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Brody meets 100 percent on Match Day

Kelsey Padgett
 TEC STAFF

At the Brody School of Medicine Match Day last Friday, Paul Cunningham, medical school dean, announced that all 80 graduating medical students had been matched to residency programs.

Match Day is a day of celebration for medical students across the country when they find out where they will continue their training as resident physicians.

"The match rate across the nation is around 95 percent," said Susan Schmidt, assistant dean for student affairs at BSOM. "Therefore, a 100 percent match rate for the Brody School of Medicine is outstanding."

Of the 80 graduates, 15 have matched with programs at Vidant Medical Center and will remain in Greenville for their residencies.

"Historically, close to 75 percent of those students who remain at Vidant for residency stay in eastern North Carolina to practice medicine at the conclusion of their studies," said Schmidt.

Brody graduates represent resident programs in 24 states, ranging from California to Maine, including Washington, D.C.

North Carolina will remain home to 31 medical students, who have been matched to resident programs in-state.

Ben Robey, who grew up in Greenville watching his parents work in the medical field, matched with his No. 1 pick University of North Carolina Hospitals for internal medicine.

Robey said he believes the individual attention he and his classmates received from faculty at ECU and Vidant contributed to their success.

"It's really amazing to have a 100 percent match rate," said Robey. "Every year there are a few people that may be left out of the final match. Not this year."

Of the 80 graduates, 41 will enter residencies in a primary care field. Increasing the number of primary care doctors has been a continued goal of BSOM.

Programs for the new residents begin on July 1.

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Cars parked on West End ticketed as a result of not having the proper parking pass. Guest parking is said to be in the planning process.

ECU discusses campus parking concerns

Seth Gullledge
 FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Since July 2014, over 18,500 parking citations have been issued by the department of parking and transportation. The tickets were written in a variety of university parking lots across Greenville. Out of all of the lots, the highest percentage of tickets came from the area directly south of the Mendenhall Student Center and Joyner Library.

The amount of tickets is representational of an increasingly apparent trend, as East Carolina University continues to grow its campus and student body, the demand for parking and organization continues to grow as well.

Deb Garfi, the Director of Parking and Transportation, said that the tickets are a way of enforcing organized parking, and not a large source of revenue for the department, and that they only keep 20 percent of the funds from the citations. Garfi said

that she sees the tickets as more of a learning experience, and understands that some people are merely unaware.

"If a student gets a ticket, and appeals it saying that they didn't know they couldn't park there, we'll waive the ticket if they buy a permit," said Garfi. "It's just a tool."

Garfi said that parking permits are the focus, as they not only provide a majority of the department's funding, but are also an integral part of the organizational process. She added that people who violate the parking regulations not only hurt ECU, but other students as well.

"It's our major funding source, so all these people who park on campus without a permit put all the burden on the permit holders, which is unfair," said Garfi. "Everything we do runs off our permits, our salaries, our improvements, upkeep and our some of the funding for our new parking garage."

Garfi said that they are planning

to construct a new parking garage in the same area south of Mendenhall that the high percent of tickets comes from. The new parking garage will replace an existing 550 parking spaces with 700 new spots. Garfi said that the additional 150 spaces will be focused on providing guest parking, considering they [DoT] administered over 13,000 guest passes this year alone.

"Guest parking is not something that we do as well as we could right now, due to the lack of spaces," said Garfi.

Garfi also said that the new parking garage will offer a new storage location for bikes, including a tire refill station and tools for maintenance. This is part of their policy of trying to encourage students to stop relying on cars, and look into other options.

"This is a beautiful campus for riding bikes, it is mostly flat and the weather is

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Greenville welcomes 23rd Pow Wow

Local organization set to celebrate Native American culture and traditions

Khadijah Smith
 FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina Native American Organization is set to hold its 23rd Annual Pow Wow, an event used to promote Native American culture and preserve the rich heritage of American Indians.

Keeping up with tradition, ECNAO organizes the pow wow held every spring semester to be a showcase of Native American cultures, food, traditions and dances.

The event will take place at 11 a.m. in Minges Coliseum on Saturday and is opened to the public, free of charge.

ECNAO is made up of students who come from diverse backgrounds and is open to all students. As an organization, it strives to promote Native American culture. The pow wow serves as an educational piece to the university and the entire community while also providing people with the opportunity to socialize.

"It's been going on for 23 years, we want to continue to do this to educate others," said Aleshia Hunt, co-advisor of ECNAO and an ECU alumna. "Historically, a pow wow is a celebration. You get together, you have music and you have dancing."

ECNAO's pow wow's feature dancers wearing authentic Regalia, vibrant unique clothing, as they do traditional dances to the beat of the drums from a northern and southern host chosen for the event. It has been confirmed that the Blue Moon Sing-



ECU MEDIA RELATIONS

Pow wow participants embrace Native American musical traditions at last year's cultural event.

ers and Red Oak Singers, are set to play the drums at this year's event.

Different tribes from Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee and North Carolina commute to attend the event and vendors sell jewelry, crafts and food.

"[The Pow wow] has grown, and we are continuously getting more and more support from the University," said Hunt. "From when I was a student, [attendance has] grown from a hundred people to several thousand people."

The event is always held in the spring, the time when ECU does a lot of its recruitment, and helps the university connect with the Native American community. ECU currently has over 400 Native American students.

"Many of our alumni come back and they now bring their families," said Hunt. "It has become a generational event."

Minges is the new venue for the pow wow this year.

"Last years pow wow was supposed to

>> PLAN TO GO

WHAT: 23rd Annual Pow Wow

WHEN: Saturday, March 28

WHERE: Minges Coliseum

be outside at the bottom of college hill and it was 50 degrees and pouring rain," said Hunt. "We got moved to mendenhall and it was overpacked."

Minges was chosen as the event's new location to combat the possibility of bad weather and to also fit the events many attendants.

"Students should not be afraid to experience the pow wow," said Randy Gilliland, the other co-advisor for ECNAO.

"I feel a lot of students feel that they're going to be offensive in some way and that's far from the truth," said Gilliland.

Gilliland also said the pow wow is a good event for anyone to attend. "It really just barely scratches the surface but you do really get a feel for the culture," he said.

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BRIEFS

ISIS Releases Kill List

ISIS globally released a 'kill list' on the internet. The list contains the photos, names and home addresses of U.S. military personnel across the country, including the cities of New Bern and Fayetteville. The list encourages ISIS sympathizers to attack and kill the personnel listed.

The list is largely targeted towards Air Force and Navy personnel, due to the branches' involvement in air strikes targeting ISIS. The Pentagon says that the list appears to be have been compiled using publically sources, such as Facebook, and Google. The Pentagon has urged those listed to be extra cautionary and cities plan to urge police to tighten security and patrols in areas where the targeted families live.

