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UNC Board discusses possible tuition spike

Kelsey Padgett
TEC STAFF

The UNC Board of Governors' budget and finance committee spent Monday reviewing requests from chancellors and administrators on UNC campuses explaining the need to raise tuition on campuses state-wide.

UNC system campus administrators have proposed an average tuition increase of 4.3 percent across UNC campuses in 2015-16 and 3.7 percent in 2016-17.

UNC campuses said that the tuition hike is necessary to improve psychological and academic support programs for students and provide competitive salaries to faculty members. The increase would generate an estimated \$44 million in the next year

and \$47 million the following year.

If approved, UNC system students would also be required to pay a \$30 safety fee for the first time starting next year. The new funding would allow more pay increases for campus police and be used to address sexual assault.

ECU Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Rick Niswander proposed a 7.1 percent increase in tuition and fees for ECU resident undergraduates for next year. His proposal also included a 3.8 percent increase for non-resident undergraduates, a 6.5 percent increase for resident graduates and a 3.9 percent increase for non-

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Tragedy at UNC

Sara Ataalla & Altavia Lowery
TEC STAFF

Two former N.C. State students and a current N.C. State student were killed Tuesday evening in a shooting near the UNC Chapel Hill campus.

Authorities identified the victims as Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, 19; her sister, Yusor Mohammad, 21; and Yusor's husband, Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23.

In a statement from Yamen Salem, senior former Vice President of ECU's Muslim Student Association:

"On behalf of the ECU Muslim Student Association, we are extremely saddened to report that three of the most beautifully pure souls from our Muslim community have passed away. We are all at a loss of words with hearts filled with heavy sorrow knowing that three selfless, loving, and intelligent students who touched the lives of many UNC, NCSU and ECU students and staff, fell victims to a mans hate crime. Despite this horrible tragedy, our organization wants to maintain and spread our ongoing message of peace, and encourage our Greenville Muslim and non-Muslim community to live in dignity and serenity no matter what."

Razan was a sophomore at N.C. State. Yusor was a December 2014 graduate who went by the name Yusor Abu-Salha while at N.C. State. Barakat was May 2013 N.C. State graduate and second-year student in the School of Dentistry at Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill police arrested Craig Stephen Hicks, 46, of Chapel Hill, for counts of alleged first-degree murder.

In a statement from the women's father, Dr. Mohammad Abu-Salha, the alleged perpetrator had picked on his daughter and her husband in the past, insinuating that this was not a result of a parking spot. This has not been the first hate crime on college campuses. Hate crimes have happened near our very own campus of East Carolina University.

"A situation happened



From left to right: Barakat, Abu-Salha and Mohammad.

[here] last semester when an anti Semitic Nazi symbol was painted in graffiti on someone's front door," said Eliza Monroe, senior urban planning major and Elite Pirate. "We never really had a proper convo about, and we don't really have a protocol about off campus safety, each apt complex has its own individual one, I would love to see ECU address off campus safety."

In a news release, police said "an ongoing neighbor dispute over parking" could have led to the shooting. That ongoing dispute erupted into an altercation at about 5 p.m. Tuesday, involving the four people.

"I call this tragedy, a loss of the young, a loss for a generation," said Marcus Miller, sophomore religious studies major. "Nobody deserves to lose his or her life due to the ignorance of someone. This was not about a parking spot, hate crime is a better term."

The shooting has sparked the hash tags #chapelhillshooting and #MuslimLivesMatter. They quickly shot to the top of Twitter's trending topic early Wednesday morning, with many users posting photos of the victims.

"I'm really proud of how social media has been used for good," said Monroe. "Social media has played a really huge role in any of the events that happened that become social injustices. I feel like social media is really the new mainstream media."

A Facebook page titled, "Our Three Winners," has already been posted with over 25,000 people "liking" it. The page reads, "Deah

Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha and Razan Abu-Salha have returned to their Lord. They have set an example in life and in death."

The page highlights the charity work of the three victims. One example is Barakat and Yusor's work with Project: Refugee Smile, which took them to Turkey to work in a dental-relief program.

"ECU students can take a lot away from this event, if anyone is confused or has question to know more about a faith on ECU's campus, may religious organization leave their doors open for people to come," said Monroe. "Whether it be the Muslim Student Association, Jewish student Association, and with a lot of the Christian student organizations, everyone is willing to share knowledge, students just have to be willing to go."

Barakat recently was raising money on a fundraising website to provide dental care to Syrian refugees in Turkey.

"I hope that from this event there is conversation that haven't been discussed about the Islamic faith and we can break through all the misconceptions of what people believe about Islam," said Monroe. "This is a time where we should all come together not only for support and to grieve, but also to educate one another and have conversation."

There will be a Candlelight Vigil at the Student Memorial near the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, 8:30pm tomorrow night.

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A star is born



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

B.J. Tyson drives the lane. The freshman scored 20 second half points in Tuesday's win.

Freshman B.J. Tyson takes Minges by storm

Dan Hunt
TEC STAFF

A guy scoring 82 points in four games is very impressive.

But it's not the numbers he's put up. Maurice Kemp went for clusters of 20-point games his senior year and Akeem Richmond was capable of hitting eight threes in any game last season.

It's not even the fact that he's led his team to wins over perennial conference-elites Cincinnati and Memphis because Jeff Lebo has other good wins on his ECU resume. See Memphis at home in 2011 and at Weber State in 2013.

It's the fact that B.J. Tyson is a freshman—a 20-year-old kid who still idolizes Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant.

But Tyson's baby-face falls short in explaining both his senior-esque demeanor and his prowess on the court.

>> INSIDE

A9 Recap of ECU's win over Memphis

Let's start with his athletic ability.

At Anson High School he was a three-sport star; his ability on the gridiron and baseball diamond spurred interest from multiple colleges and caused a distraction to other basketball programs that surely played a role in him falling into Lebo's lap.

The Wadesboro native features a rare, freakish leaping ability that lends well to his decision to play basketball. Tyson is only a 6-foot-3 shooting guard but he has a knack for crashing the boards as he's currently second on the team with 4.3 rebounds per game.

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IFC lifts ban

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Interfraternity Council chapter presidents voted for a new legislation for registering social events Tuesday night and subsequently lifted the social moratorium that had been in place over 17 fraternities since Jan. 28.

Rob Jepson, senior communications manager released a statement on Feb. 4 in response to the announcement of the Greenville Police Department concluding their investigation.

The GPD closed its investigation on a sexual assault case involving ECU's Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter ten days after the assault was reported. With the help of Sigma Phi Epsilon members, Greenville Police determined that the reported act was indeed consensual and no charges were filed.

"We are happy that we were able to assist in the investigation, but we are still shaken up by the whole ordeal," said Sigma Phi Epsilon Chapter President Whit Beebe in the press release. "We want students to feel safe when they

visit our house."

The national office of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity asked for a temporary suspension of its ECU chapter during the investigation, and despite the lifting of the social moratorium and the closing of the case, the Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter at ECU is still suspended.

ECU Interfraternity Council President Evan Ball refused to comment on the matter. Ball said other factors need to be discussed before a formal announcement can be made regarding the moratorium being lifted.

According to Chris Stansbury, ECU's Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, the IFC Executive Council and chapter presidents' latest vote has no effect on Sigma Phi Epsilon's suspension and only the Sigma Phi Epsilon National Chapter can overturn it.

The National Office was unavailable to comment on the status of the suspension.

