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Men's hoops campaign gives hope for future



Dan Hunt
TEC STAFF

In the great basketball state of North Carolina, a 14-19 season renders little respect, but East Carolina, a school that has never won a game in the NCAA tournament, accomplished more than scratches the surface in the 2014-15 season.

The Pirates' 14 seasons in a usually weak Conference USA were typically forgettable, so when ECU accepted its invitation to the American Athletic Conference last year—home of the defending national champions, most expected a bottom-dwelling inaugural campaign. But Head Coach Jeff Lebo and his young team made more noise than its conference brethren would have liked in year one.

The Pirates went toe-to-toe with the regular season and tournament champion SMU Mustangs before fading late, ending the ECU season in Hartford, Ct. The Mustangs are coached by Hall-of-Famer Larry Brown, who could have reacted disappointedly to his team's performance, but he looked at it a little differently.

"I think this conference is really moving up," said Brown. "It's not only going to be about Cincinnati, Memphis, Connecticut and Temple; it's going to be about a well-rounded conference because there's really terrific young talent and great young coaches and I hold [Lebo] up with any of them."

ECU collected seven wins—one coming in the league's tournament—in a conference that got two teams into the NCAA tournament and three more into the NIT. The highlights of the season included victories over typical Big Dance teams Cincinnati and Memphis and a three-

game sweep over rival UCF.

"This is a huge jump for East Carolina basketball," said Lebo after the SMU loss. "We go from not being really relevant in any league that we've been in to jumping to a league that's [eighth] or whatever it is in the RPI and we got seven wins in the league. That may not sound like a lot to most but if you look at the history of our basketball program, this is a lot for us. We haven't had that many in any league, maybe two or three times in the last 16 years."

ECU was led offensively by players that are all projected to return next season. Freshman B.J. Tyson, sophomore Caleb White, and junior Terry Whisnant all averaged a touch over 12 points per contest from the guard/wing positions and a healthy 6-foot-10 Marshall Guilmette, who found a stroke from the outside, proved to be a valuable commodity by season's end. Lebo has suffered his share of unexpected offseason attrition in recent years but if Lebo can keep his weapons in Greenville, the 2015-16 team could be dangerous scoring-wise.

ECU still has a lot to figure out before it can think about contending for a conference title—most notably winning on the road. It's safe to say 1-11 won't cut it.

However, replacing seniors and top perimeter-defenders Antonio Robinson and Paris Roberts-Campbell will be challenging. While Robinson's scoring was sporadic, he was a sure ball-handler and an efficient floor general. Current freshman Lance Tejada, who saw about 14 minutes per game this year, should take on a much bigger role next year at point guard.

But ECU's biggest issue this season was clearly down low. The Pirates were out-rebounded in

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Fitz faces charges

ALE: Teen served at bar, hospitalized

Kelsey Padgett
TEC STAFF

Two Fitzgerald's employees were charged after a 15-year-old boy was hospitalized for over-consumption of alcohol.

Emily Mead, 22, and Ryan Komorek, 22, were charged on March 6 with selling a mixed drink to a person less than 21 years of age, aiding and abetting a person less than 21 years of age to possess a mixed drink and being an employee of an ABC-permitted establishment and allowing a violation of Chapter 18B to occur on the licensed premises.

Chapter 18B covers the rules and regulations regarding alcohol in the state of North Carolina as stated by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Alcohol Law Enforcement agents, along with the Pitt County ABC office, were notified of the violation by the father of the 15-year-old, who was hospitalized

after visiting the restaurant.

According to ALE Assistant Special Agent in Charge Rusty King, the boy walked into Fitzgerald's on Sunday, Feb. 15 by himself and did not have his identification properly checked before he was served two mixed drinks.

Allegedly, the boy presented a business card to the bartenders as a form of identification before he was served.

"The adverse effects of alcohol poisoning are serious, particularly to individuals who should not even be consuming them," said ALE Director Mark Senter. "Any establishment that blatantly disregards North Carolina laws will face consequences."

This is not the first violation Fitzgerald's has faced since its opening in the summer of 2014. Another viola-

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KAPPA DELTA SHAMROCK 5K



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Participants run along the route in Kappa Delta's Shamrock 5K on February 28. The event had over 80 participants and all proceeds went to Prevent Child Abuse America, and 80 percent of those proceeds went directly to the North Carolina affiliate and the TEDI BEAR Children's Advocacy Center of Greenville. This year's event, the seventh one since its conception, accumulated 22 sponsors, the most they have had in years, making their donations significant.

SAB to host Make Your Own Graffiti event



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A wall on a building on Evans St. is covered with colorful graffiti.

Lindsay Rayner
TEC STAFF

The Make Your Own Graffiti event hosted by the Student's Activities Board, which will take place Mar. 18, allows students express themselves with graffiti without it being considered vandalism.

Kelsey Sanford, junior communication major and organizer of the event, said the Student's Activities Board will be supplying spray paint, tarps and boards on the Brickyard for students to express their creativity.

"We have boards that are set up and we supply all the spray paint so all the students have to do is come by, grab a board and paint," said Sanford.

All students need to do to participate is stop by the brickyard. After creating graffiti on the boards, students are encouraged to take their art home. "We're not keeping them so it's whatever you do, you get to take home," said Sanford.

Krista Wilhelm, assistant director for Educational Programming, said the Make Your Own Graffiti event has supplies for about 50-75 students to participate.

"We usually accommodate anywhere from 50-60 students to all the way up to 100 students depending on that individual workshop," said Wilhelm.

Wilhelm described the MYO series as "a way to help students encourage their creative selves."

The event will be a way for students to make graffiti without going against the Greenville ordinance that says "it shall be unlawful for any person, without express permission or authority of the owner of the property, to deface with graffiti any governmental, commercial or residential property or any other real property or any personal property."

According to Sanford, the goal of the MYO series is to bring easy and accessible art to students all across campus to

get them interested in the arts.

The visual arts department of the Student Activities Board is responsible for organizing and planning exhibitions, workshops, lectures and artistic expression. The committee aims to provide students with real world exposure through the Mendenhall Student Center Art Gallery.

According to Wilhelm, maintaining the graffiti is the Student Activities Board's main concern. "The most difficult part of the graffiti workshop is to keep everything contained," said Wilhelm. "We work to have a safe environment so we're not damaging the ground in any way."

The Make Your Own Graffiti event will be held tomorrow from 4 until 6 p.m. on the brickyard outside of Mendenhall. The rain date for the event will be on March 25.