Proposed Sales Tax Change could help Greenville

Senator Harry Brown has proposed a bill that would change how sales tax revenue is distributed in North Carolina.

Senator Brown backs up his bill with evidence procured by a study. The study shows that smaller cities and counties, such as Greenville and Pitt county, would benefit greatly from the change in the distribution model, which is mostly per-capita based.

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UNA reveals new plans

Savannah Carter
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The University Neighborhood Association (UNA) met at Winslow's on Wednesday evening to update the members on current events going on in the community. "Our main mission and goal is safety," said Jim Blount a member of UNA.

James Robbins, a member of UNA, showed data reports and maps of crimes within the grid, a neighborhood just north of campus. According to his data reports, burglaries were the biggest crime in the area. "It's fear inducing," said Robbins. "But it's something that we can do something about."

The data showed that most burglaries, from Breaking and Entering, occurred around 3 p.m. The UNA then pinpointed the criminals to be kids.

"More than likely it will be right when the kids get off the bus," said Greenville Police Department Officer, Niki Cates.

Robbins suggested putting cameras at North Holly Street and Avery Street to reduce criminal activity.

"We need to educate tenants to lock their doors and windows," said Robbins.

The UNA stated that criminals tend to target homes with un-manicured lawns and untrimmed shrubs because it gives off the effect that no one cares about the home. The UNA hopes to fix this issue by installing cameras and cleaning up the streets of the



James Robbins, a member of UNA, displayed the data reports regarding crime at the meeting.

neighborhood with Project Curb Appeal. Project Curb Appeal is when the UNA and volunteers from SGA and Greek Life will take streets and houses and work on improving its image.

On April 11, the Kappa Alpha Order will be helping out with some of the labor and on April 12, the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity will aid as well.

UNA member Daniel Overby brought up the idea of doing a curb appeal on Meade Street and Willow Street to make it a better environment.

"It will provide a nice place for ECU," said Overby.

Sara Knipp, a resident of the grid, hopes to clean up parts of grid that are

covered in trash and debris. Knipp said it's a great thing for the community and she has taken on the project to clean it up and make it into an orchard with the already orchard trees growing in the lot.

The orchard, which already has 17 trees that were uncovered, is by Jarvis Street and Avery Street and sits right by the Greenway.

"It will be a great place for the community to hangout and take food," said Knipp.

UNA also hopes to put a disc golf course in a small part of Jaycee Park. A public opinion hearing will take place tomorrow at 6 p.m. to discuss the disc golf course.

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Educator talks demographics

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James Johnson is set to visit East Carolina University tomorrow to discuss Changing Demographics in Higher Education.

Johnson is here to help students succeed by significantly impacting how our university can adapt and grow in higher education.

"Our student population becomes more diverse each year and diversity is no longer limited to just race and gender," said Hardy. "This event will help everyone, especially our students; understand the breadth of change that is impacting college campuses across the country and especially here in the Pirate Nation."

Each fall, East Carolina University accepts more than 5,500 new first-year and transfer students. Our student body comes from diverse cultures, backgrounds and life experiences.

"The one constant in higher education is change," said Hardy. "Dr. Johnson will share how the demographics are changing and then we will talk about how these changes may impact ECU. We want to be proactive in understanding the impact of changes."

ECU currently has 23.5 African American, Hispanic, American Indian or Alaska Native undergraduate students,

8.5 other students and 68.2 white undergraduate students.

There are 15.5 African American, Hispanic, American Indian or Alaska Native graduate students, 9.7 other students and 74.7 white graduate students.

"We know students are coming to our campus from different walks of life," said Hardy. "Some are the first in their family to go to college, while others face financial, social and cultural obstacles. We want to have a welcoming campus for everyone wanting a college degree and understanding the changing demographics will help guide us."

ECU's Medical school has 16.3 African American, Hispanic, American Indian or Alaska Native students, 20.8 other, and 62.9 white students.

The Dental school has 17.5 African American, Hispanic, American Indian or Alaska Native students, 10.2 other, and 72.3 white students.

"The opportunity to be in a place with a variety of people from all types of backgrounds and cultures is simply incredible," said Samantha Embree, NSHM Chapter President. "ECU has been taking steps to entice a diverse demographic to our campus, though I believe there is room for improvement and adequate inclusion."

ECU Student Affairs wants to make sure that our university has the appropriate services, programs, and resources to address the changing needs of our students.

"Dr. James Johnson is a nationally known and respected education leader in this field," said Hardy. "This will be my first opportunity to meet Dr. Johnson but Provost Ron Mitchelson and I believe the information he will share will provide us with a framework to enhance student success, impact regional transformation and strengthen service to our communities."

In January, The Divisions of Academic and Student Affairs partnered to host the second annual Student Success Conference.

"Diversity of Today's Students" was the theme of the conference and started the conversation about understanding our students and what they bring to our campus.

"Dr. Johnson's visit can help push the conversation forward and will hopefully generate additional dialogue about creating positive change at ECU," said Hardy.

The event will be held in 1220 Jenkins Fine Arts Center tomorrow from 2 until 4 p.m.

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Students plan day for the community

Altavia Lowery
TEC STAFF

The Center for Leadership and Engagement has made its first ever East Carolina University Greenville Community Day this Saturday.

This event is hosted by the ECU Parent's Council Scholars and will bring together the campus community of East Carolina as well as the broader community of Greenville.

"Each year the Parent's Council Scholars are tasked with doing a service project within the community and this year, our project was doing Community Day for students in the community," says Adam Caldwell, senior political science and history major. "There will be area vendor, campus organizations, a DJ, food, an art wall, games, and much more."

Community has multiple purposes but one of the main ones is to bring ECU and the Greenville community together.

"We are trying to bridge the gap to make us more united," says Robin Akins, junior public health major. "We want to be able to work together and love all of our neighbors and not just our literal ones. We want to create that atmosphere so that it's trusting and we can rely on each other and go to each other for help"

For Community Day, attendees are encouraged to bring

school supplies, canned food, or make a Greenville Community Shelter donation.

"We want to give back to one another and show our appreciation and dedication," said Akins. "There is no us versus them, we're all here to help each other. We want to give back to the community that has given to us."

If students bring three items, such as a pack of paper, a pack of pencils and a can of food, they will receive a free T-shirt [while supplies last].

Ini Ndoh, sophomore biology major, is an ECU student who will be in attendance for Community Day.

"I love free food and you can never go wrong with free T-shirts," says Ndoh. "But it's also a neat way to give back to others, while also having a good time and meeting people from the community. This is definitely a great way to change how students think about the community."

All donations will benefit the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina Greenville Branch, the Greenville Community Shelter and the Little Willie Center.

Community Day will be held at the corner of Tenth and Evans, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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Participants from last year's JDRF event celebrate in cheers after completing the three-mile walk for Type 1 diabetes.

