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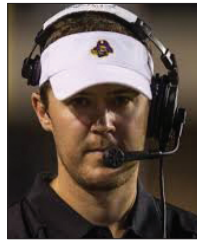
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## Lincoln Riley rumors swirl

**Brian Wudkwyh**  
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According to Oklahoma CBS affiliate News 9, ECU offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley has been hired by Oklahoma University to assume play calling and offensive coordinator and quarterback coach duties.

However, conflicting reports soon surfaced denouncing News 9's original report. ESPN Big 12 reporter Jake Trotter dismissed the notion via twitter, saying that the job was not offered despite Riley being a candidate.



Lincoln Riley

It doesn't appear as though any other news organization is willing to say the reports have been confirmed and remain to be rumors at this point.

Riley was rumored to be a candidate for the offensive coordinator job at Kentucky but Shannon Dawson instead accepted the job. Spending five years on ECU Head Coach

Ruffin McNeill's staff, Riley, 31, has been the brainchild behind the record breaking Pirate offense. He was an original member of McNeill's staff and came over with the coach after they spent time together at Texas Tech.

During his time with the Pirates, he saw the likes of quarterbacks Domonique Davis and Shane Carden and receiver Justin Hardy break multiple school records including Hardy's all-time FBS receptions record.

His pass oriented, spread offense ranked the Pirates third in the nation in passing yards

(4,835) last season and sixth in total offense (6929) last season. His offenses are also credited with producing the No. 1-5 single-season passing records in school history.

If the reports are true, Riley will helm the Oklahoma offense that ranked 20th nationally in points per game (36.2). He will take junior quarterback Trevor Knight under his wing. Knight threw for 2,300 yards and 14 touchdowns last season.

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## Carter Cruise

Talks life in the porn industry

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Carter Cruise. A name that has been posted and talked about online, on campus and behind closed doors. It's a facade that has exploded over the course of a few months, leaving a person asking the question, who is this girl?

As a former ECU student, she demonstrated an interest in women's studies, particularly sexuality.

"I was wanting to go to grad school to study women's sexuality," said Cruise. "I was really interested in the sex conversations between what I thought and what other girls thought."

With her questions mounting and curiosity burning, Cruise altered her plans and ditched the idea of grad school.

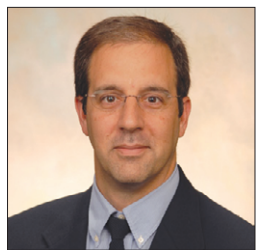
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## ECU creates health app

**Collyn Sheaffer**  
TEC STAFF

ECU Physicians are offering a free phone application through MyChart which allows patients to access their medical records.



Thomas Ellis

The software for MyChart was created by the makers of the Electronic Medical Record that is used by the hospitals and participating clinics of Vidant Medical Group as well as ECU physicians. The people who are responsible for making this Electronic Medical Record are based out of Wisconsin and are the largest EMR vendor in the nation. Electronic health records offer all clinical data gathered in a health care provider's office, as well as a "more comprehensive patient history," according to Health IT.gov.

Thomas Ellis, Chief Medical Informatics Officer, described the thought process behind offering the patient portal as "twofold." He said that it is a requirement for a program offered by the federal government called "meaningful use" which allows the patients to have access to key parts of their personal medical records.

This is accomplished through the secure network and patient portal that allows patients to understand more about their medical problems, medications they need to use, labs which their tests are run in and a chance to easily exchange information with their providers and healthcare team.

This app could make patient's lives easier by not having to go to their doctor's office and ask for physical medical records.

"The expected result is increased communication for the patient and their healthcare team with a hope that all of us can be healthier with this better communication," Ellis said.

Other companies that use electronic medical records have offered this app in order to stay competitive. Ellis said the success of the app is defined on how it is measured and how often it is used by the patient. According to Ellis the possibility for future applications are endless when it comes to making communication easier for the patient and their doctor.

Ellis said that the introduction of MyChart has already contributed to more positive circumstances for the patients of ECU physicians. Since ECU Physicians offer healthcare to all of eastern North Carolina, this application is expected to help with increased overall health in the region as well as the state.

Signing up for the free application can be done in any ECU physician's offices and clinics that the patient is being seen at. Anyone whose health care has been provided by ECU Physicians, a Vidant Healthy hospital or participating clinic of Vidant Medical Group qualifies for a free account through this app. Those that qualify can also access the information either on the internet at [ecu.edu/mychart](http://ecu.edu/mychart) or through one of the downloaded MYChart apps offered at either the Apple or Android application stores offered on smart devices or tablets.

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## Aycock council pushes back vote

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East Carolina University's Board of Trustees will be reexamining the renaming of Aycock Residence Hall at their next meeting on Friday, Feb. 20.

The board voted to table making a decision on the name at a meeting on Dec. 18.

The Board of Trustees, which typically meets twice a semester, called the special meeting on the last day of exams to discuss the proposal of Chancellor Steve Ballard, along with an ad hoc committee, to consider the renaming of the residence hall.

Only two members of the committee were able to attend the special called meeting. Chairman Robert Brinkley and Mark Copeland were in attendance, while others participated by phone.

Believing that sufficient time had not been taken, a motion was made to delay the title removal of the residence hall until the board meeting in February.

The residence hall was originally opened in 1960 on College Hill. It was named for Charles B. Aycock, a former government figure, who also served as a spokesperson for white supremacy campaigns around the turn of the century.

ECU began receiving requests in early 2014 from alumni and other members of the community asking the name to be reviewed. Administrators examined ECU's naming policy and Aycock Residence Hall was selected for further review.

On Dec. 12, the committee voted to recommend the renaming of Aycock Hall.



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Aycock Residence Hall, located on College Hill, has been the subject of controversy for weeks.

"We believe the honoree's reputation has changed substantially so that the continued use of that name dishonors the university's standards and is contrary to the best interest of the university in that it prevents the university from fostering a 'diverse community where intellectual freedom, scholarly discipline and the rigorous pursuit of knowledge thrive for students, staff and faculty, and does not reflect our intolerance of such racist actions,'" the committee wrote in a report they prepared for the chancellor.

An informal survey was also sent out in December to students, faculty, staff and alumni via email and a website was created by the committee to provide more information on the residence hall, as well as, the life of Charles B. Aycock. The website went live on Dec. 5.

