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The Board of Trustees announced that Aycock Hall would be renamed after hosting public forums in recent months. The decision was unanimous and no new name has been released at this point. The board concluded the meeting by informing attendees that a new building will be erected to house the name and legacy of Charles B. Aycock, called Heritage Hall. The building is also expected to incorporate other historical and influential figures of North Carolina and the university.

Suspect in custody for homicide

Altavia Lowery
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Police Department has found the fourth suspect in the first murder case of 2015.

Jaquan Deshaune Johnson, 18, of Grimesland is now in custody after officials put out a warrant for his arrest on Monday. Johnson turned himself in to the magistrate's office just before 4 p.m.

The three others involved in the murder who were previously arrested in the case include Wanya Shiver, 16, Raquan Tyner, 17, and Adric Brown, 17.

23-year-old Kwmaine Thompson was murdered on February 6. He was found lying in the street on the 200 block of Vance Street earlier this month.

Interim Chief Sauls released a statement regarding the suspect on Monday. In his announcement he stated, "this was a senseless act of violence committed against a member of our community."

Chief Sauls also made a promise to the Greenville community that the GPD wouldn't give up on the case and will bring those responsible to justice.

The GPD has thanked the community for their tips that led to the arrests of those responsible. Chief Sauls has ruled out that this murder was gang related and that there seems to be no connection between Thompson and the suspects.

All four suspects have been charged with an open account of murder.

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Board names Mitchelson provost

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Ronald Mitchelson was named East Carolina University Provost in a unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees on Friday.

After a nationwide search, Mitchelson, who has been serving as interim provost for the university since last year, was selected to fill the position permanently.

The decision of the board to approve Mitchelson for the provost position was met with applause from those in attendance.

"I think the applause speaks for itself," Ballard said to Mitchelson. "I'm just happy to welcome [Mitchelson] into the leadership team on a more permanent basis and look forward to working with you."

The Board of Trustees was also happy with the appointment of Mitchelson to the permanent position.

"Mister Chairman, I am very pleased to make the following motion. It is to approve the appointment of Ronald L. Mitchelson

as the provost and senior vice-chancellor for academic affairs," said Board Member Deborah Davis.

"I think it gives all of the trustees a great deal of pride and pleasure to be able to have somebody who is already here and knows the university," said Board Chairman Robert Brinkley.

Mitchelson is not new to ECU; he originally joined the pirate family in 1999 as a geography professor. He has since chaired the geography department, served as the interim chair of the English department, and interim vice-chancellor for research and graduate studies.

Upon the approval of the UNC Board of Governors, Mitchelson will be making \$297,000 a year in his new position. He will also be given an annual automobile allowance of \$7,920 and an annual phone allowance of \$720.

These amounts were previously approved in April 2014 by the board for Mitchelson when he began his interim position. The amounts have also been approved by Chancellor Ballard and

are consistent with ranges within the Board of Governors policy.

Mitchelson was one of nine people interviewed for the provost position by the search committee during the eight month national search. The nine were narrowed down to four and were then invited to campus, before being ranked and given reference checks.

"I am extremely happy of the quality," said Ballard. "I think ECU should be proud that we have such a good reputation that we attract an excellent pool of candidates and people who want to come and be here and be associated with this university."

Mitchelson received his undergraduate degree in geography at the State University of New York in Buffalo. He received both his master's and doctoral degrees in geography from The Ohio State University. He has also held administrative positions at the University of Georgia and Morehead State University in Kentucky.

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OneStop voting opens for elections

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Student Government Association Elections open today for executive candidates and senators.

Ticket 1 includes the President Candidate Mark Matulewicz, Vice Presidential Candidate Jenny Betz, Carson Pierce for treasurer and Selma Gomez for secretary. Ticket 1 has focused their campaign on each of their candidates' experience and qualifications with student organizations and several leadership positions on campus.

Ticket 2 includes Eliza Monroe for president, Vice Presidential Candidate Janae Brown, Don Donaldson for treasurer and Chelsea Scott for secretary. Monroe and her ticket have focused their campaign and platform on the voice of the student body, mainly targeting the minorities on campus. Scott explained that they plan to serve student by being a voice for students who cannot be heard.

At the Candidate Debates which were held last week, the candidates on each ticket were asked what their top priorities for ECU are for the next 10 years. The vice presidential candidate on Ticket 1 said that one of their priorities

would be to improve East Carolina's reputation to others outside of our school, especially to other schools in our state.

The candidate for Ticket 2 explained their main priority as making sure every student feels welcomed on our campus, and said that we must stand together and be the voice for one another.

The next questions for the secretary candidates at the debates were about ways to increase student involvement and engagement on campus. Ticket 1 explained that they would work with the Senate to make sure students who are willing, can know what is going on in SGA.

The candidate for Ticket 2 said that they will make sure students are aware and make sure that students are heard by recognizing the problems, then creating programs, forums and boards to make students feel involved.

Another one of Ticket 1's main concerns was also to create a Pirate Pick-up that allows impaired students to get rides on golf carts to designated places on campus, while Ticket 2 talked about the importance of increasing security with police officers on campus.

The candidates on both tickets agreed that the best way to bridge the gap between



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Mark Matulewicz, right, presidential candidate for Ticket 1 explains his platform at last weeks debate.

each branch of SGA, once elected, would be a retreat for all members of the Student Government Association.

Since the Student Government Association has the option to be involved with the Board of Trustees at ECU, both tickets know that they have the chance to relay students' opinions to the board.

Ticket 2 said that first they must estab-

lish a solid collaboration with the Board and make sure that students' perspective is always included in discussions. Ticket 1 plans on including student opinions by using student surveys to make sure their voices are heard.

Students can vote on OneStop for these candidates until Friday at noon.

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BRIEFS

ECU officials support millennial campus

East Carolina University officials decided to endorse the creation of a new type of campus that allows for more public and private partnerships. The Board of Trustees voted on Friday to endorse the idea of a millennial campus which would be called the East Carolina Research and Innovation Campus (ECRIC).

The UNC Board of Governors must approve the millennial campus before establishing one after they receive a recommendation from the system's president, who must discuss it with the chancellor and the Board of Trustees. Five potential locations for the millennial campus have been identified.

Legislators meet with Pitt County schools

Teacher pay was one of the main topics when local state legislators met with Pitt County Schools Monday morning at J.H. Rose High School in Greenville. Counties across the state have prepared several proposals on "differentiated pay" for legislators to consider and Pitt County Schools presented their plan on how to recognize and reward the system's best teachers.

