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ECUNation 'breaks internet' Snapchat account criticized by administration

Jessica Gribbon
TEC STAFF

The Snapchat account, ECUNation has been facing scrutiny and a possible shutdown in recent days.

Snapchat is a social media site that allows its users to send pictures to friends that disappear after a certain amount of time.

The account was established after Snapchat created a "Live Campus" feature, allowing users to post photos and videos to a live stream, available to those who are in the general location of the campus. Snapchat only released the option to certain campuses according to their blog:

Our Campus Story was the natural evolution of the Our Story product that we launched at EDC this year. Our team heard tons of requests for Our Story at college campuses—so we just had to make it happen. It has been so exciting to see the response at Penn State, UCLA, USC, and UT."

However, the feature inspired a spin-off, one that does not censor submissions and is run independently. The feature is allegedly operated through a third party application, although that has not yet been confirmed.

ECUNation allows to students, users to follow the account. They are then able to send photos and videos, which are later added to a "My Story."

"I use ECUNation, but I don't submit anything," said Colleen Murray, senior public health major. "I don't think people should be showing off their bodies and advocating drug use, but it is entertaining."

Other students are completely against ECUNation after using the app and seeing what people post.

"I'm opposed to using ECUNation because it idealizes the use of illegal drugs and underage drinking. It's impossible to tell college kids to abide by the law when we see our peers not getting in trouble for breaking it," said Jacob Bowlus, freshman science education major.

The account has accumulated a lot of buzz regarding its content. While some posts exemplify pirate pride, the majority is inappropriate. Snaps featuring nudity, drug use and alcohol abuse are among the most common.

ECU Police have commented on the matter saying that they are aware of the

account, but little can be done to limit use. Since the posts cannot be tracked to a location or particular device, no legal action can be taken.

"I think students would be better served to think long and hard about what they allow to have posted of themselves on social media or even in photographs," said Lt. Chris Sutton, ECU Police public information officer. "This could create an image of them that could follow them for the rest of their lives and could hinder them from seeking employment or furthering their education."

Travis Lewis, the associate dean of students commented on the matter who says that a lot of the people featured in the photos aren't ECU students.

"I have spoken to an individual whose picture was actually on the site and they do not even attend this university," said Lewis. "It's unfortunate that those individuals' actions are being associated with our campus all because of the ECU Nation name."

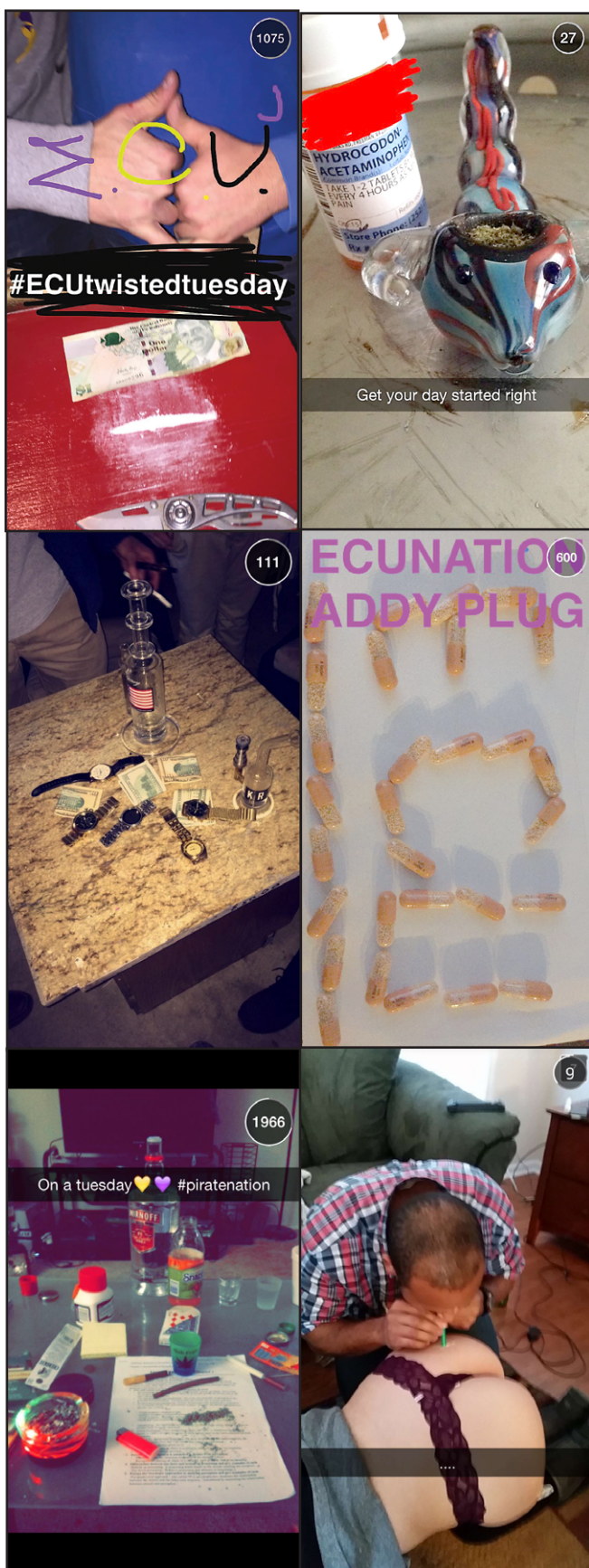
While many students find the account fun, others are disappointed by the behavior of their fellow classmates and urge them to think twice before sharing their snapchats.

"We are grateful to our student body who has spoken out and said that this is not a proper representation of the vast majority of our students," said Lewis. "They have spoken out to the media and said that this is not representative of us, and for that we are grateful."

Due to volume, Snapchat is in the process of disbanding the account, eliminating the ability to post, according to Lewis. As a result, the anonymous owner(s) of the ECUNation account have created their own app to continue the posts. ECUNation released an announcement via the the story thread: "We've created a way to keep ECUNation alive. You can download our app, Yeti: Campus stories, which is now available in the Apple Store."

While the account may be banned from Snapchat, the users and owner(s) fully intend on seeing the posts continue. The new feature allows for users to like photos that are posted, although the posts are still done anonymously. Snapchat did not get back in time to comment on the matter.

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COURTESY OF ECUNATION SNAPCHAT
The photos posted on ECUNation are considered public forum and are accessible for public use. The above photos were screenshots from the account, depicting several questionable submissions.

Officers institute safety program

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University police are partnering with the Greenville Police Department to stress the importance of safety of pedestrians, drivers and bicyclists.

The local campaign is being modeled after "Watch For Me N.C.," a safety program created to be implemented in North Carolina counties. Pitt County, Greenville specifically, was accepted to participate in the campaign after a competitive application process.

"The Watch for Me NC program involves two key elements: number one, safety and educational messages directed toward drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists, and number two, enforcement efforts by area police to crack down on some of the violations of traffic safety laws," according to their website.

Kristen Hunter, public information officer for the GPD provided background information and the ultimate goal the department hopes to achieve through operating this program.

"Last year we did not have any traffic fatalities, including pedestrian fatalities," said Hunter. "That's never happened before in Greenville history. We hope that we can achieve the same goal this year. Awareness campaigns, like this one, are a big factor in preventing crashes and promoting safe driver and pedestrian habits."

Greenville police officers were stationed at the intersection of 10th Street and College Hill Drive on Wednesday, issuing safety information to students who illegally crossed the street without the signal indicating it was safe to cross.

"Pedestrian safety is very impor-

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Beauty Bar to teach eventgoers 'brow' basics

Kiera Huie
TEC STAFF

On Sunday, Blessed and Anointed Beauty Services (B.A.A.B.S), will be hosting their second annual Beautiful Brow Basics event.

"The Beautiful Brow Basics event is a hands on class where women can come in and create the perfect brow," said Necia Boston, owner of B.A.A.B.S and East Carolina alumna. "We want to help the women out by showing them how to do their eyebrows at home without coming to the beauty bar."