2,433 responses were received by noon on Dec. 10. The data showed that 52 per-

cent of students, 60 percent of faculty, 41 percent of staff and 31 percent of alumni thought the building should be renamed.

In a letter to the Board of Trustees, Ballard presented all of this information.

"My recommendation to the Board of Trustees in no way attempts to judge the life or accomplishments of Governor Aycock. His accomplishments as well as his legacy are complicated and certainly open to different interpretations," Ballard said in his letter to the Board. "Further, I make no judgments about the Board of Trustee vote in 1961 to name a residence hall after the well-known governor of North Carolina."

Three UNC campuses have buildings that use the name Aycock. UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC-Greensboro.

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**BRIEFS**

**Greenville ranks in top ten in Best-Performing Small Cities Report**

The city of Greenville ranked ninth on the Milken Institute's annual Best-Performing Cities report for 2014. According to the report, Greenville moved up four spots from 2013 due partially to its strong high-tech GDP concentration. In addition, the city's one-year wage growth and more recent job growth signals that its economy is on the rise. The Milken Institute is a non-profit organization that hopes to increase global prosperity by creating jobs and improving health. According to a press release, the Milken Institute ranks 200 large and 179 small U.S. metropolitan areas by how well they are creating and sustaining jobs and economic growth. The institute used several components in their evaluation including job, wage and salary, and technology growth.

**North Carolina's Amtrak now on Facebook**

North Carolina's Department of Transportation announced last week that Amtrak would be launching a new Facebook page centered on N.C. The page was launched early this month and contains a lot of information for people travelling on the railway. The new page features tickets, specials, destinations and promotions to help with planning travel. In addition, the page lists activities that can be done in the cities along the rail corridor each month.

"With the launch of a better social media presence, we hope to connect with people already riding the train and people who may have never considered it. This is a way we can showcase the rail experience and give better, up to the minute information to those planning a trip," said NCDOT Rail Division Director Paul Worley, according to a press release.

**ECU receives award for community engagement from The Carnegie Foundation**

ECU has earned the top achievement for community engagement for universities. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching announced that ECU received the Community Engagement Classification for 2015 on Jan. 7. According to the Carnegie Foundation, the classification for the Community Engagement achievement is based on voluntary participation by institutions. ECU first received the classification in 2008 and showed growth since then to be re-admitted the title this year.

According to a press release, in Carnegie's selection letter they said that ECU showed "excellent alignment among campus mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement." ECU is one of 361 universities that has received the classification for community engagement.



A Red Cross representative preps an ECU student for donation. SleevesUp will allow students to make appointments to donate blood.

**Red Cross launches portal**

**Sara Ataalla**  
TEC STAFF

January is National Blood Donor Month and this year, American Red Cross created SleevesUp, a website for supporters to create virtual blood drives.

"It's the first time we've done this and I think it's a great idea," said Kristen Hatfield, American Red Cross external communication manager.

During the year, especially during wintertime, it can be difficult to donate blood at your local blood drive.

"With SleevesUp you can create a blood drive and it doesn't have to be local, you can create a blood drive and extend it to people across the country, and then we will help them find a blood drive near them through the link,"

said Hatfield.

Natalie Rawheiser East Carolina University freshman seems to like the idea of SleevesUp.

"When I was in high school I use to donate blood with my aunt all the time. But when they have blood drives on campus I am always so busy that I have to miss them. This website is really helpful, I can make a blood drive and it be on my time and I can get my family and friends involved too," said Rawheiser.

This virtual blood drive can be created for many things. It could be in honor of someone, celebrating one's birthday, in memory of someone, an anniversary, or any reason just because, and it is free of charge.

"Up to 20 percent of our donor base is made up of high school and college

students," said Hatfield.

"College students are great donors and this is a great way for them as they all go back to their different states or cities that they can organize a blood drive and can connect with their college or high school friends and kind of spread it even further, and help it to be their merger."

A SleevesUp virtual blood drive can be created online at redcrossblood.org/ SleevesUp in just a few minutes. Once a campaign is created, others can pledge their support by making an appointment to donate blood at a blood drive or donation center convenient for them. For those who are unable to donate blood, they can still help by making a financial donation to a blood drive.

"It's a lot easier to communicate with people with

SleevesUp," said Lindsey Nuckols, junior hospitality management major. "They [Red Cross] have a lot of sponsored blood drives on campus and other places, but they hand out flyers for people to be informed. However, if you wanted to create one yourself it would be a lot harder to spread the word. With SleevesUp being online you have a border group of people to invite, and can post your link on social media," said Nuckols.

American Red Cross will be at ECU for the next blood drive on Thursday at the Student Recreation Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. All donors will receive free long sleeve t-shirts while supplies last.

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**ONLINE**

**Human Trafficking Day makes an impact on campus**

*Corrections/Clarifications*

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**Pitt County Sheriff's Office offers rewards for information on shootings**

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The Pitt County Sheriff's Department and the Pitt-Greenville Crime Stoppers are offering a monetary reward for anyone with information on recent unsolved shootings in the area.

Between Dec. 21, 2014, and Dec. 29, 2014, five incidents were reported where shots were fired into homes and vehicles that were occupied. Three of the incidents took place in Pitt County, one in Greenville and one in Ayden.

In Greenville, the gunfire was reported to have struck homes on Hillsdale St., Mills Rd. and Fairfax Ave. In Ayden, gunfire hit a home on New St.

In all five incidents, no injuries were reported with

damage only being done to the property stuck with bullets.

All five incidents are still under investigation and that is where Christy Wallace, Public Information Officer for the Pitt County Sheriff's Department, says they are looking for help.

"At this time, calls have been pouring in, but no arrest has been made," said Wallace.

For these particular incidents, the Pitt-Greenville Crime Stoppers is offering a minimum reward of \$1,000 for information per case, which adds up to be a minimum of \$5,000 instead of the 'up to' \$5,000 maximum that has been enforced in the past.

The removal of the 'up to' is being done due to the fact that it is unclear whether or not the cases are related at this time.

"We are hoping since there is not a range in the reward and the dollar amount is known, it will cause some tipsters to call in that may not would have otherwise," said Wallace.

Offering a reward for information on an unsolved case has been done one time before and worked both quickly and successfully. Shortly after the announcement of a reward was made, it lead to an arrest related to an incident where the suspects drove by D.H. Conley High School and fired shots in the direction of the school during the 2013-2014 school year.