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BRIEFS

Greenville Police respond to string of heroin overdoses

Four people in Greenville have been victims of heroin overdoses in the last week. Police suspect that the heroin overdoses are related, as all of the heroin was found in similar packaging. In three of the cases, responding Greenville Police officers used Narcan, which is a life-saving antidote for use during overdose incidents to save the individuals.

North Carolina legislature to crack down on drunk driving

Two bills are currently up to be voted on by the North Carolina legislator. The two bills are aimed at increasing the consequences for repeat offenders of DWIs. The bills, if passed, will make repeated offenses more consequential for drivers, and possibly keep them off

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Campus hosts program for women suffering with PTSD related to rape

Tax credit to protect historic landmarks

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

Corrections/ Clarifications

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

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

SGA seeks out senators

Collyn Sheaffer
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's Student Government Association Undergraduate Senate has officially begun their search for new students to serve as Senators for the 2015-16 academic school year.

Senate seats are available for eligible students in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, College of Human Ecology, College of Nursing, General College and as Senior Class Representative.

Ryan Beeson, speaker of the SGA Undergraduate Senate, sent out an email to the student body last week explaining what to do if students are interested in applying for these positions. The email had the application attached, which students are required to fill out and turn into the SGA office in Mendenhall Student Center by this evening at 5 p.m.

In his email to the student body, Beeson explained the duties of the Senators and the opportunities that they will have. Senators are able to serve the campus community by representing their specific class or college as well as meeting with faculty and student organizations on campus. They will also be playing a key role in the decision making process of the Student Government Association, according to Beeson's email.

In order to be eligible for the Senate seat, students must have a declared major within the college that they are applying for, or classified as a senior if they are interested in the class representative seat. General College seats are available to any student that meets the minimum requirements of the Student Gov-



Members of the SGA Senate await the start of their weekly meeting in Mendenhall Student Center.

ernment Association regardless of their major. Adam Caldwell, Senator for the General College, explained the process of choosing a new group of students to serve as Senators. Caldwell said that the students' applications are reviewed by the SGA Senate Rules and Judiciary Committee.

After the committee goes through the applications, while also taking things like GPA into consideration, the applicants are graded on a one to three scale. Applicants with lower scores are discarded and depending on the number of applicants, the rest of them will get interviews with the committee. After the interviews, the committee decides the next Senator by a majority vote.

Requirements on the application for the specific Senate seats include being in good standing with the university and being a full time student at East Carolina, along with

information about FERPA and class officer descriptions. According to the application sent out with Beeson's email, all applicants must be in good standing with the university, these guidelines can be found on the university website. The application also includes several questions about the candidates' goals for themselves as well as the Student Government Association as a whole.

The SGA Senate is also currently searching for a student to fill the seat of Honors College Senator for the remainder of the current school year.

Students that are interested in applying for the Undergraduate Senate are asked to contact Ryan Beeson with any questions regarding the application and interview process.

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New program promotes safety

Altavia Lowery
TEC STAFF

The NC Department of Transportation and the Governors Highway Safety Program has started the St. Patrick's Day "Booze It & Lose It" Campaign.

It began last Friday and ran throughout the weekend. The "Booze It & Lose It" campaign will conclude following St. Pat-

rick's Day events.

In a statement released by NCDOT, law enforcement agencies across North Carolina are stepping up their efforts to get drunk drivers off the roads. Furthermore, officers will be patrolling day and night to catch drivers who make the decision to get behind the wheel after consuming too many "Irish-themed spirits."

"If you are planning to drink on St. Patrick's Day, or any day of the year, please do so responsibly," said Kristen Hunter, Greenville Police Department media relations director. "Always make plans before you go out for the night and designate a sober driver."

In 2014, there were 340 alcohol-related deaths in North Carolina according to NCDOT.

All of these deaths were 100 percent preventable and with the help of everyone, that number can be lowered significantly this year. Having a plan before going out and a designated driver can not only save your life, but others around you.

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Fitzgerald's Pub is downtown on Fifth Street and is the second location for owner Kevin Marcuse. The original is in Charlotte, NC.

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-tion occurred earlier this year when alcohol was served to someone under 21 years of age at the business during a late night shift.

The employee that sold the beverage was ticketed by the Pitt County ABC Office. The employee that allowed the underage individual into the bar was also fired, since Fitzgerald's only allows people 21 years or older to enter during their late night hours.

The first violation was forwarded to the ABC Commission for review and is awaiting action. This violation will also be sent to the ABC Commission when the investigation is complete.

Owner and operator of Fitzgerald's Kevin Marcuse said that his business does not stand for serving alcohol to underage customers, but he said in this case some things are just not adding up.

After conducting an internal investigation, Marcuse feels his business has done everything right by checking what was believed to be the boy's driver's license saying he was 23 years

old, and not the business card the boy allegedly presented.

Marcuse has interviewed employees, interviewed customers from that day who came forward and reviewed the videotape from the time the boy was in the establishment.

"We have two different witnesses that were sitting in the establishment at the time this happened," said Marcuse. "They came in after they saw the news story last week, came in, and said, 'Hey. We were here that day. Here's our statements. Is there anything we can do to help you guys?'"

Witnesses that spoke to Marcuse said it never crossed their mind that the boy was under legal drinking age.

Marcuse is most upset with how his employees' reputations have been ruined and is standing behind them.

"It's not just [Mead's] word against a 15-year-old who is engaging in illegal activity," said Marcuse. "There's no question he was in the place. There's no question he ordered alcohol. There's no question he was smoking cigarettes. All those things are illegal. So, we're going

to take his word over someone who has a criminal justice degree, who has everything to lose with a real job?"

Marcuse said he believes that there is still more to the story that others have not heard.

"We have a zero tolerance for illegal behavior especially underage drinking," said Marcuse. "There's zero incentive for us to allow that. We're confident once all that facts come out this will completely be exonerated based on the evidence."

However, Fitzgerald's could be facing fines. The ABC commission has the right to fine an establishment up to \$500 for a first violation and up to \$750 for a second violation. If warranted, the commission also has the right to suspend or revoke a business's ABC permit.

If convicted, Mead and Komorek could be facing a \$250 fine, along with 25 hours of community service. They would also lose the ability to work in an establishment with an ABC permit for the next two years.

