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English dept. yet to staff fall classes

Kelsey Padgett
TEC STAFF

The loss of eight members of the English department's fixed-term faculty for next year has left required classes unassigned for the fall semester.

English courses, ENG 1100 and ENG 2201, are filling up for the fall, but 83 sections are still listed with the instructor to be announced. Both classes are a part of the liberal arts foundation curriculum.

Three instructors were told at the beginning of the semester that they would not be offered a new contract for the fall. Five more instructors received the same news Monday of last week.

The changes were made per instructions given by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences.

According to Interim Chair of the English department Donald Palumbo, the faculty reduction is being made because of decreases in funding from the state legislature in the last

Unassigned English classes

ENG2201 47/50
ENG1100 35/50

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six to eight years.

"It's the cumulative effect of all the funding cuts," said Palumbo. "All the departments are being asked to do more with less."

Timm Hackett, chair of the fixed-term faculty in the English department, said it comes down to the operating budget ECU has for the upcoming year.

"Unfortunately we've seen, not numbers go down, but the amount of financing that the university gets from the legislature is just not as much," said Hackett. "The funds are not available

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Construction workers outside Rawl building work to improve the building for the disabled.

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Construction starts for ADA accommodations

Alina Olson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Construction on campus in front of the Austin and Rawl buildings is the first among many construction projects happening on East Carolina University's campus this spring.

The purpose of these projects is to improve compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA).

The ADA prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, transportation, public accommodation, communications, and governmental activities.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Operations Bill Bagnell has been working on preparing these projects for a while.

"We've had an ongoing program to make the campus more ADA accessible," said Bagnell. "About a year ago, we did a comprehensive survey to try and document all the ADA needs for the campus."

After determining what work

needed to be done, funds were provided to begin the project. Bagnell has been in charge of other projects in the past to keep ECU's campus ADA compliant.

"We've added elevators to Austin and Rawl and added lifts to the auditoriums," said Bagnell.

Michael Talton, one of the project manager's, said that all of the planned work would be exterior and centered on putting more ramps and handrails to accommodate disabled students.

Construction outside of Austin and Rawl is currently underway, however, they aren't the only buildings set to undergo enhancements this spring.

"Other pieces of this project have already been started," said Talton. "Work is in the process to place more ramps and handrails around Wright, Speight, and Whichard."

These areas were chosen because they were the most pressing, and would make the most positive impact among

the student body.

Jonathan Crighton, sophomore communication major, relies on wheelchair accessibility to get around campus.

"It's been a lot easier for me to get around since more ramps have been put on college hill, specifically outside the dining hall and near the bus stop," said Crighton. "If anywhere needs improvement, it would just be the sidewalks on Tenth Street."

Sophomore Kyle Cauble, Crighton's personal attendant, has noticed ADA accessibility improvements on campus as well.

"There's not a place on campus we've been to that isn't wheelchair accessible," said Cauble.

ECU's focus on making the campus more ADA accessible has made a very positive impact on disabled students.

All construction that is happening to make ECU more ADA compliant will be completed by June 1.

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NCSU imposes ban

IFC restricts alcohol at fraternities

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It hasn't exactly been the best of times for Greek Life across the country; nearby Raleigh is the latest example.

North Carolina State University's 66-member Tau chapter of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity is one of the latest Greek institutions to face suspension from the school for misconduct.

It received a three-year ban on Wednesday—a week after a Pi Kappa Phi pledge notebook containing racist and sexist material was found at a restaurant near campus.

Two days after the investigation began, NC State's Interfraternity Council (IFC) initiated the school's decision to ban alcohol consumption at all IFC fraternities, according to the university's Chief Communications Officer Brad Bohlander.

The ban doesn't affect the university's five historically black fraternities, which are National Pan-Hellenic

Council members. NC State's department of Greek Life was unavailable to comment on the situation.

"Recent allegations of behavioral issues do not reflect the overwhelming members or the values of our fraternities at NC State," said IFC President John Stewart in a statement.

NC State's Alpha Tau Omega chapter was suspended earlier this month for drugs and sexual assault allegations, joining the ranks of the many other fraternities in the country facing scrutiny such as the University of Oklahoma's Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Penn State University's Kappa Delta Rho, and the University of South Carolina's Pi Kappa Alpha chapter.