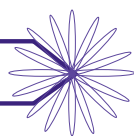
Thomas Feller, Professional Learning Coordinator with Pitt Co Schools, said they developed a career ladder for teachers that will provide increased compensation, but also additional responsibilities for them as they continue with the steps in the ladder.

Greenville experiences high water demand

Greenville Utilities reported higher than normal water demand this past Sunday. According to Sue Hatch, Greenville Utilities communications manager, the demand for water in the city is higher than usual because of weather related incidents, like water leaks, in homes and commercial buildings.

The utilities company requested that customers to check their plumbing and irrigation system devices for any possible leaks that may have occurred because of the extreme cold.

ONLINE



Board announces Aycock name change

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

Corrections/ Clarifications

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

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Fraternity partners with police to educate students

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Students are getting a chance to know their rights when it comes to police.

"What Would You Do?" hosted by Kappa Alpha Psi, is a passport event where officers from around the Greenville area will speak on a panel to help educate students on their rights.

Joshua Pyant, senior exercise physiology major and member of Kappa Alpha Psi, said that certain scenarios will be given for students to understand what rights they have.

"It's not necessarily to be contrary to police where students can say 'I know this now, so you can't do this' to police, but more of a situation to make sure you're safe and make sure the police are safe as well," said Pyant.

Pyant also said that one of goals of the event is to create communication between students and local law enforcement.

"A lot of people have a negative stereotype of police officers," said Pyant. "I believe just engaging in that dialect will enhance that relationship."

With police officers being in the news continuously last year for the killings of young adults, many people started standing up for their rights. With marches, protests,

and petitions, many Americans refused to back down from what they believed was "unnecessary" activity from police.

"First and foremost I commend the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi for putting together this program titled "What Would You Do?" It's my understanding that the goal of the program is to educate students on their rights, but also its our hope along with theirs that this program and programs like it will strengthen and further develop the relationship amongst students and law enforcement," said officer, Greg Hedgepeth Greenville Police Department.

Kappa Alpha Psi has teamed up with Greenville officials to host and sponsor this event. Communication between students on college campuses and police officers is something that everyone can benefit from.

"The importance of this event is to create an understanding of what exactly officers can and cannot do when interacting with civilians," says Jonathan Peralta, senior marketing supply chain management major. "Likewise, it will help us [students] know what we should or shouldn't do under certain circumstances."

Peralta added that many of these unfortunate events that involve the law are due to people not being aware of their rights. This

event is meant to spread awareness with the hopes of preventing any situations regarding abuse of power.

"It's only when we create an open channel of communication and engage in meaningful dialogue about issues and address concerns, that we begin to solve problems and develop solutions," said officer Hedgepeth. "I hope every student leaves this program with a different perspective on how to interact with law enforcement and that the law enforcement officers that volunteered to be a part of this panel leave with a better understanding of how students feel/think during their encounters with us."

The event will begin tonight at 7:11 p.m in Sci-Tech room C307 as a part of Kappa Alpha Psi's Charter Week, which started on Monday and will continue throughout the entire week.

"What we hope to gain from this event is to create a relationship, a bond, and increase trust with the Greenville Police Department and students by showing we are interesting in helping make Greenville or anywhere we may move on to a better place," says Peralta, president of Kappa Alpha Psi.

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ECU aims to empower women

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Today, East Carolina University's Center for Student Leadership and Engagement is presenting the Flawless Project, which is a new upcoming program open to women who are willing to face and embrace their flaws.

The purpose is to encourage and empower women of all backgrounds, cultures, and races to feel confident and comfortable in their own beauty despite the ridicule and high standards of society.

Breyah Atkinson, sophomore and assistant for Student Leadership and Engagement, said she came up with this idea because it is something she has dealt with personally.

"Body image is something I've struggled with, and I just see women across campus and I think this is probably something they are struggling with too, but just scared to come out with it," said Atkinson. "So I want to encourage women of all backgrounds, cultures, and races that are dealing with this issue to just address it and feel confident about themselves."

Atkinson said there will be activities and discussions in this event that deal with how poor body image affects mental health and everyday life. Specifically, ways people can boost their self-esteem and confidence.

"The first activity is a flip chart activity, we will give six flip chart papers, and on them we are going to write what society thinks is perfect and flawless, and then will discuss why those [perceptions] aren't true and why we are beautiful despite our flaws," said Atkinson. "The second activity is a more personal level, its like a timeline as to how your body image was diminished and what got you to that point, and how we can overcome it on a personal level."



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Similar to the Flawless Project, Dove launched the Real Beauty campaign to encourage and inspire women.

Initially this event was for just for women but men that are struggling with body image are welcome to come. This event is free for all to go to.

"This [event] can boost their confidence and they can try new things and be involved on campus," said Atkinson. "You can learn new things and explore new things, and I think that's important especially on a campus like East Carolina University. This event is to better oneself."

Maya Mitchell from the Counseling Center will also be speaking on body and self-image. The role she will be playing is explaining how self and body image affects our health as well as our everyday decisions.

"I think its important in the college phase of life, which is a really crucial, developmental phase, to really understand how body image impacts us mentally and physically also," said Mitchell. "I was really excited to be on board

for this event because I'm passionate about this topic. I want to make a mind, body connection which just kind of highlights the importance of a body image, because it does and it can impact our health"

Nationwide two of the biggest issues students deal with are anxiety and depression. At the counseling center at ECU, the top five topics that are dealt with are anxiety, depression, relationship issues, stress and time management. Mitchell said that they see students with all different types of issues.

Carly Bryant, freshman fashion merchandising major, said she thinks this event is beneficial to have on campus.

"Every day women face pressures and standards set by society to appear as this, oftentimes, unattainable form of beauty," said Bryant. "It's helpful to be reminded every now and then that who you are and how you look is beautiful, regardless

of size, skin tone, or any other minimal flaw that challenges society's norms of beauty."

Body Image is a common issue among numerous of people, and some may feel uncomfortable to discuss their feelings to someone. Mitchell said that one of the main reasons students don't come to counseling center is because of the stigma associated with counseling.

"I think by coming to the Flawless Project it normalizes some of the everyday things people may deal or struggle with," said Mitchell. "This is a great way to connect with other students and relate to them and hopefully become enlightened about some of the things they are dealing with and how they can better address their issues."

The event will take place from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Croatan Green Room.

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Series talks deathly encounters

Lindsay Rayner &
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Nearly everyone has heard the term “near death experience,” but few know that it was created by a professor from our very own university.

Raymond Moody, author, and former ECU professor who will be speaking tonight in Wright Auditorium as part of the Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series, coined the term in his 1975 book “Life After Life.”

