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Srednicki sworn into office

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It has been almost one week since Michael King, former Student Government Association president of East Carolina University, resigned from his position and the student body is eager to see what the next step is for SGA.

Jake Srednicki, who until last week served as the vice president of the Student Government Association, was sworn in as president last night. Srednicki said he has been "incredibly busy with assuming this role and the responsibilities of it" but he also said that the SGA needs to concentrate on what they can do the rest of the year for students.

"As SGA president, the first thing we really need to focus on is making sure we are the voice for all students on campus. We have a very diverse community and we need to make sure we improve our forums and discussion board meetings," said Srednicki.

Srednicki ran alongside Michael King and his teammates last spring, on their Ticket 3 campaign, focused their platform on two main points which were student representation and student awareness. The whole executive branch of SGA plans to work cooperatively to make sure these two things are still the main concern of the executive branch. The current executive leadership is confident in their abilities to make sure the transitions remain smooth as they go through the upcoming changes in positions.

Tyler H. Moore will now serve as vice president for the student body once Srednicki is sworn into presidency. Moore was originally the senate speaker for the SGA and is confident in his new role as vice president. With this unexpected and sudden transition occurring in the middle of the year, Moore said that he is going to do his best to ensure that SGA does not skip a beat.

"I am honored to become vice president of the student body here at East Carolina," said Moore. "As a second generation Pirate it is a thrill to serve the students of Pirate Nation."

In King's statement which was released last week regarding his resignation, he mentioned his hopes to now be able to focus on other opportunities, including his prepara-

tions for law school and pursuing his MBA. King, as well as the rest of this year's executive branch, believes his former teammates will easily be able to govern the rest of the semester without him.

"I will miss Michael this spring," said Katie Swanner, student body secretary. "But I am happy for him and his decision to prepare for law school this semester."

King's resignation was a surprise to the student body at East Carolina as well as his fellow cabinet members. The executive branch is continuing to look forward and keep finding ways to work together to finish their term in the same professional manner in which they began.

After the news of King's resignation, the SGA sent out a newsletter to the student body last Friday which addressed what SGA has been up to and how people can get involved in the upcoming elections. The newsletter listed accomplishments that this year's leadership has finished and plans that they have for the rest of their term. Regarding the upcoming election, the SGA is studying the constitution and by-laws, and doing as much as they can to have a smooth and undaunted transition.

"We have a lot coming up so I am looking forward to finishing my term strong and getting ready to transition ECU's next secretary," said Swanner.

Srednicki said that the best way to improve relations between the SGA and ECU students is for the students to get involved.

"I think it's important that all the students know that they are members of the Student Government Association. I would love to see more students attend the town hall meetings and the discussion board meetings and its really important that people realize all SGA meetings are open to the public," said Srednicki.

According to Srednicki, the SGA will be holding their Town Hall meeting on February 4 in Mendenhall Student Center Room 15 at 7 p.m. as an open forum for students to attend.

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Jake Srednicki (right) raises his hand during his president induction ceremony Monday evening.

King's opposition speaks

It is incredibly heartbreaking to me to see ECU students being subject to poor leadership, controversy, scandal and turmoil... and at the end of the day, no one is getting serviced. When I "lost" the SGA election by only 39 votes and every one of my running mates also came in second, I felt like no one wanted to listen to us and take our concerns seriously when cheating allegations were brought up. Now, ECU students are reading in their newspapers that their "leader" has fled them after a paltry attempt at representing them.

Dear ECU students, please. In the future. Take better consideration as to whom you choose to vote for. If someone that is supposed to be your leader has no vision nor experience then don't vote for them. In the end, you only hurt yourself with that decision. SGA is important because potentially, it has the ability to give you a voice that is supposed to advocate for your student needs and improve

your quality of student life.

Dear ECU administrators, please. In the future. Take the time and effort to look closely at the individuals running for these positions. Take the extra step to ensure your students to which you are supposed to be serving, are gaining adequate leaders. SGA needs stricter guidelines as to who is allowed to file for candidacy. Candidates should have to be able to articulate a clear and concise vision before being able to run; and at a bare minimum should be able to at least prove themselves competent of the Association and in general.

Good luck to Jake Srednicki and the remaining administration moving forward. Hopefully they can turn things around for SGA and serve the students with the remaining amount of time left in their terms in office.

- Ron Hinton, former SGA presidential candidate

Students speak on Aycock

Kelsey Padgett

TEC STAFF

A student forum was held Monday afternoon to give students the opportunity to voice their opinions on the renaming of Aycock Residence Hall.

Aycock Residence Hall was chosen for review by an ad-hoc committee set in place by Chancellor Ballard, because of the known affiliation of its namesake, Governor Charles B. Aycock, as a white supremacist.

Students, alumni, faculty, staff and members of the community all came to the forum to have their voices heard before the Board of Trustees makes its decision later this month on whether or not the building will be unnamed.

Not all 13 members of the board were able to be in attendance. However, the forum was recorded so that members unable to attend could still hear the opinions of the student body.

Payton Burnette, senior speech and hearing science major, said she didn't realize she was racist until she got to college. She has since been working to educate herself about other cultures and joined Black Student Union.

"If they see our university officials hold this issue and put it in the media and put it up in a public forum and then decide not to do anything about it, that is going to tell the students that it is okay to have those opinions," said Burnette.



The Board of Trustees listens to public opinions on the renaming of Aycock.

"And the little seeds of racism that are left over from past generations, will have room to grow and our fight will only move backwards."

Jay Garcia, senior criminal justice major, said he believed it would better represent the diversity of the student body if the name was removed.

"The Board of Trustees has never listened to us," said Garcia. "There have been times where the SGA hasn't listened to us. We have a new student body president and hopefully he actually listens and makes the effort to come out to meetings and events and actually speak to us. If we change Aycock, it will reinforce that ECU actually cares and is not just blindly winning diversity awards."