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"It is never a safe or a smart decision to drive after consuming alcohol or any controlled substance," said Lt. Chris Sutton of ECU Police. "You should always play it safe and allow someone else to do the driving for you when under the influence. Control the situation, don't let the situation control you."

NCDOT and GHSP has come up with a party-planning checklist. One example from the list is, "before you take your first sip of green beer, leave your keys at home or give them to

a friend." The entire list can be found at NCDOT.gov.

"Our officers are trained to recognize signs of drunk driving and will be on the lookout this St. Patrick's Day," said Hunter. "If you know someone who is about to drive impaired, take their keys and help them make safe travel arrangements. Also, as a side note, walking impaired can be dangerous as well. If you plan to walk home after a night of drinking, please designate a sober friend to walk with you."

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Seriously Clowning performs open mic night

Nichole Currie
TEC STAFF

Seriously Clowning, a comedy group consisting of East Carolina University students and the Greenville community that take part in stand up, improv and sketch comedy, will perform their weekly open mic at the Topsy Teapot tonight at 8 p.m.

The group consists of 48 members and has a consistent fan base.

"I've been performing with them since my senior year in college. Even if you don't take stand up on as a career, it's always good for people to break out of that shell that they come to college with or that weird sense of humor that may not make them popular," said Brandy Whorley, ECU graduate and member of Seriously Clowning. "They can come and fully express that and have the ability to express it on stage."

The Topsy Teapot @ Limelight usually hosts Seriously Clowning

performances. Every Tuesday, Seriously Clowning has their Open Mic's and sometimes they also host their showcases, which appear on other unannounced days throughout the week.

"Primarily the comedians that are performing are all ECU students or all amateur," said Joel Haran, general manager at the Topsy Teapot. "Some Tuesdays we can have anywhere from 20 to 50 people. It really just kind of varies week to week."

Whorley knew about Seriously Clowning before she joined because her brother was a member.

"My brother had moved down here from Pembroke and he tried it. At the time I was just doing stage and film productions. I did it for the first time and I just really liked it," said Whorley. "I've always been an entertainer to a certain degree, as far as theatre. Stand-up just really fit into my natural field."

One of the toughest things for this group was creating a fan base. Whorley said promotion was the key to creating fans. She said their mission was to create something different for the community to do and watch.

"Constantly trying to build a crowd in Greenville and get the city to do something other than the usual dinner and drinks. We have a consistent fan base and I've seen the showcases grow," said Whorley. "We have a lot of outside professional comedians stopping by Greenville on tours."

Seriously Clowning has prepared a few members to pursue their talent. Whorley has performed in Atlanta, Raleigh and Jacksonville, Fla. Other members have gone to New York and California to practice comedy.

"We always have people taking what they learned here and going and taking it to other places," said Whorley. "We're always taking our roots and

foundation that we got here, working on our material in front of new crowds to take that to a professional setting."

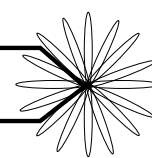
Whorley said that being a part of Seriously Clowning definitely gives opportunities to someone who wants to work professionally in comedy and even helps someone that's just looking to break out of that shell and express creativity.

"It really gives the opportunity to see a lot of different types of Comedy. Most of the people on stage are students or used to be students so they're going to make you laugh about exactly what you are going through," said Whorley. "Take a break and laugh and its always therapeutic to relieve stress."

People can sign up for the Open Mic at 7 p.m. and the show will follow at 8 p.m.

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More St. Patrick's day recipes!

Use these recipes to make popular and traditional Irish dishes such as beef brisket and bunt cake for family and friends on St. Patrick's Day.

Quad Fraternal Showcase

The four social heads of the musical Greek organizations will showcase their talents together as a group in their first Quad Fraternal Showcase tomorrow night.

Season finale Empire review

Check out our website tomorrow night for the season finale recap of Empire, which stars Taraji P. Henson and Terrance Howard.

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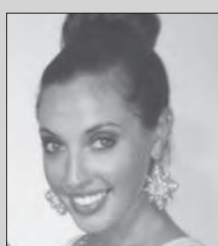


Members of the new series *The Royals* stand in front of the palace to mourn their dead brother. EONLINE



The infamous reality show sisters make TV history with the premiere of their latest season. EONLINE

Scripted series is a royal let down



Jessica McGettigan
TEC STAFF

For being the most anticipated series of the year, *The Royals* was a royal let down.

Since this time last year, E! Network viewers have been berated with advertisements for the new scripted series *The Royals*.

All of the hype and anticipated left high hopes for viewers and the final product fell extremely short.

The royal family depicted in the show rules England, but is not at all based off of the real royal family. The Queen, played by Elizabeth Hurley, is the cold, dominant figurehead and her king husband, played by Vincent Regan, is the nurturing, perceiving half. Princess Eleanor, played by Alexandra Park, is the drunken party girl and Prince Liam, played by William Moseley, falls in love with the girl next door.

The show began on a good note, with its opening song "Gimmie Shelter" by the Roll-

ing Stones. However, the show quickly went downhill. Within five minutes, the Queen's eldest son was already dead, creating mass confusion for viewers about whether this was going to turn into a spin-off series of *Criminal Minds*.

The show had full potential to be a great series but the film writers jammed way too much information into its pilot. Audiences should have been given a chance to get to know Prince Robert, the deceased royal brother, in order to invest feelings in his death. Killing him off was too soon and made the rest of the episode uncomfortable. For example, one scene depicted Princess Eleanor sobbing over her brother's death and monologuing about how much she missed him and wished he hadn't died. While some viewers can relate to losing a sibling, for those who have never had that experience, the sudden death was a little too difficult to get into.

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Kardashians kick off tenth season

Audiences can't help but love to indulge in America's "royal family," but coming to the realization that the Kardashians have been on tv for ten seasons is like coming to the realization that you spent the entire day binge watching your favorite show on Netflix. They're an addicting guilty pleasure. They make you laugh. They make you cry. But last night, they grossed everyone out.

As expected, the Kardashians brought the ridiculous drama that fans have grown to love over the past ten years. In the opening minutes of the show, Kim shared that she and Kanye are actively trying to conceive and later reveals that she has been having sex "500 times a day." In one scene, Kim walked out of a bathroom revealing that she just had a quick rendezvous with Kanye in between photo shoot set changes.

Rumors circulating around Bruce Jenner's sexuality were further confused by the accusations that he had begun dating one of Kris' best friends. Kourtney is pregnant...again. Khloe broke up with boyfriend French Montana and Kendall

and Kylie are still caught in the cross-fire between Bruce and Kris.