“Moody was the one who really started this conversation back in the 70s,” said Calvin Mercer, director of the religious studies program at ECU. “Moody used the term to refer to experiences that thousands of people were reporting to him.”

The book “Life After Life” tells the story of 150 people who have undergone near-death experiences.

“The book sold millions of copies, became an international best seller, and laid the ground work for subsequent studies about this phenomenon of near death experience,” said Mercer.

Mercer said Moody is responsible for opening the area of study that focuses on near death experiences.

“He’s the one that started collecting these stories and started analyzing them and



Dr. Raymond Moody, a former ECU professor, will speak to students tonight in Wright about his studies on near-death experiences.

cataloging them, and he’s the one that coined the term,” said Mercer.

According to Mercer, Moody is a philosopher who brings a careful, critical thought process to experiences like this and is very reasonable and thoughtful in his

analysis of these experiences.

In addition to studying near death experiences, Mercer said Moody also studied shared death experiences, which involve the effect death has on both the victim and those who are close with the victim.

“What he found out is that most people sometimes have experiences at the deathbed that are interesting and common,” said Mercer. “He interviewed a lot of people who had been at the bedside of someone who died, and he called those

shared death experiences.”

Moody worked with Elizabeth Coupler-Ross, who Mercer stated was the person that identified the stages of grief that people go through when they find out they’re going to die or when a loved one dies. “She endorsed his

book and wrote a foreword to it,” said Mercer.

Before Moody became famous, he was a professor at ECU. “He also used to teach here way back in the late 60s and early 70s,” said Mercer. “At that time he was teaching in the Department of Philosophy. He was a young professor.”

Mercer said that since then, he has been called the father of near death experience by The New York Times.

Moody has lectured all over the World. Now that he is retired, he continues to lecture and writes books.

During the lecture tonight, Moody will discuss “his latest thinking on the near death experiences that he wrote a book about in 1975,” said Mercer.

When it comes to selecting speakers for the Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series, Mercer said there is a committee of professors on campus that strive for speakers who have scholarly credentials as well as the ability to speak effectively.

“We have always brought in scholars who are famous and who are able to communicate their work in an exciting way,” said Mercer.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

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Theater debuts nursing movie

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Tonight at the Carmike 12 Theater, Vidant Medical Center and East Carolina University’s College of Nursing will be providing the screening of “The American Nurse” at 7 p.m.

The idea for the documentary came from the book, “The American Nurse” which documents the lives of 75 nurses across the nation. The book includes black and white pictures and personal interviews to tell the life and work that a nurse does on an everyday basis. The concept of the film and book is to highlight the troubles and difficulties that the nurse has to go through.

“I do think people think that nursing is somewhat easy but upon entering the actually medical school I know of many people who say it’s more work than they intended and no longer want to pursue nursing anymore. Nursing is also a serious job,” said Jordan Lawson, sophomore intended nursing major.

“The American Nurse” is a documentary that follows five American nurses lives from different areas of the nursing field. Director, Carolyn Jones, went around the country getting moments of nurses helping people and their everyday life. The Documentary shows them at the front of the healthcare being provided today.

“The Film was heartwarming. Being a nurse I was more touched by the story but you don’t have to be a nurse to see the issues and understand the problems with health care in our country,” said Dr. Linda Hofler, senior vice president and nurse executive from Vidant Medical Center.

The five nurses include Tonja Faust who works with the maximum-security prison inmates, Jason Short with home health

patients in Appalachia, Brian McMillion with soldiers returning from war, Naomi Cross with mothers giving birth, and Sister Stephen with nursing home patients at the end of life.

“I think a lot of times we only think of the nurse in a hospital setting but the film shows all aspects of nursing,” said Hofler.

Throughout the film, the audience learns about the job of each nurse, the responsibility of each nurse, why nursing was chosen as a career, and how they get through the difficult parts of being a nurse, such as watching people die.

“I picked nursing because I am extremely passionate about helping people who are sick, especially small children. I am also quite fond of the medical field because of my fascination with the human body,” said Lawson.

For the special screening, Dr. Linda Hofler and Dr. Sylvia Brown, dean of the College of Nursing at ECU, will provide opening and closing remarks. The Vidant Medical Center will provide a booth that will highlight the services that the center brings. The College of Nursing at ECU will also have representatives at the booth highlighting the academic programs they provide for nursing students. The film also has established The American Nurse Scholarship Fund.

“Ten percent of proceeds go towards providing nurses in school with scholarships. We are excited to bring something to Greenville that tells about nursing and goes to support people in the career,” said Hofler. “We hope people will attend.”

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Bringing funny back

Tavern on 4th to host Comedy Zone events

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Tavern on 4th Street is bringing the Comedy Zone back to the Greenville community. The owners of Tavern on 4th Street signed a contract about three weeks ago with the Comedy Zone Network to provide comedic talent on Wednesday nights.

Years ago Comedy Zone was hosted in the Attic nightclub which was located in downtown Greenville. The Comedy Zone is a part of the Comedy Zone Network. Comedians such as Carrot Top, Rodney Carrington, Jeff Foxworthy, Ron White and Tommy Chong from Cheech and Chong have all come through The Comedy Zone.

“I went to it every Wednesday night in college, it was always such a good time,” said Judd Crumpler, an owner of Tavern on 4th Street. “People say that laughter a day keeps the doctor away and we’re just trying to provide an opportunity for somebody to get that laugh, at least on Wednesdays.”

Crumpler and the other owners of the Tavern on 4th Street have teamed up with Joe Tronto, who is the former owner and operator of The Attic nightclub as well as an agent for The Comedy Zone, with an uptown revitalization in mind for downtown Greenville.

“Back when I was in school, the Attic had the Comedy Zone to begin with and it was on Wednesday nights and it was hilarious,” said Crumpler. “They had big time comedians come through like Carrot top and Willie Tyler and Lester.”

The Comedy Zone will help to promote Tavern on 4th Streets weekends with live music. The first night of the Comedy Zone will be tomorrow with the headliner Shaun Jones and a feature act provided by Andy Forrester. Many people may recognize Shaun Jones from Comic View on B.E.T. or Andy Forrester from



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Tavern on 4th will host their Comedy Zone series every Wednesday night.

his iTunes Podcast titled “Eating It” with David Tobey.

Shaun Jones has been a professional comedian for the past 20 years. Jones has been seen on B.E.T.’S Comic View, Starz “1st Amendment Standup” and Robert Townsend’s “Partners In Crime-The Next Generation”. He also was in the 2003 motion picture called “Shade” as the crooked poker player, Mr. Ose, Starring Jamie Foxx and Sylvester Stallone.