Boston explained that they will show the do's and don'ts of eyebrows. As well, her team will go around helping each and every single person out. "We want everyone to leave [here] happy and know the basics of eyebrows," said Boston.

According to Boston, eyebrows are very important for a woman to get done because it sets the stage for the rest of your face. "When you get that fresh brow [arch] job done, you just feel like a totally different person," she said.

Boston stated that with eyebrows you have to find that right person to do them. "You want to make sure you go to someone who will actually take the time out to ask

you exactly how [you] want your eyebrows done," she said. "Some people like the thin, fuller, pointed at the end, or thickness afar. You have to make sure you tell them how you want them."

There are two main ways that people get their eyebrows done: threaded or waxed.

Boston explained that there is a big controversy about whether getting eyebrows threaded or waxed are better.

"I have heard a lot of people say that getting your eyebrows threaded is better because the wax is not put on the surface of the skin," said Boston. "However, threading can cause skin aging with the pulling and tugging."

Brittany Salerno, sophomore public health major, stated that she prefers getting her eyebrows waxed over threading. "I like getting them waxed because its much more affordable than threading," she said.

Boston stated that she personally likes to get her eyebrows waxed, because she believes that waxing really gets all of her unwanted hairs.

"It really is a matter of choice," said Boston. "Whatever you think gets the job done is probably best."

For people with thin eyebrows, Boston explained that you should not get your



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Beauty bar cosmetologist Taneasha Culpepper (right) waxes client Ty Moseley's (left) eyebrows.

eyebrows waxed all the time. "With thin eyebrows, you can easily fill them in with powder to make them look fuller," she said.

For the Beautiful Brow Basics event, Boston stated that they are trying to connect to everyone and inform the people of Greenville

about the basics of eyebrows.

The event will start at 5 p.m. at B.A.A.B.S Boutique and Beauty Bar.

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BRIEFS

Possible tax break for Greenville is in the air

Greenville City Council has decided to consider a tax break that could benefit everyone in a major way. At its annual planning retreat, the council unanimously recommended to the city manager to put together a budget which would cut the tax hike by a penny, which could cut could give property owners an average \$15 tax break.

Man sentenced to almost 40 years

A jury has found Willie Langley Jr. who faced attempted murder charges in Pitt County guilty on all charges. Langley was sentenced to a minimum of 19 years in prison, an additional 9 years minimum on a firearm charge, and an additional 9 years minimum for discharging a weapon in a car. Langley had a previous criminal history after being charged with murder back in 2011.

Project STEPP receives grant

The STEPP program received a two-year grant from William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust to mentor students with learning differences in middle and high school. The STEPP program (Supporting Transition and Education through Planning and Partnerships) is going to use the funds to assist in developing a curriculum that will help middle school students transition and to provide resources for high school families.

ONLINE



Second Aycock forum

A second forum was held Tuesday for faculty, staff and community members to vote on the name change of Aycock Residence Hall. The Aycock family was also in attendance at the forum, defending their name and reputation.

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.

GPD hosts Citizens Academy

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TEC STAFF

The Greenville Police Department will be hosting a Citizen's Police Academy starting Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m.

The Citizen's Police Academy is a 10-week program that will teach citizens about basic law enforcement through lectures, presentations and hands-on activities one night a week.

According to Sergeant Mike Broadwell of the Greenville Police Department, who is also the current facilitator of the Citizen's Police Academy, this year the academy will take a new spin from previous sessions and will include more hands-on activities and live demos for students to see.

"We are really going to be doing the best we can to engage the students so they feel like they can get a little more out of it than just sitting and listening to a lecture," said Broadwell.

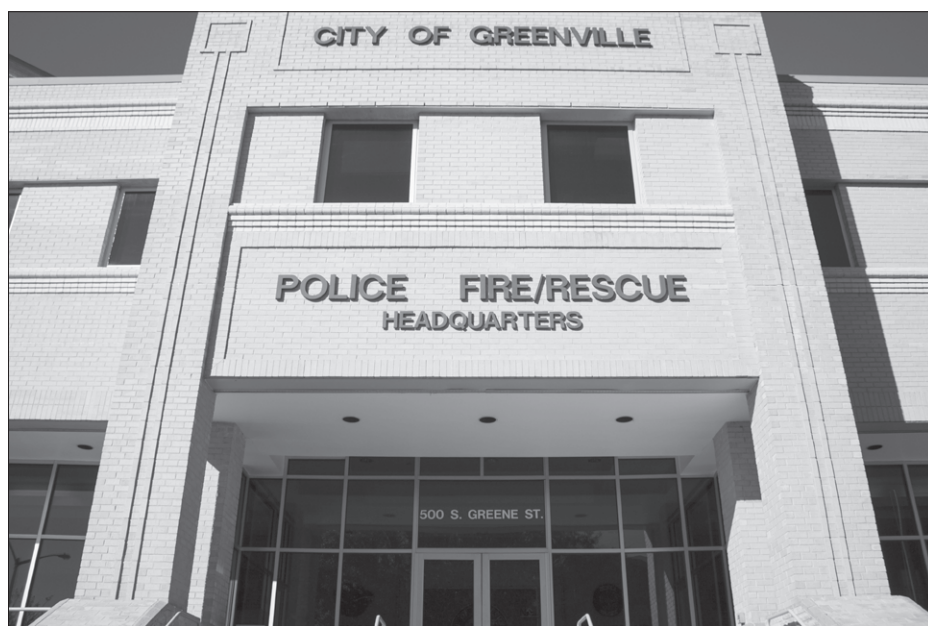
Broadwell says that plans for certain activities are not yet set-in-stone, but the Greenville Police Department has a variety of activities in mind for students during this session.

Currently there are plans to have a traffic-unit driving course, during which students will ride in the passenger seat of a police car while the driver goes through courses required during training for police cadets. Broadwell says he hopes to have students drive through a few of the slow-speed courses themselves as well.

"It sounds a little boring but it is extremely intense. It's high speed, a lot of turns, it's a lot of fun even on the passenger side," said Broadwell.

Students can also expect to learn more about Tasers, which has never been done before in a Citizen's Police Academy at the GPD. Broadwell says that students will be able to see an officer get tased while learning about what officers go through when determining what type of force to use in certain situations.

Throughout the course of the academy



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The Greenville Police Station will host the Citizen's Police Academy during its ten-week stay. The unit supervisors will teach students about each unit of the Greenville Police Department through lectures, presentations and live demos. Units such as the K-9 unit, forensics unit and the Emergency Response Team will be highlighted during the academy.

According to Broadwell, the Greenville Police Department has received great feedback about the Citizen's Police Academy in the past.

"When they come in it's really an eye-opener," said Broadwell. "They learn a tremendous amount and have a huge respect for police officers in general by the time the class is over."

Broadwell says that although the program is designed for the citizens of Greenville, participating officers often find themselves having a great time too.

"When you are instructing police officers that already know the job sometimes it can be a little mundane, they already know the information, but when you're instructing citizens it's a lot of fun because it's fresh information, it's brand new and they are

very receptive to the information so all the instructors love doing it," said Broadwell.

Overall, Broadwell says that the goal of hosting the academy is to build a stronger relationship with the community and to educate citizens on the ins-and-outs of what it is like to be a law enforcement officer.

"My goal isn't to make you a police officer," said Broadwell. "My goal is to open your eyes and make you realize what a police officer goes through day in and day out to build positive relationships with the community because once you come through our ten-week class I guarantee when you leave you are going to want to be a part of this, you are going to want to support the police department."

There is no charge associated with participating in the Citizen's Police Academy, but it is required that participants are 18-years or older. Background checks will be done on each participant to ensure they do not have extensive criminal history.

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Red Cross stresses diversity

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TEC STAFF

In honor of Black History Month this February the American Red Cross is encouraging eligible donors to celebrate by donating blood and ensuring a diverse blood supply is available for patients.