I can't deny that I have watched every episode this family has produced since they debuted in 2007 but last night I finally realized that enough might be enough for this family. It's obvious that producers have run out of story lines, which was evident when they wouldn't reveal who Bruce was allegedly dating, bleeping her name out to heat up rumor mills. I never thought I would see the day when Kim would finally cross the oversharing line, but she did by announcing at a family luncheon the whereabouts of her menstrual cycle.

As the saying goes, all good things come to an end and it is coming to a point where the Kardashians don't have much more to share with the world. It is hard to not enjoy re-run after re-run of this ridiculous family but season tens premiere was an indication that this family might be on its way out.

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>> PLAN TO WATCH

SHOW: The Royals

CHANNEL: E! Network

TIME: Sundays @ 10 p.m.

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The relationship between Prince Liam and girl-next-door Ophelia is sweet but happened too quickly for viewers to invest in. The first night they met, they flew to Paris. Then Ophelia was at Prince Roberts funeral dinner. In one scene we see her wandering aimlessly through the palace. Although Ophelia is the daughter of the head of security, it still doesn't make sense as to why she was just casually strolling through the palace.

The Royals left viewers royally confused with new information being provided with each new scene. The show was entertaining, but will hopefully iron out the details as the season pans out.

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Celebrate with *Irish* dessert

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TEC STAFF

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated with food, music and festivals. The food for family and friend gatherings can make or break a party. This traditional Irish soda bread recipe is a quick bread that uses baking soda instead of yeast. Raisins are usually added for a sweet flavor in the bread, but nuts can also be used. This bread can be used as a sweet dessert, an appetizer or alongside the entrée.

TRADITIONAL IRISH SODA BREAD

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 cups of flour
- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 1 pint of sour cream
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup of raisins or nuts



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This Irish soda bread is a traditional recipe that does not require yeast.

DIRECTIONS:

Combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt into a large bowl. In a smaller bowl, beat the eggs and stir in the sour cream. Add the eggs and sour cream to the large bowl and stir the ingredients until the batter is thick and mixed. Mix in the raisins or nuts and then place the batter in a greased pan. Bake the dough for 50 minutes at 350 degrees.

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PIRATE RANTS

How do you graduate from ECU and think everyone is saying "Peety" the Pirate. Your degree should be revoked.

I wish Spring Break would be over with already...I miss reading Pirate Rants! - 2012 Graduate

WHY?! WHY?! Do I have to get emails about Student Government. I DON'T CARE!! and I don't care that you extended the date.

Warm weather = cute girls in short shorts!

I wonder if any of the protesters are experiencing depression now that "Hands Up Don't Shoot" has been proven completely false.

North Carolina gay rights has been an uphill battle for some time. 2 steps forward, 1 step back.

Oh, so sorry you got your heart broken. Maybe next time you'll go after someone who's actually single!

Started my new big girl job... and my degree didn't get me there. Woo hoo to student loans I will never be able to pay back!

If she uses onestop to log into her email, she's too.... idk but really bro.

Watching my professor type www.google.com into chrome's url kills me. killlllllsssss meeeee

Automatic acceptance into Aramark Mgmt. job if you smoke. Gross.

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Our view

Tournament bets technically illegal

With March Madness set to tip off on Thursday, friends, co-workers, family members and sports fans will be filling out brackets, paying dues and crossing their collective fingers in the hopes of topping pools and perhaps even claiming some money.

What many of those often unsuspecting people don't realize is that what they're doing has been deemed illegal and is by definition a criminal offense.

Though bracket pools are socially accepted by seemingly every sports fan, the NCAA is considered to be an amateur league and therefore it is illegal to bet on the outcome of collegiate competition. Though it might not feel like paying a few dollars and filling out a bracket is gambling on the backs of unpaid collegiate athletes, by law it is.

We, as an editorial staff, feel that the legality of gambling on collegiate athletics needs to be contemplated on an NCAA and national level.

If filling out an office bracket is truly illegal, and is found to be following an exponential amount of deliberation, then the public needs to be better informed so that individuals don't find themselves getting slapped with a citation or a ticket.

Socially acceptable or not, a crime is a crime, and in the eyes of the law, filling out a five dollar bracket could lead to punishment. The ambiguity of such an act needs to be addressed so the public can better understand the laws in place.

Letters to the Editor

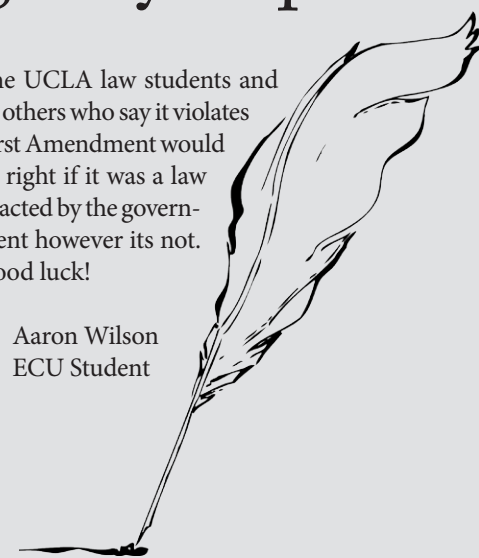
Oklahoma fraternity wrongfully expelled

SAE at University of Oklahoma is going to fight the suspension of the fraternity and the expulsion of its members based on First Amendment which says verbatim: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." I like to state that University of Oklahoma is not the Congress of United States and according to the Code of Conduct of ECU and most universities including OU prohibit discrimination and disorderly conduct.

You can argue that the expulsion of the fraternity goes against the freedom of the speech and you can even argue that it's not disorderly conduct but every person in America knows that it is discrimination. Every student of any university agrees upon the code of conduct upon accepting admittance to the fraternity. I am a black male in a fraternity similar to SAE. I would like to be frank and say I don't think that the members should be expelled or the fraternity as a whole based on freedom of speech. However OU as a university has the rights to expell any organization and or student that breaks its code of conduct just like ECU does.

The UCLA law students and all others who say it violates First Amendment would be right if it was a law enacted by the government however its not. Good luck!

