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ECU SAE speaks out about OU

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

A few weeks have passed since Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity's national headquarters suspended its 163-member Oklahoma University chapter and two students were expelled when a 10 second video of a racist chant on a bus went viral.

However, fraternity members and Greek leaders are still addressing the incident as well as the national stigma that has accompanied it.

"The actions at Oklahoma University were awful and shocking," said Kevin Haberstick, junior communication major and inactive member of the school's Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter. "Expelling the chapter and students out of the school was something that needed to be done."

Haberstick was formerly the rush, fundraising and philanthropy chair for the fraternity but is still involved with the brotherhood.

"Discrimination and racial biases have no place in any organization, especially Sigma Alpha Epsilon,"



SAE crest

said Haberstick. "I have never heard one racial slur at our fraternity and I don't think there is any discrimination at any of the fraternities on campus."

On March 17, The East Carolinian published a letter to the editor by Aaron Wilson, an African-American Tau Kappa Epsilon member and sophomore biology major. Wilson has since provided more insight into his letter, which stated that OU had every right to end its affiliation with Sigma Alpha Epsilon and expel students.

"People are saying that there will be a lawsuit against Oklahoma for expelling the students because of the First Amendment's right to freedom of speech but the code of conduct, which every student signs before becoming

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Campus seeks novelty

Board set to meet to discuss new buildings

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With the Board of Governors set to meet at East Carolina University next month, administrators are hoping the board will approve ECU to become the eighth UNC system campus to operate a millennial campus.

A millennial campus is an area where an institution has the opportunity to collaborate with private partners in education, industry, government, military, and other areas in order to realize, invent, produce, and deliver new ideas and innovations.

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 20, the board unanimously voted to ask UNC Board of Governors President Tom Ross to recommend that the Board of Governors grant ECU millennial campus designation to the East Carolina Research and Innovation Campus, ECRIC.

The ECRIC would be focused in the Haynie Building or the old Export Tobacco Lead factory. It is part of a 22.3-acre site that ECU acquired in 2003.

The seven-block area also includes the American Tobacco Company Storage Warehouse No. 2 and the Prichard-Hughes Warehouse. All three buildings date back to the early 1900's and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2014, ECU qualified for N.C. Historic Mill Rehabilitation Tax Credit that could be applied to the cost of restoring the properties. Associate Vice-Chancellor for business services Scott Buck said the tax credits could contribute to 40 percent or more of the cost of the needed renovations.

If the millennial campus designation is approved by the Board of Governors in April, ECU also will be given the flexibility



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

If approved, the new buildings would be constructed where former warehouses reside.

needed to finance the restoration of the warehouse district and to collaborate with private partners in future business opportunities. This is an option not usually available to ECU, because it is a public institution supported by tax dollars.

"We feel pretty positive that between the tax credits and public-private partnerships, we should not have to ask for any appropriations from the state," said Buck.

Golden LEAF Foundation also awarded ECU and Pitt Community College a \$1.75 million grant at the beginning of March to be used toward establishing a biopharmaceutical workforce development and manufacturing center.

This money will be going towards the rehabilitation of the Haynie Building, which will house the manufacturing center of excellence that will partner with Patheon, Hospira and Mayne Pharma, three of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the region. Chancellor Steve Ballard announced the partnership last November.

Along with the warehouses on Tenth Street, three other properties are up for des-

ignation. The health sciences campus, the Stratford Arms and Blount Fields, and the Uptown district, which includes 19 acres bordering downtown Greenville that lie on both sides of Reade Street from Fifth to First Street, are all eligible for designation.

"One of the beauties of this is the impact it will have on the revitalization of our city," said Buck. "If we can improve the core city of Greenville, we can improve the quality of life for students, faculty, and local residents alike."

The project of rehabilitating the warehouse district property should begin within a year, but finishing the entire site is estimated to take years.

The total cost of the project is currently unknown by administrators, because the individual needs for each program set to operate there have yet to be determined.

The Board of Governors is set to meet April 8-10 at ECU, where it is expected to discuss the request for designation.

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Pass rusher beats odds

Terrell Stanley returns after life-threatening car wreck



Josh Graham
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When the East Carolina football team took the field for the start of spring practice last Friday afternoon, Terrell Stanley was smiling ear to ear, thrilled just to be out at the Cliff Moore Practice Complex with his football brethren.

And when he wasn't grinning, the hulking, healthy defensive end was crouched down in a three-point stance, with his off hand cocked behind his back, and using his brute strength and unheralded agility to explode off the line of scrimmage and blow past any and all stand-in linemen in his way.

"He always plays fast and

physical every time he comes out here," his defensive teammate, cornerback Josh Hawkins said.

Friday marked the first time Stanley had donned an ECU practice jersey in over a year.

On Feb. 12, 2014, Stanley and his fellow teammate, Isaac Harris, journeyed through a snowstorm to get to a 6 a.m. weight-lifting session.

They didn't make it into the office that morning.

Stanley lost control of his white 2002 Lincoln when he ran over a patch of ice on Greenville Boulevard and the vehicle eventually crashed into an embankment near the W. Arthur Tripp Bridge. Mere hours after the accident occurred, East Carolina University announced that all classes and campus operations were cancelled.



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Senior Terrell Stanley shows a smile during the team's practice.

"After the accident, I woke up [in the car] and we asked each other if we were okay, then I passed back out," Stanley recounted, saying that the next thing he remembered was "hearing coach Ruffin [McNeill's] voice in the hospital

bed, asking if I was okay. And I said 'I felt fine and that I was ready to go work out.'"

What came next was a cold dose of reality.

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Pirate football kicks off spring practice season

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

The first day of full padded practice left East Carolina Head Coach Ruffin McNeill feeling more than just satisfied with the effort of his football team.

"The guys really flew around," McNeill said Monday afternoon. "This is a very athletic and competitive group. I love the competition. They understand that everyday is a day you better prove yourself."

Having moved on from ECU's all-time passing and receiving leaders Shane Carden and Justin Hardy, the 2015 Pirates have a lot of jobs up for grabs. Determining who earns the starting positions will be challenging for the coaching staff, especially considering the Pirates have a new

offensive coordinator in Dave Nichol.

"Kurt Benkert was the back-up to Shane last year," said Nichol. "He's got a few more game reps (than the other quarterbacks). He's got a big arm. He's fast and smart. Blake Kemp has been pleasantly surprising. He's a good team guy."

The sophomore Benkert has proven himself to be athletically gifted enough to step into the spotlight, boasting a 330 pound bench press and 4.72 40-yard dash time. Still, the 6-foot-3-inch Florida native knows that it's performance on the field that will earn him the starting job.

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BRIEFS

Greenville Hosts KidsFest

On Saturday, the Greenville Convention Center hosted KidsFest, an annual event designed for infants, toddlers and younger children. The event hosted over 25 activities, mostly focusing on activities designed to increase brain development in children.

The activities ranged from science, reading and other sensory activities, which are important during the first five years of a child's life. The purpose of KidsFest is to foster growth, while also encouraging parents and children to have fun together.

Other events included such things as petting zoos, encouraging children to have fun. KidsFest will be hosted again in Martin County on April 11.

