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Campus peacefully protests for justice



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Students and professors raise their arms in unison and chant "Hands up. Don't shoot," during a peaceful protest.

Faculty and students unite for change

Altavia Lowery and Arvanna Smart
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About 70 people, most of them East Carolina University students, protested on Monday at the east edge of the mall against recent deaths of black lives at the hands of the police.

A diverse crowd of protesters stood back-to-back and side-by-side dressed in all black. They chanted and acted out "Hands up. Don't shoot," "We can't breathe," "Black lives matter," "Wake up, people wake up," and "Injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere."

"We are out here because we think it's time for people to be concerned about humanity. It's not just about black lives, all lives matter. It's not just our lives; it's your lives too," said ECU alumnus and protestor Antonio Powell. "The more we let this get out of hand, the more it's not going to stop. So we are taking a stand here however little it may seem this is bigger than everybody. We are doing this to raise awareness. All it takes is people with a common goal to come together to make change. This is only the beginning."

Lately protests have been orchestrated everywhere in the United States in the wake of multiple issues going on in America, involving what many believe are unjust and are targeted recently towards the black community.

Some of the protesters are fighting for justice for Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old African American who was shot by police for playing with a toy gun, Eric Garner, an African American man who was choked to death by police in New York after repeatedly saying "I can't breathe," and Mike Brown, an 18-year-old African American who was shot multiple times by police and was claimed to have been surrendering with his hands up before the last shot to his head. All of the victims were unarmed and killed by police officers.

"Concern for a lot of the issues related to the Eric Garner case and me wanting to express that there is an issue, is what brought me out here," said senior biology major Eric Hogue. "Maybe with a group I can bring awareness to the issue that racism still exists."

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy could be seen watching the protesters from afar.

"I was aware of it," said Hardy. "If students want



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Students lie down on walking paths for the protest.

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to have their voices heard and they want to do it in an appropriate manner, I am OK with that and all for helping them."

Luke Whisnant, an English professor was one of some ECU faculty members contributing to the protest.

"You know what brought me out here? Government should not be in the business of killing citizens," said Whisnant.

The protest ended with students gathering together and listening to a speech about the cause they were protesting given by one of the leaders. At the end there was a moment for silence for the lives lost due to police brutality.

"This isn't just about race, we want to cover all injustices starting with this one," said Powell. "Anyone who feels unjust in this society, this is who we're fighting for. We want to bring back love and awareness."

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Receiver awarded Burlsworth Trophy

Staff Report

Senior ECU receiver Justin Hardy won the Burlsworth Trophy on Monday in Springdale, Ark. after a season in which he broke the all-time FBS receptions record (376).

Annually awarded to the nation's best former walk-on, the Burlsworth Trophy was handed over to the Vanceboro, N.C. native following his 110-catch, 1,334 yard 2014 campaign with one game left.

Hardy was recently left off of the Biletnikoff Award semi-finalist's list, which is composed of the best receivers in the nation, despite ranking second and fifth in receptions and yards this season.

He had a meteoric rise from walk-on to one of the nation's best after joining the team in 2010. Hardy earned a scholarship after redshirting his first season on campus en route to setting ECU freshman records with 64 catches for 658 yards and six touchdowns.

Among his other accolades and statistics, Hardy is the first ever Pirate with three-straight 1,000-yard seasons and has been named to the First Team All-Conference USA team twice.



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Justin Hardy poses with his new trophy.

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Hardy is just the fifth player to ever win the Burlsworth Trophy and will go down as one of the best players in ECU history.

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Coach McNeill signs a copy of his book for a student at the elementary school.

Coach McNeill promotes new book

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East Carolina University Head Football Coach Ruffin McNeill kicked off the release of his new book, "A Little Pirate's ABC's" at Eastern Elementary School this morning. A packed gymnasium of spirited, cheering students welcomed Coach McNeill upon his arrival.

Isaiah Edwards and Mariyah Roberson, fifth grade students at

Eastern, are two of the school's student ambassadors who participated in the arrival and welcoming of Coach Ruffin.

"We got to shake his hand when he got here," said Edwards.

Since a majority of the students were grouped in the gymnasium, faculty and staff got them ready by starting a "purple and gold" chant.

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DINING CHANGES FOR FINALS

DINING HALLS EXTEND HOURS

Todd and West End Dining Hall will run until 2 a.m. on weekdays until Dec. 17 and Starbucks in Joyner will run on the same schedule until Dec. 18.

EXPRESS SHOPS CLOSE

The Express stores in Bate and Belk will close tomorrow.

CAMPUS DINING OFFERS BRAIN FOOD

Todd and West End Dining Halls are holding a 12 Days of Dining event to provide students with brain food and holiday favorites.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Todd and West End Dining Hall will hold their Christmas dinner Dec. 11 starting at 4 p.m.

BREAKFAST FOR DINNER

The annual Breakfast for Dinner event held in West End Dining Hall and Todd Dining Hall will take place tomorrow from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. to kick off the start of exams. Students will have the opportunity to eat their favorite breakfast foods for late night study sessions. Other options besides breakfast will be provided.

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Police offer safety tips

ReAnn Melaga
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Local law enforcement is sharing tips with students on ways to keep their homes and belongings safe while away for the holiday season.

"Holidays can often be popular times for break-ins to occur simply because thieves know that many people will leave the area," said Greenville Police Department Public Information Officer Kristen Hunter. "We do our best to proactively get the word out to the Greenville community ahead of holidays and long breaks."

A service that both the Pitt County Sheriff's Office and the Greenville Police Department offer to reduce the chance of break-ins are regular home and apartment checks while students are away. Even though officers frequently patrol most neighborhoods and apartment complexes, students can request these additional services. Services include a patrol of the area, a ride by the residence and an occasional window and door check as well.

"So many of the break-ins we respond to throughout the year involve unlocked doors," said Hunter. "It's a crime that is easily prevented yet many people do not take the proper steps to protect their property."