Board members also asked students if they believed changing the name of Aycock would affect the

renaming of other buildings.

SGA Senator Adam Caldwell said he didn't believe a distinction could be drawn between the actions of Governor Aycock and other individuals represented on campus, like J.Y. Joyner.

"I fear that if the name is changed, where is the line drawn between renaming Aycock and also the renaming of other buildings that are critical to our campus and have been throughout history," said Caldwell.

Caldwell denied further comment after the forum.

Another forum is set for today at 4 p.m. at the Heart Institute for alumni, faculty and staff.

The Board of Trustees will then meet Feb. 20 to make a decision on what action will be taken.

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Former provost moves to UNCW

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Former East Carolina University Provost, Marilyn Sheerer, recently accepted the position of interim provost at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. This announcement came, as a surprise to many after Sheerer's reported reason for stepping down was to take a year off before returning to the classroom.

Sheerer began as ECU's provost in 2007, ending her term this past August after seven years. Prior to that, she was dean of the College of Education for eight years. Before ECU, she was a department chair at both the University of Pennsylvania Edinboro and Northern Illinois University.

"I'm very excited about serving as the Interim Provost at UNCW," said Sheerer, according to the UNCW News Bureau. "My experience as the Provost at ECU should be helpful to me as I assume this leadership position."

Sheerer received her bachelors degree from Bloomsburg State College in Pennsylvania, her master's degree from Syracuse University and a Ph.D. from Ohio University. According to UNCW, their cur-

rent provost, Denise Battles, is stepping down at the end of the spring semester after accepting a position as president of the State University of New York Geneseo.

"I have admired the work of faculty and staff at UNCW for many years and look forward to collaborative work with all campus constituents," said Sheerer, according to the UNCW News Bureau.

UNCW has made several personnel changes in recent months. Including the reinstatement of Chancellor William A. Sederburg, who had previously been the interim chancellor following the departure of Chancellor Gary Miller.

"I'm delighted that someone with the experience and leadership skills possessed by Marilyn will be joining us," said UNCW Chancellor Sederburg, according to the UNCW News Bureau. "She will be a great asset to UNCW."

Her role as interim provost will consist of meeting with various campus leaders, planning, budgeting and providing the chancellor with an action plan for future academic affairs.

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BRIEFS

Pirate players give back

Members of both the men and women's basketball teams participated in "Practice with the Pirates" on Sunday, hosted by Upward, a faith-based basketball league in Pitt County.

The Pirates worked with hundreds of local kids, working with them on the fundamentals of the game. The ECU athletes concluded the event signing autographs.

Trial starts for shooting suspect

The trial for Willie Langley began yesterday. Langley is on trial for the shooting of 49-year-old Jessie Atkinson Sr., that happened last year.

Langley pleaded not guilty to the current charge and his attorney said that no evidence exists connecting his client to the crime.

Two stores robbed in same night

Two masked men who are suspected in holding up a clerk and a customer at the Dollar General in Farmville Saturday match the description of the criminals who robbed a Dollar store in Greenville the same night.

There were no customers in the store when the robbery happened, but police say the two men robbed a man who was walking into the store as they were leaving. No injuries were reported.

ONLINE

LWCC to host open house

*Corrections/
Clarifications*

In last Thursday's paper, the woman featured in the photo on page 1 is Shelia Latham, the Lead Teacher for the YES 21st CCLC project.

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.

ECU alerts trigger concern

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In the wake of two off-campus assaults that took place over the weekend, students and police are speaking out about downtown safety.

According to the first ECU alert, which was sent at approximately 4 a.m. on Saturday, four white males in a gray Ford Explorer offered a female a ride at approximately 2 a.m. The female victim was assaulted while inside the vehicle on 5th Street and was then dropped off near Reade St. The victim did not require medical attention after the incident.

According to the second ECU alert, which was sent at approximately 4:15 a.m. on Sunday, a sexual assault occurred at a residence off-campus at approximately 2 a.m. The victim of the assault was transported to Vidant Medical Center after the incident took place. The suspect is reported to be a white male with medium brown hair and was wearing a plaid button down shirt at the time of the incident.

Lieutenant Chris Sutton of the ECU Police says that although incidents such as these do not consistently occur, it is important to

prepare for them if they do.

Sutton says that if someone ends up in an unsafe situation it is important to control it as best as possible. He suggests being familiar with surroundings, remaining with close friends and advising a friend, family member or roommate of your location when possible.

"If you can control your emotions you can control your thought process," said Sutton. "If you are thinking as clearly as possible you can rely on survival instincts to help you through challenging or traumatic incidents."

Students are also sharing their thoughts and experiences after being shaken up by the alerts.

"One thing we have learned our whole life is to not get into cars with strangers," said Micah Presson, senior marketing major. "Especially a female, and as a female I feel like you should always be with somebody and you should be careful getting into cars with people you don't know."

Rachel Thompson, senior marketing major, agrees with Presson and believes that people should be more cautious about what they are doing and who they are doing it with.

"People should be more aware of their surroundings in that kind of situation and they should think about the consequences that could result from a bad decision," said Thompson.

According to Joe Mayancsik, senior communication major, everyone should follow the same safety measures despite their gender.

"I do not feel any safer than a female. While the risk of rape may not be the same, robbery and assault are still very prevalent regardless of gender," said Mayancsik. "As someone who was almost held up in the past, and who knows people who have been robbed at gunpoint or at knife point, it isn't a very safe environment that late at night for anyone."

Sutton says that ECU Police provide educational programs and maintain high visibility on patrol while also working with other agencies to assist in any way during the course of investigations to help reduce the occurrence of related crimes taking place.

At this time both incidents are under investigation.

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GPC hosts first meeting Saturday

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East Carolina University's Greek Presidents Council is scheduled to hold its first official meeting in the Mendenhall Student Center on Saturday.

The council, which is comprised of 25 representatives from four Greek organizations—the Interfraternity Council (IFC), the National Multicultural Greek Council (NMGC), the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)—is designed to represent both unity and diversity within Greek life.

