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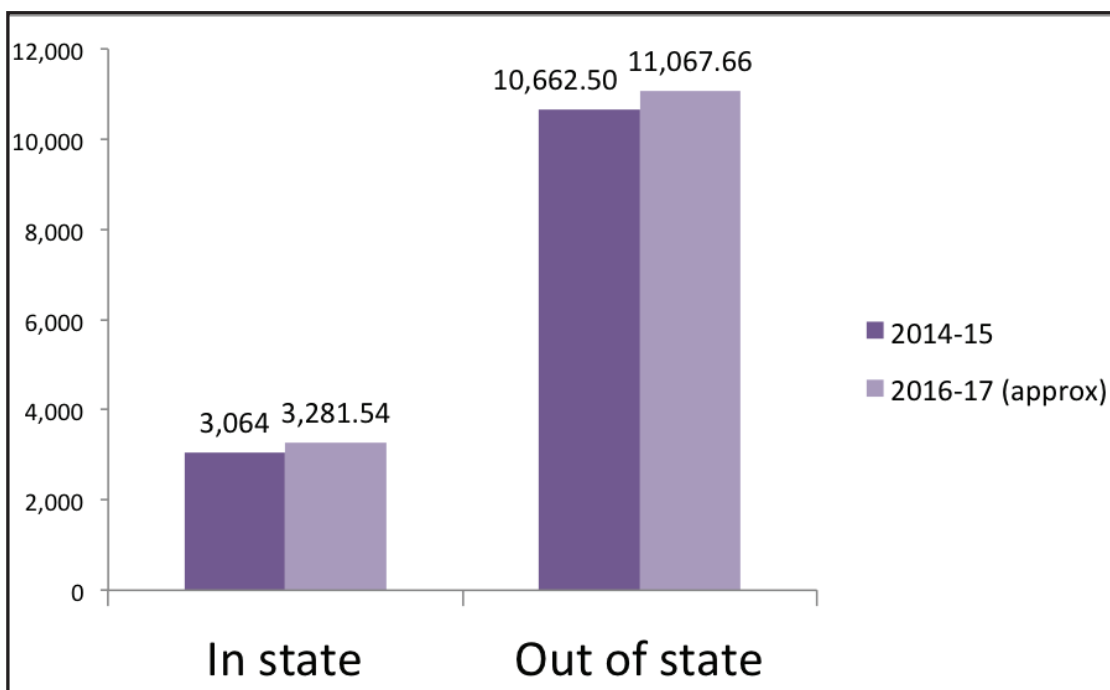
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## Board agrees to tuition increase

### TUITION INCREASE COMPARISON FOR UNDERGRADUATES



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ECU resident undergraduate students will be facing a 7.1 percent increase in tuition and fees for the 2016-17.

**Kelsey Padgett**  
TEC STAFF

Protesters gathered at the UNC Board of Governors meeting on Friday where increases for tuition and fees at UNC system campuses statewide were approved.

Protesters stood up during the meeting reading speeches they had prepared and chanting. They held signs to represent their cause. Some protesters had to be escorted out of the building when they refused to be quiet during the board meeting.

The Board of Governors' vote on the issue came down to a split vote of 18-9 in favor of the tuition increase.

ECU resident undergraduate students will be facing a 7.1 percent increase in tuition and fees for next year, followed by a second raise in the 2016-17 academic year. The approved proposal also included a 3.8 percent increase for non-resident undergradu-

ates, a 6.5 percent increase for resident graduates and a 3.9 percent increase for non-resident graduates.

This year ECU was ranked the seventh cheapest UNC system school out of 17 campuses. But with the increase, by the 2016-17 academic year ECU will fall to number 9.

There will be an average increase of 4.3 percent for resident undergraduates on UNC system campuses, bringing the tuition average to \$6,448.88.

Of the money generated from this tuition increase, approximately 80 percent is set to go towards increases in pay for members of faculty according to Assistant Vice Chancellor for Operations Stephanie Coleman.

Coleman said she has seen members of the ECU faculty leave for jobs with a more competitive salary.

"Given the fact that there

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## Stomach virus hits Greenville

**Emily Schultz**  
TEC STAFF

A virus known as Norovirus has impacted East Carolina University and the Greenville community the past few weeks.

The virus, which is caused by contact with infected surfaces, infected people, or by contaminated food or water, is highly contagious. Experts at Student Health services said they have seen an increase in the Norovirus on campus recently.

Ellen Goldberg, nurse director for Student Health Services, said that the virus causes your stomach to become inflamed. Some of the symptoms of the virus are stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, and a fever or chills.

"The virus comes fast and is very sudden," said Goldberg. "It lives a long time on surfaces and it's stubborn. It might not leave the surface for several weeks and you can spread it even after you feel better."

Goldberg said the virus is most easily spread in public places at different times of the year, it is most common during the winter.

"We see it every year, especially in places like daycares, public schools, and any college environment during this time," said Goldberg. "It usually happens when it gets cold and everyone is stuck inside."

The one positive about Norovirus is that it goes away very quickly and no medicine is required to eliminate the virus. Goldberg said the virus usually lasts from one to three days, but it can make the infected people feel very

weak and tired. The best thing people can do when they are infected with the virus is to stay hydrated.

"It's really easy to become dehydrated when you have this because it can be difficult to keep anything down," said Goldberg. "It's good to just keep Gatorade or clear liquids in your room so you don't have to go anywhere."

Resting and taking over the counter medicines are helpful to fight the virus, according to Goldberg. She added, once people start feeling better, they should try to eat crackers, soup, or other things that won't upset their stomachs.

According to Goldberg, the best way to avoid the Norovirus is to clean up after yourself and wash your hands. Goldberg said that hand sanitizers do not appear as effective as regular hand soap and water. Bleach based solutions help disinfect, but those cannot be used all types of surfaces.

"It's all about taking good precautions," said Goldberg. "And I can't say it enough but the main thing everybody needs to wash their hands."

If students think they are seriously ill, Goldberg said they should contact Student Health Services as soon as possible.

"If students need to know about it, we have a lot of information on our blog. They can also call us and we have an email service for student who have questions," said Goldberg.

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Mark Matulewicz (top left), Jenny Betz (top right), Carson Pierce (bottom left) and Selma Gomez (bottom right), speak to ECU's student body about Ticket One's platform. Their ticket won all four executive positions.

## SGA declares winners

**Collyn Sheaffer**  
TEC STAFF

Voting for Student Government Elections on OneStop concluded on Friday, and Ticket 1 has been elected as the new executive branch of leadership for the student body. Ticket 1 is comprised of Mark Matulewicz, Jenny Betz, Carson Pierce and Selma Gomez.

This year's voting layout has changed compared to previous years, mainly by not showing pictures of each candidate when looking at the voting ballots on OneStop.

Adam Caldwell, senator for the General College, believes that not showing pictures of the candidates on the voting website was a change for the better and worked to make sure the pictures were held off the ballot.

"The point behind the no pictures was to make sure that the Student Government Association candidates are voted on what they want to do, forgetting their physical appearance," said Caldwell.

The Announcement Banquet was

held Friday evening, which was an event where the Elections Committee announced the winners of the week's Elections. All candidates who ran in the Elections were asked to attend the banquet for the announcement of the winning candidates.

Alexandria Kitchens, sophomore nursing major and Panhellenic vice president of philanthropy and service, believes that Gomez is fully capable of representing East Carolina's student body as the next secretary.

Kitchens explained that Gomez has always been a leader in Chi Omega and is confident that she will be able to represent all students on our campus equally and communicate that with the Student Government.

Matulewicz, elected president for the next term, said that his first concerns as President will be creating the Pirate Pick-Up Program for students with a mobility impairment.

"We are currently looking to receive funding to invest in a few golf carts. Our next priority will be to create the Student

Discount Card by contacting local restaurants such as Sup Dogs, Chico's and Michaelangelo's," said Matulewicz.