"It's important to have a diverse blood donor base to have an adequate blood supply," said Kristen Hatfield, American Red Cross external communication manager. "Seventy percent of African Americans have type O or type B blood, and [these blood types] are the first blood types to reach critically low levels during a shortage."

Patients are less likely to have complications from blood that's donated with someone from the same ethnicity, particularly for those patients whose chronic conditions require repeated transfusions.

Approximately 100,000 people in the United States are affected by sickle cell disease. The most common treatment for sickle cell is a blood transfusion.

"Sickle cell is very painful,



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Meesh Salter, senior public health major, donates blood at Mendenhall.

I have met blood recipients that have sickle cell, and they say when they receive blood, they feel reenergized and it rejuvenates them. Many of these patients have rare blood types unique to African Americans so, the patients rely on donors with matching blood types from the same ethnic or genetic backgrounds," said Hatfield.

Dr. Charles Drew, an African-American surgeon who was the first medical director of the American Red Cross and a modern blood-banking pioneer, encour-

aged eligible donors from diverse backgrounds to give blood to ensure a sufficient blood supply.

"I am aware African Americans have rare blood types and that some blood banks may not be as diverse as they should be," Matthew Washington, freshman political science and history double major. "As an African American, if donating blood is a way I can help people within my ethnicity I will. I would hope someone one day would sit in a chair and donate blood to help me if I needed it."

All blood types are currently needed to help maintain a diverse and sufficient blood supply, especially types O negative, A negative and B negative.

"It's important for African Americans to donate blood, because it's going towards a greater cause," said Mark Hawkins, sophomore communication major. "We fight for saving African Americans lives, and we have an opportunity to save lives by donating blood. In order for change, we must make a change."

With seasonal flu and inclement winter weather preventing many regular donors from giving, the Red Cross urges healthy, eligible donors to make an appointment to donate blood in the coming days and weeks.

Starting Feb. 1, the American Red Cross will be setting up blood drives all around the country, there will be upcoming blood donation opportunities in Greenville on Feb. 3.

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Fraternity defends name

Jesse Deal
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The Kappa Sigma Fraternity placed ads in past issues of The East Carolinian stating that the fraternity has no authority operating at ECU.

Kappa Sigma Executive Director Mitchell Wilson has explained the decision to run those ads.

"We put an ad in the paper to basically let the academic community at East Carolina know that the Kappa Sigma fraternity did not have a chapter on the campus in any form or fashion," said Wilson. "We do not operate an underground chapter."

The fraternity closed its ECU chapter in March 2014, due to a violation of its code of conduct and university student conduct policies amidst

reports of hazing. That hasn't prevented some students from still claiming membership, however.

"We had heard that there were some individuals who claimed they were still having events so we put an ad in the paper," said Wilson.

The ECU Office of Greek Life has not confirmed these claims, but Greek Life Director Keith Tingley expanded on Wilson's comments and the university's policies.

"The national is trying to make it clear to any students who used to be associated with Kappa Sigma that they don't represent the organization—they can't do anything in the organization's name," said Tingley.

In addition, Tingley says that nobody on or around



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Phi Mu's house was formerly owned by Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

campus should resemble a Kappa Sigma member.

"No gathering of students should ever look like what somebody could perceive as a Kappa Sigma event," said Tingley. "Guys should not be wearing Kappa Sigma paraphernalia."

There is good news for former Pirate Kappa Sigma members and alumni—the fraternity will be returning to ECU next year, according

to Wilson.

"We closed our chapter there last year and we will return in 2016 so that's where we are," Wilson said. "If there are alumni who are in good standing, they have the right of membership."

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tant," said Lt. Chris Sutton, ECU police public information officer. "We have extremely high volumes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic around our campus and within the city of Greenville."

Each flyer lists the laws pertaining to both pedestrians crossing as well as the failure of drivers who don't yield to pedestrians. The laws also included the potential repercussions. Failure to comply with these laws could potentially result in an infraction, requiring a court appearance.

The flyer concluded urging community members to cooperate with local and state laws while encouraging others to do the same.

"It shouldn't just be a ECUPD or GPD issue; this should be an issue for anyone who travels on or around our campus," said Lt. Sutton. "Look before you cross and be very defensive when traveling."

Hunter added that educational materials will continue to be distributed over campus and across town these next few weeks.

"We [GPD] want to give everyone plenty of warning because by the end of February we will start issuing tickets," said Hunter. "We want to give everyone plenty of warning because by the end of February we will start issuing tickets."

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7:00 pm

Salsa Dance Party
Saturday, Jan. 31
7:00 pm
Tickets Required, \$5

Tavern on 4th
Friday, Jan. 30
Dueling Pianos

The Mikele Buck Band
Saturday, Jan. 31

SuperBowl Sunday
Sunday, Feb. 1
Channel NBC
6:30 pm

MOVIES

Hendrix Theater

Friday, Jan. 30
Annabelle at 7 p.m.
Horrible Bosses 2 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31
Horrible Bosses at 7 p.m.
Annabelle at 9:30 p.m.

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Movies times for Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1

Black or White
12:30 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Project Almanac
1:40 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

The Loft
2:10 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

Mortdecai
4:40 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Strange Magic
12:05 p.m., 1:20 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

The Boy Next Door
2:40 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

American Sniper
12:50 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:05 p.m.

The Wedding Ringer
12:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

Taken 3
2:20 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

A Most Violent Year
12:10 p.m., 3:20 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

Selma
12:40 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 9:40 p.m.



Terrance Holland, a former member of Word of Mouth, speaks at a past open mic night. All students are welcome at tonight's event in Mendenhall.

Calling all Poets

Word of Mouth hosts themed open mic night

Nichole Currie
TEC STAFF

The poetry organization Word of Mouth at East Carolina will host an open mic night tomorrow in Mendenhall Student Center at 7 p.m.

This is not Word of Mouth's first open mic at ECU, but the first one for this semester. They hold one every last Friday of each month and this month's open mic is titled "The Morning After Poem."

"The Morning After Poem" is a play on the phrase the morning after pill but it is not confined to just that, it is ambiguous," said Mariah Barber, junior public health major and president of Word of Mouth. "It can mean the morning after any event that inspired a poem song or any work of art from an artist."

Corey Valance, freshman English education major and member of Word of Mouth, said that a lot of performers are going to be coming from different standpoints.

"Some may talk about the night after a one night stand, a first time or a great accomplishment," said Valance.

Barber will be performing along with many others tomorrow night. She says she has prepared a new poem and so have other performers from Word of Mouth. Along with poetry, hip-hop and live music may be performed as well.

"I'm excited to see the different takes on the theme by performers," said Barber.

Janae Brown, sophomore intended graphics design major and member of Word of Mouth, will be performing tomorrow. Brown had performed many pieces before but tomorrow she says will be her first love piece.

"It kind of made me come out of my comfort zone," said Brown. "I am not the typical love writer."

Valance will also be talking about love. "My poem is going to be about realizing your real emotions and coming to accept that you love someone," he said.

Barber asked for students to come with open eyes and open minds. "My piece is titled 'tips on dating the town drunks daughter,'" he said.

Sign-ups for the event will be 30 minutes before the show starts. "It's a chance to share and meet new artists or hear some great performances," said Barber. "You just have to come out and see that's the beauty of an open mic."

Word of Mouth is the first and only spoken word organization on ECU's campus and was founded by Johnny Martinez. This will be their sixth year into existence at ECU. They are known on other campuses as well.

"We have competed in the national poetry competition a couple times since our existence, Last year [was] at University of Colorado Boulder," said Mariah Barber, president of Word of Mouth. "I won the first ever national haiku slam competition and Mia Willis came in third place."

This year Barber says the national competition is in neighboring state Virginia. "We plan to send a team and hopefully can place in the top five," said Barber. "I have faith we have an opportunity to win this thing for ECU."