If possible, Hunter said that students should take home valuable items such as laptops, jewelry and cell-phones as an added precautionary



Annie Appgar, junior elementary education major, takes precautions for her apartment.

measure. If a student is unable to do so, Hunter suggests closing any blinds and keeping valuables out of plain sight.

Another tip that Hunter shares is for students to try and make it appear as if someone is still in their residence. Students can do this by using a light timer or by keeping an exterior light on while they are gone.

Deputy Chief of East Carolina University Police Jason Sugg, said the same measures should be taken for students who live on campus.

"Universal precautions can be applied to just about any living area," said Sugg. "A lot of this is personal comfort levels and personal decisions on what precautions to take."

Both Sugg and Hunter also included that students should take precautionary measures to keep their vehicles protected if left behind during break. They recommend that vehicles be parked in well-lit areas with all windows and doors locked. If students have any valuables or electronics in their car it is suggested that they are either hidden in a glove compartment or toolbox.

"Many crime prevention precautions and personal safety precautions can be fairly simple and easily accomplished," said Sugg.

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Finals may cause study drug use

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Final exams are approaching, which means more all-nighters in Joyner Library and more reasons for students to want to use stimulant prescription drugs whether they are prescribed them or not.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse considers stimulants, like Adderall and Ritalin, to be some of



Students use stimulant prescription drugs more during finals.

the most commonly abused

drugs among young people in the country. These drugs are prescribed for behavioral problems like attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and give people the ability to stay focused much easier.

But John Diamond, professor and head of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, explained that although there is a clinical diagnosis for ADHD, there are no lab tests. This means that it can be a hard diagnosis to make, especially in adults.

When people are appropriately prescribed these drugs as children they usually have their parents to monitor how often and what dosage of the drugs they consume. When they leave for college, however, they don't have as strict discipline so it becomes easier for people to sell their drugs or give them out to friends.

"People get stimulants

from friends or off the streets. That has been my experience," said Shannon Tyler, clinical assistant professor for the Department of Psychiatric Medicine at Brody School of Medicine

When used with alcohol, these stimulants mask the depressant action of the alcohol, which can more easily lead to alcohol overdose and poisoning. Long-term use of stimulants can lead to paranoia and anxiety.

Diamond explains that some of the short-term effects can simply be a cut appetite and abnormal sleeping habits, but hallucinations can be a side effect if overused.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, "stimulants are used at equal or greater frequency by young females versus males."

Young females often use the drugs to lose weight, stay awake to study, or perform better on exams.

People who use these drugs have the possibility of experiencing something called state dependent learning, according to Diamond. State dependent learning leads to the thought process of thinking you can only do something on a drug if the first time you did it you were on a drug.

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Professors and students criticize SPOTS

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Professors and department heads are encouraging students to participate in the Student Perception of Teaching Surveys, more commonly known as SPOTS for this past semester.

Replacing their predecessor, the Student Opinion of Instruction Surveys (SOIS), in spring semester of 2013, the SPOTS were introduced by the Faculty Senate and were intended to be a much simpler and more comprehensive survey than the SOISP, according to the university website.

However, after just two full academic years, SPOTS is being criticized as an illegitimate tool for gathering data by its student participants and staff members.

Ten different, anonymous professors in separate fields of study gave their general opinion on the SPOTS survey, and the most positive response received was "average" with most agreeing it was a "waste of resources" in its current state.

"Almost every student that isn't commit-



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Students take the online SPOTS surveys to rate their overall comments and experiences in a class. Professors getting undeserving positive reviews. "We are told we are absolutely forbidden to give extra credit [for taking the survey], but then the very next sentence the chairman will say 'you've got to figure out a way to get students to do it,'" said associate professor in creative writing Alex Albright.

Pike said that the professors who gave extra credit for participating in a SPOTS survey, something professors are supposedly prohibited from offering, were the same pro-

fessors getting undeserving positive reviews. "We are told we are absolutely forbidden to give extra credit [for taking the survey], but then the very next sentence the chairman will say 'you've got to figure out a way to get students to do it,'" said associate professor in creative writing Alex Albright.

Albright has strongly criticized the university's utilization of both the SOIS and SPOTS

as tools to determine professional matters such as pay raises or class cancellations.

"All that matters is one question about the general effectiveness of my course, that's it. My raise is based on one question," said Albright.

One professor, who prefers to remain anonymous, said that he and many others in the university are offering points on the final exam if a certain percentage of the class participates, in order to meet their pay bonus quota.

Albright argued that that is not what an education at any level should entitle, especially a university that is so concerned about its reputation.

"A better way to survey would be to have someone interview a wide-range of students, and get facts and observations over just opinions," Albright said in consideration of alternatives to a simple online survey. "It would be more resource-consuming, yes, but you would get better results for students."

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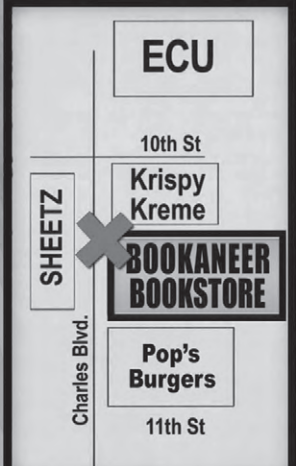
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WWE superstars take Minges

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The WWE Universe showed up to Minges Coliseum in full force on Sunday to see their favorite superstars in action.

Matt Creech, a longtime wrestling fan attending Sunday's house show, said that he came to the event to experience the WWE in person.

"[I'm excited to see] any of them, really," Creech said. "I just came out to watch and enjoy it."

Other fans were more specific about their preferred wrestlers, proudly sporting T-shirts featuring John Cena, C.M. Punk and Kofi Kingston. Some carried signs to the arena, many of which were in support of WWE Diva and ECU alumna, Summer Rae.