Andy Forrester, also known as Big “A”, officially started his comedy career in 1999 when he joined the local Improv Comedy troupe in Raleigh, NC, Comedy Sportz. He was the winner of the 2008 Ultimate Comic Challenge and part of the 2011 Cape Fear Comedy Festival and continues to perform regularly at comedy clubs, country clubs, colleges and corporate events across the country. The Comedy Zone is bringing top comedic talent to downtown Greenville. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the comedy show will start at 9:30 p.m.

The building will be set up specifically for The Comedy Zone on Wednesday nights so the public will need to enter the building through the back. Bartenders will turn into waitresses during Comedy Zone nights and

Chico’s is also donating appetizers for these special nights.

The owners of Tavern on 4th street are hoping that the new parking deck next to the building will enhance the feeling of safety for people. There are 240 parking spots and 80 cameras in the parking deck.

“If something happens in the parking deck, which is ten feet away from my building, more than likely Greenville police are going to be able to find out who did what to you or to your car,” said Crumpler.

Crumpler feels that there’s a need for something for people between the ages of 25-45 to do in Greenville. Tavern on 4th Street is trying to appeal to an older crowd by means of branding and marketing schemes.

“We’re targeting people who had the same experience with the Comedy Zone that I did when I was in college, being advertised as “Attic Ent.” presents The Comedy Zone” and by using the Attic enterprises moniker we’re trying to reconnect those with something from their past in Greenville,” said Crumpler.

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Getting back to basics

Bridal Expo provides brides with the latest wedding trends

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This past Sunday, the Greenville Convention Center hosted their 17th Annual Eastern Carolina Bridal Expo, which debuted the comeback of the traditional vintage wedding theme.

With the weddings, there are many things that need to be organized from the bride's dress, jewelry, hair and makeup, to bridesmaids accessories, and the groom's tux.

Valerie Moore, senior consultant at David's Bridals, said vintage and country barn weddings are in.

"This season, there is a big demand for ball gowns and vintage fit and flares," said Moore. "These styles go well for all shapes and sizes."

There are many different selections to choose from when looking for the perfect wedding dress and with an open mind, you can find that dress.

"I would suggest any bride to come in and try on all silhouettes," said Moore. "If you like one fit and flare, you may not like the stuff that is on [that dress] but if you like the way it fits your body, then that's going to be the silhouette you go with."

Moore also stated that college students are wearing boots instead of heels, casual dresses with pockets and a lot of lace.

"The younger girls are going for lace which is a touch of old fashion, but yet very modern in their style because a lot of them are doing very



Betty Stewart, president of Stewarts Jewelry Store, hands a customer a ring to try on. Stewarts participated in the annual bridal expo.

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casual weddings," said Moore.

According to Moore, most girls are not wanting a bright, traditional bridal white.

"The majority is wearing a white or an ivory for their wedding dress," said Moore.

For the bride, not only is the dress very important, but the jewelry for the big day is as well.

"The jewelry style has definitely changed," said Betty Stewart, president of Stewart's Jewelry Store in Washington, North Carolina. "In the past, [jewelry] was white gold and

"...With bridesmaids dresses now, anything goes."

-Valerie Moore

now yellow gold is definitely making a comeback"

According to Stewart, the ring shape that is currently popular for women is the halo effect diamond.

"The halo is just a classic ring shape that is number one for engagement rings," said Stewart. "They are cut to get the most brilliance."

elegant and classy with a simple touch.

"There is a lot of stuff that goes into looking perfect for a wedding, which can be very stressful," said Francis. "No one wants to look like Bridezilla."

Choosing a color scheme for the wedding is an essential part of the planning. Weddings from this winter featured shades such as navy, wine colors, browns and earthy tones. A lot of these colors are shown within the bridesmaid's dresses.

"With bridesmaids

dresses now, anything goes," said Moore. "They are not so much uniformed anymore. They may all be the same color but have different dress."

Men are starting to keep their wedding day look more casual as well. "For college-aged guys, I see them tending to do more of a plaid bow-tie, suspenders, khakis or blue jeans and colored socks look," said Jarrod Houpp, supplier for A.V.A Formals. "The younger generation is looking for more colors, which makes them stand out."

Houpp stated that men are starting to get bolder with colors and patterns but classic colors are still just as in demand as ever.

"Tan and gray are more popular than the traditional black," said Houpp. "The peak of the year has been gray, which comes in three different shades."

Men are not only adhering to the traditional style with their suits, but with their jewelry as well.

Aaron Stewart, VP of Stewart's Jewelry Store, explained that men are sticking to traditional bands and are straying away from the alternate gold.

"I think people are getting back to the basic because they are becoming more minimalists and just trying to keep it simple," said Stewart.

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PIRATE RANTS

Support mens basketball. Both football and men's basketball need student and alumni support if we are ever going to be invited into a Power 5 conference.

Shout out to the girls who text back, Love you mom!

TEC really needs to have someone investigate faculty salaries and see why some faculty are getting 25K raises when all we hear as students is that ECU is taking another budget cut....something isn't right about this!

I'm a lumberjack and thats ok, I sleep all night and I work all day.

I just want to take the time to shoutout my best friends. I love you guys and you made my years at ECU amazing!

A good exhaust system sounds better than straight pipes any day of the week. Catch a clue you obnoxious tools.

It's a good thing I'm not a bus driver, when the bus is full I wouldn't continue to allow people on it like some do.

I've survived so many months without getting sick, WHY, WHY now do I catch something!

It was in the teens and a bitterly cold wind was blowing...why were there so many girls with yoga pants on? There is NO WAY they are warm enough for that kinda weather. Surely your health is more important than your fashion sense right?

The older I get, my circle of friends slowly diminishes.

KITTENS RULE, PUPPIES DROOL!

Poor ducks, the duck pond is frozen!!

People say this country has an inequality issue. I disagree. I say this country has a political issue. It's divisive, cruel, and way out of control.

Dear ECU students: Don't bring your weed to class. Everyone can smell it. Sincerely, a retired pot head.

The dark side of the Force is a pathway to many abilities some consider to be unnatural.

If you own a dog at NCC, clean YOUR dog's s*** up, especially if it s***s on the sidewalk.

When you are walking and see someone wave in front of you and you wave back but the person is waving at the person behind you. Burnt my ass!

When it comes to proofs in advanced math...I wouldn't be able to prove I were a man if I didn't have a swinging di**.