Word of Mouth also competes frequently in poetry slams with other North Carolina Universities. They volunteer in the Greenville community with the Boys and Girls Club, Third Street Community Center and Whitfield Middle School and even teach a few classes at the different community centers.

Brown said she enjoys being a part of Word of Mouth and believes that words are "soothing to the soul especially when you listen to people speak without a beat and when it is fluent words," she said. "People say the realest things in poetry."

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Mi Cabana to open express

Kelsey Padgett
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Locally owned Mi Cabana Express will be opening downtown in the building that formerly housed Pita Pit.

Co-owners Mario Rodriguez and Octavio Flores are excited about the opportunity to expand their business further.

"The landlord [of the building] contacted us and he told us about the opportunity to come to the downtown," said Flores. "When we put the sign up downtown, everybody was happy. They were even taking pictures with the board we have outside."

The new Mi Cabana Express will be slightly different from its sister stores throughout Pitt county.

"The service is going to be faster. The students- we wanted to do something faster for them," said Flores. "Our clientele at the store by the mall is a lot of students and they really like it. Hopefully we will do well at this location as well."

The new business will also be different from current locations with its hours of service. The idea to stay open late for people leaving the downtown bars and clubs is already being discussed. "It's going to be lunch and

dinner, and then probably like a late dinner for the late crowd downtown. We plan for it to stay open and see how it works when they close the clubs," said Flores.

Flores went on to say that the decision to expand was an easy one, because of the success they have had in the past with the help of their loyal clientele.

"Everybody knows Mi Cabana and the name is becoming more popular," said Flores. "We thought this would be a way to work with our customers and keep them happy."

Mi Cabana Express will also be taking applications from students who are interested in working at the new location.

"We've been searching around and seeing how Sup Dogs does their jobs, and when people go in there they feel it's fun and that's what we want to do," said Flores. "We're going to hire some students and new people and that might help to bring better service."

Remodeling construction is set to begin by next week, in hopes that the location will be ready to open this spring. The tentative opening day is set for Mar. 1.

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Rock and Roll band to host Topsy Teapot event for third time

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

Locomotive Gun will perform at Limelight at Topsy Teapot tonight at 8 p.m.

This performance will be the band's third time playing an event at Topsy Teapot, and tenth time performing in Greenville.

"Of all Greenville venues, Topsy Teapot is easily my favorite," said John Carter, guitarist and vocalist for Locomotive Gun. "Topsy Teapot contacted us because we performed in November and it was a big success. They called me on Monday and asked if we could perform this Thursday."

The band is based out of New Port and Havelock, although they travel all over N.C. for shows.

"The bass player and myself are from New Port and the

others are from Havelock," said Carter. "We also do Battle of the Bands at local bars in New Port."

The band consists of Carter, Gambit on drums, Wulf on guitar and vox, and Nibroc on bass. They perform Rock and Roll originals, with inspiration from Motorhead, The Ramones and Kiss.

According to Carter, the first show the band performed was in October 2012. The band is currently signing with a label in Hamburg, Germany for European distribution of their music, but will be self-releasing in the United States.

Bitter Future will also perform alongside Locomotive Gun. Bitter Future is a new band that performs 80's indie and modern era pop punk.

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>> PLAN TO GO

WHAT: Locomotive Gun performance

WHEN: Tonight at 8 p.m.

WHERE: Topsy Teapot



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The School of Theater and Dance will feature students reciting ballet and jazz style performances.

McGinnis hosts Dance 2015

Lindsay Rayner
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's School of Theatre and Dance will be hosting Dance 2015 at McGinnis Theatre beginning tonight at 8 p.m.

Jeffery Woodruff, managing director for the School of Theatre and Dance, stated that Dance 2015 doesn't focus on one type of dance.

"That's one of the things that makes [Dance 2015] so unique," said Woodruff. "There is ballet, there's tap, there's jazz, there's contemporary, there's modern... there's a lot."

Even though the first public performance is tonight, Woodruff said the dancers began rehearsing for this recital in the fall.

"Basically all of these ECU students gave up their fall break to come and do this," said Woodruff.

For Elizabeth Cousar, freshman dance major who is performing in Dance 2015, giving up Fall Break was a sacrifice she was willing to make.

"It was really nice to start rehearsal early because we all

felt more prepared and excited for that first show," said Cousar.

Ronnie Koresh from Koresh Dance Company assisted with some of the choreography. "They sent two of their company members who also happen to be ECU alumni to come and teach the pieces to us," said Woodruff.

The dancers enjoyed being taught by a fellow pirate. "I loved having alumni teaching because it felt more like family coming back and not just teachers," said Cousar.

Participating in events such as Dance 2015 has been a long process for the performers. "If you get cast in one of these pieces, you're looking at at least six weeks of rehearsals six days a week, weekends included," said Woodruff.

Even though auditions for the school's performances are typically open to all students, dance majors are usually the ones who participate.

"It's not that its limited or [that] non majors can't audition," said Woodruff. "It's just once they see the schedule they go 'I can't do this... I've got

biology labs and chem labs!"

Dance 2015 is an annual dance concert that has been performed at ECU since 1984. Woodruff said this is usually a very popular event.

"This is like the big piece, we do a lot of smaller studio work pieces," said Woodruff.

This will be Cousar's first time performing in Dance 2015.

"I'm so excited to perform with everyone on stage. The whole department has welcomed me with open arms and really made me feel like one of the family," said Cousar.

According to Woodruff, the School of Theatre and Dance puts on about half a dozen shows per semester, mostly in their studio theatre. "There are a lot of different things that go on," he said.

Plan to Go Info:

Dance 2015 will be performed in McGinnis Theatre today through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., and Monday-Tuesday at 8 p.m.

This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

Two cheesy dips for super bowl snacking

Joe Gray
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Even if you're a fan of the brand-linked queso dip (basically, melted Velveeta mixed with a can of Rotel diced tomatoes and green chilies), consider the melted goodness of these three dips. One bring-

together the flavors of Buffalo wings. The others are favorites from our archives. Each is almost as easy as the queso dip. Try one for Super Bowl and watch them disappear before halftime.

BUFFALO BLUE CHEESE DIP

Prep: 15 minutes
Cook: 5-10 minutes
Makes: About 8 cups

INGREDIENTS:

1 rotisserie chicken, deboned, shredded (discard skin and bones)

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, at room temperature

2 cups shredded cheddar
1 bottle (12 ounces) hot sauce, such as Frank's Red Hot Original Cayenne Pepper Sauce

1 bottle (12 ounces) chunky blue cheese dressing

The flavors of Buffalo chicken wings and the attendant tangy, rich blue cheese dip come together in one pot in this couldn't-be-simpler, dump-and-stir dip. The slow cooker does the work and keeps it warm throughout the game. Buffalo blue cheese dip is an Internet-driven recipe, with more complex versions published on many sites. This version comes from my friend Ginna Haravon, who in turn got it from her cousin. At some point, it probably came directly from the Frank's hot

sauce website, as the ingredients match. The recipe makes a very spicy dip, so start with less hot sauce if you prefer a milder dip.

Dump all the ingredients into a slower cooker; stir together. Cook on high, stirring occasionally, until the cream cheese and cheddar cheese melt. Stir until the ingredients are well blended. Serve from the slow cooker, keeping the temperature on low or warm, with celery and carrot sticks and/or a sturdy chip, such as pita chips.

CARAMELIZED ONION DIP

Prep: 15 minutes
Cook: 25 minutes
Chill: 2 sours
Makes: About 2 cups

INGREDIENTS:

1 tablespoon each: olive oil, butter

2 each, peeled, sliced: yellow onions, red onions

1 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1 cup each: goat cheese, creme fraiche

1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme

The packaged French onion dips of the '70s have nothing on this dip, adapted from a recipe from Erin Bailey of La Pomme de Pin in Barrington, Ill. The onions cook down to draw out their natural sweetness, abetted with a little balsamic vinegar. The rich goat cheese and creme fraiche provide tang. Creme fraiche is sold in larger supermarkets and specialty shops; sour cream could be used instead. Serve with potato chips, crudites or toasted pita bread.