Aaron Wilson
ECU Student



Brody School needs direction



Joseph Paul
TEC COLUMNIST

Recent revelations of the dire financial situation at The Brody School of Medicine ignited waves of concern about the school's future. While financial problems are not unheard of at even the most prominent U.S. medical schools, Brody faces a unique challenge in balancing its mission to serve the eastern region of North Carolina while also succeeding to provide innovative and cost-effective care. Chancellor Steve Ballard recently assured that the medical school is working towards profitability, citing efforts to increase public funding and improve the school's the relationship with Vidant Medical Center/Health System. However, a long-term fix for Brody will require significant changes to modernize its clinical practice as well as innovate new ways of integrating present research programs into the school's mission.

To address the most important diseases (cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, dementia) in eastern N.C., Brody could pioneer healthcare delivery in eastern N.C. through a population-based model of healthcare delivery. Population Health Management (PHM) is an emerging technique to better understand patterns of illness, particularly complex and chronic diseases, by collecting specific data from patient treatment and outcomes. In turn, this data is used to streamline clinical practices. For example, ensuring that cancer patients are properly and quickly diagnosed and treated rather than mistakenly shuttled through many physicians without an appropriate diagnosis and treatment plan. Partners Healthcare (associated with Harvard Medical School) and Mayo Clinic both employ PHM models to treat similarly complex populations by directing both primary care and their sophisticated subspecialties. Information from the vast amount of patients treated at Brody and Vidant could be used in a PHM model to direct better decision-making in both practices. Moreover, PHM could reveal lacking aspects of healthcare provided by Brody, informing which subspecialties and clinical research goals to emphasize.

Brody's long-term development is also significantly hindered by a lack of strong, integrated research efforts with aligned goals to directly influence the health of eastern N.C. First, the scope of Brody's recent efforts should be enlarged in order to accommodate more scientists and physicians from a variety of backgrounds to address human disease from many angles. For example, the school has not capitalized on many valuable advances in molecular medicine, such as the use of genetics to identify and treat tumors in cancer patients, that have been beneficial and profitable to other

institutions such as the other three large N.C. medical schools: UNC, Duke and Wake Forest. Bioinformatics tools, such as tumor profiling, are highly valued at many medical institutions because they can directly influence patient treatment and provide valuable material for researchers to investigate disease in patient contexts. These and other missed opportunities to invest in new areas of medicine have damaged Brody, but have especially deprived patients in eastern N.C. of state-of-the-art healthcare promised by Brody as an academic medical center. Brody should set aggressive goals for federal and corporate funding in order to provide resources for cutting edge projects by encouraging faculty to collaborate within and outside of the institution. The three other medical schools in the state have highly integrated research activities that include their hospitals as well as outside faculty. Vidant could certainly be a valuable partner to facilitate greater participation in research studies and faculty on East Carolina's main campus could also provide basic science resources to Brody.

At least three of the most prestigious medical institutions—Mayo Clinic, Johns Hopkins and the University of California, San Francisco—achieved greatness by coupling innovation to patient care within their communities. Brody is not unlike these institutions with respect the magnitude of its mission. However, overcoming the recent financial shortfall will be only a step in the right direction. I am certain Brody will stabilize its finances within the near future; what is uncertain is how (and if) the school will strive to be a leader and model for healthcare anywhere beyond eastern N.C.

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Poll results

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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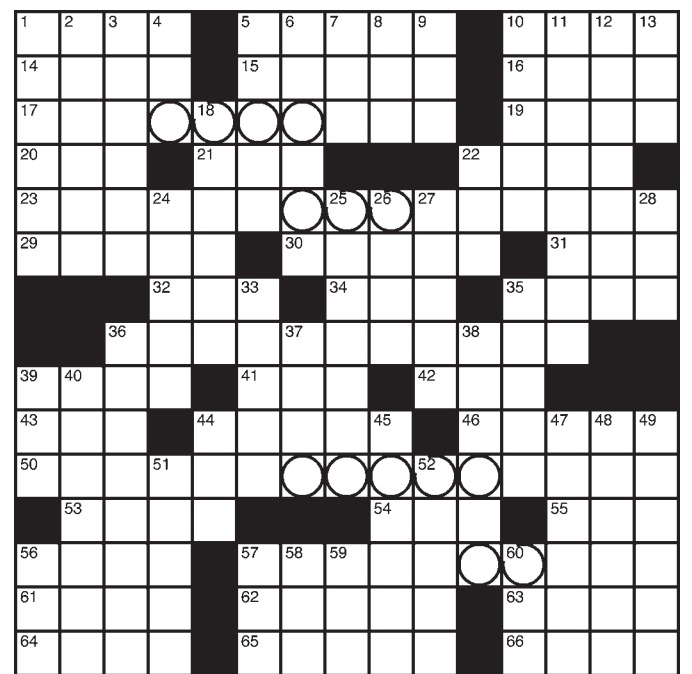
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ACROSS

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- Off-mike comment
- Deck swabbers
- Emperor with a bow
- Language of 14-Across
- Mayberry kid
- Bureau of Indian Affairs purview
- Heating or cooling outlet
- Nationality suffix
- BB-shaped veggie
- Pay attention to
- 1989 handheld gadget release
- "Magic Mike" actor Channing
- Disparaging
- Have yet to pay
- Prof's aides
- Stat for Madison Bumgarner
- Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
- Manhattan landmark, and a hint to this puzzle's circles
- Word before drill or engine
- Clothes drier
- Fish-on-the-line sign
- "__ knows?"
- Gentle gaits
- Implicit
- Mr. Wilson's bane
- Comparable
- Modern, in Berlin
- Through
- "__ go brag!"
- Polynesian-themed restaurant chain
- Data unit
- Ready to hit
- Event with specials
- 1930s heavyweight champ Max
- Oddballs
- Mined materials

DOWN

- Sharply focused
- Empire conquered by Alexander the Great
- "Murder on the Express"
- Driver's lic. info
- "Midnight in Paris" writer/director Woody
- Light lunches
- "Give __ rest!"
- Racket
- Come to a halt
- "Philadelphia" or "Chicago," e.g.
- Test type
- Force to make a commitment
- Tennis match part
- Theoretical evolutionary link
- Bovary's title: Abbr.
- Helen Keller, to Anne Sullivan
- In this world
- Young lady
- Alter to fit
- Passing remark?
- Planetarium projections
- Liver or kidney
- Longtime newsman with the catchphrase "And that's the way it is"
- Prison uprising



By C.C. Burnikel

3/17/15

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- Spiky winter hanger

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- License plate
- Postal worker's beat: Abbr.
- Grandpa Simpson
- Brandy bottle letters

Pirates prep for postseason

ECU accepts at-large bid to third consecutive WNIT

Staff Report

The curtain hasn't yet fallen on the East Carolina women's basketball team.