"There are probably 900 thousand to a million Greek undergraduate fraternity and sorority members across the country right now so popularity is really high," said Keith Tingley, East Carolina University's director of Greek Life. "It's actually pretty amazing

when you look at how much interest there is. Unfortunately, these pockets of incidents that are happening are being spotlighted because they are happening at the same time."

ECU's Greek Life hasn't been shielded from controversy either. The school's IFC temporarily suspended 17 fraternities from social functions in light of an investigation of a Jan. 25 sexual assault case at a Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house.

The two-week moratorium was lifted after authorities agreed that the case had been fabricated, but Sigma Phi Epsilon's national office is still suspending the chapter due to security concerns.

"You have the media watching and it's almost a perfect storm of situations," Tingley said. "You have bad decisions made by students and then you have the media spotlight so it's taking things to another level."

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Senator to speak at campus leadership series

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Tonight Phil Kirk will be coming to East Carolina University to speak as a part of the Leadership Lecture Series hosted by the ECU Honors College.

Kirk is a political figure in North Carolina who has held many positions on boards and committees at universities and colleges in North Carolina and was the youngest person ever selected to the North Carolina Senate.

Kirk has held a vast amount of important positions in the North Carolina government including many in the area of education and says he could not have obtained

these without possessing strong leadership skills.

"I believe that I was recognized for my strong communication skills and also being able to work with people in both political parties," said Kirk.

Starting at 8 p.m. in Bate 1032, Kirk plans to highlight different ways to become a better leader by sharing some personal lessons he has learned and lessons he learned from other significant political figures.

"I'll be talking about several different areas," said Kirk. "I'm going to discuss traits of effective leaders, I'm going to share quotes from a number of successful leaders and I'm going to discuss various presidents of the



Phil Kirk spoke at Catawba College last October and will speak at ECU tonight.

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United States and what leadership qualities they possess."

The Leadership Lecture series was originally only open to students in the Honors College but is now

open to any students who are interested in the speaking events. The Honors College students along with professors work together to choose who they think would be a good asset

to the lecture series.

"One of the major emphases of the Honors College is to look at leadership and of course we knew that East Carolina is the leadership university, so because that's a major focus of both the university and the Honors College they designed this leadership lecture series," said Liz Fogarty, a faculty member in the Honors College.

Fogarty says she likes to incorporate speakers who show leadership in different ways. In January, the speaker was Gwendolyn Oxenham, a former Duke University and pro-

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BRIEFS

Greenville Official to leave position.

Karl Reese, Greenville's Economic Development officer, announced that he is leaving his position in the coming days. He is leaving his position for a similar position at Electricities.

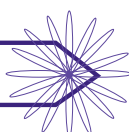
Electricities manages various service calls to the state's municipal power agencies. Reese has served the city of Greenville for around 18 years, beginning his career as a Senior Urban Planner. His last day will be April 9.

Proposed Legislation to cut brewing taxes.

Proposed legislation would cut tax on small time brewers. The Small Brewer and Expanding Workforce Act, sometimes referred to as the Small BREW act, would reduce excise taxes usually placed on alcoholic production.

Small production brewers believe that the bill could cut the taxes in half, which would leave them more revenue for creating more product and hiring a larger workforce.

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The ECU stone banner on Fifth Street is one of the most popular photo capturing locations on campus for future, current and graduating students.

College guide recognizes ECU

School ranked no. 1 as the "Best Bang for the Buck"

Sydni Dobson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University has been recently named by the Washington Monthly ["The Other College Guide: A Road Map to the Right School for You"] as the No.1 University in the Southeast as the "Best Bang for the Buck."

"Anytime you're voted No.1, it's usually a good thing," said Dave Meredith, director for Undergraduate Admissions. "So in this case, I think it's a validation of hard work the students and staff put in."

Washington Monthly has annually published a book with the outgrowth of college rankings since 2005.

According to Jane Sweetland, the editor of Washington

Monthly magazine, the way a school is ranked is categorized in three broad areas: social mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), research (producing cutting-edge scholarships) and service (encouraging students to give something back to their community).

"Regardless if we were number one or not. I think this is a good ranking system, because it takes a lot of factors into account," said Nicole Wood, director for Communication for Enrollment Services.

