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UConn topples Pirates at home

Staff Report

The ECU men's basketball welcomed a defending national champion to Minges Coliseum for the first time in Connecticut as the Pirates fell to the Huskies, 60-49.

The Pirates (12-16, 5-10 American Athletic Conference) surrendered a nine-point first half lead as Ryan Boatright and UConn (16-11, 9-6 AAC) stormed back in the second half and handed ECU the loss thanks to a 17-5 run right out of the intermission. Boatright scored a game-high 16 points to go along with four rebounds.

"You can't shoot 19 percent in the second half," said ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo. "We had some pretty good looks, some pretty good opportunities but just didn't do it there."

In the first half, big man Marshall Guilmette and ECU got the Huskies into foul trouble and controlled the glass. Junior guard Terry Whisnant managed seven points and had a team-high nine rebounds.

B.J. Tyson played a strong slashing game with 11 points and three rebounds. Guilmette had his second straight strong performance with 13 points and seven rebounds.

But ECU got in trouble when Guilmette picked up his third foul early in the second half. He played with four fouls for most of the remaining minutes.

"We had a great crowd and we let them down in the second half," said Guilmette.

Amida Brimah was a force inside against the Pirates as he notched 12 points and disrupted ECU's inside game with

six blocks. Freshman forward Daniel Hamilton poured in nine points and racked up a game-high 17 rebounds.

UConn benefitted from its outside shooting, going 7-for-28 compared to just 3-for-20 for ECU behind the arc.

"Defensively we had winning numbers," said Lebo. "But offensively we did not shoot the ball very well from the perimeter and we had no one really shoot it that well."

The Pirates take to the road as they take on Central Florida (12-14, 5-10 AAC) on Saturday.

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Winter conditions result in accidents

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Winter weather continues to cause issues for Greenville drivers, resulting in close to 100 accidents in one week.

Between the ice that covered the area last week and Tuesday's snow that put students and other locals in a panic, the Greenville Police Department and the Pitt County Sheriff's Department has been responding to calls non stop.

According to Kirsten Hunter, Public Information Officer for the Greenville Police Department, officers responded to close to 80 wrecks on Tuesday alone, including one that involved a car sliding into an ambulance. No one was seriously injured in any of the accidents that took place.

Hunter credits the high number of accidents that occurred on Tuesday to the time the snow reached Greenville.

"Because of the time of the snowfall in the middle of the day, more people were out on the roads yesterday in comparison to last week's weather," said Hunter. "We urge people to pay attention to local weather reports for current conditions."

Hunter says that social media is a tool the Greenville Police Department uses during hazardous weather to keep the public aware of what is going on around the city.

Followers of the Greenville Police Department's Twitter and Facebook pages can find frequent updates and pictures of road conditions and accidents along with reports from officers on duty at the time.

Although the sun has been melting a majority of the snow that fell Tuesday, Hunter

says the Greenville Police Department is quickly working to prepare for a second snowfall that is expected Tuesday night. Hunter says that additional staff is on call if necessary and the Traffic Safety Unit is also working extended hours.

Hunter says that when the snow and what has melted begins to refreeze overnight she encourages people to stay off of the roads if possible to allow public work crews and emergency responders to get through to any accidents that occur.

Hunter recommends that residents who do have to commute leave extra space between their vehicle and the one in front of them because a majority of the wrecks the Greenville Police Department responded to were caused by drivers going too fast or following too closely.

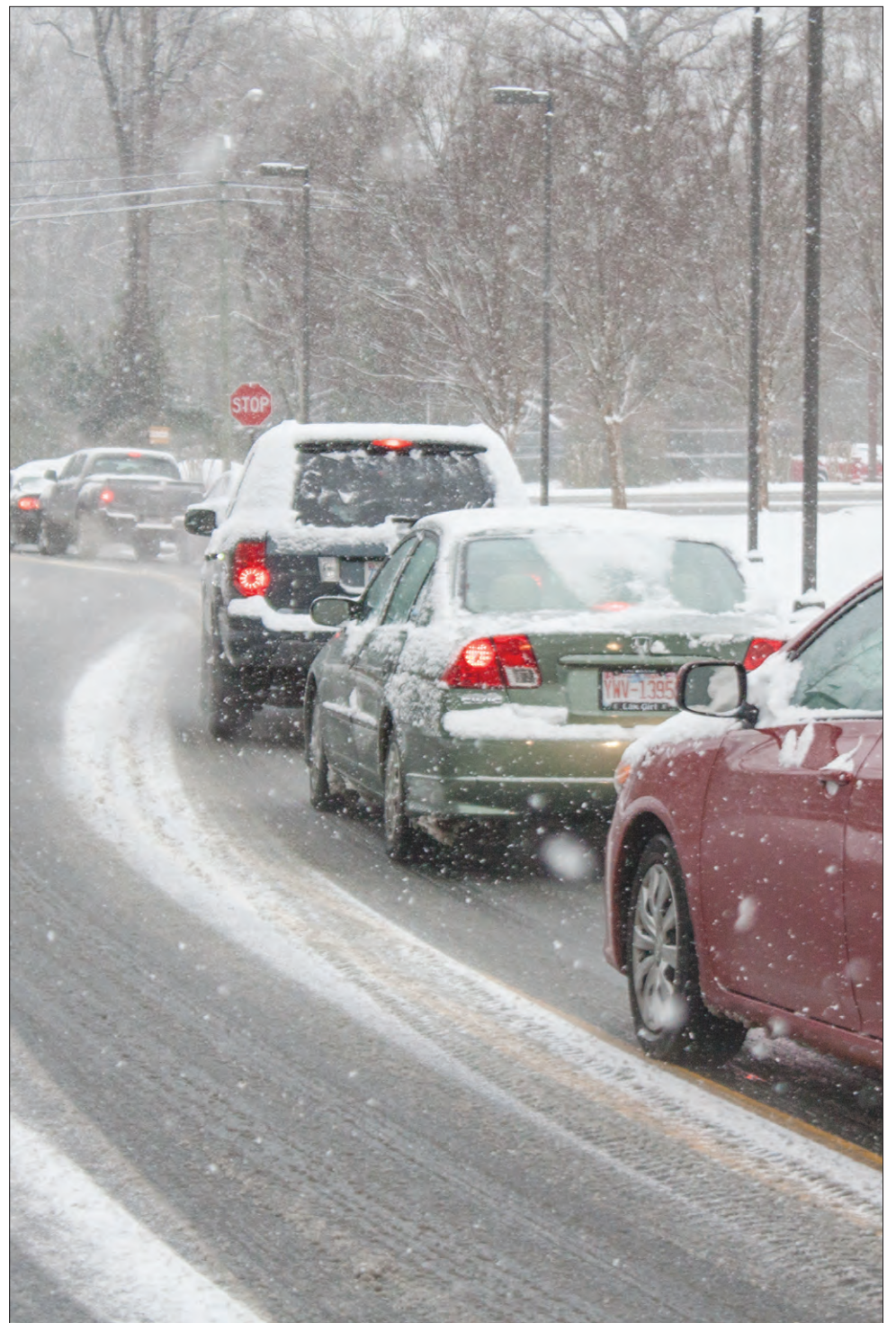
Hunter also recommends drivers reduce speed and be aware of any slick spots that may be on the road.

While the GPD faced an array of accidents due to the storm, the ECU Police Department did not respond to any incidents.

Lt. Chris Sutton, Public Information Officer for the ECU Police, stated as much. He added that with any inclement weather, people should use good judgment.