The candidates on Ticket 1 have also expressed their interest in creating a retreat for all Student Government officials to go to once the transitions have been made. The current executive branch of leadership is prepared to work collectively with the newly elected Ticket 1 to ensure the smoothest transition for the next term.

Carson Pierce, the elected Treasurer on Ticket 1, said in a statement to The East Carolinian how humbled and excited him and his teammates are for the rest of this journey. He said that they are prepared to make each student that has supported them proud of their decision to vote for Ticket 1.

"We know that with every student's help, we can continue to move Student Government and East Carolina forward," said Pierce.

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**ECU Doctors go mobile**

Some doctors at Vidant Medical are beginning to utilize the mobile apps "Canto" and "Haiku" to provide more efficient care to patients.

The applications allow for doctors to share patient information between themselves and other specialists in a quick and more accessible manner.

Both of these apps utilize the best security software to better protect patients' privacy and medical records.

**ECU receives grant for facility**

East Carolina University is to receive a 1.75 million dollar grant to establish a training school for pharmaceutical and bio manufacturing.

The grant is allocated from the Golden LEAF Foundation, will also provide \$650,000 to Pitt Community College to establish a similar program.

The grant was provided with the idea to bolster the growing pharmaceutical presence and provide investors with a readily available workforce.

**Greenville recognizes activist**

Local high school student Debra Coles won the Best-Irons Citizen Award at the 43rd annual Greenville Human Relations Council award ceremony.

Coles won the award for her efforts in advocating organ donations and KidneyForCoach.com

The D.H. Conley High School senior was given the award during the themed "Celebrating and Honoring those who make a difference" held at the Hilton hotel.

**ONLINE**

Darrius Barrow hired as Assistant Director for Student Activities

ECU Alert update

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

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# ECU hosts day for women

## Series of events to celebrate female achievement

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TEC STAFF

Tomorrow the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women will be observing 2015 International Women's Day.

The event, which is celebrated worldwide on March 8, represents an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women while calling for greater equality.

"We did this [event] last year, when I came on the committee, I volunteered to become chair of the programs committee and I thought what we [needed] was an International Women's Day since we are a committee for women," said Rai d'Honoré, director of East Carolina University Language Academy. "I thought it was really important so, we had one last year and it turned out to be a success and I thought we should do it again this year."

The event will feature a series of speakers on the following topics from Women in the Media, to Women in Religion, to Sexual Harassment, to Women in Health Care. Each topic will be discussed at different times throughout the day.

"We were looking at different fields that women go into and what their career paths are and thought it would be a good idea to bring an example of people who have forged a new path in their area which all these women have done," said d'Honoré.

Sexual Harassment and the topic of rape have been major topics and issues recently here at ECU. The topic of sexual harassment will be discussed during the event.

D'Honoré said there will be a lunchtime panel on the topic of sexual harassment, which will be lead by Jennifer O'Neill. The



COURTESY OF LEVO LEAGUE

Women come together to appreciate each other's achievements and to celebrate International Women's Day.

panel will include two students and several staff members.

"It's really going to be about everything falling under the topic of sexual harassment. I feel people have to be more aware about this topic, this is not only advice to women on how they should dress and talk but to men as well and for them to know rape is not an option," said d'Honoré. "So I encourage men to be apart of this event as well."

Social media plays a big role today's society especially what media depicts how women should be or look like. Abby Gilliland, sophomore communication public relations major said she thinks social media can have both a good and bad influence on women.

"Social media can be a bad influence for women in society because they will see girls who they think are prettier than they are and it will lower their self-confidence," said Gilliland. "This

can easily make women try to be somebody they are not. It can also be a good influence because with the app Instagram, you put up a picture and it will get a lot of likes, which can boost their self-confidence."

The speakers at the event are women who have done incredible things and have broke the barriers in their work fields. Some have won awards and some have made change.

"I think this event would encourage students to see that there are women who have made it to the top of their field, and who do brave and innovative actions to get there such as, speaker Ann Harrington," said d'Honoré. "She is a Roman Catholic priest, and the Vatican does not allow women priests, so there is a band of women who have broken away from the church and made their own priests."

The speakers also include leader, social enterprise section

of the Center for Family Violence, Shirrell Thomas, who started the shop My Sister's Closet, and Janice Daughtery who is the assistant professor of family medicine at the Brody School of Medicine.

"All the speakers are unique they are all doing really interesting things, Beth Mendelson does documentaries for Voice of America, and the one [documentary] she is working on at the moment is about global women leaders and how they mentor people," said d'Honoré. "The other filmmaker we have at the end is Laurie Kahn, has developed this project called the Modern Romance project talking about love and romance from every different angle, chronologically."

This event will begin at 8 a.m. until 3:50 p.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms 1 and 2.

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# ECU aids job search

**Alina Olson**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Many East Carolina University students are on the hunt for internships and work experience for the upcoming Spring and Summer seasons.

In the past few weeks, various career fairs have been held by the different colleges of ECU, like the School of Communication fair last Friday. Career fairs are a great way for students to get their name out there and meet prospective employers.

"I have met a lot of employers and gotten my foot in the door" said Uri Andrews, junior media studies major, on his experience at the School of Communication career fair.

Sean Guy, national sales manager for the Around Campus Group, looks for the drive and passion in students when his company is looking for new hires.

"When I meet students at career fairs, I know they're go-getters because they make the effort to be there, as an employer, that's who we want on our team," said Guy. "This year, we're hiring 3-4 students that will work based out of Greenville."

Since many students choose to stay in Greenville over the summer, they can find work locally. Various local businesses offer internships throughout the summer months.

"I'm open to working anywhere over the summer, but I'm aiming to find work in Greenville because it will be more convenient," Andrews said.

As for students pursuing internships outside of Greenville, the options are nearly unlimited. The School of Communication has a website to help students kick-start their job or internship search in addition to the university career fairs this semester.

"I'm looking into interning with Myrtle Beach Tours this Summer," said Kaitlyn Cook, junior public relations major. "I enjoy writing, and one of the things they'd need me to be doing is work on writing for their blog."

The next scheduled career fair will take place on March 19 in Minges Coliseum from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Exactly a week before the vote, chair of the Faculty Senate at ECU Andrew Morehead said that the Faculty Senate thought the students were not responsible for funding the increase in faculty pay, but instead the state.

"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."

Students in UNC system universities will also be required to pay a \$30 safety fee. The fee will allow increases in pay for campus police officers and be used to better address sexual assault cases.

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# Artist shares Japanese ceramics

Jessica McGettigan  
TEC STAFF

While art demonstrations may not be everyone's cup of tea, understanding cultural differences is an essential part of becoming a well-rounded person.

Ceramic artist Peter Hamann will visit Jenkins Fine Arts Center today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., demonstrating his work of traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony and ceramic ware.

Hamann lived in Japan for 30 years where he learned the art of traditional Japanese ceramics. "I was studying at a ceramics school [in Japan] and there is a private museum that has a large collection of tea pieces and at the time did huge tea ceremonies," he said. "I was introduced to the tea master and he ended up [placing] about 200 [orders] for me and I had never thought I could make tea things and then all of a sudden I had a big order of tea things to make so I said 'I guess I can do it' and asked him to start teaching me."

Hamann said that to understand a Japanese tea ceremony is to understand a certain Japanese aesthetic. "It means you understand some of their culture and I think that's really important these days," he said. "The world is getting so small and we don't seem to be doing a very good job understanding each other. I don't think there is a single culture that is more different than the Japanese culture is from the US culture which is good because that means they just have that much more to offer each other."

Although there are several decades of American art in museums around the country, Japan has collections of art that date back several centuries. "We talk about functional art and a lot of the functional art that is made in this country is never used," said Hamann. "But [the Japanese are] using things that are considered cultural property and national treasures, things that are hundreds of years old, but its all used."