JDRF walks for a cure

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This Saturday, the Greenville Convention center will host the 11th annual Juvenile Diabetic Research Foundation Walk to Cure Diabetes starting at 10 a.m.

The three mile walk will take place in the neighborhood behind the convention center. There will be several activities including face painting and a live band following the walk.

The business 2200 class choose to organize a JDRF walk because a student had a sibling that was diagnosed with diabetes.

"Part of our business 2200 class was help organize a service project, so we decided to pick and put together the JDRF walk," said Aaron Covell, junior business marketing and supply chain management major.

So far the walk has raised a total of \$20,000 exceeding their projected goal of \$100. The walk raises money

and awareness for Type I diabetes research and to show support for the millions of people diagnosed and affected with this disease.

One of the biggest goals that JDRF is working towards in their research is patients being able to not rely on a constant supply of insulin.

"The walk brings people together for a common trait and supports each other. It lets you know you are not alone," said Morgan Hazelwood of JDRF.

The walk is centered around Type 1 Diabetes. This is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreases are not able to produce insulin. This disease affects children and adults.

Hazelwood said Type 1 diabetes has no cure and for many people, T1D is a daily struggle due to the constant pricking and shots. This disease is not related to diet, so it comes suddenly.

"Some of the money raised just from the walk contributed

to the research that was able to help people with T1D go without treatment and insulin for 18-24 months," said Hazelwood.

In the past, JDRF Walk has raised more than one billion dollars. Each dollar earned comes from donors and goes straight to research according to Hazelwood.

"My brother is diabetic and I walked with my family to raise money for a cure and my group raised \$10,000," said Lacynn Heflin, sophomore rehabilitation major, who walked a JDRF walk in Atlanta.

Multiple places around Greenville have donated various things towards the walk like food and supplies. JDRF holds more than 200 walks per year around the country.

"[The atmosphere] was so much fun and hyped up, I was like a big party," said Heflin.

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usually temperament," said Garfi.

As the university continues to grow, the importance of alternate transportation, such as bikes, car share, buses and walking will become increasingly important, as the more students who require parking, the more expensive parking will become. Students will have to face the reality of parking further away,

which Garfi said is not necessarily a bad thing.

"I came from Chicago, and people are used to paying for parking and walking a few blocks," said Garfi. "It's a new cultural thing that is hitting campus, and people are just not used to it yet, its not a complaint, just a change in culture."

Garfi said that she is fully committed to

helping ECU embrace this new change, and believes that it can bring a new life to the campus. She said that she encourages students who have concerns, and question to reach out and contact them.

"We're here to meet the parking needs of the community, for the most reasonable cost as possible, I feel as a parking professional,

part of my job is to get people out of cars," said Garfi. "I don't want to get to the point where we have to charge \$700 to park just because of how many parking decks we have to build, its about both the economical, and the environmental."

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10:05 p.m.

Local youth explore art

ECU to host festival with hands-on activities

Nichole Currie
TEC STAFF

The School of Art and Design of East Carolina University will hold the 11th annual Community Youth Arts Festival. This event will be held predominately on the mall area of campus.

The Youth Arts Festival is an all day event of hands-on art activities. Local schools are invited to ECU's campus to learn about different art mediums and are given the opportunity to participate in creating art pieces of the various styles.

"It's totally a service event. It's us giving back to the community," said Dindy Reich, coordinator of the Youth Arts Festival. "It's not about selling things and it's not about giving stuff away. It's about the children actually making things and experiencing all different types of art media."

According to Reich, each child will get to create many pieces of artwork with the help of an artist. These art mediums include wheel thrown ceramics, traditional watercolor painting, weaving, blacksmithing, paper-



A child participates in one of many hands-on art activities that will be available at this year's Youth Art Festival.

making, printmaking, sculpture, portraiture and a myriad of other visual art media.

Students from local schools are given an opportunity to get involved with the festival before it even begins. According to Hannah Gregory, junior interior

merchandising major, the kids are involved in the festivals advertising process.

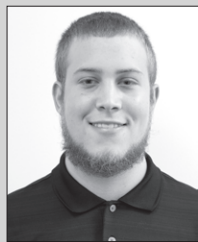
"We actually reach out to all of the local schools," said Gregory. "One of our big advertising things is bringing posters over to all of the schools and [the kids] take

them home and make a poster. The arts teachers then send them into us and we pick some of the best ones and use those as our advertising as a way to reach out to the kids."

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ALBUM REVIEW

Kendrick shines on new LP



Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

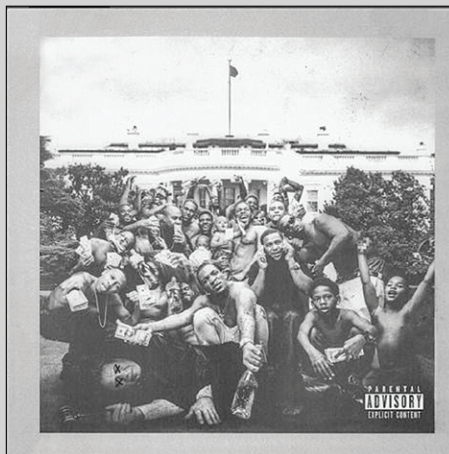
about the recent murders of African-Americans by police. "What happened to [Michael Brown] should've never happened. Never," said Lamar. "But when we don't have respect for ourselves, how do we expect them to respect us?"

The 27-year-old's comments set off an Internet firestorm of responses from Twitter users and contemporaries like experimental rapper Kid Cudi, who, in a thinly veiled subtweet, advised Lamar not to talk down to the black community.

Lamar's third studio album, "To Pimp a Butterfly" (TPAB), continues his examination of race relations as a black man in America while simultaneously penning a narrative poem about the temptations of newfound stardom to the spirit of the late Tupac Shakur—all over jazz and funk influenced instrumentation that pays homage to artists like Miles Davis and James Brown.

While the wordsmith's heralded 2012 record "Good Kid, M.A.A.D City" featured

"I wish somebody would look in our neighborhood knowing that it's already a situation, mentally, where it's f---ed up," said Compton-based hip-hop artist Kendrick Lamar to Billboard in January when questioned



THE ROLLING STONE

Lamar's album art for "To Pimp A Butterfly."

a concept story about his adolescence and introduction to Christianity, TPAB is a nose-dive into his current mindset on everything from survivor's guilt-ridden depression to the calamity that is U.S. politics.

"I'm the biggest hypocrite of 2015," he claims on the aggressive, tribal "The Blacker The Berry." His polarity is also apparent on the self-loathing "u," where he curses himself for not being a better influence to his younger sister and not visiting a friend on his deathbed. The flipside of the coin, the Grammy-winning "i" preaches positivity and self-love over an Isley Brothers' sample.