Local dies in suspected drunk driving accident

A man died in a car crash on Sunday night, on Bell Author Rd., about six miles away from Greenville. The driver, Reynaldo Najera, 27, overcorrected and crashed his vehicle into a ditch.

Najera, who was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash, was ejected from the vehicle as his car overturned. Najera was dead when Highway Patrol arrived on the scene. The Highway Patrol has said that it appears Najera was impaired at the time of the incident.

DEA issues warning

Prescription drug puts the nation on alert

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The Drug Enforcement Administration issued a nationwide alert on the dangers of Fentanyl last week.

Fentanyl is a narcotic that is used as a part of anesthesia to help prevent pain after a medical procedure. Fentanyl is commonly laced in heroin, causing a lot of recent problems across the country, as heroin abuse has increased.

"Drug incidents and overdoses related to fentanyl are occurring at an alarming rate throughout the United States and represent a significant threat to public health and safety," said DEA Administrator Michele M. Leonhart in the issued release statement.

The statement also said that fentanyl that is produced in illicit secret labs are up to 100 times more powerful than morphine and 30-50 times more powerful than heroin. The statement said that the drug is an extremely dangerous narcotic to law enforcement and anyone else who comes in contact with it.

Just last week, Greenville Police Department officers arrested three people in connection to six heroin overdoses in Greenville. Officers responded to six overdoses between last Sunday evening and Monday night.

Narcan, a heroin overdose antidote, was used to save the lives of five of the victims. Officers just recently started carrying Narcan back in December. In April of 2014, the FDA approved of the auto-injector for the heroin overdose antidote. Also known by the name Evzio, the emergency treatment works like the Epipen, an auto-injector for allergic reactions.

Jamal Ali Strong, 32, is charged with PWISD (possession with intent to sell and deliver) heroin and possession of heroin. 36 year old Darren Donta Jones is charged with PWISD drug paraphernalia, and 38-year-old Robert Lametric Moore is charged with PWISD heroin, selling heroin,



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Fentanyl is a prescription drug to help prevent pain as a component of anesthesia.

delivering heroin, conspiring to sell heroin, selling heroin within 1000 feet of school, and drug paraphernalia.

Strong was placed under a \$25,000 secured bond, Jones received a \$5,000 secured bond, and Moore received a \$150,000 secured bond.

In a press conference, Interim Chief Ted Sauls said that the heroin was all in similar packages and that it is unlikely that all of the overdoses were a coincidence.

The investigation is still on-going but officials advise those who know of someone with a heroin problem to alert authorities or warn them of the possible risk.

"The DEA will continue to address this threat by directly attacking the drug trafficking networks producing and importing these deadly drugs," said Michele M. Leonhart. "We have lost too many Americans to drug overdoses and

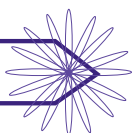
we strongly encourage parents, caregivers, teachers, local law enforcement and mentors to firmly and passionately educate others about the dangers of drug abuse, and to seek immediate help and treatment for those addicted to drugs."

In the last two years, DEA has seen a significant spike in fentanyl-related seizures. According to the National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS), state and local labs reported 3,344 fentanyl submissions in 2014, up from 942 in 2013. In addition, DEA has identified 15 other fentanyl-related compounds.

Fentanyl can be absorbed through the skin and accidental inhalation of airborne powder can also occur. The DEA has alerted law officials about the dangers of fentanyl.

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SGA plans to aid in voting transportation

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TEC STAFF

The Student Government Association is in the process of creating a transportation system for students to be able to get to polling sites in Greenville in time for the elections in November.

Jake Srednicki, Student Government president, said that since East Carolina's campus and student body is such an influential factor in Greenville's economy, they want to get students as involved in the community as possible.

By the time of this year's Election Day, Nov. 3, the SGA plans to have a transportation system implemented that will be able to pick students up from designated spots on campus and bring them to certain polling stations. This will help students at East Carolina who live on campus as well as those who do not, be able to get to these polling sites without any confusion.

Student Government officials are planning to have several polling places that students can get to that are close to campus. These avail-

able polling sites will include the First Presbyterian Church which will ideally be used mainly by students who live on College Hill, according to Srednicki, because of the proximity to both places.

Srednicki said that his goal for the student body is for them to get more involved in current events as well as become more informed in what is going on in our local community. He continued to say that since ECU hosts political representatives who intend to run for office to speak to students on campus, this will be a convenient way to encourage student involvement.

This way, students can hear, first hand, what the politicians running for office have to offer and then be able to easily get to these off campus polling sites. Srednicki also said that it is important for students to be informed during these elections and become involved when necessary.

Student Government is also planning on starting a voter registration drive, which will be put on by SGA's Local and State Affairs

Cabinet Member, Andrew Bowers, who was also named the Executive Branch's new Chief of Staff earlier this semester. They intend for this to encourage students to register to vote in time for Election Day.

Until recently, students were able to vote for these elections on campus in Mendenhall Student Center. However, according to Srednicki, the Board of Elections found the site to be fairly inaccessible with limited parking. Also, because the voting rooms were upstairs, it was a challenge for some people to find and get to.

Since the ease of voting on campus is now taken away from students, SGA plans to create another convenient way for students to stay involved in their state and local community while making sure their voices are heard.

The SGA's current executive branch will be working with the next executive branch during transitions, specifically so that both teams are on the same page with things such as this transportation plan.

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Samantha Weathersby, Jersey Mike's employee, works the sandwich line at the Greenville store.

Local franchise aims to give back

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Tomorrow Jersey Mike's Subs locations in Greenville and the surrounding area will be holding a Day of Giving, in which all of its profits will go to the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital.

The Day of Giving is part of the corporation's fifth annual Month of Giving fundraiser. Each March, Jersey Mike's Subs nationwide choose a local charity it will raise money for throughout the month.

The Day of Giving is the one day during the fundraiser that 100 percent of the proceeds made will be donated to the charity chosen by each store.

The money raised by the campaign will be given to the Children's Miracle Network with designation to be used by the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital.

Over \$75,000 has been raised for the charity since the start of the partnership.

Jersey Mike's franchisee Martin Anderson said the partnership with the children's hospital has special meaning for him, because his daughter was born with a heart defect that has required her to have five surgeries. She is now 100 percent dependent on a pacemaker.

"We spent a lot of time in the hospital," said Anderson. "We witnessed and felt firsthand the benefits of having a children's

hospital right here in Greenville."

Anderson said he knows the goal for the stores of \$25,000 is achievable, because there are many people who can relate to the cause.

"There's a lot of people who benefit from having that security of having the hospital here," said Anderson.

Donation boxes are placed at the register all throughout March to encourage customers to leave a donation. Donation barcodes of \$1, \$3 and \$5 are also available to be scanned by customers who are paying with their credit card.

This year, customers will also be given a sticker of appreciation when they make a donation.

Last year during the Month of Giving, Jersey Mike's Subs raised \$2.1 million for more than 100 charities all over the country.

Founder and CEO Peter Cancro said he hopes that this year the company will top that by reaching the goal of \$2.5 million.

The stores also take part in the Wreaths Across America campaign that runs from October to mid-November. This campaign raises money to lay remembrance wreaths on headstones of veterans during the holidays.

Since 2010, Jersey Mike's Subs has raised over \$10 million for charities nationwide between both fundraisers.