Hamann stated that his favorite part about being a ceramics artist is the way that art and utility come together. "The idea that my pieces might, in 400 years, be used by someone is an incredible thing, rather than appealing to the fashion of the time," he said.

"In this country I think most people associate tea with wabi sabi but there is a lot of tea that isn't wabi sabi, that's just one small part of it and it's a part that I really like but I like the other parts too," said Hamann.

Today, Hamann will demonstrate the ceramics that are used in traditional Japanese tea ceremonies but explained that there are major differences between traditional tea ceremonies and tea events.

"A tea ceremony is simple and people could come to visit me and I could fill the charcoal kettle and fix them

a cup of tea in my tea room," said Hamann. "The main tea ceremonies in Japan are very large events and it's kind of a journey down history lane because if you're using something that is 400 years old its like you're sharing that moment with someone who made that thing or used it 400 years ago."

While tea ceremonies tend to be more casual, tea events are much more formal and last roughly four hours. "I did one at the end of the year with just three guests and entertained them for four hours," said Hamann. "It's just a huge cultural event because the scrolls might be very old, you talk about who write them and what they signify. It's a huge conversation that involves history and personal preference."

Preparation for tea events is extremely tedious. "A tea event probably costs me about a week total [in terms of prep] and you would invite [guests] at least three months in advance," said Hamann. "You would actually [send] hand written letters but you get your brush out and start writing a letter to them formally. It's usually arranged ahead of time but [the letter] is just a formality."

Hamann said that tea event guests would arrive the day before the event just to make sure they knew the event location and how long it takes to get there because being late is seen as rude.

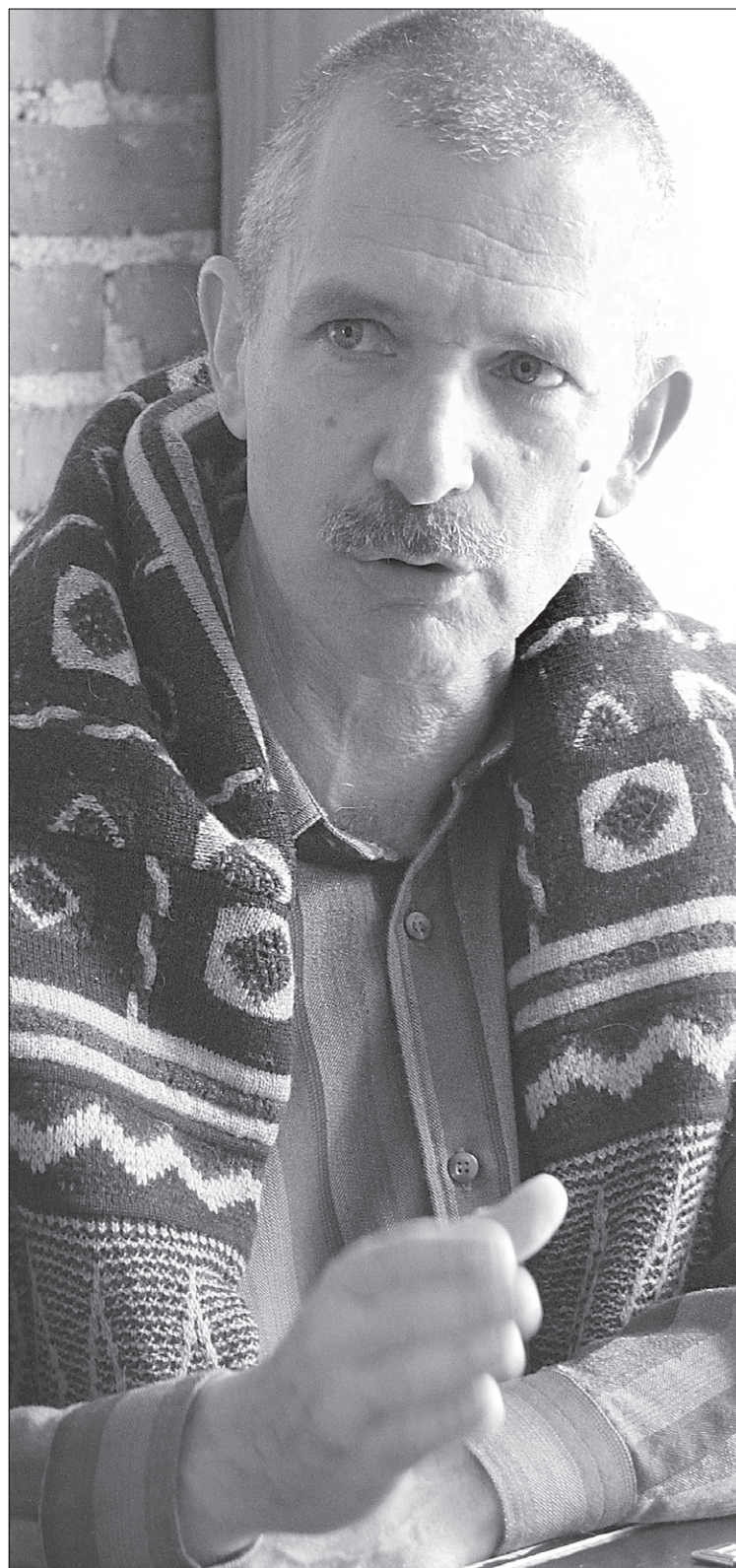
"Immediate preparation would probably take me two full days because the house has to be perfect for them, the garden has to be perfect for them and I don't have any apprentices so I do it all myself and I enjoy doing it all myself," said Hamann. "The final cleanup is probably another three-four weeks later because a lot of things have to be dry before they get put back in the boxes."

Hamann was invited to ECU through the Ceramics Guild. "I think it's important [to bring in artists] because it's someone you don't get to see on an everyday basis and who you might have contact with otherwise," said Tabitha Burnett, art major. "You get to see how they work and learn techniques so you really want to see and learn from people that you're around."

As for the demonstration, Hamann said that he is looking forward to sharing his work with students. "I hope everyone will enjoy it as much as me but I hope they understand that this is just like opening the door," he said. "I can't tell them what wabi sabi is or I can't tell them what Japanese culture is."

Hamann said that he doesn't claim to have a huge understanding of Japanese culture being that he only lived there for 30 years. "I only know what I don't know and so I'll spend the next 30 years figuring that part out," he said.

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MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Peter Hamann will be at Jenkins Fine Arts Center today showing his art works.

## MOVIE REVIEW



WEB PHOTO

Will Smith and Margot Robbie perform in the newly released movie "Focus" which did not wow crowds like producers had hoped for.

## "Focus" lacks direction



Arvanna Smart  
TEC STAFF

Will Smith's new movie "Focus" premiered at theaters around the nation on Feb. 27. At first I was skeptical about going to see the movie since the last Will Smith movie I saw was terrible in my opinion, which was "After Earth." However, once the movie started, I was sucked into the film with the witty dialogue and the whole plot of the movie.

"Focus" is a movie that you really have to actually focus on to make sense of what is happening throughout the

film. In the film, Will Smith is the ringleader of a multi million-dollar con-artist group.

The film also focuses around Will Smith's character trying to get back the girl of his dreams that he let get away after a job the two did together.

Nicky, played by Will Smith, brings this new girl Jess, played by Margot Robbie, into his gang of thieves. In the setting of New Orleans, they pick-pocket, swipe jewelry and steal money from the residents and visitors. Through all of this, Nicky and Jess fall in love but Nicky ends up leaving her after their last job. Three years later in Buenos Aires, Nicky shows up for a job involving the race car world where he is working for a slick dude named Gar-

riga. Nick is shocked one night when he finds Jess in Buenos Aires.

This movie was one that topped the box office making \$19.1 million dollars, however, it made much less than what was expected. Movie critics expected the movie to make \$21 million to \$23 million.