Lamar's lyrical prowess and flow are nearly unmatched on the soulful "Momma"; "Thank God for rap/ I would say it got me a plaque/ But what's better than that?/ The

fact it brought me back home." His storytelling talents shine on "How Much A Dollar Cost," where he refuses to give money to a homeless man, only to repent for his lack of compassion when the man reveals himself to be God.

Listening to this record is something akin to sitting down to watch a film from "The Lord of the Rings" or "The Godfather" trilogies—there are complexities here that are only understood with repeated attention. TPAB is meticulously layered with production from Flying Lotus, Thundercat and Sounwave as well as guest appearances by Pharrell Williams, Snoop Dogg and Snow Hill, N.C., native Rapsody.

Those anticipating an abundance of catchy singles like "Swimming Pools (Drank)" and "B---, Don't Kill My Vibe" from Lamar's previous offering might be disappointed with the direction he took this time around, but those willing to dig deeper into the 79-minute "Butterfly" will find that Kendrick has fused together one of the most ambitious musical projects of the 21st century.

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5 out of 5 stars

Hendrix to host Next Top Model

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Tonight in Hendrix theater at 6:30 p.m., America's Next Top Model winner, Whitney Thompson will be speaking on what it is like to be a plus size model.

Whitney Thompson was the winner of Cycle 10 on America's Next Top Model and is the show's first plus size model to win the competition. She was the only model to be considered plus size wearing a size 10. In the modeling world, Thompson is too big to be a regular model and too small to really be considered a plus size model, which starts at a size 12.

Because of her odd size that places her between the two size groups, she received criticism from numerous angles.

"It hurts. I'll get called a fat cow or that I am huge. People are harsh," said Thompson to MailOnline. "The show is in over one hundred countries so I get hate mail from lots of people."

Thompson is dedicated to showing young girls that they should love the body they are in. She is an ambassador for the National Eating Disorders Association and she visits universities around the country to deliver her speech, "A Size Zero in a Plus size World."

"She is inspirational because a lot of people who feel as though they are overweight have low self-esteem and for her to have enough confidence to do America's Next Top Model shows other women that weight doesn't matter," said Kira Lewis, sophomore fashion merchandising major and FAME modeling



FAN SHARE
Whitney Thompson

troupe representative.

In the speech, Thompson talks about how she never let self-esteem, body image, or society hold her back. She teaches the audience on lessons that are learned outside the classroom about how to avoid falling into the bad habit of pleasing others before being satisfied with your self.

"She comes to talk to us about loving yourself and telling you it is okay to be a plus size model," said Danielle Sprissler, SAB Initiatives Chair. "She is more of an inspirational, love yourself type of speaker."

Overall, Thompson has broken down barriers by being a plus size model and embracing who she is as a person. Since winning, she has modeled all over the world for magazines such as Seventeen Magazine, modeled for stores like JC Penney's, and worked on a campaign for Covergirl with Rihanna.

"I think it's important to hear from her because she is the first plus size winner and that is a huge accomplishment for plus size women," said Lewis. "In a world where models starve and have juice diets for a Victoria Secrets fashion show, to be plus size model says fashion is changing."

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Uptown starts healthy living

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The downtown district of Greenville has recently been adding new businesses and giving the city a facelift. With these new businesses, Uptown Greenville emphasized importance of incorporating businesses and events that promote a healthier community.

"We believe that as a community and as a city we should be eating and shopping and living in a healthy way," said Tiffany Gay, events and branding director of Uptown Greenville.

Some of these new healthy establishments include Uptown Nutrition, Fresh 501 and Purple Blossom Yoga Studio.

Restaurants such as Starlight Café, The Scullery and Crossbones Tavern serve meals that come from locally grown produce.

Uptown Nutrition, located on Evans Street, opened earlier this month. Owner and ECU alumni Alyson Sparks along with her team of coaches will provide customers with personalized meal and fitness plans while

Uptown Nutrition also serves as a smoothie bar during the day.

"Uptown Nutrition is a really revolutionary concept especially here in the uptown market," said Sparks. "What we do is we offer fitness and wellness for people by fusing good nutrition and fitness together."

New businesses are not the only way Uptown Greenville is promoting a healthy lifestyle. Residents can also take advantage of the outdoors. Uptown Nutrition holds workout sessions once a week in the town commons.

"When we are in the park that is just a fun atmosphere. You can do all body weight you don't even need weights you just bring water and maybe a mat and we have fun together with all fitness levels," said Sparks.

Purple Blossom Yoga Studio will also be holding classes in the Town Commons.

"Something new that's very exciting is that one of our local yoga instructors at the purple blossom yoga studio is hosting classes on Sunday at 4 p.m. on the town

commons," said Gay.

Coming to the Uptown District in May is the weekly Umbrella Market.

"This will bring local farmers to uptown and we will also provide vendors who sell local crafts that they've made and their jams and cupcakes that they've made," said Gay. "It's just a great way to offer fresh and local products."

Sparks and Gay are both excited to see the positive effects that these new improvements to uptown will have on the community.

"I'm so excited for the transition that uptown is making. Instead of just the club scene, it's actually a bunch of little small businesses that are making every step you take in the uptown market so unique because you never know what's around the corner," said Sparks.

Uptown Nutrition is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and the weekly Umbrella Market will begin on May 20.

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Gregory said that the event coordinators reach out to several different types of artists so that the kids are able to learn about the types of art.