Each council has five delegates, a chapter president, council presidents and executive council members. GPC elections were held in December and the executive board met last Saturday to prepare for its official launch.

"Within a lot of schools, Greek



Members of the Presidents Council plan the agenda for the first meeting.

organizations have been shut down," said Blake Belch, Greek Presidents Council chairman. "We're trying to take a proactive stance and be there to help give a positive image of all Greek life."

Belch, a senior criminal justice major minoring in political science and business administration, joined Sigma Tau Gamma during the

spring of 2013 and became its president for the 2014 school year. The fraternity nearly doubled its recruiting under Belch's leadership, increasing from 21 to 40 active members.

As the recently-appointed GPC chairman, Belch has plans of mending Greek life's reputation in Greenville by focusing on community work.

"We want to bring all councils together through philanthropy and eventually have our own finances set up so we can do our own philanthropy," said Belch. "At the same time, we don't want to be a governing body."

Belch says that an "Adopt a Cop" program will be enacted in correlation with the Greenville Police Department. This program gives fraternities and sororities a better understanding of the law by forming a bond between Greek life and an assigned police officer.

Other GPC plans include a "Jail and Bail" fundraiser, the creation of Greek campus plots, and increased Greek charters and housing.

"Each organization would have its own area to hang out on campus," said Belch. "We also want a Greek plot for all Greeks. We are here for the unity aspect and that's what we want to push across."

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BOOK REVIEW

Sneak peak of 'Midnight at Noon'



Lindsay Rayner
TEC STAFF

"Midnight at Noon," by Ardain Isma is an eye-opening novel that tells of a young peasant's journey in a Haitian society during a revolution.

The book tells the story of Odilon, a young peasant from the village of Anwodo, who travels to the nearby city of Saint Louis and ends up being the leader of a peasant movement. Through Odilon's experiences, important military takeovers of towns and territories are described and the effects of war are graphically portrayed.

"The novel does not really give you a play by play historical account of what happened during that period, but what is does is tell the democratic struggle of the Haitian people of that period," said Isma.

According to Isma, the Haitian people are his inspiration. "What the book seeks to achieve is a global awareness over the suffering of the Haitian people," said Isma.

Isma also takes great pride in Haiti's history. "[Haiti is] a country with a beautiful history, but it just can't seem to find its way out to the developing world in the 20th century."

Completing "Midnight at Noon" took Isma nearly nine years. "It took me three years to write, but it took me at least another six years to polish it," said Isma.

The most extensive process for Isma was finding a publisher to publish his book.

"Throughout the years I continued to polish it, to string write it, to make it better really," said Isma.

Although it took a long time, waiting for "Midnight at Noon" to be finished did not slow Isma down. "Throughout the process of getting 'Midnight at Noon' better, I also wrote two other novels," said Isma.

In addition to writing for enjoyment, Isma is also writing to make a difference for the Haitian people.

"A copy of the book is a bigger insight not just what the story is about, but also what the story of Haitian people in general is all about," said Isma.

Isma, who grew up in Haiti, used his personal experience as inspiration for the novel. "It's said that where someone was born and raised up until he was ten will forever mark a person," said Isma. "I just fall into this category of people [and] I just can't seem to walk away from what's always been in my mind about Haiti and about this small village in particular where I was born."

Isma moved from Haiti to the United States when he was 16-years-old. Even after many years in the U.S., Haiti remains close to Isma's heart and he returns to Haiti periodically.

"I write what I love to write about and it's always about Haiti and it's people and it's suffering and its wonderful history," he said.

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Chaunte Wayans (left) and Rip Michaels (right) perform on MTV's show Wildn'Out. The duo is set to preform at Hendrix tonight.

MTV to host ECU show

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The Student Activities Board will be hosting MTV's Wildn'Out at Hendrix Theatre tonight at 7:07 p.m.

Comedians Chaunte Wayans and Rip Michaels from MTV's Wildn'Out will both be performing their own stand up acts with a special guest appearance from another star comedian.

Wayans was born in Manhattan, N.Y., and at the age of 19, Wayans moved to Los Angeles with her family to pursue her career. She became a stand-up comedian, actress, writer, and founder of Anotha Way Productions.

Within two years, Wayans moved her way up from production assistant, to apprentice, and ultimately to assistant editor. After several years in production and editing, Wayans realized that her true gift was in stand-up.

Wayans has opened for both her uncles, the Wayans Brothers, on their

tour and has recently toured with Katt Williams. Most of Wayans jokes for her stand up comedy appeal more to the women of the audience as she takes into account her life with alcohol and drug addiction, and her experience with dating women.

"Chaunte is a mellow style comedian," said Derek Hairston, entertainment chair of the student activities board. "Her pitch is very mellow but the way she delivers her jokes makes it funny."

Rip Michaels is named one of comedy's most influential people on stage by VH1.com. Michaels was born and raised in Chicago, Ill. Michaels uses his interpretation on no prisoners style as he touches on universal issues such as relationships, and world issues.

Michaels comedy has allowed him to appear on TV shows as BET's Comic View, Jamie Fox's Laffapoolza, Showtime at the Apollo, P Diddy Bad boys of

Comedy, MTV's Punk'd and Comedy Central. Michaels is now one of the newer members on MTV's Wildn'Out.

"Michaels is all round funny," said Hairston. "He brings the old school flavor of comedy but uses it in a way that relates to college students."

Wildn'Out is now in its sixth season and was created by Nick Cannon. The show consists of mini games and skits that puts a group of comedians against each other. They have a red team and a black team in which the teams compete against one another to gain points from each of the smaller improv, skits and games that they play. At the end of the show, the team with the most points wins funniest comedians for the night.

Wayans and Michaels will be strictly doing stand up at East Carolina. Both comedians will be available for meet and greet with the students after the show.