Although offering a reward has been successful in the past, ECU student Chelsea Campbell, a junior psychology major, has mixed feelings about the situation but is hope-

ful that somebody will come forward with information.

"It doesn't really make me feel safer that a reward is being offered," said Campbell. "There are still going to be criminals out there, but it does give people with information more of an incentive to come forward and help solve the case."

Campbell expresses concern over the incidents occurring in the area but feels assured that the situation is well taken care of.

"It makes me worried that these things are happening so close to me," said Campbell. "I just hope that people take advantage of the reward and come forward."

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## January

### **CRW Gold Rush**

January 7-20 • SRC

### **Winter Welcome**

January 11 • 6:00pm • MSC Brickyard  
Rain Date: January 12

### **Hot Chocolate Giveaway**

January 14-15 • 8:30am • Wright Plaza,  
Brewster, Health Sciences

### **Films: Double Feature - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles & Nightcrawler**

January 14-17 • Varies • Hendrix Theatre

### **Asian Flavors Night**

January 15 • 4:30pm • Todd and West End  
Dining Halls

### **Art Gallery Opening & Reception**

January 16 • 5:00pm • MSC

### **MLK Day of Service**

January 19 • 9:00am • Various Locations

### **FREE Body Fat Testing**

January 21 • 4:30pm • SRC Room 210

### **Films: Double Feature - If I Stay & Maze Runner**

January 21-24 • Varies • Hendrix Theatre

### **Polar Bear Plunge**

January 22 • 7:00pm • SRC

### **Get a Clue Student Involvement Fair**

January 22 • 6:00pm • SRC

### **Living Off Campus 101**

January 27 • 7:00pm • MSC Room 244

### **Beach Party Premium Night**

January 27 • 4:30pm • Todd and West End  
Dining Halls

### **7:07 Series: MTV's Wildn'Out**

January 27 • 7:07pm • Hendrix Theatre

### **Spring Into Service Fair**

January 28 • 9:00am • MSC Great Rooms

### **SAB Interest Meeting**

January 28 • 5:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

### **Trivia Night: Alcohol, Sexual Assault, and Safety**

January 28 • 5:00pm • SRC Room 202

### **Films: Double Feature - This Is Where I Leave You & Annabelle**

January 28-31 • Varies • Hendrix Theatre

### **SAB Interest Meeting**

January 29 • 6:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

### **Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Winter Open House**

January 29 • 3:00pm • LWCC

### **Indoor Pool Party and Movie**

January 30 • 7:00pm • SRC Indoor Pool

More events to come during the month of **February**

For more information on events, please go to  
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# Arts & Entertainment

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## Students film local soap opera

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TEC STAFF

On Jan. 5, Greenville hosted the first premiere of a new soap opera titled, "Forbidden Fruits."

The soap opera involves six East Carolina University students as well as a few alumni and was taped in Greenville. Many of the characters are all tied to one another in some way, whether they were related or in a relationship, which made for many interesting twists throughout the season.

Norma Warren, executive producer, said that for the first season she is expecting to identify a market for the show, as well as find an interest within the audience and hopefully produce a product that viewers want to continue to watch.

The first season contains eight episodes in all which air every Monday at 9 p.m. "We want to just give people what they want, excitement and entertainment," said Warren.

Tevin Woodard, senior public health major, is an ECU student that plays the role of Roman Freeman on the show. He describes Roman as being a womanizer seeing as he is juggling three different women, but he can relate to the character in another aspect.

"I can relate to Roman in the way that he is a college student, he is driven and with how he handles his business when it comes to his determination to getting into medical school," said Woodard.

The cast also included fellow ECU student, Octavia Miller, senior health services management major. Miller plays the role of Skye on Forbidden Fruits. On the show Skye is Mac's fiancée. They seem to be stuck in the stage of just being engaged, as Mac doesn't seem to want to go through the marriage.

Miller does not really relate to her character, as she is a good girl. "Skye is my alter ego. I usually get caught up with being the good girl and when I am Skye I get to be openly sexy and I like that about her. I feel like most women can relate to her and her situation," said Miller.

Because the show is filmed in Greenville, it brings in more revenue and exposure for the city.



The cast and crew of Forbidden Fruits film a scene. Students and alumni created the new series which depicts the drama of college.

"The premiere brought about 250 people into one venue. The show also has allowed individuals the opportunity to pursue a passion of theirs while still in school to determine if this is something they still want to do," said Warren.

Among the six ECU students involved in the show, three worked behind the scenes in departments that dealt with the major they are pursuing. "The show is great exposure for the city and ECU, especially for the students that are working behind the scenes because it shows that the students working on their film degrees are actually working in their field," said Miller.

"Overall, I feel that the show was put together very well

I think. I was shocked to see the students that I personally know in their element and doing so well. I am ready to see how the show continues," said Jabeorn Roberts, junior sports psychology major.

Forbidden Fruits is a show about lies, cheating, passion and love that involves everyone. "I want people to stay tuned. The secrets will reveal. What happens in the dark, comes to the light," said Warren.

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## Quartet brings music to medicine

Amanda Adkins  
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The Stranded Silver flute quartet will bring newly composed works of the Latin American genre to the "Good Music Good Medicine" event tomorrow.

The quartet is made up of graduate students Willie Santiago, Mary Gheen and undergraduates Jacqueline Traish and Benjamin Sledge. The group was formed in August of 2013 and performs mostly contemporary pieces and classical works. The group won a superior rating at the Raleigh Area Flute Associated Solo and Ensemble Festival in 2014.

The quartet has previously played at recruiting events for East Carolina University, chamber music recitals, the 2014 New-Music@ECU Festival Frequencies concert and several solo concerts.

The upcoming concert is the fifth event from the "Good Music Good Medicine" series. The series follows the academic year and originally started in the fall of 2011.

"The series features faculty and students from the School of Music, or sometimes alumni or musicians associated with the School of Music," said Judith Barber, coordinator for the series. "A wide variety of School of Music instrumentalists and chamber



The Stranded Silver Quartet (above) was formed by undergraduate and graduate ECU students.

ensembles have performed." Barber started the series with the permission and cooperation of the ECU School of Music and the Vidant Pastoral Care Department.