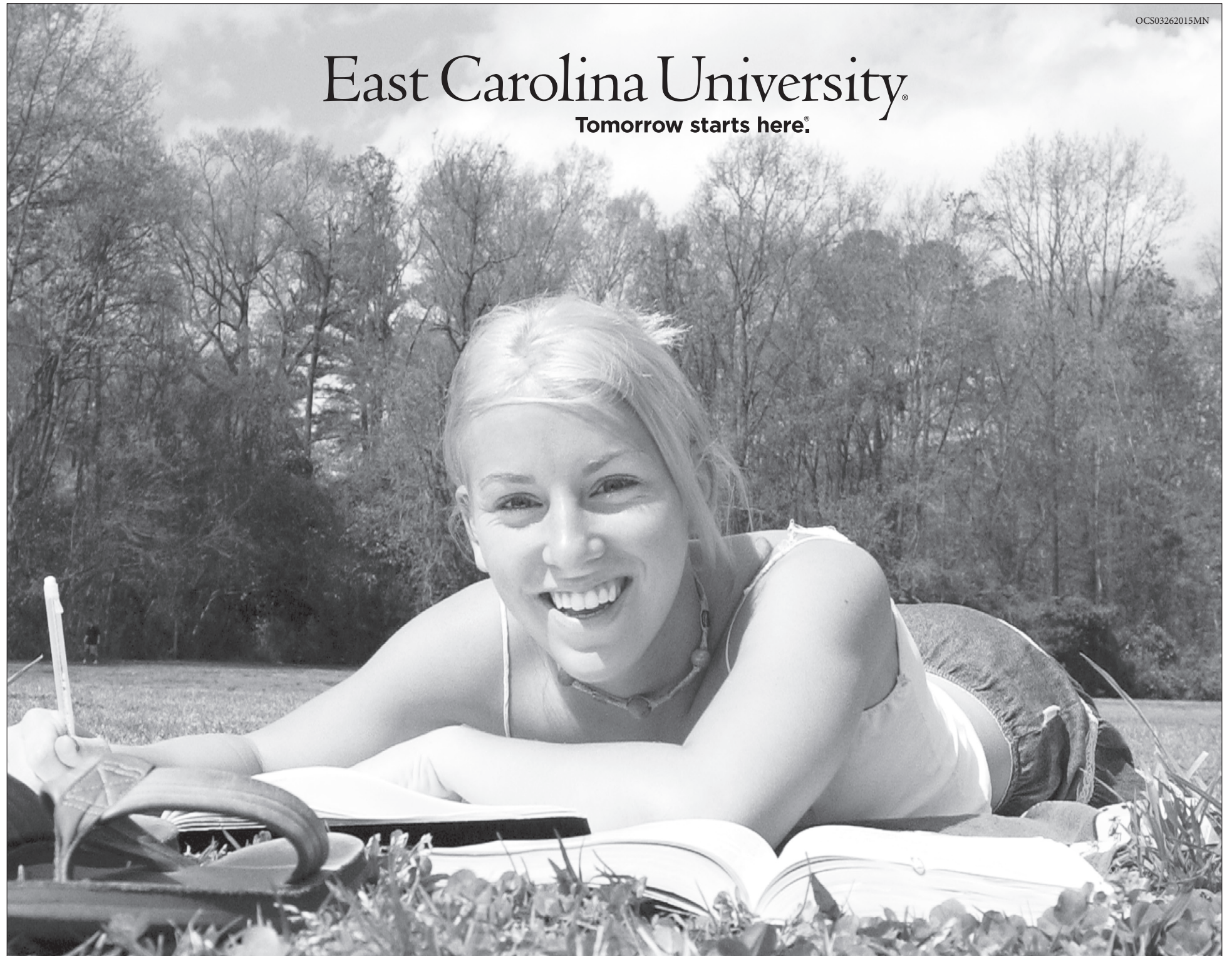
"What we do is we reach out to artists in the community of all different kinds, for example we get people from metals, sculpture and painting, so everyone has their own little niche," she said. "We have a lot of faculty artists but we also reach out to the community, especially people that have specific things that they do so that we can get all different types of art at the festival."

Attendees of the Youth Arts Festival can expect performers from all different aspects of art. According to Reich, there will be circus performers, giant puppets, African dancers, Indian dancers, Hmong dancers, a musical group titled "Twisted Knots," and plenty others.

Many volunteers will be present and organizations from the School of Art and Design will be helping out.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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PIRATE RANTS

To the rant several issues back about not liking rants about rants, how do you like this rant about a rant about rants about rants?

'Siri, am I an alcoholic?', I whisper into my burrito.

I hate that newspapers have become so obsolete. Thanks TEC for keeping up with the times, but also continuing to put out a solid paper bi-weekly. Never lose that.

Freedom of speech doesn't mean your speech won't have consequences.

Beyonce made a song called "Single Ladies" then went home to her husband & left you lonely hoes dancing in a circle pretending to be happy.

I just want one week with no drama. None for me and none for my friends!

Beware of the Amumu!

I really like you, but you go for girls who will end up depending on you instead of girls who will be up there with you.

UNDERWATER SQUAD!

That awkward moment you see someone you've messed with..*just keep walking*..*look down at phone*..

Can we start a singles club for all the single people out there to meet up?

Why does physics have to be so difficult?? It's like ECU purposely hires people who barely speak English to make sure we struggle.

This little box for my submission just ain't cutting it East Carolinian.

To the sexy white guy in my scientific writing class, I'm banking on us f---ing before the semester is over.

I wish I could've gone to SpazzFest :(

I get that the dining staff wants to get home early in the evenings (don't we all). But as someone who has a night class that lasts until 8:50, it really sucks when they're already putting the salad bar and soups away by 9. I'm a vegetarian and all they leave out are their various meat patties...

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Our view

On responsible representation

Following the recent scandals among fraternities across the nation, universities have eliminated fraternity chapters, expelled students and implemented new policies. These actions aren't always just for the fraternity involved, but they impact different fraternities and chapters all over the country.

For example, because of the racist chant at Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the University of Oklahoma, chapters of SAE nationwide are required through diversity training and the whole organization is being looked at with heavy scrutiny.

Even here at ECU, all fraternity social activities were suspended for over two weeks by the Interfraternity Council after an alleged sexual assault took place at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house. Although the assault was fabricated, the reputation of the fraternity was diminished

and made an impact to Greek life on campus.

We as an editorial staff believe that it is unfair for all fraternities to be looked upon poorly because of the actions of a select few. Certain fraternities have tarnished their reputation and ruined the standards of the fraternity all across the nation, and they are creating a bad name for their whole organization by one big controversy.

Even though it is unfair for all fraternities to be looked at like this, we believe that it is the responsibility of fraternity members to remember what they stand for. Every time they are involved in something, they must remember their letters and what organizations they are representing.

In any situation, it is crucial to remember that you are always representing something, whether it be an organization or the university overall.

Cruz couldn't be worse



Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

The 2016 election season is already getting started. Although we sit over a year and a half away from the next presidential election, the GOP field is already being filled out. Their first combatant? Ted Cruz, a Texas senator and Tea Party darling.

It's tough to imagine a worse candidate earning the GOP's nomination.

America is as divided as it's been in a long time. Tensions run hot across the country, with the prominence of an "us vs them" mentality prevailing over cooperative minds. That mentality is exactly that Cruz promotes through his refusal to compromise.

Ted Cruz, in his announcement speech, asked the nation to imagine a president who would "unapologetically stand with Israel." His words were meant as a shot at the Obama administration, which has drawn the ire of conservatives accusing the president of siding with the Palestinians. Cruz's wording was unnecessarily decisive, as he often is, as a simple "I'll stand with Israel" would have gotten the same message across in a positive manner.

The Tea Party lives in the past when it comes

to social issues, and Cruz is no exception. He again proves to be a divisive candidate in his stance on same-sex marriage, which Cruz personally opposes. The senator deserves credit for admitting that the issue should be determined by each state, but having someone with such an old-time personal philosophy running a nation in the 21st century is a scary thought. The State Marriage Defense Act, which was intended to stop the federal government from acknowledging homosexual couples as "married" if their state prohibits same-sex marriage, was Cruz's idea.

Teamwork isn't in Cruz's dictionary. Opposing the "Republican establishment" sounds like a good concept, but the lengths Cruz is willing to go to prove his point has already shown to be damaging to conservatives. Democrats crowned Cruz their MVP back in December when he prevented Congress from adjourning for a weekend by calling for a vote against the Obama administration's controversial immigration policies. The motion failed spectacularly, 74-22, and by keeping Congress open Cruz allowed Democrats to push through Obama's questionable surgeon general appointee.