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Class fuses ballet and dance

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Ballet barre and dance combine for a conditioning class at the student recreation center today called Ultra Barre.

"Ultra Barre is an exercise class that combines ballet barre, dance conditioning and pilates-based movements," said Megan Rhodes, Ultra Barre class instructor at the recreation center. "The intention of Ultra Barre is to lengthen and tone the muscles."

Some of the benefits of Ultra Barre include balance, better posture, breath control, coordination, flexibility and muscular strength.

"This is our third or fourth year offering this class," said Suzanne McDonald, assistant director of physical activity and wellness education. "People who have signed up before enjoy it. It's a specialty style class you will not find everywhere."

According to Rhodes, the class involves exercises that target strength and flexibility. "The class starts with a warm-up and is followed by standing exercises that are similar to what is done at the barre in a ballet class," said Rhodes.

"The class ends with stretching and a cool down. I like to keep the class varied and interesting so that every week it is a little different." The class is open to students, faculty and

members of the recreation center.

"This class is great for someone who has a lot of dance experience or who has never taken a dance class in their life," said Rhodes. "It is for all levels."

Rhodes said that she taught the class last semester at the recreation center and she incorporates the basics of Ultra Barre into ballet classes that she teaches at dance studios.

"Certification is necessary to teach Ultra Barre. I was certified to teach this class by Teal Darkenwald, who is the founder of Ultra Barre," said Rhodes.

According to McDonald, Teal Darkenwald is a professor for the School of Dance at ECU. Darkenwald has taught master classes in the U.S. and uses that method with her own students.

According to ECU faculty information, Darkenwald has certified dancers from the Boston Ballet, the Joffrey Ballet and professors from the University of Michigan, the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University at Buffalo.

Darkenwald was recently asked to provide research using functional supplemental training to help improve postural misalignments in dancers for the International Association of Dance Medicine and Science conference.

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MOVIE REVIEW



Selma: A sacrificing drama



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Director Ava DuVernay brings Selma, a powerful, yet sensitive, historical drama film to theatres.

Viewers see a realistic and passionate picture that enlightens the perfections and flaws of the civil rights movement, from 1954-68, and its leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This film crafted realism into a historical masterpiece rather than a dreary history lesson.

"Selma" is about the historic march from Selma to Birmingham, Ala., led by King. The march was the response to the problematic voting system for African-Americans of this time. This film shows the viewers what preparations took place before the actual march.

Although people would have loved this to be a biopic of King's life or a simple reenactment, it was not this type of picture. It was a complex film that showed all points-of-view of the civil rights movement.

DuVernay was not afraid to show the ugly side of the times and wasn't afraid to alter the thoughts of viewer's heroes or the political system. She showed the truth and how it is an example of how far America has come today.

This film was centered around the march and everyone who made it possible. The film did look into King's life, but the goal of the film seemed to illuminate the Civil Rights Movement more than King himself, which allowed us to understand the importance of the movement and how it is still relevant today.

DuVernay had an objective view of King as she showed his vulnerability in the movement, which added to the realism. David Oyelowo, who played Dr. King, could've mimicked or duplicated the way King acted in the public eye, but instead he delivered King as being just another human being with a passion for justice. There were many scenes when he questioned his actions and motivations.

DuVernay was also not afraid to show the tragic murders of this movement as they were. In the opening of this movie, we get a detailed scene of the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing where four little girls were killed. The scene presents many slow close ups of the clothing of each child. The long dresses and laced ruffled socks presented innocence to each child. The girls chattered down an empty staircase talking about their admiration of Coretta Scott King.

DuVernay makes this scene so vivid because just as they converse in dialogue of

hopefully meeting Mrs. King, they are blown to pieces in a blink of an eye. No one wants to see the innocent suffer, especially children, but it was a great way to begin the movie.

Showing this scene had a bigger impact than telling it. DuVernay dumped viewers right into the injustice of this time.

This film also showed the realisms and horrors of police brutality in the South. The scene with the murder of Jimmie Lee Jackson was speechless. After running from a march, Jackson, his mother and grandfather enter a restaurant to hide. DuVernay did many close ups of this family's faces as they tremored and sweat dripped down their face. This shows viewers how frightening it was to be apart of this movement. The shot that killed Jimmie Lee Jackson was such a shockingly dreadful moment that viewers will have a hard time forgetting. These types of scenes were uncomfortable but it was the reality of this time.

DuVernay did not sugar coat the message of this film. Selma reminds us that change does not come easy through tactics such as violence and silence, but instead that change comes through grace and most importantly the will to sacrifice.

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Selma features the civil rights leader, MLK.

PIRATE RANTS

If that groundhog predicts six more weeks of winter on Feb. 2, I will be an unhappy camper.

VC of Student Affairs, Dr. Virginia Hardy, had a personal vendetta against Michael King.

Have you ever met people that are so full of sh** you just wanna give them a d*** enema??

Dear basketball crush, you were very close to seeing me naked in the locker room that night... let's not make that mistake.

Oh, you got here with a sport scholarship. Do you have the brains to stay here?

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That moment when you see someone in class that you matched with on Tinder.

So, Mr. President is pushing for "free" community college. Let this be a lesson to you folks: the only things in this world that are really "free" are STIs. Everything else you are paying for one way or another.

To the group of people on the second floor in Joyner library last Saturday: I'm glad you're done studying. But could you pipe down? Some folks are trying to learn here...

Don't we pay enough in tuition for ECU to turn on the heat in Brewster C and D?

To the guy that asked if there was room for conservatives in this state university: Yes. There should be. Liberals always preach inclusivity and equality. So, I don't see why there wouldn't be room for someone with a slightly different perspective. Unless, all that was nothing more than a marketing stunt...

Best part about being a computer science major is that I can write computer programs that do most homework that require math calculations I just don't feel like doing myself :)

They have reduced the deficit, but the debt is still rising... I love how politicians try to lie about their pure incompetence.