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a student, bans discrimination," said Wilson. "We sign the ECU code of conduct and if I were to discriminate against anyone, then the school has a right to suspend my fraternity."

Despite that, Wilson says that OU's actions following the controversial video were excessive.

"I don't think they [Sigma Alpha Epsilon] should be punished. They need to take some classes but suspending the whole entire chapter is nonsense," said Wilson.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon executive director Blaine Ayers announced on March 18 that all Sigma Alpha Epsilon members and leaders in every chapter will undergo mandatory diversity training and a confidential hotline for racist behavior will be created.

These actions will attempt to develop peaceful race relations in its 237-chapter fraternity. Approximately 20 percent of Sigma Alpha Epsilon members are a minority or non-Caucasian while only three percent identify as African-American.

A lack of diversity in OU's chapter has persisted for a while—an African-American hasn't joined in 14 years. In addition, a few OU Sigma

Alpha Epsilon alumni advisors have claimed that the racist chant that initiated the internal review has been around for three to four years.

With ECU being no stranger to Greek life controversy—the university's Interfraternity Council temporarily suspended all fraternities in January following a sexual assault case that turned out to be fabricated—many are wondering what the future of Greek life will look like.

"What our alumni, national organizations and campus need to do is make sure that students are making good decisions," said ECU Director of Greek Life Keith Tingley. "A lot of these situations could have been avoided had alumni been more involved. It's not just on the undergraduates—it's on all of us. The dynamic is now that we are more active locally because of things that are happening nationally."

An official letter from Stephen Catalano, the president of ECU's Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter, will be published in The East Carolinian on Thursday.

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SAB hosts 'freaky' performance

Lindsay Rayner

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Tonight on the Brickyard, Will Rotten, sideshow artist and comedian, will bring his fire-breathing, sword swallowing acts to campus as a part of the Student Activities Board 7:07 Series.

As a young boy, Rotten became very interested in Sideshow Theater. "As a child I was a hobby magician," said Rotten. "When I was ten years old I saw a sideshow with the bearded woman and fire-breathing man and I got hooked."

Rotten, who made a living as a juggler for 15 years, created Freak Out Circus three years ago after his longtime juggling partner passed away. "When he passed away I didn't know what I was going to do," said Rotten. "I didn't have a solo juggling show per say. All my friends said 'why don't you do a side show, that's your passion, that's your favorite thing in the world so why don't you do that' [and] they all assured me if anyone could do it I could."

This year, Rotten decided to perform a college student series rather than his regular family-oriented shows. "I added one new stunt that I'd always been intrigued by but had never performed, and it's the freakiest thing I do," said Rotten. "I hate to give too much away but it involves fish hooks."

Even though it's his first year performing specifically for college students, Rotten wasn't sure how students would react. "I was afraid they'd look at me like 'so, what are you going to do next' but instead they really trip out," said Rotten. "I don't know if its because all the col-



Freak Out Circus performer Will Rotten celebrates his first college-based series by performing at ECU.

lege kids are together and feeding off of each others energy but they seem to freak out more than most audiences which baffles me."

Rotten will incorporate student involvement in his show. "[There is] a lot of audience participation which takes it to another level too," said Derek Hairson Jr., SAB Entertainment Committee chair. "It makes it interesting."

Rotten's show will begin at 7:07 p.m., but

the Freak Out Circus starts at 5 p.m. with carnival attractions and food, such as cotton candy and popcorn.

Hairson said the SAB is providing the added attractions and food to set the atmosphere and to give a carnival-themed feel and heighten the anticipation for the show.

Students can still participate in the attractions while the show is going on. "At 7:07 the

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WHAT: Freak Out Circus

WHEN: Tonight @7:07 p.m.

WHERE: The Brickyard

show will actually start, so a lot of stuff still may be kind of going on if you're still interested in taking part in the games and attractions," said Hairson.

Rotten hopes East Carolina University students enjoy the show and gain appreciation of the sideshow arts. "I do all of these things personally because they make me feel alive," he said. "I think that being safe sometimes isn't the best way to feel alive. I think when you see something a little crazy or dangerous it excites you and that's the feeling I love about life and I hope they can appreciate the theatrical experience that I bring with my side show."

If it rains, Rotten will still perform his show at 7:07 p.m. but the show will take place inside Hendrix Theater.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Insurgent disappoints



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On Friday, *Insurgent*, the sequel to the 2014 film *Divergent*, hit the theaters and was a let down. The movie was not what viewers expected plot wise, because the decisions that were made by the characters and the acting were both terrible and confusing.

After escaping from Jeanine (Kate Winslet) and the Erudite faction, Tris (Shailene Woodley), Four (Theo James), Caleb (Ansel Elgort) and Peter (Miles Teller), go into hiding among the Amity faction.

While in hiding, Tris starts to feel guilty and has nightmares about the deaths of her friends and family. This goes on throughout the movie as she battles with herself on what to do next and ultimately decides the only resolution is to kill Jeanine, the president of the factions.

Meanwhile, Jeanine and the other Erudites discover a mysterious box that was hidden by Tris' mother. Jeanine will do anything to open the box but she needs a Divergent human to unlock it so she sends her army out on a manhunt across all of the factions for Tris and any other Divergent.

The most confusing part of this movie was mainly the adventures Tris and her friends went on. While they were aware of Jeanine's search for them, they continued to hide out in the open where they were easily able to be found, which made the story unrelatable because it doesn't make sense that they would be hiding in plain sight.

What was also disappointing was to find out what was actually in the mystery box that Jeanine spends the whole movie trying to open. It was really anticlimactic to find out the message the creators of the factions left was to only tell them that the Divergent humans were the good people, which makes you wonder if all the trouble every character went through was really worth it.

The acting in the movie was decent when it came to the action scenes. Shailene Woodley played her role well when it came to the physical fighting, but throughout the whole movie she was crying or angry and quite frankly, Woodley is a terrible crier and has never been able to play the distraught, troubled character, which was especially apparent when she played this type of character in "The Secret Life of the American Teenager."

Theo James did a great job taking on the role of lead male in the film and made his role believable by being able to express Four's love for Tris and his angry feelings towards his mother. James does a great job and he helps to even out the poor acting done by Woodley. Plus it helps that he is good looking.

The action in this film makes it slightly worth seeing.



James and Woodley, who star in the film, walk through the set.

In the beginning of the film, Tris, Four and Caleb are caught on a train and have to defend themselves. During this scene, Tris and Four are able to hold their own but we get to see Caleb finally stand up for himself when he is faced with the option of either fighting or ending up dead.

What really put a nail in this movie was how the whole plot of the film itself had nothing to do with the plot of the book. While the film was focused on Jeanine trying to find out what was in the mystery box, there was no mention of a mystery box in the book at all.

Overall, this film was only tolerable because of the action scenes... and James Theo, of course. The plot had nothing to do with the book, there were some questionable decisions made by the characters that left viewers wondering whether or not the characters had a brain and Tris was depressed throughout the whole film. Hopefully, the next two films in the series gives audiences more to look forward too.



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SpazzFest celebrated the bizarre



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For one weekend a year, the inhabitants of Fifth Street are not clad in polos, skimpy dresses or tottering on their four-inch heels.

No, for one weekend a year the sounds of combat boots hit the pavement as the pierced, the longhaired and the tattooed emerge from the underground and descend upon downtown Greenville en masse.