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BRIEFS

Housing developers break ground

The Greenville Housing Development Corporation broke ground on a new housing subdivision on Wednesday afternoon. The groundbreaking ceremony marked the start of building affordable housing in the Lincoln Park subdivision.

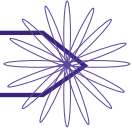
The subdivision is apart of the city's 45 block revitalization program which aims to provide more affordable housing and remove unsightly buildings.

Kinston woman allegedly stabs boyfriend

Joevanna Washington, a Kinston woman, faces multiple charges after stabbing her boyfriend. The initial incident occurred at Simon Bright Apartments on Wednesday morning.

While shackled in a Kinston Public Safety Department interview room, Washington kicked and shattered a desk that led to police filing damage to city property, resist and obstruction charges. She is being held in the Lenoir County Jail under no bond.

ONLINE



MGC YardShow Recap

Check our online photo gallery for the latest sports, events, and campus photos.

Corrections/ Clarifications

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NPHC annual banquet

Phi Beta Sigma walks with four awards

Altavia Lowery
TEC STAFF

Monday night, The National Pan-Hellenic Council of East Carolina University awarded their sororities and fraternities at their annual Greek Life Banquet.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity brought in multiple awards that included Outstanding Academic Development Program of the Year, Outstanding Educational Programming, Chapter Advisor of the Year—Isaac Everette (ECU alumnus) and Chapter of the Year.

“The Chapter of the Year award not only says a lot of about our chapter but it speaks volumes for our Fraternity as a whole,” said Abu-Bakarr Kuyateh, senior bio-chemistry major and secretary of Phi Beta Sigma. “Phi Beta Sigma strives for excellence everywhere and East Carolina University is no exception.”

Just this past winter, Phi Beta Sigma held Sleep Out for the Homeless, an event to help bring awareness to homelessness in Greenville. This event brought out many ECU students with donations to help support homeless shelters throughout Greenville.

Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority also took home four awards that included Outstanding Educational Programming, Outstanding Philanthropy Program of the Year, Outstanding Academic Development Program of the Year and Chapter of the Year.

Lyanne Payamps, senior criminal justice major and Vice President of the Epsilon Theta Chapter, said that it is very rewarding to know their hard work has paid off.

“Through everything, we grow and we will continue to make our campus proud,” said Payamps. “Being apart of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated is truly amazing. Through unity, love, and respect, we will continue to uphold our foundation.”

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority both received honors. With the Highest GPA Award going to Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority receiving an Outstanding Collaborative Program award.

“It was my first awards show and I definitely loved meeting and greeting Greeks of different councils,” said Takeyah Vereen, junior psychology major and member of



ECU ARCHIVES

Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma perform at a step show earlier this year during NPHC Homecoming.

Sigma Gamma Rho. “Also, hearing all the positive accomplishments that they have made on our campus.”

Alpha Psi Alpha Fraternity also received an Outstanding Collaborative Program award with Phi Mu.

“It’s not about winning, it’s about impacting campus and transcending,” said Kris Montford-Brown, senior communication major and member of Alpha Psi Alpha. “I am extremely excited to be a part of a chapter that wants to do the best, be the best, and provide the best for not only Greenville, N.C., but anywhere we go.”

Each year, NPHC hosts the Greek Life Banquet, bringing recognition to the accomplishments of the Greek organizations of the Divine 9 and other councils as well on East Carolina’s campus. Members of the sororities and fraternities of the Divine 9 at East Carolina, along with other councils, said they continue to

try and do big things in and out of Greenville. This past weekend, Kappa Alpha Psi won First Place in the Davidson Apocalypse Greek Step Show: Revelation of The Divine. Their chapter took home \$1,000 and a 3-foot trophy.

Joshua Pyant, president of The National Pan-Hellenic Council, said the event was very successful.

“It is so great to see Greeks of all different organizations working hard to accomplish the same goals in educating the campus on various programs and getting involved in the community,” said Pyant. “Such recognition ceremonies as the Greek Life banquet serve as a catalyst to the ongoing success and hard work in the Greek Life community at ECU.”

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SGA announces tickets



Kellah Jarvis, SGA Elections Chair, talks to candidates about the upcoming campaign process as well as the rules and regulations in place.

Collyn Sheaffer
TEC STAFF

The filing period for Student Government Association positions has officially concluded and the next step in the election process is under way.

After filing was extended to Tuesday at noon, SGA hosted two mandatory meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday night for the interested students. Kellah Jarvis, SGA Elections chair, said that the filing deadline was extended until Tuesday at noon to increase the volume of applicants running in the elections, specifically in Senate positions.

Jarvis added that they had a total of 45 people file for a position this year. There are two full tickets for the executive branch and several Senator candidates.

"In particular, we were looking to gain more interest in Senate positions this year, since in the past not as many students

run for Senate seats," said Jarvis.

Candidate debates will be held next week on Feb. 18 at 6 p.m., the executive candidates will speak to the student body on the position that they are running for and the issues, topics and concerns related to campus. This event will be open to all ECU students and staff and will have a Q&A portion where students can voice their specific concerns to the candidates.

"We are even creating a hashtag for the event #ECUDebate for those who are not present to be able to follow along and tweet in their questions, etc.," said Jarvis.

According to members of SGA, it has been a challenging year between impeachment allegations which turned into the previous President's resignation and students' public protest against SGA's decision making.

However, Jarvis said she is not concerned about student's interest in running for positions.

"I have been involved with SGA for several years and I noticed that this year, despite the happenings within the student body in respect to SGA, there are still students interested in running for positions," said Jarvis.

Jarvis said there are less tickets running than in previous years, so the question remains whether this is because of the student body's reaction to this executive branch.

"ECU has a very large student body, so regardless I believe there will always be students that are interested in running," said Jarvis. "Voter turnout better reflect the attitudes of the Student Body."

The Elections Committee said it has worked diligently to ensure a smooth and easy transition between the current and future branches of Student Government.

Specifically, they have started the elections process earlier this year and it has been working on a new violation system, built upon levels and points attributed to candidates who violate rules.

Two full tickets were filed for the executive chairs. Ticket 1 includes Mark Matulewicz, Jenny Betz, Carson Pierce and Selma Gomez. Ticket 2 is made up of Eliza Monroe, Janae Brown, Chelsea Scott and Don Donaldson.

Campaigning for these positions will began today at 8 a.m. Candidates will be able to start posting campaign material then. Their pictures will be posted on the elections website so that students can become familiar with their faces and know who to look out for on campus and at these events.

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PCSO deputies on leave

ReAnn Melaga
TEC STAFF

An arrest was made early Monday morning after a deputy-involved shooting took place in Pitt County, according to police.

Christy Wallace, public information officer for the Pitt County Sheriff's Office, said that the incident began in Ayden around 2 a.m. after police pulled over 24-year-old Tyshaun Fields for a traffic violation. After being pulled over, the suspect fled in his vehicle.

After the suspect fled police began a pursuit, which took them into the Greenville city limits. When the chase reached Greenville, the Pitt County Sheriff's Office became involved.

Once inside the city limits the suspect drove his vehicle into the Woodlands apartment complex on Frontgate Drive. The vehicle pursuit ended when the suspect's car hit an apartment. No injuries occurred due to the crash.