I liked the film but it wasn't my favorite. I thought that the casting was great and that each person chosen went well with the whole plot of being a con artist. They had Will Smith as the charming, good looking, smooth talker who could talk people out of anything and talk his self out of any situation with his lies and casted

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## McGinnis to show tragic play

Amanda Adkins  
TEC STAFF

The last showing of *Arcadia*, a comedy, tragedy and romance play that investigates a possible scandal from the past, will take place this evening at McGinnis Theatre.

The play was written by Tom Stoppard and premiered at the Royal National Theatre in London on April 13, 1993. The play is set at a house owned by the Coverly family in Derbyshire, a county in England, and has dual settings in both 1809 and modern day 1993.

The original title for the play was *Et in Arcadia ego*, which is the name of a 1637 painting done by Nicolas Poussin, but was later shortened to just *Arcadia*.

During the 1809 setting, the play depicts Thomasina Coverly, the daughter of the house, who is a teenager studying with her tutor. Coverly is depicted as a girl with ideas about math and physics that are ahead of her time.

During the present day scenes, writer Hannah Jarvis studies a hermit who once lived in the area and professor Bernard Nightingale researches the possibility that Lord Byron, an English poet, killed one of the previous inhabitants during a duel at the estate. As the play continues, the modern day characters learn more about what happened in Thomasina's time.

Throughout the characters academic studies and research, they learn about the influences of sex and how it can disrupt our lives and the universe.

Although the play focuses around a tragic plot line, it also falls into the comedy genre because of the witty dialogue between characters.

The play won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Play, the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play and was nominated for the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play, the Tony Award for Best Play and the Tony Award for Best

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# Hip-hop event gives back to students

Nichole Currie  
TEC STAFF

Saturday night, Kris Montford-Brown, senior public relations major, decided to host a fundraiser event, but ran the event differently than how many events typically run.

Not only did Brown solely throw a party but also all profits that were raised Saturday night will go toward three scholarships for members of the ECU community.

The event was a party that revisited hip-hop music from the 90's era. It was thrown at the Student Recreational Center. "I went to Yacht Club and explained to them what I was trying to do," said Brown. "I thought outside the box and thought why not have fun with it. I've always wanted to do a scholarship because my bigs did it. So then I thought how can I do this without copying them [and] then decided to have a party."

This is not the first time Brown has given back to the community. He has done events with the Third Street Community Center and the Boys and Girls Club of Greenville. He believes it is important to give back to the community.

"I think it's important because when I

**" Giving back to the community can help someone say humble and not take life or their blessings for granted. "**

*-Kris Montford-Brown*

see Greenville as a community, it kind of resembles where I was raised up. It wasn't the best of neighborhoods but there was a lot of potential," said Brown. "I kind of realized not every city or town is perfect and at the end of the day there is good in every town. So just because a city is deemed bad or deemed as having a lot of crime, it doesn't mean the whole town is bad."

There will be three scholarships given out. Two will go to Browns old high school in Greensboro, Page High School, and one will go to a fellow student of Pirate Nation.

"When Kris told me that I would receive a scholarship, I was lost for words," said NaQuan Jackson, freshman art major. "I was not expecting to hear that and I appreciate

this scholarship opportunity more than words can describe."

Brown said that NaQuan is a very positive person.

"I'm trying to surround myself with positive energy at all times. Then I thought I have never heard him say anything negative," said Brown. "I was like Lord I really want to bless him, so then I was like I should just give him the scholarship."

Brown's party was a success but there he had some worries before executing the idea about making enough profit to fund the scholarships and pay for the venue. He also worried about attendance.

"That was my biggest fear. I didn't want people to see my name and not come. As

a part of life, you acquire enemies," said Brown. "I wanted them to see past that. I wanted them to see that this is something he's doing to help someone else."

As Brown said, he enjoys giving back to the community and said he will continue to do so. He said he has more things in store for the ECU and Greenville Community.

"Giving back to the community can help someone stay humble and not take life or their blessings for granted. It takes a long time to gain success but only a second for it to be taken from you," said Jackson. "People that give back to the community can become a role model to others and that is important for the youth to have positive influences to look up to."

Brown said that he looked at his scholarship idea with the thought that he would've appreciated if someone had given back to his community or helped him with a scholarship. "So why not do it for them," said Brown.

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Margot Robbie as the good looking leading lady who used her looks and charm to con men out of their belongings such as watches, wallets, and any kind of jewelry.

Seeing as the film was one that was not action packed and turned out to be a more of a love story than about the scheming people like the previews show, I would say that I agree with the critics in the aspect that I think the film would have made more money if the lead man was someone such as Brad Pitt or George Clooney. This just wasn't a movie that I would see Will Smith playing in.

I did get confused toward the end of the

movie with what was real and what was fake. There was so much scheming and lying going on that I could not tell reality from the truth.

I will say that the ending of the movie was shocking because you find out the reason for all of his scheming and lying throughout the film, however I was still a little confused at the end of the movie about all of the little details that led up to the ending.

I have mixed feelings about this movie because of all of the twist and turns it throws at you and because I disliked the ending. I would recommend going to see this movie during the matinee if possible, otherwise I would say to wait for it come out in Redbox.

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# ECU hosts search to find talented acts

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University is hosting the Down East Talent Search on March 5 in the Wright Auditorium. The event is a talent search and performance event open to all residents living in Eastern North Carolina.

There are 22 contestants in the talent competition. One of these contestants being one of ECU's very own, Trey Scarborough, senior music therapy major with a concentration in voice.

"I'm singing a classical piece in the Italian language titled Questo Amor Vergogna Mia by Giacomo Puccini," said Scarborough. "I love performing in front of people no matter if something goes wrong or not I just want to give people something they don't hear too often or rarely have heard."

The first place winner of the Down East Talent Search will be awarded a \$1,000 prize. There is a \$250 second place prize, a \$150 third place prize and a \$100 Reader's Choice award. The Reader's Choice award will be selected from the audience's voting.

The Down East Talent Search is a fundraiser for the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series and tickets will be sold for \$20 per person.

"It is rare for me to perform at a place where they are charging \$20 to come see people perform, it's a different level for me," said Scarborough.

The Down East Talent Search is sponsored by the FRIENDS of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series and hosted by ECU's College of Fine Arts and Communication. FRIENDS is a group of people who contribute thousands of dollars each year to the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series.

Tryouts for the Down East Talent Search were held on Jan. 25 and were open to the public. Greenville locals including LaKesha Alston, Henry Hinton, Patti Hopkins, Mayor Allen Thomas and Emily Tucker will serve as judges and offer scores during the show in the technique/interpretation and energy/stage presence categories. The talent search will also be emceed by WITN TV's Dave Jordan.

Timers were on hand at tryouts and will also be present at the final performances on March 5. The artists are not allowed more than four minutes to perform. If an artist

## >> PLAN TO GO

**WHAT:** East Carolina University's Down East Talent Search

**WHEN:** March 5 at 9 p.m.

**WHERE:** Wright Auditorium

does go over their allotted time limit, the host serves the right to interrupt the performance at their discretion.

The Talent Search is also not strictly for singers. Their flyer posted in every residence hall and most buildings on campus made it clear that they are looking for different talents such as clogging, juggling, miming, dub-step, joke telling, acting and harmonizing.

Diva LYFE from Kinston will be doing a dance performance to "Y U Mad?", and they currently have 943 online votes, the most out of the 22 contestants right now. There will also be a performance by Ewan Manolo from Greenville. He will be doing a solo cello performance of "Julie-O," by Mark Summer, arr. Carey Cheney.

King Tiger Tae Kwon Do Demo Team from Winterville will be doing a demonstration of Korean forms and attacks. The Arrrya Pirates from Greenville will also take the stage with a Bollywood fusion dance performance.

Scarborough is not new to performing. He's performed at ECU's annual fall event "ECU Stars" four times and has won first place three times.

"Two main things I hope to gain from this talent search are more publicity for what I do and for the school of music as a whole and obviously the scholarship money," said Scarborough.