The sixth annual Spazzfest kicked off Thursday night with music beginning at noon and continuing at various locations until 2 a.m. One of the events headlining the night featured bands Aether Realm, Thunderlip, Escher, Womb, Solar Sailor and Heinzer at The Topsy Teapot.

The night kicked off with space Viking metal band Solar Sailor and yes, you heard me right, space Viking. They claim in person and on their Facebook page to be from the planet Galgoron and refer to all those around them as "Earth scum." The men took the stage covered in fake blood, armor and wearing plastic horned battle helmets. The schtick is cute, if historically inaccurate, but their music is overshadowed by their frontman yelling incoherent obscenities into the mic.

As the doom metal band Womb followed by progressive metal Escher took the stage, the venue started to fill up with more and more festivalgoers. It seemed like a series of reunions as people greeted each other with hugs in the crowd like they had found their long lost sibling within the small confines of Topsy.

Jeff Blinder, the founder of the original Spazzatorium Galleria and continued mastermind behind Spazzfest, arrived shortly after Escher's set. From the reaction in the room you would have thought that Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln and Santa Claus had just walked in. Grown men clamored over each other to greet him at the door and shouts of his name could be heard even over the first rumblings of the hard rock band Thunderlip's sound check. Blinder smiled at the attention but quickly took a spot in the shadows, looking content to watch the spectacle.

"People like Jeff, people who have been doing this type of music, they've always been here in Greenville...since the college has been here," said Nathan Black, a member of the band Blue Destroy, who is not performing at this year's Spazzfest, but has performed at Spazz events going back to 2003.

"It's just a matter of will they get the chance to be recognized, whether they get to actually play. And that's what Jeff really did. That's why we tip our hat this guy. We're constantly patting this guy on the back. He doesn't play an instrument. We freakin' love him because he gave us the chance to be heard."

One of those bands that Blinder gave a chance to was the headliner of the night Aether Realm.

Beginning nearly at 1 a.m., the Viking folk metal band

SPAZZ FEST!

1)Solar Sailor performed with space Viking costumes on, such as fake blood and armor. 2)Rebekah Todd performed at Crossbones Tavern Thursday night. 3) Todd performed solo, accompanied by her acoustic guitar. 4)Escher lead vocalist James Broadhead belted out the lyrics to their progressive metal set that was performed Thursday night at Topsy Teapot @ Limelight.



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debuted their new song “The Chariot” to a crowd of fist-pumping fans. This seemed to be the band that most people were waiting for and they seemed to have the most stage presence. Bassist and vocalist Vincent Jones, who dons a bear pelt while performing, demands the crowd’s attention with his charismatic stage presence and the band’s intense light show. Both Jones and guitarist Heinrich Arnold have long hair reaching down to their waists and the sheer amount of hair spinning they commit to is impressive even if they weren’t simultaneously playing instruments.

Though no mention of their band’s name prior to the start of the set after a rousing performance of “Swampwitch,” Jones finally introduced the band.

“We’re C***man-D**man and the F*** Boys,” he said. And with that the next song started and the crowd went back to jumping and pushing each other around. This was the tone of

the show: camaraderie of friends getting together to do what they love most with a disregard for the traditional.

The set ended with the song “Oak” from the band’s last album One Chosen By the Gods that was released in 2013. Guitarist and new band member Donny Burbage sat out for this particular song but rather than allowing him to relax he was given a task by Jones:

To finish three PBRs by the end of the song, or he’s out of the band.

He embarked on the task as the song began and the sea of hair began spinning again. The crowd cheering on both the band and the life or death drinking competition going on behind them.

And just as the song tapered off Burbage thrusts three empty beer bottles gloriously into the air in triumph and Jones declares, “You can stay in the band...this time.”

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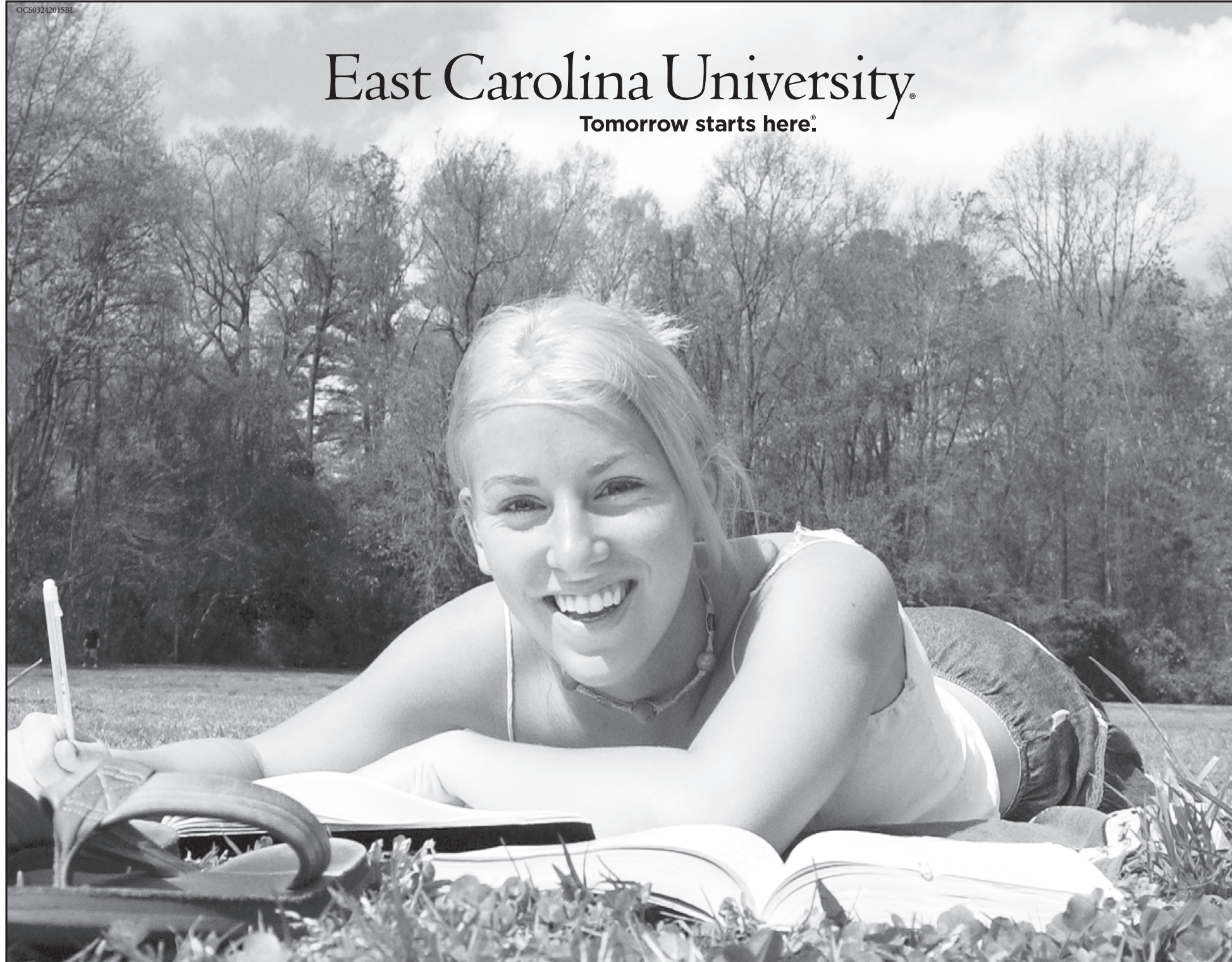
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PIRATE RANTS

This Chick-fil-A sandwich literally choked the s*** out of me.

