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# SGA President resigns

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TEC STAFF

Michael King

The Student Government Association President, Michael King, stepped down from his position Wednesday. The news came as a surprise to students as well as members of his cabinet.

Vice President Jake Srednicki is expected to take over the role of presidency, and his fellow cabinet members are also expected to work together to fill the vacancies.

According to Article X Section I of the Student Government Association's Constitution the order of succession is as follows:

"In the event of permanent absences, resignation, or removal of the Student Body Presi-

dent; then the proper order of succession shall be: Student Body Vice-President; Student Body Chief of Staff; Speaker of the SGA Undergraduate Senate; Student Body Treasurer."

In addition to the order outlined in the Constitution, Article II, Section 2.1, subdivision B states:

"The Vice President of the Student Body will serve in the absence of the President and assume all duties and responsibilities (i.e. meetings, public functions) of the office. He or she shall work with the Standing Committees of the Undergraduate Senate to ensure constant communications between the ECU Student Body and the branches of the ECU Student Government Association."

King ran for office last spring on Ticket 3, alongside Vice President Jake Srednicki, Treasurer Kaitlyn Dutton, Secretary Katie Swanner, and Chief of Staff Courtney Hartman. This executive board ran on a platform consisting of two main goals, student representation and student awareness.

Speculation of King's resignation came after weeks of alleged controversy. King made headlines in the fall semester when he faced impeachment, but allegations were later dismissed. No further details regarding the call for his impeachment have been released, aggravating many university students.

Posters attacking the motives and decision making behind the SGA's policies reignited the criticism and ill-will towards the current executive board. The anonymous fliers question, "Is there really representation of the stu-

dent body or has this just become something nice to put on a resumè?"

The SGA has not released a formal statement as to why Michael King filed his resignation, as this appears to have been an unexpected announcement. Jake Srednicki was unwilling to provide a statement until more information comes to light.

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## Public memo withheld

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Prior to Michael King's resignation, the SGA at East Carolina intended to send out a newsletter addressing the student body on Wednesday. The announcement was said to explain how the current SGA officials felt about their term.

"We have done so much and that is only what we have worked on in the fall semester," said Katie Swanner, Student Body Secretary. "We have the

spring semester to do even more and add to our extensive list of accomplishments."

The newsletter had statements from former student body President Michael King. The executive board also went on to say that all of their meetings are open to the public and that the association welcomes feedback and suggestions.

"I believe it is a student's right to disapprove and challenge the decisions of SGA,"

said Tim Schwan, former SGA President. "I encourage students who may agree or disagree with SGA's decisions to not just complain, but to take action and make ECU a better university."

The East Carolinian was provided with an advanced copy of the newsletter prior to recent SGA events. The letter was never sent out to the student body and it remains unclear as to why it was not made public.

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A6 Letter from  
Michael King

## ICC awarded grant



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A mentor works with students at the Intergenerational Community Center to promote healthy living.

Collyn Sheaffer  
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The Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center received \$5,000 through a Bank of America grant to help with their fitness programs.

This community center is located in west Greenville and offers nutrition and health resources for people in and around the area. The center essentially targets people who want to make a long term lifestyle change and learn how to make healthy, long lasting lifestyle choices.

The Intergenerational Community Center is not interested in rapid weight loss; instead they want to promote healthy behaviors, according to their website. The center has four main concerns when it comes to their members including physical activities, nutrition, education and community support and engagement.

The center offers many fitness programs and different kinds of workout classes including line dancing and fitness walking. They previously offered a Zumba dance class prior to the instructor graduating. The center also has community walk events that they encourage their members to participate in.

In addition to the exciting fitness classes and work out programs that the center offers, they have a gymnasium that has treadmills, ellipticals and other kinds of workout machines for their members' access. The center offers nutritional assistance and physical activities to help their members become more health conscious.

Laurie Potter, Community Support Assistant and Business Officer of the Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center, had the idea and began writing a hunger grant for food and nutrition, which is how the journey got started. This donation from Bank of America is planned to be used for fresh produce giveaways.

These events will most likely begin Feb. 1, which will be after their current grant runs out at the end of January, according to Potter. In 2011, the Intergenerational Community Center received a grant of \$173,000, which was the last grant that the center had received.

These fitness programs are targeted towards anyone who is looking for a safe way to obtain and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

"Since it is a community center, they will welcome anyone interested in joining their programs," said Potter. "We actually just had someone from the East Carolina athletic department asking about the line dancing program."

The Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center received this grant from Bank of America plans to utilize this money in the most beneficial way possible for the members of their fitness programs. With a wide variety of fitness and workout classes and the new ideas of fresh produce giveaways, the center is ready to offer rewarding ways to become healthier while having fun.

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## ANNUAL PLUNGE

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Polar Bear Plunge is back again for those who are brave enough to bear the cold and jump into a chilly pool. The plunge will take place in the Student Recreation Center tonight beginning at 7 p.m.

The Polar Bear Plunge is a tradition at East Carolina University where students gather around a pool, which is completely freezing, and jump in. The plunge is said to have started in 1997.

"At first it was to commemorate the opening of the rec center," said Jonathan Wall, co-chair of the event. "It started with around 13 jumpers and it has grown now to over 1,000 jumpers in the last three years."

So it didn't start out as a hit on campus, but the event has grown in popularity over the years. "The biggest draw is that people just want to jump in to say they did it," said Wall.

"I want to do it because I feel like it's a Pirate initiation," said Meghan Tikekar, sophomore rehabilitation services major.

Now the registration process is very easy and is also an interesting competition between the residence halls of ECU.

"We typically do a challenge with the halls and we give out awards like the polar bear trophy for the residence hall with the greatest percentage of participants," said Wall. "We also will have a

table for non-ECU students."

According to Wall, the jumps will be done in groups of about 25. These students or Greenville residents will surround the pool and jump together.

"I feel like it's the right to passage," said Jazonte Hines, freshman recreational therapy major. "It's something all ECU students should do."

There will be six lifeguards on duty, although there have not been injuries in the past.

"It definitely scares me but it sounds more exhilarating than anything else," said Tikekar. "I don't do well with the cold, especially not cold water but it's only one time."

Hines agrees that although it is a little scary, he is more excited to do it than anything else.

Along with the jump, there will be free food, free t-shirts and performance groups. Club Cheer and Club Dance will perform at the event as well as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity taking the floor.

"With ECU it's kinda become a tradition," said Wall. "The Polar Bear Plunge is one of those things you can check off your bucket list."

This will be a one time event students will love to say they did before they graduated.

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**BRIEFS**

**Aycock Public Forums**

East Carolina University is set to hold two public forums next week regarding the renaming of Aycock Residence Hall. The first will be held on Monday at 4 p.m. in Wright Auditorium for students.

A second forum will be held on Tuesday at 4 p.m. for all staff, alumni and the community in the East Carolina Heart Institute auditorium. The ECU Board of Trustees will attend both sessions.

**Alumni Scholarship Program**

The East Carolina Alumni Association offers approximately 20 to 25 Alumni Scholarships each spring to ECU students for the following academic year.

Applications must be accompanied by a signed letter of recommendation and a creative expression. Applications are due Jan. 30.

**Police K9 aids in drug bust**

According to a news release last week Greenville police dog Chesty led officers to eight kilograms of cocaine hidden within a 2015 Chevrolet truck. In the release, Chesty was called in to assist Greenville police with the suspicious vehicle search at the Exxon gas station on North Memorial Drive.

According to the Greenville Police Department, police found one kilo of cocaine in the gas tank and the remaining seven kilos in the dashboard and hidden behind the glove box. Officers allegedly arrested and charged 40-year-old Jesse Zepeda Jr. of Converse, Texas, with trafficking in cocaine by possession and transportation, and maintaining a vehicle for a controlled substance.

