the field on Thursday and the Pirates will have a chance to both send the seniors out as winners and spoil a rival's title dreams.

"I'm looking forward to hugging each one as they come out [of the tunnel] and meet their parents at midfield in front of Pirate Nation for their last time at Dowdy-Ficklen," said McNeill. "These guys have meant a lot to this program, university and city. They've brought a lot of positive energy and a reputation with them. They've been here from the beginning."

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Pirates notch eighth victory

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

With five minutes left in the third quarter of Saturday's matchup at Tulsa, junior running back Chris Hairston busted loose for a 54-yard gain to Tulsa's one-yard line. Hairston's classmate Cory Hunter notched his first career touchdown rush on the next play to give the Pirates a 35-25 edge and the momentum to spoil the Golden Hurricane's senior night 49-32.

The win was ECU's first on the road since Oct. 11.

"I didn't even expect it to turn out to be that big of a play," said Hairston on his career-long dash. "I credit the offensive line and Marquez Grayson for the lead block. I just broke out and ran until I got pushed out of bounds."

Prior to that game-shifting drive, Tulsa (2-10, 2-6 American Athletic Conference) took advantage of an interception from senior quarterback Shane Carden, coming within three points of ECU (8-3, 5-2 AAC) by means of a 30-yard touchdown reception and two-point conversion.

The Golden Hurricane's efforts weren't enough to compensate for the 510 yards tallied by the Pirates' offense.

"We made a point to try to really play well

on the road," said ECU Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley. "It's never easy going and beating somebody on their senior night. I don't care what they say or who it is."

Carden recorded five touchdowns—four through the air and one on the ground—while completing 28 of 41 passes for 338 yards to eight different receivers. His favorite target, senior Justin Hardy, snared nine receptions for 88 yards and a touchdown. Senior deep threat Cam Worthy led the Pirates in yardage once again with 98 yards from five catches.

"Great win by our team—another resilient win," said ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill. "I was proud of them. The last two games they've really played well on all four sides of the ball including sidelines."

Three different Pirates with last name Williams reached the end zone Friday, beginning with 6-foot-6 tight end Bryce Williams. The junior's 15-yard score on the game's opening drive was the first of his two touchdown catches and 27 yards. Sophomore receiver Jimmy Williams reeled in a 16-yard touchdown pass later in the first quarter to tie the game at 14-14.

With a 17-point Pirate lead in the fourth quarter, senior Brandon Williams sealed the deal thanks to a 37-yard pick-6. As usual, Williams and junior Zeek Bigger served as

playmakers on the Pirates' defense. The two inside linebackers had 22 combined tackles and a pair of picks.

Tulsa's sophomore quarterback Dane Evans converted 15 of 32 passes for 199 yards and a touchdown while sophomore back James Flanders rushed 23 carries for 97 yards and a touchdown. Hairston led ECU with 91 rushing yards from six carries. Overall, the Golden Hurricane outgained the Pirates in rushing yardage, 189-172.

ECU closes out its regular season schedule against rival UCF (8-3, 6-1 AAC) in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Thursday night and has a chance to finish tied for second-place with the Knights in the conference standings. It will mark the final home appearance for many Pirates, namely the dynamic duo of Carden and Hardy.

Meanwhile, Memphis (9-3, 7-1 AAC) locked up a share of The American title—its first conference title since 1971—with a 41-10 victory over Connecticut Saturday. The Tigers are riding a six-game winning streak in which no opponent has scored over 20 points. Cincinnati (8-3, 6-1 AAC) could join the Tigers at the top of the standings with a win over Houston (7-4, 5-2 AAC) on Saturday.

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Bryce Williams (80) scores his first of two touchdowns.

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| <p>Wednesday 12/3</p> <p>(Away) Men's Basketball</p> <p>Florida Atlantic</p> <p>7 p.m.</p> | <p>Thursday 12/4</p> <p>Football</p> <p>UCF</p> <p>7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Thursday 12/4</p> <p>(Away) Women's Basketball</p> <p>Cleveland State</p> <p>7 p.m.</p> | <p>Saturday 12/6</p> <p>Track & Field</p> <p>Christopher Newport Holiday Open in Newport, Va.</p> <p>All Day</p> | <p>Saturday 12/7</p> <p>Men's Basketball</p> <p>North Carolina</p> <p>3 p.m.</p> |
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TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates, led by Michel Nzege's 18 points, topped Central Connecticut State 74-59 on Sunday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU went 1-1 during the Junkanoo Jam in the Bahamas, including a 61-43 win over Wisconsin.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

Charlotte fell to 4-14 on the season with its losses to the Golden State Warriors and the Atlanta Hawks.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes split a home-and-home against the Pittsburgh Penguins over the weekend.

FOOTBALL

ECU defeated Tulsa 49-32 last Friday, improving their record to 8-3.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers lost their sixth consecutive game after a 31-13 defeat at the hands of the Minnesota Vikings. They are now 3-8-1 on the season.

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I'Tiana Taylor (24) fades for a shot against College of Charleston earlier this season. Her Pirates (6-1) dropped their first game this weekend to Syracuse but responded with a win over Wisconsin.