According to Wallace, after the collision took place deputies were going to pursue the suspect, and it was during this time when weapons were discharged and the suspect was shot in the left leg. The suspect was taken to Vidant Medical Center and his injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

Wallace said that the number of shots fired is unclear at this time and that the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) has been called in to investigate the incident, which is standard protocol.

"As it is consistent with this administration, any officer involved shooting is investigated by the SBI," said Sheriff Neil Elks.

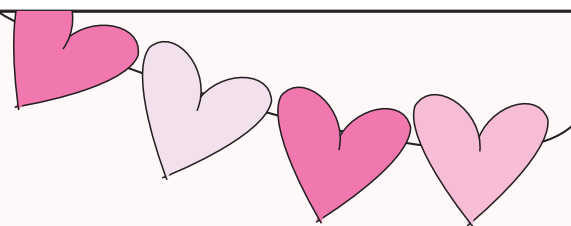
The two deputies involved in the shooting were Deputy Mindy Tripp Fedash and Jerry Franklin Allen, III. Fedash and Allen have been with the Pitt County Sheriff's Office since 2011.

The two have been placed on administrative leave while the State Bureau of Investigation is investigating what took place.

Wallace said that the Pitt County Sheriff's Office apprehended Fields and the Ayden Police Department arrested him.

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Valentine's Day in Greenville

City's local restaurants booked due to weekend festivities



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Two patrons sit at the bar within the dining room at Finelli's Cafe located on Red Banks Road.

Seth Gullledge
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

For the first time in five years, Valentine's Day will fall on a Saturday, leaving couples an entire class-free day to celebrate. As a result, restaurants around Greenville are expecting a higher volume of business this weekend than in the years prior.

As a means of carrying out the tradition of the holiday, many restaurants around Greenville are already receiving a large influx of reservations. Restaurants such as Palm Tree Bistro already have a large waiting list. However, some businesses such as Finelli's Cafe and Villedge, still have space available later in the evening.

Wasabi 88 is no longer accepting reservations as they have been booked until 10 p.m., however, the restaurant has left some spots available for walk-ins.

"We expect to have a wait, but purposefully left more room for walk ins this year," according to a waitress.

Other restaurants around Greenville, such as Basil's, have made the decision to refuse reservations this year, hoping to accommodate more last minute walk-ins.

"We are not offering reservations because it would be difficult to schedule due to the high volume," according to their hostess.

On one hand, restaurant staff believes the weekend placement of Valentine's Day

will increase its level of business. On the other hand, David Finelli, owner of Finelli's Cafe, commented on the the increased business as a reflection of consumers responding to the lowered gas prices.

"\$2.50 - That's the magic number, anything below that and a restaurant can survive," said Finelli.

While many couples are making reservations locally to spend the holiday, others are escaping the crowds for a more low-key celebration.

"My boyfriend and I are going to the beach for the day," said Allison Yeager, junior speech and hearing sciences major. "It's a good excuse to just get away from all the business, class and stress."

For students who aren't in relationships, the weekend placement of Valentine's Day may hinder typical weekend plans. Overcrowding in restaurants and increased traffic in town is leaving many wanting to stay home.

"I actually have to work on Valentine's Day," said Kasey Jarman, senior education major. "Afterwards I'll be hanging out at home with some friends who love me and just try to avoid the crowds."

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History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, is a time to exchange greeting cards and gifts with loved ones. Possible origins and some history:

Lupercalia festival

- Feb. 15 festival celebrated the coming of spring in Roman calendar; several rites connected to fertility; festival transformed, spread to France, Britain

Christian martyr

- Early Christian church had at least two saints named Valentine; one, who secretly married young couples, was executed on Feb. 14, about 269 A.D.

Cupid, also known as Amor (Roman god) or Eros (Greek mythology), is holiday's symbol



1415

French duke, imprisoned by British, is first to send love poetry on Valentine's Day

1800s

First commercial cards from England in early 1800s; in 1847, first U.S. manufacturer

1900s

Mass-production of products, marketed to newly emerging middle-class

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resident graduates.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Operations Stephanie Coleman says that 80 percent of the money generated from the tuition hike, or about \$5 million, will go towards raises for faculty members, who have only received a 1.2 percent increase in the last six years.

"Given the fact that there hasn't been raises, yeah, people are trying to find other jobs, because everybody has needs that need to be met," said Coleman.

There are only very limited ways that a state employee can receive a pay raise. The state legislature can put it into law, or an employee can receive a promotion.

"Obviously we have to have funds so we can promote somebody- to increase faculty rank, but if we don't have funds to give them the additional pay, then some people may leave," said Coleman.

While the UNC Board of Governors is set to make a decision at their meeting later this month, some members of the board are saying they are going to need to see more from campuses before they can confidently cast their vote.

The UNC Board of Governors will meet on Feb. 27 on the UNC Charlotte campus.

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Kingsman: The Secret Service
10:20 a.m., 12:50 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:20 p.m., 10:55 p.m.

Old Fashioned
1:40 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 7:35 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

Jupiter Ascending 3D
10:40 a.m., 4:20 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 9:55 p.m., 10:05 p.m.

Jupiter Ascending
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Seventh Son
10:30 a.m., 4:10 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water 3D
12:00 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water
11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

Black or White
12:20 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 6:40 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

The Boy Next Door
2:20 p.m., 7:50 p.m.

American Sniper
12:40 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

Paddington
11:10 a.m.

The Wedding Ringer
2:20 p.m., 7:25 p.m.

Taken 3
4:50 p.m., 10 p.m.

Film talks interracial love

Nichole Currie
TEC STAFF

Brewster will screen the Documentary "The Loving Story" and present an interracial marriage panel discussion from 6:30 until 8:30 tonight. "The Loving Story" is a documentary film directed by Nancy Buirski. It takes place in the 1960s where an interracial couple eventually marry during the civil rights movement. The story takes place in Virginia.

The documentary is centered around Richard and Mildred Loving who are racially charged with a criminal trial and which eventually became the landmark the Supreme Court Case, Loving v. Virginia (1967).

"I'm very excited to see the film," said Charisse Costin, sophomore biology major. "I feel as though people are finally opening up to the idea of interracial couples."

Costin, a black and hispanic female, explains that she has been in an interracial relationship for two years. She feels very strongly about the subject as she explains the turmoil and judgment she has experienced since dating a white male.

"I still get backlash from being in an interracial relationship. First, from older black people and then younger black men. Second, my grandmother told me to stay in my race," said Costin. "I am always asked why am I not with someone of my own race."

Su-ching Huang, director of ethnic studies in the English department, believes that although people have become more open to the issue, there is still a stigma against dating across racial line.

Huang said that interracial dating or marriage reaches controversy due to people trying to preserve race. She said people against interracial dating believe "racial purity" and "racial integrity" are their platforms.

"The Loving Story" takes place right in middle of the civil rights movement. Many people believe that this film is an important aspect of black history.

"The woman in the film is African American and Native American, but is identified in the film as black," said Huang. "It definitely has something to do with African American culture."

Costin believes the screening is in correlation with the celebration of Black History Month. "Blacks were not able to do certain things and interracial marriage was one of them," said Costin. "It's something we should learn about and be celebrated as a progressive movement due to the fact that it was illegal to love anyone that was not the same color as you."

Costin also explains that interracial dating is a worldwide topic everyone should find peace with. "It affects everyone. There is an increase amount of mixed children. We have to realize it's not a black and white world anymore," said Costin. "It's something we



Mildred Loving (left) and Richard Loving (right) interact during a scene in the film. Their relationship is the focal point of the documentary.