Only days after being bounced from the American Athletic Conference tournament by perennial power UConn, the Lady Pirates (21-10, 11-7 AAC) have learned that their season will go on with an at-large bid to Women's National Invitation Tournament.

The Pirates will square off in the first round against Radford (17-13) in Minges Coliseum tomorrow and play in a region with Marist, Temple, Penn, Hofstra, East Tennessee State and in-state rival North Carolina State.



Heather Macy

The winner between ECU and Radford will go on to play the winner of N.C. State and East Tennessee State in the round of 32.

The trip to the single-elimination tournament marks the third straight year that Head Coach Heather Macy has led the Lady Pirates to a 20-win season and a trip to the WNIT.

In both of the last two appearances in the tournament, the Pirates failed to make it out of the first round and lost to Western Kentucky and George Washington in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

One difference that the Pirates will experience in this year's tournament will be the added advantage of playing at home. ECU boasts a 10-3 record while playing in the friendly confines of Minges Coliseum.

The 64-team field features three AAC squads, Temple (16-16, 12-6 AAC), Tulsa (17-2, 12-6 AAC) and ECU. The AAC is one of ten conferences to claim three teams in the competition.

The WNIT is widely regarded as the second-best postseason tournament that a team can make with the NCAA tournament claiming the crown as the most prestigious.

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>>INSIDE
Women's hoops earn awards during first season in American.

>>ONLINE
Women's golf finishes eighth in weekend tournament.

Power lifts Pirates past Elon

Diamond Bucs take weekend series against in-state opponent

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

Thanks to an offensive outburst, the ECU baseball team swept the Elon Phoenix over the weekend, earning its first sweep outside of Clark-LeClair stadium under Head Coach Cliff Godwin.

The Pirates (13-6) have now won eight of their last nine games and the last 11 against the Phoenix.

"Any time you go on the road and sweep that's huge," Godwin said. "I think it was back in the sixties since East Carolina's done that non conference so that was big for us."

The Pirates won two of the three games decisively, as they belted an abundance of home runs, including one from Luke Lowery in each of the three victories.

Lowery and Bailey Sugg each blasted a grand slam as ECU collected 22 hits on Sunday to blow the Phoenix out in a 20-4 victory.

Travis Watkins and Reid Love each turned in five hit performances and six Pirates recorded multi hit games.

Love hit a bases-clearing double, followed by Lowery's grand slam that allowed the Pirates to score seven runs in the sixth inning to bring their lead to 15-0.

Starting pitcher David Lucroy (2-0) earned the victory by pitching six shut out innings with five strikeouts, giving up three hits and three walks.

The matchup Saturday came down to the wire as the Pirates scored four two-out runs in the ninth inning to pull out the come from behind victory, 11-8.

Five Pirates recorded two or more hits, with Hunter Allen and Garrett Brooks each scoring three runs.

With the Pirates leading 8-5 in the eighth inning, Elon's Ryan Cooper hit a three-run homer to

give the Phoenix a one run lead.

The Pirates then rallied back in the top of the ninth with two outs and no one on base to score the final four runs of the game.

Luke Bolka reached base on an Elon error and scored on an RBI single from Allen to tie the game. Brooks then hit a single to right field to bring home Allen.

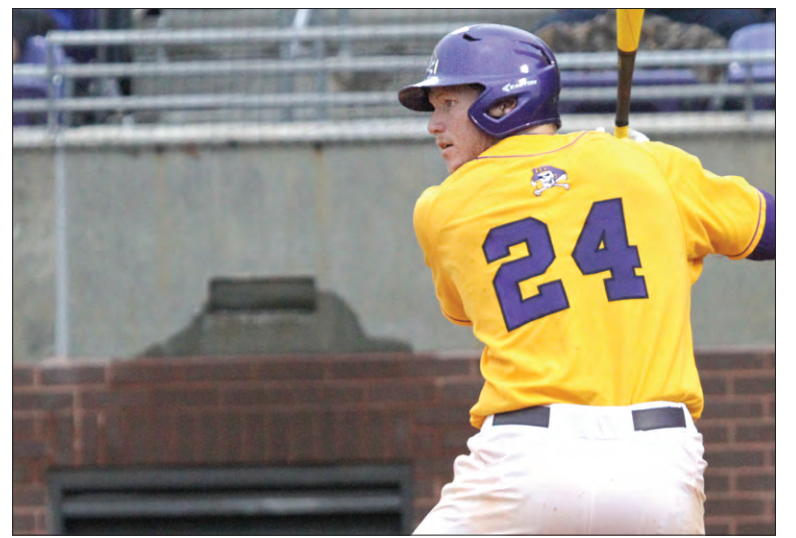
The Pirates kicked off the series Friday afternoon by capitalizing off of another solid outing from starter Evan Kruczynski and winning, 10-3.

Kruczynski (4-1) picked up his fourth straight win by tossing seven innings, giving up three runs and a walk with a pair of strikeouts.

The Pirates once again had numerous players record multi-hit games.

Harman, Lowery and Charlie Yorgen each hit a home run to lead the Pirates offensively.

Harman and Lowery contrib-



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Junior Luke Lowery awaits a pitch. He leads the team with eight home runs.

uted for all ten Pirate runs as they each scored twice and batted in three Pirate runs.

"The way we played the game and the way we played a tough opponent like Elon, they are a good baseball team," Godwin said. "We played extremely hard and it was a hard fought series for us to be able to get a sweep."

The three home runs from Lowery brings his total to eight on

the season, which leads the American Athletic Conference.

"Luke Lowery had a tremendous week," Godwin said. "He really swung the bat well for us and kind of capitalized everything off with a grand slam yesterday."

The Pirates will look to continue their hot play this week when they battle Princeton in a two game series.

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Golf places second

Craig Moyer
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina men's golf team finished in second place at the Mission Inn Spring Spectacular in Howey-In-The-Hills, Fl. with a three round total 19-over-par, 883.

The Pirates collectively shot a 297, 9-over par, a 290, 2-over par and a 296, 8-over par in the three rounds of the tournament.

ECU finished second out of 16 teams, being outshot only by Virginia Tech. The Hokies finished with a three-round total of 3-under-par, 861 to capture the win.

The Pirates are ranked No. 59 in the latest Golfstat polls, which was the third highest ranking in the tournament behind only No.34 Virginia Tech and No. 44 North Carolina State.