One of those signs was used in a tag-team match that pitted Rae and Cameron against their "Total Divas" costars, Naomi and Natalya. Rae showed off a fan-made sign that welcomed her back to Greenville. The sign was then snatched away by Natalya, who ripped it in half and high-fived Naomi. The match ended in a defeat for Rae and Cameron, with Rae tapping out from Natalya's Sharpshooter submission move.

The main event seemed to get the biggest reaction from the audience. Bray Wyatt faced Dean Ambrose in a continuation of their feud. The match was a street fight, a type of no-disqualification match in which pinfalls must take place in the ring.

When the lights dimmed and Wyatt's entrance theme played, fans waved their cell phones around, an effect Wyatt refers to as his "fireflies." Ambrose came out to huge cheers and dropkicked Wyatt, following it with an elbow drop to Wyatt's throat. Wyatt would mount a comeback and attempt to choke out Ambrose in the center of the ring.

During the match, a "We want tables"



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WWE fans welcomed Summer Rae back to ECU.

chant broke out in the audience, and Wyatt gestured for a microphone.

"Since you were so rude as to interrupt my match," said Wyatt. "I'm listening. What did you want?"

The audience repeated the chant.

"What?" Wyatt asked.

The audience answered. The exchange happened two more times before a deadpan Wyatt said, "No," and dropped the microphone. Ambrose responded to the chants by tossing steel chairs into the ring and attacking Wyatt with a kendo stick.

Each wrestler eventually went through a table. Wyatt tossed Ambrose into one that had been set up in the corner, and Ambrose performed a flying elbow off the top rope while Wyatt lay on the table below him. After some interference from the back, Ambrose came away with the win. The final cheer as Ambrose high-fived fans was the biggest pop of the night.

The first match of the show was Rusev—accompanied by his valet, Lana—vs. Jack Swagger for Rusev's United States Championship belt. Rusev entered to a chorus of boos and "USA"



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WWE Diva Natalya (above center) pins Summer Rae (bottom right) in a hold to take the match.

chants. After Lana finished her pro-Russia promo, Swagger entered the arena holding the American flag. The audience chanted "We the people" along with Swagger and added a few "Let's go Swagger" chants throughout the match. The match ended with Swagger submitting to Rusev's finisher, "the Accolade."

That match was followed by Titus O'Neil and Adam Rose. Rose mostly spent the bout posing and kidding around while O'Neil wrestled more seriously. Finally, the bunny from Rose's entourage, the Rosebuds, distracted O'Neil so that Rose could roll him up for the small package and get the win.

The main highlight of the Big Show's match with Erick Rowan was Big Show's promo. In response to chants of "You sold out," Big Show said, "I didn't sell out; I did what was best for my family." When the crowd started yelling, "What?," he asked them to stop doing 15-year-old chants and to trying something like, "Pardon?." The contest ended in a double count-out when

both combatants failed to return to the ring.

Alex Riley versus Tyson Kidd was a mostly technical match with very little flashy moves. The crowd seemed to be excited to see Riley in the ring again instead of doing commentary; at one point an "A-Ry" chant went through the crowd. Riley won the match.

The penultimate match was a tag match between Goldust and Stardust and Jimmy and Jey Uso. Both teams are made up of a set of brothers who grew up with the business: Goldust and Stardust are the sons of wrestling legend Dusty Rhodes and the Usos are the twin sons of former superstar Rikishi.

Most of the audience was firmly behind the high-flying Usos, who threw shirts into the crowd throughout the match. Goldust and Stardust weren't without their fans, with several chants for them being started, only to be overtaken by the much louder chants for the Usos. The Usos won, pinning Stardust.

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Campus aims to limit stress

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East Carolina University is set to host events on and around campus during finals week to help students deal with the added stress that comes with exams.

Every semester during finals week, Joyner Library provides free giveaways, snacks and methods of therapy to keep students in a healthy mind set.

Tomorrow, Joyner Library will host a student birthday party for Verona Joyner Langford. Langford was an ECU alumna who donated \$8.2 million to Joyner library.

In honor of that, "on reading day, in the fall semester, we serve birthday cake and punch to the students in her memory," said Dawn Wainwright, marketing and public relations manager for Joyner Library.

Later in the week, Joyner

Library is bringing in Pet Partners, which is a non-profit organization that provides human-animal therapy. The library began providing this service a couple of years ago.

"Our outreach librarian, Carolyn Willis, found research that showed students who interact with cats and dogs can unwind easier and better in a social friendly setting," said Wainwright.

Wainwright said they will only be having dogs this year, and students can sit down and give them hugs, the dogs will be well behaved.

"They're trained to do that, they're not going to jump on you or do anything," said Wainwright.

All of the library's events will be located at the Circulation Reading Room on the first floor.

The Pet Therapy will take place on Dec. 11 from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m., Dec. 15 from 1 p.m.

until 2 p.m. and Dec. 16 from 5 p.m. until 6.

While these events are going on the social media group will give away prizes and push the hashtag, #GiveaBook."

Wainwright explained that, "Each time that the hashtag is used between now and Dec. 25, [Penguin Random House Publishing Company] is actually going to donate a book to Save the Children."

To remind students that these activities are going on, Wainwright said, "We'll have some of our library student employees walk around to the upper levels and say this is going on downstairs if you want to take a break."

When being in the library becomes too much to handle, the ECU Rec Center also offers special events during finals week to help students unwind.

In addition to being open

from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. during the weekdays, Brenna Gilmore, employee at the Rec Center service desk, said "They offer free group fitness classes during exam time."

For a more relaxing activity, "We have Massage Monday where Miller-Motte College comes in," said Gilmore.

Massage Monday provides students with free 10-minute massages in the Rec Center.

The Rec Center also has an automatic massage chair in the Wellness Center.

"It detects your shoulder positions; it has nine different pre-program massages," said Gilmore.