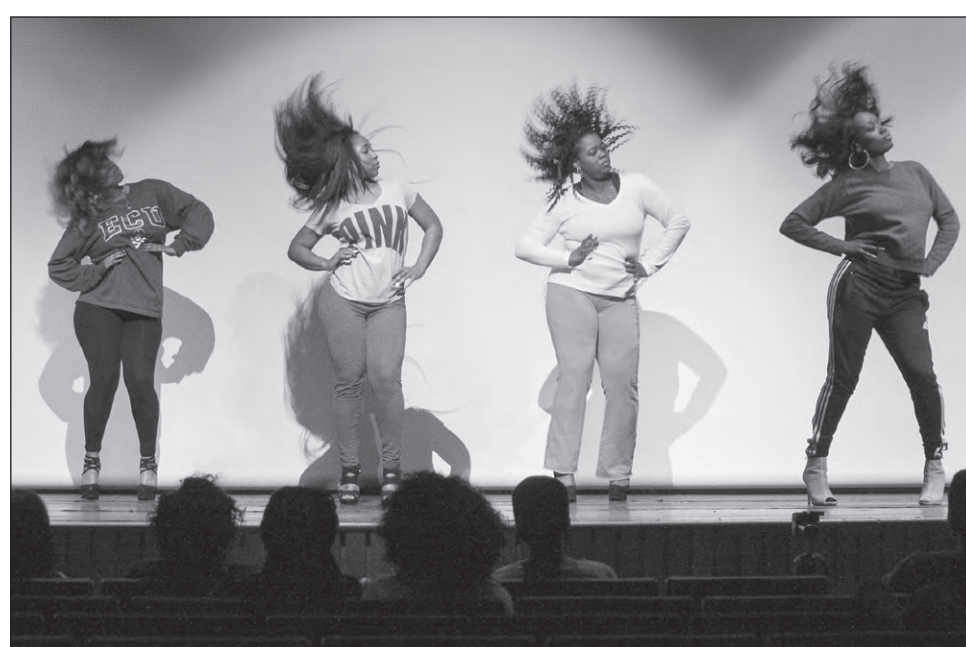
need to consistently move forward with."

Huang and Costin both encourage all students to view the screening of "The Loving Story."

"It's a good documentary," said Huang. "It presents racial equality."

"If you were that person who was scared to ask the opposite race out, here's your chance to realize that it's not that hard. We're all people," said Costin. "It's okay to be someone because of their personality than their race."

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Members of F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe dance at Cultural Explosion. The group is auctioning dates.

Auction to sell dates

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

Tonight in the Mendenhall Great Rooms at 8 p.m., FAME modeling troupe and Kappa Alpha Psi will be hosting the second annual FamousKonnection date auction.

FamousKonnection are the combined members of FAME modeling troupe and Kappa Alpha Psi. The date auction is the time of the year that the two organizations come together.

The auction happens every year around Valentine's day to raise money for each of the organizations to use for their groups. The date auction is an event where about eight people from each group will be chosen to be bid on by the audience and in return have to go on a date with the buyer.

This year, the auction will not only have the members up for bidding, but also will be having a special dance performed by the members up for auction.

Bianca Butler, senior public health major, is the choreographer of the dance that will be presented at the auction. "I like the movement. I think it's a great balance between the models and the guys," said Butler. "I think the choreography flows very well and it will promote the people that are being auctioned off in a good way."

Butler was also the choreographer for the dance class, Seductive Saturday, that was to show girls to have confidence and be comfortable with their sexuality. "The turnout was really good," said Butler. "We had a lot of the girls come out enthusiastic to learn the movement."

Seductive Saturday was a preview of some more events that FAME plan to have such as another dance class. They plan to hold more of the dance classes in the future, as well as

a mentoring program they plan to start for fall semester.

Jonathon Peek, junior public health major, is one of the members of Kappa Alpha Psi that is being auctioned off. "I feel like being in the auction is a good opportunity for ECU students to see their fellow peer in a different light," said Peek. "Something fun to do before Valentine's day."

The students being auctioned all are excited to be auctioned off to their peers but also nervous about who would auction for them and if they would get any bid at all.

"I am excited about the auction, it should be pretty good," said Samuel Whitehead, senior history major. "It was a good event last year and I am looking for another great event this year."

Jonathon Pertla, senior supply chain management and marketing major, said that he was excited but also nervous about the auction overall with who will bid for who.

"I don't want to set an expectation because expectations can let you down, but hopefully I go for a pretty good price," said Pertla. "I am going to go in humble about it. Hopefully somebody very interesting goes for me."

The members of Fame had similar thoughts about going into the auction as some of the guys.

Kiara Jackson, junior business management major, said that the auction is for us to raise money in a different way. "I am nervous about who [will bid] on me but it will be a good event," said Jackson. "The turnout last year brought about 70-80 people and we hope to double that"

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Art series depicts new form of theatre

Lindsay Rayner
TEC STAFF

Mummenschanz, the Swiss troupe of mimes which performed on Broadway for three years and is credited for pioneering a new form of visual theatre, will be performing their unique form of visual theatre tomorrow as part of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series.

The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series will host a total of seven shows this year and purposefully selects programs like Mummenschanz for example, to broaden exposure of the arts.

"[Mummenschanz] were the precursors to the Blue Man Group and a lot of physical theatre that has come since," said Michael Crane, associate dean of research, marketing and outreach and the producing artistic director of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series.

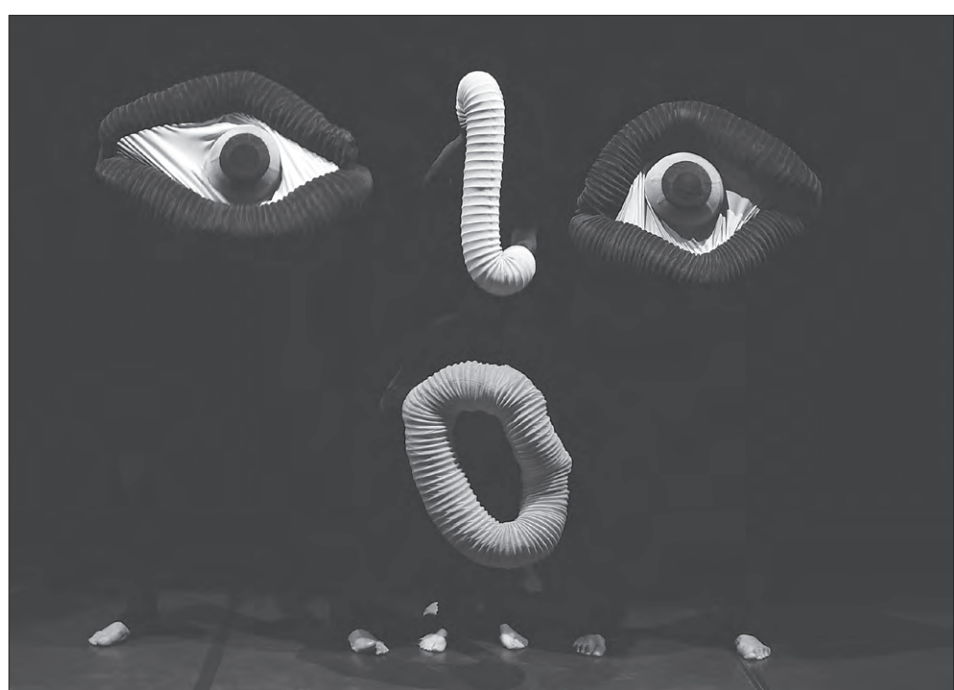
Crane said Mummenschanz is a mime troupe, but not in the traditional sense. "It's not the Marcel Marceau thing. Its not the, you know, I'm stuck in a box thing," he said. "They use puppetry to make you laugh or think about the human condition."