Hypocrisy is impossible to avoid in a government run by elected officials required to earn reelection, but Cruz has attempted to define himself as one who lives by his principles. Unfortunately,

his actions suggest otherwise. The senator made his fame attacking Obamacare when he first joined the senate in 2012, but it was brought to light Tuesday morning that Ted Cruz had lost his old insurance plan because his wife was stepping down from her job to help him with his campaign. How did Cruz respond? By signing up for Obamacare. You can't make this stuff up.

As college students, a vote for Cruz is a vote for an uphill climb after graduation. While Cruz has admitted that he took out over 100,000 dollars in student loans, he also refuses to help students through the same struggle he fought. Cruz voted against a 2014 bill that would allow 25 million college students to refinance their student loans at lower rates. With American students being blasted with over one trillion dollars in combined student loans, Cruz isn't a viable option for young Americans looking for a reasonably priced education.

Election season is an exciting time, and with Obama's years thus far being decidedly mixed there are serious problems facing our country. Finding the right candidate won't be easy, but that candidate sure as hell isn't Ted Cruz.

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Two-party politics ruins USA



Drake Edwards
GUEST COLUMNIST

There is nothing which I dread so much as a division of the republic into two great parties, each arranged under its leader, and concerting measures in opposition to each other. This, in my humble apprehension, is to be dreaded as the greatest political evil under our Constitution," said founding father John Adams in 1789.

In a recent political conversation, I realized that this proposed 'evil' has become completely true in present-day America.

My opponent was adamant that he will only vote strictly Republican in the next presidential election. I asked him whether he looks at the politicians' platforms about domestic and foreign policy and he responds with "no." I ask him if he

looks at their stances on health care, education and the economy and he still adamantly says "no." It became abundantly clear in this conversation that the only thing that mattered to him regarding the election was whether or not the candidate had a red "(R)" next to their name.

What's worse is that it was not just my friend who thought this way. It actually happens all the time. When people consider themselves a strong Republican or Democrat then they only vote for the party, not the candidate or the ideas they propose. In a society where information is becoming even more valuable through social media, this is completely unacceptable. If you do not know what the candidates' views are on topics of national and local importance, then you should not be voting for them. Yes, it is your duty as an American citizen to vote, but that is under the condition you are actively being a free-thinking, informed citizen, rather than simply voting for someone because you and

your family like a certain party.

While an individual's vote might not create a huge impact, it still matters. How about instead of the current system continuing its downward trend, we completely change the way we elect our politicians.

By taking away the parties, people would not be inclined to vote for a party, but instead, an actual person. Did we elect Barack Obama or the Democratic Party? If the answer is both, then why were there multiple democratic candidates? It's because each of those people had different ideas—they were just using the party name to gain an initial following. An election process that runs off personal ideologies instead of political parties would not only be more efficient, but a great deal more honest.

Integrity is something that has been absent in Washington, D.C., for a century. With the discontinuation of the two-party system, aspiring politicians who may not have had the means to fund a campaign

would now be able to share their ideas with the American people without the hindrance of following a party agenda. Finally, the old farmer who is featured in nearly every political ad may get his own chance to run for President.

We the people must stand up for what we actually believe and not just some ideology being fed to us by political parties and super-PACS. The average man that has a dream and a plan for America should have the ability to run for President, not just the one percent.

In order fulfill this true American dream, we must protest the existence of this corrupting two-party system and have the actual American people vote for the candidate most deserving of the Oval Office.

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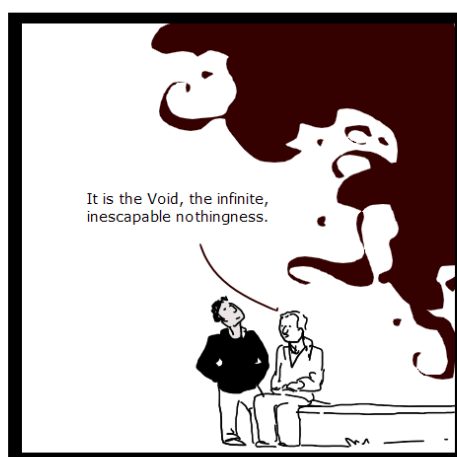
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Pirates fall to High Point, Godwin calls out umpire

BASEBALL AAC play set to start

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

East Carolina Head Coach Cliff Godwin showed frustration last night as his team was blown out, 13-2 against High Point University.

The Pirates are officially in a slump as they have now lost four of five games after coming into last weekend on a six game winning streak.

After a mistake ridden second inning allowed High Point to score five runs, Godwin was ejected in the bottom of the third inning as he argued the strike zone, as it seemed to be wider for ECU hitters.

"I was telling the guy it was a bad call and he

"I was telling the guy it was a bad call and he had no idea how bad it was so I would like him to go watch it on video. It was a ball in the dirt and he called it a strike."

-Cliff Godwin

had no idea how bad it was so I would like him to go watch it on video to see if he can see what I saw," Godwin said. "It was a ball in the dirt and he called it a strike."

Godwin still seemed to be riled up after the game and admitted that he didn't know how he was supposed to handle it.

"I don't know what I'm allowed to say," Godwin said. "But not a very good call in my opinion."

The High Point matchup was maybe the ugliest game the Pirates have played all season, their most lopsided loss of the season.

Every facet of their game struggled as they made fielding, pitching, and base running mistakes.

"It was bad, I'm sorry you guys had to watch it,"



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Sophomore Eric Tyler misses a throw home as High Point scores one of its 13 runs in the 13-2 victory.

Godwin said. "Not good pitching, not good defense, not good hitting. I mean when you draw it up it was our worst game of the year."

After neither team could muster any offense in the first inning, High Point scored five sloppy runs in the second inning to take the lead.

The five runs were scored in almost every way imaginable as they scored on a base hit, an ECU error and a stolen base on a pick off attempt.

The pitching struggles can be summarized by how they allowed a run in the third inning. After

freshman reliever Ross Gardner allowed a leadoff walk, he tossed two wild pitches and a passed ball to allow the run to score without a hit in the inning. The zone seemed to be small for Gardner, which added fuel to Godwin's fire in the next half inning.

The biggest blunder for the Pirates came with one out in bottom of the fourth with the score 6-0. With the bases loaded, Luke Lowery tagged up on an Eric Tyler fly ball with Charlie Yorgen in front of him, forcing Yorgen to get thrown out at home.

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Softball drops mid-week games

Pirates break scoreless streak during loss to Seahawks

Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

For its last 38 innings played, the East Carolina softball team (8-25) was incapable to score any runs. The Pirates were swept by UNC Wilmington (13-11) in a Wed. double header, the 97th time the two teams have competed against each other.