**ONLINE**

ECU alert released to students concerning strong-armed robbery at Clement Hall.

For more photos check out our online gallery. Which feature photos from the ICC and Polar Bear Plunge.

*Corrections/  
Clarifications*

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper please contact Jessica Richmond, editor@theeastcarolinian.com

**ECO-pirates and The East Carolinian would like to remind you to recycle this paper.**

# Get A Clue returns to the Rec

**Jesse Deal**

TEC STAFF

East Carolina University students are invited to attend the Get A Clue Student Involvement Fair at the Student Recreation Center tonight from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The fair is designed to help students get more involved on campus by showcasing 85 registered student organizations and a dozen campus departments.

According to Juliana Jalal, Graduate Assistant for Student Organizations with the Office of Student Activities and Organizations, the main purpose of the fair is to provide an opportunity for student organizations to promote themselves and to raise awareness about their missions on campus

and the Greenville community.

“Students will be able to see a wide variety of organizations that might interest them and also have the ability to find out about our 400-plus organizations in case their interest is not represented at this particular fair,” said Jalal.

Get a Clue occurs at the beginning of each semester and at the end of the year in conjunction with Barefoot on the Mall.

“During orientation, the incoming freshman get a chance to explore the campus organizations through open house,” said Johnny Martinez, WZMB 91.3FM station production manager. “Get a Clue is designed for students who are already here. There are a ton of

students who have no idea what organizations are on campus.”

The event is provided by Plunge Into Purple, a university committee that has been responsible for other events such as Meet the Pirates, Pirate Palooza and the Homecoming Cannon Ball Dance.

“It was a lot of fun,” said Jeremiah McCoy, a sophomore special education and elementary education major who attended a Get a Clue fair last year. “It had a lot to offer because of all the organizations that were there and the free food.”

Spencer Pegg, senior sports studies major, says that the fair exposes students to a lot of the opportunities available through

ECU. “The Get a Clue fair is a great way for students to find out what’s happening on and around campus,” he said.

Christy Interrante, a sophomore elementary education major, said she had a great time at the event last year, but the timing of it this year is not ideal.

“I had fun and it was a great way to learn about all the organizations ECU has to offer, but I can’t go this year because I have other commitments at that time,” said Interrante.

Get A Clue will be followed by ECU’s 19th Annual Polar Bear Plunge at 7 p.m.

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# SRC promotes healthy living

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The Student Recreation Center is offering group fitness passes for \$40. These classes are open to all students who purchase a pass and is valid for the rest of the semester.

Classes that are offered include Zumba, Les Mills Body Step, Body Attack, Body Pump, Body Vive, Cxworx, Sh’Bam, and Aqua Fitness.

“It’s important to keep people, especially kids in college moving,” said fitness intern Nick Leahy, senior health fitness major. “They run into a lot of difficulties when they get here because they don’t have the structure that sports teams or their parents provided them.”

The recreation center initiated this opportunity to encourage students to become more active, in addition to other opportunities, such as joining an intramural sports team. All Intramural sports teams are free to students and offer



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**A Pirate lifts weights in the Rec Center, which offers ways to get in shape.**

a variety of sports.

Teams include basketball, football, dodgeball and many more. Students can create their own teams with friends, or register as “free agents.” As a free agent, other teams can see a student’s profile and pick them up for games where they need extra players.

In addition to on-campus

activities, the Student Recreation Center offers an outdoor area for students located at the North Recreational Complex near North Campus Crossing Apartments. Sports such as football and kickball are played on the fields at this location. There are also walking and running trails for students who do not wish to engage in a

contact sport.

One of the signature features at this location is the “beach,” which is a man-made lake surrounded by sand where students can relax or pick up a game of volleyball. Kayaking is also available to students and will reopen later this spring.

“The rec center tries to offer a bunch of different programs to accommodate everybody in the university, as well as people who are alumni, or state workers coming here to the rec,” said Leahy.

ECU’s North Recreational Complex is located off campus, by North Campus Crossing. Bus 305 runs throughout the day and night to this location, for students who rely on university transportation.

Tonight, the Recreation Center will host the annual Polar Bear Plunge as well as Get a Clue. Admission is free to all students.

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# GPD holds open Twitter discussion

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On Tuesday the Greenville Police Department hosted its third Twitter Town Hall social media initiative.

The social media initiative, which began in December 2014, was created in an effort to bring together the community and local law enforcement. By sending out tweets for one hour on the first and third Monday of every month, followers of the GPD’s Twitter account can get a behind-the-scenes taste of different law enforcement units.

“I thought it would be a good way to really introduce the community to different officers and different units within our department and give them access to people and areas within the department that they otherwise wouldn’t have,” said Kristen Hunter, public information officer for the Greenville Police Department.

Each Twitter Town Hall will feature a different unit for followers to learn about. So far the Property Crimes Unit, Major Crimes Unit and, most recently, the Crime Scene Investigation Unit have been featured.

During the one-hour period that the Twitter Town Hall takes place the supervisor of the featured unit gets behind the keyboard to interact

with the community. The supervisor not only answers questions that followers may have, but he or she will also send out facts and tips for followers as well.

“We were really the first agency in this region, in eastern North Carolina, to utilize social media, particularly Twitter,” said Hunter. “Now we are seeing other agencies jump on board and it’s a great way to share information with the community and it’s a great way to receive information and we’ve been able to solve cases through social media, we’ve been able to answer people’s questions.”

Hunter says that social media initiatives such as Twitter Town Hall have not only been beneficial to the community, but have also been beneficial to those within the Greenville Police Department as well.

“I think that they [the officers] are seeing the positive results and they are seeing that their story is being put out there in a positive way. They’re seeing that the public’s perception of the police department has improved really because of a lot of the things we are putting out on social media,” said Hunter.

Since becoming more present on social media, the Greenville Police Department has been able to connect not only with the Greenville



TWITTER

**GPD talks about forensic science on Twitter.**

community, but also with communities across the country as well. Followers of their Twitter account range from neighboring law enforcement to those in Honolulu, Hawaii. This is something Hunter says she is proud of and hopes to see more of in the future.

“The fact that we are not only able to reach an audience here in Greenville, but nation-wide, I think speaks to the power of social media and the benefits of it,” said Hunter.

As of right now, the Greenville Police Department has a Twitter, Facebook and Instagram account that they utilize frequently. Hunter says that she is always open to suggestions from the community regarding what they would like to see featured during future Twitter Town Halls or any ways to further connect with the community.

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# Greenville ranked ninth best-performing city

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Greenville, N.C., was selected as the ninth best performing small city on Milken Institute's annual Best-Performing Cities Index for 2014.

The Milken Institute is a non-profit foundation made up of economists, scholars and experts in the industry, who conduct independent research to solve social and economic challenges to improve lives.

The annual Best-Performing Cities Index ranks the top 200 large and 179 small metropolitan cities based on their ability to create and sustain job and economic growth.

The Milken Institute's performance ranking of Greenville praised the city's one-year wage growth and short-term job growth by saying both "signal that Greenville's economy is on the rise," according to their release.

Another strong factor that played into Greenville's elevation in the rankings is the high-tech location quotient, a category in which the city was ranked third.

Carl Rees, the economic development manager of the City of Greenville's Office of Economic Development said in a press release that it was an honor to be selected by the Milken Institute.

"As a fast rising university-medical community, you can find yourself in a good company to do business, advance your education, or raise a family in Greenville, North Carolina," said Rees.

Bianca Shoneman, executive director of Uptown Greenville, also said that rankings like the Milken Institute reinforce the idea that Greenville is making smart decisions for its future.