1. Heat oil and butter in a large skillet. Add onions, { teaspoon salt and pepper to taste; cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are caramelized,

20-30 minutes. Add balsamic vinegar, stirring up browned bits from the bottom of the skillet.

2. Combine the onions with the goat cheese, creme fraiche, thyme, the remaining { teaspoon salt and pepper to taste in a medium bowl. Stir, allowing the warm onions to help melt the goat cheese. Cover; refrigerate 2 to 12 hours. Let stand at room temperature until softened slightly before serving.

Joe Gray is a contributor to MCT and the Chicago Tribune

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PIRATE RANTS

I never knew how much the SGA cabinet members got paid, it's nice to see where my tuition money is going.

When the large majority of classes rely on online assignments, you would expect improving the campus' wifi would be high up on the to-do list.

Empire poppin', rebels drop-pin'.

Anybody else hear rumors that students were attempting to storm and overthrow the SGA?

I cannot believe two things. First that someone wrote a rant about people memorizing Pi. Second that the TEC posted a follow up rant that was Pi

I have already begun counting down to when MY Spring Break begins... I'm a professor... only 36 days to go...

Is it me or every time that I enter and then leave the math cave, I feel like I was dead for three hours?

I hear the dining halls serve a mythical breakfast from 7-10:44 a.m., yet when I come in around 9:45 there is less food than in west Africa.

I need not to already have senioritis before we have even taken our first test

I swear, guys walk around with cute puppies on campus just to pick up girls. Works like a charm. #doglover

Shoutout to my best friend for finally cussing out our roommates! You're the real MVP.

Went to the Student Health Center, waited for two hours for them to tell me I have pneumonia...I had a simple cold.

Is MyMathLab necessary for remedial students struggling through math?

Yes, athletes do have the brains to stay at ECU and excel in more ways than one... thank ya very much.

TEC: Your columnists need to check their privilege before they write. Ms. Ramagano has a thing or two to learn about race, power and film.

To the guy who called out men judging women in Tuesday's rant: you are a rare and beautiful bird.

No one cares about SGA, stop printing about them.

I have a feeling we all provide convenient "friendships" to each other for the time being, but once we graduate... bye.

These pirate rants are getting pretty weak. When did this become a political/gender studies column?

What are speech and hearing majors supposed to do if we graduate in December? Sit around and do absolutely nothing until we can start graduate school eight months later?

Tired of students complaining about Health 1000 being a requirement for graduation. The class teaches the students imperative health information that they can use to have a safer and worthier college experience.

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding rants can be directed to Zach Elsam at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Our view

Please network responsibly

Recently, students have become immersed in a variety of new, public, social networking forums. These databases are normally used for fun, but recently have gained the attention of law enforcement with the addition of anonymous posts of nudity and illicit drug use. We as an editorial staff believe that anything dealing with drugs, alcohol, nudity and anything else that common sense would dictate as inappropriate, should not be put on social media.

We live in a time where there are many opportunities for us to get photos spread on the Internet, either from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, YikYak, Pinterest and/or Tumblr. Once these photos are posted, they are free game for anyone who wants them. We may think that if we delete a photo or merely send a snapchat, then it is gone forever, but nothing is entirely gone once it has been uploaded to the Internet. Photos can be screenshotted or saved and then can be spread around endlessly.

Students need to focus on personal responsibility when making the decision to upload a photo of them engaging

in acts such as smoking illegal substances, underage drinking or events that include nudity. Uploading photos that tarnish your self-image not only hurts your reputation, but it injures ECU's reputation. When people see these photos of students doing illegal drugs, or posing half naked, they assume that most of our students are partyers and they lower their expectations for our university and alumni. Not only do those photos affect your student life, but they will eventually affect your career. Employers make recognize your photos, or have heard stories about the unbecoming photos that ECU students have uploaded and not want to hire someone who has openly shown a lack of common sense.

Students come to ECU to take pride in being a Pirate and we should continue to allow students that right, instead of taking it away from them by publicly showing how some students spend their free time. Be smart and socially responsible with your social networking.

Innocent until proven guilty?



Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC COLUMNIST

This Sunday, the world will tune in to watch the 'lying, cheating and evil' Patriots play the 'heroic' Seahawks in Super Bowl XLIX. At least that's the story the media, and so many fans of the sport, would tell you.

Society now, with the help of social media, is far too quick to believe reports without first considering proven facts. It's a serious problem with our generation and is one that has far more dangers than one might initially believe.

For example, take the "deflate-gate" controversy in the NFL. For those who don't know, the New England Patriots have been accused of deflating footballs to get an unfair competitive advantage in the AFC Championship Game. Immediately after the story broke, accusations flew at coach Bill Belichick and the Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady.

Brady gave a less-than-convincing press conference proclaiming his innocence, and the look of insecurity on his usually confident face only further convinced fans of his guilt. However, the fact of the matter remains: We don't have any idea what happened to those footballs. No one saw Brady deflate the balls, no phone call was uncovered where Belichick, asked someone

to remove the air, and no one has come out and taken responsibility for what happened. Innocent until proven guilty, the foundation that our justice system is built on, seems to be completely forgotten.

There's a reason the founding fathers emphasized that philosophy so much. What one person says, true or not, has the ability to completely ruin a person's life. Darren Wilson, the police officer who pulled the trigger in the controversial Michael Brown shooting, was forced to retire from the police force after receiving threats on his life from the Black Panthers and outraged fighters for "justice." Hate and vitriol were directed at Wilson, despite forensic evidence that supports his claims of innocence. It was already too late though, the court of public opinion declared Wilson guilty and his life will never be the same regardless of any grand jury's findings.

Not only is it possible to destroy the lives of others by jumping to conclusions, it's also easy! Take comedian Bill Cosby, a well liked advocate for African Americans. Cosby, whose impact on the world was immensely positive, has been accused by several women of rape. While I have no idea whether he did so or not, the rest of the world seems to be assuming he's guilty. Obviously, if the accusations are true, Cosby's legacy deserves to be completely tarnished. But right now, we simply don't know if the claims are backed by

any substantial evidence. It's completely possible that the accusers are lying. By just a few people throwing out accusations has completely ruined Cosby's image.

Recklessly assuming guilt happens in our daily lives all the time. Gossip is impossible to avoid in today's world, and each rumor we blindly believe contributes to this dangerous cycle. Just about everyone has experienced the hurt of negative gossip, and it's only right that we remember our own bad experiences when evaluating others. Brady said on his weekly radio show that his feelings were hurt because he feels betrayed by the people who've turned on him so quickly, a feeling that most all of us can relate to.

It's tough to remain objective. When I first heard about the deflated footballs in New England, the death of Mike Brown, and the accusations against Cosby, I personally found myself a contributor to the national outrage. But cooler minds must prevail in this country of law and order. We owe it to ourselves, and to people who are accused of wrongdoing, to remain objective and wait for the facts to present themselves. It's the only way this country can properly function.

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Obama proposes free education



Joseph Paul
TEC COLUMNIST

President Obama recently announced a plan to fund community college for all prospective students in order to intentionally strengthen the United States workforce. However, the \$60 billion plan will likely be of little interest to the new, more conservative congress. Despite its flaws, the idea offers a new foundation for a lacking and unorganized higher education scheme. The White House claims this will be a comprehensive solution to a national education crisis.

Foremost, the plan needs to correct the blatant flaws of affirmative action. Stuart Butler at the Brookings Institute remarks that the plan, like affirmative action, will favor Americans of higher socioeconomic status because the plan does not cover non-tuition costs. Perhaps the plan should be adjusted to household income instead, in order to provide tailored funding for lower-income students? These challenges are particularly evident in rural, eastern North Carolina, where the means to live in another community in order to attend college are sparse. Moreover, rural areas must be made aware of these impending opportunities, which will require cooperation and communication between the federal government and public high schools.