ECU's School of Music professors Christine Gustafson and Elliot Frank volunteered to perform at this event and have previously performed at other events for this series. "Judy put out a call to the School of Music and Elliot and

I responded. I'm the flute professor and Elliot is the guitar professor. The quartet performs and we perform solo," said Christine Gustafson, professor of music/flute.

According to Barber, the quartet will perform "art music," rather than functional music that is designed to accompany a function such as dance, dinner, or other activities. "It is a work of art designed for focused attention, so it takes

place in Vidant's Interfaith Chapel which is a perfect concert setting, a beautiful and serene space with wonderful acoustics," said Barber.

According to Barber, the series is offered as a service to the medical and Pitt County communities including Vidant patients and their families, medical staff and the citizens of Pitt County in general.

The title for the series originated from a book written by Joyner Library's head of the music library, David Hursh and his co-author Chris Goertzen. The title of the book is "Good Medicine and Good Music: A biography of Mrs. Joe Person, Patent remedy entrepreneur and musician."

"That the title is rooted in the history of Greenville and so beautifully links our community's considerable medical and musical resources is very important to me," said Barber.

The event will take place at Vidant Interfaith Chapel from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. ECU School of Music and Vidant Department of Pastoral Care will host the event.

"All expenses are paid for by Vidant. No donations will be raised. Rather, those who perform are donating their time," said Barber.

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## Closet Consignment features winter fashion

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With the start of a new year and a new semester, East Carolina University's students are looking for new trends and fashions for the winter.

One place in Greenville to look for designer trends without the designer price is at Closet Consignment.

"Closet Consignment is an upscale designer consignment boutique that opened in December 2011," said Paula Chrismon, owner of Closet Consignment. "We specialize in women's designer trend wear."

To start off the new year fresh, Closet Consignment recently changed their location.

"We just celebrated our three year anniversary and have been searching for a larger, more visible location in Uptown Greenville," said Chrismon. "We had long outgrown out that tiny space and we were ready for an upgrade!"

Chrismon explained that the name of her boutique came from starting out in a tiny room in a space in the parking lot behind Winslow's.

"When you visited, it was really like shopping in a closet, which is where our slogan, 'Because Playing in Someone Else's Closet is Always More Fun' was derived from," said Chrismon.

Chrismon stated that with winter starting there are new winter trends and fashions that ECU students will wear around campus.

"Ponchos, capes, riding boots, oversized sweaters and cute scarves are definitely the hottest cold-weather trends that you will see on campus right now," said Chrismon.

Chrismon explained that they are constantly researching the latest trends and paying close attention to the customers demand.

"We have a mixture of previously-loved and brand new items," said Chrismon. "It keeps the store fresh and the options relevant."

Closet Consignment differs greatly from the other boutiques around town.

"Closet Consignment is a special place that a fashionista comes to find that amazing one-of-a-kind top, that Louis Vuitton bag that is not in her price range, or those designer boots that were sold out in her size," said Chrismon.

"We offer an electric and affordable shopping experience for our customers while creating a warm and inviting place to shop that focuses on the joy of fashion."

Chrismon stated that this year they have many big events coming up.

"We are planning two fashion shows for 2015 and one will take place in our new space," said Chrismon. "We also have our re-grand opening and ribbon cutting scheduled in February."

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Closet Consignment supplies designer clothing for a fraction of the designer cost.

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"I didn't want to learn through a book or from a professor," said Cruise. "I wanted to find it out for myself."

With graduate school being a thing of the past, Cruise laid out a new career path in adult films. Having never watched porn, she conducted a lot of research prior to her decision.

"I made a list of what I was good at, what I wanted to do and who I wanted to become," said Cruise. "Everything pointed to me doing porn."

While the decision might have come easy for Cruise, not everyone felt the same way. Friendships were strained and some even lost.

"I went from being the normal girl next door to being ostracized by society," said Cruise.

Cruise went months at a time without speaking to her friends who didn't understand her choices or the vision she had for herself. At a time when friends were few and far between, Cruise relied on her family.

"In the beginning my family was really worried since they weren't sure how I was going to handle it," said Cruise. "My parents are pretty open minded though, I told them to give me a chance for three months and if it didn't work out we could talk."

With porn being a very sensitive area for some,

**"I went from being the normal girl next door to being ostracized by society."**

**-Carter Cruise**

often people who are either in the industry or watch it are subject to scrutiny. Which leads to the question, is being a porn star objectifying or liberating?

"I think it's both," said Cruise. "It depends on where it's coming from though."

She added, "Internally it's liberating since I've always been very modest and it's objectifying but only because of other people and how they perceive it."

However, with all of that deliverance and recognition, comes inquiry and public opinion.

"Being a woman is objectifying, being a human being is objectifying," said Cruise. "I try to ignore the negativity because I can't change peoples opinions."

Since Cruise is passionate about women's studies, it is no surprise that she wants to increase awareness and knowledge about sex.

"Our generation is so open to sex but we're oppressed by the older generations opinion on sex," said Cruise. "It's really unhealthy and people should

be educated."

For Cruise, being an adult film star is just the beginning of her career plans.

"I'm trying to build a brand to do lots of things," said Cruise. "I'm a big picture kind of person and I want to use this opportunity to do other things."

Writing a book and starting a clothing line are just a few of her plans on an extensive list of goals. Her most recent endeavor is a music career. Cruise is currently working on a single that is to be released early this year.

In her downtime, she is very much your typical twenty-something. Cruise is a fan of learning new things at any chance she can, which she says is often a surprise to most people.

"I'm a super nerd," said Cruise. "I like to read articles and research papers. I find topics and research them until I can gather as much information as I can."

While she may portray a sexual figure on the screen, she doesn't live her life that way.

"I'm a prude outside of work," said Cruise. "People think that I use my sexuality to get things but I'm very much a tomboy... and people don't think that."

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Protests do a lot. We did vote. We voted for a black man to be president. No change. Congress shot down everything he came up with. Miss me with that please.

After seeing for so many years how MOST (not all) of the football players act off the field, I have a hard time supporting them on the field.

All I wanna say is that. They don't really care about us.

10th Street Frogger is quickly becoming my favorite game!

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

The honors college protects cheaters and their professors belittle students who try to do the right thing. What a joke!

It's not all lives matter because not everybody is being shot and targeted for their race.