"As local prosperity improves, one of the best examples of the indirect effects is the impact on the construction and real estate industries," said Shoneman in a press release. "Uptown Greenville over the last few years has seen an increase in high tech jobs, construction, and increased real estate sales."

Construction on the new parking deck and The Boundary apartment construction has also been joined by alley and plaza rejuvenation plans made by the Uptown Redevelopment Commission at the close of last year. All of this is part of a plan to preserve and improve the face of the center city of Greenville, but it is also raising the tax value of the area.

According to Shoneman, in 2013 Uptown Greenville's tax value per acre was 46 times greater than the rest of Pitt County. More tax dollars are generated each year in Greenville's Commercial Business District than anywhere else in the county.

Raleigh, N.C., came in fifth in the large metropolitan category, rising eight places from last year. The institute recognized the city for its accelerated job creation in the past year. Raleigh was beat out by cities like San Francisco, Calif. and Austin, Texas.

Other cities that made the top ten in the small metropolitan category were: Auburn-Opelika, Ala., College Station-Bryan, Texas, Morgantown, W.Va., Midland, Texas, Iowa City, Iowa, Bismark, N.D., Victoria, Texas, and Columbus, Ind.

Fargo, N.D.-Minn. snagged the top spot in the small metropolitan category.

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# ECU Researchers launch study to limit saltwater intrusion

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East Carolina University has received a new grant that will allow the University and other partner institutions to help address saltwater issues that have been affecting ecosystems and the economy of eastern North Carolina.

Marcelo Ardon is the assistant professor in ECU's department of biology and lead investigator for the five-year project. Saltwater from the ocean is making its way into freshwater sources along the coastal plain, causing numerous problems.

"I think that this is a great project," said Kennedy Logan, freshman health service management major. "People don't realize how many things this affects. Freshwater is used for a lot of things such as, agricul-

ture, and a lot of people and ecosystems depend on freshwater for survival. I am really happy to be apart of a university that is trying to make a difference and help desalinate the water."

Ardon is administering \$354,775 of the total \$1.5 million awarded by the National Science Foundation's Coastal Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability program.

"As an ECU student I feel like Dr. Ardon and the other researchers are committing a selfless act," said Jazmah Stanford, freshman nursing major. "This shows that our school and the other participating institutions focus on issues bigger than what happens on campus."

The project team will study both the natural and human causes of saltwa-

ter intrusion. According to Ardon, human behavior is what determines if the situation of salt-water intrusion worsens or improves.

"I feel like this is much more than a local issue," said Mehens Hyppolite, freshman business finance major. "Many streams have dried out due to over pumping of groundwater, which has led to the intrusion of salty groundwater. I feel like if people neglect this issue and don't do something to help, like these researchers, then it could potentially become a major global issue."

The researchers from the contributing institutions come from N.C. State University, UNC Chapel Hill and Duke University.

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January 23

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January 23  
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Strange Magic  
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The Boy Next Door  
12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 8:00, 10:25

American Sniper  
12:40, 1:10, 3:50, 7:00, 7:30, 10:10

Blackhat  
4:00, 7:05, 10:05

Paddington  
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00

The Wedding Ringer  
12:00, 1:20, 4:10, 5:00, 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:25

Taken 3  
2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30

Into The Woods  
1:40, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15

Selma  
12:30, 3:40, 6:50, 9:50

The Imitation Game  
1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55

The Theory Of Everything  
3:30, 9:40

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### Thursday, January 22nd

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9:30 pm

### Friday, January 23rd

Maze Runner  
7 pm  
If I Stay  
9:30

### Saturday, January 25th

If I Stay  
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Maze Runner  
9:30



Mitzi Miller spoke to students Tuesday night in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center as a part of a meet-and-greet with students.

## Visualizing her dream

### Editor of Ebony speaks to inspire students

Arvanna Smart  
TEC STAFF

Mitzi Miller, Editor-in-Chief of Ebony, visited East Carolina University to speak for the MLK annual celebration on Tuesday.

She addressed people of the community, students, and staff members about her journey to making her dreams come true. The theme of the event was based on Martin Luther King Jr. having a dream and visualizing it and Miller spoke on making the visualized dream come true.

"One of the most important things is doing what you have to do to get where you need to be," said Miller at the event. "The bigger picture is the long term goal."

During her college career at Florida A&M University, Miller started out as biology major but after a few days in the class she realized that was not where she wanted to do with her life.

"I wanted to do something that I loved," said Miller. "I liked to read so I switched to being an English major with Education as a minor."

Miller's senior year in college was when she came down with what she believed to be a really bad case of the flu. After weeks of trying to use home remedies, Miller went to the hospital to find out that she had liver problems and would need a liver transplant as soon as possible because she was dying. For one year and a half, Miller waited for the transplant,

which was eventually successful.

"People usually ask me if I regret getting sick. I do not. Getting sick and recovering allowed me to not only be physically here but it is the reason I am mentally here," said Miller.

Miller stated that during her recovery phase she knew that she wanted to do something that she loved. She received her first job in sales and marketing at a magazine company, which she stayed at for nine months.

"I hated that job. Then one day my boyfriend at the time asked me, what's the purpose of all this if you aren't happy? So I quit the next day," said Miller.

Miller went on to explain how she was unemployed for six months. She used this time to find herself and take a break from the real world. She wanted to get not only a job, but also a career.

During this time, Miller received her first job in the journalism field at Honey magazine by running into the editor at a party. Miller stated that she went up to Amy Barnett, the editor of Honey magazine, and told Barnett that she was going to be a star and that she would do whatever it takes if she just gave her a chance. At this moment Barnett laughed at Miller and gave her the contact information to get information about a job. It was an unpaid internship at first but she was looking at the bigger picture.

"Always be prepared to humble your-

self and accept a smaller opportunity if it will lead to a bigger one," said Miller. "It's not what you say or what you do. It's how you make people feel that they remember"

Miller stated that she worked hard to get further in the field and move up in her career, as she has always been competitive.

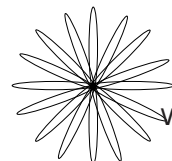
"There should always be a voice inside your head that says keep going," said Miller. "The road doesn't stop until you say it stops."

Later on in her career, Miller decided to do some freelancing for about six years. One day she got a call saying that an opening was available at Jet Magazine. She took the job, and described it as a "humbling and tremendous moment."

Miller has become the second person to ever hold the position as Editor-in-Chief for both Jet and Ebony Magazine. Throughout her whole experience she has focused on not losing herself or her identity. She wants to inspire people to be present in their life and stay true to who they are.

"You have to know who you are so when your identity is tested you can push back," said Miller.

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>>ONLINE  
Check out TEC's  
video interview with  
Miller

## Men's fashion comes to ECU

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When thinking about the fashion industry, some of the first visions that come to mind are of women's wear, beauty and accessories. It becomes easy to forget that menswear even exists.

Recently, menswear has become increasingly popular and several designers have added menswear lines to their look-books. Here at East Carolina, we also have begun to see the increase in options for menswear and the increase in interest for it as well.

One local addition to men's fashion is Campus Corner, which opened in the downtown area this past summer by two recent ECU graduates, Thomas Alligood and Andrew Denton. Campus Corner's style is tailored to what they refer to as "the southern gentleman."

For guys that are looking to expand their style from more than jeans and a t-shirt, Alligood suggested dressing up a little more. "Try wearing khaki's with a belt, a button down or a polo or another choice of a nicer t-shirt," he said.

Alligood believes that dressing nicely on colder days



Thomas Alligood tries on different hats at the local Campus Corner.

is still possible with the right pieces. "We carry quarter-zip fleeces and ECU outfitter wear," he said. To keep warm, Alligood said to wear "some type of boots, khaki pants that are almost like khaki jeans, and outerwear that isn't necessarily camo but a nice outerwear jacket."

