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## Judgment Week continues

### Protesters hold sit-out outside of Aycock Dormitory

**Savannah Carter**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students had a sit out on Wednesday night in front of Aycock Residence Hall to protest the renaming of the dormitory which will be voted on by the Board of Trustees on Friday.

The students wore all black and stood outside the front entrance of the Residence Hall from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. The sit out was the third of five events announced as a part of judgment week, led by the Black Student Union.

“ECU prides itself on diversity, which is the complete opposite way ECU is going by not renaming this dorm,” said senior communications major, Elexis Ledbetter.

The Black Student Union hosted this weeklong peaceful protest in order to get rid of Charles B. Aycock’s name on the Residence Hall.

“People try to disguise the part that he was racist because he was an educator,” said freshman Bria Colon who is a current resident in Aycock Residence Hall. “I feel if people aren’t affected first hand they don’t care.”

The protesters were provided with drinks from the dining hall to help keep them warm from the cold night. Campus Living also provided protesters with tents, sheltering them from the elements. The lowest temperature of the night reached 16 degrees with snow.

“We’re trying to show people that we were serious,” said Ledbetter.

At their meeting, the Black Student Union discussed potential names if the Board were to vote to rename the Residence Hall.

“If it is going to be renamed, let’s rename it after a humanitarian or someone who worked with social justice,” said BSU president, Tyler Morrison.

Judgment Week continues tomorrow with a press conference at 4 p.m. on the Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard.

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## Ice storm freezes campus



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ECU Maintenance works to clear the sidewalks, making them safe for students.

### Icy roads still pose threat to travellers

**Altavia Lowery**  
TEC STAFF

Icy road conditions continued to impact drivers on Wednesday as a result of the storm.

The first wreck occurred on Beddard Road, off of Blackjack Simpson Road in Greenville. The driver was 20-year-old Juan Villeda, who self-reported the accident. Villeda stated that his car ran off the road as a result of the conditions. Villeda’s car hit a tree prior to flipping over, which resulted in a 911-phone call. The driver reported no injuries and the crash was allegedly a result of speeding.

The second wreck occurred on Sheppard Mill Road near Stokes and involved a 21-year-old. The male flipped his car, also a result of alleged speeding. The victim was transported to Vidant Medical Center with minor injuries.

North Carolina’s Department of Transportation officials are working on clearing roads covered in sleet, snow and ice from Monday and Tuesday’s weather. The NCDOT is also preparing for the weather expected today, and improving travel conditions.

Governor Pat McCrory lifted the State of Emergency that was issued earlier this week in preparation for the winter storm. He also thanked North Carolinians for staying off the roads and cautioned them on preparations for cold weather and freezing conditions that are still to come.

If you must travel, the North Carolina Highway Patrol has provided safety tips for the public to go by that include:

- **Reduce speed.**
- **Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and other vehicles.**
- **If your vehicle does begin to slide, take your foot off the gas and turn your wheel in the direction you are sliding. Do not apply the brakes!**

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Campus and local roads accumulated vast amounts of ice. Roads were left frozen and deemed unsafe for travel.



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The Trustees Fountain at Wright Circle froze over following the ice storm and freezing temperatures on Tuesday.

## ECU student rises to country star fame

**Lindsay Rayner**  
TEC STAFF

Kasey Tyndall, an up-and-coming country singer, spends her weekdays sitting in class as an ordinary East Carolina University student majoring in nursing.

Tyndall is a sophomore at ECU who dreams of being only two things: a nurse, or a famous country star. Because she leads a very Hannah Montana-esque lifestyle of performing on weekends and studying on weeknights, it’s hard to imagine she has time for school, especially with a major as difficult as nursing.

When it comes to picking either education or music, Tyndall has a plan. “You have to be realistic,” she said. “There

are so many people trying to make it that you’ll either make it, or it’ll swallow you up.”

Tyndall plans to graduate with a degree in nursing, even if that puts a hold on her music career.

“Out of the whole grand scheme of things, two years or three years of nursing is a little chunk of what music would be,” said Tyndall.

According to Tyndall, music can still be played on the weekends. “I want to have a back up, I want to have something to fall on. I mean I believe in my talent, but I’m realistic too,” said Tyndall.

Tyndall’s world was turned upside down when she won the WQDR “Sing with Keith Urban” contest last summer.

She performed “We Were Us” with Urban at Raleigh’s Walnut Creek Amphitheatre.

“You just had to call in, they would start the song, and then at the chorus they would cut the music and you had to sing the harmony, or the Miranda [Lambert] part without the music,” said Tyndall.

Tyndall said that after entering the submission, the radio station picked the top five and sent it off to Keith Urban’s team, then Keith Urban’s team picked Tyndall as the winner.

Tyndall credits her winning the contest to luck. “I say it was

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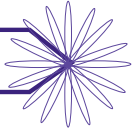
**Greenville PD gets new K9**

Greenville Police Department recently introduced a furry new member to its department, K9 Suny. K9 Suny joined the department in early February to replace K9 Gideon, a beloved member of the department who died from cancer. According to the department's Facebook page, K9 Gideon's former handler, officer Nate Lather, selected K9 Suny at the end of last year.

**Airport reopens after ice storm**

Flights resumed Wednesday afternoon from the Pitt-Greenville Airport after being closed all day Tuesday. Three-quarters of an inch of ice covered everything at the airport Tuesday morning according to airport operations manager Gordon Rowell. All flights were cancelled as airport staff helped remove ice from the runway.

**ONLINE**



GPD investigates armed robbery

*Corrections/  
Clarifications*

In last Thursday's paper, Alpha Phi Alpha was misspelled in the NPHC Banquet story.

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.

# Tickets outline platforms

**Collyn Sheaffer and Anna Parrish**  
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The Student Government Association Candidates Debates were held on Wednesday evening in Hendrix Theater.