The Pirates have now lost their past seven contests. In four of those games, the Pirates could not produce a run.

The first game of the night was a head-to-head pitching duel between ECU senior Sarah Christian and UNCW sophomore Peyton Jordan, as both teams struggled offensively.

Christian pitched a strong six-inning game, and gave up seven hits and two unearned runs. The Pirates couldn't get a run off of Jordan, however. The sophomore threw a complete game shutout as she limited the Pirates to only four hits with no runs scored.

It was a steady contest until the bottom of the sixth inning where the Seahawks took a 2-0 lead.

An error by Karlie Smith at third base opened the doors for the Seahawks and



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Junior shortstop Casey Alcorn watches a pitch come in last weekend. She is hitting .261 this year.

enabled them to score a run off of a single up the middle, bringing the score to 1-0. UNCW was able to bring another run in with a RBI single to left field and make it 2-0.

But in the top of the seventh inning, the Pirates were ready to fight. Kacie Oshiro started the inning with a leadoff single to

second base. Abby Wynne followed with another single. However, the Pirates couldn't produce a run, and fell to the Seahawks, 2-0.

UNCW broke its seven-game losing streak with its first victory of the night.

In the night cap, the Seahawks took a 5-0 lead in the fourth inning that started off with

an RBI double. Another run scored because of a fielding error by ECU first basemen Ali Ramirez. Two runs followed after another costly error by third basemen Karlie Smith.

Sophomore starting pitcher Lydia Richie was taken out in the fourth inning. She finished giving up three runs off of three hits, and finished the game with a 6.60 ERA.

Freshman Ashley Cruise relieved her. She gave up two runs off of three hits with one walk and a strikeout and posted a 4.78 ERA.

In comparison, freshman Seahawk pitcher Sarah Davis pitched a complete seven inning game where she held the Pirates to four hits, one run, and struck out four batters and finished with a 2.61 ERA.

In the seventh inning, however, the Pirates ending their 38 inning no-run streak with an RBI ground out to third base hit by Meredith Mitchell.

The Pirates head to Memphis this weekend to compete in its second American Athletic Conference series of the year for a three game matchup.

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TAKEAWAYS

BASEBALL

The Pirates dropped a mid-week contest against High Point in a land slide, 13-2. ECU is now 16-10.

TRACK & FIELD

Hurdler Xavier Brown was named the AAC Men's Track & Field Athlete-of-the-Week on Tuesday.

SOFTBALL

ECU (8-25) was swept on the road against Wilmington during a doubleheader on Wednesday.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Junior Frida Gustafsson Spang notched her second straight top 15 finish during the 2015 Briar's Invitational on Monday and Tuesday.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Hornets fell to the Nets at home Wednesday night, 91-88. The Hornets are 30-40 this year.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes (26-36-10) dropped a 3-1 contest to the Chicago Blackhawks on Monday night.

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Poor pitching haunts Pirates

ECU pitching staff struggling to find its consistency

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For the East Carolina softball team, winning has been a difficult task. With a less than stellar 8-23 record halfway through the season, the Pirates look to see what is causing the team to hold a low record.

“[The pitching] has been inconsistent,” said interim Head Coach Steve Jaacks. “That’s the key, its consistency.”

The ECU pitching staff currently holds a 5.07 ERA, placing the team in fifth place in the American Athletic Conference for pitching.

“Once we’ve gotten into the cycle of one run losses, it’s been tough on everybody in terms of doubts creeping in, and we have to push them away,” said Jaacks.

Senior Sarah Christian is leading the pitching staff with five victories so far this season. The Greenville native currently holds a 2.91 ERA with 81 innings pitched in her 20 appearances on the mound. Christian has gradually improved over the past four years as a Pirate.

“She’s consistently gotten better every single year,” said Jaacks.

In her premier season, Christian was ranked fifth in the league and was written down in the record book for the most innings pitched and appearances as a rookie. She later on went to play in the North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information Association (NCCSIA) Second-team as a sophomore finishing with a 2.94 ERA. During her junior year, Christian earned the Conference USA Pitcher-of-the-week honor multiple times in the season.

“Sarah has gone consistently against the big teams and is really kept us in the position to let us win and that’s all you can ask from a pitcher,” said Jaacks.

Her most prominent game this season was back in February when Christian started the season with a 10-0 win against Delaware State. Christian pitched five innings, only allowed four hits, struck out five and finished the game with 1.75 ERA.

Her senior campaign has been steady, however, lack of timely hitting by the Pirates has brought the senior to a 5-7 record.

“There isn’t a whole lot for Sarah to work

on,” said Jaacks. “She gives it her all every single time she’s out there on the mound. If she does make a mistake, she readily knows how to right the mistake and generally does not allow the big inning to happen.”

Graduating with Christian is Caroline Umphlett, who has appeared on the mound 15 times this season. Umphlett transferred from BYU her junior season and proved to the coaching staff that she is an important aspect for the team. During her inaugural season as a Pirate in 2014, Umphlett finished the season with a 10-5 record and boasted a 3.79 ERA in her 28 appearances. She pitched three shutouts and completed 13 games.

“Caroline’s the person we wish we had here since her freshman year on,” said Jaacks. “I wish we had Caroline coming back this year, but she has to grow up sometime.”

However, this season Umphlett has been stressed to earn the starting position, holding a 1-4 record so far. In her three games started, the pitcher only recorded one win and two losses. Her first start on the mound this season was her best performance as she pitched her way through all seven innings against Oakland, giving up only six hits and three runs while striking out six batters and produced a 7-3 victory.

“I think the thing is for us to talk about [pitching] prior to games during practices, put them in positions that works them, and drills that will help them be more consistent,” said Jaacks.

Once Christian and Umphlett graduate, the Pirates will look to sophomore Lydia Richie and freshman Ashley Cruise to fill in their spots.

It is only halfway through Cruise’s first collegiate season, and the right handed pitcher already shows promise to the team.

“It’s a matter of maturity and growing,” said Jaacks.

Cruise has started 12 games, pitched 64 innings and posted a 4.98 ERA. She started off the season with two wins. But as the season progressed, Cruise had difficulty finding the right pitch, and dropped to 2-11.

“It’s a matter of working on the mental aspect of things,” said Jaacks. “That’s just the matter of talking and believing in her and



Senior Sarah Christian (above), who boasts a 2.71 ERA, is a lone bright spot on the pitching staff. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

encouraging her to understand that she can compete against anyone in the country.”

Sophomore Lydia Richie hasn’t had much time on the mound, and only appeared in 6 games. She holds a 0-1 record, with an 8.40 ERA.

“I’ve talked specifically to Lydia about next year,” said Jaacks. “I want her to be in a better position and groom her to be a better pitcher for us. I’m hopeful we can get her some innings.”