The "Other" College Guide based its rankings on other outcomes a school produces regarding its' students such as graduation rates, student loan defaults

and the ability of graduates to land a good-paying job. ECU's high percentage in these categories led to the school's top ranking.

The report also included in its ranking criteria the percentage of students receiving Pell grants, the cost of tuition after reductions for low family income, the percentage of applicants admitted, and ACT and SAT scores, according to Sweetland.

"Everything we do is for the benefits of the staff, students, faculty and the nation," said Meredith.

For a school to be considered for the "Best Bang" list of schools across the nation, the school had to combine better-than-expected graduation rates with an affordable price. ECU's student loan

default rate is rated at a 3.0, with its' performance at an 8.8, and the amount of students receiving Pell grants at 33 percent of the student body population.

In the U.S., there are a total of 1,540 colleges and universities. The book only considered 386 of those schools worthy of inclusion in its "Best Bang" list.

Not only was ECU voted number one for "Best Bang for the Buck" in the Southeast, the University was ranked 41 amongst all of the other schools in the U.S. in the national category. ECU was also voted 10 among other universities that offer all levels of degrees.

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right now to provide contracts for all of my colleagues."

Palumbo said that the classes not currently assigned will be taught by graduate level students and tenured professors.

There are three dif-

ferent faculty positions: tenure positions, tenure track positions and fixed-term faculty positions. Those in fixed term positions are offered contracts for each year they are employed.

Hackett has been with

ECU since 1999 and said it is sad to lose colleagues, but it does happen.

"When you're a non-tenure track faculty member, getting a new contract every year is just I don't want to say you learn to live with it, but it's a process," said Hackett.

The English depart-

ment currently has one of the largest fixed-term faculties with 31 instructors this semester and 23 set to return in the fall.

Hackett said he wants make sure students know that the faculty reduction will not affect their schedules.

"This was a particu-

larly hard year on us, but I don't want students to worry that their classes won't be offered," said Hackett. "The classes are still there. It's just some faculty unfortunately may not be."

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Art Festival promoted creativity for children

Carlyn Legg
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Children ran up and down the halls of the Jenkins Fine Art Building on campus this weekend for the 11th Youth Arts Festival, which provided an environment for children to experience music, theatre, painting, animation and imagination. They filled their festival provided bags with homemade works of art that they created on the spot.

Kids in ages ranging from infants to middle school came to experience and create an understanding of art. A mother of four said that she's been taking her kids to the festival for three years now and looks forward to letting her children be creative and explore their own imagination.

Eight-year-old Lilly held her homemade purple and green sock puppet up to her mother and said "for you mommy, I made it for you." When prompted about how her experience about how the festival was going, she jumped up and down and said that she wasn't done yet, she had more art to make.

Kids crowded around rainbow colored piles of recycled t-shirts that were collected from around the ECU campus and made them into headbands, scarves and vests.

"Using and reusing materials is a really great thing to teach kids that they can take things that would be thrown out and make something cool out of it," said Dindy Reich, Youth Arts Festival coordinator.

The most popular activity by far was this face-paint station, where the kids picked their favorite animal or character and were transformed into it for the day. The line ran out the door and down the hallway as the children anticipated getting their faces painted.

The artists that come out to the festival to share their talent with the



Artist Carolyn Sleeper helps a young boy create a pottery piece on a spinning wheel.

kids don't do the same thing every year, as described by Reich. There were stage performances and even a puppet show that the kids got to see. Absorbed in the African dancers, the faces of school-aged children lit up as they unknowingly began to appreciate the traditions of other cultures. They laughed with enthusiasm as they were prompted by a magician to think of their favorite animal and then made a small bunny appear before their eyes.

According to Reich, The Youth Arts Festival is the biggest community based event that ECU does, and that sense of community was truly apparent watching friends and strangers come together in a spirit of unity and cooperation.

"We're letting the kids try things they may have never tried before, working with clay, silk painting, and jewelry making or whatever things they haven't done before. It's a truly educational activity for kids and art," said Reich.

Almost two hundred ECU students who are not affiliated with the School of Art and Design came out to help with the event. Students from the physics and math departments, fraternities and sororities made up the volunteer team. Some even showed up as early as 5 a.m. on Saturday to kick off the festivities.