Current Student Body President, Jake Srednicki, began the debates with advice to the candidates running for office and students attending the debates.

Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, made a statement before the debates began as well.

"With 27,500 students at this university, you all should have a say in which students represent you," said Hardy.

This was followed by a question and answer period which used the hashtag #ECUDEBATE for a live stream of questions from the student body.

While Mark Matulewicz, presidential candidate for Ticket One, focused his answers on the experience he already has serving on SGA and other student organizations, the presidential candidate for Ticket Two took a different approach.



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**Chelsea Scott, SGA secretary candidate for ticket two speaks during last night's debate.**

Eliza Monroe, Ticket Two's presidential candidate, said that she could "bring a fresh pair of eyes and a true voice of the student body" to the Student Government's executive branch, focusing on minority

representation and awareness.

Although Monroe does not currently serve on any SGA positions, she plans to focus her campaign on being the true voice of the student body.

"Top priorities should be to make students feel as one," said Janae Brown, vice presidential candidate for Ticket Two.

The executive candidates were asked questions about their response to the negativity expressed by the student body towards SGA, and how they believe the SGA and East Carolina as a whole can improve their reputations.

"SGA can improve by raising awareness on issues with things like disabilities, domestic violence and diversity," said Jenny Betz, vice presidential candidate for Ticket One.

Betz continued saying that one main reason for her running is to spread Pirate Pride. She explained how her passion for getting involved has influenced her to want to help other students get involved as well.

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# Greek Leadership series returns

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The third installment of the five-week spring 2015 Greek Leaders Series will commence in the Mendenhall Student Center today from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The interactive series, which started on Feb. 5 and will continue every Thursday until March 5, visits the history, roles and values of Greek life at ECU while challenging attendees to explore leadership strategies relating to the concerns of the Greek community at ECU.

All 25 attendees are potential student leaders in the ECU Fraternity and Sorority community that joined a Greek organization within the last year and were nominated by a Chapter or Council president before Jan. 23.

"Over the years, we've tried

different types of leaders series," said Keith Tingley, ECU's Director of Greek Life. "Some of them have been successful and some have not. What we're trying to do is find a consistent program where we can continue to educate future leaders."

Students can take advantage of material pertaining to leadership and values and apply it to their organization. The series covers ECU's Leadership Framework's five pillars: knowledge, well-being, ethics, relationships and service. Erik Kneubehl, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Involvement and Leadership, will present Ethics: Values-Based Decision Making and Conflict Management today.

Tingley was the speaker at the inaugural series meeting in February and discussed the

knowledge and perspectives of ECU Greek life during the course of his presentation.

"We currently have almost 2,700 students in Greek life," said Tingley. "We do so many programs as it is but we're always looking to add more. There's no ideal way to educate all 2,700 people. We do a leadership retreat and have speakers several times a year but we can't just get through to all students so we're trying to continue the leadership education of our students."

Bernie Schulz, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, played a large role in the creation of the series. Along with Tingley, Schulz worked at identifying the series' topics and promoting them within the Greek community.

"We announced the development of the series during the

Greek Leaders Retreat, which was held in January with the Council and Chapter leadership," said Schulz. "I would hope that the series would be offered each semester and we could possibly tweak the topics."

As for the future of the series, Tingley said that it could transform into something more grandiose and appealing to students in Greek life.

"One of the ultimate goals down the road is to offer some sort of four-credit leadership program as a one-hour class for Greek students," said Tingley. "If we can get this program launched as a non-credit and build the curriculum, then hopefully we can make it into a four-credit class."

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# Math 1066 redesigned

## Department set to restructure this spring

Emily Schultz  
TEC STAFF

The math department at East Carolina is in the early stages of redesigning Math 1066 and Math 2283, two maths for business majors, this spring.

Paul Kornegay, 1066 math professor at ECU, said the main reason for redesigning the curriculum is to improve student success. He added, the redesign that took place for College Algebra is very similar to what they are doing now.

“The big difference between the two is that we won’t have the math cave but it’s going to also have a course pack like in 1065, which basically has everything they need in it for the entire semester,” said Kornegay.

According to Kornegay, every business major at ECU is required to take Math 1066 and pass with a C or higher in order to graduate. Kornegay said the course is comparable in difficulty to college algebra.

“It’s probably marginally more difficult than 1065 and that’s mostly because of the content,” said Kornegay. “We talk about differential calculus and it’s a watered down calculus so most people would say it’s a tad bit harder.”

Johannes H. Hattingh, ECU’s math department chair, said the goal of the redesign is to help students graduate faster.

“It’s all about student success and our next step is asking the question ‘what do we do next to reduce DWF rates?’” said Hattingh.

The DWF rate is the percent of students who receive a D, F, or who withdraw from the course. Hattingh said that some math courses at ECU exceed a DWF rate of 50 percent. In addition, Hattingh said different sections of courses like 1066 have different DWF rates for different instructors.

“One professor may have a rate of 40 percent, which is high, and another may have a very low rate of 10 percent, which is low,” said Hattingh. “This is called course drift, which is where different professors are getting different results from their students, and the common template reduces that.”

The common template is what all 1066 professors will use to teach the course in the future. Kornegay said there is a departmental syllabus that all 1066 professors teach from, so they should cover the same material. However, there appear to be inconsistencies with the way the course is taught, according to one student.

An anonymous business major, who said he is normally an A/B student, took Kornegay’s class and failed last semester.

“The first test I failed,” said the student. “I just kept failing the tests and I know a lot of other people did too. I ended up with a D in the class.”

The student said he did not directly contact Kornegay, but instead contacted the math department to find out why there was such an uneven grade distribution. The student said he found a website called MyEdu.com, where university



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Professor Paul Kornegay explains the new plans for Math 1066.

students can publicly post their class grades.

MyEdu requires students to create a free account to post, but it does not require any proof that those are the actual grades received.