"If you don't need to be out, it is best to stay off of the roads," said Sutton.

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Cars face increased traffic while local police work to clear weather related accidents on Tuesday. Drivers were encouraged to stay off of the roads in several statements from local traffic officials.

ECU acknowledges National Adjunct Day

Savannah Carter
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Professors from across the state of North Carolina gathered by the Cupola to raise awareness for underpaid adjunct teachers on Wednesday.

An adjunct teacher is someone who teaches courses to students on a fixed-term contract who is disposable by the university.

"You cannot pay people month to month wages, and expect them to keep doing that until they die," said David Wilson-Okamura, professor in the English department. "It's immoral."

The teachers stood outside the cupola from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and held various signs that read "Invisible Professor, Nothing to See Here", "ECU spends 35% in Instruction" and "Pay Hikes for Students, Layoffs for Instructors, What am I missing?"

"Some colleagues don't find out if they're going to have a job a week before classes start," said Wilson-Okamura.

During the protest, many teachers came forward and spoke about their ex-



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Faculty and staff share their thoughts on the salaries given to adjunct professors at the event.

periences and tried to raise awareness and educate students.

"Real change will come when it comes from the students," said Michael Gross, professor in the history department.

According to the research done by Wilson-Okamura there are 12 percent fewer teachers than last year and 27 percent fewer teachers in the past five years.

"Eventually people will choose not to be teachers and the people who suffer will be the students," said Wilson-Okamura.

According to the General Assembly of North Carolina from the 2013-2014 school year to the 2014-15 school year, East Carolina University has had a budget increase in \$603,176.

"I want to get what I'm paying for," said Chase Crawford, freshman finance major.

"A lot of universities are using their facilities instead of teachers to get students to come there."

Teaching at a university includes advising, mentoring graduate students, and making sure people pass the course.

"If we count all the hours I actually work per week, against the hours I'm paid to work per week, my pay rate is six dollars per hour," said Randall Martoccia describing a letter submitted to the Greenville Guardian from an anonymous adjunct.

According to the Bureau of Labor statistics, adjunct teachers teaching in the post-secondary level of education get paid less in North Carolina than they do in neighboring states such as Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

"I am angry I get paid less than my dad earned by putting bags on planes," said Gabriel Brant Freeman, teaching instructor in the English department, in a letter written to be read at this awareness meeting.

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BRIEFS

ECU makes economic impact in Pitt County

East Carolina recently released a study which reveals the school's economic impact on eastern North Carolina. The study shows that ECU is an huge economic engine in North Carolina, bringing in billions of dollars.

Greenville's Economic Development Manager Carl Rees said that according to the numbers students are spending about \$600 million a year in the Greenville economy.

ECU's Vice Chancellor for Finance Rick Niswander said that the economies of Greenville and Pitt County have grown so much in recent years is due to population growth and the impact of ECU, as well as Vidant.

Vidant board approves \$320 million bond

On Tuesday, Vidant Health board members decided to move forward with a \$320 million bond proposal to fund projects for the health center, like the construction of a cancer center that is scheduled to break ground March 20.

Vidant Chief Financial Officer Davis Hughes said the center would be located in a tower next to the cardiovascular tower that was built in 2009. He said their goal is to improve cancer care with an entire building dedicated to providing the services for patients.

ONLINE



Greek Leadership Summit to be held on Friday

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

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Clarifications*

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ECO-pirates and The East Carolinian would like to remind you to recycle this paper.



Robert G. Brinkley, Board of Trustees chair, speaks at the meeting where the Faculty Senate addressed concerns on the increase.

Faculty reluctant to support rise in tuition

Kelsey Padgett
TEC STAFF

As the Board of Governors' vote on a proposed tuition increase that will benefit faculty salaries approaches, the ECU Faculty Senate has been very reluctant in showing their support for the increase.

Faculty senate chair Andrew Morehead said at the Board of Trustees meeting Friday that the Senate worries what will become of the university's most needy students once the tuition is raised.

If the increase is voted through by the Board of Governors, ECU in-state undergraduate student tuition will rise by 7.1 percent for next year. The proposal also included a 3.8 percent increase for non-resident undergraduates, a 6.5 percent increase for resident graduates and a 3.9 percent increase for non-resident graduates.

Assistant vice chancellor for operations Stephanie Coleman said that of the money generated by the tuition hike, about 80 percent of that is slated to go towards raises for members of the faculty.

Morehead said the Faculty Senate considered the factors that make the classroom experience more successful before deciding their stance on the increase.

"It is clearly true that students benefit from the best faculty we can hire and retain and from participating in high quality research programs that have a national reputation for quality," said Morehead. "It is also true that larger class sizes reduced

options for courses and an increasing dependence on contingent faculty that have to teach too many courses and often have more than one job to make ends meet all have significant negative impacts in our students."

Morehead also said the Faculty Senate believes legislatures seem to have forgotten the state's obligation to the public universities and the idea of access to an affordable education.

Article IX, Section 9 of the North Carolina Constitution reads, "The General Assembly shall provide that the benefits of The University of North Carolina and other public institutions of higher education, as far as practicable, be extended to the people of the State free of expense."

Located in an area where surrounding districts are poverty stricken, ECU has prided itself on being a place of opportunity for those struggling financially. In the 1996-97 academic year, the in-state tuition and fees were \$3,504 a year, but if the hike is put into place tuition and fees for the 2015-16 year would approach \$6,400, according to Morehead.

"Our mission includes transforming this region, but how can we do that if the people we want to serve can't even afford to come to ECU," said Morehead. "Somehow the state persists in ignoring this issue and cutting our budget."

The UNC Board of Governors will vote on the proposed increase in tuition at their meeting on Friday on the UNC-Charlotte campus.

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Sorority hosts its annual 5k

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

With 22 sponsors- the most ever received for the Shamrock Philanthropy Pasta Dinner and the 5k Fun Walk 'N Run- East Carolina University's Kappa Delta chapter is readily anticipating this weekend's upcoming events.

The all-you-can-eat pasta dinner will be held at the Masonic Lodge on 1104 Charles Street from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. tomorrow, with meal prices of \$5 from a Kappa Delta sister and \$8 at the door.

The 5K, which currently has 87 registered participants, is set for Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Greenville Town Commons on 1st Street. Those interested can register for \$15 at RunTheEast.com before Thursday at midnight or for \$20 starting on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. T-shirts will be sold at the race for \$12.

"Our goal is to raise as much money as we can in support of our philanthropy and also to get our name out there in the community," said Kristina Shattuck, Kappa Delta's vice president of public relations. "We want to be known better

as an organization that benefits Greenville. We're going to be here for a while so we might as well make as much as an impact as we can."

This year marks the seventh annual year of Shamrock events and with more donating sponsors than ever before, Kappa Delta is excited about the potential fundraising it might accomplish.

"All the proceeds go to Prevent Child Abuse America and 80 percent of that goes to Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina and the TEDI BEAR Children's Advocacy Center of Greenville," said Mary Ashley Darrow, Kappa Delta's vice president of community service.

Darrow said this year they've had 22 sponsors donate \$100 or more, which is a significant jump from the 12 sponsors last year.

In the past few years, Kappa Delta has received at least \$20,000 for its philanthropic charities from the Shamrock events. The sorority is hoping to raise the bar this time around.

"We have over 150 sisters right now, which makes fundraising better than ever

before so we're really hoping that we can reach our goal of \$25,000," said Shattuck.