Around campus, guys have also expressed an interest in how they dress. Jalen Little, senior math and sociology major, stated that he does not dress like the average 21-year-old. "I see my style as old spirited and grown-up-ish," said Little. "I try not to go for the new trends, but to clothing that appeals to who

I am as a person."

Jonathan McDougle, sophomore communication major, stated that comfort is all that his style is about. "It is all about feeling relaxed with what you are wearing," said McDougle. "I really like cardigans because you can layer them and I consider cardigans to be my comfort blanket."

Both Little and McDougle explained that they like to shop at stores that are nice yet inexpensive. "One of my favorite stores to shop at is [on] the app Jackthreads," said Little. "It is an inexpensive app that has everything from men's accessories, pants, suit jackets, boots and other things that

you would not find anyone around campus wearing."

With it being the winter season, there are many trends for men fashion. "Blazers, scarves, sweaters, long sleeve crew necks, boots and winter coats are definitely in for the winter," said Little.

Little explained how there are different winter coats for men for different occasions. "You have your casual winter coats that can be paired with regular jeans and then you have the wool dress coats that are could worn for special events like award ceremonies, church and dates with your woman," he said.

Both Little and McDougle stated that beanies are going to be essential for men as well on campus. "Comfort is a key in fashion to me," said McDougle. "I like to look on 'Lookbook' and 'College Fashionista' for ideas on what to wear."

With men's fashion there are many trends to try and show who you really are with your style. "You have to know the inner man inside of you to express your style," said Little.

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# Q&A *With Mitzi Miller*

**Arvanna Smart**  
TEC STAFF

**Q:** How was your overall experience here at ECU?

"I had an amazing time here at ECU. It is a wonderful university. The students and faculty were all so welcoming and provided me with great hospitality. This is truly a great environment."

**Q:** If the opportunity ever came for you to come back to ECU, would you?

"I would be thrilled to come back. I have had a great day and a half here at ECU. I had a great time at ECU. It's the small things that people remember."

**Q:** What did you want the students and listeners to grasp from your speech?

"I hope that the audience took away the idea that this is your one life, enjoy every moment because you won't get it back. Be happy."

**Q:** Many students were wondering about the job opportunities at Ebony magazine and how they would go about getting those.

"We currently do not have any openings at Ebony but we are always looking for and need interns. I would tell them to just contact our HR department by email form those opportunities."

**Q:** During your speech, you talked about how you went through a period of freelancing. How did you get through the thought of not knowing what to expect from things?

"Fear is Fear. You just have to go through it."

**Q:** Do you consider yourself to be lucky for getting the opportunities you have?

"I'm not lucky. I work hard and I love what I do. It's about being a hustler. Doing what you have to do to get where you need to be."

**Q:** How did you overcome the negative comments you encountered on your journey?

"For every negative there is a positive. We just have to choose to find it."

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## New local band to perform first show

**Amanda Adkins**  
TEC STAFF

Greenville will experience a new band tomorrow when Dauntless performs at TieBreakers at 10 p.m.

Not only will this be the first time that the band, who is based out of Greenville, will perform at TieBreakers but it will be their first time ever playing together in front of a live audience. The cover charge to come see the performance will be \$7.

"They came to us. The girl that put the band together is a manager for Coastal Beverage Company, so she knows all the bars and restaurants," said Jeff Quann, part-owner of TieBreakers.

According to the band's Facebook page, they perform upbeat covers from artists such as Pat Benatar, Journey, Ozzy, Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson, Outfield, Tina Turner and Police.

"Dauntless is a cover band and we play songs from over 40 different artists," said Rachel Whitten, lead vocalist. "Our goal is to provide a mixture of songs both new and old that spans many decades. This will guarantee that everyone that comes will hear their favorites and some of ours too."

Although the band is still new to the music scene, their Facebook page has already generated close to 500 likes.

Members of the band include Rachel Whitten, who is the lead vocalist, Jason Thompson, the guitarist, Daniel Vaughan, who does both drums and vocals, Al Carroll, who plays bass and is another vocalist and Trey Oakes, who is the DJ

and is also a vocalist.

"TieBreakers is a great venue. Besides the benefit of them offering great food in addition to being a bar, they also have a clientele that we think will enjoy the songs we have selected based on their age group, sports interest and the tunes that are played by other bands who perform at TieBreakers," said Whitten.

Thompson, Carroll and Vaughan have had experience with other bands, but Dauntless is the first full time band that Whitten and Oakes will perform in. Whitten occasionally guest sings with other bands in the area and Oakes performs at local bars for karaoke night and entertains the audience when the band takes breaks.

Vaughan has had many experiences with bands from his 2014 performances with TrainWreck, Backseat Romeo and the entertaining Dueling Pianos Show with Tony Stone, and Capital G. Vaughan. He has also played duos with James Morris and filled in for Jupiter Jones and Insertia.

Thompson has also played with Jupiter Jones, as well as Chick Flick and Little Sister.

"We have more evening shows on the calendar for Tiebreakers and are planning to add some outdoor, daytime shows during the summer. We can't wait to entertain the Pirates of Greenville," said Whitten.

TieBreakers hosts live music events every Friday at 10 p.m. and the next band to perform will be on Spare Change on Jan. 30.

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## Students get 'Wicked'

**Lindsay Rayner**  
TEC STAFF

Students in the Honors College are putting down their textbooks this weekend to take a trip to Raleigh and experience Fine Arts in real life.

During the trip on Sunday, 106 Honors College students and four faculty members will visit the North Carolina Museum of Arts before traveling to the Durham Performing Arts Center to see the play, "Wicked."

"As an Honors College student with, I guess you could say, a non typical major, I really wanted students to be exposed to such a broad amount of studies," said Kirstalyn Gill, Honors College student and undergraduate coordinator of student programs who organized the event.

When Gill heard that "Wicked" was being performed so close to Greenville, she said she couldn't resist.

"I immediately jumped on the opportunity, wanting Honors Col-

lege students to experience part of my passion, which is fine arts," said Gill. According to Gill, her job as the undergraduate coordinator at the Honors College allows her to create learning trips for students. Gill plans activities and events that students can go to on the weekend for free, because of donor money and other support through the Honors College.

Although the Honors College alumni provides funding for some of their trips, the students also give back.

"It's a combination with the Eakin Living Learning Fund, so last December we actually had students give money and donate to the Living Learning Fund for their trips," said Gill. "Definitely over one half of students gave back to the Living Learning Fund, which is exciting."

The Honors College hosts receptions with Alumni a couple of times per semester. "We're really pushing Alumni to see what the Honors College is doing for students," said Gill. "It's a good way for

them to invest back into students."

The Honors College takes about four trips per semester, including a service project in Greenville and an overnight to Williamsburg, Virginia. A lot of the trips that have been taken come from student's feedback and ideas.

"It's really neat to talk to different students and learn about their passions and see what I can do to help share that passion with other people," said Gill. "That's the part I love about my job, I have this creative freedom and the resources to implement these amazing experiences that really do end up changing students lives."

According to Gill, these trips allow the students to start new friendships and see places that they may want to live one day.

In the end, the trips are "a great experience for students to do, absolutely free on their part, thanks to the Honors College," said Gill.

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## PLUNGE continued from A1

they did before they graduated.

"I would hate to graduate and have chickened out and not done it. This isn't something you get to do every day either," said Tikekar. "Plus everyone loves a free t-shirt!"

Polar Bear Plunge will be at the SRC and kick off is at 7 p.m. Towels will be provided for those who are jumping.

"With ECU it has kind of become a tradition," said Wall. "The Polar Bear Plunge is one of those things you can check off your bucket list."