Every week I see men judging women in these rants and it makes me SICK. I'm almost ashamed to be one myself sometimes.

In response to the person who says there are no healthy choices on campus: Chobani bar, salad bar, turkey/black bean burgers, pretzels and hummus, power bowls.... I could go on and on. Thank you ECU campus dining for working so hard!

The only place for food on the west end of campus is a stri-dently homophobic grease pit?

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Our view

ECU Alerts need priorities

In the opinion of the editorial staff, since the start of the new semester, it seems as though ECU Alert has been in everyone's inbox at least once a week. While most of the alert's are exceptionally useful, early Monday morning's alert about a shoplifting that occurred at the Sheetz on 10th Street felt unnecessary. It wasn't disclosed if the shoplifter was armed and no injuries were reported. We don't believe that an ECU Alert like the one that was sent out on Monday was truly necessary information for students and faculty.

Several parents, including the parents of several TEC staff members, are signed up to receive ECU Alerts. Having an overload of crime blurbs may make parents and guardians more worried about the area that their children are in and less concerned about their immediate safety.

There have been several instances throughout the year that were

more dangerous than a random and isolated shoplifting event but did not warrant an alert. For example, the riot on Halloween was so out of control that police had to use tear gas to break up the rowdy crowd and no alert was sent out about it. Regardless of whether an alert may have caused more attention to the scene, it could have prevented unsuspecting students from being injured that night.

Here at TEC, we would like to know what does warrant an ECU Alert. Sending out multiple texts and emails about menial things like shoplifting feels like a misuse of the alert system because the event didn't pose as a serious and imminent threat to students. It is important that the alert system is taken seriously by the student body to prevent further instances from occurring but if the alerts become more frequent, the system could quickly turn into "the boy who cried wolf."

Calling out the SGA



Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

In recent months, many students have complained about what the Student Government Association is doing. Flyers have been posted in Bate targeting the SGA and the SGA president, Michael King, faced impeachment in the fall semester. Now that King has stepped down, many ECU students are questioning the credibility of one of the campus' most widely known organizations. It boils down to the fact that ECU needs to require better qualifications to become president and there should be a way to weed out candidates who run simply because they know they can win. The SGA should not be a popularity contest.

According to Section 5.6 of the Student Government Associations By-Laws, "the SGA President shall receive an annual salary of \$600/month, distributed biweekly." The SGA

president makes a decent amount of money, so whoever is in office needs to take his or her job seriously. The president sits on with the Board of Trustees and according to the SGA Constitution, he is "to be the chief representative of the student body of East Carolina University in all matters, both internal and external." If the SGA president has so much power on ECU's campus, shouldn't he be held to a higher standard than the rest of the student body?

The president himself cannot be the only one to blame though. ECU's administration has let this happen. There should be more involvement between the administration and student life. In fact, administrators should even keep a closer eye on SGA after all of the controversy that has happened surrounding the president. There aren't any real restrictions on who can run for office and there should be, especially with how much money members of the executive council make.

The SGA and other organizations should do

a better job of holding primary elections and conducting actual debates that students want to attend. Students would much rather hear realistic proposals than promises made by the executive branch that they can't follow through with.

The final problem with the SGA and ECU is the complete lack of student involvement. Most students do not care about SGA and the students who do vote on OneStop usually just pick a name that sounds the most familiar to them. It's unfortunate that students are so apathetic toward SGA. However, the Student Government Association won't take themselves seriously until the student body takes them seriously, so it is our responsibility as ECU students to care about who we elect as officials on our campus to make any sort of change happen.

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Oscars: Selma snub controversy



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The recent controversy surrounding the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science's choice to leave out the director and lead actor of the movie Selma from nominations for Best Director and Best Actor in a Leading Role, has once again reopened the topic of racism and discrimination.

Many believe this event was an even bigger mistake than previously believed because the nominations were announced near Martin Luther King Jr. Day. However, it's hard to make an argument that says that the academy's choice to leave Selma's lead actor and director out of their respective award categories was linked to blatant racism. Ava DuVernay and David Oyelowo, the director and lead actor of Selma, were not the only ones that deserved nominations for their work. Jennifer Aniston, Amy Adams and Angelina Jolie are all also a part of the 2015 'snubbed' group who did not receive Oscar nominations.

This past year was a big one for the film industry and nominating every great actor and director was just not feasible. Therefore, leaving out DuVernay and Oyelowo should not be controversial at all. Just last year, 12 Years

a Slave received the award for best picture and Lupita Nyong'o won best supporting actress for her role in the film.

The academy has always recognized exceptional performances regardless of race, gender, sexuality and other discriminating labels. This industry, compared to others in our country, has shown itself to be one of the most progressive and is constantly evolving in terms of eliminating discrimination and strengthening diversity.

Making this an issue of blatant racism does more harm than it does good. It belittles the work of DuVernay by saying it should receive the 'African American nomination' rather than giving it the merit it deserves. We should appreciate that the academy does not nominate on the basis of a checklist which includes guaranteed nominations for all races and nations. Instead, they provide an even playing field for all directors and actors and, as a result, winning one of these prestigious awards says that you are indeed the best, and not because you filled a diversity checklist.