Sex ain't better than love

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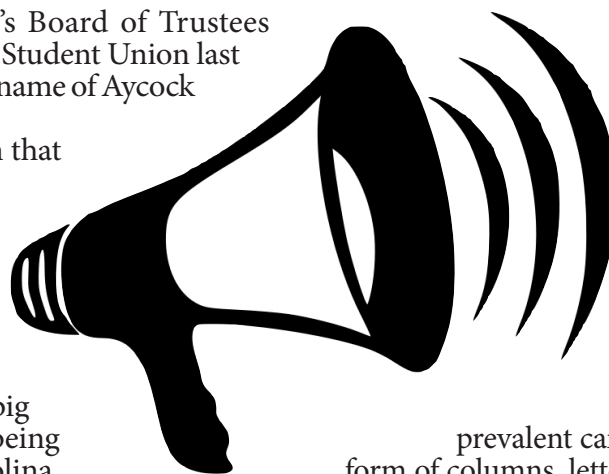
Our view

Student voice matters most

East Carolina University's Board of Trustees met with leaders of the Black Student Union last week and voted to change the name of Aycock Resident Hall.

This event is impressive in that this is the first time in recent memory that the board has met with a group of ECU students to discuss a university issue. In general, it is rare at other schools that the board would meet with students. This may be a big step in the voice of students being legitimately heard at East Carolina.

It is the opinion of the editorial staff that in order for a university to properly serve its purpose, the voice of its students



must be vocalized and listened to. While it may have taken time, it is important to see this change taking place at ECU and therefore we encourage the student body take proper advantage of the privilege.

Readers may have noticed today that we did not feature a column in the opinion section. The East Carolinian believes this page should be a forum for fair debate and discussion on prevalent campus events. Whether it be in the form of columns, letters to the editor, protests or pirate rants, students letting their opinions be heard will always be a successful university's most valuable asset.

Pirates rant on...

AYCOCK NAME

renames a pirates home and people celebrate.

If any dorms are named after someone who is on record of saying racially inappropriate statements and not supporting diversity, they should be renamed. I don't care how much money they donated to ECU. This is an embarrassment to a "diverse" university, we are beyond this.

You do not have the right to not be offended. things that are offensive are based on a perspective and personal world view. Personally, boy bands offend me, but I'm not calling for the censorship of One Direction.

Thank you Black Student Union and others for wasting the board's time with the name of Aycock. Maybe they can now focus on an important issue like the school of medicine being in the red.

YOU CAN CHANGE OUR HALL'S NAME, BUT YOU CAN NEVER TAKE OUR FREEDOM! -Aycock resident

Thank you for saying my history does not matter, ECU Alumni/ Aycock Resident 1998-2000

I am still confused on how the White Student Union Rant caused so much sh** but the BSU can push for something that

The BSU, dividing students based on the color of their skin since 1998.

"I'm proud of ECU's history, so I erased the uncomfortable parts" -Everyone who was for the renaming of Aycock.

Is it possible for students of other races to join the BSU? if not I don't think they should be allowed on campus.

Social justice = Your possible ancestors did something wrong to my possible ancestors and I think you should pay.

It would be great if any anti-renaming Aycock Rants get published this week. It seems after last semester anything against the BSU is hate speech.

The Board of Trustees has no backbone.

Have you ever been profiled by your own race? I have.

The BSU only wanted to trade the name of a white racist with the name of a black racist and revealed themselves to be no less full of hatred and racial animosity than the man they accuse of the same.

ECU CHANGE

Stop removing parking lots, six years waiting list for an A1 parking pass is ridiculous.

There are hundreds of faculty, staff, and students who commute everyday faithfully to school. You put our lives and wellbeing are at risk by not being more thoughtful for our safety. I'd rather make up days than risk property or physical damage due to trying to appease the school's requirements.

Hey ECU, when the Pitt County Sheriff's office has issued a statement that no one should be traveling unless absolutely necessary due to terrible road conditions... wouldn't it be wise to realize they might know more than you do?

So a friend of mine fell on the ice while on campus and damaged her wrist pretty badly. Since the school didn't take care of clearing paths of dangerous hazards and yet demanding that we return to school, does that mean she has the right to sue the school for at least medical costs?

Is there enough demand to justify creating prayer rooms in every single building on campus? That sounds expensive and unnecessary.

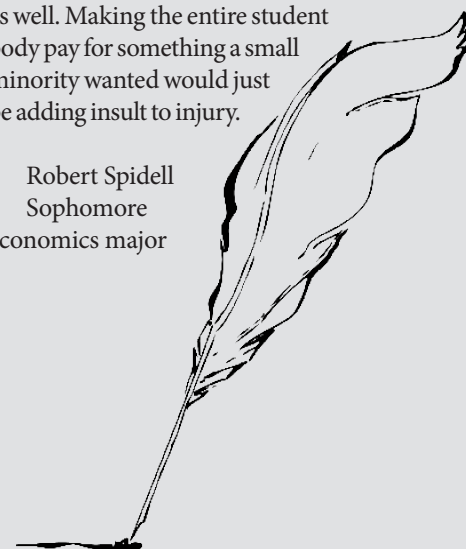
Letters to the Editor

Funding the name change

As we have witnessed time and time again a small minority of people often overrules what the majority wants. This is exactly what occurred early Friday morning as the ECU Board of Trustees caved in to being "politically correct", and agreed to change the name of Aycock Residence Hall.

Now the attention has to focus on funding this name change. It only makes sense that the small group of people who wanted the name changed should also be the ones who fund the project. Many clubs often sell baked goods outside Dowdy bookstore to raise money for their cause, and I see no reason why the group that wanted the name changed shouldn't have to as well. Making the entire student body pay for something a small minority wanted would just be adding insult to injury.