According to MyEdu, most of Kornegay’s students fail, with 35 percent of students recording F as their final grade.

“It’s pretty interesting, and I saw that almost 60 percent of people have to retake that math,” said the student.

The student said he thinks one of the problems with the course is that college math courses are taught online, which made him feel like he was teaching himself.

“There’s the MyMathLab thing and I think that’s where the issue begins,” said the student. “They make the tests based on what they were teaching, which is nothing like MyMathLab, and the homework they assigned was nothing like what we were learning in class.”

However, the math department said that MyMathLab will be used just as much in the redesign because it is so convenient for students to do their homework.

“MyMathLab recognizes when a student is doing poorly in a certain area and gives them opportunities to practice those type of problems more,” said Hattingh.

Tommy Ventura, freshman business major, said that he took Math 1066 in the fall semester with Kornegay and he said the class was not a problem for him. However, he said the common final was the hardest part.

“Each 1066 professor put in five of their own questions, so they were different from what I was used to with Kornegay and that was really difficult,” said Ventura.

Kornegay said the common final began in spring of 2014 and that it goes along with the common template to promote uniformity. However, Kornegay said that as of now, the redesign is all about making the course better for the student.

“The main idea behind redesigning the course was that students learn math by doing it, and not watching other people do it,” said Kornegay.

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Saturday, Feb 21 at 6:30 p.m.

## Movie Times

### Regal Greenville Grande Stadium 14

Friday, Feb. 20, Saturday, Feb. 21

The Duff  
2:40 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

Fifty Shades of Grey  
12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Kingsman: The Secret Service  
12:40 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 9:55 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

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

Jupiter Ascending  
2:00 p.m., 7:45 p.m.

The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water 3D  
1:10 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water  
12:10 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

Black or White  
6:40 p.m., 9:35 p.m.

American Sniper  
1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

The Wedding Ringer  
2:10 p.m., 7:55 p.m.

Taken 3  
5:00 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

# Dear White People

## LWCC to present conversation-starting film

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Tonight at 6 p.m. in Hendrix Theater, the Ledonia Wright Culture Center will feature the movie "Dear White People" on campus.

"Dear White People" was released on October 17, 2014, around various theaters in the United States. The movie went from city to city and stayed in theaters for about a week at each theater.

"Dear White People" is a film about a campus war between blacks and whites at predominantly white schools that comes to surface when the staff of a campus humor magazine throws an offensive Halloween party.

The main characters are Samantha White, played by Tessa Thompson, Lionel Higgins, played by Tyler James Williams, Colandrea Conners, played by Teyonah Parris, and Dean played by Dennis Haysbert.

The focus of the movie is to show the everyday life of the average black student that attends a predominantly white school and to answer the everyday questions that other cultures may have about the African American culture. The movie is done in a satirical manner to keep the viewers interested, with some parts of the movie coming from real life experiences.

"There are parts of the movie that were based on actual events that happened at other universities and they show the clips from those at the end of the movie," said Mariza James, assistant director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

The name of the movie came from the name of the title of a radio show Samantha White delivers on the school's station. She's one of four black students at the center of the film.

Another main character is Troy Fairbanks, played by Brandon P. Bell, a popular guy on



Cast members of "Dear White People" surround Tyler James Williams during a scene in the movie. COURTESY OF WASHINGTON POST

campus and the head of the traditionally black residence hall, which is being broken up through the university's random housing. Disagreeing with that plan, Samantha runs for student president against Troy.

Meanwhile, Lionel Higgins has a harder time at school being that he is black, nerdy and gay. He is also a writer for a minor campus paper, and is recruited by the major campus paper's white editor to report on the dorm controversy and to profile Samantha.

Throughout the film, it seemed as if the university is doing everything to separate the black community on the campus and portrays the struggles of each student to keep their identity and still fit in at the school.

After the movie, Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will hold a panel discussion about the topics discussed in the film in Hendrix. This will also allow for the audience to ask any questions they may have.

"I thought the movie represented a lot of what African American students face going through their course of life," said James. "It shows some of the events in a funny way but make you think, 'Wow that really happens to me.' I want everyone to come out and participate because they will have a chance to voice their opinion and ask questions on these topics that need to be discussed."

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# Student releases first hat line

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Many students enroll at ECU for the nursing, teaching and medical programs. While some students go through all four years with the same major, many other students change their majors. Daniel Spellman Jr. was one of those students.

Spellman came into college as a pre-health major but realized after his sophomore year what he was truly passionate about; fashion.

Spellman, also known around campus as Dan P. Lee, has been working for three years to get his brand name out into the world. On Tuesday, Spellman released his first collection of hats under his brand name, Dan P. Lee.

"A lot of people do t-shirts and I'm a hat type of guy so that's why I decided to do hats for my first product," said Spellman. "My mentor told me to create a tangible product you can give your supporters. I was told that support only goes so far without a product."

The hats titled "P17" by Dan P. Lee currently come in three



Daniel Spellman tries on a hat, which is a part of his newest collection. HAILEY PORTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

different colors, black white and tan. The hats also show the brand message, "Inspire others to inspire others" which is placed on the front.

His inspiration behind his brand name comes from his mother who passed away in 2000 when Spellman was seven years old. The brand name stands for his first name, Daniel, the P comes from his mother's

first name, Pamela, and the Lee is his middle name. The 17 stems from his mother's passing on March 17. To honor his mother's passing, he's released his P17 collection Tuesday.

Spellman hopes to move to New York after school and becoming a visual stylist for major companies such as Macy's and J. Crew. "I plan to use my degree in merchandising to get me into the

fashion industry," said Spellman. He wants to be self-employed and gain celebrity clients in the New York fashion community.

"I hope to use my major to push me into the door of fashion merchandising. Without my internship at U.B.E., I would have never known where to go to get logos and designs done," said Spellman.