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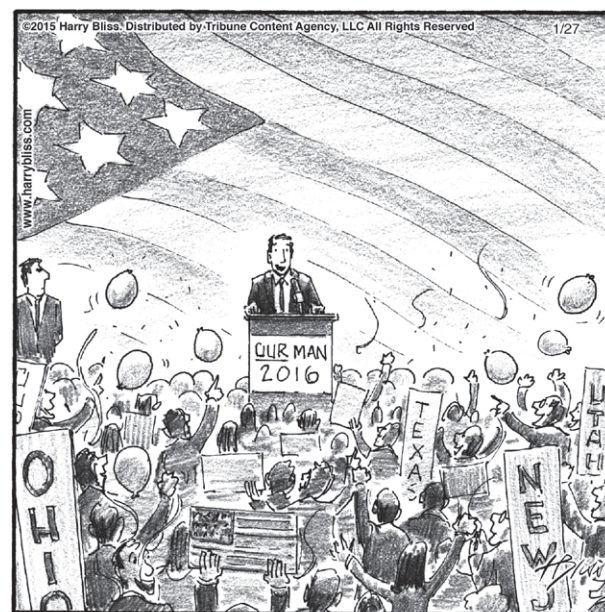
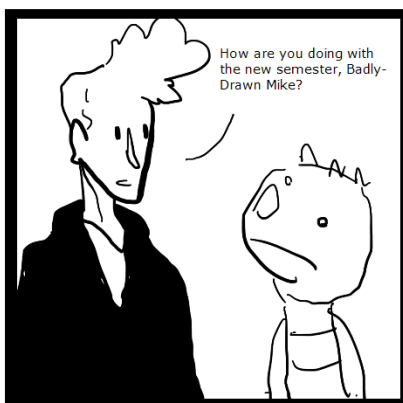
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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Many an Amman man
- 5 Grab, as ice cubes
- 9 Seuss character who "speaks for the trees"
- 14 Ship bottom
- 15 Auth. unknown
- 16 Fit to be tied
- 17 Opposed to
- 18 Flat-topped elevation
- 19 Consumerist Ralph
- 20 Rock used for hammering, e.g.
- 23 Mousse kin
- 24 NBC skit show
- 25 Neighbor of Can.
- 28 Seasoned veteran
- 31 Sneaker brand
- 34 Sharper, as vision
- 36 One that falls in the fall
- 38 Shari Lewis' Lamb Chop, memorably
- 40 Media workers' org.
- 42 Mentalist Geller
- 43 Home of baseball's Marlins
- 44 First piece moved in chess, often
- 47 Takes a load off
- 48 "Incredible!"
- 49 ___ Piper
- 51 Half a colon
- 52 Blog VIPs
- 53 Bubble bath spot
- 55 Arctic sea bird
- 57 Classic comedy team, with "The" ... and what the last words of 20-, 38- and 44-
- 63 Mexican mom
- 66 Wrap for a sprain
- 67 Agatha Christie's title
- 68 Universal principle
- 69 Letter-named thoroughfares in Bklyn.
- 70 Soprano Gluck
- 71 Gossipmonger
- 72 Religious offshoot
- 73 Ringful on a belt

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By Ed Sessa

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DOWN

- 1 Triumphant cries
- 2 Littlest of a litter
- 3 Voice below soprano
- 4 Showy jewelry
- 5 Fare steamed in corn husks
- 6 Ten C-notes
- 7 Wine quality
- 8 Annoying swarm
- 9 Kitchen flooring
- 10 Like much early history
- 11 "Cool!"
- 12 Had a bite
- 13 Gen-__: boomer's kid, usually
- 21 Surprised scream
- 22 Cleaning up after the mess?
- 25 Still owed
- 26 Appear that way
- 27 Palette user
- 28 Inscribed award
- 29 Check from the IRS
- 30 Films featuring chaps in chaps
- 32 Fasten, as buttons
- 33 Junkyard metal

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- 35 Protestant denom.
- 37 Let loose
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- 45 Insult
- 46 Most shipshape
- 50 Lovebirds, e.g.
- 54 Software test versions
- 56 George Eastman's camera
- 57 Easy race pace
- 58 Whence icicles hang
- 59 Building detail, briefly
- 60 Big windstorm
- 61 Award for a sitcom
- 62 Red and Coral
- 63 Mother's Day month
- 64 Bough breaker
- 65 Racket

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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**

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Carden, Hardy noticed by scouts at Senior Bowl

Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

Leaving their record-breaking careers behind them, former Pirates Shane Carden and Justin Hardy showcased their abilities in front of NFL scouts during the annual Senior Bowl game on Saturday.

In limited action, Carden went 4-7 through the air for 70 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions while the receiver Hardy hauled in just one pass for eight yards.

Carden and Hardy's North team came out victorious with a 34-13 victory while being coached by the NFL's Tennessee Titans' coaching staff.

Going into the contest it was widely considered that both players would be drafted during the 2015 NFL Draft with Hardy projected to be an

early-to-mid round pick and Carden projected to be a late round pick.

Hardy, who was listed by ECU as a 6-foot receiver, checked in at 5-foot-10 during the Senior Bowl and was almost nonexistent on the stat sheet. But as most professional scouts will say, NFL executives often look past the statistics and defer to a player's intangibles.

NFL.com writer Daniel Jeremiah raved about Hardy's route running ability, calling him the best route runner from the crop of receivers.

Carden didn't get much playing time in the game in relation to the other quarterbacks who took part in the Senior Bowl. His seven attempts were the least among quarterbacks who attempted a pass in the contest.

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Youth shows Pirates failing to close



Josh Graham
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ECU coach Jeff Lebo and his Pirates have never welcomed the idea of enjoying moral victories.

That's why when Tulsa (15-5, 7-0 AAC), who

boasts the American Athletic Conference's best record, left Minges Coliseum with a narrow 66-64 win on Saturday, the Pirates (8-11, 1-5 AAC) were not patting themselves on the back for giving their best efforts.

Instead, they were visibly disheartened and felt as if they had let a golden opportunity slip away.

"We've got a hurt locker room," said Lebo. "We battled our tail off against a really good team."

A win was right there for the pickings for ECU, but there is a positive spin to be found here in defeat.

On several occasions during his five years in Greenville—even during the Pirates' magical CIT Tournament run in 2013—Lebo cited that he didn't measure his team's success on wins and losses but by the growth it shows throughout a season. And although the principle that wins aren't transitive likely applies to losses as well, ECU's two-point defeat Saturday was a far cry from the 77-54 thumping it took from SMU in Dallas a week earlier.