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## PIRATE RANTS

There are worse things than having a successful porn star alumna giving us press. Such as academic fraud. Looking at you, Chapel Hill.

Wish we had healthier places on campus to eat at, for those who are still keeping up with their New Year's resolution.

Just applied for one of the Alumni Scholarships! Deadline is Jan. 30. Do yourself a favor and apply!

Who in the hell memorizes the first 10 digits of Pi?

To the guy who watched me eat my Fruit by the Foot, you look as delicious as my Fruit by the Foot. Date me, lol.

When people don't know what The East Carolinian is, I'm like, "Are you even a true Pirate?"

If you go to ECU, but talk mad shit about it all the time, please do the rest of us a favor and transfer out. Nobody wants your negatives when we are surrounded by so many more positives!

Is there any room for conservatives at this state university?

I hate when teachers have you buy a textbook that they wrote. I get that you're proud of all your hard work, but there's no need to money grab for yourself from your already broke students.

Sometimes I submit a few pirate rants a week, but they don't all make it into the paper. It hurts my feelings because some of my thoughts are good enough for you guys!

Any woman claiming porn is liberating is simply trying to make herself feel better about doing it.

I don't respect people who get paid for taking off their clothes. Man or woman. Wow, ECU.

To the girl on the early USuites bus: I wish you would look at me instead of your phone.

Well I never claim to be cool for getting extremely drunk. I just always have interesting experiences to talk about afterwards.

After eight months in the real world, this Pirate alum can tell that all you need is an inflated ego and mad negotiating skills to make it.

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# Our view

# Why we need the State of the Union

We as an editorial staff believe that it is every individual's responsibility to watch the State of the Union Address to stay informed about the political issues that face our country. Our generation is the one responsible for the future of the United States and should care about what happens. The issues that may seem distant to students now are real problems that Americans face every day.

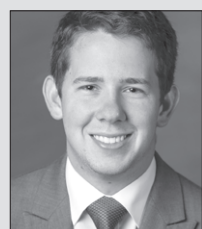
In this year's address, President Obama proposed issues that ranged from free community college to new tax plans. The Commander in Chief also called on Congress for the authorization of force to be used on ISIS. In addition, Obama said that the "unemployment rate is now lower than it was before the financial crisis and more of our kids are graduating than ever before."

Whether or not you agree with the President's stance on these issues doesn't matter. However, it does matter that you are aware of these issues. The decisions being made by our government now will affect

us for many years to come, and we should want to know what they are. No matter your affiliation, Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal, the office of the President should be respected. People do not have to agree with everything President Obama says, but at the very least, he was elected by the people.

Many college students are apathetic toward politics; they just don't care. It's common for students to be forced to watch the State of the Union Address by their professors, even when they don't want to. However, what the President said matters. The State of the Union Address may not be the most interesting show on television, but could very well be the most impactful to our futures. Our generation often complains about how the government never gets anything done, but we have to be active citizens to change this persona. Other than voting, being informed is the best thing American citizens can do. Sir Francis Bacon said that knowledge is power, so the more we know, the more way can change.

# Exclusive statement from former SGA president



Michael King  
GUEST COLUMNIST

It is with a sad and hopeful heart that I have made the decision to leave my position as President of the Student Body at East Carolina University to pursue other opportunities.

After graduating in December and reflecting over the Christmas holiday the challenges I faced in the fall regarding the false allegations made against me and the

subsequent clearing of my name, I feel it is in my best interest to focus on the challenges of pursuing my MBA and the preparation for law school.

I have always felt it was an honor to serve in this position, but the time and attention that graduate school and law school prep require, there is no available time for me to focus on the attention and responsibilities that I feel the student body deserves.

I am excited and confident that the helm will be assumed by Jake Srednicki

in the same conservative manner that the current executive board was elected to do.

A special thanks is due to all those who have supported me throughout my term, especially the members of my executive team (Jake Srednicki, Kaitlyn Dutton, Katie Swanner, and Courtney Hartman) along with the members of the East Carolina Board of Trustees. Thank you Pirate Nation.

Loyal and Bold,

Michael King

# Attendance should not be required



Tyler Kelbaugh  
TEC STAFF

For many, college is the first time we are truly free to think for ourselves, discover our values and learn how best to reach our goals. It's the first time we are truly free to explore.

So why, then, are college professors forcing strict attendance policies down students' throats?

It seems the vast majority of classes tie attendance directly to students' grades. Come to class, whether you're learning anything or not, and you'll earn 10 percent of your final grade. Forget actually learning something, you get points simply for showing up. It's silly, for more reasons than I can count. Success, in this case represented by a good grade, should be measured by knowledge and not tied to simply showing up.

Some students define and work towards academic success differently than others. Some need a firm structure or schedule to help them maintain focus and crank out productive work consistently. Others work best when they are free to improvise. Attendance policies crush students who fall into the latter category. A forced schedule confines them and forces them to attempt a lifestyle that isn't complementary to their specific skills. It's foolish to assume that all students need to come to class

in order to learn the material.

Psychologically, it is understood that the world has both left-brained and right-brained thinkers. Left-brained people are logical, analytical and objective. These people tend to do better in math, where answers are concrete, than right-brained people. It's not unreasonable to believe that left-brained people would be able to teach themselves math without being in class every-day of the week. There's no reason a professor should let his or her ego demand that students learn things through their teaching. The people who want, and in some cases need, to be in class should and will be there. Those are the people professors' need to reach out to anyway.

Another major part of a professor's job is to help students grow into responsible adults, so what's wrong with letting students determine their own priorities? If a student thinks that their time is better spent outside of class for whatever reason, what's wrong with letting them explore that path? Some may find success, and some will experience failure, but at the very least, those who do choose to skip class often will learn whether they are capable of learning without a firm structure.

On another note, consistent attendance just isn't necessary for some classes. Often students will find a class run by a lazy professor who simply boots up a PowerPoint and reads off slides. Would it really make a difference

if students read the slides and took notes at home in such a course? Does it make students smarter by forcing them to sit through a bland lecture in the morning rather than allowing them to take the same notes at night?

There are lots of ways to solve this problem, the very least of which being the doing away with mandatory attendance. But if that's not reasonable, then why not make attendance extra credit? You miss class less than three times, you get a handful of extra points added to your final grade. Negative incentive would be replaced by positive incentive.

Listen, I'll be the first to say that attending class is important. You can't always learn everything just by reading a book. Courses in one's major are especially important. They'll not only prepare you for your field, but also show you whether or not you enjoy it. Attending class is a good thing, and it's doubtless that nothing bad could come from showing up regularly. However, going to class is not always correlated with learning.

The reward for attending class shouldn't be getting the full attendance grade; it should be learning the material and growing as a person.

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Should class attendance always be optional?

Yes - 65.6%  
No - 34.4%

## Poll question

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mandatory new staff meeting and two mandatory training sessions prior to the start of the season. Referees will be paid \$12.00/\$14.00 a game. For more information, please contact the Athletic Office at 252-329-4550, Monday through Friday, 10am until 7pm. To apply, please visit [www.greenvillenc.gov](http://www.greenvillenc.gov). Applications accepted until positions are filled.