The plan will certainly face an intense lobby from large universities, particularly those that would lose fractions of their student bodies to community colleges under the plan (i.e. ECU and the rest of the UNC system minus UNC-CH and N.C. State). Colleges do not make money from graduating students but, however, do profit from students that stay beyond the typical four-year stint. However, many students would face the same job prospects with a two-year associate degree as they would with a more expensive four-year degree.

Another concern, from the perspective of schools catering to rural

populations like ECU, is that the plan might inhibit talented students from pursuing success that requires bachelor's degrees and beyond. The plan could remedy this by including a shunt into higher undergraduate and graduate degree programs backed with appropriate funding.

Higher education is not all that different from Obama's last crusade: healthcare. Like universities, a relatively small number of institutions provide world-class care to patients, yet the vast majority of institutions are not nearly as advanced and prohibitively expensive. While the Affordable Care Act patches a subset of these programs by providing insurance, the broader issues are not necessarily and comprehensively addressed.

For the community college plan to work, it first needs to identify the larger problem of the limited access to knowledge that is densely held by only a few fortunate and wealthy universities.

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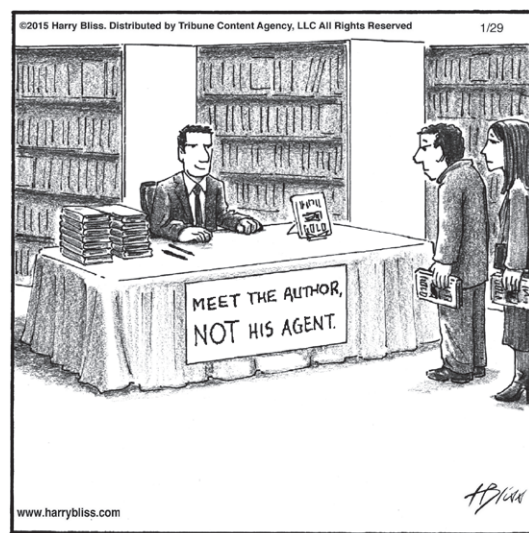
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Some portrait frames
- 6 Noble ___
- 11 Singsong syllable
- 14 With 15-Across, accounting unit
- 15 See 14-Across
- 16 Like some aces
- 17 Manage
- 18 Walking ___
- 19 Sound after a satisfying swig
- 20 Scotch cocktails
- 22 Zenith
- 23 "I won't hurt you"
- 26 Not as deliberate
- 28 Toothbrush-endorsing org.
- 29 With 31-Across, anathema
- 31 See 29-Across
- 32 Worlds
- 35 ___ legend
- 37 Question about change, which hints at the hidden feature of four two-part puzzle answers
- 42 Blue Grotto locale
- 43 "Ramona and Beezus" co-star Gomez
- 44 With 47-Across, some receivers
- 47 See 44-Across
- 49 Set-___
- 50 Malady in the 2000 film "Memento"
- 52 Like the best occult films
- 55 It's about a foot
- 56 Yield figures
- 58 Figure under a line
- 59 Fife-and-drum drum
- 60 Two cents
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- 65 With 66-Across, National Book Award-winning novel by Don DeLillo
- 66 See 65-Across
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By Marti DuGuay-Carpenter

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- 2 Center of gravity?
- 3 Presidential nickname
- 4 Petrol unit
- 5 Gave up a seat
- 6 One of six British kings
- 7 Year in Tuscany
- 8 "Wait for me"
- 9 Pension law signed by Ford, briefly
- 10 Jordan neighbor: Abbr.
- 11 Gillette razor
- 12 Hole enlarger
- 13 Cleave
- 21 Comes to the surface
- 22 Harsh-sounding, to some
- 23 Traffic stopper?
- 24 Notion
- 25 "Elf" actor
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- 39 Bordeaux bean?
- 40 "The Dukes of Hazzard" officer
- 41 Tammany Hall caricaturist
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- 45 "That upset me!"
- 46 Speakers of Tolkien's Noldorin language
- 48 Costing more
- 51 Corporate raider Carl
- 53 Jockey's handful
- 54 "This ___ a drill!"
- 57 Mechanical repetition
- 59 Prefix with light or night
- 61 "Easy as ___!"
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ECU road troubles continue

Pirates still winless on the road after Memphis loss

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It was a collision between two teams on opposite ends of the spectrum as ECU went on the road to the hostile FedEx Forum to play the Memphis Tigers.

Memphis added another win inside FedEx Forum, giving the Tigers 187 wins at home since the 2004-05 season—tops in the nation, while ECU extended its road-losing streak to 12. Memphis (13-7, 6-3 AAC) topped ECU (8-12, 1-6), 70-58, behind sophomore Austin Nichols' 21 points and five rebounds.

Nichols did most of his damage in the first half as he scored 12 points by the break, but when his team needed him down the stretch, he came up clutch. ECU cut the lead to just six, 62-56, but Nichols scored five of the final nine Memphis points and helped the Tigers coast in the waning moments. ECU's 2-3 defense limited Nichols effectiveness for most of the second half, though.

A barrage of Pirate three pointers in the second half made things interesting as ECU hit 13 three's, eight of which came in the final frame.

Against Tulsa, Terry Whisnant scored 22 points including six three's; against Memphis, the Florida State transfer knocked down another five three's and led the Pirates with 17 points.

After trailing 41-24, ECU went on a 16-4



Junior guard Terry Whisnant carries the ball up floor against Tulsa Saturday. He notched 22 points.

run to cut the Tigers lead to five, 45-40. During that three-minute stretch, the Pirates hit four three-pointers, while sophomore Caleb White scored eight points. White finished the night with 10 points, the only other Pirate in double figures.

Head Coach Jeff Lebo's team hit over 10 three's for the fifth time this season, but the Pirates are 0-5 in those games. The road-losing streak extends back to February 1 of last year as the Pirates defeated Alabama-

Birmingham in 2014. The streak will extend past a year, as the Pirates next road game is February 4 against Connecticut.

ECU assisted on 17 of its 21 baskets, but 13 turnovers compared to six for Memphis, killed the Pirates. Senior guard Antonio Robinson led the way with seven assists.

Sophomore transfer Michel Nzege collided with teammate Caleb White in the early moments of the second half and he did not return to the game after the athletic

training staff took him to the locker room to be evaluated. No injury has been announced and a timetable hasn't been either.

The Pirates trailed 39-24 to the Tigers at halftime. Although ECU shot 9-24 from the field, the Pirates hit five three-pointers to keep it respectable at the break.

Nichols scored 12 first-half points for the Tigers, while reserve Nick King chipped in seven points and six boards. King finished the game with 11 points and seven boards. Nichols scored in numerous ways as he knocked down jumpers and hook shots early. No Pirates were in double figures heading into the locker room.

ECU started the game strong as they hit 3-for-4 from the floor in the first 2:50 of action, but it took the team 11 minutes and 22 seconds to before they hit their next three field goals. The Pirates were 3-15 during the 11-minute stretch.

Nichols scored eight of the first 14 points for the Tigers and was a big part of the 19-5 run that gave Memphis a significant lead over Lebo's club.

Lebo and his team will head home for their next contest, which is on Sunday February 1, where they host Cincinnati. The Bearcats beat the Pirates by 21 points earlier this month.

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Sophomore success

White keeps even keel in second year

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For ECU's sophomore forward Caleb White, an impressive offensive freshman season set expectations for his sophomore campaign through the roof.

White started 30 games for the Pirates during his inaugural campaign and averaged 12.4 points per game, good for second on the team. He was only the third Pirate to score 400 points as a freshman.

While White has delivered a multitude of solid performances throughout his sophomore season, the best word to describe his performance has been inconsistent. White isn't worried about the narrative, however. He has just focused on improving his craft.

"I think I've taken a step forward in terms of understanding the game," said the 6-foot-7 sophomore. "This year we have a lot more help, so [my scoring] might not be as evident. But in terms of understanding the game and bringing intensity, I think I've gotten a lot better."