"Our ECU Chamber Singers choir was invited to Sylvania for a competition and that's not cheap, so I'm hoping to win the scholarship money to pay for that."

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Actors playing Thomasina Coverly and Septimus Hodge act out a scene during the 1809 plot line.

## ARCADIA continued from A3

revival of a Play. An article in The New York Times said the play was "propelled by genuine, panting passion."

The performers in the play that will take place at McGinnis Theatre are ECU students who auditioned in January for parts that will be done with a British dialect.

According to Jeffery Woodruff, managing director for the School of Theatre and Dance, there is a parental advisory for the play due to some of the language.

McGinnis Theatre has been showing the play since Feb. 26 and the Mar. 3 showing will take place at 8 p.m.

## >> PLAN TO GO

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## PIRATE RANTS

My dancing style ranges from "white dad at a bbq" to "stripper whose rent is due tomorrow."

I suggest ECU rename the former Aycock Hall in honor of hardworking ECU alumna Carter Cruise. She is an equal opportunity lay.

Ladies, have you ever been so drunk that you pee on yourself in front of your guy friend? No...just me? Damn

I can't stand the idea of people not liking me. Not even terrorists. I bet if ISIS got to know me, they'd like me.

Picking people for a group project in COMM is always a struggle. Controlling sorority girl or lazy athlete?

I have three papers due early next week I haven't started on and all I want to do is watch Star Trek in honor of Leonard Nimoy. RIP :(

Well now that Aycock's name is being removed, next are we going to take George Washington off the \$1 bill?

The 'Majoring in Awesome' comics aren't that funny, but I still look forward to reading them every week.

The internet at the Landing is about as fast as the service as the sandwich place in Mendenhall.

If the name of a building on campus did not directly impact lives of anybody. Then why change it?

Really think we need to rethink public education in this country. You know there is a problem when students value grades more than actually learning the material, to the point that there is a lot of cheating going on...

This online psych of personality class smh...literally I can't.

In response to the person that said racism cannot be ignored: You cannot abolish racism. Everywhere you go, every country you visit, you are going to see some racism in one form or another. Grow some thicker skin my friend.

They won't put my dear basketball crush pirate rants in anymore. I guess I gotta go back to drunk emailing you.

I hate perpetually-offended people too but let's be honest, Aycock was a jackass. A person's deeds mean little when they are morally abhorrent in character.

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# Our view

# Tuition hike needs clarity

Recently, the UNC Board of Governors approved a proposal to increase student tuition for the 2015-16 school year. For the 2015-16 academic year, in state, undergraduate student tuition will rise by 7.1 percent, 3.8 percent for non-resident undergraduates, 6.5 percent for resident graduates and 3.9 percent for non-resident graduates. Another rise will occur for the 2016-17 academic year.

Although the tuition increase has already been approved, faculty members have voiced that they do not agree with students having to pay more than already required for higher education.

It is understandable that the tuition increase is inherently an issue coming from the state government as opposed to being enforced by the university. We believe that the tuition increase is justifiable, as long as the funds are truly going to where the state as well as the university says they are going.

We as an editorial staff believe that the tuition increase issue is not a matter that needs to be settled with the university, but with the school system. There are thousands of students who rely on government grants and scholarships in order to be able to attend ECU and raising the tuition greatly affects these students as well as students who work long hours in order to be able to pay for their tuition. It is easy to see students as dollar signs and not actual working human beings and it is becoming more obvious that the school system is prioritizing the bottom line.

Tuition is increased from time to time, naturally. However, raising tuition as rapidly as it is being increased over the next few years will end up affecting students who can't afford to be in thousands of dollars in debt. As long as the money is going towards the benefit of the professors who work to promote higher education, the increase could be seen as fair.

# Letters to the Editor

## ECU officials are failing

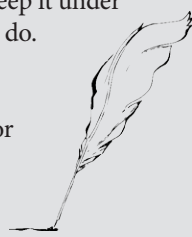
I've have been at ECU for three years now and I am sick of all of it. Professors are worn down, students are frustrated, and administration (for the most part) is unhelpful. It's no secret that ECU is at a lack for funds. Students can hardly go a day without hearing about a cut or a tuition increase. And rather than feel that we have an administration that is an advocate for the students, we are spoken down to and told why we can't and how we the students don't understand how things actually work.

Students don't have a substantive voice on campus—and most, if not all, of the important decisions that matter are made not by people who have any specific qualification other than giving gobs of money to the school. The Board of Trustees made the right decision with the Aycock name change, but what qualified them to make the decision, or to serve as the leaders of an academic institution other than giving all of

that money? Or how I have never once seen the chancellor on the campus, or talking with the students.

I've been here for three years one would think I'd have seen him once. How can he expect to understand the qualms and frustrations of the students when he doesn't even go out of his way to talk to them and try to understand? It's a shame and I'm sick of it. The university is so top heavy and so filled with excuses that nothing will actually ever get done that affects any real change. Even to the point where the university won't take the time to address what I've had to say in this letter. They'll sweep it under the rug like they always do.

William Franklin  
Senior English major



## Working for a better future

I am not very pleased with the way East Carolina handled the Aycock situation. I am a person of color and although I was indifferent about the name change didn't mean everyone of my race was also. Members of BSU were attempting to stand up for what they felt was offensive to us (as a whole). But the attacks they received afterwards was truly unnecessary and rude. I honestly believe in any person standing up for something they believe in even

if I personally don't agree. You should respect the person regardless because they can't help how they feel about certain things. But let us not be ignorant and judgemental. It shouldn't matter if you're black, white, yellow, or even green. Everybody should be able to voice their opinion and work towards a change that will better our society in the future.

Emerald Barnes  
ECU Student

# Stop underestimating ISIS



Amanda Adkins  
TEC STAFF

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has repeatedly been discussed on nearly all news sites, or public forums, since 2011 when U.S. troops departed Iraq. The group was established in 2004 and is essentially a morphed version of Al Qaeda. ISIS is a brutal and violent Islamic extremist group that began to form when Saddam Hussein's military was disbanded and is a growing threat to the U.S.

ISIS has clearly shown that their long-term goal is to create massive tension with the U.S. and invade our homeland, which is why congress either needs to declare war on ISIS or send in large numbers of ground troops before ISIS grows larger in manpower and becomes more indiscriminately murderous.

The Pentagon did send 300 additional troops to Iraq last June to secure the U.S. Embassy and provide Iraqi security forces additional support and we began airstrikes last August, but it has not succeeded in slowing down the group that aims to get rid of western influence in the Middle East and govern by a misconceived interpretation of Islamic law.

America has continuously underestimated the power of ISIS out of fear of getting ourselves into another war. For example, the CIA previously assumed that ISIS only had 10,000 fighters, but announced last September that they believe there are actually three times the fighters of their previous estimates. The longer we wait to send in troops and only conduct limited airstrikes, the stronger and more powerful ISIS grows. Allowing them to relentlessly behead, burn and slaughter innocent people is like allowing a bully to beat up a kid and not step in to stop it. Some people may believe that this is not our fight to enter, but if we do not step in and show that we cannot be taken over, then there is a good chance ISIS will be on our soil soon, especially since Americans who left to join ISIS have passports that can grant them access back into the United States. For all we know, members of ISIS may already be on our homeland.

Anyone that does not think ISIS has America on its radar is profusely mistaken. The leader of ISIS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, threatened in 2012 to

launch attacks in the "heart" of the United States and when Baghdadi was released from prison in 2009, he told U.S. soldiers, "I'll see you in New York."

On February 11, President Barack Obama officially asked Congress to authorize use of military troops against ISIS. I am aware that a war, even if it was miniscule, will lead to fatalities on both sides. Some of our men and women will leave to go fight a battle to secure our homeland and will not make it back, but we have to remain the strong and fearless country we have always been or another one of those 41 Islamic terrorist groups, according to outgoing director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, will try to build up a military to attack us.