If anyone finds white Sony headphones. Please return them to the College of Human Ecology. How would you feel if you could not block out your best friends singing?

Because of my best friend's shenanigans, I couldn't get an autograph from the basketball team.

That moment when you realize that your underwear is unusually comfortable and you have to stop walking just to see which pair you have on.

Don't sit at the computer with a scanner if you don't need to scan something and there are like ten other open computers!

That moment when you make an A in most of your major classes not because you study but because you've been doing these things ever since your teens. If I can make an A when I'm literally half asleep during class and exams, I'm just wasting my time. I want my money back!

I want to poke holes in my room mates' condoms. That's how much I can't stand the guy.

Why are sorority girls so d*** annoying?!

I wonder how long until the trees start masturbating all over us?

Thanks to the 850 bus driver that missed the Joyner stop on Sunday. I had to run to catch you at Mendendall almost having an asthma attack for you to smoke a cigarette!

Here's an anti-rant: Shout out to ECU because I have never been in want of a computer. There's always plenty available at the library or a computer lab on campus.

And just for the record, no, that's not college, that's just you being a slut.

What are Pirate Rants? An anonymous medium where guys can anonymously post about girls and where girls who are not attractive to guys can wonder why. Seems accurate.

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Our view

Greenville is always eventful

With spring break in the past, students often wonder what the next exciting event or plan will be. While some enjoy the weekend at local bars, others wish to experience something more enriching, but fail to locate such establishments. As students, we pay tuition and fees which fund various points on campus. For one, the main campus offers a plethora of options suitable for the many interests and hobbies of the average student. Mendenhall houses a game room, a bowling alley and a theatre, which plays movies and welcomes performers. Locally, art galleries, local coffee shops and stores present attendees with an intellectual experience that spark creativity and exercise the mind.

We as an editorial staff advocate that there is more to do at school than meets the eye. While East Caro-

lina does get the reputation for being a 'party school', downtown is more than just a street lined with bars and nightclubs.

What many fail to notice is the history and culture culminated within Greenville, not to mention the abundance of outdoors space and musical influence. SpazzFest, for example, has been a steady event for the past six years, drawing in various musical genres. The event is generally the kickstarter into warm weather which introduces summer baseball, the summer concert series and outdoor markets such as the umbrella market.

Whether it be the Greenway, multiple city festivals, university concerts or sporting events, ECU students can do well to find much more than just the bottom of their beer mug.

Killing the comfort zone



Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

The front of the Newseum in Washington D.C. reads "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 to peacefully assemble..." This is our first amendment, yet it is not always practiced on college campuses. According to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, college campuses limit free speech more than any other location in America. Many universities have adopted speech codes, which are university regulations or policies that prohibit expression that would be protected by the First Amendment in society as a whole.

Universities all across the country are prohibiting free speech, and although it may not be on purpose, ECU is no exception. With several issues involving racism and the protections of free speech on ECU's campus, including the controversial pirate rant at the beginning of the year, what is ECU doing about expanding students' freedom of expression?

Looking at the student body as a whole, it appears the university isn't doing anything to promote our freedoms. Many students feel as though it is not wise to disagree with the main opinion on campus. In 2010, a study by the Association of American Colleges and University found that only 30 percent of college seniors felt as if it was safe to hold unpopular opinions on their campus.

Primarily, students feel this way because often universities are so afraid of people being offended and strive to be "politically correct" all the time that it discourages us from forming opinions and thinking on our own. It seems like college students are the most easily offended demographic in America for several reasons. For one, students think they are entitled

to everything. When people disagree with each other, someone's feelings always get hurt. The speech codes on college campuses often lead students to believe they have an absolute right to be free from offense, embarrassment, or discomfort. The real world is often offensive, embarrassing and uncomfortable, so why should college campuses be an exception to that?

If college is preparing us for the real world, it should prepare us to speak our minds freely and have an opinion.

John Stuart Mill argued for the freedom of opinion greatly in the 1800s. One of the main points of his argument is that even true opinions should be always argued because hardly any opinions are entirely true; there's more than one side to the story. According to Mill's philosophy, it does not matter if your opinion is right or wrong, but it important that you know what you stand form. The only exception to Mill's idea of freedom of expression is the Harm Principle, in which freedom of speech should be limited only when harm is brought to others. Otherwise, people should be free to have whatever opinion they want.

If we as college students were more open to Mill's ideas, college campuses would be a more free and encompassing environment. It is crucial for every single person on this campus to talk to someone with a differing viewpoint than them. It's fine to be offended and uncomfortable. College may limit this idea, but students can rise above it. With speech codes and free speech zones, colleges prohibit freedoms that we are guaranteed in the Constitution. We should be the most vocal and outspoken group in the nation, so by letting universities control what we do and say, we are limiting our own free speech. We need to be active, outspoken citizens of our college campuses because our opinions need to be heard.

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Fake identification hurts bars



Michelle Pumphrey
TEC COLUMNIST

Last week, two Fitzgerald's employees were charged with selling aixed 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. This isn't the first time something like this has happened at this establishment. Fitzgerald's was once charged with having someone under 21 years of age in the establishment during a late night shift. It's sad to think that a place we have all had fun times at is under fire for something that could have been avoided.

Bartenders 18 years of age can only serve alcohol and bartenders 21 years of age or older can serve and mix alcohol, but they have the same responsibility, to check to make sure that their customers are old enough to consume alcohol. The legal drinking age in the United States is 21 years old. Serving someone that isn't of age could possibly have you as a bartender fired, but the business could potentially have its liquor license taken away which would eliminate alcohol being sold all together.

As well as making sure the customer is of age, bartenders also need to make sure the ID isn't fake. One way you can tell an ID is fake is if it doesn't have the typical foil or hologram, If you turn the ID in the light, any holograms, foils or background outlines should flash in and out of vision They shouldn't be consistently bright, if so the ID is fake. Another way to tell if an ID is fake is to scan the ID if possible. Fake IDs often have real magnetic stripes, but the equipment to encode these stripes is expensive. Therefore, most fake IDs will not scan. If it does, compare the data from the scanned ID to the information on the card. It may contain their name or their DMV number, which should match. If you don't have the technology to scan the ID, just study the customer because often times they don't actually memorize the information on the ID and can often appear to look nervous.

I did some research and I found a smartphone app that can determine if an ID is fake, it's called BarZapp. According to the Huffington Post, BarZapp, scans the barcode on a driver's license and instantly verifies encoded information, displaying the card owner's name, date of birth, ID expiration and ID number. The developer of the app says the software is supposed to verify the authenticity of government-issued driver licenses and military IDs. This app could help bartenders if they are new to bartending or if the business they work at doesn't scan IDs which would cut down the amount of underage drinking in bars/restaurants.

Hopefully Fitzgerald's can step up its game so this doesn't happen again. I know most of the students would be quite disappointed if they couldn't grab a drink at Fitzgerald's after a hard day of classes.