According to Gilmore, the automatic massage chair has an abundance of settings, including a specific massage for anti-stress.

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Tips for freshmen final exams

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While preparing for exams may be familiar to most East Carolina students and faculty, freshmen will be trying to find their own way to study and prepare for their very first final exams.

"I plan on spending a lot of my time in Joyner Library and looking over all my work from the semester," said freshman nursing major Tomas Williams. "College finals are very different from high school, and you have to get accustomed to it. You have to take the time to actually prepare for them and I am not taking any chances on doing badly on my first final exams."

While some freshmen may spend a lot of time preparing for exams, others feel as though they do not have to work as hard.

"In high school we had to take finals all the time, so I feel as though I know what to expect," said freshman biomedical engineering major Victoria Myers. "Studying is not really a big factor for me because as long as you are going through your notes throughout the semester consecutively, you should do fine on your final exams."

While some students may feel as though studying in groups is a better way to study, others may feel like studying alone is the way to go.

"For my first final exams I want to do really good, so going to the library and having my alone time with my books is what is best for me," said freshman nutrition science major Rebekah Singleton.

Singleton said that she was stressed out at first because finals are make it or break it for your grades.

"When I met with my professors they really helped me out," said Singleton. "I like that the professors are able to answer any questions or concerns that you may have about the final exams."

Another way to get through finals for freshmen is to read during Reading Day.

"I have a struggle for studying, so I am happy there is a Reading Day for the college students," said Williams. "With studying I learned that you have to do it and taking breaks every now and then is okay to do."

There are a variety of ways to prepare for final exams and the freshmen are taking charge to make sure they do well on their first final exams.

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Places to study during finals

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Finals week can be a stressful time. Besides the stress of studying for exams, another stress factor during exam week can be finding a place to study. It is no surprise Joyner Library is the place to be during finals, but there are other alternatives that students may not be aware of.

"If you are a student who does not like to study anywhere on campus, there are places off campus you can study at," said Dinecia Gates, academic advisor and adjunct professor for the School of Communication. "I like to be in places that are calm and have a little background noise so I suggest students go to coffee shops."

For students who do not have a form of transportation or would rather not leave campus, there are extra study rooms all around campus.

"Sometimes I come to Mendenhall Student Center and study at Cynthia's Lounge [because] there are TV's and tables and it is usually quiet in there," said senior Mariah Davis.



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Students study for an exam at an open table.

Davis said that students could rent conference rooms in Mendenhall if they wish to study in large groups. Computer labs are also available to students during exam week.

"I like studying in the Messick Theatre Arts Centre in there computer labs," said freshman Caroline Markoch.

Austin Building and Mendenhall's computer labs also stay open later for students to accommodate them during exam week.

For students who are looking for a place to snack and study, Campus Dining

is extending their hours for exam week.

"I remember when they did [that] last year," said sophomore Brandon Skelton. "It is a good place to study, Todd dining hall and West End dining hall both leave an open area for students to study at."

Campus Living also provides spaces to study.

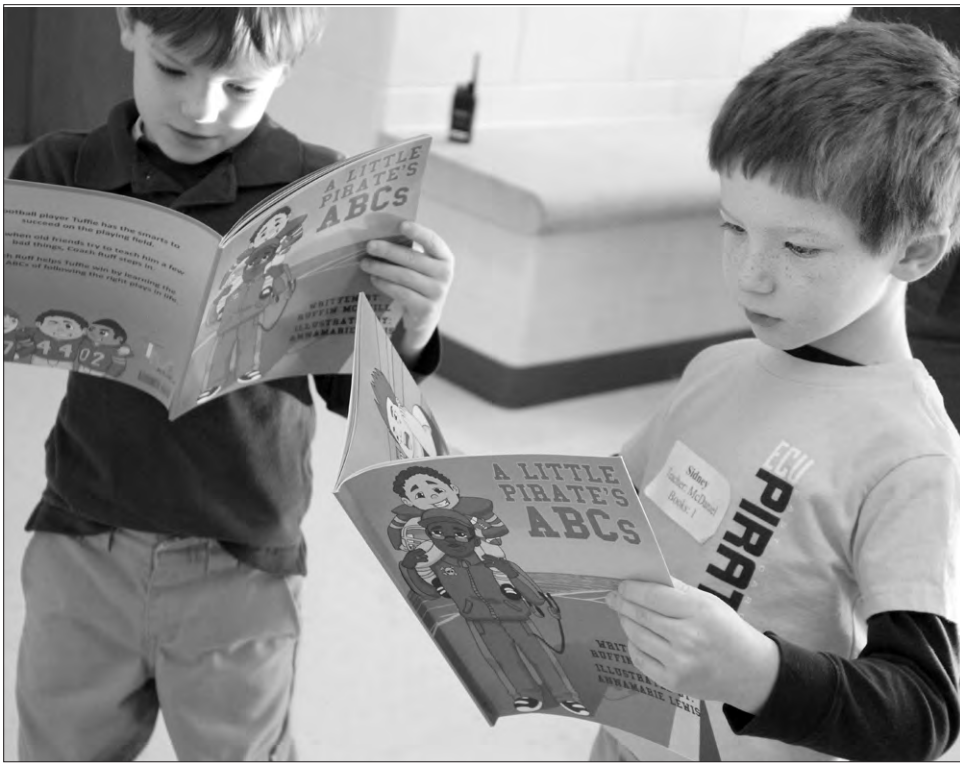
"A lot of dorms like Fletcher have study rooms or a basement for students to study in," said freshman Maddy Minnick. "I know there are a lot of lobbies in dorm buildings that are open for students to study in too," said Minnick.

Even though Joyner library is open for students to study, Laupus Library, located at ECU's medical campus, is extending its hours for students to study during exam week.

"I know some students are unaware of the Laupus Library, but all students are welcome to come," said Emily Jones, university library technician.

During exam week the Laupus Library will stay open until midnight.