After amassing 16 turnovers against the Mustangs, the Pirates cut that total in half against Tulsa, despite the Golden Hurricane ranking second in the conference in turnover margin. ECU also hit a dozen threes, finished with three more made-field goals than Tulsa and was close to even in the rebounding department.

The difference Saturday was strictly Tulsa possessing more game experience and a better knowledge of how to execute in late-game situations to win close games.

More specifically, the Golden Hurricane continually attacked the Pirates' weakness—at the rim. In the end, they were rewarded for their aggressiveness. Tulsa attempted 17 more free throws than ECU and went 8-for-10 from the charity stripe in the final 10 minutes of the game.

Meanwhile, the Pirates were just 50 percent on free throws (6-for-12).

Tulsa's two misses at the line came with five seconds left and the score sitting at 64-61, which opened the door for the Pirates to possibly force overtime with a last-second 3, but ECU couldn't pull down the defensive rebound. The Golden Hurricane did, while the Pirates' leading rebounder, Michel Nzege, sat on the bench, and hit a pair of free throws to put the game away.

"We've got to be able to learn how to win in the conference and that may take some time," said Lebo. "That team is an NCAA tournament team. They won a (conference) championship and they never panicked. We've got to learn that. We're trying to figure out who we want to go to. They know who they want to go to late in games."

Terry Whisnant could be that guy. The junior shooting guard led the Pirates in scoring yet again with 22 points on 7-for-14 shooting (6-for-9 on 3s). However, Whisnant missed a key 3-pointer and a 1-and-1 free throw in the final minute of the game.

Maybe it's Nzege, whose game-tying dunk with two minutes, nine seconds to go energized the home crowd and capped his double-double performance (13 points, 11 rebounds).

It was believed that B.J. Tyson could be the Pirates' feature scorer but the standout freshman was held to one field goal for the second straight game and sophomore forward Caleb White had just eight points.

We'll learn the answer in time. None of the players mentioned above are seniors and Whisnant is the only upperclassman.

What's for certain is that this group of Pirates is young and spoiled a chance to show its fans what it is capable of doing: winning in this league. So now it must lean on the glimpses it showed of a team that belongs with the top-tier programs in a respected basketball conference.

These glimpses are where the growth of these youthful Pirates can be found and is, hopefully, a sign of where their future lies as well.

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On to Memphis

Pirates prepare for road match

Tyler Kelbaugh
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Winning on the road against in conference opponents is never easy, but for ECU (8-11, 1-5 American Athletic Conference) just one road victory would be a welcomed change of pace.

For its upcoming opponent, the Memphis Tigers (12-7, 5-3 AAC), a home loss against the Pirates tomorrow could be disastrous.

"In Memphis when you lose it's DEFCON 4," said Memphis Head Coach John Pastnor. "You're just trying to make sure that there's no negative energy that sneaks in. Our program is under just as much scrutiny as any in the country."

The Tigers have much more at stake than just disappointed fans and negative media attention. A regular NCAA tournament team, Memphis is a long shot to make the tournament as an at-large team. Barring winning the AAC tournament, a loss to the Pirates could potentially end any chance of playing in the big dance.

Memphis is coming off a dramatic victory in New Orleans against Tulane. Sophomore forward Austin Nichols hit a driving lay-up with 3.1

seconds remaining in the game to seal the victory.

After a difficult 66-64 loss to AAC-leading Tulsa, ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo saw a team that lacked experience to close out games against tough in conference opponents.

"We've got to learn how to win in the conference," said Lebo. "That might take some time. We've got to get some consistent play."

In order to win this game, Lebo is going to need consistent play from sophomore forward Michel-Ofik Nzege. On Saturday, Nzege posted a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

"Against everyone we play I think I can get going inside," said Nzege. "Right now our guards are doing all the work and for us to win. We need to have a balanced offense."

Memphis is currently No. 45 in the country in rebounding, compared to ECU's No. 221 ranking. The Tigers are 2-5 when they lose the battle on the glass. Winning the battle inside will not be easy for the Pirates, however.

"Points in the paint is something that's going to be challenging for us," said Lebo. "It's been a challenge for us all year and it will continue to be a challenge for us



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Michel Nzege raises up for a shot against Tulsa on Saturday. The forward notched a double-double.

moving forward."

The Tigers' success on the glass is largely thanks to Nichols. The forward averages 6.1 boards a game. He is also the Tigers' leading scorer, posting 12.9 points per game. No other Tiger averages double-digit scoring, however. Even more impressive is the junior's 62 blocks. That's 13 more than the runner up, Amida Brimah of Connecticut.

Adding more pressure to the Pirates' shooting success is Memphis's impressive defensive rankings. ECU will have a tougher time than usual scoring points in the paint as Memphis

ranks 3rd in the country in blocked shots. They're also allowing less than 62 points per game, the 68th best ranking in the nation.

The Pirates' shooting has been inconsistent all season. They're shooting 42 percent from the field, ranking No. 252 in the nation. As is true for nearly every team, that percentage is even lower on the road. Memphis ranks No. 110 in that same category with a shooting percentage of 45.

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Aja takes long road

Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

Before finding his current home court at Minges Coliseum, junior forward Kanu Aja attended four different high schools—two have which closed doors—in five years, while battling with other recruits for a position on a NCAA basketball team.



Kanu Aja

Aja started his career path in southwest Baltimore, where he attended Mount St. Joseph as a freshman. For the next two years he played at Towson Catholic before the Archdiocese of Baltimore shut down the school.

The junior transferred to Cardinal Gibbons last minute where he struggled during his season at the school. Gibbons was soon shut down at the end of the school year, which required Aja to transfer yet again.

"It was tough for me," said Aja. "It built character for me. It started as a negative experience because it affected my recruitment. But now looking back at it, it helped me become stronger and value things."

The 6-foot-9, 245 pound forward is now an alumnus from Princeton Day Academy, where he had a successful career that put him as a top prospect for junior colleges.