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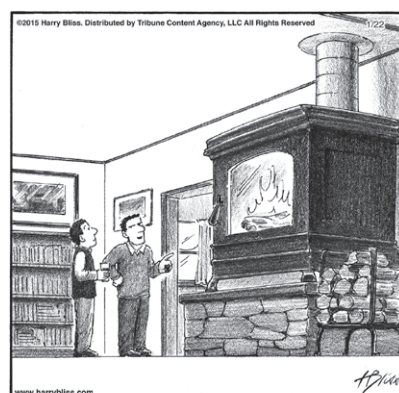
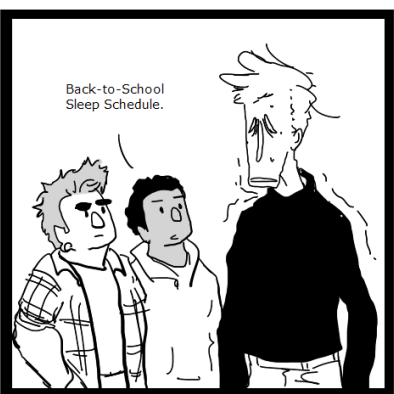
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### Majoring in Awesome

Brent Koehler  
TEC CARTOONIST



"This puppy heats the whole house."

## BRAIN TEASERS

FOR RELEASE JANUARY 22, 2015

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- Modern "Keep in touch!"
  - Ann's sister
  - Extras may comprise one
  - Tennis star Gibson
  - The real thing, so to speak
  - Riddles
  - Regretting a wild night, maybe
  - \*Beginning
  - Field of study
  - "We \_\_\_ Family": 1979 hit
  - Tamper
  - \*They carry reminders
  - Org. where weight matters
  - Without \_\_\_: riskily
  - On a streak
  - Capp and Capone
  - Syr. neighbor
  - Jueves, por ejemplo
  - Natural resource
  - Tease
  - Vibrator in a wind
  - Like Gen. Powell
  - \*Bike safety device
  - \_\_\_ Men: "Who Let the Dogs Out" band
  - Edible Asian shoot
  - Greek mount
  - \*The rest
  - Burns poem that starts, "Wee, sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie"
  - Time of your life
  - Marching band instrument
  - Mill around
  - Passing stat.
  - Egyptian symbols of royalty
  - Both words in each answer to a starred clue begin and end with the same one

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By Don Gagliardo

1/22/15

#### DOWN

- Keep time, in a way
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## ECU baseball hosts media Diamond Bucs address personnel losses, season ahead

Corey Keenan  
TEC STAFF

ECU baseball and first-year Head Coach Cliff Godwin held their inaugural media day under the new regime Monday afternoon.

Over the past few seasons, continuity has not been an issue for ECU baseball. Former Head Coach Billy Godwin's Diamond Bucs often returned many of their top performers and the coaching staff rarely had turnover. This season will be a different story.

The Pirates have lost their top two hitters and five of their top six pitchers from last season. Despite the losses, [Cliff] Godwin remains optimistic about his team thanks to the leadership.

"We have some great leadership in the locker room and guys get after it," said Godwin while meeting with the media on Monday. "That's the thing that I've been very pleased with is the work ethic and the accountability and the discipline that is in that locker room is about as good as any team I've been around."

Godwin has, however, had to discipline three players for the opening weekend when the Pirates play a three game set against No. 2 team in the country, Virginia.

All-Freshman Conference USA member, and first baseman, Bryce Harman along with freshmen Jack Owens and Bailey Sugg were suspended for a violation of team rules. Godwin paraphrased Florida basketball Head Coach



ECU baseball coach Cliff Godwin (center) talks to sophomore catcher Eric Tyler during the Purple/Gold World Series.

Billy Donovan to say that no player is bigger than the team.

"We're not going to sacrifice our culture here of what our standards are on and off the field for win," said Godwin. "I just hope this is a learning experience for them."

Harman's partner on the right side of the infield comes in the form of second baseman Charlie Yorgen who was also a member of the All-

Freshman Conference USA Team. Yorgen expressed his eagerness to start fully practicing with his team at the end of this week.

"Inter-squading is always kind of a competition between guys in the locker room and you face some of my best friends, like Reid Love, facing him is always fun," said Yorgen. "Getting back out there and playing will be a lot of fun."

The sophomore said his goals for this season are more based on leadership than on-the-field performance.

"I think that I need to be more of a vocal leader this year," said the second baseman. "There are a lot of guys who need to step up who didn't really have big roles last year. There are a lot of guys that can have those years this year. I think if we all do our role, we can achieve our goals."

The Pirates were chosen to finish third in their first season in the American Athletic Conference but their team goals for this season are listed as: win 40 games, host a regional, host a super regional and be in Omaha for the College World Series.

Captain and shortstop Hunter Allen said that he has seen a change in demeanor around the clubhouse from last season's team under the guidance of [Cliff] Godwin.

"Everybody is motivated, everybody is excited about being here," said the Allen. "We're just a tight team and we enjoy being together."

Sophomore catcher Travis Watkins missed almost all of last season with an injury. He was granted a medical redshirt and is 100 percent entering this season. Watkins has confidence in the youthful pitching staff he will be working with this season.

"We lost a lot of top guys, [Jeff] Hoffman and Ryan Williams and guys like that. But we've got a lot of guys like Jacob Wolfe, Evan Kruczynski, Nick Durazo, David Lucroy and a lot of guys competing for weekend spots," said the catcher. "I think that's really important. Whoever doesn't start on the weekend will be able to fill in on the weekdays."

The Pirates start practice later this week and will kickoff their season on Feb. 13 at home against the No. 2 ranked Cavaliers.

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## Looking around the AAC

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Overall, ECU's new conference, the American Athletic Conference, found great success last year in its inaugural season.

Former Big East juggernaut Connecticut shocked the sports world and became the first seven seed to win the National Championship. The trend of winning in the conference has continued into the 2014-15 season, despite losing perennial powerhouse Louisville to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Preseason predictions expected UConn to dominate the conference, but the Huskies have proven to be one of the only big disappointments in the conference. Instead, it's 12-5 Tulsa, in their first season in the conference, leading the pack.

The Golden Hurricane is undefeated in AAC play, besting both Connecticut and Temple. Tulsa was, according to CBS sports writer Matt Norlander, expected to finish sixth in the conference. Led by junior guards James Woodard and Shaquille Harrison, Tulsa has a very realistic chance of playing in the NCAA tournament if they get

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## Tulsa invades Minges

Andi Caruso  
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After losing a tough battle against SMU this past weekend, the ECU men's basketball team (8-10, 1-4) is headed back to its home court to face American Athletic Conference leader Tulsa (12-5, 5-0) on Saturday in Minges Coliseum.

The Golden Hurricane will enter Saturday's contest riding a seven game winning streak.

Over the course of its streak, the Golden Hurricane has outscored opponents by an average of 69-57. Tulsa shot .447 from the field, held opponents to .375 from the field and outrebounded its competitors by an average of 36-33.

The Golden Hurricane has won 16 straight games against conference opponents including the conference tournament, dating back to last season while it was in the Conference USA.

Tulsa averages 66.7 points and 36.6 rebounds and a .428 field goal percentage and a .331 3-point percentage. Conversely, Tulsa's opponents average 61.3 points, 33.6 rebounds per game, and a .393 field goal percentage and a .331 3-point shooting percentage.

Tulsa leads the AAC in field goal percentage defense (.379) and free throw percentage (.730) in conference games.

The Pirates average 66.6 points with a .422 field goal percentage with a .325 3-point percentage. The Pirates give their opponents 34.6 rebounds per game, 67.2 points and a .290 percentage from behind the arc.



Sophomore guard Caleb White attempts to make a move from beyond the arc.

In conference play, Tulsa is outscoring opponents by an average of 10 points. The Golden Hurricane has shot .436 from the field, while holding opponents to

a .379 field goal percentage, and has outrebounded opponents by almost two during AAC play.

The Golden Hurricane rely heavily on guard James Woodard to

run the offense. The junior leads the team with 15.5 points per game and has shot 74.3 percent from the free throw line so far this season. Woodard leads his team with 43 3-pointers made so far this season—more than double the amount then the second leading scorer for the Hurricane, Rashad Ray with 16.