If Congress denies permission for ground troops, then it is a risk worth taking for President Obama to invoke section II of the Constitution and send troops to battle without a war declaration.

While we spend time debating whether or not we want to enter into another ground war, they get closer to attacking our mainland.

Amanda Adkins is a sophomore majoring in communication and a TEC columnist. To contact her, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

## Poll results

Did Chris Kyle's jury reach the right verdict?

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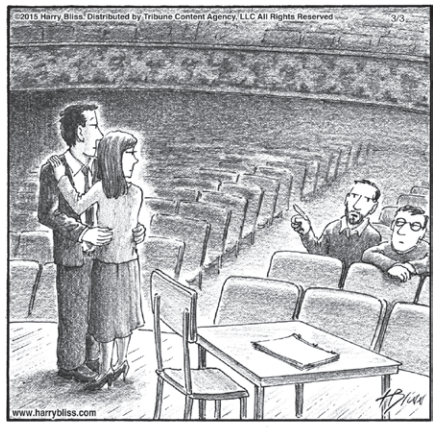
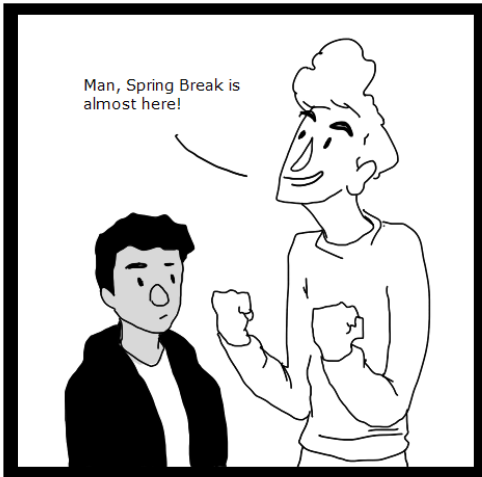
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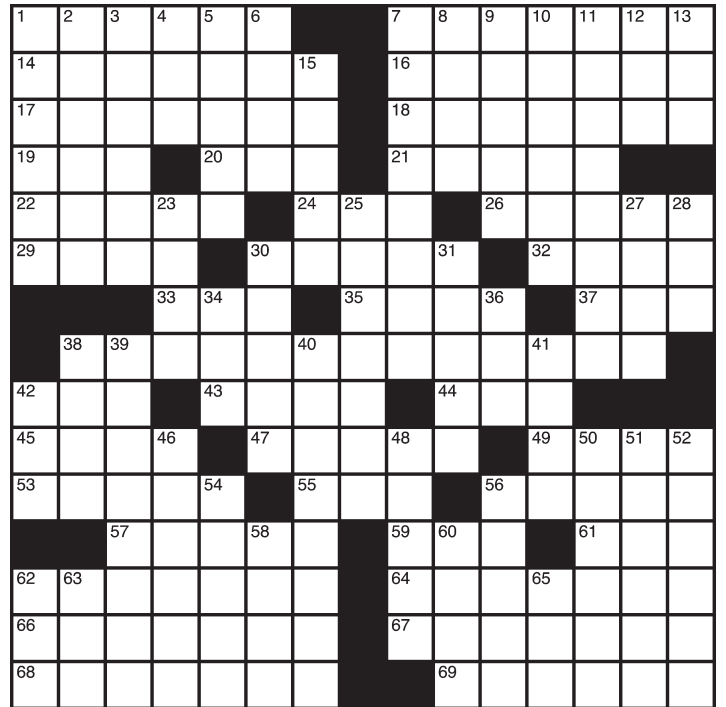
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 7 Portrayer of 1-/69-Across in "Sherlock Holmes" (2009)
- 14 Not straying from the subject
- 16 Satan
- 17 "The Diary of Anne Frank" police
- 18 Muscle-to-bone connectors
- 19 Audio jack label
- 20 Took charge of
- 21 Wise folk
- 22 Rewrite for the screen
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- 26 Northern California town that once had a palindromic bakery
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- 32 Kool-Aid instruction
- 33 Ostrich kin
- 35 "I \_\_\_ Fine": Beatles hit
- 37 Antlered beast
- 38 Portrayer of 1-/69-Across in the BBC's "Sherlock"
- 42 World games org.
- 43 A bit open
- 44 "C'est la \_\_\_"
- 45 Cry for seconds
- 47 Battery end
- 49 Rise dramatically
- 53 Sticking point
- 55 Game won by discarding all your cards
- 56 Iditarod jacket
- 57 Wood finish
- 59 DKNY rival
- 61 Press \_\_\_
- 62 Dannon yogurt brand
- 64 Natives of Tibet's capital
- 66 Unlisted candidate
- 67 Erode, as savings
- 68 Portrayer of 1-/69-Across in CBS' "Elementary"
- 69 See 1-Across



By Mike Buckley

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- 2 Tableware company named for a New York town
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- 4 Day care attendee
- 5 Eyeball-bending gallery display
- 6 TV host Kelly
- 7 Watercraft rider
- 8 Eye layer containing the iris
- 9 Dull-colored
- 10 Senior officials
- 11 It's brewed in infusers
- 12 Political writer Coulter
- 13 Director Anderson
- 15 With 48-Down, 1-/69-Across creator Arthur
- 23 Jury member
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# Pirates earn senior night win

Rev Blanquicet  
TEC STAFF

Head Coach Heather Macy and the ECU women's basketball team capped off their inaugural season in the American Athletic Conference and made program history by recording a third-straight 20-win season.

Macy and the Lady Pirates sent the team's six seniors off in style with the victory. Seniors Shae Nelson, Tatiana Chapple, Abria Trice, Janesha Ebron and Ondrea Shaw started the game while Akia Jones was first off the bench. All but Jones notched points in their final game at Minges Coliseum.

Trice led the group of seniors with 12 points and eight boards. The seniors as a whole totaled 27 points and 25 rebounds.

The Lady Pirates (20-9, 11-7 AAC) defeated Central Florida (9-20, 5-13 AAC), 63-47, sending their seniors off with one last win inside Minges Coliseum.

"It was a big win for our program," said Macy. "We believe that consistency is the greatest measure of performance. We've shown that we truly are a basketball program and we're building it the right way."

ECU won the tip-off but struggled in the first couple of minutes to get into a groove. It wasn't too long before the Lady Pirates zoned in and began to sink their opening shots. UCF held the lead for most of the first half as the Pirates strug-



Junior I'Tiana Taylor (24) takes a shot in the lane. She recorded a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

gled to warm up from the field.

ECU shot 13-for-40 (33 percent) from the field, 3-for-9 from behind the arc, and 5-for-6 from the free throw line in the first half. The Knights, however, shot 14-for-26 (54 percent) from the field, a near perfect 5-for-6 from

the three-point line, and 3-for-6 from the charity stripe.

Despite being down double-digits in the last two minutes of the first half, the Lady Pirates battled almost all the way back to even the score. Junior Jasmine Phillips nailed a buzzer-beater to

bring ECU within to points at the break, 36-34.

Coming out of halftime, the Lady Pirates opened up with a 16-0 run creating a 50-36 lead for themselves. After taking the lead back, ECU never let UCF back within 10 points.

"We told ourselves in the locker room that we had to come out with a bang, with a spark, with a lot of energy and that's what we did," said Trice.

ECU held the Knights without a field goal from the 5:23 mark in the first half to the 16:35 mark in the second, a span of 11 minutes and 58 seconds. That's the second time this season the Lady Pirates have held a team without a field goal for more than 10 minutes.

Redshirt junior Jada Payne led the way in scoring for ECU with 13 points. Junior I'Tiana Taylor also recorded her fourth double-double of the season racking up 11 points to go with 10 rebounds.

Trice and Chappel finished perfect from the charity stripe and combined for 15 boards. Junior Jasmine Phillips also scored in double figures, chipping in 11 points.