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# Our view

# Islam is not the source of terror

As journalists, the Jan. 7 attack on the newsroom of the French satirical publication Charlie Hebdo really hit home for us at The East Carolinian.

We believe that one of the more harmless yet effective ways to improve the world that we live in is through comedy and satire, so it is alarming and terrifying when our freedom to do so is compromised by hate mongers.

This is another example of the Islamic-extremist group ISIS causing tragedy across the world, but we at The East Carolinian believe that it is important to recognize that the attack was by a terrorist group, not true disciples of the Muslim religion.

Hate is the root of jihad and it was the root of the attacks in Paris. The worst way the world and we in America can respond is by sinking to ISIS's level and

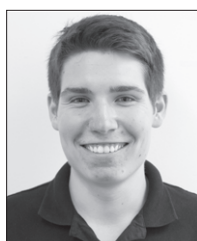
laying guilt on our Muslim neighbors.

The notion that seems to float around in the U.S. that "Not all Muslims are terrorists, but most terrorists are Muslims," is not only bigoted, but it is completely false; although Isis is a huge topic in the media, data still shows the vast majority of terrorist attacks in the world are not caused by Muslim extremists.

Astonishingly, in this time of grief and apprehension, one of the most rational and inspiring quotes has come from the brother of a policeman who was killed in the Charlie Hebdo tragedy.

The Guardian quotes Malek Merabet, brother of the fallen Ahmed Merabet as saying just days after the attack, "My brother was Muslim and he was killed by two terrorists, by two false Muslims. Islam is a religion of peace and love."

# Flawed terror brings us together



Zach Elsam  
TEC STAFF

Being able to see and understand different perspectives of conflicting arguments is something I take very seriously with my position at The East Carolinian. However, being able to understand the justification for the killing of innocents in response to a cartoonist doing his job and practicing his right to free speech is completely unfathomable.

ISIS has put a new, even more irrational, spin on global terrorism that puts nearly everyone down their sights for almost any reason they see fit - a strategy which has already sparked a military response, but also an international public outcry for justice.

Yesterday, over 3 million people flooded the streets of cities across France, creating the largest, single-day rally the country has ever experienced and the largest display of public outrage towards terrorism in history.

I, for one, believe this trend should continue not only in France, but also America and nations worldwide. Public approval, disapproval, apathy and energy are some of the most powerful things a democratic society can show. It has the power to shape government directive and make a positive difference in society, primarily because an organic, widespread public opinion is usually motivated by common sense.

The effects of the French outcry has only solidified the country's resolve in a global stand



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against irrational hatred. Muslims protected Christians who were having Catholic mass, Jews protected Muslims who chose to pray in public, and Christians were among those who organized the rallies for social justice in the first place. Every party has made it clear that those who claim to be religiously-motivated in their murderous actions, are fundamentally flawed in their thinking.

If anything was learned from this pointless show of 'power', or lack thereof, it's that the global

public is fixated on letting each other and this pathetic terrorist network know that they will not sit down and will not be silent.

### Je suis Charlie.

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# Letter from the Editor



Jessica Richmond  
TEC STAFF

And we're back, albeit a little colder. The East Carolinian staff has worked really hard over the break to bring you up to date coverage online as well as in this issue. This is a big semester at TEC and we want you to join us as we continue to move towards a digital-first newsroom. We have all made the commitment to provide East Carolina with accurate, timely information and we intend on keeping it.

This semester we will be focusing on providing news via video, Twitter and Facebook in addition to our Tuesday and Thursday paper. We'll be starting blogs this semester as a way to provide even more personable information to our readers. We have a staff in place that is dedicated to bringing TEC into the new age and we'd love to have you join us.

In addition to providing campus news, we're always looking for fresh new talent in the newsroom. On Jan. 20 and 21 we'll be holding tryouts from 6-7 p.m. for students to apply for the candidate program, a semester-long training program for new staff members. The program teaches interested candidates how to report on news, sports and arts in an effective and responsible manner.

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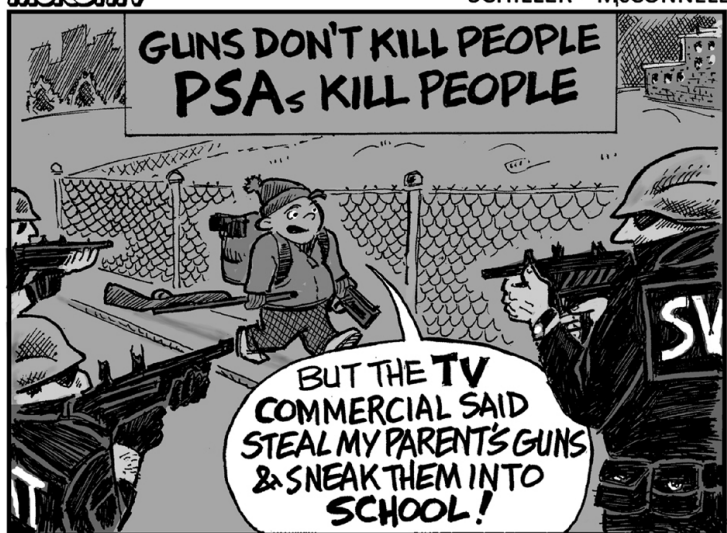
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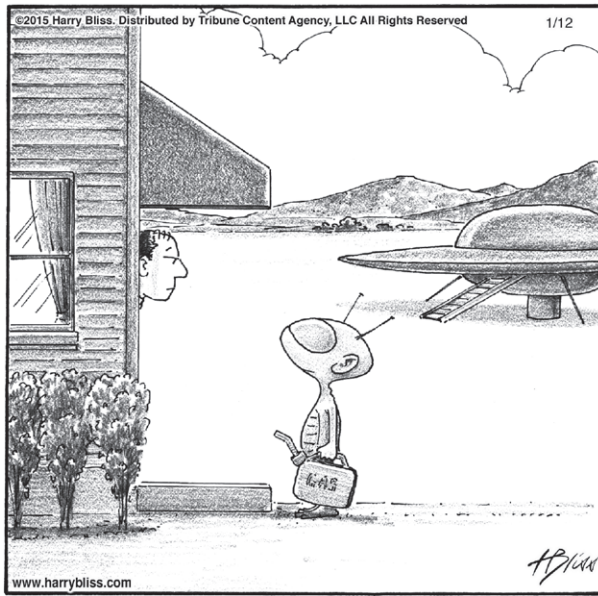
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**ACROSS**