This season, White once again is second on the team in scoring, with the same average of 12.4 points per game. The only difference is his shooting percentage, which is down from six points from last year's remarkable 49 percent mark. Despite the difference in offensive efficiency, teammates say they've seen more positives from White this season than they did last.

"He plays harder on both ends of the court," said senior guard Paris Roberts-Campbell. "He's a little bit more aggressive trying to find his shot. He's more aggressive on the defensive end."

There have been moments of brilliance from the sophomore scattered throughout the season, especially in non-conference play early in the year. White posted a season-high 24 points in the Pirates second game of the year against UNC Asheville, but hasn't eclipsed the 20-point mark since.

Conference play has not been kind to White, however. He's averaging fewer than 10 points per game, and is shooting 12-for-37 from three-point range (32 percent).

Despite his field goal percentage suffering, White's free-throw percentage has vastly



Guard Caleb White drives against North Carolina.

improved. Last season he shot 71 percent from the stripe, compared to 85 percent now. He ranks third in the American Athletic Conference in that category.

The forward has put an emphasis on being more assertive on the court this season and his teammates are pleased to see him taking more shots.

"He definitely can shoot it," said Roberts-Campbell. "He wants to shoot it. I think last year he just wanted to get in [shots] when he fit in, but this year he definitely wants to be that guy who takes that shot."

As White's role on the team has become larger, so has his role in the locker room.

"He's becoming a good leader," said Roberts-Campbell. "He's a quiet guy naturally, just like I was, but he's been talking a lot more lately."

White is responding well to the high expectations set by his freshman season and he will look to get back on track in conference play.

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Bearcats next



VS



Pirates set for home contest

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This Sunday, the ECU men's basketball team (8-11, 1-5 American Athletic Conference) will face Cincinnati (14-5, 5-2 AAC) at Minges Coliseum, after suffering a tough loss, 69-48 earlier this month.

During the last meeting between the two teams, the Pirates shot 7-for-30 (23 percent) from the field including 5-for-22 from behind the arc. The Bearcats managed 18 points inside the paint in the first half, which contributed to a 19-6 run.

Turnovers also came back to bite the Pirates as Cincinnati turned ECU's 10 turnovers into 13 points.

The Pirates scored 48 points, while they only shot 33.3 percent from the field, the lowest field goal percentage any team has shot against Cincinnati this season.

"The kids battled hard and we defended fairly well, but we struggled on the other end shooting the basketball," said ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo.

Since their previous gathering, the Bearcats have won three of their last five conference games, beating Temple, Houston and UCF to move up to No. 3 in conference.

The Bearcats knocked out Temple and earned a 31-point victory, 84-53. There, the team scored its season high 84 points and shot nearly 80 percent (.769). Cincinnati tied its second-best shooting percentage of the season (.538), tied a season high with nine threes made as the Bearcats made its first 11 shots and put the game away with a 40-10 run in the first eight minutes after halftime.

Cincinnati's Octavius Ellis went 7-for-7 from the free throw line, grabbed five rebounds with two assists, earning 13 points that night.

The junior forward is second on his team with 9.5 points per game, totaling 180 points so far this season. The Bearcats' leading performer averages 6.1 rebounds per game. This season, he has 26 assists, 15 steals and 46 blocks.

Another player that the Pirates have to keep their eye on is Troy Coupain, who leads his team with 10.9 points per game this season and shot 53-for-61 from the charity stripe with a .869 free-throw percentage per game.

Pirates junior guard, Terry Whisnant, only shot 2-for-6 from behind the arc and 3-for-11 from the field during the team's first game against the Bearcats this season.

"We needed to come in and make 12 or 13 threes to have a chance and we didn't do that," said Lebo.

However, during the Pirates matchup against Tulsa, Whisnant scored 22 points while sinking 6-of-9 from three-point territory. If the junior can find consistency from behind the arc, the Pirates have a chance to earn their second AAC victory this season.

"We can't beat ourselves again," said sophomore guard Caleb White, "You can't have those live ball turnovers, and you can't get beat on the boards."

The rematch will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Minges Coliseum.

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TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU's road woes continued as it fell to Memphis, 70-58 yesterday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates suffered their largest defeat of the season with an 87-32 loss at defending national champion Connecticut.

BASEBALL

ECU southpaw Reid Love will miss three weeks with a hand injury and will be reevaluated at that point.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates will travel to Georgia Washington on Friday for a match before facing Navy on the road Saturday.

FOOTBALL

Former ECU offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley signed on with Oklahoma for two years and \$500 thousand per year, per College Football Talk.

TRACK & FIELD

The Pirates will travel to State College, Pa. for the Penn State National Friday and Saturday.

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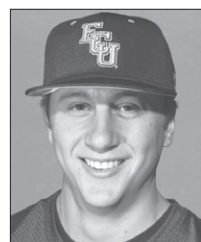


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Love to miss season opener

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Someone other than ECU's senior ace Reid Love will have to throw out the first pitch when the Pirates open the 2015 baseball season against Virginia on Feb. 13.



Reid Love

On Sunday, Love broke a bone in his pinky finger sliding into second base during an attempt to steal the bag in practice. He is expected to miss at least three weeks, but coach Cliff Godwin says it is possible for the senior to miss even more time.

"He's worked really hard to get in position to start [against Virginia]," said Godwin. "It's really tough for him, but we've got to overcome. We're not going to make any excuses and we'll be ready to go against Virginia."

In 2014, Love contributed more than his fair share to the ECU pitching staff. He pitched in 16 games, starting 13 of them, and posted a 5-3 record. He pitched 80.1 innings and boasted an impressive 1.16 WHIP to complement a 3.04 ERA.

Replacing an ace, especially against perennial powerhouse Virginia, won't be easy. If Love is cleared to play after his initial three weeks out he'll likely make his first start against Monmouth University on Mar. 6.

"We were actually happy with the diagnosis," said coach Godwin. "We expected him to be out a bit longer."

Godwin has not decided who will replace Love at the top of the rotation. There are still two weeks of intersquad practices before the season kicks off, but Godwin says that sophomores Evan Kruczynski and Jacob Wolfe are the current leaders in the race to earn the big start.

When the Pirates do take the field, they'll have just 22 men on their active roster. Sophomore Bryce Harman, who spent time at first base and designated hitter last season, was suspended for a violation of team rules.

"No one will be complaining about playing time," Godwin said. "We'll all be available and all be ready to go. It's not a challenge, it's an opportunity for guys to step up and get some playing time in the first weekend."

Godwin placed great emphasis on opening day. Despite the distractions he says the team can't wait to take to the field and get the season underway.

"They're ready to go right now," said Godwin. "This is a great opportunity for us to play a great team on opening night in front of a big home crowd."

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Husky domination

Lady Pirates falter against No. 2 UConn

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After its four game winning streak, the ECU Lady Pirates have now dropped two straight after its 87-32 dismantling loss Wednesday night against the defending champion No. 2 Connecticut Huskies.

The 55-point loss marks the Pirates' (13-8,4-6 American Athletic Conference) worst loss of the season, worse than the first meeting between the two, when the Pirates lost 89-38 on New Years Eve.

The Huskies (19-1,9-0 AAC) had six players score in double figures, including center Morgan Tuck who notched the third ever triple double in UConn history with 10 points, 10 blocks and 11 rebounds off the bench.

The Associated Press Player of the Year, Breanna Stewart, finished the game with 14 points, five steals, five assists and four rebounds.

Stewart was the top recruit in 2012 and a consensus first team All American last season.

Redshirt senior Abria Trice had the tough task of guarding Stewart. Trice got into quick foul trouble and had to exit the game halfway through the first half.

Trice scored four of the Pirates first six points but because of her early exit, ECU was a little stagnant to score.

Jada Payne was the only ECU player to score in double figures, scoring 13 points while pulling in a team-high six rebounds.

The Pirates shot 22.6 percent from the field and just 19 percent from behind the three-point line.