Robert Spidell
Sophomore
economics major



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Poll results	Poll question
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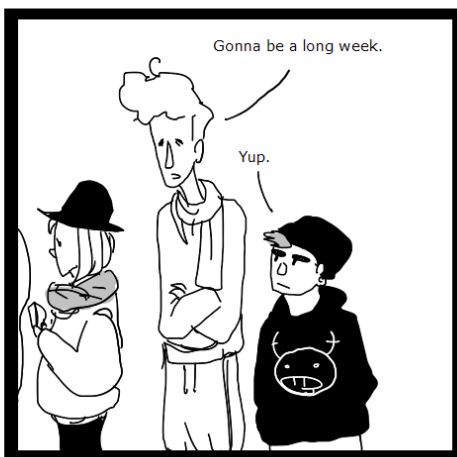
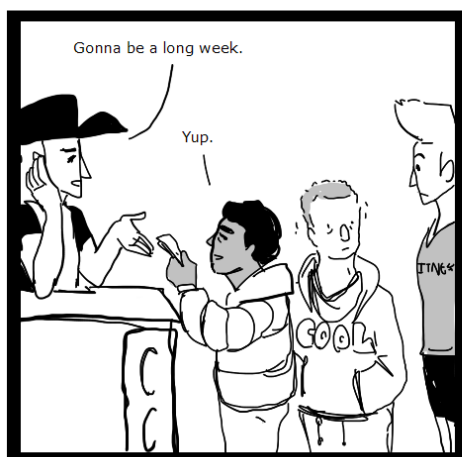
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Brent Koehler
TEC CARTOONIST



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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- 6 Recede
- 9 Downloadable programs
- 13 Golden Gloves venue
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- 17 Camp shelters
- 18 Single proprietor
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- 23 West Coast sch. with more than 100 NCAA championships
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- 29 On the topic of 32 Fed. power dept.
- 33 "___ Legend": Will Smith movie
- 35 Nook and Kindle
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- 40 Emphatic military reply
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- 43 Japanese soup noodle
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- 50 Mr. Fixit's forte
- 53 Singer Orbison
- 55 Aflame
- 56 Chinese chairman with typically pink flowers
- 61 Comment after a feast ... or what the first word of 18-, 20-, 38- and 57-Across would sometimes say—if it could talk
- 63 Christmas celebrity
- 64 Future plant
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- 66 ___ salts
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- 68 Seek damages from
- 69 Poker-faced

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By C.C. Burnikel

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- 6 College application pieces
- 7 Mannerless fellow
- 8 Like headline typefaces
- 9 "So-o adorable!"
- 10 Cash for fun
- 11 Crowd ___: popular performer
- 12 Order takers
- 15 Overflow (with)
- 19 Artist with the website imaginepeace.com
- 21 Pa's pa
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Pirates to defend home court against Huskies

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

Tomorrow night, Head Coach Jeff Lebo and the ECU Pirates will take on the defending national champion Connecticut Huskies in the heart of Pirate Nation.

The matchup between the Pirates (12-15, 5-9 American Athletic Conference) and the Huskies (15-11, 5-9 AAC) has been the most hyped game on the Pirates' schedule throughout the season, and Lebo understands why.

"It will be exciting for our program. You've got the defending national champions coming in here," said Lebo. "You've got a tremendous player in [Ryan] Boatright. You've got a terrific freshman in Hamilton. You've got one of the best shot blockers in the country in Brimah."

In the Pirates' Feb. 4 meeting with UConn, ECU held a 10-point lead with just seconds left before end of the first half. However, a buzzer beating three pointer left the Huskies just seven points behind at the half. Boatright had an explosive 14 point second half to close the gap and give UConn a win on its home floor.

"We felt that there we let one get away in the second half," said sophomore guard Caleb White. "We felt our defense had a lot of letdowns. I know we will rise to the occasion when they come here."

Stopping Boatright has proven to be nearly impossible for any of the 6-foot guard's defenders. Boatright averages 17.5 points per game, best in the AAC by a wide margin, and has scored over 20 points in 11 games this season. The guard also ranks third in the conference in assists, making him one of the primer players not only in the American but in all of college basketball.

Minges Coliseum has been a major advantage for ECU this season, and White explained that the home floor gives him a mental edge he doesn't have on the road.

"I just don't think as much when I'm at home. You're just comfortable," said White. "You have all the confidence in the world having your fans cheer you on. It's just different."



B.J. Tyson scans the floor to start the offense.

The Pirates are coming off a home blowout of USF, a much-needed win after failing badly on the road against Temple and Tulsa. The victory saw a change in the Pirates offensive philosophy, as the team focused on driving to the basket rather than depending on jump shots.

"Our coach talked about that a lot after the Tulsa game, not settling for jump shots and getting the ball to the hoop," said Guilmette.

Getting easy baskets in the paint won't prove easy against Connecticut's 7-foot forward Amida Brimah. Brimah is the second ranked shot blocker in the conference, averaging 3.1 blocks per game. The big man also averages 10.5 points per game, making him a threat on both ends of the court.

ECU's star freshman, four time AAC rookie of the week award winner, B.J. Tyson will need to bring even more energy than he did on the road against the Huskies earlier in the season if the Pirates hope to pull off the upset. Tyson led the Pirates with 20 points at UConn, and has proven throughout the season that he loves a tough challenge.

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The Minges Maniacs try to get in the mind of Memphis Head Coach Josh Pastner this season.

Minges advantage aided by Maniacs

Alison Sant'Anna
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Minges Coliseum is not only home to the men and women's basketball team, it is also home of the Minges Maniacs. But it hasn't always been this way.

Jonathan Medford, a former ECU student, started the organization back in the early 2000s and once he graduated the group died down. Recently though, some ECU students have put in the effort to revitalize the Maniacs.

Wesley Hoag and Joe Mayancsik, current students at ECU, have led the charge to revive the Maniacs. Hoag and Mayancsik have assumed the roles of president and vice president since getting involved two years ago.

"We have come a long

way. We have made more connections and have more of an influence on what is going on," said the senior Mayancsik. "The student section started out small and seemed to close down, a few of us decided to bring it back and now it is bigger and better."

The Maniacs have not only have inspired the student section, but more locals are attending the games as well. Even Head Coach Jeff Lebo has taken notice.

"[The fans] showed up," said Lebo following ECU's victory over South Florida on Saturday. "I couldn't believe 5,000 showed up here for an 11 o'clock game. That was outstanding."

While the play on the court ultimately decides the outcome of the games, the

Pirates' 11-3 home record further supports the notion of home court advantage. Conversely they are 0-10 on the road this season.

"Definitely the fans help, having a lot of energy out there helps a lot, you get some home calls to go your way," said sophomore forward Marshall Guilmette.

The students have been noticed not just by the fans, players and coaches. contract with ESPN. The maniacs have been noticed by the nation and were featured during an ESPNU broadcast of a game earlier this season.

"For 40 minutes it is all about channeling that Pirate pride to help the team win some games," Mayancsik said.

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Pirates take fourth straight Classic

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

The ECU baseball team won two of its three games over the weekend to win the 12th annual Keith LeClair Classic, its third straight Classic championship.

The Pirate hitters were on fire, as they recorded 20 runs and 30 hits, five of which were home runs over the weekend.