George Kilgore, Wes Conover, Tim Conover, Nick Thompson and Jacob Hicks made up the Pirate's five-man team.

Kilgore, a junior, led the team with 17 birdies, which placed him in a tie for the tournament lead in that category. As a team, the Pirates recorded 51 birdies on the weekend, which led he entire field.

Kilgore finished the tournament with a score of 216, which was good enough for sixth place overall. Kilgore's sixth-place finish, helped by a 3-under-par, 69 in the



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ECU's Wesley Conover follows through on a swing during one of the Pirates' golf matches.

second round, gave him his second top 10 finish on the season.

Conover wrapped up the tournament on Sunday by shooting a 1-over-par, 73. Conover finished with a 3-over-par, 219 as he shot rounds of 74, 73 and 73, which was a good enough for a tie for 10th place. The top 10 finish was Conover's fifth of the season, as he led the entire field of 104 players with a 3-under-par on the

courses four par-3 holes.

Thompson finished 223, 7-over par, which was good enough for a tie for 18th place. The finish was Thompson's first top 20 finish of the season.

The Pirates will return to action March 27-29 at the Slomin Autism Invitational in West Palm Beach, Fla.

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Pool Pirates reflect on title season

Allison Jobe
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Alison Sant'Anna
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

At the American Athletic Conference Championship meet, 17 East Carolina swimmers achieved all-conference recognition. Ten swimmers were also NCAA qualifiers as well as taking the overall title of the AAC Championship.

The men may have clinched the title, but this level of success was completely unexpected a few short years ago. Rokas Cepulis, senior team captain, remembers his first two years on the team when they were always second best. This year, going into the championship, the team had a new mentality.

"We had it on our minds all year so it was not a surprise or anything," Cepulis said. "We actually had it planned last year to do something big, but we came up a little short at Conference USA and we really had it in our minds to win the first [championship]."

It's not just the upperclassmen that want to prove themselves in the new conference but also the new team members. Freshman diver, Matt Mullen took

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TAKEAWAYS

COLLEGE BASETBALL

Duke, North Carolina, N.C. State and Davidson will all represent the state of North Carolina in the NCAA tournament.

AAC COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SMU and Cincinatti are the only teams from the American Athletic Conference to make the NCAA tournament.

BASEBALL

First baseman Luke Lowery became the sixth Pirate to be named the Collegiate Baseball National Player-of-the-Week after his four-home run performance over the weekend.

SOFTBALL

ECU (8-19) claimed a 3-2 victory over Iowa during the Oklahoma Classic.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates (21-10, 11-7 AAC) accepted an at-large bid in the Women's NIT after being beaten by UConn in the conference tournament. They will play Radford at home tomorrow.

MEN'S GOLF

The Pirates claimed a second place finish at the Mission Inn Spring Spectacular over the weekend.

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ECU men's basketball Head Coach Jeff Lebo motions to the court during a home game this season.

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“ ... you better be ready to play, whether at home or on the road, against East Carolina. ”

-Jeff Lebo

most of their conference games. They hung tough in games against upper-echelons UConn, Tulsa and most recently SMU before fading due to size and depth disadvantages at forward and center. ECU hit a conference tournament record 15 three-pointers against SMU but was outscored in the paint, 44-16.

“I think that we learned a lot about being in this league, how good the big guys are, how tough defensively the teams are in this league, the physicality,” said Lebo. “We’ve got to continue to grow. We want to try to get to the middle first and then try to creep our way into that top.”

In a conference top-heavy with teams accustomed to making the tournament with some regularity, don’t expect the elites to


have stretches of consecutive down years. The Pirates won’t get any favors; they’ll have to make a name for themselves—something their coach believes they did well in 2014-15.

“These programs aren’t going to come back to us,” he said. “We’ve got to keep growing, we’ve got to keep investing; we’ve got to keep moving forward with our basketball program. It’s not going to be easy but it’s a heck of a challenge and I think these guys really laid the foundation to say, ‘Hey, we’re not going to roll over and die here; we’re going to compete our tail off and you better be ready to play, whether at home or on the road, against East Carolina.’ I think we set that tone in year one.”

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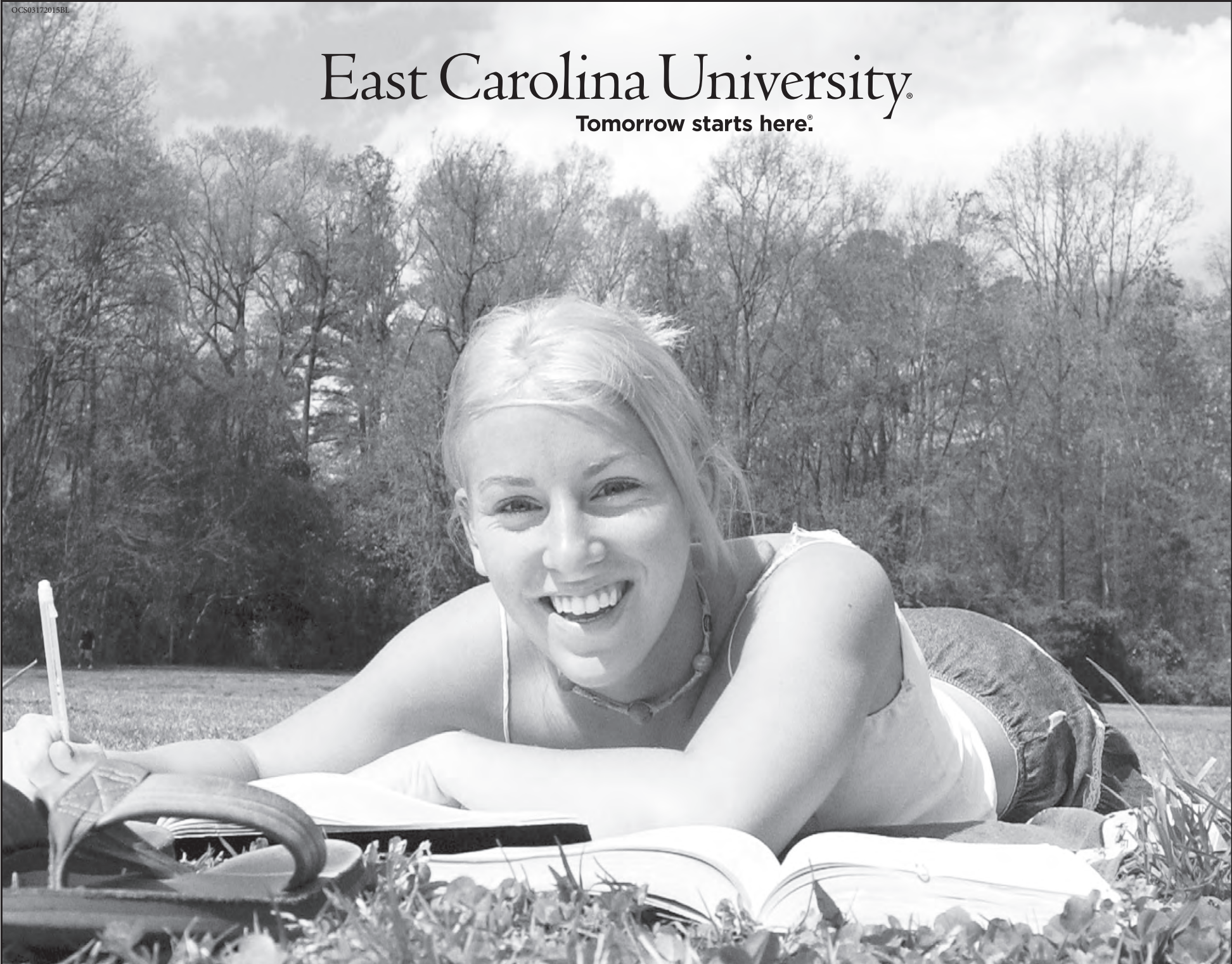
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Lady Pirates land accolades