Under the tutelage of coach Justin Labaugh, Aja went across the country to play for the City College of San Francisco. The two-year letterman averaged 6.6 rebounds and 4.5 points per game as a sophomore and recorded a double-double.

He helped the Storm to a 21-2 record, along with a 12-0 record in conference play.

Aja was a key component in helping his team advance to the California Community College

Athletic Association (CCCCA) state championship quarterfinals.

During his redshirt freshman campaign, he helped CCSF achieve a 28-0 record during the regular season and help his team advance to the CCAA final four, finishing 31-1 overall.

While at CCSF, Aja had to balance school, basketball and work. Facing financial challenges, he got some financial aid from his school. However, Aja had to find employment in whatever field he could in order to keep up with all of his expenses. His size made him an ideal candidate for a position in security.

"Working as a security guard while still in college was hard. I had to deal with fights when I should be playing basketball," said Aja. "But it built me into the person that I am becoming."

After his freshman season, Aja earned an invite to a Top 100 JUCO camp, where he landed several offers from D1 coaches with offers from Hofstra University, Marshall and Seton Hall.

Aja soon signed to be a part of ECU's basketball program.

"I liked the environment when I came down here, I've been to other places but I like the home vibe here," said Aja.

Aja is in his first of two seasons of eligibility for the Pirates. He has a .422 field goal percentage and is shooting 40 percent from the free throw line.

His highlight so far this season was when the Pirates lost their matchup at Florida Atlantic in December. In his 25 minutes of play, the forward went 5-for-7 on the field, at .714 percent. He gave the team 11 points, his first time hitting double figures as a Pirate. He also had five rebounds.

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TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

Former Pirates Shane Carden and Justin Hardy helped lead the North to a 34-13 victory in the senior bowl.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU lost to American Athletic Conference foe Tulsa, 66-64 on Saturday despite Terry Whisnant's 22 point day.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates lost their fifth conference game after falling to Tulsa, 74-63 at Saturday.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates fell to 3-1 after Sunday's 4-2 loss to UNC-Asheville.

SWIMMING & DIVING

The Pirates improved to 5-1 on the season after sweeping Saturday's meet against UMBC.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

Charlotte picked up a home victory as it defeated the Knicks 76-71 on Saturday.

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Golden Hurricane top Pirates

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Coming off of her 200th career win, Head Coach Heather Macy and the Lady Pirate basketball team lost, 74-63 at the hands of the Tulsa Golden Hurricane in a back and forth game on Saturday.

The game was held on Alumni Day, in front of a much bigger crowd than normal, many of them being former ECU players.

The Pirates (13-7, 4-5 American Athletic Conference) had three players score in double figures and were led by junior I'Tiana Taylor, who recorded 20 points and 18 rebounds, her sixth dou-

ble-double of the season and fourth in conference play.

Redshirt junior Jada Payne scored 10 points to go along with four assists and four rebounds. Junior Jasmine Phillips registered 10 points and six rebounds off the bench.

ECU got into foul trouble through different points in the game. Taylor, Shae Nelson and Tatiana Chapple ended the game with four fouls and resulted in the trio seeing diminished minutes.

"It takes you out of flow, when you're fouling as much as we were," Macy said. "It also changes our rotations, like I'Tiana had to sit for an extended period of time

in the second half, which obviously hurt."

The Pirates dominated the first half shooting 57.7 percent from the field and outscored Tulsa 24-8 in the paint.

ECU held a 10-point lead going into halftime and forced the Golden Hurricane into scoring only 25 first half points.

The second half was a different story, however. Tulsa started the half on a 10-0 run to tie the game and never lost its offensive momentum.

After being down by eight midway through the second half, ECU went on a 10-0 run to lead by two, its last lead of the game.

Tulsa got back in rhythm and jumped back out to a 10-point lead. The Lady Pirates made things interesting down the stretch with its full-court defensive pressure, bringing Tulsa's lead down to four. The Golden Hurricane's Kelsee Grovey hit a dagger three pointer to stop the Pirates' come back chances in their tracks.

"They had a lot of people hit big shots for them," Macy said. "I thought they stayed in flow of their offense very well."

The Pirates, who are known for their defensive pressure, couldn't seem to slow down Tulsa's momentum and come up with many defensive stops. ECU allowed the Golden Hurricane to score 49 second half points, nearly double the points it gave up in the first half.

"Obviously, a very disappointing second half of basketball," Macy said. "But then again, giving up 10 offensive boards and putting them to the line 27 times, it was not our best day."

To go along with the defensive struggles for the Pirates, their leading scorer



Junior I'Tiana Taylor tosses up a layup Saturday against Tulsa.

Jada Payne was forced to stay out of rhythm. Tulsa guard Kadan Brady face guarded Payne, she denied the ball and made it hard for the Pirates to get Payne the ball with space.

Payne, who is third in the conference in scoring averaging 17.3 points per game, was held without a three pointer and scored just 10 points.

"I think that's every night for her," Macy said about the defensive pressure on Payne. "They are going to be physical with her. We got to make sure we do a good job of getting her the ball."

Tulsa was led by Ashley Clark, who notched 23 points

and six rebounds. Center Mariah Turner scored 19 points while going 7-for-12 from the free throw line.

With the loss, the Pirates are now under .500 in conference play and will face arguably their toughest two games remaining this week.

ECU is slated to play the top two teams in the AAC away from Minges as it faces off against the defending champion UConn Huskies tomorrow. The Pirates will then travel to face second place Tulane on Saturday.

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Time: 7pm - 8pm
Location: Mendenhall Student Center Room 244

Happy Hour

Date: January 13, 2015
Location: Wright Plaza (2pm - 4pm)
Date: February 2, 2015
Location: Wright Plaza (12pm - 2pm)

Roommate Roulette*

Date: February 5, 2015
Time: 6pm - 7pm
Location: Mendenhall Student Center Room 244

Apartment Bus Tour

Date: February 7, 2015
Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm

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Date: February 12, 2015
Time: 7pm - 8pm
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