Pirates split Bahamas trip

Adam Decker
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University Women's basketball team split a pair of games last week while competing in the 12th annual Junkanoo Jam in Freeport, Bahamas.

The Lady Pirates lost to No. 22 Syracuse on Thanksgiving Day 69-58 and were victorious against Wisconsin Friday night, defeating the Badgers 61-43.

Junior forward I'Tiana Taylor was the stand out player of the tournament for the Pirates. She made her first career start and notched a career-high 22 points against Syracuse as well as a career-high of 17 rebounds against Wisconsin.

"She played incredible," ECU's Head Coach Heather Macy said. "It was her first weekend starting and she really elevated her game. We aren't going to go the opposite direction (with Taylor) now. We are going to keep building on that."

Against Syracuse, the Pirates struggled to score, especially in the first half. They shot 38 percent on field goals and 28 percent from behind the three-point arc. The Pirates have struggled early in the season from the free throw line, but shot 80 percent (12 of 15) against the Orange.

Trailing by as many as 25 points in the first half and 47-27 at the break, the Pirates pushed the ball

and attacked the Syracuse 2-3 zone-defensive look in the second half. ECU went on a 7-0 run to trim the deficit to 13, but could never get back within single digits.

In the Pirates' win against the Badgers, Taylor led the Pirates once again with her first double-double of the season — scoring 13 points and pulling in 17 rebounds.

To go along with Taylor's production, the Pirates were led in scoring by Jada Payne who had three 3-balls and 17 points overall against Wisconsin.

ECU learned what it was like to play a highly ranked opponent and then showed the ability to quickly recover from their loss and play better the following day.

"The bounce-back was great," Macy said. "The 24-hour turnaround to play again helped us see the gap of what it looks like to play in the top 25 and how much growth we have to commit to as a team to keep elevating the program."

This was the first ever meeting between the Pirates and the Badgers and the Pirates first win against a Big Ten team since the Pirates defeated Michigan State 76-72 on Feb. 28, 1982.

The Pirates continued their season pattern of swarming the opposing team defensively and forcing it to make mistakes. The Pirates had 12 steals and 5 blocks, and forced Wisconsin into 23 turnovers.

ECU pulled away in the second half with its terrific shooting to compliment its defensive pressure. The Lady Pirates shot 45 percent from the field, 57 percent from three-point range and 82 percent from the free throw line.

"I think [this weekend] shows that we can compete with bigger schools," Taylor said. "it doesn't matter where we are or where they stand we can compete at a high level"

The Pirates will continue their road trip when they travel to Cleveland State Thursday, followed by a game at Ohio University Saturday.

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Pirates sail south

Pirate hoops gets back on track at home



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ECU set for Owls, C-USA reunion

Tyler Kelbaugh
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

On Wednesday Head Coach Jeff Lebo and the ECU men's basketball team (4-3) look to win their second straight, and earn a little revenge, when they travel to Boca Raton, Fla., to challenge the Florida Atlantic Owls (2-3).

The Pirates will have to be sure they keep a close eye on FAU's junior guard Jackson Trapp, who torched the Pirates' defense last season. In a 78-67 FAU victory, Trapp scored 22 points, shooting 4-for-6 from beyond the arc.

This season, Trapp has scored double digits in four of five games, including a 20 point performance against Ave Marie on Sunday.

In last year's matchup, Michael Zangari delivered a strong performance for ECU. He posted a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds. While Zangari has played a very limited role this season, a matchup against an Owls team that has struggled to rebound might be just what he needs to get rolling.

The Owls haven't been able to match up with bigger, stronger teams. FAU was even out-rebounded by a lowly Division II opponent, Ave Maria. If the Pirates hope to escape with a win, they'll need to exploit that weakness, as the team seems to live and die by how well they rebound the basketball.

"That's been our big thing," said Lebo. "We've won

four games when we out-rebounded our opponent and lost three when they out-rebounded. That's going to be a challenge all year no doubt about that."

Ball movement, a point of emphasis for this team, should prove critical in deciding Wednesday's contest. In games the Pirates have won, they've tallied over 15 assists, never managing to do so in any of their three losses.

"Twenty assists on 31 made baskets... that's a nice number to see," Lebo said after Sunday's victory.

To avoid another disappointing result, the Pirates will need to do a much better job protecting the ball and forcing turnovers. In last year's game, the Pirates turned the ball over 12 times compared to just six for Florida Atlantic.

Florida Atlantic has struggled mightily to score the ball this season, scoring just 59.2 points per game. That ranks 310th out of the 350 Division I schools. In fact, Florida Atlantic has managed to score 60 points just once this season, putting up 61 against Georgia in a 74-61 loss.

Playing against ECU might be what the Owls need to break through the 60 barrier again. The Pirates have given up 66.7 points per game on average, ranking 193rd in the nation.

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Andi Caruso
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The men's basketball team's newcomers accounted for 55 of 74 points for the Pirates Sunday afternoon when the team took on Central Connecticut State University at Minges Coliseum.