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Eastern Elementary students flip through the pages of their signed copies of 'A Little Pirate's ABCs.'

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"We were down in the office and we could hear them chanting," said Edwards. Roberson added, "We are a very loud group."

Coach McNeill walked through the crowd exchanging high fives and ECU chants before taking the stage to read.

"I've been looking forward to this day," said McNeill. "I'm reading my first book to my first school."

Coach stressed the importance of education and that reading is an essential tool that should be cultivated and practiced by all students. Further adding that his parents were both educators for 38 years and it has always been something that was important to him.

"The ability to cherish reading is very important," said McNeill.

The theme of Coach McNeill's book is embedded in its title, Avoid Bad Company, hence 'ABC'. It tells the story of Tuffie, a character molded after Dennis Mitchell and was also McNeill's childhood nickname. The story follows Tuffie through tough situations that involve hanging around the wrong crowd.

"One of the things I tell my players is to surround yourself with good company," said McNeill. "Friends that want you to do well, friends that encourage you."

Both the students and staff had a positive reaction to Coach McNeill and the message provided in his book. Further sparking the

conversation and shedding light on maintaining healthy, enriching relationships.

"Be around people who can help you and lead you down the right path," said Roberson.

Cathy Kirkland, Principal at Eastern Elementary, presented Coach McNeill with a proclamation, following his reading, stating that Dec. 8 would be recognized as Coach Ruff Day at Eastern. To conclude Ruffin's visit, he signed autographed copies of his book for the students. Kirkland watched as the students approached smiling waiting to get their copy.

"It's an unbelievable honor having him at our school," said Kirkland. "It was his second official signing and the first school visit."

McNeill's book was released this past week and his first official signing was held on Saturday. With the book's focus on the youth, it was moving to watch his interactions with the students.

"I got goosebumps hearing the students chanting," said Kirkland. "Having the students meet him is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Coach McNeill concluded the day at Lakeforest Elementary and has another book signing this tomorrow at the University Bookstore starting at 5 p.m. He ends his book tour on Saturday at U.B.E; the time is yet to be determined.

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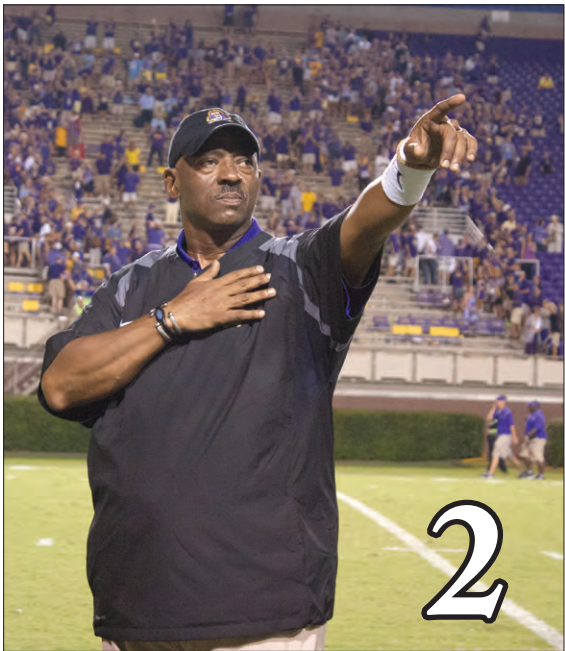
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With another semester coming to a close, *The East Carolinian* has had the privilege to cover Pirate Nation's most memorable moments. From football games to campus events, ECU has seen it all. Here is a quick look back at some of the Fall semesters most notable photos.

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1. Senior forward Stephanie Seagrave sends a cross into the box early in the season. The Lady Pirates reached the Conference Semi-finals.
2. Ruffin McNeill sends a thank you to fans after the game against UNC
3. Officer Peterson displays the new body cameras being used by the Greenville Police Department
4. ECU senior Uriah Ward campaigns around Greenville for the NC House of Representatives election.
5. Senior wide receiver Justin Hardy makes his 350th career reception against Tulane. This catch gave Hardy makes his 350th career receptions.
6. ECU quarterback Shane Carden celebrates after a touchdown in the Pirates 70-41 home victory North Carolina
7. Cheerleaders encourage fans at the ECU vs. SMU game on Oct. 4
8. Gay marriage was legalized in North Carolina on October 10.
9. Actress and activist Laverne Cox spoke to students about her journey to womanhood and the struggles she overcame.
10. Senior setter Zarah Cecich (16) prepares for a serve early in the season
11. Future rocked Minges at the Homecoming concert in October
12. ECU hosted its first ever color run, hosted by Color My College and sponsored by campus organizations.

PIRATE RANTS

Want more Pirate Rants? Make sure you submit every week at theeastcarolinian.com

You could see your rant in next week's issue.

Can I protest the protest happening on campus? Or is that hate speech?

Girls, not every guy you inadvertently make eye contact with is attracted to you. Guys have standards, too. And some of you girls have greatly overestimated yourselves.

It's astounding how many people take the bus from Brewster to the library. It's seriously a three minute walk people!

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Pirate football players ROCK!!!!

Please cover your cleavage before you come to class. Everybody is getting tired of your boobs and nobody cares how much they cost.

There was a time in Pirate football history when we couldn't put two wins together back to back. And fans stayed their seats, no matter what. Cardy and the rest of the seniors deserved better student support. Shame on all of you that left early!

What part of "no retreat, no surrender" doesn't the Boneyard understand? You support until the last whistle blows. Period.

Shame on the students in the Boneyard and SPC for abandoning ship at the half. I guess we'll never know if your support could have changed the game outcome, senior night and their bowl bid.

The computer lab is not the place to complain about your crazy roommate. Everyone has crazy roommates. Get off of your phone. You're annoying.

Uncomfortable with the Peaceful Protest? Imagine not being able to breathe AT ALL

All I have to do is get through one more week of this!