ECU's Kappa Delta chapter has prided itself in being a force for good in the Greenville community and its partnership with local organizations has only reconfirmed that outreach.

"The Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina spokespeople came to our chapter meeting this past weekend and explained to us how our money is benefiting them," said Shattuck. "We are the first Kappa Delta chapter at ECU to donate towards North Carolina. We've only donated nationally in the past so we've started the trend of donating towards the state."

With weather permitting, various Kappa Delta representatives will be at Dowdy Student Stores and Joyner Library for the rest of this week from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to sell discounted pasta dinner tickets.

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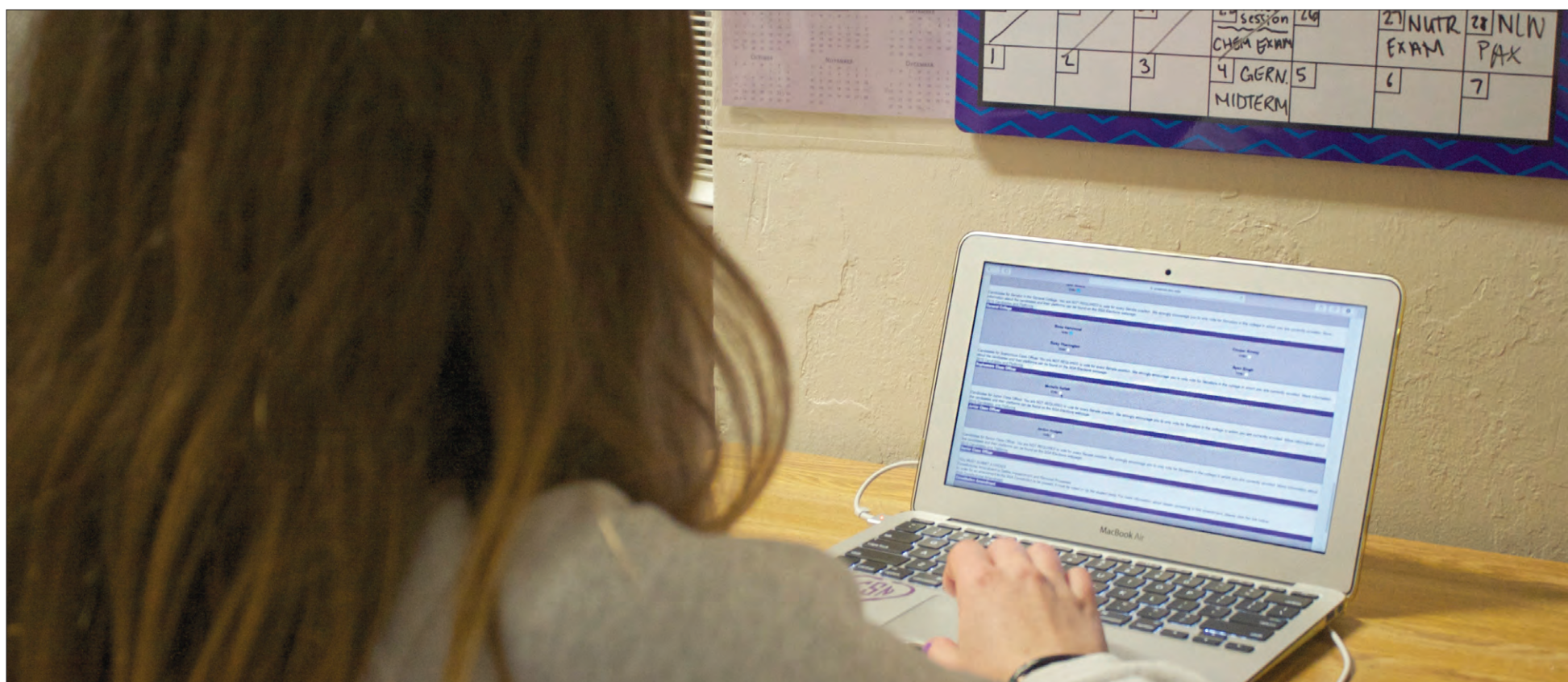
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Samantha Patteson, freshman nursing major, uses the voting portal on OneStop to vote for potential candidates. Students can access the voting portal by logging into their personal OneStop accounts. CYDNEY SMITH | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

OneStop SGA officer elections set to close tomorrow at noon

Collyn Sheaffer
TEC STAFF

Voting on OneStop for candidates for the Student Government Association Elections ends tomorrow at noon.

With the campaign period coming to an end, the candidates are making their last attempts at getting recognized on campus. The candidates on each of the two executive tickets have spent the past two weeks campaigning and telling the student body about their platforms.

Students were invited to attend the Candidate Debates last week, which provided a chance for the student body to ask their own questions to each candidate and listen to the executive tickets describe their platforms.

Each ticket has continued the campaign process by using different mediums to personally reach out to the student body. Candidates have used forms of social media and have per-

sonally spoken with the student body about the election process at leadership and student organization meetings on campus.

Carson Pierce, candidate for treasurer for Ticket 1, said how exciting it has been for him and his teammates to be able to go out and talk to all kinds of students around campus.

“Students care about saving money, being safe, and having a better experience,” said Pierce, “and that is what we have made sure our mission is.”

Janae Brown, vice presidential candidate for Ticket 2, said that her ticket has focused on being personable in order to stay recognized with the student body. Brown said her and her teammates have focused on sparking conversation with the students they meet and showing interest in getting to know each individual.

Tonight the Elections Committee will hold their last event before the Announcement

Banquet, which is an event for students called Rock the Vote at 5 p.m. at the Student Rec Center. Rock the Vote is a way for students to come out and get involved in the SGA elections as well as having the option to vote at the polling stations available.

Chelsea Scott, candidate for secretary for Ticket 2, said that this process has already been rewarding and successful for her. Scott explains how honored she is and proud of her ticket for making it to the election process, and is anxious to see what the rest of the last final stretch of the campaign holds.

“It has taken a lot of hard work and dedication,” said Scott. “But the excitement and passion of our ticket has made it easy.”

The students that are serving on current positions of SGA have been paying attention to elections as well and are willing to give the newly elected candidates advice. Candidates on both tickets understand that if elected, they

will be able to consult with students who have served on past branches of student government. This includes the students serving on the executive branch as well as the senators.

Olivia Airey, Elementary Education major and Senator of the College of Education, said she has been keeping up with both tickets’ campaign process and believes that more students will vote this year compared to previous years.

“I really like how easy the new voting layout on OneStop is,” said Airey. “And I think that our rate of students who vote will be even better than last year.”

Students are able to log onto OneStop and vote for their chosen candidates for SGA Executive Branch and Senators until tomorrow at noon.

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The Lazarus Effect

12:20 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

The Duff

2:00 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

Fifty Shades of Grey

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Kingsman: The Secret Service

12:50 p.m., 2:10 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 6:55 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

American Sniper

1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water

12:10 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:25 p.m.

Still Alice

1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:35 p.m., 10:05 p.m.



Alexandra Theu, theatre major and co-director of the 'Vagina Monologues,' performs in the event which will take place in Wright Auditorium tonight. COURTESY OF ECU MEDIA RELATIONS

'Vagina Monologues'

Students to perform in social-issues production

Nichole Currie
TEC STAFF

Tonight in Wright Auditorium at 7 p.m., ECU students will perform the "Vagina Monologues," an event where women perform monologues that will enlighten the struggles and discomfort of women. This event is in honor of the national V-day Campaign.