Spellman is also working with AIMO, Apparel and Interior Merchandising Organization, in their all-student run fashion show which will be held on April 24th. He will be working behind the scenes in the show styling the models who are all ECU students.

Spellman says his number one resource at ECU are his friends. "Leading up to this product I realized that I surround myself with people who challenge each other to seek better because we all want a better life," said Spellman. "[The] advice that I'd give anyone is to seek God and make sure that what you're doing is really for you."

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# Campus celebrates Chinese New Year

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On Sunday night, Wright Auditorium will host the 2015 Greenville Chinese New Year Celebration beginning at 5 p.m. The celebration will consist of a stage show in Wright and later a catered dinner.

The Chinese New Year is a very old but a prominent holiday for the Chinese culture. Many traditions take place but what makes the holiday interesting is that it does not have a fixed date.

"In general the Chinese New Year, also called the spring festival, is the most important holiday in the Chinese culture," said Xiaoming Zeng, health department professor. "Traditionally, everyone needs to go back to his or her parent's house, it's a family event, and traditionally everyone also needs to participate in cooking [and] at the end, everyone shoots firecrackers to bring in the New Year."

One tradition that takes place before the Chinese New Year even happens is house cleaning. "We also do a lot of cleaning before the New Year," said Qin Ding, associate

professor of the computer science department. "You better do all your cleaning before the New Year comes."

According to "Nations Online" cleaning the house before the new year symbolizes sweeping out any misfortune or traces of bad luck.

The Chinese New Year Celebration has been at ECU for quite some time. "I remember my first year, 40 to 30 people had a small pot luck in a classroom of the science building," said Zeng. "Then we started the Greenville education, and that gathered other Chinese families around the area."

Zeng said that after more families were gathering for the celebration, they then decided they wanted to do something bigger and with more culture. "We wanted to put on a show," he said.

In the past seven years, the number of people who celebrate Chinese New Year in Greenville has increased from 40 to about 200. The celebrations have taken place in Mendenhall Student Center, the Murphree Center Complex and the Brody Auditorium. Now the Chinese New Year is in Wright Auditorium for a third year.

"We have kids from the Chinese school performing as

well, said Ding. "We have some traditional dance, the Chinese fox sound, Chinese dragon dance and taji, the slow motion martial arts."

Zeng and Ding both said the Chinese New Year is something to look forward to and that it carries a great deal of importance.

"I think the awareness have been increased over the years. More people, not of Chinese descent, have become interested in our events," said Ding. "I think it is important for people to get the exposure of different cultures and then respect the diversity."

"I think the show is important because it showcases the Chinese culture and brings the community together," said Zeng. "I think this event brings diversity to the campus. I don't think students are culturally competent yet but they are aware [but] if they go to the event, they can be exposed to different cultures and really respect their differences."

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# Top 10 Redbox rentals to watch this winter

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In the midst of the snow, sleet and ice filled days staying in bed under layers of warm, sometimes heated, blankets is by far the cozier option. Lazy days are typically filled with movies and tv series marathons and in case you can't figure out which movie to watch first, Redbox shares its top ten options of action thrillers, comedies and romance stories.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. <b>Gone Girl</b>       | 6. <b>Predestination</b>             |
| 2. <b>John Wick</b>       | 7. <b>The Judge</b>                  |
| 3. <b>Fury</b>            | 8. <b>The Equalizer</b>              |
| 4. <b>Addicted</b>        | 9. <b>A Walk Among</b>               |
| 5. <b>The Maze Runner</b> | 10. <b>This is Where I Leave You</b> |

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ILLUSTRATION BY ANNAH SCHWARTZ  
Top 10 Redbox Rental list courtesy of Tribune News Service

## TYNDALL continued from A1

luck because its over the phone, and so when you listen back, it sounded nothing like you in person," said Tyndall. "Its like we all sounded the same, so it's really just picking. I got lucky."

Tyndall signed with Tennessee East Artist Management, an artist management firm based in Raleigh that concentrates on country music artists, after her performance with Urban.

Another opportunity that came from WQDR Radio Station was opening for Lucy Hale, an actress who is best known for her role in ABC Family's "Pretty Little Liars" and is a country singer as well.

According to Tyndall, the concert with Hale was a charity event through WQDR. "Since I won the Keith Urban thing, they kept me in mind," said Tyndall.

Tyndall said Hale made a point to get to know her before her concert, and the two still keep in touch.

"I was in the library one day and I was just like, I'm going to text Lucy," said Tyndall.

The two had a casual conversation about what they were doing. When Hale heard Tyndall was in the library, she responded with, "Wow, cahoots for you for staying in school."

Tyndall is working to release an EP in the spring. EP stands for extended play, which is a musical recording that contains more than a single, but is usually too short to be considered a full album.

According to Tyndall, the EP will possibly be four or five songs. "It'll be coming out on iTunes, Amazon, all that good stuff," said Tyndall.

In addition to working on her EP, Tyndall spends the majority of her weekends performing.

"I play a lot of like, we call them, 'menu venues.' So a lot of restaurants and little bars, kind of random places," she said.

Opening for other artists allows Tyndall to expose her music.

"Its about 30 to 45 minutes, so that's, you know, maybe 12 or 13 songs," said Tyndall. "So it's a good chunk"

When Tyndall performs, she plays all of her songs as well as a few covers.

"You have to play what people want to hear when you play your bar gigs and your restaurant gigs," said Tyndall.

Tyndall said that while performing, she'd mix it up and play a few songs that aren't considered country. "You have to throw a little bit of that stuff in there to keep everyone kind of interested," she said.

Because of her double life as singer and student, Tyndall said she doesn't have the typical college experience.

"I don't really have time to party and go downtown," said Tyndall. "I'm doing what I love to do so, don't really get the college experience, but its fine."