"Art is something that creates community," said Reich.

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'Akt Like 1911' benefits participants

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

On Saturday, Mar. 28 three teams of ladies took to the stage at Hendrix Theatre with hops and strolls to compete for a \$300 cash prize. There was a long line starting from the door of Hendrix Theatre and weaving through Cynthia's lounge where excited talk and laughter filled the air. Students and visitors were awaiting 4 o'clock for the doors to open for the Akt Like 1911 event.

Three groups of women performed the steps and strolls of the fraternities, and other provocative moves on the stage. One group, "Diamond Distrikt", came in first place winning the cash prize. "Owlandish" came in second by a one point difference and "O.G.G." followed in third place. "Diamond Distrikt" took the stage second and had the crowd on edge from the start of their performance in the aisles of the theatre until the very end of their performance when they threw purple rose petals and got the crowd out of their seats, cheering and clapping.

"My goal was to be the best knock-off in Akt Like 1911 history," stated Sidney Wadsworth, participant in Owlandish and junior health fitness specialist major. "I don't know who came up with the idea of allowing us to act like Ques but I'm eternally grateful I fulfilled my Que dog dreams and therefore my life is complete."

As if the ladies' performances with rose petals, glitter and floor grinding were not exciting enough, the men of Eta Psi and Upsilon Zeta also performed together to start off the show. They excited the crowd with shimmying and neck rolls which are signature moves for the fraternities.

"Usually the Ques and Kappas host the events separately so this time we decided to collaborate and make it a unified event," said Avery Johnson senior criminal justice major and Vice President of the Upsilon Zeta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Both fraternities were founded in 1911, hence the event name "Akt Like 1911." Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. was founded on Jan. 5 and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. on Nov. 17 of the year 1911. "Working with different organizations helps to break down preconceived notions and allows us to get to know people on an individual level," stated Johnson. "When you personally know someone, creating these programs like Akt Like 1911 and collaborating on events is

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TV REVIEW

iHeartRadio rewards innovation



Nichole Currie
TEC STAFF

This year's iHeartRadio Music Awards, which was titled "My Journey," topped last year's typical inaugural show. Compared to last year, which seemed like a televised concert, this year's became more personal. The audience and viewers still rocked out to popular songs and some new debuts but the audience also learned about each artist's journey through the music industry.

There were many segments throughout the night captioning individual's journeys. Cole Swindell remembered his first greeting to country icon, Tim McGraw. Nicki Minaj let the audience in on her first conversation with rapper Lil Wayne, and Kelly Clarkson took us back to her early American Idol days.

The "My Journey" theme was an interesting angle for iHeartRadio but was also important because they illustrated the times our idols were trying to make it in the business. It's one thing to read the journey of an artist on Wikipedia but to listen to some of their past moments means a little more to fans.

As I continued watching the awards, I realized the importance of those singular moments. Hearing and seeing each artist recall these memories really presented their own past emotions. It was a great correlation to where these

artists are now. These moments are not when they received their first Grammy. These moments are when they first stepped on stage. Jason Derulo, pop and r&b singer, shared his experience of freezing up before a performance. Keep in mind he was eight years old! Derulo told the audience he had to be physically placed on stage to perform. Its hard to believe today because every time we glance at a Derulo performance, he can't stop dancing.

One artist of the night did not have a segment of "My Journey," but surely made us laugh and tugged at our heartstrings at the same time. Yes, I'm talking about the curly haired, 2000's heartbreak and our favorite SNL comedian, Justin Timberlake.

Timberlake was awarded the Innovator Award at the iHeartRadio Music Awards. It was easy to see Timberlake was trying not to let tears roll from his eyes.

Timberlake began his speech by talking about his struggles as a child and being different. He touched on being bullied and having long talks with his mother. At this point I think its safe to say we all knew JT was a little quirky. We've all seen his many appearances on Saturday Night Live and watched the odd characters he plays, such as his role in the film "Bad Teacher." The moment that stood out was when he explained how he curbed his quirkiness into a platform. We live in a society today where many teenagers and young adults are frightened

to be themselves. I hope all teenagers heard Timberlake's speech Sunday night because it really emphasized on sticking to your differences as they will take you farther than fitting in.