The standout player for the Pirates was power hitting junior Luke Lowery. Lowery hit three of the Pirates' five home runs, all of which were in consecutive at bats.

"Coach Godwin's track record speaks for itself. He lead Ole Miss last year and they led the SEC in hitting," Lowery said. "He came here and everyone is getting a better approach as you saw this weekend."

On top of Lowery's hot bat, ECU also benefited from the return of two key contributors. Sophomore slugger Bryce Harman served a suspension against Virginia and went 4-9 with three runs and three doubles in his return. Senior pitcher and outfielder Reid Love also came back from injury, appearing in all three games.

The loss against Liberty in the first leg of Sunday's doubleheader made the final showdown between the Pirates and St. Johns more dramatic as the victor would be awarded the Keith LeClair Classic champion.

The Pirates dominated the Red Storm, scoring nine runs on 14 hits to bring home the championship. ECU only notched 17 hits in the entire Virginia series on opening weekend.

"Our guys absolutely unleashed the offense and just crushed balls," starter David Lucroy said. "Its just an unbelievable feeling to see our guys all play like that and just come together and really just crush it."

Pirate pitching was also dominant as they allowed only two runs, one of which was unearned on six hits, despite having three errors.

Lucroy pitched seven solid innings, giving up five hits and

the unearned run; this was his second consecutive quality start.

The front half of the Sunday's doubleheader against No. 25 ranked Liberty was much more competitive as it went down to the wire.

Luke Lowery once again provided power as he hit a two run homer to left-center in the first inning. Liberty answered later with a solo homerun of its own and notched three singles to tie the game.

ECU walked two batters and Liberty took advantage by stealing home on a wild pitch by starter Jacob Wolfe to take the one run advantage.

The Pirates then used some smart base running in the bottom half of the inning to tie the game on a sacrifice bunt squeeze play by sophomore Charlie Yorgen.

Liberty scored the final run of the game in the top of the ninth after a Love error on a pickoff attempt followed by an RBI single up the middle by Aaron Stroosma.

ECU made a comeback attempt in the bottom half of the inning but it was halted when Yorgen was gunned out on a close play at first for the final out with an advancing runner on third.

"I thought we played good today, solid," Godwin said. "We made a bad error at a bad time against Liberty and lost by one run."

Wolfe finished the game only giving up two earned runs with three strikeouts on seven hits and one walk.

ECU earned its first victory of the season on Saturday when they defeated UNC Greensboro, 8-3.

The Pirates earned the victory behind a hot offense as they notched three home runs on 11 hits, including two long balls from Lowery.

Starting pitcher Evan Kruczynski turned in a phenomenal performance allowing five hits and one run, while striking out seven in six innings of work. The bullpen then followed up pitching the remaining three innings allowing two unearned runs.

The two wins mark the first wins in Godwin's head coach-



Junior Luke Lowery takes a swing. He hit three homers this week.

ing career and his first time being atop the standings in the LeClair Classic.

"I hope you guys walked away and said those guys competed," Godwin said. "Even though we got punched in the mouth a little bit in that Liberty game, we came back and competed. That's what Coach LeClair would want us to do and that's what means the most."

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TAKEAWAYS

BASEBALL

ECU (2-4) claimed the 12th annual Keith LeClair Classic with victories over UNC Greensboro and St. Johns over the weekend.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates (12-15, 5-9 AAC) claimed a 73-60 win over South Florida on Saturday thanks to Caleb White's career-high five three-pointers.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates (19-8, 10-6 AAC) won their sixth straight game when they defeated Cincinnati, 53-40 on Saturday.

SOFTBALL

ECU dropped to 6-7 after falling to Seton Hall and Virginia Tech over the weekend in the Pirate Invitational.

SWIMMING/DIVING

The men's team claimed its first American Athletic Conference title in program history over the weekend.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Hornets (22-32) fell to fourth place in the Southeast Division following a loss to the Dallas Mavericks, 92-81, on Sunday.

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Softball struggles in weekend tourney

Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

ECU catcher Abby Wynne had two home runs and four RBIs Sunday night when the Pirates competed against Seton Hall and Virginia Tech during their final contests in the Pirate Invitational.

ECU (6-7) lost three and won one in its last home tournament of the season.

The last game against Virginia Tech (13-1) was a close battle. The Hokies scored two runs in the first inning off of Pirate pitcher Sarah Christian. Christian gave up four hits and three earned runs during her four and two-thirds innings pitched.

Freshman Ashley Cruise relieved the senior and gave up three hits, one earned run and struck out two.

The Pirates got on the board in the first inning after Wynne hit an RBI single that brought in Mary Sloan-Bradford. The score remained constant until the bottom of the fourth inning where Casey Alcorn hit a double to right center field.

Ali Ramirez advanced the runner with a routine ground out. Sophomore Kacie Oshiro then notched an RBI single that brought in Alcorn. Meredith Mitchell followed with an RBI single that brought in Oshiro that gave the Pirates the lead, 3-2.

With the score tied 3-3 in the top of the seventh, Michelle Prong hit an RBI double to bring in Jessie Mehr, bringing the Hokies lead to 4-3.

In the bottom of the seventh with one on Nicole Cheek hit a single up the middle that brought Mary Sloan-Bradford to third base with no outs. However, the Pirates couldn't capitalize.

"I told the girls the last inning that we need to make sure as a team we lay it all on the line here," said Jaecks. "That pitcher is a tough pitcher."

Virginia Tech pitcher Maggie Tyler struck out the next two batters, followed by a popup to second base to end the game that gave the Hookies the win, 4-3.

Sunday's first game against Seton Hall (6-8) was also a tough contest as the Pirates lost, 10-7.

In the bottom of the third inning Nicole Cheek hit a sacrifice fly that allowed Lydia Richie to cross the plate, 2-1.

Walkden hit her second home run of the game, a three-run shot that put Seton Hall up, 5-1.

In the bottom of the fourth, Wynne hit a homerun over the left field fence on the first pitch of her at bat.

With the Pirates down by five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, ECU got its momentum going as Ramirez singled to right field. Following was freshman Rebecca Perrell with a single to left center field.

After a walk by Alcorn, freshman Kerry Butler, with the bases loaded, earned a walk that brought Ramirez across the plate. Mitchell then hit a single to shortstop that brought in two more runs for ECU, but still the Pirates trailed Seton Hall 7-5.

ECU starting pitcher Caroline Umphlett pitched six innings and gave up nine hits, 10 runs, two unearned and seven strikeouts. Cruise, the freshman pitcher, came in for the seventh inning and only allowed one walk.