The Vagina Monologues is an episodic play by Eve Ensler. The monologues were first written between 1994 and 1996. Ensler interviewed women about their perspective on sex, relationships and violence against women. These interviews were first casual conversations between Ensler and her friends. Later Ensler connected each story and created the Monologues.

"The 'Vagina Monologues' is basically a combination of interviews of over 200 women," said Iysha Chin, junior psychology major. "It is being put on in a showcase where we comprised the interviews collectively into select monologues for students at East Carolina University."

The Vagina Monologues was first executed solely by Ensler but today is performed by many women. It is a global movement to end violence against women

and children. Ensler explained that women struggles are correlated to their vaginas, hints the title "The Vagina Monologues."

"People, particularly men, assume that a woman is not as competent as a man in the global community, simply because of the gender roles that have been placed on her. I think Ensler is in touch with this and I believe she named the show "The Vagina Monologues" because that's what people remember about us," said Mia Willis, sophomore anthropology major. "They'll never remember the work we did or the people we helped; all they'll retain is that we were women."

Last year, The Vagina Monologues was not performed but has been done previous years on ECU's campus. ECU's LGBT Office and Director, Mike Rasdorf, brought the show back to campus this year.

"Gives voice to women," said Rasdorf. "I think it's a play that's both liberating and affirmative."

Willis stated that as women, we think just as deeply, we work just as hard, we fight just as fiercely for what we want and that heterosexual men are rarely demonized for their objectification of the very same gender that raised them.

"Grinning and bearing it does nothing for our advancement as free and sovereign beings," said Willis. "If we continue to speak, if we continue to fight, there is no way to ignore us."

According to Rasdorf, the LGBT and other programs tried to bring the production here because other universities have this show each year.

"It was brought here for diversity purposes and we thought it would be a good way for the students to be enlightened on women and their different perspectives on life," said Rasdorf.

Chin is performing for the first time in the Monologues. "Essentially I will be explaining the difficult and bad things we have to endure as women," said Chin. "For example we have to get our annual test done and also there has been things invented for us to use that are not really looked [at] in a positive light."

Students believe the event title is bold, but Chin said students should not be alarmed by the title.

"First of all, do not look at the title and think all they are going to talk about is vaginas or that it is disgusting," said Chin. "Keep in mind, the reason we brought it to East Carolina was

simply because its an important way for people to look at women in a different way and understand our perspectives through life, through pain and also its in a comical way."

Rasdorf, Chin and Willis are both fans of the Vagina Monologues and encourage students to experience these women's stories.

"It helps to have a conversation about a lot of issues that are impacting women's lives. It has both humor and drama," said Rasdorf. "It can be very moving but hilarious throughout the evening."

"The message is that there are common threads within every woman's life that knits her into a fabric of community. When I see the title "The Vagina Monologues," I swell with pride. I think of how powerful it has been to give a voice to a previously silent organ, much in the same way that Eve Ensler has given a choice to previous silent women," said Willis.

"No matter what stories we have or the scars that those stories gave us, we can all stand together as women to tell them."

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Girls embrace natural hair

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TEC STAFF

Black History Month celebrates many facets of African American history and life, but the one subject that seems to be overlooked during this time is African American beauty.

Beauty reflects a person's inner-self as well as outer-self and is reflected in a person's makeup as well as hair, whether they chose to wear a lot of makeup or go for a more simplistic look. One hairstyle in particular which reflects the simplistic look and is making a comeback in salons is natural hair, which is hair that has not been chemically processed.

"Natural hair is becoming more and more popular in today's society," said Samantha Bradley, hair stylist at Fantastic Sams. "It is such a huge thing now because people are actually noticing a difference in their hair and seeing how healthy it is in their natural state."

Bradley stated that what got her interested in working with natural hair was being natural herself.

"I have been natural for a year and a half now and I love how you can do so much to it," said Bradley. "Everyone has different hair textures and curls, but that is what is so great about it because it is



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Haley Holland styles her natural hairstyle.

your natural hair."

Bradley stated that for college students it can be hard to maintain your natural hair, but there are great ways to help.

"I think the number one essentials to have is a shampoo, definitely a good conditioner, and moisturizer," said Bradley. "It is very important to have these products so your natural hair is healthy."

Relaxers, which are strong chemicals used to straighten African American's

curly hair to a silky straight look, are used to be very popular among African Americans beauty routines, but the natural look is changing up routines everywhere.

"I used to have a relaxer, but I love my natural hair way too much to go back," said Courtney Williams, freshman chemistry major. "You can do many styles with natural hair and I have noticed a major length and growth from going natural."

Williams explained that one of her favorite ways to style her natural hair is by doing a braid out.

"A braid out is a simple way of taking your hair and braiding your hair all over it so that it comes out wavy looking the next day," said Williams. "The next day, I have this like cute curly fro."

While some students wear their natural out, others tend to think that doing protective hairstyles are more manageable and less time consuming.

"I wear a protective hairstyle all the time, because it is easier to go to classes with," said Nneka Walson, freshman communications major. "A protective hairstyle is a style where you can protect your natural hair from heat by wearing

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Limelight hosts hip-hop artists

Nichole Currie
TEC STAFF

Tomorrow night, the Tippy Teapot will showcase the hip-hop band "The Koolest" beginning at 7 p.m. as a part of The Tippy Teapot series "Night of Flow Hip Hop."

"Tippy Teapot is a type of place where they don't really discriminate. They do everything from Jazz to Metal, Hip-Hop to Indie," said Jordan Finn, the promoter for the event. "They are really good at getting really diverse types of music."

"The Koolest" is a duo of two men from Durham and they are a hip-hop band. They both attended the same high school but did not meet until years later. They have been working together since 2010. They also used to formally go by the name of "Diverse."

The two men are rappers in the hip-hop genre. Finn explained that they are not the average hip-hop band. He said they have a unique style and have had many opportunities with well-known hip-hop performers.

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TV REVIEW

Parks and Recreation Ends

Fans say goodbye to the long running comedy series



Jessica Richmond
TEC STAFF

I've said goodbye to a lot of television shows in my lifetime; I've said goodbye to a paper company in Scranton, a football field in Dillon, a basketball court in Tree Hill and a coffee shop in New York City.

And now, after Tuesday's finale episode of Parks and Recreation, I said goodbye to the parks and recreation department of Pawnee, Ind.

NBC released an abbreviated seventh season for the long running comedy with a mere thirteen episodes running in its entirety between Jan. 13 through Tuesday. The final season jumped to the year 2017 moving most of the characters away from the parks department and away from Pawnee.

The finale places the former parks employees at their former place of work saying goodbye to one another as they head off in their new directions. Leslie remarks that this may



Chris Pratt, Adam Scott, and Amy Poehler act out a scene during an episode that took place in San Francisco, California.

be the last time they're all in the same room for a very long time. The goodbyes continue in 2017 as the finale takes the audience individually into the future lives of each employee jumping two years here, 50 years there, yet never really truly losing the sense of narrative arc.

The story gives an ending to characters ranging in all levels

of importance. We learn what happens to Tom's loud friend Jean-Ralphio same as we learn of Leslie and Ben's future. We get to see the children of all the parks employees but we still don't know a single one of the Knope-Wyatt triplets' names.

Things were happy for a lot of people and some people will complain about it being too sweet, too sappy an ending. To them I say this episode is coming from the hometown of Sweetums which sells a 512-ounce child size sodasweet is what Pawnee is made of.