- "Say it isn't so!"
- Slick
- Japanese poem with 17 syllables
- More than simmer
- Natural skin soother
- Caravan stop
- '50s-'60s Ramblers, briefly
- Grand Prix series designation
- Brings in, as salary
- Geeky types
- Controversial Vietnam War defoliant
- Onetime Leno announcer Hall
- Salt, in France
- "... we there yet?"
- Add to the staff
- Serving at Popeyes
- Gutter site
- Avon or Fuller Brush work, e.g.
- Too
- Country bumpkins
- "I hope you've learned your \_\_\_!"
- Pro vote
- Little white lie
- "...-hoo! Over here!"
- What Al Capone led
- Collar attachment for Spot
- "MASH" setting
- "Shh! Don't tell!" and hint to what can precede the starts of 18-, 23-, 37- and 52-Across
- Cheesy sandwich
- Dance in a line
- Actress Garr
- Autobahn auto
- Like a truck climbing a steep hill
- Flower part
- Tiff

**DOWN**

- White House family
- Respect that's "paid"
- Coin with a buffalo, once
- Designer Mary-Kate or Ashley Klutz fellow
- U.N. worker protection gp.
- Doone of Exmoor
- Red Sea republic
- "Texas" poker variety
- Very small batteries
- Prefix with metric
- Kith and \_\_\_
- Exploit
- Hankering
- Button that gets things going
- Sandwich cookie
- Raring to go
- Airline with famously tight security
- Symbol of peace
- Hair colorings
- Vegetables in pods
- The "B" in TV's former The WB network
- "Your point being...?"
- Target city for Godzilla

By Marti DuGuay-Carpenter

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## Season's success in question



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The spectrum of emotions of ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill during the 2014 season. McNeill (left) enters the field prior to a home game. McNeill (right) expresses frustration during the bowl game.

### Debate: 8-5 campaign prompts different view points



**Ronnie Moore**  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina football only won eight games this season. I know, don't kill the messenger just in case you are hearing it for the first time.

The Pirates didn't play in the Peach bowl against a prolific opponent, but instead ECU played in the Birmingham Bowl against the University of Florida. Not Urban Meyer's Florida Gators, but a 6-5 team entering the bowl matchup and a team that just fired its head coach.

ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill and the Pirates lost the matchup, 28-20, but had a chance to tie the game in the waning moments.

The hot sports take that everyone within 100 miles of Greenville is talking about is, "The Pirates underachieved majorly this season."

ECU finished with an 8-5 record, which is less than glorious but is still commendable for joining an upgraded conference and playing four "Power Five" opponents.

The argument is that ECU should have won at least 10 games this season, which was doable, but not going to happen with the unfortunate breaks the Pirates may or may not have faced.

All five of ECU's losses were by 10 points or less, meaning the Pirates had a chance in every single game they competed in. That's all you can ask for as a small Group of Five program.

ECU's five losses breaks down as: two at the hands of Southeastern Conference opponents (South Carolina and Florida), two to the co-American champions (Cincinnati and Central Florida) and one inexplicable loss to a very good defensive team—on the road—in rainy conditions (Temple).

The Pirates are not the University of Alabama, but fans, as they have, rebuke the team for not living up to their expectations, when all along McNeill has preached that his expectations are all the Pirates need to live up to.

ECU held true to its "No Quarter" slogan, which is emphasized at the beginning of the

fourth quarter of every game. Defensively, the Pirates held six of their 13 opponents scoreless in the fourth quarter and only three teams scored double figures in the final frame (Virginia Tech, North Carolina and Cincinnati).

Play-calling for the Pirates late in games was iffy at times and it came to a culminating head when many fans took to social media wondering why ECU never runs the ball inside the 10-yard line. Most of the time, offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley put the ball in his quarterback's hands and gave the explosive receivers a chance to score. Yes, numerous times ECU messed up (in hindsight) final drives to seal a game or to come back and tie it up.

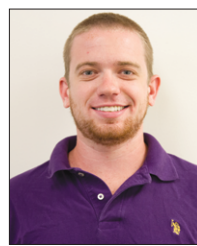
That's just the game of football though. In ECU's five losses, four were just a one score game late in the final quarter and the Pirates still had a chance to win. Not all of the breaks went ECU's way and some mistakes were self-induced.

To say that ECU's 8-5 season under Ruffin McNeill is a disappointment is ludicrous. This year's team played on one of ESPN's television platforms in 12 of the 13 games. They brought positive attention to the program with good performances and two of ECU's players brought national attention to a program that was still holding on to Chris Johnson highlights and Dwayne Harris memories.

No, the Pirates didn't play in a New Year's Day bowl. No, ECU didn't win the conference championship. No, McNeill's team didn't take the American Athletic Conference by storm like Central Florida did in the previous season. But, this ECU team put the Pirates in good national positioning and has set a foundation and expectation for teams to come. Not to mention the impact on recruiting.

If 8-5 is bad for a program that has won roughly 52 percent of its games in its history then I don't know what is good enough to hang your hat on.

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**Dan Hunt**  
TEC STAFF

Statistically, 2014-15 was one of the most notable seasons Greenville has ever seen. The up-tempo ECU offense finished the year fifth in the nation in yards per game and the Pirate

defense, which had more than a few holes to fill before the season began, ended up at a very respectable 37th in the country in that same category.

While that sounds like a double-digit win type of season, 8-5 was the result.

A perfect storm of penalties, poor clock management, bad weather, missed opportunities and yes, Hail Mary's - all at the exact, horrendously perfect time led to a 2-4 finish and unraveled ECU's statistical anomaly of a season.

You won't find many cases where a team outgains its opponents in its five losses; that was the case for the Pirates this year and the margin was by almost five hundred yards (2,407-to-1,923).

Talent definitely wasn't the issue. In terms of yardage, Shane Carden and Justin Hardy finished their careers as the most productive active quarterback-receiver tandem in the FBS. Carden broke just about every ECU passing record that there is to break and Hardy's 387 career receptions place him 38 catches above Oklahoma's Ryan Broyles (349) for most in FBS history.

His 11 reception, 160 yard performance against Second Team All-American cornerback Vernon Hargreaves may have ended the, "He can't do it against good competition" argument. There's no mistaking it; Hardy is an all-time great Pirate.