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Poll results

Should IDs have to be scanned at bars?

Yes - 30.4%
No - 69.6%

Poll question

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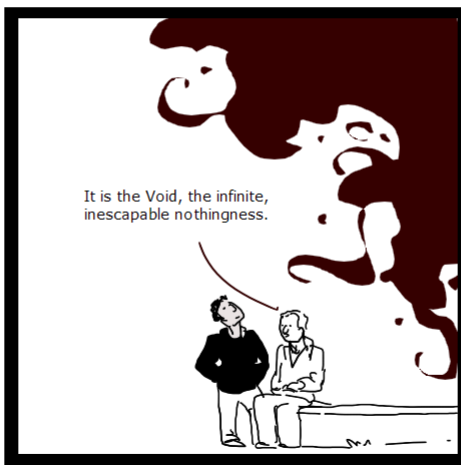
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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE 3/24/15

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- Mythical bird
- Spanish hero played by Heston
- Bush successor
- Oktoberfest gripe
- Protest sign word
- Purple Heart, e.g.
- *One harvesting honey
- Freezing cold
- Count in music
- Nothing, in Normandy
- Floor cleaner scent
- MIT part: Abbr.
- *One planning a job
- Words before grip or life
- Pub offering
- Mom-and-pop org.
- Havens
- Exorcism target
- *One calling strikes
- Cara or Castle
- Pursue
- Pop
- Westminster show org.
- Wraps up
- *One working at a low level
- Dench of "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"
- Biceps exercise
- Genesis brother
- Surround
- Bird that lays blue eggs
- Lone Ranger epithet, or what each answer to a starred clue often is
- Muscat resident
- Not as happy
- Yale Bowl rooster
- Class-ending sounds
- River to the Rhone
- Fish eggs

DOWN

- Synagogue official
- It has a floor but no ceiling
- Competition with knights
- Olympian's blade
- Novelist Harper
- "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- Strand during a blizzard, say
- Yankee shortstop Jeter
- Online "Wow!"
- "Hey, the light is green!"
- Wing it at the lectern
- Augusta's home
- Birch family tree
- Flier usually shorter than its tail
- Gun lobby gp.
- False idol
- "Grumpy" movie heroes
- Sunflower State capital
- Beta Kappa
- A.L. East team
- Cul-de-
- Biblical suffix
- 50-Across milieu
- Season in a Shakespeare title
- "Chopsticks" fork?

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By John R. O'Brien 3/24/15

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- New York governor Andrew

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- Lab containers
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- "Present!"
- Grafton's "___ for Noose"
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Pirates drop weekend set

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

The hot East Carolina baseball team seemed to simmer down as it dropped two of three games against Virginia Commonwealth this weekend.

The Pirates struggled to get hits in the series as they faced a strong VCU pitching staff.

"Their pitching is really good," Head Coach Cliff Godwin said. "The left hander that came in, he hadn't given up an earned run in like 20 innings and then their closer is one of the best in the country."

Sunday's game was the most heartbreaking, as ECU made an error in the top of the eighth to allow the VCU go ahead run. They then made mental mistakes in the next half inning on the base paths that diminished their chances, losing 3-2.

With a VCU runner on third and two outs, catcher Travis Watkins tried to pick off the runner at third and made a poor throw that allowed the winning run to score.

"It was a curveball in the dirt, I threw all I got at it," Watkins said. "There's not many things in this world I trust more than my arm, I saw he was off and it just got away."

In bottom of the eighth, Bryce Harman hit a leadoff double raising Pirate fans hopes. Luke Lowery then hit a grounder to shortstop, who threw Harman out at third as he tried to advance. Lowery was later picked off at first on a called hit and run.

Starter David Lucroy struggled and was pulled after pitching three and two-thirds innings, resulting in the Pirates having to use six pitchers on an already thin pitching staff.

The second installment of the series was much sloppier, as VCU totaled seven errors on the day to help the Pirates win, 9-3.

The game was much closer than the scores indicates, as both teams were knotted at three going into the



ECU Head Coach Cliff Godwin looks at the field from his third base coaching box. He is in his first year at the helm.

bottom of the eighth inning.

The Pirates only tallied two hits through the first seven innings but capitalized on the VCU mistakes to scores three runs.

ECU got into its rhythm in the eighth inning as it scored six runs on four hits, two walks, two hit by pitches and an error. Eric Tyler ripped a two-RBI double down the third baseline for the first runs of the inning.

The Pirates added some ugliness to the game as well, tallying two errors of their own, as well as getting thrown out at second twice in the same inning on dropped balls behind the plate. VCU also had more errors than the Pirates had hits.

Jackson Mims tallied both ECU hits and RBIs in the first seven frames before the team picked up the slack in the eighth.

Pirate pitching is what won the game as Joe Ingle and Kirk Morgan both entered the game in bases loaded jams and kept the

damage to a minimum.

Morgan earned his fourth victory of the season out of the bullpen as he pitched three innings and allowed one hit with one run while he recorded four punch-outs.

Friday's opening matchup was just as exciting as it came down to the wire, with the Pirates losing, 4-3 after a ninth inning VCU run.

Neither team lead by more than one run throughout the entirety of the game as both starting pitchers dueled.

ECU starter Evan Kruczynski pitched six and one-third innings, allowing three runs on eight hits with four strikeouts.

The VCU starter JoJo Howie posed problems for the Pirates because of his unorthodox delivery. He also lacked power as he threw a 78 mph fastball according to Godwin.

With the game tied at three in the top of the ninth inning, VCU's Cody Acker hit a leadoff triple off of reliever Jimmy Boyd.

Reid Love then came in to try and prevent the go ahead run. He forced a ground ball that was fielded cleanly by Charlie Yorgen, who made an inaccurate throw that allowed the runner to barely beat the tag at home.

"That guy was fast wasn't he?" Tyler said. "I look up and he was halfway down the line, so just a great job on his part and a great play for him to beat the throw."

Tyler was the standout for the Pirates as he batted in all three ECU runs and was the only Pirate to collect more than one hit.

"It was a competitive series all three games," Watkins said. "It definitely leaves a bad taste in our mouth. It's a good learning lesson going into conference for us."

The Pirates will look to get back on track this week when they face off against UNC Wilmington today and High Point tomorrow.

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Utility player blooms

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's high-powered line-up features a fearsome heart of the order, led by first baseman Bryce Harman and the seemingly always on-base slugger Luke Lowery. Sometimes lost in the mix is the Pirates outstanding five hitter, sophomore Eric Tyler.

While Lowery has grabbed himself a few accolades early this season, including one NCAA Player of the Week award, against a tough VCU Rams squad, it was Tyler who provided most of the Pirates' much needed offense.

The sophomore can do it all. He boasts a .342 batting average along with a .416 on-base percentage, and has started in all but two of the Pirates' 24 games. Patience at the plate is one of his strongest abilities, striking out just seven times thus far in the season. He complements his fine-tuned offensive game by playing multiple positions in the field, as he is able to catch, man first base and play the outfield.

"I've been staying simple [at the plate]," Tyler said. "I haven't really been driving the ball"

Against the solid pitching of VCU, Tyler led ECU with five RBIs in the weekend series. A clutch single with Lowery and Harman on-base Friday night tied the game at three, but the humble utility player refused to take credit for keeping ECU in the tight game.