The episode hits all the series' high notes with its self-referential humor running rampant with "treat yo' self" and calzone jokes seamlessly dropped into the flash-forwards. Overall, the true fans were treated to a closing that was entirely fitting of the show. It was bizarre, it was unrealistic, it was heartwarming. It made you believe in the human race but at the same time fear for it.

It was Parks and Rec.

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Reader's Theatre comes to campus

Ashley Federici
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Readers' Theatre, will be performing tonight at 5:15 p.m. in the Health Sciences Building, is a program that connects future health care providers and patients in our local community through a unique style of theatre.

Dr. Todd Savitt, professor of medical humanities at The Brody School of Medicine, is the programs coordinator and has developed a deep passion for the program since bringing it to East Carolina University in '88.

A Readers' Theatre style production is performed by readers who sit in front of their audience and read the script of a short story, making the characters come alive simply through their voices and facial expressions. There is no movement of the readers, props or costume changes.

The readers here at ECU consist of medical students, nursing students and PA students who perform to different audiences within the ECU community. The performances are followed by a discussion about the message of the story.

"We use real literature that have medical topics, so many of the stories are about doctor-patient relationships," said Dr. Savitt.

Dr. Savitt has served as the diversity dean of the medical school for the past four years and says the topic of diversity intrigues him. This influences his choice of the stories that are performed.

"Many of the stories have to do with multicultural issues or biased and stereotyping, power differences between physicians and patients, there's some stories about women in medicine, chronic illness, there's a whole variety of topics that we cover," said Dr. Savitt.

Cypress Glenn, the Unitarian Church as well as local colleges are some of the places Readers' Theatre usually performs.

"The most interesting discussions are the ones at the Unitarian church," said Dr. Savitt. "A lot of the folks in the audience are socially aware and very often have a higher

>> PLAN TO GO

WHAT: Reader's Theatre

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WHERE: The Health Sciences Building

education level than other of our audience so there's always a hot discussion."

Dr. Savitt said that the students seem to really enjoy performing at Cypress Glenn.

"They really enjoy talking to the senior citizens there because they have these memories of the past that really bring things to life," said Dr. Savitt.

Dr. Savitt has traveled to many universities to spread the concept of the Readers' Theatre program and has even compiled his own book of short stories along with discussion questions to be used by other programs.

Harvard University is one of the only schools that have taken on doing Readers' Theatre on a regular basis.

"A psychiatry professor there fell in love with it and developed it in a slightly different direction, she uses some of the stories in the book but she also has developed her own scenarios and lets her students write their own based on ethical situations that have come up while they're taking care of patients," said Dr. Savitt.

As Dr. Savitt is approaching retirement in the next few years, he hopes someone will take over his spot as coordinator and continue the program here at ECU.

"It's been my baby for all these years," said Dr. Savitt.

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NATURAL continued from A4

braids or weaves." According to Bradley, going natural can be a huge transition, but a life changing one.

"My advice to college students thinking about going natural, is to just do it," said Bradley. "It is better to not transition from a perm to natural hair because it is harder and it looks bad to me."

Bradley stated that just letting go of the relaxed hair and going natural is way easier to handle.

Daija Edwards, freshman child development major, said that she just decided to cut off all her hair last week once she realized how

pretty her curls were and started from the beginning with natural hair.

"My friend literally kept bugging me to go natural and it eventually hit me, so I knew it was time," said Edwards.

Edwards stated that for African American women, natural hair is not just a fad, but something that is going to continue to grow and women will start embracing their natural hair.

"People are just realizing how great it is to be natural and if you want to go natural, I say just go ahead and do it for yourself," said Edwards. "Embrace the true beauty of being natural."

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LIMELIGHT continued from A4

"I've actually worked with them for a few years. They used to not be musicians until after they graduated high school," said Finn. "They are definitely a 90s hip-hop style, even though they were not born in the 90s. They've been in acts with Mos Def, Big Krit, and Juicy J."

Finn explained that the band is very passionate about their work. He also said Greenville is not the typical hip-hop place but this show will definitely help get the message out.

According to Finn, students and the Greenville community can expect a different music scene. Most of all, Jordan explains that supporting the band and other music lovers is appreciated.

"Everyone's support goes a long way, even if you come by yourself. The music scene in

Greenville is something that is not to prevalent right now, and we are trying to bring it back, hip-hop especially," said Finn. "We are trying to bring back artists we know have talent and will put on a good show for everybody."

Finn said that coming out to the show supports someone who is really passionate about what they do. "It's something that doesn't come to Greenville a lot. We don't get a lot of Hip-Hop here, Tippy Teapot was so great to let us bring this here," said Finn. "Who knows the next time when we can put something together like this?"

Along with "The Kooolest", there will be many sponsors at The Tippy Teapot. The companies Happy Juice and WhoHere will be explaining their products and new technology to the crowd.

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PIRATE RANTS

You can't sue the University unless they cleared the sidewalks/steps and then you fell. Gotta love the USA's legal system.

I guess the BSU will go after White Residence Hall next. won't they?

These past weekends have caused me to discover that I slip and fall more on carpet than I do on ice when I am exceptionally drunk

Freshmen, when the bus pulls up you wait for everyone else to get off and then you get on. Learn it, live it, love it!

Hey SGA! Stop sending me spam email about the stupid elections. I read it the first time. You don't need to remind me everyday. and I didn't vote after receiving that first e-mail, I'm probably not going to. GTFO!

Il put this simply for anyone who thinks racism is solved by ignoring it: Racism is like an STD. You can't simply get rid of it by ignoring it and wishing it was gone.

Shout-out to the idiots that thought it'd be okay to not cancel classes on Tuesday. Wrecked my car trying to get to campus to take an exam. Thanks.

The fact that Aycock Hall is being renamed offends me. Is that enough justification to change it back?

"Should Aycock's new name have a student vote?": Does it even matter? If the BSU doesn't like it, they will just yell racism again anyways.

Censoring our country, state, or schools history has dangerous repercussions. Erasing a memory of oppression in Aycock does the oppressed group an injustice. It provides the next generation of students the chance to forget it ever happened, opening the door for reputation, and blind opinions.

Why is it that you see three 610 buses ride by at a time and only see the 305 every two days?

It's not the East or the West side. It's not the North or the South side. It's the Dark side.

The ice spray on the roads smells like formaldehyde.

Watched TFIOS. Is it messed up that it made me really want a cigarette?

People are so cruel to each other, but given the right chance and provocation they can show immeasurable compassion and love. We must understand each other if we are to survive in this world. I love my fellow pirates and see our potential for greatness beyond our differences.

Dear transit, we need more 305 Gold buses. Thanks.

People need to stop putting their bags in chairs. Move your bag so I can rest my a**

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

Our view

PTSD should be a factor in Kyle case

Eddie Ray Routh was convicted on Tuesday night for the shootings of former Navy SEAL Chris Kyle and his friend, Chad Littlefield, at a gun range in 2013. After a Texas jury took less than two hours to convict Routh of capital murder, they sentenced him to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Routh's attorneys and family stated that he suffered psychotic episodes caused by post-traumatic stress disorder. Prosecutors said that his episodes were caused by alcohol and marijuana abuse. We as an editorial staff believe that Routh's post-traumatic stress disorder should have been more of a contributing factor in determining his sentence. A man who experiences psychotic and uncontrollable episodes should be sent to a mental institution to receive the correct treatment. PTSD could very well have triggered Routh's actions because he was diagnosed with psychosis

after serving in the Marine Corps and relatives attested that he had been paranoid in the months before the shooting.