There is no dialogue throughout the entire performance. "They've been making this commentary without any sound for 40 years," said Crane. "It's the symphony of silence. They use the puppets to bring out the human truths."

Crane acknowledges that watching a 90-minute performance with no dialogue may seem intimidating. "For some its like 'oh really, I've got 90 minutes and nobody's going to say anything? I've got to do a lot of work to enjoy this,' but not at all," said Crane.

"The performance is in your face and its very understandable, very accessible. People who see it, I mean their responses are just like 'well that was amazing,' he said.

Crane said Mummenschanz is different than ordinary forms of entertainment. "I think a lot of our theatre and our tele-



Members of the Mummenschanz cast act out their performing art series which is done silently.

MUMMENSCHANZ continued from A5

vision, just our entertainment, is like that," he said. "Just full on in-your-face. This is a little more subtle, a little more European in treatment, maybe even a little old fashion, and a little retro."

Crane said the effective storytelling is surprising for the audience since there is no audio. "You end up laughing, you end up crying, how did it do that? Its just kind of cool to have that experience," said Crane.

Even though Mummenschanz was formed in 1972, Crane said the production's core group is still performing and that although they rotate in and out over time this group has been together for a decade or so.

The group brings all of their own props. "When they show up, they've got a giant truck filled with cases," said Crane. "We're not allowed to touch anything because

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they're all fragile."

Mummenschanz is one of few performance shows that the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Art Series will host. "We don't actually do a lot of theatre because we feel the theatre program here is so strong that why would we bother, they're doing such a great job," said Crane.

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Dining for V-Day

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TEC STAFF

Planning a Valentine's date usually includes movies, dinner and a bouquet of roses. Greenville has a few restaurants that may be a romantic pick for Valentine's dinner.

Starlight Cafe on W. 5th Street is a family run restaurant with American and European fare made with local meats, cheeses and produce. The tables are set with a candle, flower and the restaurant has dimmed lighting with large, open windows to look out at downtown Greenville.

Some of the dinner menu items include steak frites, duck confit, beet fettuccine and Charleston shrimp and grits. The dessert menu consists of a few sweet treats, such as flourless chocolate souffle, buttered rum ice cream, and flambe banana. The cost of dinner entrees range around \$20 and up. The restaurant also features an oyster bar with every day arriving oysters that can be steamed, fried or served raw.

"Me and my boyfriend always go to Sappari's for Valentine's Day. So we're looking to spend more money than we would on a regular date night," said Ashlee Langston, junior English education major.

Sappari's on Red Banks Road is a Japanese steakhouse and sushi bar that cooks your food in front of you at the dining table. Some of the dinner entrees include hibachi ribeye steak, filet mignon and shrimp, oriental chicken teriyaki and hibachi vegetables. The entrees range around \$20.

Finelli's Cafe on Red Banks Road serves

Italian American fare and has been operating since 1999. The recipes have been passed down from the owner's grandmother.

Some of the dinner menu items include grilled salmon, linguine, oven baked italian hoagies, crabmeat lasagna and shrimp scampi. Prices range around \$20 for entrees.

"Simple and quiet is what I look for. Shogun's, that's where me and my girlfriend are going," said Joshua Vick, junior English education major.

Fitzgeralds on East 5th Street. will offer a Valentine's Day dinner special. According to their website page, the special will be available from tomorrow at 4 p.m. through Valentine's Day. The \$45 special includes one appetizer, two entrees, one dessert and two glasses of wine or champagne.

A more affordable option for students not wanting to break their wallet, would be the Valentine's day special at Texas Roadhouse. According to their website, their special will feature an appetizer and two entrees for \$35.

For those who are not interested in a candlelight Valentine's dinner, Fitzgerald's will also be a part of the "Love Stinks, Let's Drink Bar Crawl" event occurring on Feb. 11. For a set price, participants can get free entry and first round's free to Sup Dogs, Winslows, Fitzgerald's, Club 519 and the Halfway House. Campus Cookies will also be in attendance to hand out cookies. The event will take place from 9 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

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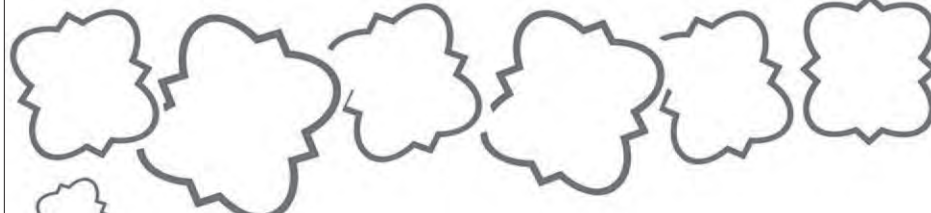
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SGA is an important part of our student community and helps our opinions be heard by the university.

The Feb. 10 edition has a list of January events. Very handy for us time-travelers!

That awkward moment you see someone on campus that posts pics on Yeti...

Saying that fighting sexism and other social issues has no place outside of tumblr does indeed classify you as being sexist.

To the person that said there are better ways to defend your opinion than slandering other people you disagree with: Thank you! Someone with common sense. You will be a very successful individual, unlike others...

His palms are sweaty, knees weak arms spaghetti, there's spaghetti on his shirt already, mom's spaghetti, he's spaghetti but on the surface he looks calm spaghetti.

"Sexist!" "Tumblrista!" Will you two knock off the foreplay and just hate-f*** already?

The Galley sucks out loud.

Every time I get an email notification, I always expect it to be a class cancellation. But it never fails to be a freaking SGA email.

If my apartment has been out of power (and heat) for 16+ hours I should get a deduction from my rent at least.

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To the author of the opinion article about the ECU Alert System that was posted last week: No offense. But realize that you are not the only one receiving the alerts. So, while it may not be relevant to you, it may be relevant to other people. So, your argument is invalid.

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Our view

Respecting the office of the U.S. President

The birthday of Abraham Lincoln, a greatly regarded American president, is celebrated on Feb. 12.

Presidents are looked at and celebrated very differently. Throughout the course of American history, the office of the President has seen tumultuous periods of highs and lows.

Now in 2015, the position is under siege by a movement consisting of social media, constant partisan criticism and overwhelming corporate influence. The attacks on the office are indirectly aimed at not necessarily its current resident, but rather the position itself.

It is the opinion of the editorial staff that the office of the President of the United States is a position which should be respected not only by foreign nations, but also its own American citizens.

Recently, political news outlets such as CNN, FOX News and MSNBC have already begun the process of vet-

ting potential presidential candidates for 2016. All three networks have already spent countless hours of air time analyzing and debating over which of their selected politicians would be the best fit for the Oval Office.

The only problem is that not one person has officially entered the 2016 Presidential race.

This clearly exemplifies how under-the-microscope and openly criticized the position has become. Instead of letting candidates and even the current President speak for themselves, their opinions are primarily created from the network's own platform.

The Office of the President is a position created by the people, for the people. For that reason alone, giving the President and even his potential successors their own voice is a matter of respect, not political party.