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## PIRATE RANTS

I love the snow and all. But I hate the ice. Especially, when the guy walking behind you as you exit Speight slips on the stairs, falls on you, and in turn, makes you slip down the stairs. Not a fun experience. A few bruises and small cuts, but nothing serious luckily.

D\*\*\* it Elsa, you b\*\*\*\*.

Studying while working out, no wonder I think you're gorgeous.

The new "Adverse Weather" policy is crazy! Classes delayed...but you still have to work—unless you want to take vacation time!

Someone on the ECU networking team needs to be fired. Networking connectivity issues every day all semester is not acceptable. #gettogether

Fine. Don't hold hands. But \$100 says your girlfriend wishes you held her hand...

To the dumb\*\*\* bearded guy who goes to Fitzgerald's with his "boys"; the next time any "lonely" service member gives you a compliment, return the kindness by thanking him for his service to our country.

Province, with all the money you charge in rent and overages I'm sure you could've afforded to shovel the sidewalks so we won't instantly fall as soon as we walk out of our doors. Smh.

I know I'm not the only one that almost busted my a\*\* a couple of times trying to get to class on Wednesday. Like come on man! Why did I have to get up and go to class at all?

Voting for the SGA Elections start on Tuesday on Onestop. No, it's not just a Greek thing. Please get involved and have a voice. Your student fees pay for it.

I personally think that there should be a prayer room in each building on campus so that students outside and inside of the Christian faith may have a place of worship everywhere and not just in the S.P.A.C.E. What do we say to that "most diverse university"?

Can we keep the politics and PC out of campus? It's already caused a lot of problems in Washington. Can we not bring that crap on campus? It will make everyone's lives so much better.

Roses are red, weed is greener, I think about you when I touch my weiner.

All of my friends are getting married and it's a problem. But only because I have no idea how to act at adult functions.

I see you EIC.

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# Our view

# ECU mishandles weather closings

The ECU Alert to cancel class on Tuesday was released at 9:40 a.m., after several East Carolina faculty members and students were already on the road. Staff members were required to be on campus at 10 a.m. and campus was initially scheduled to open at 11 a.m. Tuesday. However, Pitt County announced their schools were closed Monday night and the city of Greenville decided to close all offices early Tuesday morning. Greenville Police Department requested that non-emergency vehicles stay off the road Tuesday, yet ECU faculty members and commuters had to risk their lives coming to campus on icy roads.

We as an editorial staff believe that the problem with ECU officials waiting so long to cancel class and to close offices down is that they put the lives of their students and

staff in danger. Most students at ECU live off campus, so they were at risk by venturing onto the roads just to come to class. Even if they did not expect the weather to be that treacherous, ECU administrators should have taken better precautions to ensure its students and faculty were safe.

In addition, administrators handled the ice on campus yesterday the wrong way. Sidewalks and stairways were covered in ice, and even places where most students walk through, like the library, were sheets of ice. It should not be dangerous for students to walk to class, and ECU officials should have used the time that classes were delayed to clean off the areas where students travel. Students' safety should be the main priority and administrators did not take that seriously.

# Letters to the Editor

What is makeup but a pretty mask, what outer beauty helps define who a person is and what they can accomplish?

As a female I generally stand with my fellow women and greatly encourage embracing beauty, whether through art or self-expression. That is why the article addressing makeup brings a sliver of despair to my heart. I think the article overlooks the basic meaning of beauty. This word could mean anything, from the inner reflection of your soul to children's laughter.

Calling makeup "beauty essentials" implies that it may in fact be essential to beauty. My fellow women (and a few men as well), makeup is a personal freedom. The use and abuse is entirely up to the will of the wearer, as it should be in America. This does not mean that by applying it you somehow have become a better person. While I think it's healthy to feel outwardly beautiful I also believe that a person should strongly seek to improve their inner beauty. A quote from the article: "I personally think

people do like to see women with makeup, especially guys." Validation through men? I like to see women make great political advances, achieve equal rights, save lives, help develop young minds, explore new places, unearth groundbreaking possibilities! I like to see women stand up for themselves and be who they are, makeup or not. We shouldn't be so reliant on a number scale set strictly between 1 and 10. A scale that people with no imagination or wit consistently use to degrade their human counterparts in hopes to make themselves feel better. It's nice to see the article mention YouTube makeup tutorials; I greatly applaud this form of media and the pioneers exploring uncharted waters by sharing pieces of themselves with the World Wide Web.

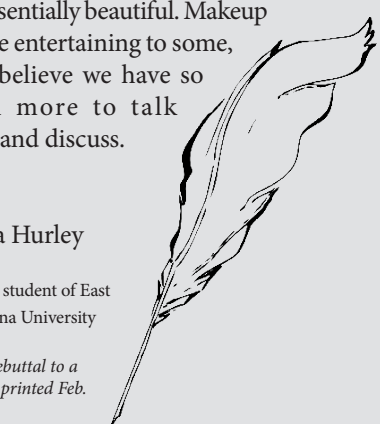
I can not get over our mainstream reliance on various topical remedies for what this article and pop culture refer to as "bare faced." I like to see us empower each other through makeup but not for the sake of looking good for men.

The person that falls in love with you doesn't fall in love with Urban Decay or Elf. They fall in love with you. Any mention of magazine makeup should be stricken from all records based solely on the existence of Photoshop and it's proven negative effect on malleable, growing minds. Our minds have so much potential! People with different faces, skin types, body shapes, they are what make us unique, interesting, and essentially beautiful. Makeup may be entertaining to some, but I believe we have so much more to talk about and discuss.

Julia Hurley

Former student of East Carolina University

- in rebuttal to a column printed Feb. 17.



# Managing the campus freeze



Tyler Kelbaugh  
TEC STAFF

As a friend and I foolishly scouted out campus at 3 a.m. Wednesday morning, we both came to the conclusion that we'd be sleeping in late. The conditions were just too dangerous, we thought, for ECU to not cancel classes all day like the rest of the Pitt County schools.