The Oscar-nominated film, American Sniper, could have played a part in the decision factor of the trial. It is highly likely that members on the jury had seen the movie and that it swayed their decision during the process. The movie should have been released after the trial, to prevent persuading the jury to side with the prosecutors who portrayed Routh as a callous killer.

PTSD's effects on decision-making should have been treated in a more serious manner during the trial, rather than be dismissed as not a viable reason for the shooting. Routh belongs at a state mental hospital, rather than a prison, in order to receive the proper healthcare for his mental instability and a message that PTSD is a much more serious condition than previously believed.

Aycock is unimportant



Kathleen Daniels
TEC COLUMNIST

North Carolina Governor Charles B. Aycock was a white supremacist. There is no doubt of that. He disenfranchised African American voters and continued many discriminatory practices in our state. His name did not deserve to be on a building at a university that prides itself for its diversity. It's unfortunate that it took a week of protests for our Board of Trustees to understand students wanted a change. It's also unfortunate that our students don't seem to worry about much else.

The name of a building on campus did not directly impact the lives of anyone. No one on this campus is currently being disenfranchised by Governor Aycock. However, people on this campus are being disenfranchised by our current North Carolina General Assembly. In 2016 it will be extremely difficult for students, minorities and the poor to vote, due to new voter ID laws. We are 50 years after Martin

Luther King Jr's march in Selma, and voting rights still matter, but few students at ECU care.

On Tuesday, the NC Senate approved a bill that would allow magistrates to deny marriage licenses to certain couples. The law is meant to allow state officials "freedom of religion" by opting out of performing marriages to mainly LGBT couples. However, the language of the law could apply to interracial, interreligious or even second marriages, any kind of couple a magistrate disapproves of. Our state is passing discriminatory laws that will hurt a large portion of our citizens. Even if you agree with the law, it is likely to cause several costly lawsuits against the state, when we already have a massive budget deficit. But how many ECU students have noticed?

There are a number of issues students face today, beyond the name on a building. Our friends may not be able to get married and our state wants to block out vote. Also, our universities face massive budget cuts while yacht owners are seeing a tax break. Our new senator, Thom Tillis, recently stated that restaurants should not be required to enforce employee hand washing

after using the restroom, even though science has proven how important the practice is to prevent foodborne illness. Governor Aycock did not have everyone's best interest in hear, and neither does our current state government or representatives. And yet students only care about the name of a dead man.

Last week, campus was a flurry of "social justice". Flyers covered buildings, dining halls were boycotted and Board of Trustees members were greeted. All for the name on the side of a building. A name that did not directly and immediately affect the quality of life for anyone. Meanwhile, the General Assembly is preparing to pass discriminatory legislation, we face massive voter disenfranchisement, and a state government that protects millionaires over students. Maybe it's time to use our student voice for something that actually matters.

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Faculty members deserve more



John Steen
GUEST COLUMNIST

America's colleges and universities represent a promise that society makes to itself.

North Carolina is a great example of the power of this promise, as East Carolina students and alumni know well. A recent study showed that our state's public universities generated a \$17 billion return on taxpayers' investment of \$4.3 billion (News & Observer). Apart from the bottom line, most of know that when it comes to transforming lives, building communities, and ensuring the future,

nothing quite compares. That promise is broken when highly-educated and hard-working professionals receive unfair treatment. Unfortunately, that's the case at ECU.

There are two kinds of faculty at ECU, but it can be difficult to tell the difference between them. Both tenure-track and fixed-term faculty members teach students, hold office hours, grade papers, and write letters of recommendation. However, fixed-term faculty members aren't guaranteed job security; many don't receive benefits like healthcare or retirement; most are underpaid for their time and expertise.

Currently, over 52 percent of ECU faculty are fixed-term, and that number's rising. This means that over half of the ECU faculty can leave the classroom after final exams uncertain of whether they'll return for the next semester. Nationwide, 31 percent of part-time faculty earn near or below the federal poverty level. For raising a family, paying rent, and for supporting students throughout their ECU careers, that's not nearly enough.

The solution to this problem is two-fold. It requires awareness of fixed-term faculty issues on ECU's campus, and it requires substantial change. Fixed-term faculty members deserve longer contracts, fair salaries, benefits, and a prominent role in departmental leadership. In order for this happen, University administrators need to hear that ECU students are concerned. So ask your professors if they're fixed-term or tenure-track, and ask if they're worried about their jobs. Ask how your major department hires

fixed-term faculty, and whether fixed-term faculty are allowed to vote at faculty meetings. How far in advance do they know which courses they'll teach? How much are they paid per course? Then, decide for yourself if you think these conditions are fair.

Secondly, consider joining with national groups who research and advocate for fixed-term faculty, many of whom are afraid to speak out about labor conditions for fear of losing their jobs. On ECU's campus, Concerned NC Educators supports fixed-term faculty. Nationally, SEIU Faculty Forward has added fixed-term faculty to a list of workers whose conditions deserve improvement.

I'm a fixed-term faculty member in the English department, and I'll lose my job at the end of this semester. I'll still have student loans and medical expenses to pay, and I'll have to relocate to find work at another university. I've accepted that. What I won't accept is that the Pirate Nation can't do better.

-John Steen
Visiting Assistant ECU English Professor

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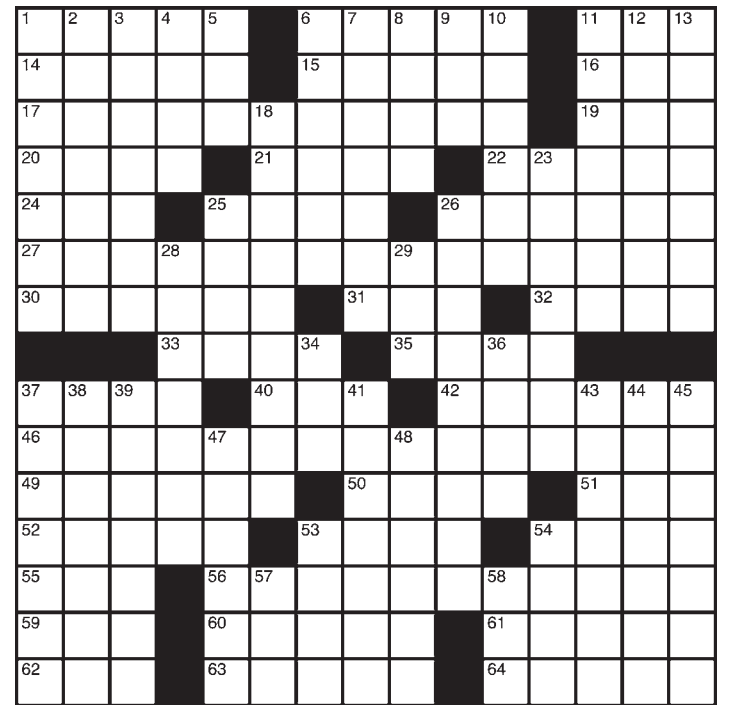
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By Mike Buckley