Another key player that will battle against the Pirates is Shaquille Harrison. The junior guard averages 15.4 points per game shooting 48.9 percent so far this season.

Harrison and Woodard are the top two scorers in AAC games, as Harrison leads the conference with 18.0 points per game, and Woodard follows with 17.4 points per game. Overall, Woodard and Harrison rank second and fourth with 15.5 points per game and 15.4 points, respectively.

ECU guard Terry Whisnant has 41 3-point shots hit this season, followed by guard Caleb White with 36. During the Pirates last matchup at SMU, Whisnant led the Pirates with 24 points, burying a career-best six 3-pointers. White added 14 points.

Tulsa's 12-5 record under first-year head coach Frank Haith is the program's best record through 17 games in a head coach's first season since 2001-02 when Tulsa started 14-3 in John Phillips' first year. The 12-5 start is the best 17-game record overall since the 2009-10 team started 14-3.

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### TAKEAWAYS

#### FOOTBALL

Many scouts from around the NFL have reported impressive Senior Bowl practices from Justin Hardy and Shane Carden.

#### BASEBALL

Head Coach Cliff Godwin announced at media day that sophomore Bryce Harman and two freshmen will be suspended for opening weekend against UVA.

#### SWIMMING & DIVING

Baillie Monahan was named Female Swimmer of the Week for the AAC after her record-breaking performance against Old Dominion last weekend.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Head Coach Heather Macy earned her 200th career win as the Lady Pirates topped SMU, 67-49.

#### CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes beat the Toronto Maple Leafs, 4-1 and moved to 16-25-5 on the season.

#### CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Hornets earned a victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves, 105-80 behind Gerald Henderson's team-leading 17 points.

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# Lady Pirates staying close

## AAC race heating up for ECU thanks to team depth

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Both individual and team performances have vaulted the Lady Pirates into conference contention as American Athletic Conference play winds down.

The ECU women's basketball team (13-6, 4-4 AAC) is currently ranked fifth in the conference, after being picked to finish third in the preseason poll, despite the team being its inaugural season in the American.

A large part of the reason for ECU being picked to finish so high is because of the veteran leadership on the team. The Lady Pirates returned seven players, including all five starters, from last year's 22-win team.

Redshirt junior Jada Payne has led the way in terms of scoring for the second straight season. So far, she has had seven 20-point performances and averaged 17.7 points per game, good for third in the conference.

The new conference hasn't seemed to bother Payne either as she is also ranks first in free throw percentage (.925), third in 3-point field goals made with 49 total (2.7 per game), fifth in 3-point field goal percentage (.454), 14th in field goal percentage (.458), 15th in steals & blocks (1.5 & 0.7 per game) and 19th in rebounding (5.8 per game).

However, basketball is a team sport and luckily the Lady Pirates have a deep and talented roster. Seniors Abria Trice and Janesha Ebron have all managed to make a mark in the conference this year as well.

Ebron is ranked third in assists with 80 on the season (4.4 per game). Ebron and Trice are also tied for 14th in steals, 27 apiece this season (1.6 per game).

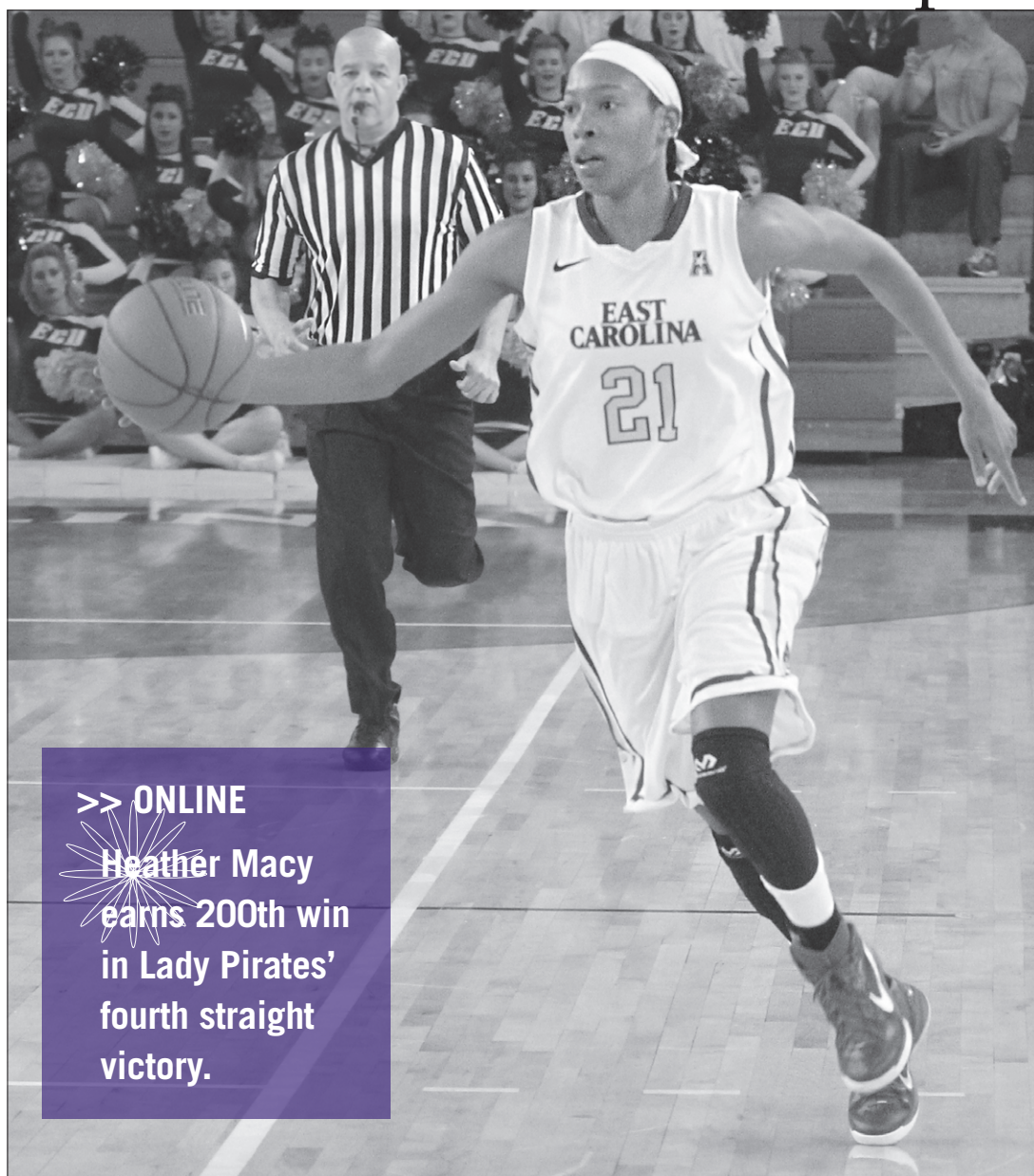
ECU knew it would need to bring in a few more skilled players heading into the American and that's just what it did. The new additions of juniors Tiana Taylor (Weatherford College), Jasmine Phillips (Tennessee), and DeVaughn Gray (Northeastern Oklahoma A&M) has paid dividends to the team's overall performance.

Taylor is currently second in rebounding (9.8 per game), seventh in steals with 32 total (1.8 per game) and ninth in blocks (0.9 per game). Phillips is second in steals with 40 total (2.2 per game), 13th in blocked shots with 13 total (0.8 per game). Gray is ranked seventh in 3-point field goal percentage (.412) and 10th in 3-point field goals made with 28 total (1.6 per game).

Overall, ECU has been dominating the conference statistics both as a team and by individuals. Collectively, the Lady Pirates are ranked in the top three spots for scoring offense, scoring defense, 3-point field goal percentage, 3-point field goals made, rebounding, blocked shots, steals, assists and forced turnovers.