When it came time to wake up and check for the seemingly inevitable cancellation, I was stunned and disappointed to find that I indeed needed to go to all of my morning classes.

Even more stunning was just how safe campus was to traverse considering the sheet of ice that covered nearly all of Dowdy, Sci-Tech, College Hill and large parts of West End just six hours prior. It wasn't perfect, but I believe ECU did a pretty good job handling Mother Nature's curve ball.

ECU did a great job preparing campus for classes, a marked change from the week of classes that were cancelled after last year's blizzard that brought... wait for it... four whole inches of snow! After that storm roads remained covered in snow and ice for an entire week, and campus was no better.

This time around, it seems the ECU elites executed operation clean up much more effectively. There were still slick spots, sure, but even some of the those few icy areas around campus were covered with sand. Walking was a breeze. Still, while I found myself amazed at just how well

ECU seemed to handle and properly predict good opening and closing times, things were much different for people living off campus. Traveling from College Hill was easy for me, but for Alexis Brooks, a junior majoring in elementary education, getting to campus from the Province was no easy feat.

"There was still ice all over the sidewalk," said Brooks. "I was very difficult to walk. I almost slipped and fell numerous times. Even when I was taking baby steps I was slipping around."

According to Brooks, she wasn't alone. She said she saw plenty of people slip and a few of them fall. While ECU certainly could have done more to show their concern for people like Brooks, the responsibility for poor off campus conditions is hardly the fault of the university.

"It's just sad," Brooks said. "The Province staff should have been on top of this. ECU should have made sure the whole campus was salted and that the ice was scraped."

As a New Jersey native, I've got plenty of experience with the cold and nasty weather. The ice storm that we just had was nothing short of dangerous, even by my standards, and our school did a great job ensuring it did not interrupt our education.

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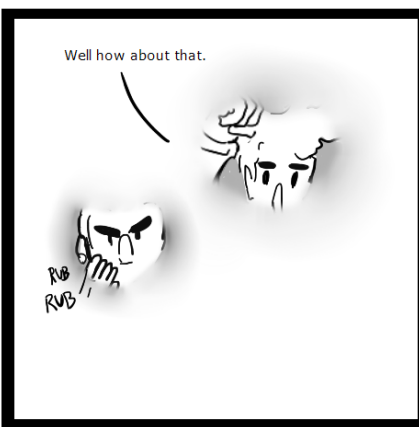
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## Men's hoops drops another road test

Tyler Kelbaugh  
TEC STAFF

The Golden Hurricane of Tulsa had no problem slicing apart the ECU zone defense at home en-route to a 69-58 blowout of the Pirates.

The final score doesn't do Tulsa's domination justice. The Golden Hurricane (18-7, 11-2 AAC) attacked the paint, reeled off one highlight reel dunk after another and knocked down its three point shots while the Pirates (11-15, 4-9 AAC) once again floundered away from Greenville.

Junior guards Shaquille Harrison and James Woodard both played like stars for Tulsa on Wednesday night, combining for 31 points. Harrison's alley-oop jam with 12:45 remaining in the second half put the Golden Hurricane ahead 48-31, and emphasized just how overmatched ECU was against one of the top teams in the AAC.

Tulsa made a statement towards its NCAA tournament resume by displaying excellent ball movement against ECU's zone. They had 18 assists on 25 made field goals, compared to just 10 assists for the Pirates.

Just as he did against Temple on Saturday, ECU's junior guard Terry Whisnant led the team in scoring. He scored 15 points, although 12 of them came in the second half long after the game had been decided.

Sophomore guard Caleb White was the only major contributor to ECU's offense in the first half. He scored eight first half points, finishing the game with 14, but his effort was not nearly enough to keep the Pirates close. Heading into the locker room at half, the Pirates already found themselves down by 16 points, 35-19.

Early shooting woes continued for ECU, as it shot a paltry 7-for-25 from the floor in the first half. The Pirates finished the game just 20-for-57.

Even the Pirates' standout freshman guard B.J. Tyson was not able to spark the ECU offense. Tyson finished the game with 13 points but, like Whisnant, the freshman



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Terry Whisnant takes a reverse layup. He had 15 points.

didn't start scoring until the second half. Tyson did not register a point in the first half.

Tulsa's junior forward Brandon Swanegan, who scored 16 points in just 22 minutes of play, exposed ECU's lack of size. He handled both of ECU's forwards, red-shirt sophomore Marshall Guilmette and sophomore Michel-Ofik Nzege, with ease.

Guilmette played just seven minutes in the game and has been unable to work his way through his recent struggles. The 6-foot-10 forward has just nine rebounds in his last five games.

Against Tulsa, Nzege was no better. He was limited to just five points in the game, although the sophomore did manage to snare seven rebounds.

The Pirates take to the court against USF (8-19, 2-12 AAC) on Saturday in Greenville. The last time these teams met was January 3rd, when USF bested ECU, 58-50.

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

## Pirates top SMU



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Jada Payne takes a free throw against SMU Wednesday night. She notched her 1,000th point.

## Payne earns 1,000th point in win

Rev Blanquicet  
TEC STAFF

Jada Payne passed the 1,000-point milestone, becoming the 22nd player in ECU women's basketball history to do so, as the Lady Pirates defeated Southern Methodist University, 67-53.

"What a milestone in such a short career here," said Head Coach Heather Macy. "It makes it that much more

impactful and meaningful for our program. Her game has evolved as she's grown into her body since going through the redshirt program. Her mentality level everyday is growing and growing and growing. Jada Payne is going to be a pro."

The redshirt junior and third-year Pirate reached the milestone in just 57 career games. Payne, the third-lead-

ing scorer in the American Athletic Conference, led all scorers with 20 points lifting the Lady Pirates (18-8, 9-6 AAC) to their fifth-straight win against the Mustangs (5-20, 1-13 AAC).