The two teams traded a few buckets in the early going, before the Huskies jumped out in front with a 16-0 run to lead by 20 points only eight minutes into the game.

The story of the game for the Pirates was their inability to contend on both sides of the paint. The defending national champions outscored ECU 66-18 in the paint.

Perhaps a reason for the Pirate's inside troubles is that UConn has four players standing 6-foot-2 or taller. The Pirates are also without their tallest player, 6-foot-4 Ondrea Shaw.

UConn dominated every facet of the game, recording 20 more rebounds, 14 more assists, three more steals, eight more blocks and shot 37.4 percent better than the Pirates.

Fifty-five points is a disastrous loss under any circumstance, but not out of the ordinary for Connecticut. The Huskies have an average winning margin of 40 points per



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Junior forward Jada Payne carries the ball up floor. She had 13 points and six rebounds in the loss.

game and lead every AAC statistical category except for steals, in which ECU ranks higher in. The Pirates are No. 5 nationally in that category.

On top of some of the nations best talent, the Huskies also have an abundance of bench players. UConn played nine players 13 or more minutes and had eight players score six or more points.

If it weren't for its overtime loss to Stanford earlier this season, UConn would be riding a 66 game winning streak.

The Pirates will try and look past this lopsided affair when they travel to New Orleans to take on the Tulane Green Wave on Saturday.

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Coaching the Lady Pirates

Assistant coaches help guide ECU in new direction

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With ECU's inaugural season in the American Athletic Conference winding down, the Lady Pirates' coaching staff take a look back at the road so far and the bright future ahead for the women's basketball program.



John Marcum

Associate Head Coach John Marcum has been an integral part of bringing together all of the right pieces, in terms of recruiting, for Macy's system. Prior to the season starting, Marcum signed a pair of top-10 ranked junior college players, as well as transfers from the Southeastern Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference and Pac-12.

"My favorite part of the season so far has been watching our players and staff evolve and thrive in their roles," said Marcum. "Especially our players playing unselfish and for each other after we faced adversity early on in the conference."

Assistant coaches Dalila Eshe and Crayton Jones were both hired this past June to help elevate the Lady Pirate's game with their professional experience.

Eshe, a former Florida Gator, has played in the WNBA as well as overseas. Jones, only in his first season involved



Dalila Eshe

with women's basketball, has helped coach the Detroit Pistons and Miami Heat during his NBA tenure.

"Coming in, right off of the basketball court myself, I've stepped into a position where I'm a mentor and give them tips from my own life experience," said Eshe. "Having played professionally and in college I'm able to relate and help them deal with issues young women face playing college sports and just life in general."

Jones, however has been a driving force on the Lady Pirates' defensive efforts. Currently ECU is ranked No. 7 in blocks (6.6) and No. 9 in steals per game (11.9).

"The biggest impact I've made is the intensity level at practice everyday and my strong attention to detail on the defensive side of the ball," said Jones. "I take pride in our defense, and our girls do too. That's our identity. We're going to defend and rebound hard everyday."

Despite the Lady Pirates' struggles during conference play this season, all three coaches agree that the team is beginning to turn it around and perform at the high level they were predicted to earlier this season, just before post-season play.

"We were picked to finish at the top of the conference and we're working our way there," said Marcum. "I'll be shocked

if we don't finish in the top half with a good seed going into the tournament and make a strong run in the postseason."

Eshe added, "With all the ups and downs of this season our girls have been able to react really well, especially with the way conference play started. We've got back in to our flow, playing in our system, and with everyone playing as a team I think we're right where we need to be."

Another thing the coaching staff believes in is the direction this team is headed in the near future with the personnel they have on and off the court.

"We need to continue building upon the path of success that coach Macy and Marcum have put in place over the past few years and going into next year I expect us to make it to the NCAA Tournament for sure," said Eshe.

There's still a lot ahead for the Lady Pirates as they wrap up their last eight games before the conference tournament begins.

"We're looking forward to achieving some firsts here," said Marcum. "There are things that have never been accomplished here at ECU, one of those things is three 20-win seasons in a row. If we stay healthy and committed to the process of getting better and preparing each day with our game planning and individual skill development over the next month and a half should show its self and collective success on the floor."

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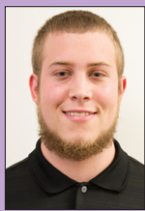
Who Wins? Pats, 24-21
Why? This game has all the makings of a classic. I expect a big game from Gronk and Brady.



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Who Wins? Pats, 35-28
Why? Tom Brady and LaGarrett Blount will get the Patriots' offense moving early and often.



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Who Wins? SEA, 27-24
Why? Seattle's offense will need to spark quicker than it did versus Green Bay but the Legion of Boom might be able to hold off Brady.



Brian Wudkwych

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Who Wins? Pats, 35-28
Why? I think the Patriots have extra motivation following "deflategate".



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Who Wins? SEA, 31-28
Why? Hard to bet against the Seattle defense and Marshawn Lynch. Russell Wilson has a bounce back performance.



Josh Graham

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Who Wins? SEA, 31-23
Why? Deflated footballs and skittles aside, the Seahawks are just better and more physical.

Triumph through tragedy Senior swims in national championship after accident

Aaron Jackson
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After almost losing his life in a near fatal terrible motorcycle accident, Nikola Simic battled his way back into the water to break records and help his relay team win first place during the national championships



Nikola Simic

He excels at all of the freestyle events he competes in but his specialty is the 1500 meter and 200 meter freestyle. He holds not only the varsity record for the school but the freshman record as well.

"I'm one of the best guys in freestyle—the best in some events," said the senior.

Simic is not shy to express that he is a key part to the team and that he will do whatever it takes to achieve the goals he sets for himself and the team.

However, on Feb. 6, 2012, Nikola's life

changed drastically. He was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident exactly 10 days before the conference championship his sophomore year. Simic broke his head in 10 places, broken hand, suffered a concussion, internal bleeding in the brain, and short-term memory loss.

The senior's injuries were gruesome but nobody expected him to return to the pool as quickly as he did. Four months after the accident he was back in the water practicing for the national championships. To everyone's surprise, one month after he began practicing again he won the 100 freestyle in the national championships. He also secured a second place finish in the 50-meter freestyle. His comeback story was almost complete.

Coming all the way from Serbia, he had to go through a few changes socially and culturally.

"Culturally, it is a big difference [from America], culture is different and the people as well," said Simic.

The coaching staff and his teammates helped make his transition as easy as possible. When he first got to the program at ECU

he was introduced to a family of 30-plus athletes and coaches that had his back.

"Everything went smoothly because you have a huge team that's basically like your family," said Simic.

All of the programs at ECU promote this type of acceptance with students and athletes especially for the international athletes.

"So far, I think this is our best season ever," Simic exclaimed. "We have really big chances of winning the conference championship."

The senior did not want to make it sound like this goal was going to be a cakewalk. Everyone on the team knows it will be tough to accomplish.

He added, "We have to earn everything, it's gonna be really tough. We have SMU, Cincinnati, and Connecticut left on our schedule and they're strong really teams"

In his career in swimming, Nikola has acquired many great accolades. He holds a national record in the relay event. He was the Junior Championship winner in 2009. But one of his greatest accomplishments was

being the youngest member of a National Championship winning team in 2010.

"If I swim really fast I might go to the NCAA championship," said Simic.

But it isn't as easy as that. Only the best 16 swimmers in the whole country can make it. Currently, he is placed in the top 40 in the country. He knows with hard work and practice, he can meet his goals.

After college he plans to get a job in business in the North Carolina area. His motive is to have this season be the last time he swims competitively. To Simic, swimming is all he knows so he admits it might life out of the pool might be a struggle.

"It's going to be a tough transition from swimming and practicing and doing the same thing over and over for 14 years into just being a normal person," Simic stated.

If Simic can overcome a life threatening accident on his way to breaking records, it might not be wise to bet against him.

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