The World War on Gas



Ryan Schmidtke
TEC COLUMNIST

As many consumers and college students short of spending money have noticed, gas prices are (at the current moment) of little concern and reason for celebration. With the national average sitting at a five year low of \$2.02, there are supposed to be a plethora of short-term benefits, for the average consumer, business owners and the American economy. Business owners are lauding lower shipping and production costs, and consumers are more likely to spend money elsewhere that they would've theoretically spent at the pump in months past. The benefits are made out to have a noticeable impact on the economy but the Federal Reserve predicts that the American GDP will only rise around 0.3 of a percentage point as a result of the current boom.

Because the oil industry is just like any other

business, the basic economic laws of supply and demand are applicable. First, it must be understood why prices are at their current levels. As Saudi Arabia is the world's largest exporter of oil, they hold the majority of power in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). In January, Reuters reported on other OPEC members saying, "Russia's oil output hit a post-Soviet high last year, averaging 10.58 million barrels per day." On top of this, "Iraq's oil exports were at their highest since 1980," according to an oil ministry spokesman. Furthermore, there has been a recent boom in hydraulic fracturing or 'fracking' American shale oil, driving global oil production up and costs down.

Again, because the oil industry is a business, prices will continue to fluctuate and when production is up, prices should go down, when production decreases or is monopolized by a single country, prices will go up. This two horse race will continue so long as the international

price of oil per barrel remains at the control of Saudi Arabia, with smaller, poorer nations like Iran and Venezuela losing money and their market share.

In this case, it will be the end of the price war between the U.S. oil industry and Saudi Arabian oil producers when the price will be again reset. Many experts, including former Shell oil president John Hofmeister, have predicted Saudi Arabia will come out on top with the possibility of increased regulation on American oil producers and continuing production levels in Saudi Arabia. Hofmeister predicts that gas will be up to around \$4 by the end of 2015.

This serves as another economics lesson that affects every American citizen one way or another. It is time consumers enjoyed low prices of such an important commodity, just remember the prices will never last forever, high or low.

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Don't be afraid to talk seriously



Tyler Kelbaugh
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From a young age, I was taught to avoid talking about politics and religion in public. I wasn't the only one. For foolish reasons, those subjects are taboo in dinner table talks.

I remember once, during my freshman year, a friend asked me to stop posting politically driven tweets.

"Seriously?" I thought. "Please don't let my discussion about the future of our country infect your feed filled with people's pictures of their dinner."

College students, the soon to be leaders of the world, need to feel more comfortable talking to one another about serious world problems. We are the future, after all. It's pivotal to not only our personal growth, but also the growth of our society, that we talk about real world problems.

I think the reason people feel uncomfortable talking about worldly problems is because they believe that having different personal views than someone else automatically will ruin their relationship. This is a flawed line of thinking, but I do understand where it comes from. If person A thinks that abortion is murder under any circumstance and person B is pro-choice, person A would then agree that person B supports murder in some form. Person A very likely would no longer value who they see as a murder supporter in person B.

But that logic over simplifies a complex issue, and completely discredits person B's views. By simply trading their reasons for their views on the subject, listening to one another, person A may be able to understand and at least accept person B's perspective. Perhaps person B can validate why

abortion is not murder to person A, or vice-versa.

The point here isn't about abortion, but rather the positive effects of talking about societal issues at large.

The benefits are almost immediately tangible for anyone willing to keep an open mind and listen to other people's perspectives. Everyone has a unique take on the world, and simply by sitting down and talking about philosophical questions with friends can open ones eyes to a whole different way of seeing the world.

Some of my greatest lessons have come from thinking about discussions I've had with people completely different from myself. Never have I come away from those conversations a completely different person, but more often than not I add a little something I learned from my friends to my own personality.

Most importantly, however, I always feel a stronger connection with the person I've debated or shared my views with. When you better understand how people think, inevitably it becomes easier to relate to them. Talking about things we may perceive as divisive can actually pull us closer together.

There is a time and place for everything. Obviously, it would be silly to never have a light-hearted conversation. Most of our interactions should be based purely on building trust and enjoying each others company. But once that trust is built it's absolutely critical that we, future leaders, aren't afraid to express and discuss our views on serious problems in our world.

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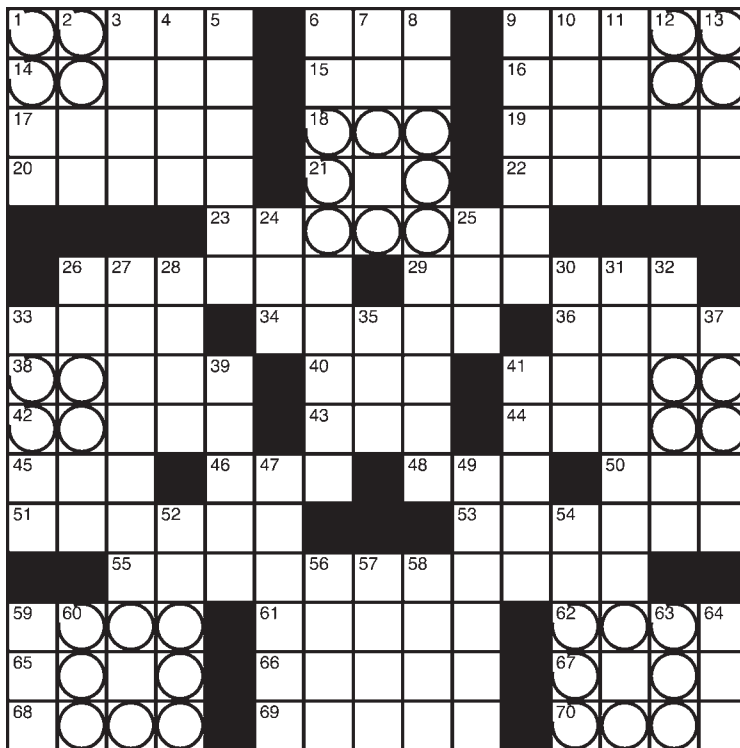
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ECU earns conference win

Second half effort sparks Pirates' victory over Memphis

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B.J. Tyson scored 23 points—20 of which were in the second half—as the ECU men's basketball program beat Memphis, 64-53, for the second time in program history.

Tyson went on a 6-0 run that tied the game 29-29 in the second half and sparked the crowd. After a Memphis (14-10, 6-5 American Athletic Conference) turnover, Terry Whisnant followed suit with a dunk of his own, pulling the Pirates ahead of the Tigers and giving them their first lead of the game after 10-0 run.

"It started in the first half when my layups weren't falling," said Tyson. "I felt like that was the worst half that I ever played. I went back at halftime and regrouped and came out and told myself to keep attacking."

The lead changed five times until Tyson capitalized against the Tigers defense. He pulled the Pirates (11-13, 4-7 AAC) up to a 56-50 lead with 2:47 left on the clock and sparked a 14-4 run that gave ECU the nine point victory.

"I can throw [the ball] up and run back, because I already know that B.J. will get it," said senior guard Antonio Robinson. "It's great playing with a guy like Tyson."

Tyson led the team in points and had five rebounds, three assists and one steal. The freshman said that he saw his opportunity when the Tigers used man-to-man defense.