When asked if she was keeping track of her points, Payne was coy.

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# Godwin honors ECU legend



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Cliff Godwin claps from the third base coaches box. He dons No. 23 for LeClair.

Adam Decker  
TEC STAFF

When ECU baseball coach Cliff Godwin runs out to the third base coach's box Friday to kick off the 12th annual Keith LeClair classic, it will mean more than just a baseball game.

Keith LeClair was ECU's legendary baseball coach who guided the Pirates to a 212-96-1 record in just five seasons to become ECU's second-winningest coach. He led the Pirates to four straight NCAA Regional appearances, three Colonial Athletic Association championships and one Conference USA title.

But tragedy struck when LeClair had to step down as coach in 2002 after he was diagnosed with ALS, otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

It is common for teams to retire numbers of players and coaches after they had historic careers, but ECU decided to hand out LeClair's No. 23 jersey each year to the player that has shown toughness and a hard work ethic and overall embodied the values that the late coach stood for. It is valued as an honor to receive LeClair's jersey at season's end.

Godwin played catcher under LeClair for the Pirates from 1998-2001 and was a four-year letterwinner serving as a three-year co-captain for the Pirates. He helped LeClair's teams win nearly 100 more games than they lost in his four seasons as a Pirate.

Godwin is now calling the shots and trying to follow in LeClair's footsteps by getting ECU back to its old ways.

The No. 23 is often handed down to player but before season's start, LeClair's wife Lynn and the LeClair family asked Godwin to wear No. 23 in honor of his late coach.

"I'm extremely honored that Lynn and her family have asked me to wear No. 23 this year in honor of

Coach LeClair," Godwin said. "The number isn't about me, it's about the man who stood at third base while I was playing at East Carolina and it's about this program."

If coaching at his alma mater wasn't enough motivation to get the Pirates back on track, carrying on his coach's legacy by wearing the No. 23 surely is.

"I will be following in his footsteps giving signs at third base this year and years to come," Godwin said. "Once we make it to Omaha and the purple and gold No. 23 is standing down the third base line, it will be retired and placed on the outfield wall for everyone to see."

It is safe to say that this weekend's tournament means more to Godwin and the Pirates than just a few games. It is a weekend honoring a coaching legend and is meant for his legacy to live on.

"I've thought about coach LeClair every time that I've worn 23 wherever," Godwin stated. "It's extra special because this is actually where coach LeClair stood. I always think about coach between every inning when I run out to third base because I am wearing No. 23 and I think about him each time."

Although this is Godwin's first year as the Head Coach for the Pirates, ECU has done well in past Keith LeClair tournaments. The Pirates have won six of the 11 tournaments to date and also shared the title with West Virginia and North Carolina State in 2006.

The Pirates are the two time defending champions and will face off against St. Johns and No. 25 ranked Liberty in this year's classic.

Godwin and his Pirates will kick off the tournament tomorrow when they play St. Johns at 4 p.m. in the Clark-LeClair Stadium.

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### TAKEAWAYS

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates fell to 11-15 after suffering a 69-58 loss to conference foe Tulsa.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Junior Jada Payne reached the 1,000-point milestone during ECU's (18-8, 9-6 AAC) 67-53 victory over Southern Methodist.

#### BASEBALL

ECU (0-3) kicks off the 12th annual Keith LeClair classic on Saturday, which is named in honor of the late Head Coach Keith LeClair.

#### SOFTBALL

The Lady Pirates (5-4) prepare for this weekend's Pirate Invitational, which will be hosted in Greenville.

#### SWIMMING/DIVING

ECU's men's and women's teams will compete in the American Athletic Conference Championships this weekend.

#### MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates (4-6) facew Presbyterian on Friday followed by a doubleheader against The Citadel on Sunday.

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# Pirate players to prepare for Classic

Adam Decker  
TEC STAFF

The ECU baseball team will look to win this weekend's 12th annual Keith LeClair Classic for the third year in a row.

This weekend's tournament honors legendary ECU baseball coach Keith LeClair who coincidentally coached head coach Cliff Godwin from 1998-2001.

LeClair is second in coaching wins at ECU and had to withdrawal from his duties in 2002 after being diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease.

ECU will look to bounce back from getting swept last weekend and continue its success in the LeClair classic, where the Pirates are 6-0 in the past two Classics and haven't lost in the tournament since 2012 when they lost to Maryland 2-1.

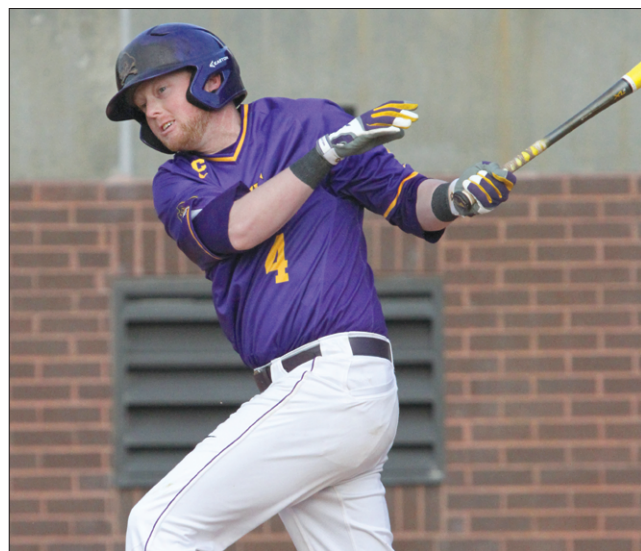
The Classic always seems to consist of teams from various conferences that the Pirates don't play on a regular basis.

This year's tournament consists of only two teams, St. Johns and No. 25 ranked Liberty. Michigan was originally supposed to make the trip but had to withdrawal due to weather restrictions.