So why is it that professors get to be such *ssholes during exam time.

Pirates could have done so much more this year than they did.

Time to start smoking again for finals and stress.

Well d*mn....it's over

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Our view

"What ifs" plague ECU football year

Let's flash back to just over a month ago. The ECU football team had just one loss, which came on the road to South Carolina of the Southeastern Conference, and had many Pirate fans dreaming of a New Year's Day bowl game with their favorite team playing in it as the best team in a non-"Power Five" conference.

After suffering losses in three of its last five games, ECU learned Sunday that it will still be playing in an early January bowl game against a "Power Five" conference opponent, but not in the one it desired in late October.

The Birmingham Bowl will pit the Pirates against a Florida Gators team that recently fired its coach. The site of the game is Legion Field, which has been the long time home of the recently cancelled UAB football program, and it will be played on Jan. 3 in Birmingham, Ala.

So, yes, it's still a bowl game and an SEC opponent on the other side, but we as an editorial staff hold the belief that even if the Pirates capture a bowl victory for the second consecutive season, a question of "what if?" will likely linger for some time going into the offseason.

Aycock descendent outraged

Dear East Carolinian,

My name is Elizabeth Aycock Krewson, and I am a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. I am writing in regard to the mass email that was sent out to all ECU students, faculty and staff regarding the proposal to rename the Charles B. Aycock Residence Hall.

I am a descendant of Governor Charles B. Aycock, and I am writing to express my opinion that East Carolina University should not remove the late Governor Charles B. Aycock's name from any landmark on ECU's campus.

I say this because Charles B. Aycock was known as the "education governor" for the state of North Carolina. He served as an edu-

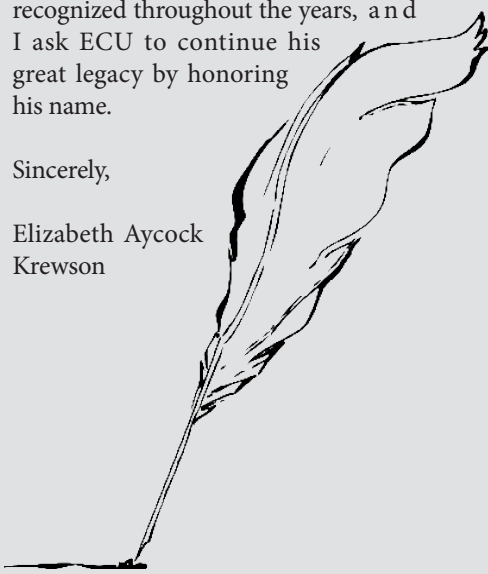
cational trailblazer in an unfavorable setting and prevailed as a public education leader. His name stands for the encouragement of education for all North Carolinians, regardless of their race. I believe ECU should focus on the positive contributions of Governor Aycock that furthered education in this great state. Governor Aycock was an advocate for North Carolina's public school system and devoted his life toward educational progress.

Governor Charles B. Aycock's name should be and is honored by all public universities in North Carolina. The fact that a decision has to be made in 7 days on whether to erase decades of this leader's name is unfathomable. I urge East Carolina University and the Board of Trustees to consider the educational contribution of this acclaimed leader. Gover-

nor Aycock's national efforts toward education in the state of North Carolina have been recognized throughout the years, and I ask ECU to continue his great legacy by honoring his name.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Aycock Krewson



Protests can only do so much



Kathleen Daniels
TEC COLUMNIST

In the past few weeks, two grand juries decided not to indict white officers in the deaths of African-American males. Since then, rioting and protests have erupted across the country, including on our own campus, and a national discussion on race and the criminal justice system has begun. At first, it was suggested that police wear body cameras to prevent police violence, but it has become clear that more work is needed. Instead, we need a national rewriting of race and the criminal justice system.

In the shooting death of Michael Brown, it is reasonable to see why the grand jury failed to indict Officer Darren Wilson. Since witness accounts conflicted, the grand jury relied on the testimony of Wilson and forensic evidence. What is most upsetting about the Ferguson grand jury though is the actions of the prosecutor. In 2010, US attorneys prosecuted 162,000 federal cases and grand jurors declined to indict 11 cases. Though the Ferguson case was not a federal case, the numbers are comparable. If the prosecutor had truly wanted an indictment, he likely could have convinced the jury to indict. Instead, neither Michael Brown nor Darren Wilson will see a day in court.

Less than a week after the Michael Brown non-indictment was released, a New York grand jury decided not to indict several officers in the chokehold death of Eric Garner. Unlike the Ferguson case, there is video of the events leading up to Garner's death, including him saying "I

can't breathe" eleven times. Chokeholds are prohibited by the New York Police Department and it is clear in the video that an officer is choking Garner. However, the grand jury failed to indict. This case makes it clear that body cameras on police officers will make no difference in police induced deaths of African-Americans.

Since these two cases, protests have risen up across the country. Protest ahave enacted die-ins, where protesters lay on the ground to simulate death. Social media is buzzing with hashtags like #INjustUS and #blacklivesmatter. It is clearly a time for a national discussion on race and the criminal justice system. The issue crosses racial lines, it's not just black lives that matter, but all lives. There is a clear bias in the criminal justice system, from police officers to judges, against African-Americans.

Protests and hashtags can only do so much through. It is time to move voices from the streets to the ballot boxes. The anger people feel now needs to be remembered in November 2015 and 2016. We need to discuss the intersections of race, history, violence, and criminal justice in a productive setting where changes can come about. It is clear that our current representatives wish to ignore the issue, so we need to either change their views or change the representative. No matter what, this discussion is far from over.

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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By Kevin Christian

12/9/14

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- Deer girl
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- Ground water source
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ECU to Birmingham Bowl

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

It was announced on Sunday that ECU (8-4, 5-3 American) will face Florida (6-5, 4-4 SEC) in the Birmingham Bowl at Legion Field on Jan. 3.