Regardless of its sloppy start to conference play, ECU has turned things around and is headed in the right direction in terms of being a serious contender for the conference championship.

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Abria Trice moves the ball up the floor against Charleston. The redshirt senior is averaging 8.9 points per game.

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Heather Macy  
earns 200th win  
in Lady Pirates'  
fourth straight  
victory.

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# Uncharted waters

## Int'l swimmers/divers headline team

Aaron Jackson  
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Though about 88 percent of ECU's student body is from the state of North Carolina, the ECU swimming and diving team promotes more diversity with a plethora of international student-athletes.

Athletes come from all over the world to swim for ECU and Head Coach Rick Kobe. The countries from which they hail range from Lithuania to Greece and more than half of the athletes on the teams are of foreign descent.

"There are a lot of talented international players out there," said Kobe. "And they're looking to go somewhere. Nice facilities but not the newest makes it easier for players to gravitate towards ECU."

Kobe noted that recruiting foreign players has been an easier task than luring domestic players to join the Pirate program. Most of the kids that come from another country to play sports in college are introduced to a greater challenge.

Assistant coach Kate Moore has been a huge part in helping the foreign players fit in despite obvious barriers. Being one of the head recruiters for the swimming and diving team lets her get to these international players easier and connect with them.

"Success is the tradition of the program and when you have this type of tradition you get a better talented caliber of recruits, it's just up to the coaching staff to get them to come," said Kobe.

One of the biggest challenges for the foreign players has been overcoming the language barrier, according to Moore. She would have to sit and talk with an international player but due to the barrier a five-minute conversation could easily turn into a 20 minute one.

More and more foreign players are coming overseas and across borders to play and study. Moore noted that more of the athletes coming from other countries feel that they are privileged to be at ECU.

Fran Krznicar, a sophomore from Croatia has gotten to

see a whole new world since arriving in Greenville. His specialty events in the meet go from freestyle swimming and individual medleys.



Fran Krznicar

Krznicar said that the swimming program at ECU was hard for him to get used to after being in America for the first time but he claimed that determination and hard practice made all the difference.

Julien Dudo, junior double majoring in neuroscience and physics, came from Canada to ECU. A great number of things influenced him to make the move to Greenville. It wasn't just sports that lead him here but it was academics, location and the laid back atmosphere surrounding Greenville.

The hardest transition for him proved to be becoming more independent. Not only was he going to college for the first time but he was going to a new country. His comfort level with his new surroundings has enabled him to find his stroke in the water.



Julien Dudo

"In the past three years the team has grown, the records are recent and they are constantly being broken," Dudo said.

One thing that the Canada native noted was that competitiveness is a universal nature that crosses borders no matter what your descent is.

"Swimming is a sport, if you're good, you're good, if you're not you're not," Dudo said bluntly.

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## AAC continued from A8

through the rest of their season without a meltdown. Better for the conference, they're not the only team who may be playing in March.

According to ESPN's Joe Lunardi if the season ended today the AAC would have three teams in the NCAA tournament field. Entrants include conference leader Tulsa, SMU and Cincinnati.

If those teams take care of business for the remainder of the season, it is not unrealistic to believe that perhaps even a fourth team could join the field of 68. Left off Lunardi's list are defending champion UConn (9-7), Tulane (13-5), Memphis (11-6) and Temple (12-7). With an impressive win over 10th ranked Kansas, it's Temple that has the best chance of jumping into March if they can collect a few more wins. Winning the AAC tournament would result in an automatic tournament bid for any team.

Still, the conference needs to do better against top tier teams to realize its full potential. Against top 25 teams, the AAC is just 2-9. Aside from Temple's

22-point rout of Kansas, Cincinnati defeated 19th ranked San Diego State early in the season.

Also noteworthy is the performance of Tulane, another new entrant to the conference. The Green Wave is currently third in the AAC with a 4-2 record in conference. The team is ranked second in the conference in total offense, just under UCF.

While things have been tough for UConn, senior guard Ryan Boatright leads the conference in scoring, is second in steals and third in assists.

ECU has three of the top 15 scorers in the conference, in the form of guards Terry Whisnant (9th), B.J. Tyson (12th) and Caleb White (14th). Whisnant ranks fourth in the conference in made three-pointers.

With March quickly approaching, AAC basketball is once again relevant. It will be interesting to see how many of the 36 at-large bids are snatched up by AAC teams.

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MISSING SOMETHING?

# Pirates look to extend streak

## Four-game win streak on the line as ECU faces Tulsa

Adam Decker  
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The ECU women's basketball team will look to continue its slow climb up the American Athletic Conference ranks when it faces off against Tulsa (8-9 3-3 AAC) for the second time this season.

The Saturday, 2:30 p.m. matchup with the Golden Hurricane will be played only nine days after the previous battle between the two, a hard fought game where the Pirates came out victorious, 77-68.

It was the Pirates' second win in the AAC and showed that they were capable of bouncing back, playing better than they had and regaining their momentum to being one of the top teams in the conference.

"We started conference play a little rough," ECU Head Coach Heather Macy said. "We have a resilient group and I think we are doing an incredible job of playing much better basketball right now."

In the last matchup, ECU had four different players score in double figures.

Redshirt junior Jada Payne led the game with 19 points to go along with 13 from Shae Nelson, 11 from DeV Vaughn Gray and 10 points from the Tennessee transfer Jasmine Phillips.

Both teams battled in the first half, until the Pirates went on a 13-3 run to close out the half, to bring their lead to 10.

Tulsa made the game interesting in the second half, however, bringing the ECU lead to four, three different times.

The Pirates were able to hold them off with their free throw shooting to secure the victory.

The Pirates outshot Tulsa in every offensive aspect, shooting 47.9 percent from the field, 45 percent from behind the three-point line and 81.5 percent from the free throw line.



Jada Payne (23) carries the ball up court against College of Charleston on Nov. 19. Payne is averaging a team-leading 17.7 points per game for the Pirates.

In the upcoming rematch, Jada Payne will look to keep her recent offensive tear going as she averages 17.7 points per game this season, including almost 22 points in the last three games.

Other than Payne's collection of points, it can also be expected that the Pirates will balance out the scoring load like they have done all season.

Perhaps the most consistent aspect that can be relied on for the Pirates is their defensive pressure.

ECU currently ranks in the NCAA top 10 for steals and blocked shots.

Not to mention the abundance of turnovers the Pirates force as well.

"If you did the percentages of our practice, what we spend defensively versus offensively, its probably a 70-30 split," Macy said. "We really work defensive positioning, rotation out of it and finishing all the possessions by boxing out."

The Pirates will need to keep up this defensive pressure on Saturday as Tulsa poses as a serious offensive threat.

The Golden Hurricanes are second in field goal percentage and third in both scoring offense and three-point percentage.

Tulsa posts the impressive numbers because of its consistency on the offensive end.

The Golden Hurricanes have five players that all score over eight points per game, including three that score in double figures.

Junior Ashley Clark leads her team with 13.1 points per game, Mariah Turner averages 12.3 and Kelsee Grovey scores 10.6 per contest.

Sophomores Teanna Reid and Ashley Hughes both shoot high percentages from the three-point line. Reid is third in the American, shooting 49 percent and Hughes is seventh making 45 percent.

The Pirates will have to play tight defense and limit open shots from long range to hold Reid and Hughes.

Tulsa currently sits last in the AAC in rebounds and blocks, while ECU is second in both categories.

Look for ECU to score in the paint and capitalize on the offensive boards to get a lot of second chance points thanks to the advantage they hold in both of those areas.

A win over Tulsa will help push the Lady Pirates up in the AAC standings.

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