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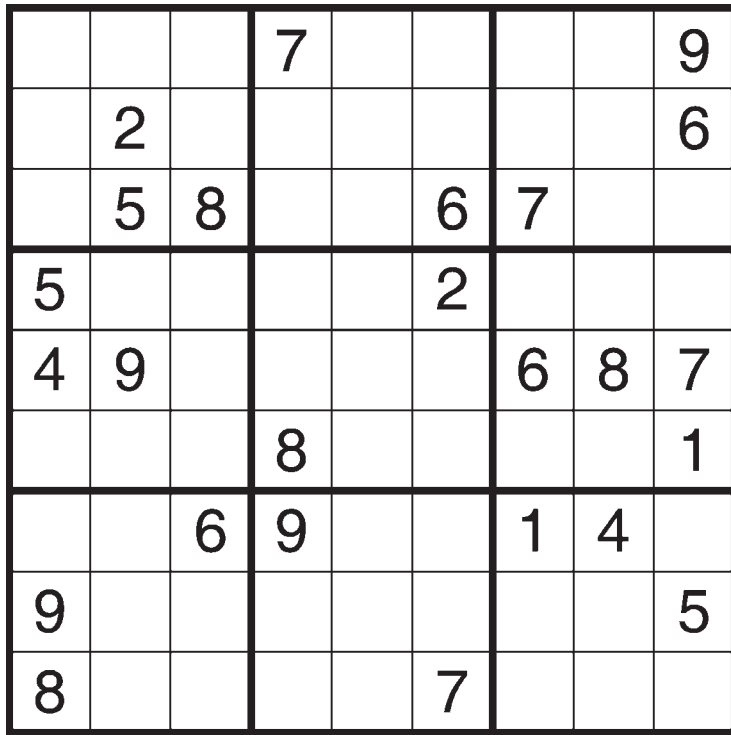
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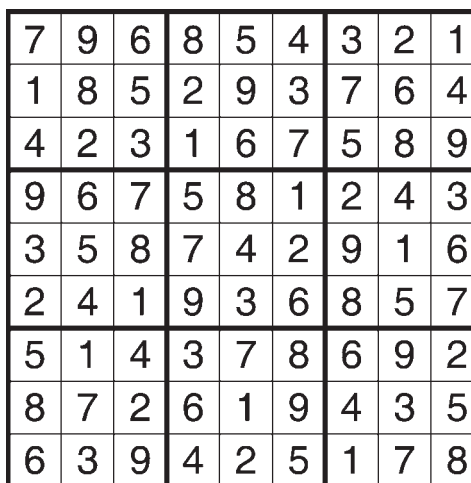
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ECU prepares for Cary trip

Diamond Bucs to compete in Irish Classic this weekend

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

The ECU baseball team will look to win its second consecutive tournament this weekend when it travels to Cary, N.C. to play in the USA Baseball-Irish Classic.

The Pirates will battle Notre Dame, Richmond and North Carolina State—all unranked opponents.

ECU (2-4) is winless against ranked teams and 2-0 against unranked teams as they beat UNC Greensboro and St. Johns in the Clark-LeClair Classic.

The Pirates will open up the tournament Friday against Notre Dame (7-1), the first ever meeting between the two teams. The Fighting Irish look to have a high-powered offense as they have scored over five runs in every game this season, including three games with more than 10 runs.

The game against the Irish could be an entertaining high scoring shootout as both offenses have firepower. ECU Head Coach Cliff Godwin also has connections to the Fighting Irish, having been an assistant from 2005-06.

The ECU pitching staff has pitched well this season, which could hold Notre Dame to its first low scoring offensive output.

The Pirates will then look to defeat in-state rival NC State on Saturday in what is technically a neutral site game for the Wolfpack.

NC State is playing this season without last season's ace pitcher Carlos Rodon, who was the third overall pick in last year's MLB draft.

The Wolfpack come into the game with a 3-2 record and own a 68-40 all-time record against the Pirates. The two split a pair of games last season.

N.C. State has four starting players batting over .300.

The Wolfpack is led this season by Preston Palmeiro, son of long time Texas Ranger and Baltimore Orioles first baseman Rafeal Palmeiro. Palmeiro has started all five games this season and is batting an even .500.

The game will mark the second straight game against a

high-powered offense, calling on Pirate pitching to attempt to control the game.

Senior two-way player Reid Love was expected to be the ace for ECU but after a preseason injury, he may slip into the closer roll, a major upgrade for the Pirates.

"Being that Reid plays a position we might have to look at him, at least for a little bit to stay in the bullpen," Head Coach Cliff Godwin stated. "We really don't have true closer for this team so who knows he might be that guy."

ECU will then close out the tournament Sunday against the Richmond Spiders (2-3). The Pirates own a 52-42 advantage in the all-time series.

The first two games for the Pirates look to be offensive contests, but the game against the Spiders could be a different story, as Richmond hasn't scored many runs this season.

Richmond has scored two or fewer runs in four of its five games this season. Look for the Pirates to try and unleash their bats and swing for the fences.

The Spiders have a team ERA of 4.30 and have only one starter with an ERA under four.

The Pirates have struggled this season defensively and have committed errors that have kept them out of close game. Godwin has stressed to his team the importance of defense recently.

"This group is a confident group, sometimes I think it teeters on the line of over-confident," Godwin said. "And they don't understand that these little plays, whether it be fielding ground balls or making a play late in the game that it decides a game."

ECU bats seemed to come to life last weekend as they hit five home runs and scored 20 runs. With all three games coming against pitching staffs that seem to be struggling, expect ECU to come out swinging.

First pitch against Notre Dame is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. tomorrow at the USA baseball national training complex.



Reid Love throws a pitch. He came back from injury last week.

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Temple up next



Junior guard Jasmine Phillips drives to the lane. The Lady Pirates are on a six-game win streak.

Pirates set to face Owls on road

Rev Blanquicet
TEC STAFF

With just two games left in the season, Head Coach Heather Macy and the ECU women's basketball team are on the verge of finishing off a historic inaugural season in the American Athletic Conference.

The Lady Pirates (19-8, 10-6 AAC) are on track to finish third in the conference, where they were predicted to finish in the Coaches' Preseason AAC Poll. With one more win on the season, the team would make program history for recording three-straight 20-win seasons.

"It shows that we're a program," said Macy. "When you look at how we recruit and build our team through transfer players and our redshirt program, it's clear to see that we truly are a program and not a different individual team every season."

ECU is currently on a season-high

six-game win streak and will be taking on Temple (13-15, 9-6 AAC) in Philadelphia, Pa. for its last road game of the season, before returning home for senior night.

"Well, it's a good time to be playing our best basketball," said Macy. "But I feel like right now we are doing some really nice things and different people are stepping up and having quality minutes for us."

While ECU has shown they have an advantage of riding win streaks and staying in groove this season, especially against conference opponents, this matchup could potentially play a big role in the Lady Pirates' postseason push.

The Owls, who are still a very young team, have all five starters scoring averages in double figures. Freshmen Alliya Butts

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Freshmen athletes help ECU softball

Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

After seven exceptional senior players graduated last season, the ECU softball team has brought in six freshmen who are determined to make a positive impact for the program.



Mary Sloan-Bradford

Two of which, Mary Sloan-Bradford and Ashley Cruise, have already earned MVP titles for their remarkable performances.

Sloan-Bradford, who has started all 12 games, was given the MVP title for offensive help during the Pirate Classic, the Pirates' first tournament of the year. The outfielder has scored 13 runs, six hits, with two RBIs.

"You don't come in as a freshman thinking that you're even going to play," said Sloan-Bradford. "But I come out and work hard every day. Coach and my teammates really believe in me, and I feel really honored."

Her best performance was against Longwood University where Sloan-Bradford hit her first collegiate home run that brought in two runs for the Pirates.