"I thought about it in the first half," said Tyson. "When they go man-to-man, they couldn't guard me. You can tell they were slow on their feet, and I know I have a quick



Junior guard Terry Whisnant throws down a dunk in the midst of a 12-0 ECU run against Memphis. He scored 7 points.

first step, so I tried to use that as my advantage."

The Pirates, who have won three of their last four games, struggled against Memphis' defense in the first half.

ECU shot 28 percent from the

floor and missed 6-of-11 free throw attempts but managed to be shy of four at the half, down 25-21.

Forward Caleb White, after a successful performance against UCF, went 3-for-7 on the field, and brought in nine points in the first

half. He was the only Pirate to hit successful baskets from behind the arc in the first half, going 2-for-3.

White shot two from the line in the final seconds of the second half, bringing him to 11 points on the night.

The Pirates shot 46 percent from the field, and only shot 4-of-11 on shots from behind the arc. ECU finally made it to the free throw line and shot 14-for-23 after being limited to eight attempts against UCF on Sunday.

"Finally we got to the free throw line tonight," said ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo. "We haven't been getting there."

With its leading scorer, Austin Nichols, out for two weeks due to an ankle sprain suffered against Temple, Memphis only shot 36.5 percent from the field, but shot 72.2 percent from the free throw line.

"They lost one of their key players that got the ball almost every time, so they had to find someone else to score," said Robinson. "We knew we had them."

Memphis Head Coach Josh Pastner added, "Part of the game is injury. You've got to deal with it, adjust, and adapt."

Memphis forward Shaq Goodwin stepped up in the absence of Nichols and earned a double-double as he contributed 13 points with 12 rebounds to go along with one assist and three blocks.

Robinson also contributed in the Pirates' victory. The senior earned six rebounds, six assists, and three steals.

"Antonio does all the dirty work for us," said Lebo. "He embraces the role that he has, and makes some key plays for us."

The Pirates will take to the road on Saturday when they battle with conference foe Temple at 2 p.m.

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Diamond Bucs set to face No. 2 UVA

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The ECU baseball team will start the 2015 season this weekend when they saddle up for a three game series against the No. 2 ranked Virginia Cavaliers.

Virginia is coming off of a stellar season in which it went 53-16 and made it to the college world series, where they lost to Vanderbilt in a three game series.

The Cavaliers swept the weekend series against the Pirates last year, in which Virginia won decisively by four runs in two of the three games.

The 2015 opening weekend will mark head coach Cliff Godwin's first season as a head coach and should bring some excitement to Pirate fans.

Look for the Pirates to have a more explosive offense this year, as Godwin has been very successful offensively serving as the hitting coach for Ole Miss and LSU.

"You're going to see some home runs," Godwin said. "We're not going up there to work pitch counts, we're going out there to get our best swings off."

The Pirates starting rotation will have a different look to it as well. ECU will no longer have its ace from last season, Jeff Hoffman, who left after being drafted in the first round by the Toronto Blue Jays last season.

The expected opening day starter, Reid Love, will not be available for the Pirates as well, after injuring himself last month in practice.

The new projected starter for opening day, Friday afternoon is left handed sophomore Evan Kruczynski. Kruczynski only appeared in three games for the Pirates last season surrendering two runs in one inning of work. He posted a 6-3 record with a 2.78 earned run average over the summer while playing for the Lakeshore Chinooks.

Left-handed sophomore Jacob Wolfe will get the nod in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday. Wolfe logged a 2.35 ERA, the fourth lowest on the team last season coming out of the bullpen in ten games.

No announcement has been made on who will start the back end of Saturday's doubleheader.

You can expect to see some new talent out on the field this weekend as the Pirates have eight freshmen and three transfer players making their debuts this weekend.

"You'll see some new faces probably that you haven't seen in the opening day lineup," Godwin said. "The guys have worked really hard and they deserve to have some success because they put a lot of effort into it."

Virginia could perhaps find itself in a bit of a transition period

as well to start the season. The Cavaliers have 14 freshmen on their roster, three of which were drafted out of high school.

The abundance of freshman should not trick Pirate fans into thinking this years Virginia team is any less talented. They still hold more than a dozen players that were apart of last year's Omaha visit.

Pitcher Nathan Kirby, outfielder Joe McCarthy and pitcher Brandon Waddell were all named to preseason All-American teams last week.

Look for the Cavaliers opening day starter to be Kirby, the reigning ACC Co-Pitcher of the Year. The southpaw was a consensus first team All-American last season after he went 9-3 with a 2.06 ERA in over 113 innings of work.

It can be speculated that Waddell, another left-hander, will start the first Saturday game for the Cavaliers. Waddell allowed a .236 batting average while posting a 10-3 record with a 2.45 ERA in 18 starts last season.

Even though Virginia has a lot of firepower and poses a big threat for the Pirates, redshirt junior reliever David Lucroy isn't worried.

"I know we are hungry," Lucroy said. "I know we want to beat everybody but it would be really awesome and it's going to be really awesome when we beat Virginia opening weekend."



Junior southpaw Nick Durazo lets go of a pitch. He suffered an injury last year.

The first pitch of the 2015 season is set for tomorrow at 3 p.m. The first leg of Saturday's doubleheader will begin at noon while the second game will kick off approximately

45 minutes after the conclusion of game one.

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TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

B.J. Tyson contributed 23 points in ECU's 64-53 victory over conference foe Memphis Tuesday. The Pirates are now 11-13.

BASEBALL

The Diamond Bucs open their season this weekend with a matchup against No. 2 UVA. Friday's game will begin at 3 p.m. before a doubleheader on Saturday.

SOFTBALL

The Pirate Clash will start on Thursday rather than Friday due to inclement weather.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates picked up a road victory Tuesday, beating Cincinnati, 78-53. Heather Macy and her Pirates are now 16-8 on the season.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Hornets struggled against the Detroit Pistons in a 106-78 loss on Tuesday. The Hornets are 22-30 on the season.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes defeated the San Jose Sharks Saturday, 5-4. The 'Canes are 19-26-7 on the season.

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Cliff Godwin era set to start

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Despite being on the job for less than nine months, first-year ECU baseball Head Coach Cliff Godwin has all the support he needs as the Pirates get set to start a new era.

Godwin, who has worked his way up the coaching ranks since 2003 when he was coaching at nearby Kinston High School, has had a profound rise which took him to Southeastern Conference powerhouse Ole Miss and culminated when he was offered the job at his alma mater in June.

He spent time behind the plate from 1998-2001 and was a letterwinner all four years. Since leaving his purple and gold uniform behind, some things have changed—most specifically, Clark-LeClair stadium, which was named in honor of Godwin's late coach Keith LeClair when it was built in 2005.

"I played at Harrington Field (ECU's former baseball stadium that held nearly half of what Clark-LeClair now holds)," said Godwin. "The teams I played on built the stadium that you see here now and it's a great facility and we've got to continue to keep enhancing it so we can be one of the nicest facilities in the country because we're trying to compete at the national level."

The national level and a College World Series are the ultimate goals for Godwin and his new team. He had a taste of it at Ole Miss where he helped lead the Rebels to a third place finish in last year's College World Series. Now, in the ECU dugout, Godwin has a chance to start his homecoming with a win over the very same Virginia team that knocked his Rebels out of the World Series last season.

But as any coach will say, it takes an entire team to win and Godwin inherited a 33-26 Pirate club that had talent but



Cliff Godwin

couldn't quite put it all together. For the new coach, captivating his new players hasn't been much of a challenge.