With ECU likely finishing with the fifth or sixth seed in conference, they will most likely play in the first round of the AAC tournament this Friday, Mar. 6.

"Now we have three days to get ready for the conference tournament and we need to be an excited group," said Macy. "I'm excited with how we've been ending games like tonight. It definitely gives us something to build off of."

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

## Hoops rises in standings



Tyler Kelbaugh  
TEC STAFF

To some the Pirates' win against Central Florida on Saturday seems largely insignificant after the team was bested by Connecticut in a heartbreaking home loss last week.

In reality, it was one of ECU's most intriguing wins of the season, especially when considering the major impact the victory had on ECU's conference standings. ECU (13-16, 6-10 American Athletic Conference) pulled ahead of UCF by one and a half games with the victory, clinching a higher ranking than the Bulls via head-to-head tiebreaker. ECU can place no worse than eighth in the conference.

With the AAC tournament just around the corner, the Pirates are locked in a battle with the conference's other under .500 teams. All of those teams are playing for better seeding, so that they might avoid facing off against Southern Methodist in the second round of the AAC tournament.

The Mustangs (23-6, 14-3 AAC) are widely regarded around college basketball as the best team in the AAC. Before losing at Connecticut on Sunday, Head Coach Larry Brown's team was ranked No. 21 in the nation and still looks to be a lock for the big

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## Pirates swept in Florida ECU struggles in weekend tournament

Andi Caruso  
TEC STAFF

The ECU softball team lost all four of its games in its first away tournament of the season at the South Florida Under Armour Invitational in Clearwater, Fla., this past weekend.

The Lady Pirates have now lost seven consecutive games, dropping their record to 6-11 this season.

During the last game of the tournament, the Pirates had an opportunity in the top of the seventh inning that could have given the team the victory. However, the team fell short and lost to Georgia State (10-2), 4-3.

Sophomore Kacie Oshiro started the seventh inning with a single up the middle. Freshman Kerry Butler moved Oshiro to third with a double to center field. The Pirates earned their first run when Abby Wynne hit a single to left field that allowed Oshiro to cross the plate.

Casey Alcorn walked to load the bases, and on a fielder's choice, Butler scored that brought the Pirates down by two, 4-2. Another run scored after a walk with the bases loaded that cut the Panthers lead by one, 4-3.

"When a team puts three or four on the board, we have to be able to come back and shut down the momentum," said Interim head coach Steve Jaecks.

The Pirates couldn't pass the Panthers relief pitcher, Chelsea Stanfield. In her one inning pitched, she gave up zero hits, with one strikeout and only walked three batters.

For the Pirates, starting pitcher Ashley Cruise gave up six hits in her three innings pitched, allowed four earned runs and struck out four before senior pitcher Sarah Christian came in to relieve. Christian only gave up two hits and struck out one.

In the first inning of Saturday's game with Illinois, Butler hit a sacrifice fly that delivered Ervin, who led off the game with a double to left-center field.

Christian started in the circle, but gave up

three runs off of four hits in the second inning that gave reliever Caroline Umphlett the chance to finish the inning.

The Pirates trailed 3-1 in the top of the third until Butler hit her second RBI of the game, a sacrifice fly to center, that allowed Meredith Mitchell to cross the plate.

The Pirates later scored four runs on six hits in the top of the sixth inning. The momentum started as Butler, Wynne and Alcorn hit three consecutive singles that loaded up the bases for Ali Ramirez. The sophomore hit a RBI single that cut Illinois lead in half, 6-3.

With the bases loaded, pinch runner Nicole Cheek hit a two run RBI that brought the score to 6-5. Mitchell then hit a sacrifice fly that tied the score, 6-6.

Sophomore pitcher Lydia Richie relieved Umphlett in the bottom of the sixth, and walked the go-ahead run for Illinois, 7-6. The Pirates couldn't earn a run against Illinois in the top of the seventh.

On Friday, the Pirates lost to Central Arkansas, 2-1, before falling to Maine in a tough battle, 11-7.

The Pirates started in the first inning against Maine with a double by Ervin. Oshiro moved her to third and Butler brought in Ervin. Oshiro then crossed the plate off of a sacrifice fly by Alcorn.

In the second inning, Maine scored three runs that brought the Black Bears lead to 4-2.

The Pirates countered with a run scored off of a fielding error after Alcorn hit a triple to left field.

Maine then added two more runs in the bottom of the inning with a two run home run.

The Pirates fought back and scored four runs off of five hits, but still trailed 8-7. The Black Bears then earned three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take an 11-7 lead that would hold up as final.

In the first game of the tournament against Central Arkansas, starting pitcher



Kacie Oshiro runs home in last week's tourney.

Sarah Christian only allowed two earned runs on seven hits and struck out four.

The first run of the game was in the third inning when Central Arkansas earned a run off of a single that advanced the Sugar Bears, 1-0.

In the sixth inning, Christian gave up a home run that brought Central Arkansas up, 2-0.

The Pirates earned their first run in the bottom of the seventh when Alcorn hit a double to left centerfield. After moving over on a single by Ramirez, Alcorn scored off of a double by Oshiro.

The Sugar Bears retired the next three batters, and won 2-1.

The Pirates look to earn a win at the Hawaii Spring Fling Tournament next weekend in Honolulu.

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### TAKEAWAYS

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates (13-16, 6-10 AAC) were able to secure their first road victory of the season against Central Florida, 71-66.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates (19-9, 10-7 AAC) lost to Temple, 79-69, snapping their six-game winning streak.

#### BASEBALL

ECU (5-4) claimed a three-game sweep over UAlbany. Pitcher Kirk Morgan earned his first collegiate win in the series.

#### SOFTBALL

The Lady Pirates (6-11) lost all of their games at the South Florida Invitational, falling to Illinois, Georgia State, Maine and Central Arkansas.

#### MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates won their sixth straight game and moved to 8-6 on the season as they defeated Appalachian State, 4-3, on Sunday.

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

ECU (8-2) picked up weekend victories over Davidson and Gardner-Webb. They won 4-3 and 6-1, respectively.

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# Pirates notch series sweep

## Diamond Bucs' offense anchors wins against Albany

Adam Decker  
TEC STAFF

The ECU baseball team successfully completed its first sweep of the season as it defeated the University of Albany three times over the weekend.

After the USA Baseball-Irish Classic was cancelled for inclement weather, ECU was able to rush and set up a series with UAlbany. No matter the opponent, getting the sweep was big for the Pirates.

"It was huge to sweep," Head Coach Cliff Godwin said. "Virginia swept us and you got to sweep somebody to counteract that so it was huge for us to sweep this weekend."

The finale on Sunday was the most competitive game between the two, as both teams were tied entering the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Pirates won 5-3 in a sloppy, fast paced game as the majority of the game was played in the rain.

With the bases loaded, UAlbany scored one run to tie the game. ECU then brought in Kirk Morgan who got the Pirates out of a crucial bases loaded jam.

With the game tied, the middle of ECU's lineup came through once again as first baseman Bryce Harman hit a double down the right field line to give the Pirates a one run advantage. Clean up hitter Luke Lowery then grounded out to third to bring home Harman and give the Pirates a sustainable lead.

"The middle of the order, that's kind of been our bread and butter right now," Lowery stated. "Bryce back in the lineup hitting in the three hole, that's a consistent guy right there."

The Pirates unleashed the offense in the Saturday game, as they compiled 14 runs on 18 hits on their way to a 14-3 victory.

ECU started the game with a six run first inning as the Pirates combined singles and walks to give themselves a comfortable advantage.

Every starting Pirate player finished the game with a run, and eight of the nine players finished with an RBI. The Pirates



LUKE LOWERY TAKES A HACK. HE HAS FOUR HOME RUNS THIS SEASON.

batted through their entire order twice on the day.