Seton Hall, in the top of the seventh inning, earned three more runs after Whitney Jones hit a triple to right center, extending the lead to 10-5.

Trailing 10-7 with two runners on, Alcorn hit a double down the left field line that brought in Ramirez. Again, the Pirates couldn't capitalize and fell, 10-8.

The Pirates lost to Virginia Tech in its second game on Saturday, 6-1 where the Pirates only run was when Casey Alcorn hit a solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Starting pitcher Cruise gave up four hits,

five earned runs and struck out two during her two and two-thirds innings pitched. Relief Caroline Umphlett played four and one-third innings, gave up four hits, one earned run and walked three.

The first game the Pirates played in the tournament against Seton Hall was the only win ECU had during the weekend.

Christian had a strong performance against Seton Hall, as she pitched the Pirates a 4-0 victory. Christian allowed six hits in seven innings. The right handed pitcher struck out five and walked three.

"I think Sarah did a really good job out there," Jaecks said. "Sarah's mechanics were working very nicely today. For her to come in and shut them down like that, she did a great job."

ued in the third when Alcorn doubled that brought Karlie Smith home to put them up, 2-0. Ramirez then hit a single up the middle that brought Alcorn home.

The Pirates scored their final run when Wynne walked with the bases loaded.

"I thought we played good from an effort point of view the whole day," said Jaecks.

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Swim/dive wins American title

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The men's swimming and diving team took home ECU's first ever American Athletic Conference championship, Saturday night in Greensboro, N.C.

Wednesday, ECU won three of the four relay events during day one at the championship at the Greensboro Aquatic Center.

At the end of the day, the men's Pirates were in second-place, fighting for the lead against Southern Methodist.

The Lady Pirates also entered the day in striking distance as they sat in third place, closely behind Connecticut in second-place while SMU led the meet.

ECU's Nikola Simic was a top performer Thursday, after proving to be the fastest swimmer at the meet. Simic won the men's 50 free, earning him an NCAA B qualifying time of 19.87.

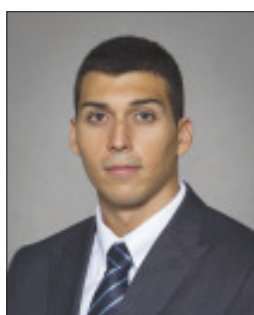
Simic's time helped the Pirates take the gold medal in the 200 free relay, along with his teammates, Trevor Irish, Michael Dugan and Shawn Hunter. Also qualifying for the NCAA B was senior Rokas Cepulis with a record time of 1:45:61 in the 200 IM.

On Thursday, the Lady Pirates took home the bronze medals in two events. Senior Lauren Chew had a varsity record time of 4:49:83 in the 500 free.

The men's team swooped into first place on Friday, moving SMU down to second-place after taking a 33-point lead. With a qualifying time of 53.00, Cepulis won his second individual gold medal of the meet, winning the 100-breaststroke.

The Lady Pirates finished Friday still holding third place. Bailie Monahan received the silver medal in the 100 fly for the Lady Pirates. Julie Lajoie took home the bronze medal in the 400 IM. Lastly, Megan Sellers took home another bronze medal for ECU in the 100 breaststroke.

On the final day of the competition, many gold medals were brought home, along with the AAC championship for ECU. Irish, Simic,



Nikola Simic

Hunter and Fran Krznicar finished with a time of 2:59:79, finishing just 0.01 ahead of SMU's relay team in the 400 free relay.

Cepulis secured his third individual first-place title of the meet, setting a championship meet record time of 1:54:59 in the 200 breaststroke.

Dugan took home his second medal of the meet, and Daniel Woods clinched the silver medal in the 200 fly.

In the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, the men's Pirates stole the win from SMU, who came in a close second.

The final relay gave the Pirates an overall 892.5 points, leading SMU with 858. UConn was third with 723 points and Cincinnati finished fourth with 642.5.

The Lady Pirates carried their third place finish in the AAC tournament and finished with 595.5 points. SMU took home the title with 797 points, UConn captured second-place with 619 points both finished ahead of ECU.

Chew proved her skills by becoming the first ECU swimmer to earn the gold medal by touching more than five seconds ahead of the silver medalist.

Head Coach Kurt Kobe also walked away from the tournament with accolades. He was named the AAC Coach-of-the-Year for the ninth time in his career.

For more than three decades, Kobe has made a tremendous impact on the swimming and diving program.

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Pirates notch AAC victory over Cincy

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The ECU women's basketball team hung on to beat Cincinnati 53-40 after a tough second-half battle and improved its win streak to a season-best six-straight games.

The Lady Pirates (19-8, 10-6 American Athletic Conference) took an early lead, but had to fend off their conference opponent, Cincinnati (6-20, 3-12 AAC) from mounting a comeback for the second straight game by protecting the ball and avoiding mistakes.

"That was the first game all season we accomplished our turnover goal," said Head Coach Heather Macy. "Our goal is 14 or lower."

ECU committed a season-low 12 turnovers in the victory over Cincinnati, after committing just 15 the game before.

"We started out averaging about 25 per game but we've been focusing on cutting down since then. Teams that understand winning, understand the value of the basketball," said Macy.

Juniors Jada Payne and I'Tiana Taylor finished scoring in double-digits. Payne led all scorers with 16 points to go along with five rebounds, three steals and an assist while Taylor added 12 points, seven rebounds, three steals and two assists.

ECU outrebounded Cincinnati 45-30, giving up just four boards on the offensive glass.

"I'm mad about the four we gave up," Macy joked. "But it's a DNA of our basketball program. We are going to defend and we are going to rebound. I cannot guarantee much more but I can guarantee that each night."

After owning a ten-point lead heading into the half, the Lady Pirates ran into trouble as the Bearcats narrowed the lead to five where it stood for the first ten minutes of the second half.

"We're a resilient group," said Macy. "That's been our identity through this season."



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Shae Nelson runs the ball up the sideline.

We haven't flinched at all and I think we continue to push, but that's also our senior leadership on this team."

During that stretch, ECU resorted to its full court press to force easy mistakes and turnovers from Cincinnati.

"You have to have a killer mentality," said senior Tatiana Chapple. "You can't take a play off. You can't take a step off. We have to keep the pressure on and make plays."

"We are very strong mentally," Chapple added. "We are built tough. There are always going to be those moments where the shots aren't falling like we want them too. Like [Macy] said, we really hone in on defense, it's part of our DNA and it will help us win ball games."

Next up the Lady Pirates will take on Temple (13-15, 9-6 AAC) on the road Saturday at 2 p.m.

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