The Pirates played a second-ranked Virginia team last weekend and were competitive in two of the three games. Look for ECU to play better defensive cutting down on its errors this weekend to try to three-peat.

The expected ECU ace Reid Love had to sit out the Virginia series because of an injury but could make his first appearance this weekend after he started throwing Monday.

Sophomore Bryce Harman should also make



Senior captain Hunter Allen swings through against Virginia.

his first appearance of the season this weekend after serving a suspension for the opening weekend.

Harman is the expected to be the Pirates starting first baseman and provides some power to the middle of the lineup. ECU struggled against Virginia offensively and Harman should help the Pirates bring home some base runners.

Liberty will be the toughest matchup of the weekend for the Pirates. Liberty holds a 2-1 record to this point, with their loss coming against No. 19 Kennesaw State. ECU will play then Sunday at 3 p.m. The Pirates lead the all time series 6-3.

Ashton Perritt is Liberty's star two-way player. He is being introduced as a starting pitcher this season after anchoring their bullpen last season. He also provides a substantial amount of power behind the plate as he hit a grand slam last weekend against Georgia State.

St. John's also poses a threat for the Pirates as the NCAA preseason rankings had them ranked No. 29.

ECU holds a 7-4 record against the Red Storm.

St. John's posted a 1-2 record on opening weekend however including a victory over Kennesaw State, the same team that Liberty fell to.

St. John's lacks consistency with its pitching staff as they allowed 33 runs over the weekend in only three games. Its pitchers allowed Georgia Tech to score 17 runs on opening day and 10 runs in the second game loss against Kennesaw State.

To match its potentially weak pitching, St. Johns is returning five players from last season that batted over .300. The Red Storm is lead by Robbie Knightes (.399), Jared Mederos (.362), Brett Dennis (.346), Michael Donadio (.328) and Alex Caruso (.326).

ECU seems to always play well in the Classic as it has won six of the 11 tournaments. The Diamond Buc also won a seventh as they split a three-way tie with West Virginia and North Carolina State in 2006.

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## TRACK AND FIELD

# Pirates head north VT Challenge looms for ECU

Aaron Jackson  
TEC STAFF

The ECU track and field team will compete in the Virginia Tech Challenge this weekend. Coming off great performances last week from senior Tyshonda Hawkins and junior Avion Jones, the Pirates will look to continue their success.

This will be ECU's first time at the VT Challenge in Blacksburg, Va. Though this is ECU's first time, it is no stranger to winning at Virginia Tech.

"The women have won three championships, we won last year two: indoor 14-foot and outdoor 14-foot, and indoor women 12-foot in the Conference USA," said Head Coach Kurt Craft.

Though in recent years the women have been dominant, the men have not fallen far behind. The men are on pace to get a conference championship with a few third place finishes.


"The men have been very competitive," said Craft. "They have been knocking on the door for the championship."

Ever since joining the American Athletic Conference, ECU has been trying to fit in with the new level of competition. Transitioning to the new conference has paid off for the Pirates. The better competition challenges the athletes to perform at their best in premier fashion.

"It is a very very good league and it's also

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a very tough league and that's the way we like it," Craft said. Craft is not the only one who is ready to take on the challenge in the new conference. All athletes have different ways for preparing for these meets but Hawkins prefers watching film. "I watch a lot of film to see where the flaws are in my races," said Hawkins. "I have been coming into practice lately, I have been trying to perfect that working on technique and form right now." The senior stated that it

helps to go into the weight room, but the minor details make the difference for Hawkins. "Strength is there we just need to get the little things that help us get better," said the senior. The VT Challenge begins Friday, February 20 in Blacksburg, Va. It is ECU's last meet before heading to New York City for the AAC Indoor Championships. This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

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"Not at all," she said of keeping her eye on the stats. "I was in the flow of the game and had no clue until one of my teammates congratulated me as I headed to the bench. It was great to get it here at home with the people: fans, teammates, and incredible coach who have been with me since the start." Payne now has 1,011 career points and will shortly break into ECU's top 20 all-time scorers' list. The remarkable thing about Payne's achievement is that she hasn't done it from just one spot on the floor. Whether it is from beyond the arc, in the low post or at the free throw line Payne has proven she will do what ever is needed to push her ECU team to the next level. "She always has the same thing on her mind," said Macy. "And that's how can I help us win as a team." Since the beginning of the season, Macy has raved about how she's wanted nothing more than her team to continue growing and end up playing their best style of basketball heading into the post-season. With only two-games left, it's clear to see that's exactly what's happening. Wednesday night the Lady Pirates took advantage of a struggling Southern Methodist team, putting pressure on its ball handlers and running a full-court press the first ten minutes of the game. The Pirates then jumped out to an early 25-6 lead. Despite ECU fouling heavily in the second half, the Mustangs never got within single digits for the remainder of the game.

With only three games left before the conference tournament the Lady Pirates are looking to finish strong, which shouldn't be a problem if they keep at their current pace. All the pieces have come together for this ECU team and the players are beginning to mesh at just the right time. From their communication on the court to their execution on making the extra passes to get better-shot selections, it's evident that every player on this team has bought into Macy's program and is truly playing for each other. One of Macy's major points of emphasis has been to let the team's defense fuel their offense, which is just what the Lady Pirates did in their triumph over SMU. The Lady Pirates stuck to their identity of playing tough team defense, forcing turnovers (31 with a season-high 24 steals), scoring off those turnovers (32 points, 26 in the first half) and crashing the boards (38 rebounds); resulting in another huge win to continue their push toward the top the conference standings. In order for the Lady Pirates to make history by becoming the first team to record three-straight 20-win seasons they'll have to win two of their remaining three matches against conference opponents. After their win over previously ranked No. 25 USF (20-5, 11-2 AAC) ECU is currently trending above its final three opponents. Next up the Lady Pirates will conclude their three-game home stand against Cincinnati (6-19, 3-11 AAC) on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum.

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