"It's been awesome," said junior pitcher David Lucroy. "It's a change in the leadership of the team and it has made us a lot more mentally tough. He's brought a lot of energy and toughness and it's just been a great transition overall."

The transition from one Godwin to another, former coach Billy Godwin was fired after last season, has created a culture change according to the players, with emphasis being put on the mental side of the game.

"The culture has changed and we're really focusing on toughness," said junior catcher Travis Watkins. "The energy in practice has been up and we're excited to get back on the field and play."

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TYSON continued from A1

But over the last few games, he's shown that his confidence in using his "ups" on the offensive end has risen, as fans can expect to see at least a monster jam a game from him.

"I feel like [Micheal] Jordan when I'm up there," said Tyson "I feel like I'm flying. That's how I was raised - watching Jordan. So I like to fly."

Tuesday night, he threw down a tomahawk jam with his left hand, which he favors, and he also rocked Minges Coliseum with a high-flying alley-oop delivered from forward Caleb White.

"Sometimes I think I can just throw [an alley] up there and close my eyes and I know B.J. is going to get it," said teammate Antonio Robinson. "He tells me, 'Antonio, just throw it up and I got you.' So I just throw it up, keep running and all I hear is the crowd going crazy."

Plenty of freshmen display athletic ability and flashes of brilliance, but it's poise that separates Tyson from the rest of the field.

Tyson went a perfect 9-for-9 in the second half (crunch time) Tuesday night, and a few of those makes were contested, clutch

shots as time was winding down on the shot clock.

His teammates show the same trust in the freshman that they do in older scorers to the point where Tyson seems to be the go-to guy at the end of a shot clock.

But he says it's just awareness. "When the clock is going down, sometimes my teammates don't realize it," he said. "I look up and see it so I just yell for the ball, they pass it to me and I just do what I have to do."

His rare combination of skill and awareness has led to three consecutive American Athletic Conference Rookie-of-the-Week awards, and after Tuesday's performance, a fourth should be a breeze.

Some have questioned whether such a skilled freshman will feel the need to transfer away from an ECU program that lacks a history of success, but skeptics should watch closely when he dances in the pregame introductions or when he gleams, talking about how much he loves ECU or Minges Coliseum

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Pirates rolling at home

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On Tuesday night, the experts across the country expected the Memphis Tigers to walk into Minges Coliseum and leave with a stress free victory.

They said the same thing when Cincinnati came to town, and before them Tulsa. Each team, ranked well higher than ECU in the American Athlete Conference standings, found their matchup with the Pirates to be anything but stress free. Only Tulsa, the top team in the AAC, managed to best the Pirates. They won by just two points.

The Pirates' road struggles have been well documented, but their success at home has kept the team relevant in a conference filled with big names and strong squads. It's true that just about every basketball team plays better at home than on the road,

but for ECU the difference has been astounding.

On the road against Cincinnati, the Pirates looked like a junior varsity team going against a varsity squad. Three weeks later, the Pirates toppled the same team that embarrassed them so badly with a 50-46 home victory.

There are a lot of factors at play here, but it can't go unmentioned just how much the ECU crowd gets the team going.

"I love playing in Minges," freshman guard B.J. Tyson said after defeating Cincinnati. "I like to get them excited, and that brings me energy. I love Minges."

They took the lead against Memphis when Tyson and junior guard Terry Whisnant combined for three dunks in 55 seconds, one a slam you'd expect to find out in Lob City, and closed the game out on a 14-4 run. Their victory against Cincinnati was eerily similar.

In that game, the



The Minges Maniacs get rowdy during Tuesday's victory.

Pirates used an 11-0 run to come back from a 46-39 deficit and earn the victory. There's something about playing in Greenville, with the loud crowd of usually about 4,500 fans that gives this team just enough push to win games.

Head Coach Jeff Lebo said early in the season that his then young and struggling team just needed to learn how to win. Against Memphis, the team showed that it is now making a habit of chalking up conference wins at home. They played like the veteran teams they failed against early in the season.

"Our team didn't panic tonight and I liked that," said Lebo after Tuesday's win over Memphis. "Even though we didn't play great in the first half, we played under control. We knew it was a 40-minute game and we had confidence that we would come out in the second half and overcome the adversity from the first half."

The Pirates have confidence now in their ability to close out games at home.

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Lady Pirates down Bearcats

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For the first time this season, the ECU women's basketball team has a winning conference record thanks to an incredible surge of offense in the second half, led by redshirt Abria Trice's 23 points, to top Cincinnati 78-53.

The Lady Pirates (16-8, 7-6 American Athletic Conference) outscored the Bearcats (6-18, 3-10 AAC) 45-18 in the second half, after trailing 35-33 headed into the break. ECU shot a season-best 32-for-57 (56 percent) from the field and 61 percent in the second half.

Trice shot 9-for-14 overall, with 15 of her points falling in the second half and for the second straight game, she was able to come away with a flawless free throw percentage as she sank all five of her attempts.

The Lady Pirates had three other scorers in double-figures. Redshirt junior, Jada Payne got her usual 17 points to go along with eight rebounds while senior, Shae Nelson added 16 points hitting four three-pointers for the second straight game.

Junior forward, Tiana Taylor was put back in the starting lineup after taking the past week off to recover from a minor leg injury sustained during practice. Taylor finished with 10 points grabbing a game-high nine rebounds.



Abria Trice covers a Houston guard on Feb. 3. She notched 23 points in the win over Cincinnati.

ECU's defense put on quite a show, not allowing the Bearcats to score a field goal for a span of 13 minutes, 43 seconds, from the 4:38 mark in the first half till the 11:11 mark in the second. Opening up the second half, the Lady Pirates outscored Cincinnati 34-4.

The Bearcats were held to 4-for-26 shooting (15 percent) in the second half, which allowed the Pirates to coast to a 25-point vic-

tory. It was the Lady Pirates' eighth win by 25 points or more this season and third against a conference opponent.

Next up the Lady Pirates will return to Greenville to kick off a three-game home stand against No. 25 South Florida (20-4, 11-1 AAC) on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The USF Bulls are currently second in the American behind defending National Champion UConn (22-1, 12-0 AAC). ECU was handed a seven-point loss when they met USF in Tampa for the conference opener back on Dec. 28.

It is sure to be an exciting offensive game as both teams' leading scorers are at the top of the scorer's list in the AAC. ECU's Payne, currently third in the American, leads the Pirates with 16.7 points per game, while USF's Courtney Williams leads the American in scoring with 20.2 points per game.

Both Payne and Williams are redshirt juniors with a lot of potential and WNBA aspirations. Payne is also just 30 points away from reaching the 1,000 career points milestone.

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Men's hoops tops Memphis

ECU pulled off a big conference victory Tuesday over Memphis. B.J. Tyson notched 23 points, 20 of those coming in the second half, behind a rocking Minges Coliseum crowd. Former Pirate sharpshooter Akeem Richmond was in attendance for the 64-53 win. The Pirates were led by their tough defense in the first half before exploding for a 43-point second half.



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Akeem Richmond honored at timeout.



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Fans get creative with their signs regarding Memphis's Head Coach.



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ECU forward Kanu Aja (44) drives through Memphis defenders for a layup.



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Senior Antonio Robinson takes the ball up floor. He notched six points.



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Prince Williams (4) attempts a layup.



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ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo hollers out plays.



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Freshman guard Lance Tejada thanks Pirate fans following the win.

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