The outfielder was a four-year letter winner at West Orange High School in Windermere, Fla. She led her team with eight home runs and 34 RBIs during her senior season.



Ashley Cruise

Cruise, during her first collegiate start, received the Most Valuable Pitcher title after helping the Pirates defeat South Carolina 1-0. The shut-out was the first game ECU won against the Gamecocks since 2006.

In the contest against South Carolina,

Cruise pitched seven strong innings and gave up only four hits, notched two strikeouts and allowed three walks.

"It was amazing," Cruise simply said.

Cruise was named First Team All-Star during her high school career. During her junior year, the pitcher recorded a 1.40 ERA with 164 strikeouts in 110 innings. Cruise earned two consecutive Most Valuable Defensive Player titles in 2012 and 2013. She finished her high school career with 37 victories, 456 strikeouts in 352 innings pitched.

After an outstanding career by alumnae Alex Fieldhouse, freshman Karlie Smith stepped on the field in her place this season and already has eight putouts, 28 defensive assists and only two errors.

"Karlie Smith is an amazing player," said Interim Head Coach Steve Jaacks. "She's tall, and aggressive."

Her first at bat as a Pirate resulted in a triple off the left field wall. Smith has three hits, three runs and four RBIs this season.

"The girls, what can I say about the girls," Jaacks said after winning the Pirate Classic. "The first person I thought about in addition to the girls was coach Keylon-Randolph because Cruise came here because of her. Karlie came here because of her, Mary-Sloan Bradford came here because of her. And it's those three that put the runs on the board and kept the runs off."

Along with those three, the Pirates welcomed second basemen Kerry Butler, first baseman Rebecca Perrell and outfielder Ashton Stowe.

Butler is a left-handed power hitter. The second baseman had one at bat as a Pirate where she had an RBI walk against Seton Hall. During her high school career, the New Jersey native was a three-time Second Team All-Shore Conference honoree. She

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TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (12-16, 5-10) fell to UConn after a second half comeback for the second time this season, 60-49, on Wednesday.

BASEBALL

The Pirates' (2-4) game against Old Dominion Wednesday night was moved to March 4th due to snow.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates (19-8, 10-6 AAC) will aim to win their fourth straight game against Temple on Sunday.

SWIMMING/DIVING

The men's team won the program's first-ever American Athletic Conference title last weekend.

SOFTBALL

ECU (6-7) will travel to Tampa, Fl. for the USF Invitational this weekend.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes (22-30) claimed a 4-1 victory against the Philadelphia Flyers on Sunday.

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Men's tennis earns two wins

Soriano's bounce back outing leads ECU to victories

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

Sunday morning, ECU's men's tennis beat Citadel University (5-1) for its second straight win and third win in its last four matches.

With the back-to-back wins, the Pirates moved to 5-6 on the spring season. The Pirates got off to a rough 2-5 start, including being shut-out by No. 6 North Carolina.

"The beginning of the season was a little tougher," said Assistant Coach Christian Kuehne. "But we're fighting back and we've got a good spirit about us."

The match on Sunday was dominant as ECU won all but one match and the one loss came in set scores of 7-5. All other sets were relatively quick.

"It was good today," Kuehne said. "We got a lot of quick matches in. The guys did a good job of closing out the matches when they were up."

Senior Nicolas Soriano won his sets 6-1 and 6-2

after losing a hard-fought match against Mount Olive College last Sunday. Junior Colin Roller rolled over his opponent in his match with two sets winning 6-2 in both.

Junior transfer Tendai Tapfuma followed up on a good match at Mount Olive with another match win in a sets of 6-2 and 6-4. Sophomore Fredric Lehfeldt won his matches on sets of 6-1 and 6-4 after a doubles and singles wins at Mount Olive. Senior Damien Brenard fought hard again, after a long three set match lost against Mount Olive, lost the match on Sunday.

The Pirates have struggled to close out matches this spring, but they reversed their fortunes, closing matches out well on Sunday.

"When we're up, just staying up, and just closing these matches out. That helps your team out a lot if you can get off the court quick," said Kuehne.

The Pirates face off against a Richmond, a team that has won three straight,

on Friday and then face off against a stumbling Appalachian State team that is just 2-3 in its last five games.

"We're trying these last couple of weeks to get a lot of matches in," Kuehne said. "Get the guys some wins, and they responded well."

Kuehne also thinks the team is moving in the right direction after the successful weekend at home.

"In the beginning, we had some tight loses, you know a couple of 4-2's and 4-3's against some pretty good teams," he said. "And I think we've started to win a couple of those close matches, and now had a bunch of two doubleheaders that will get us some wins. You know we're getting more confident, you know winning matches will give you more confidence, and I think you can feel it in the team that everyone is just stepping up and winning more matches."

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Senior Damien Brenard prepares for a forehand. Brenard is one of ECU tennis's top performers.

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leads Temple in scoring this season, averaging 12.7 points per game.

ECU has a clear height advantage but will have to continue crashing the boards to prevent Temple's frontcourt of Erika Covile and Tanaya Atkinson from making a big impact on the glass. Covile and Atkinson are both averaging just over seven rebounds per game.

With a handful of teams still in contention for the third spot in the conference rankings, the last two games are huge. Since refocusing her team on allowing their defense to fuel their offense, Macy has seen a reduction in the number of three-pointers attempted per game.

"Early on in the season we would have

just stayed around the three-point line and shot 25 threes per game," Macy said. "I am just glad that the threes are down and I think long term it's going to help our basketball team."

The Lady Pirates' attention to detail on defense has increased the number of turnovers forced per game, fast break points and points in the paint. With ECU playing some of its best basketball on the road and their last game at home honoring their seniors, the Lady Pirates must finish strong to have a high seed for the conference tournament.

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also was a part of the First Team All-Coaches Division selection in 2013, earned Rookie-of-the-Year honors as a freshman in 2011 and had the best offensive player award in 2012, and 2013.

Perrell, who only played one game as a Pirate, finished her high school career with a .382 batting average. She had four doubles and had a solo home run and hit 20 RBIs.

Stowe hit a team-best .549 as a senior at Mount Juliet High school in her first year as

a left-handed slapper. She led the Bears with a .606 on-base percentage and a .637 slugging percentage in her season year and swiped a team-leading 34 bases.

"We're a real technic group of freshman," said Smith. "I think coming in here we all know what's expected of us, and we all work really hard."

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UConn GAME

Men's hoops falls to Huskies

Pirates struggle in second as defending champions top ECU

Behind a nearly sellout crowd at Minges Coliseum, ECU fell to the defending national champion UConn Huskies. It was the first time a defending men's national champion came to Minges and the atmosphere around the stadium was as high as it has been in recent memory.

ECU was riding a hot streak at home of late, but the Huskies proved to be too much for the Pirates.

The Pirates gave fans and students hope in the first half as they held a nine-point lead entering half time. However, the Huskies showed their poise as they took a 17-5 run to open up the second half and take the lead from the Pirates.

Despite a second straight game from Marshall Guilmette, ECU could not finish and were overpowered by the Huskies.



Senior guard Antonio Robinson drives past a UConn defender. Robinson notched three points.



Junior guard Terry Whisnant (0) attempts a layup. He had seven points.



Marshall Guilmette (41) raises up above Rodney Purvis (44) for a shot.



The ECU faithful filled Minges as 6,856 fans came decked out in all black for the blackout.



Jeff Lebo calls out to his team. Lebo is in his fifth season with ECU.

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