Rev Blanquicet
TEC STAFF

During its inaugural season in the American Athletic Conference the East Carolina women's basketball team managed to carve out a niche for itself amongst new tough competitors, while recording several program milestones.

The Lady Pirates (21-10,11-7 AAC) finished fifth overall in the conference standings, after being picked to finished third overall in the Coaches' Preseason Poll, with production coming from both new and returning faces.

ECU came into this season returning all five starters from last season's squad, including its leading scorer Jada Payne and a total of six seniors.

The Lady Pirates also welcomed several transfers including juniors I'Tiana Taylor and Jasmine Phillips, who provided valuable minutes throughout the season.

Midway through the season, Head Coach Heather Macy won her 200th career game led by Taylor's double-double against Southern

Methodist. The game was the last of a four-game win streak that placed the Lady Pirates at a .500 conference record for the first time this season.

Seven weeks later, when the two teams met again, ECU recorded yet another program milestone. The redshirt junior Payne scored her 1000th point as a Pirate, in just 57 career games, becoming the 22nd player in program history to do so.

History was made yet again on senior night as the Lady Pirates defeated a struggling Central Florida team and earned their third straight 20-win seasons for the first time in program history.

At the end of the regular season, ECU had two players receive All-American Athletic Conference Honors. Payne received first team honors, while Taylor received second team honors as well as the Newcomer of the Year, following a vote by the league's coaches.

"It's an incredible honor for our players to be recognized individually because Jada and [Taylor] are having great seasons," said Macy.



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Jada Payne drives to the hoop during a game.

"Their contributions have been important to our team's overall success this season and I'm very proud of both of them."
Payne becomes just the third player in

program history to receive first team recognition multiple times and in consecutive years.

Payne led the Pirates and ranked fourth in scoring in the AAC with 16.7 points per game and topped the team in scoring in 20 of 29 contests while dropping 20 or more points on nine different occasions. She also posted four double-doubles and broke her own record for most three-pointers made in a season with 70.

Taylor scored in double-digits 14 times and tallied four 20-point performances as part of her 11.1 average, which ranked second on the team during her first season with the Pirates.

Her 9.1 rebounds per game ranked second in the conference, while her 3.9 per contest on the offensive glass led all players in the league. She notched a team-best seven double-doubles, leading ECU in rebounding 16 times and compiling seven or more in 20 contests.

In their AAC Tournament debut, the Pirates were bounced by UConn in the second round.

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Softball drops two in weekend tourney

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Senior pitcher Sarah Christian registered an impressive eight-inning performance that gave the ECU softball team an extra-inning victory over Iowa during the Oklahoma Classic this past weekend.

The Pirates (8-19) went 1-3 over the weekend, however. During the final game of the tournament, ECU lost 23-1 against No. 6 Oklahoma.

The Pirates got on the board in the second inning with a solo home run by Ali Ramirez, which marked the first time Oklahoma trailed its opponent in 56 innings. But the Pirates lead didn't last long. The Sooners nine runs in

the third inning off freshman pitcher Ashley Cruise. In the bottom of the fourth inning, the Sooners added more runs, and finished the game with a 23-1 victory in five innings.

The first game of the day resulted in a 3-2 victory for ECU, with help from Christian who pitched all eight innings and allowed just one run.

In the fourth inning, Casey Alcorn hit a home run to tie the game. The last five innings were scoreless and brought the game into extra innings. In the top of the eighth inning, Kacie Oshiro rossed the plate after a sacrifice fly by Alcorn.

With a 3-1 lead, Christian gave up two singles that made it a one-run game. Iowa

couldn't capitalize, however, and lost the battle, 3-2.

On the first day of the tournament, the Pirates faced Oklahoma and suffered a perfect game loss to freshman left-handed pitcher Paige Parker, 11-0. It was ECU's first time being no-hit since 2008.

The first game against Iowa was tough battle for the Pirates. Starting pitcher Cruise gave up three runs off of three hits in the first inning en route to Iowa winning, 5-1.

The Pirates finished their tournaments for the season, and will face Elon tomorrow at 6 p.m.

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the teams expectations to heart. "I just remember them telling us back in the beginning of the year that we want the first AAC championship win," said Mullen. "This is my first year on the team so I never pictured that being an actual goal."

Coming into the meet the swimmers and divers had their goals in mind. The high intensity and energy of the spectators and the other team members was enough to keep the Pirates going.

"We just got behind each other, and we were very positive and encouraging," Shawn Hunter said. "Some of us had bad swims, but

we never let it get us down and our teammates never let it get us down. We just fed off that energy."

The swimmers and divers said that throughout the meet not only was the team energetic, but the fans and coaches were as well.

"People went nuts when we won, the last relay didn't matter, we just needed to come in last honestly and that would have been enough [for the win] people just lost it completely," Cepulis said.

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