She recorded her loss against Illinois,

where the Pirates dropped a 7-6 contest to the Fighting Illini, pitching one inning and gave up one run and walked three.

“It comes down to a mindset, and I know all four of our pitchers have that mindset,” said Jaacks.

The pitching staff will be tested this weekend at Memphis as the Pirates take on the Tigers in a three game series.

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Redshirts find success

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With the 2014-15 season behind them, the East Carolina women’s basketball team is looking towards the future, as a new wave of players prepare to take the reigns from the talented senior class that is on its way out.

Head Coach Heather Macy and her coaching staff managed to bring in several recruits from some big name conferences that all underwent the redshirt process, which has produced big results in players like Jada Payne and Abria Trice, this year.

“Our approach is very different,” said Macy. “We spend a lot of individual time on the kids that come in, developing their mental toughness. Then when you have players like Jada and Abria come in as redshirts and immediately turn around and become all-conference players, it’s a much easier sell for transfers.”

It’s easy to underestimate the work that the players likewise put back into the red-shirt process due to the way



ECU Head Coach Heather Macy looks on from the sidelines. JUSTIN JOHNSON | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

it sounds on paper, but when you look at the intensity level players like Payne bring to the table its no wonder that it yields such impressive results.

Payne, who has been selected to back-to-back all-conference first team selections, was redshirted when she transferred to Greenville from La Salle two years ago. That year ECU lost its top three scorers and Payne alongside Trice immediately rose to the challenge.

Payne finished the next year as ECU’s leading scorer, as she was for this season,

with 569 points to average 18.4 points per game. Her point total was sixth most in a single season in program history. She also led the team in rebounding with 231 boards, an average of 7.5 per contest and ranked first on the team in free throw percentage at .843 (103-of-127)

The biggest thing for Payne during her redshirt year, according to Macy, was growing into her body, which has allowed her game to evolve. She not only can lead the team in scoring but do so from anywhere on the floor.

“Jada came out of the weight room everyday crying,” said Macy “That’s how much she had to push herself on a day-to-day basis in order for her body to get where we both wanted it to be.”

As this year is winding down the Lady Pirates will lose six seniors that have given their time to create a basketball program that has shattered school records and people’s expectations.

With all of the new additions ECU has acquired this year it will be interesting to see how these players will come into their own and contribute to the program, after having sat on the sidelines for every game this season.

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Pirate golf led by Conover duo

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Wes and Tim Conover are well-known names in the collegiate golf world. Each has earned numerous accolades showing off their skills.

Junior Wes Conover was a player to be watched after his transfer from N.C. State to East Carolina. Conover never played high school golf, but always had the dream of playing in college.

"I never thought it was going to be possible first of all," he said. "It's probably the greatest thing that could have happened to me. I always had the dream of playing college golf and when that dream became a possibility it was a dream come true."

Wes Conover has posted the second-lowest scoring average on the team (74.29), was named Conference USA Golfer-Of-The-Week, and carded the lowest round of the season by any Pirate during the Sea Best Invitational.



Wes Conover

"They're real supportive. They're happy for me, cheering me on, but at the same time I'm sure it makes them work harder and try to beat me and get the awards themselves," Wes said.

Tim Conover has also brought attention to his accomplishments.

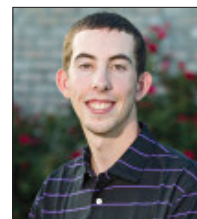
Named the 2013 Richard S. Tufts Boy's Junior Golfer-of-the-Year by the Carolinas Golf Association, he won the 2013 Carolinas PGA Junior Championships as well as earned other awards.

ECU Head Coach Press McPhaul invited Wes Conover to play at ECU for the summer,

Wes believes that his hard work is paying off and he is pleased with how his career is turning out. Wes says his teammates are encouraging and stand behind him when he receives accolades.

after he was unable to complete his walk on at Western Carolina University due to the coach being fired. McPhaul quickly became impressed and offered Wes a walk-on spot.

"I'm just so blessed to be here and everyone here is great, I love the team, I love the school, love being a Pirate, I wouldn't trade it for the world," Wes said.



Tim Conover

"Growing up we've always been real competitive against each other, which has led us to be as good as we are now. It's great having family here," Wes said.

Tim Conover added, "It's a really awe-

some experience. It gives me extra competition to work harder and do better than him."

With the upcoming championships, Wes Conover said the team is working hard every day to be the best.

The beginning of the spring season was not a very good start for the team, but Wes says they're getting back on track.

Both Wes and Tim Conover believe the team will be geared up for the American Athletic Conference Championships next month, along with the other forthcoming championships.

"I think we've proved that we can beat the best teams in the country," Wes said.

"We have a really good chance to finish strong. We're all working really hard and we're all really positive going into it," Tim said.

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same poll, ECU still faces a daunting challenge if they hope to win the conference.

Houston is widely regarded as the clear-cut best team in the AAC, with last-year's runner-up Central Florida placing just behind it in the pre-season polls. Both teams are currently ranked in the top-25 in the nation, with Houston ranking No. 20 and UCF sitting at No. 10.

"We're a good team. I'm not scared of anybody and this team isn't scared of anybody," said Godwin.

Houston boasts one of the strongest starting rotations in the nation, led by Jake Lemoine. The Cougars added designated hitter Chris Iriart and catcher Ian Rice to their lineup, the latter being ranked the fourth best prospect in the conference. With five of the top 10 rated prospects in the AAC, contending with Houston will be no easy task.

Only one Pirate was expected to be an elite performer in the incredibly deep conference. Luke Lowery,

an early standout has already collected eight home runs and 27 RBI, was ranked the sixth best prospect in the conference. He was the third offensive player on the list, behind Cincinnati's Ian Happ and Houston's Ian Wright.

The conference does look different this season, as three teams have dropped out. Louisville opted not to defend its conference title, heading to the ACC. Rutgers switched over to the Big Ten while Temple dropped its baseball program entirely.

While national scouts opinion of ECU is generally positive, Godwin says he doesn't care much for the pundits' opinion. He believes that the work ethic of his guys will be more than enough to keep the Pirates in contention for the conference championship.

"We're going to get tougher," Godwin said. "We'll get right and be ready to go on Friday."

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"Charlie got a different read than I did, once again its just unacceptable," Lowery said. "I can't run him off the bag like that. Eric hit it hard but we got to get some runs right there."

The Pirates scored their only two runs of the day in the eighth inning as Jackson Mims hit a two RBI single to center field. ECU recorded seven hits on the day.

"We have get better defensively and on the mound and offensively. We got to get back to work," Lowery said. "We got to get ready for Memphis because they're on a hot streak right now."

The Pirates inaugural American Athletic Conference game against Memphis is scheduled for Friday at 6:30 p.m. inside Clark-LeClair stadium. The Tigers were riding an 11 game winning streak before losing last night to the University of Arkansas.

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