The bowl, which is slated for a 1 p.m. kickoff on ESPN or ESPN2 in Birmingham, Alabama, will serve as a preview of next season's matchup between the Pirates and Gators in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Sept. 12. While ECU and Florida are scheduled to see each other in two of their next three contests, the only previous meeting between the schools was a 24-17 Florida home victory in 1983.

"We are looking forward to the challenge of playing Florida, a program rich in tradition out of a conference which has our highest respect," said fifth-year ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill. "We are excited to have another opportunity to accomplish something special for this senior class, especially against a team the caliber of the Gators."

The Pirates participated in the first Birmingham Bowl game in 2006 when it was known as the PapaJohns.com Bowl. In a clash between the Big East and Conference-USA, South Florida defeated ECU, 24-7. The Birmingham Bowl is now the only college football bowl that pits the

Southeastern Conference against the American Athletic Conference.

Legion Field, nicknamed "The Old Grey Lady," opened in 1927 and seats approximately 71,594 people. It was the home to the now-defunct University of Alabama at Birmingham football program and also hosted the Iron Bowl between 1948 and 1988.

The upcoming bowl game is an opportunity for both teams to end their seasons on a high note after disappointing losses. A last-second Hail Mary pass from Central Florida quarterback Justin Holman to junior Breshad Perriman spoiled the Pirates' dramatic Senior Night comeback, 32-30, on Thursday.

On Nov. 29, the Gators nearly took down undefeated Florida State in Tallahassee, Fla. Despite four interceptions thrown by former Heisman quarterback Jameis Winston, the Seminoles squeaked out a 24-19 victory in what proved to be Will Muschamp's final game as the head coach of the Gators.

Muschamp had a 28-21 record in his four seasons in Gainesville but only ten combined wins in the past two years. Florida defensive coordinator DJ Durkin was promoted to the interim coach position for the Birmingham Bowl while former Colorado State Head Coach Jim



Ruffin McNeill and former senior Adonis Armstrong hoist the trophy after winning last season's Beef 'O' Brady's bowl.

McElwain has been hired for the 2015 season.

The Pirates have a program bowl record of 9-10 and have been invited to a bowl game for three consecutive seasons as well as eight out of the last nine years. Last season, ECU defeated Ohio, 37-20, in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl in St. Petersburg, Fla. Meanwhile, the Gators are looking for their first bowl victory since a 24-17 win over Ohio State in the 2012 TaxSlayer.com Gator Bowl.

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WEB PHOTO

Ruff talks bowl selection

Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

After another successful campaign, ECU coach Ruffin McNeill has his sights set on a Birmingham Bowl matchup with the embattled Florida Gators on Jan. 3.

It will be the fourth bowl in McNeill's five-year tenure, a testament to both the continuity of the coach and the program, and is something that stands in stark contrast to the Gators program following its dismissal of former headman Will Muschamp after a 6-5 season. He has since been replaced with interim coach D.J. Durkin with former Colorado State coach Jim McElwain set to take over the reigns after the bowl game. The coaching shuffle could provide the Gators with a unique challenge, as they will be playing without Muschamp for the first time in four years.

McNeill, however, said he doesn't see Florida letting the coaching change affect them.

"Will [Muschamp] won't be coaching the game but I see them coming in ready to go," McNeill said of his opponents. "Both of us ended on tough notes and I know we're ready to get back and I'm sure they are too. Scheme wise what they've done all year, you



ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill addresses the media during Monday's presser.

won't see much of that change."

And McNeill knows what it's like to coach on an interim basis. He co-coached Texas Tech after the suspension and eventual firing of Mike Leach and led the Red Raiders to a win in the 2009 Alamo Bowl. Durkin will be tasked with trying to replicate the performance that McNeill had at Texas Tech.

"It's tough but those coaches are professional," McNeill said. "They understand the game and they understand the world that we chose to live in. They have a lot of pride; they know who their next director of the program is. I know [McElwain]'s not going to install his offense right now but I think they'll

be ready to go and I'm expecting them to be ready to go."

With the new head coach looming over the shoulders of Durkin and company, the pressure is ever mounting. Durkin and the rest of the Florida staff could be coaching for their lives, as a strong performance in front of McElwain could help them solidify a spot on his staff.

"I haven't had a chance to study the staff," McNeill said of the Gators' assistants. "Some may be able to stay with McElwain and some may not so if that's the case you may see someone taking another job. I haven't heard that anyone has left yet but you can't tell right now; it's a slippery time of year."

For all of the coaching changes that Florida has had to endure one thing remains obvious; the Gators are chalk full of talent and are a premier team in perhaps the best conference in the country. Having an SEC footprint is something that McNeill admitted would help recruiting.

"We play at the highest level," said McNeill. "We played two ACC teams, two SEC teams [our second one coming up] and our conference is one that is going through everything for the first time and you see the difference."

Winning is perhaps the only way to ensure a long-term stint at a program. Regular season success that translates to bowl victories often set programs apart both because of national recognition and the continuity that can come along with it. For McNeill, a fourth bowl game is just more proof that the Pirates can be a prime destination for recruits.

"It's a fun league to coach in," McNeill said. "They see us, and a lot of kids have seen us, on national TV quite a bit. If you come here, you're coming to a bowl game."

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Women split in Ohio trip

Rev Blanquicet
TEC STAFF

During their second three-game road trip of the season, the ECU women's basketball team (7-2) suffered its second loss of the season and bounced back with one game left before returning home.

Last week the Lady Pirates traveled to Ohio where they suffered their second loss of the season, 59-57, at Cleveland State (4-3). However, they were able to turn it around and hand Ohio (6-1) their first loss, 78-68.

In their first game against Cleveland State, redshirt junior forward Jada Payne led the Lady Pirates in scoring with 21 points on 9-for-18 shooting from the field. Payne shot the ball well from behind the arc at 3-for-6.