"I just got a little lucky," said Tyler, who drove in all three runs

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ECU falls to State in WNIT

Lady Pirates struggle in second half as Wolfpack moves on

Rev Blanquicet
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina women's basketball team suffered a devastating 69-65 loss at the hands of N.C. State on Sunday, after giving up a 10-point lead in the second half, in the second round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

The Lady Pirates (22-11, 11-7 American Athletic Conference) were unable to hold off the Wolfpack (18-14, 7-9 ACC) at home at Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum, in front of a crowd of 2,160 fans.

What started off as a very slow-paced game quickly turned into a back-and-forth nail biter that came down to the very end.

With only four seconds left on the game clock, down by two and the ball on their side of the court, the Lady Pirates had the ball stolen on the inbound pass.

This in turn led to a quick Pirate foul, allowing N.C. State to knock down both free throws, sealing the victory for the Wolfpack.

"It was a miscue defensively,"

said Head Coach Heather Macy. "I thought we had two good options at the end, and it just didn't go our way."

After the first half of play, ECU led the Wolfpack, 35-27.

Coming out of the break N.C. State managed to tie the game up at 40 within the first five minutes of play. The game was neck-and-neck from then on out.

From start to finish there were some touchy calls by the officials, which led to two of the Lady Pirates (Tatianna Chapple and Jasmine Phillips) fouling out. Phillips finished with 14 points and five boards.

Redshirt junior, Jada Payne led the way for ECU offensively racking up 19 points and six rebounds, while junior I'Tiana Taylor finished with nine points and 10 rebounds.

"It's an extremely motivating game," said Payne. "I hope that our redshirts that watched this game, take something away from this. Next year we won't take anything for granted. I'm proud of my team through the loss and I'm looking forward to next year."

Overall ECU shot 22-of-62 (35 percent) from the field, 11-of-20 (55 percent) from the three-point line and 10-of-15 (67 percent) from the foul line.

N.C. State's Miah Spencer led all scorers with 26 points, three rebounds and four assists. Her teammate Jennifer Mathurin added a double-double with a game-high 14 rebounds and 10 points.

N.C. State will move on and face Temple in the third round of the WNIT later this week.

"This was a really tough loss," said Macy. "For our six seniors, who have done so much for our basketball program and contributed so much, it's just a really tough way to finish up... We'll use this as a building block."

Entering next season, ECU will add four players coming off of a mandatory sit-year after transferring. Macy has also added one high school player in her recruiting class and two players transferring from community college.

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Redshirt junior Jada Payne (23) takes a step back jumper against N.C. State.

TAKEAWAYS

BASEBALL

ECU (16-8) lost a three-game home series to VCU last weekend, two games to one.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates (22-11, 11-7 AAC) fell to N.C. State, 69-65 in the second round of the WNIT on Sunday, ending their season.

SOFTBALL

The Pirates (8-23, 0-3 AAC) were swept in a weekend series against No. 20 UCF.

SWIMMING/DIVING

ECU's Megan Sellers was invited to compete in the NCAA tournament, representing the Pirates.

TRACK & FIELD

ECU was able to win three events over the weekend in the 49er Classic. Freshman Xavier Brown won two events in the process.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes (26-35-10) dropped a home bout this Saturday against the New York Rangers, 3-2 in the shootout.

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Softball swept by UCF

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During the American Athletic Conference season opener, the ECU softball team (8-23, 0-3 AAC) was swept by No. 20 Central Florida (29-5, 3-0 AAC) in a three game series this weekend.

ECU was unable to produce a hit in its last contest that gave the Knights its second no-hitter of the season. With the loss, the Pirates have now lost the 12 of their last 13 contests.

The Pirates fell 3-0 during Sunday's game where UCF pitcher Shelby Turnier was one walk shy from having a perfect game. She struck out 14 Pirates in the win. Turnier's no-hitter was the team's second of the season. The UCF pitching staff is ranked No. 1 in the nation with an impressive 0.94 ERA.

The Knights scored in the second inning when UCF shortstop Brittney Solis reached first base on a fielding error by shortstop Casey Alcorn, which scored a run for the Knights. The Pirates accumulated five errors during the game.

"It's tough on a pitcher when errors are made behind, but losing is a team effort," said Interim Head Coach Steve Jaecks. "It's pitching, hitting, and defense, and were all in it together."

Sarah Christian keep the Knights scoreless until the top of the fifth inning when the Knights scored two more runs. The Knights had one RBI on a single to right field. They followed that with an RBI single up the middle that brought up their lead to 3-0.

Christian finished the game with a 2.91 ERA on the season as she pitched seven innings, gave up seven hits and struck out none.

"Right now were in a position where unless we play the ball that we need to play in order to compete, it's tough for us to come back," said Jaecks.

In the night-cap of Saturday's



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Ashley Cruise winds up for a pitch earlier this season against Virginia Tech.

double header, the Knights took advantage of freshman starting pitcher Ashely Cruise and scored three runs in the first inning.

With a player on first, designated hitter Jessica Ujvari hit a RBI double to left field, 1-0. With two people on with two outs, Samantha McCloskey reached first base because of a fielding error by the shortstop Alcorn, and allowed two runs to score, bringing the UCF lead up to 3-0.

In the sixth, the Pirates gave up four runs off of two hits with three errors. The Knights were able to score one unearned run off of a throwing error by third basemen Karlie Smith.

An RBI single to left field then brought in another run for the Knights. With the score at 5-0, UCF reached base by a fielding error by Alcorn brought in another run making the score 6-0.

With Caroline Umphlett on the mound to relieve Cruise, the Knights scored another run with a sacrifice fly to center field that brought the Knights lead to 7-0. In the top of the seventh, the Knights scored another

run, which secured the 8-0 victory.

Cruise finished the game pitching five and one-third innings, seven runs off of seven hits, one earned and struck out two.

During the first game of the doubleheader, the Pirates dropped a 2-0 contest to the Knights, and only produced one hit during all seven innings.

UCF started off the game by scoring two runs in the top of the first inning off of Christian. UCF Right fielder Ashely Rotton hit a double down the left field line that brought in one run. Another run scored during the same play because of a fielding error by Alcorn.

Turnier, the starting pitcher for the Knights, threw a no hitter until Karlie Smith hit a single up the middle in the bottom of the fifth inning to break the pitcher's streak. The junior right-handed pitcher finished the game allowing only one hit, two walks and 13 strikeouts. Turnier earned a 0.99 ERA for the game as she shut down the Pirates.

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ECU swim/dive closes season

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The East Carolina women's swimming and diving team was named College Swimming Coaches Association of America Fall 2014 Scholar-All American Team for maintaining a GPA of 3.34. The award, supported by Nike Swim, goes to a team who achieves a GPA of 3.0 or higher in the fall semester.

Junior Megan Sellers was selected to compete at the NCAA Division 1 Women's Swimming and Diving Championship this past weekend in Greensboro, N.C., Sellers clenched the bronze medal in the 100 yard-backstroke at the 2015 American Athletic Conference Championships. Sellers had an ECU record time of 1:00.41, making her the third ECU swimmer to be invited to the NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.