Timberlake closed his acceptance speech with some additional inspiring words. "If you're a young person like I used to be and you're at home watching, and you're being called weird or you're being called different, or whatever the h*** you are being called, I'm here to tonight to tell you, your critics do not count," said Timberlake. "Their words will fade. You won't"

There were other action-packed performances of the night. Rihanna debut a new single and rocked the stage in a green Versace fur coat. It's safe to say Rihanna can wear anything, bearing or unbearable, and still own it in a performance.

Jamie Foxx also started an outrage on Twitter after insulting Olympic Gold Medalist Bruce Jenner. "We got some groundbreaking performances tonight," said Foxx. "We got Bruce Jenner, who will be doing some musical performances. He's doing a his-and-her all by himself." Judging by the many jaw drops of the audience, Foxx should have skipped that joke.

The 2015 iHeartRadio Music Awards were quite entertaining and inspirational. They did a beautiful twist on a normal awards show by incorporating the Journey of artist.

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Timberlake was presented with the Innovator Award.

GETTY IMAGES

MOVIE REVIEW

"Get Hard" considers stereotypes



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Last Friday, comedians Kevin Hart and Will Ferrell teamed up for the first time ever on the big screen in "Get Hard" to make a satirical film about race, friendship and the fear of going to jail.

"Get Hard" is about a hedge fund manager (Ferrell) who hires a law-abiding African American employee (Hart) to prepare him for maximum-security prison after being sentenced for fraud. This in itself brought controversy to the film as audience members felt like the film went too far in perpetuating stereotypes.

In one of the first scenes, Hart, who owns a luxury car wash business in the building

that Ferrell works at, tries to return the keys to Ferrell's car. Ferrell freaks out and starts to shout, "leave me alone, take anything you want," as if Hart was trying to rob him. Once Ferrell realized what Hart was really trying to do he said, "sorry you scared me, it's not because you are black or anything." This scene could have come across as incredibly offensive but was actually hysterical. Ferrell is just one of those people that can pull off this type of humor.

Controversy also surrounded the film due to all of the homophobic remarks made. In one scene, Ferrell was forced to go in the bathroom of a gay restaurant and was asked to give another man oral sex. This was such a big deal for Ferrell because he didn't want to do it but thought this was his last hope for surviving in prison. The problem with this scene was the genital images. The images

themselves were provocative and caught the audience by surprise as Ferrell's face was pushed into the other man's manhood. In addition to all of the gay-slurs, the movie made constant remarks about being raped in jail. This was too much for the film because it was done to excess and started to become gross as Ferrell started to pull items out of his butt, such as spoon and a gun.

Apart from the content of the movie, Hart's acting was shockingly good compared to his recent movies such as "Think like a Man" where his jokes were over done. In this film, Ferrell's jokes helped to balance out Hart's. It was like the two piggybacked off of one another's energy, creating great chemistry on the screen.

Overall, "Get Hard" was a satirical movie about racism and going to jail. The audience was able to relate to the underlying theme of

the plot, which was "you can't judge a book by its cover." For example, at the end of the film, Ferrell finds out that Hart had been lying the whole time about going to jail. Ferrell was quick to judge Hart because of Hart's race.

Ferrell's character wasn't the only one that was guilty of stereotyping. Hart's character also was quick to judge Ferrell. Throughout the movie, Hart was helping Ferrell and never thought to ask if Ferrell was actually guilty of his crimes. Hart instead just assumed Ferrell stole from his clients because that is just the stereotype of men in the stock market.

The film did a great job of showing in this day and age how breaking stereotypes are important.

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programs like Akt Like 1911 and collaborating on events is more fun and a much smoother process."

ECU students used social media for days prior to the event to help promote, which resulted in a seat filled theatre. The three teams worked on their performances for over a month and each team had a coach who was a member of the fraternity they were representing.

"It feels great to be on the winning team," said Aleah Johnson sopho-

more public health major, "The most difficult part of being in the show was the late practices, we had to go straight from modeling troupe practices to the Akt Like 1911 practices and by then you're tired and still have to do school work but we got a lot of positive feedback and the experience itself was fun so I would definitely do it again."