Junior guard Jasmine Phillips pitched in scoring 14 points

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<p>Tuesday 12/9 (Away) Women's Basketball</p> <p>Loyola Maryland</p> <p>7 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday 12/13 Men's Basketball</p> <p>James Madison</p> <p>5 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday 12/20 Women's Basketball</p> <p>Norfolk State</p> <p>5 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday 12/20 (Away) Men's Basketball</p> <p>UNC-Wilmington</p> <p>7 p.m.</p>	<p>Monday 12/22 Men's Basketball</p> <p>Florida A&M</p> <p>7 p.m.</p>
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TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

The Pirates accepted a bid to the Birmingham Bowl on Jan. 3 in Birmingham, Alabama where they will face the Florida Gators (6-5).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates suffered a 108-64 loss at the hands of North Carolina. The Pirates fell to 4-5 with the loss.

FOOTBALL

ECU wide receiver Justin Hardy was named the recipient of the Burlsworth Trophy, given annually to college football's top player who began his career as a walk-on.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates split a weekend in the Buckeye State with a loss to Cleveland State and a win over Ohio.

TRACK & FIELD

Senior Henry Johnson broke the school record in the pole vault last weekend in the Christopher Newport Holiday Open.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers notched a win over the New Orleans Saints, 41-10. The win broke a six game losing streak and a seven game winless streak.

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WOMEN'S BBALL continued from A10

with five rebounds and six steals, while senior Ondrea Shaw recorded her first double-digit rebounding effort with 10 rebounds and three blocks.

Despite their dominant performance and six-point lead after the first half, the Lady Pirates were unable to put Cleveland State away. ECU was never able to recover the lead once the Vikings took control with 6:20 left in the game.

Down two with ten seconds left, Jada Payne was able to get the ball across half court, but was unable to connect on a 25-foot jumper that would've won the game.

Determined not to lose back to back games on the road, the Lady Pirates came

out firing on all cylinders against an unbeaten Ohio team. Although it wasn't easy, the Pirates were able to come away with the win after a tug-of-war type match.

Jada Payne, Jasmine Phillips and Shae Nelson all scored in double figures for ECU. Payne led all scorers and finished with a game-high 22 points on 6-for-11 shooting.

She also had another great performance behind the arc, shooting 4-for-6, as well as going a perfect 6-for-6 from the free throw line.

Phillips finished the game with 18 points, eight rebounds and a pair of steals while Nelson also shot 4-for-6 from behind

the three-point line. Nelson finished with 14 points.

After several lead changes, the Lady Pirates went on a 16-point run, ignited by Nelson who sank three-straight shots from behind the arc in under a minute, with just over 10 minutes left to play. This run gave ECU its largest lead of the game at 15 points and ultimately led them to the 76-68 victory.

The Lady Pirates will conclude their road trip today in Baltimore, Md., against Loyola (1-6). Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. in Reitz Arena.

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Pirates slammed by Heels

ECU basketball suffers 108-64 defeat in Chapel Hill



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UNC's forward J.P. Tokoto throws down after carving up the ECU defense. The Heels had seven dunks.

Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

The Pirates were creamed by a deeper, more talented North Carolina Tar Heel team, 108-64 in the Dean E. Smith Center Sunday.

ECU guard Terry Whisnant scored the first 3-point shot of the game with 12:18 in the second half after both teams had trouble shooting past the three-point mark. Both teams went a combined 0-16 in the first half. Whisnant was the first Pirate to hit double figures; he scored 15 total points (team-high), shooting 6-for-18, with two successful 3-point shots.

ECU's defense wasn't consistent either. The team gave up 48 points as the Tar Heels were 22-for-43 by halftime, shooting 67 percent in free throws while the Pirates shot 0-11 from 3-point range during the first half. Head Coach Jeff Lebo wanted to limit the use of zone against the Tar Heels.

"We didn't want to zone them this game. They're hard enough to get off when you have a body on them," said Lebo. "When you don't, they can go places that we couldn't go. We've been a zone team most of the preseason. But in the first few games of the season, we couldn't zone them."

Lance Tejada led ECU with six points in the first half, shooting 3-for-5 and 0-for-2 in 3-pointers.

Following him was Prince Williams with five, then Michel Nzege and Antonio Robinson both with four points.

ECU fell behind, 48-29 at the half after a long run by UNC. The Pirates went 14-for-32, shooting only 44 percent in the first half of the game while UNC shot 51.2.

The last time the Pirates played at the Smith Center, UNC led by 16 points at halftime before ECU scored 61 points in the second half,

which remains the most-ever scored against one of head coach Roy Williams' UNC teams.

The team couldn't keep up with the Tar Heels though. The Pirates shot 9-for-37 in the second half, while UNC shot 23-for-32 with 27 assists, shooting 71.9 percent in the second half. ECU only made five assists and shot 24.3 percent from the field.

UNC forward Brice Johnson and J.P. Tokoto led the Tar Heels, as both players scored 19 points. Johnson went on to drop 19 points on 15 shots and a career-high 17 rebounds. Johnson and Tokoto's offensive abilities outshone the competition. Tokoto scored 19 points, shooting 7-for-12 with eight assists.

"We couldn't play our best offensive lineup in the game," said Lebo. "Caleb White [was forced to play] at the four because they just went right at him inside with Brice Johnson. They just punished us around the rim. We had no answer for that. They were just too big, too strong, and too long for us."

With this win, the Tar Heels extended their records to 87-4 in non-conference home games under Roy Williams, giving him his 1,005 combined win as a college coach.

UNC shot 50 percent from the floor in both halves of the game compared to shooting only 30 percent in its upset loss against Iowa last week.

"Needless to say, we played a heck of a lot better than we did Wednesday night," said Williams. "Mentally, we were more in the game."

The Pirates will take the next six days off for finals before returning to the court Saturday, Dec. 13 against James Madison in Minges Coliseum.

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