But Hardy wasn't the only ECU receiver to shine. Senior Cam Worth followed up a great finish to his junior season with a 1,000-yard year in 2014-15,

boosting his NFL resume in the process.

On the defensive side, the starting linebacker unit that consisted of junior Montese Overton, junior Zeek Bigger, senior Brandon Williams and senior Maurice Falls was a treat for ECU fans to watch all season as at least three of those guys have a legitimate shot at playing at the next level, and they played like it more often than not.

When healthy and on the field, defensive tackle Terry Williams was the same beast in the middle he had been his whole career and among others, lineman Chrisnon Rose capped off his productive ECU career with a nice season.

Even on special teams, punter Worth Gregory completely flipped the field or pinned opponents deep in virtually every game, and kicker Warren Harvey became the leading scorer in Pirate history.

The 2014-15 Pirate football team was as star-studded as any that has strapped up in Dowdy-Ficklen.

In a season that also featured a road upset of No. 17-at-the-time Virginia Tech and a historic 70-41 whipping of in-state rival North Carolina, time will only tell how this year will be remembered, but it's doubtful that the likes of Carden and Hardy envisioned a 2-4 finish to their careers.

Whether fair or unfair, the rich are getting richer than ever in college football and while the American Athletic Conference isn't the worst place to be, the Power Five programs are inching their way away from the pack.

An 8-5 record is respectable, but if ECU wants to take the next step, eight-win seasons aren't going to help.

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## Road woes hinder men's hoops



**Andi Caruso**  
TEC STAFF

Halfway through the 2014-15 season, Head Coach Jeff Lebo and the rest of the ECU men's basketball team are in some trouble in the American Athletic Conference.

The team stands 0-3 in conference play, ranking it last place in the AAC standings. Two of the three conference games played were road games where the Pirates lack success with a 0-5 record. In the 2012-13 season, the team was 3-9 on the road. Before that in 2011-12, the team finished 3-8 overall on the road. The team kicked off its AAC play on New Year's Eve with a loss against fellow AAC newcomer Tulane (67-59). The Pirates followed that with a loss at USF which brought the team down 7-8 overall, and 0-2 in the AAC.

ECU's most recent conference matchup was a road game at Cincinnati, where the team lost 69-48; the tenth consecutive loss. The loss left them with their current 0-3 record in conference play. The Bearcats' defense suffocated ECU and held the Pirates

to just 27 percent from the field and only 5-for-22 from the 3-point line.

One bright spot for the Pirates is junior guard Terry Whisnant who has been one of the best shooters from behind the arc this season. He leads the team with 32 three-point field goals made. However, his talent didn't show against the Bearcats as he had only six points from the 3-point line.

His best performance was against James Madison in Greenville. The guard sank four 3-pointers, scoring 24 points - his career-high. ECU, 5-for-5 at the time, made six 3-point baskets in the game, bringing the Pirates to a 70-58 victory over James Madison (6-3).

The Florida State transfer is relied on by the team for offense. His consistency is what ECU needs to make a mark in its new conference.

One other Pirate that has been contributing a lot this season is freshman guard B.J. Tyson. The two-time Conference Rookie-of-the-week leads the team in points as he has averaged 13.3 points per game this season. He, along with B.J. Taylor of UCF, is only one of two AAC rookies to lead their teams in scoring.

The Pirates have help from senior Paris Roberts-Campbell. The shooting guard missed the first 10 games of the season due to injury. His first game played of the season was against UNC-Wilmington where he tallied 11 points. Since then, he is averaging 6.5 points per game and shooting 37.5 from the field.

The AAC is a competitive upgrade compared to playing Conference USA, ECU's previous conference. Lebo believes that the team will have to show patience on the court and put in a lot of work if the Pirates want to finish the season on a good note.

In January, the Pirates will face-off against strong programs Connecticut (2-1) and Temple (3-1). The Huskies have five Final Four appearances, with four national championships. The Owls have appeared in two Final Fours.

This conference tests Whisnant, Tyson, and the rest of the team as they're trying to make the transition to a more competitive conference. Only two of the team's six games will be played at home in January. The key to a winning season will be finding a way to win on the road.

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### TAKEAWAYS

#### FOOTBALL

The Pirates fell to the Florida Gators, 28-20 in the Birmingham Bowl on Jan. 3. They ended the season with an 8-5 record.

#### FOOTBALL

Seniors Shane Carden and Justin Hardy will participate in the Senior Bowl on Jan. 24. The two will also attend the NFL Combine Feb. 20-23.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Over break, the Pirates went 2-4 with wins over UNCG and Florida A&M. The Pirates fell to 7-9 on the season.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates suffered a four-game losing streak, including an 89-38 loss at the hands of No. 2 Connecticut.

#### CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Hornets currently own a five-game winning streak on the back of guard Kemba Walker, who has averaged 30.2 points during the streak.

#### CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers won their Wild Card Round matchup with Arizona before falling, 31-17 to defending Super Bowl Champion, Seattle.

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# AAC proves difficult for Lady Pirates

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Despite its stellar nonconference play earlier in the season, the ECU Women's Basketball Team (10-6, 1-4 AAC) has struggled in its first season against American Athletic Conference opponents.

The Lady Pirates got off to a slow start beginning their conference play with a four-game losing streak. During that streak they hosted defending national champion and No. 2 UConn (13-1, 3-0 AAC) and lost in overtime in a comeback game against Memphis (8-8, 2-3 ACC).

The difficulties ECU faced during the losing streak are a testament to the increased overall toughness and competitive nature of the new conference. The Lady Pirates were finally able to earn their first conference win Saturday against a former Conference USA member, Houston (4-10, 1-4 AAC).

"It's exciting to watch the growth of this team as we enter our first year in the American Conference," said Head Coach Heather Macy. "I think we have already made incredible strides in the right direction and now we need to evolve from a winning program into a championship program. We are looking forward to the challenges ahead."

Since beginning conference play the Lady Pirates have been averaging 61.4 points per game, while allowing 68 points per game. Both of these stats are down from non-

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# ECU ends losing skid

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Still adjusting to the American Athletic Conference, the Lady Pirate basketball team snapped its four game losing streak after a 87-46 victory over Houston on Saturday.

The victory was the first in the AAC for the Lady Pirates (10-6, 1-4 AAC) and they found scoring from their elder leaders.