Once all of the performances were done and the judges were deliberating, the hosts Xavier Brodie, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, and JaRod McAllister, a member of Omega Psi Phi called the women in the

crowd to the stage to compete in neck roll and shimmy contests to keep the crowd entertained. The room filled with clapping and laughter as friends cheered on their not-so-shy friends on stage.

Jonathan Peek, the coach for "Diamond Distrikt" who also serves as the Vice President and Performance Chair in Kappa Alpha Psi was very excited and pleased with the success of the event. "That is the plan to make it an annual event, so look out for 'Akt Like 1911' next year part two," he said.

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fessional soccer player. Fogarty says Kirk and Oxenham reflect leadership in two very different environments.

"As I was choosing speakers I tried to choose speakers from areas where people were not traditionally thought of as leaders," said Fogarty.

"I think Phil Kirk has very traditionally been a leader but he has been a leader in both industry, business and in education."

From the leadership lecture series Fogarty believes that students will realize it is easier to be a leader when you are involved in something you truly care about.

Education has always been an important part of Kirk's life, who was actually teaching at a middle school in Salisbury

when he was elected to the state senate. He then went on to become the chairmen of the State Board of Education.

"It really comes down to not only your area but finding something you are really, really passionate about and then making a difference in that area," said Fogarty.

Fogarty and Kirk both hope the audiences take what they learn from his presentation and apply it in their lives to help them reach their goals.

"I hope that I will be able to convey to the students and community leaders that they need to set high goals and work hard to achieve them," said Kirk. "Everybody can be a leader you just have to figure out what you love," said Fogarty.

Phil Kirk will be speaking tonight at 7 p.m. in Bate 1032.

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Yes I'm walking around in rollers. It was raining and I didn't want my hair to be frizzy. Now will you please stop looking at me like I'm a zoo animal?

My relationship goals include making sure I call all of my man hoes by the right name during sex.

You ate an entire pizza three times this week! Dude, you're not 19 anymore. That kind of s--- has consequences!

This past weekend at the Province I accidentally locked myself in the recycling center when I tried to do a good deed and take out the garbage for my roommates. Let's just say I'm really gonna reconsider recycling now.

I really don't know what's keeping me going: the fact that I graduate and have no job or the fact that I graduate and have to move back home.

Sorry I was two hours late. I lost my phone and my tamagotchi broke.

Congrats to ECU Winterguard this weekend! Y'all killed it. Go see them perform with Dance Team in Minges on Saturday!

SCUBA STEVE SQUAD

Joyner needs to fix their One-Card readers!

Just want to let everybody know that Jesus loves all of you!

To the girl who complained about the dining hall... back when I was in school they didn't have extended hours so... be grateful. DINING STAFF are awesome!

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Our view

Unfair tickets plague ECU

It is no secret that there is a disproportionate ratio of student population to on-campus metered visitor parking spots here at East Carolina. Since last July, roughly 18,500 parking violations were issued to students parking on campus, with the majority of the tickets being issued to the lots behind the Rec Center, Mendenhall Student Center and Joyner Library. Granted, not all students need a visitor parking spot, but what is so difficult to understand is why the university placed the Student Rec Center, Mendenhall and Joyner Library, all of which are used by thousands of students and multiple organizations daily. They are right next to one another and only allotted 96 metered visitor parking spaces for students and visitors to use.

We as an editorial staff believe that the university

is actually doing their students a disservice and are subconsciously discouraging students from using the on-campus facilities that were supposedly designed specifically with student use in mind.

Recently, the university revealed plans to create a new student center as well as a new parking garage. Instead of trying to attract students to a flashy new building, administrators should be discussing how to accommodate current commuting students to the perfectly good buildings that are already in place.

Establishing more visitor parking would benefit those who already pay thousands of dollars just in tuition to go to ECU. These individuals don't deserve to be penalized for trying to study, work out or participate in their organizations meetings. Work smarter ECU, not harder.