Reliever Jimmy Boyd got his first win of the season as he came in for relief in the fifth inning while the Pirates recorded their first game without an error.

In the opening game, the Pirates battled behind phenomenal pitching from starter Evan Kruczynski (2-1) to win. 5-1. Kruczynski came into the game with a 0.79 earned run average.

Kruczynski finished the game pitching seven innings, allowing four hits and two walks on six strikeouts to bring his ERA down to 0.49.

The most talked about at bat of the series came in Friday's game, as the junior Lowery belted a ball down the left foul line that was questionably called foul, drawing an argument from Godwin. Lowery kept his poise, however, and two pitches later he hit his second home run of the at bat as he hit a line drive two-run shot over the left-center field wall.

The only run for the Great Danes came off of a single while a runner was on second after a Charlie Yorgen error trying to turn a double play.

Senior pitcher Reid Love closed out the game. Love struck out two batters on his way to earning the save.

The Pirates played without first baseman Bryce Harman as he was suspended for the game for violating team rules. Harman is batting .500 with six runs, nine hits and five doubles in only 18 at bats.

Lowery has had a great start to the season as well, he has now hit four home runs, tying last season's output and leads the team in hits (13), RBI (12) and walks (6). Lowery is also batting .488, behind Harman for second on the team.

The combination of Harman and Lowery is proving to anchor the Pirate offense as they hold down the middle of the lineup.

"Having [Harman] and Luke back-to-back, even their coach talked about it. It's like you got two monsters," Godwin said. "One's a right handed hitter, one's a left handed hitter. I don't know if there's two other players like that in the country."

The Pirates will look to make their winning streak five games when they travel to Raleigh to play North Carolina State at 3 p.m. today.

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# Tennis wins weekend

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The ECU men's tennis team extended its win streak to six games this weekend and has now won seven of its last eight, as they defeated the visiting Richmond Spiders Friday and Appalachian State Sunday.

Friday, the team got off to a good start by winning the doubles matches. The tandems of Ross Nigro and Fredric Lehfeltdt along with Patriek Wolterbeek and Nicolas Soriano won 6-2.

The sophomore Lehfeltdt continued his success into the singles portion of the match, winning 6-3, 4-6 and 6-3.

"This was a very big and important win for us," said Lehfeltdt. "We had a rough start at the beginning of the season but now we are starting to put it all together and we're getting better and better as the year goes on."

Senior Damien Brenard contributed to the team's win on Friday by winning his singles match 6-4 and 7-5.

"We've been working hard at practice the last couple of weeks and they've made a big difference in the games. We're going to try to keep working hard and hopefully good things will continue to happen," Brenard said.

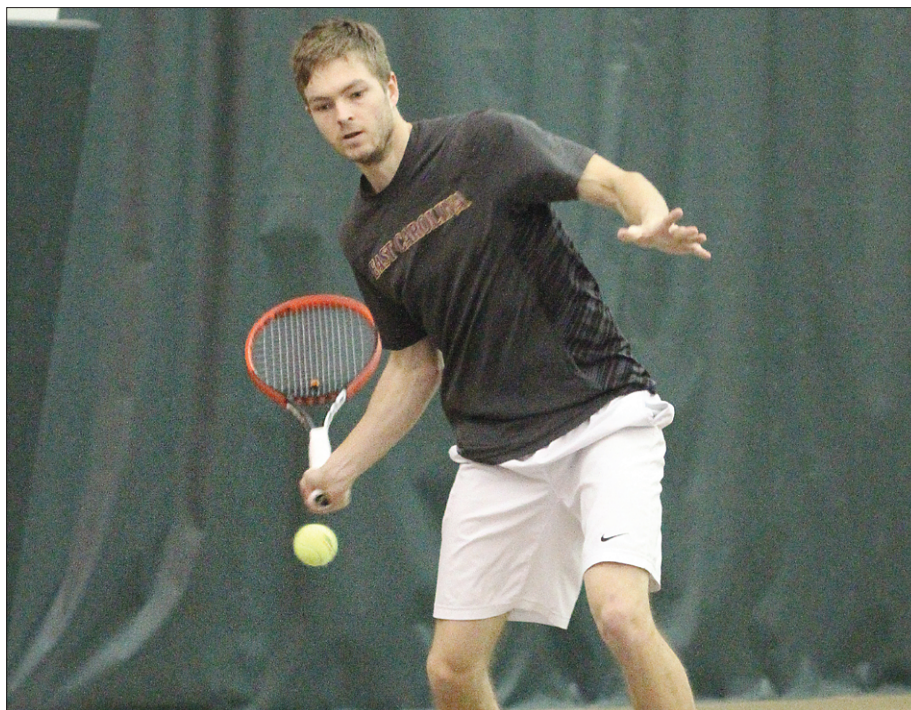
Freshman Kasey Countee and junior Colin Roller, the heroes of Sunday's contest, also won their singles matches, leading to ECU's 5-2 final score.

Sunday, the team quickly fell behind after dropping two of the three doubles matches.

"Today was one of our days where we didn't play good [in doubles], which has been a strong suit for us," said Head Coach Shawn Heinchon.

However, the Pirates responded quickly when the match turned to the singles' portion.

"I thought our guys did an incredible job winning two of the first three single



SOPHOMORE FREDRIC LEHFELDT TAKES A FOREHAND SHOT THIS WEEKEND AGAINST APPALACHIAN STATE.

matches just to give us a chance to be successful," said Heinchon.

After the resurgence by the Pirates the overall match was tied 2-2. The Pirates lost the fourth singles match, leaving Countee and Roller in a must-win situation if the Pirates wanted to walk away as victors.

Roller overpowered his opponent 6-2 and 6-3. His experience contributed to his performance when his team needed him the most.

"I go into every single match knowing I have to win for the team to win," said Roller.

The day's outcome rested on Countee's shoulders as the overall match was tied, 3-3. After Countee dropped the first set, he found himself down in the second set, 4-2,

but he rallied to win 10 of the next 12 games, to win the match. After his victory, the final score was 4-3 in favor of the Pirates.

"I was pretty nervous and kind of just wanted to take it one point at a time, I didn't know what was going to happen so I just listened to my coach," said Countee.

Heinchon added, "A lot of times when you hang in there long enough and keep fighting good things will happen."

Countee and the Pirates will look to extend their hot streak, at home tomorrow against conference opponent Temple University.

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## HOOPS continued from A7

dance in March.

They are a team to be feared, although currently they'd be seeded second in the conference tournament under a Tulsa team that has over-performed all season. If the season ended today, SMU would play the winner of the first round matchup between the conference's seventh and tenth seeds.

Currently, thanks to their first road victory of the season against UCF, the Pirates are sitting in that seventh seed. They are the best of the worst in the AAC; ECU has the best record of all the teams with a losing record in the conference.

A tough home test awaits the Pirates this week against Temple (20-9, 11-5 AAC), before wrapping things up on the road at Houston (10-18, 2-14 AAC).

Just behind them, by one slim game, is Tulane (14-14, 5-11 AAC). Tulane currently holds the tiebreaker against ECU, having beaten the Pirates in Greenville on New Years Eve, and has two games left against the American's worst teams, Houston and USF (8-21, 2-14 AAC).

It's likely that Tulane wins both of those games, as both USF and Houston don't have much to play for. Tulane has also beaten both of those teams earlier in the season.

ECU will likely need to hold serve and win out, or else its risks losing that seventh seed and a matchup against either USF or Houston in the AAC tournament's first round. They'd then play the second seed, the loser of SMU and Tulsa's Sunday meeting, in the second round.

Winding up with the eight seed, however, results in another match against UCF, a team the Pirates beat twice already, in the first round. They'd then play whichever team, SMU or Tulsa, won the conference regular season in the second round.

Saturday's triumph over UCF meant far more than just a symbolic road victory. It, along with the two remaining regular season games, mean a lot for ECU's conference tournament implications.

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