Kanu Aja, Michel Nzege, Lance Tejada, B.J. Tyson and Terry Whisnant helped carry ECU to a 74-59 victory, bringing ECU's record to 4-3 so far this season.

The beginning of the first half was a tight match, as both teams came out strong in offense. It was a contest until Tejada broke through with three consecutive three pointers during the Pirates' 10-0 run in the first half.

Tejada went 4-for-6 in 3-pointers for the night and totaled 14 points.

"I started off the season slow," said Tejada. "It feels good. I was in a drought. Once you see the ball go in the rim a few times, it definitely boosts your confidence."

Tejada improved from his last game against Hawaii in the Gulf Coast Showcase where he shot 1-for-8 in field goal attempts with one three-point shot and two free throws, totaling in five points.

"My first few college games didn't go as planned, but I know what I'm capable of," said Tejada.

Tejada and Nzege led the team with the most points during the first half, earning 12 and 11, respectively, giving ECU a field goal percentage of 72 percent (18-for-25). The Pirates shot above 70 percent for a half for the first time since shooting 71.4 percent in the second half at Rice University in 2013.

Nzege was a perfect 6-of-6 shooting in the first, helping the Pirates to a 44-32 halftime lead. He was perfect from the field during the game, making 9-of-9 baskets at the end of regulation time with a total of 18 points.

"I don't think I can remember a game when I [went perfect from the field]," said Nzege. "Today I scored 18 but tomorrow it can be anybody. That's how the system works. We're not concerned on who gets the most points; our concern is executing the offense and coming out with a victory."

Tyson continued his production from the Gulf Coast Showcase. He finished Sunday's game with 14 points, the second highest on the team and shot 5-of-10 on field goals and 4-of-5 from the line with four assists and three turnovers.

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Torbett made an immediate impact in starting to change the program's culture and helped lead the Lady Pirates to a 13-19 record in 2013 with help from Cecich. She led the team in assists for the third straight season as the starting setter and any thought of leaving the program was far off in the rear-view mirror.

Success continued into the 2014 season for the senior as she notched her fourth season as the assist leader and became the first Lady Pirate to break the 1,000 assist mark in a single season. Cecich also moved to third all-time in assists for the Pirates as she finished her career with 2,889 assists.

Cecich was not only an impact player on the court, but a valuable leader as a captain.

"She's a great leader and we're really going to miss her next year," said Figuero. "She's seen it all from a 2-28 season to now. She knows what to say and keeps us calm

in pressure situations. It's really going to be tough without her."

Torbett had confidence in her lone senior all season and was comfortable in Cecich's volleyball IQ.

"I really rely on Zarah. She is very confident and doesn't get rattled very easily. She keeps things very consistent," said Tobett. "She looks to me occasionally for decision making, but I really let her run to offense out there."

Cecich is the only player the Pirates will lose after this season barring a transfer. She hopes after four years of play she can have a legacy that will live on to next year's team.

"I hope to leave behind my leadership and my consistency on the court and I think Erika will pick up on that as a co-captain," said Cecich. "I guess that's what I hope to keep instilled in the program."

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that he was named all-practice squad multiple times throughout his ECU career.

In lieu of all of the accolades acquired on the practice field, Robinson said that his career hit an all-time high when he ran the captain's flag out of the tunnel prior to ECU's last home game against Tulane. He did, however, admit that being honored on senior day might trump that feat.

"It's going to feel good and bad at the same time," Robinson said. "I do want to have some time playing with my teammates though. It will be emotional."

While Robinson probably won't see playing time on Thursday, he has garnered respect from his teammates for all that he has done to help the team prepare for games.

"He's given all he's got," linebacker Zeek Bigger said of Robinson. "He's a warrior and we have nothing but love and respect for him since he's been here. He's helping his team and I'm proud and glad that he's here."

Robinson added, "[My teammates]

embraced me in any way possible and I just try to do all that I can for them."

Names like Shane Carden and Justin Hardy will receive loud applause in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, and though Robinson will get some applause, those in the stands might never understand the importance of players like Robinson.

To Robinson, though, he said at the Cliff Moore Practice Complex that he wouldn't trade the countless days on the practice field for anything.

Despite garnering a reputation for hard work and respect, Robinson admitted that he's never seen the movie "Rudy," which documents the career of former Notre Dame walk-on Rudy Ruettinger.

Robinson's teammates say he is not so much like the player turned movie character. Instead, Bigger said, "that's just Greg-Rob."

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B.J. Tyson (21, right) soars to the basket. Tyson was named AAC Freshman-of-the-Week Monday.

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ECU shot great from the field - 31-of-52 for 59.6 percent.

During the second half of the game, the Pirates continued their winning battle. Contributions made by Whisnant and Aja helped bring the Pirates to a 19 point win. The two scored nine points total with three assists. The team had 20 assists total.

The Pirates are heading to Boca Raton to face Florida Atlantic University

(2-3) on Wednesday, Dec. 3at 7 p.m. The team lost against the Owls last season, 78-67. FAU through up 18 points in the first five minutes

"I know we lost to them last year, and they got guys back from that team. They've had a long time to prepare for us," said Lebo. "It'll be a tough game for us."

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