Senior Lauren Chew set a new ECU record of 16:47.60 in the 1650 free, at the 2015 AAC Championships. Sophomore Tori Angermeier and Chew earned all-conference honors in three events at the American Athletic Championships.

Sellers and freshman Julie Lajoie earned all-league accolades. Junior Bailie Monahan and Sellers had NCAA qualifying times in two events, with Angermeier and freshman Vandella Norman qualifying in one each.

Monahan was named American Female Swimmer of the Week in January after winning two individual events and one relay in the Pirates' dual-meet against Old Dominion. With her record time of 2:00.61 in the 200 butterfly, she set a Minges Natatorium record. She also was named AAC Female Swimmer and Diver of the week in November. Sophomore Ashley Sams was

named the Female Diver of the Week in January after clinching first and second in the diving events against Old Dominion.

Norman set a varsity record time as well as the ECU freshman record time in the women's 200-yard breaststroke preliminaries with a time of 2:13.87 at the Nike Cup in November.

Chew set the varsity record time in the women's 1000 and 1650-yard freestyle also at the Nike Cup.

Freshman Alicia Roueche was named the Female Diver of the Week in November after finishing in an NCAA Zone Diving qualifying score in a dual meet against South Carolina and Charleston. In October, Sams earned Female Diver of the Week after qualifying for the NCAA Zone Diving Championships with two first place wins in the one and three meter events.

Monahan set meet records at the All-North Carolina Invitational in October. She took first in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:01.40, and the 200 IM with a time of 2:06.41. ECU took home six silver medals during the competition.

At the Annual Purple-Gold meet in September many new meet records were made.

Monahan had a time of 2:02.52 in the 200 setting a new meet record. Norman also set a new record in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:21.08. Senior Danielle Morrin had a time of 2:07.89 in the 200-yard IM setting a new mark.

Seniors Chew, Lauren Gray, Charlise Lincoln, Morrin and Megan Rossi ended their ECU careers and are able to leave the program with a number of great accolades to their names.

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Harris, a senior offensive lineman and Stanley's roommate, had sustained minor injuries that were quickly treated before he was ultimately released. But Stanley, who did not wear a seatbelt, was not so lucky.

Listed in critical condition, Stanley would spend the next week in intensive care with a laundry list of serious injuries — including several broken ribs, a dislocated shoulder and a collapsed lung, which required a tracheotomy.

He would eventually be released from the hospital, but getting back into football shape was an entirely different challenge.

Unable to lift or work out with his teammates, Stanley told The East Carolinian that his weight withered down to 215 pounds at one point. To put that in perspective, ECU's kicker from last year, Warren Harvey, weighed in at 225 pounds.

Anxious to get back on the field, Stanley made a few appearances as a bystander at spring practice last year. However, McNeill, who has

always identified himself as the "father" of the ECU football program instead of its head coach, was still concerned about the health of one of his "sons" and intervened by holding Stanley out for the entire season.

"Coach Ruff, he connects with all of his football players. It's not just about us on the football field, but it's about life after football and how he's trying to mold us into better men," said Stanley of McNeill's decision to sit him down.

"The kids know I love them, and I say it and I mean it," McNeill added. "God doesn't make mistakes. God had a plan for Terrell."

Stanley began running and lifting again in late December — under the guidance of strength and conditioning coach Jeff Connors — and in just three short months, Stanley has gained over 50 pounds and said he currently weighs 272 pounds. Connors' goal for Stanley is to have his body weight up to about 290 pounds by August.

Prior to the accident, Stanley amassed 10 tackles-for-loss and seven sacks in the

2013 season, which were both second on the team to former ECU outside linebacker Derrell Johnson. Stanley muscled 1.5 sacks against Ohio in his last appearance to help earn ECU's first bowl victory since 2007 in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl.

Stanley, who was not granted a medical redshirt for last season because the injury was non-football related, has just one year of eligibility remaining and was fully cleared to participate in all team activities in January. And although he has missed a full year of football, McNeill's expectations for Stanley remain high.

"It was joyous to see him smiling and working the edge of pass rush," McNeill said. "He'll be one of the best players in the league. I think he should be up for all-conference and All-American honors."

Stanley told The East Carolinian he has tried not to look at the images from the accident, but said, "It's still in the back of my mind every day. No matter how hard you want it to go away, it's still going to be there. But you just have to put that in the past and live your life."

But does he think he is lucky?

"Blessed. Not lucky."

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"The guy who competes and moves the ball best is going to start, that's all I've got to say (about the competition)," said Benkert.

Filling the void at running back is another major problem Nichol faces in his first year on the job. After graduating Breon Allen, the team has a wealth of options at tailback. Some of the faces include senior Chris Hariston, sophomore Anthony Scott and redshirt sophomore Marquez Grayson.

"We've got a lot of talented guys. I'd just like to see a guy separate himself," Nichol said. "We've got some good players, but I need to see one or two of them really step up."

While the faces running the Pirates' offense won't be as experienced as in years past, the offensive philosophy ran by former offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley won't change much under Nichol's regime. The Pirates pass heavy "Air Raid" offense will be familiar to both fans and players alike.

"We came up under the same people. I think that's where it starts," said Nichol. "The way you approach the off-season, the way you coach, all that stuff is very



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Sophomore Jordan Williams pushes through a practice dummy.

similar. Our players can already see that there won't be any wholesale changes, and I'm sure that's very comforting to them."

Veteran wide receiver Isaiah Jones says he's excited to work under Nichol, believing that the coach and his team have more than just the goal of winning in common.

"I think he's a coach with a chip on his shoulder, and we're a team with a chip on its shoulder," said Jones. "He's a great guy. He's got a lot of energy and always harps on effort. It's a good match for me because I'm a guy who gives great effort."

The junior Jones has taken it upon himself to become one of the team's

new leaders given the turnover of the roster. While he himself is notoriously a hard-worker, he says he's not alone in taking on the challenge of leading a successful football program.

"We've got a lot of new faces stepping up," said Jones. "Benkert's doing a great job, Kemp is doing an excellent job of working really hard. It's tough to replace a guy like Breon, but people like Anthony Scott, Cory Hunter and Marquez Grayson are doing a phenomenal job. We've got most of our offensive line back, there's a lot of great leaders there."

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in that game. "I came up with guys in front of me. It was a big help, and I'm just glad I could help my team. That single means nothing without Harman and Lowery in front of me."

Last season, when the Pirates lost star catcher Travis Watkins, Tyler filled the role admirably. He started in 26 games for the Pirates, although he struggled to find his stride offensively. The recreation and park management major hit just .183 on the season, but his performance behind the plate earned

him the respect of his coaches and led to a position battle behind the plate.

Over the summer, along with teammates Kirk Morgan and Cam Snow, Tyler helped guide the Lake Norman Copperheads of the Southern Collegiate Baseball League to their second consecutive championship. Tyler was named a mid-season all-star, hitting .268 and walking 16 times.

The 5-foot-8-inch sophomore is the ultimate team player, quick to deflect personal praise onto the team-

mates around him. He's an easy going guy, although fiercely competitive, quick to smile and thankful for the position he's found himself in.

"It's a pretty nice deal, having what I think are two of the best hitters in the country in front of me," said Tyler. "They get on base and I get good pitches to hit, especially having [Watkins] right behind me."

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