Jada Payne lead the Pirates in scoring with a season-high 26 points to go along with five rebounds. Jasmine Phillips recorded her first career double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Redshirt senior Abria Trice also had 12 points and eight rebounds.

Payne shot a perfect 8-for-8 in the first half, including 5-for-5 from three-point range to tally 22 points.

"Jada is such a competitor, I don't know if she's ever lost four consecutive games in her life," ECU Head Coach Heather Macy said. "I think mostly she just wants to win and do anything to help her team."

The Pirates had an impressive 23 assists on 31 field goals, while only turning the ball over 14 times.

ECU bounced back from the previous four games and shot 51.5 percent from the



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Junior forward Jada Payne dribbles up court during a home game earlier this season.

floor, almost doubling the percentage it shot against Tulane and 73 percent from behind the three-point arc.

"It's an important win for our program," Macy said. "Any win on the road is a really good win. It was a great

team victory. If you look at the stat sheet it was so balanced."

Houston was lead by Marche Amer-son, who notched 14 points and seven

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# Professional dreams in reach

## NFL teams notice Pirates with draft approaching

Jesse Deal  
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When the 80th annual National Football League draft is held in Chicago between April 30 and May 2, don't be surprised to hear an ECU player's name called.

Seniors Justin Hardy, Shane Carden and Cam Worthy are the leading candidates to become the first Pirates drafted into the NFL since wide receiver Dwayne Harris, who was a sixth-round pick by Dallas in 2011.

CBSsports.com and NFLdraftscout.com prospect rankings project that Hardy is the 11th-best wide receiver in the draft and could be a second or third-round pick. Walterfootball.com – a Fox Sports Digital affiliate – has the Football Bowl Subdivision's all-time reception leader landing in the third round in its latest mock draft.

Carden is the sixth-ranked quarterback prospect and could be drafted in the fourth or fifth-rounds according to CBSsports.com. The same prospect rankings speculate that wide receiver Cam Worthy and outside linebacker Maurice Falls have a chance to be a late draft pick or free agent signing.

There are currently seven Pirates signed to NFL



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teams, including notables such as Harris (Dallas Cowboys), Chris Johnson (New York Jets) and Linval Joseph (Minnesota Vikings).

Senior Pirates like nose tackle Terry Williams, defensive lineman Chrishon Rose, inside linebacker Brandon Williams and running

back Breon Allen could make an impact on an NFL team or practice squad. However, Hardy, Carden and Worthy appear to be the frontrunners as far as NFL draft status.

The Burlsworth Trophy-winning Hardy has proven to be one of the most consistent receivers in college football and capped his Pirate career off with a 121 catch, 1,494-yard season. His production as a slot receiver could be highly valued at the next level.

Meanwhile, Carden shattered the ECU program record books and now has an opportunity to continue his playing career as a potential backup quarterback in the NFL. Worthy could also make an impact in the league with his 6-foot-3, 220-lb frame and big playmaking ability. He averaged over 18 yards-per-catch with 1,016 yards this past season.

Some Pirates, along with hundreds of draft hopefuls, will look to impress teams and amplify their stock in the NFL Scouting Combine during Feb. 17-23.

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boards. Tyler Gilbert registered four blocks to go along with nine points and six rebounds.

Prior to snapping their four game skid, the Pirates struggled with their shooting against Tulane on Wednesday, only making 29.9 percent of their field goals in a 76-63 loss.

To match ECU's lack of shooting, the Green Wave shot extraordinarily well, making 56.5 percent of their shots as well as 62.5 from three-point range.

Both teams went on separate runs keeping the score close for the majority of the first half before the Green Wave went on a 10-3 run to end the half and bring their lead to eight.

The difference in the game, however, was the Green Wave's 17-2 run to

make the score 49-33.

Tulane had the momentum for the remainder of the game and never allowed the Pirates to get anything going offensively.

The Pirate defense continued its season long dominance, forcing 18 turnovers, eight of which were steals.

The Pirates were led by junior forward I'Tiana Taylor who scored 23 points and pulled in 19 rebounds, both career-highs and good for her fourth double-double. Redshirt senior Abria Trice also recorded her first career double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Tulane had four players score in double figures, including Chinwe Duru who notched 13 points and 9 rebounds. Kolby Morgan led the Green Wave in scoring with 15.

Macy was disappointed

with her team after its fourth consecutive conference loss.

"We haven't played good basketball since November," Macy said. "Our best basketball, for sure, is ahead of us because we have played very poor basketball over the past couple of months."

Macy then expanded even further to try and motivate her players.

"Players need to step up," Macy said. "We have excellent basketball players here that need to play with that type of confidence and play to their ability level. That's the issue with our basketball team."

The Pirates will look to keep their newfound momentum going as they play Tulsa on Jan. 14 at 8 p.m.

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conference play where they averaged 70.5 points per game and allowed 51.9 points per game.

Even through their struggles, the Lady Pirates have had standout performances from several players. Junior forward I'Tiana Taylor recorded three double-doubles during the losing streak. In her most recent double-double, she recorded an impressive 23 points and 19 rebounds.

Redshirt junior and leading scorer Jada Payne has had some trouble scoring versus AAC opponents. She's averaging 17.4 points per game this season, third in the conference, but has been averaging 14.2 against conference opponents. Payne was able to get back to her normal ways as she recorded a season-high 26 points in the win against Houston.

For ECU, to get back on track with its season they need to get back to their bread and butter: playing lock-down defense, forcing turnovers and crashing the boards. Currently, the Lady Pirates

average 44.6 rebounds per game and force an average of 23.3 turnovers per game. ECU is ranked second in block per game (7.2), sixth in steals per game (13) and eighth in offensive rebounds per game (18).

The Lady Pirates will stay on the road as they face Tulsa (7-8, 2-2 AAC) Wednesday, at 8 p.m. at the Reynolds Center. Tulsa, another previous Conference USA member, is also in their inaugural season in the American.

"We are looking forward to joining up with some of our former conference members," said Head Coach Matilda Mossman.

So far it's been a back and forth season for the Golden Hurricanes as they haven't been able to get into a groove or keep any kind of winning streak going. Tulsa will look to defeat ECU behind junior guard, Ashley Clark. Clark leads her team in points (13.2 ppg) and blocks (9).

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