Problems for trendy meds



Joseph Paul
TEC COLUMNIST

There is something dangerous about the instant credibility garnered by certain celebrities making radical claims about human health. Perhaps the most notorious of the past decade was Jenny McCarthy with her wholly unsubstantiated claims that vaccines are associated with autism. In 1998, allegations of a link between the childhood vaccination against measles, mumps, and rubella (known as MMR) and autism were first reported. However, the study was largely fabricated and a considerable research effort since has proven that there is no direct connection between autism and vaccinations. McCarthy took advantage initial findings, claiming that the MMR vaccination was the direct and exclusive cause of her own son's autism disability. However, correlation is not causation and anecdotal evidence is meaningless. While it can be acknowledged that vaccines come with negligible risks, it is estimated that vaccines prevent millions of deaths annually in the United States.

McCarthy represents something more than another sanctimonious celebrity attempting to acquire fame from outrageous and baseless skepticism. Unfortunately, as a result of this false doctrine, vaccinations rates in some areas have plummeted, putting other members of their communities at risk. Her efforts made it more difficult for companies and aid organizations to send vac-

cines to developing countries abroad. The US is one of the only countries in the world possessing the resources to vaccinate its entire population. It would appear that some Americans have become so overindulged that they take for granted the eradication of these infectious diseases that still plague impoverished parts of the world.

More recently, Oprah Winfrey's protégé Mehmet Oz attained his own television show. In contrast to McCarthy, Oz comes from a more erudite background as a surgeon. Surgical training provides little education on drugs and their uses so it is peculiar that Oz advertises a number of supplements (not approved by the Food and Drug Administration) to treat and prevent a variety of conditions from obesity to cancer.

Apparently, the US Congress also found this interesting; they recently held a public hearing where Oz dodged questions about whether he received any compensation to promote these products. Fortunately for him, his viewership probably does not pay much attention to Washington. Once again, this is more of a testament to TV entertainment's ability to appeal to emotions over logic. In combination with wide mistrust of the pharmaceutical industry and low public scientific literacy, the population is susceptible to use the information from a single, visible source rather than the less accessible wealth of scientific knowledge across a field.

There is no simple fix for this highly evolved issue of media and entertainment manipulating the public knowledge of human health and

disease. It is far easier to remove authority from the degree-lacking McCarthy than Oz, who has an Ivy League education. Certainly these educational paths do not necessarily confer a high degree of practical, nor peripheral, knowledge to understand health issues. So obviously our foundations coursework at ECU is similarly lacking. Universities should consider modifying the general curriculum to teach, for example, connections between basic biology and health.

Indeed these problems reach beyond McCarthy and Oz. Why can Ben Carson (another Ivy League trained surgeon) assert creationism over evolution or Sanjay Gupta (yet another famous surgeon) provide false analysis of the national healthcare debate?

Perhaps credibility should not stem from several letters following a name but by the nature of their professional contributions. We also ought to hear more from the larger arena of biomedicine—if not because they could create authentic commentary than to justify the vast amounts of public funding that they receive.

Certainly the National Institutes of Health should facilitate public communication of their scientific findings. Lack of the aesthetic appeal that propelled McCarthy and Oz throughout their careers is no excuse for falling behind on the responsibility of maintaining public health awareness, particularly public agencies.

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eSports gaining momentum



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One of the most popular upcoming sports may not even be an actual sport at all. eSports, short for Electronic Sports, is the term used to describe the video game competition phenomenon that's been taking the world by storm over the past few years. Though it has the 'sports' in the title, it is more often referred to as a simple competition like chess instead.

eSports originated back in the mid 90's where fighting games and first person shooters (FPS) were the most popular games among hardcore players. eSports gradually expanded to include real-time strategy games like Starcraft, and more recently Multiplayer Online Battle Arena (MOBA) games like League of legends and DOTA 2.

The gaming genre's meteoric rise to prominence is frequently attributed to online broadcasts hosted by websites like Twitch.tv. The viewer count on some of these broadcasts to reach over 300,000 viewers at a single time, equating viewership models of some lesser NFL games. Recently, Disney has even partnered with the popular video game 'DOTA 2' to broadcast one of their major annual competitions on their flagship sporting news channel, ESPN.

There are many different eSports tournaments held year-round around the world encompassing many different video game genres. Games like StarCraft and League of Legends have large followings in Asia where many grandiose competitive events take place.

The largest US eSports event to date was the League of Legends World Championship last year. The finale round of the competition took place in the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles, home of the famous

LA Lakers and Clippers NBA teams. Within 24 hours of tickets becoming available, the whole stadium sold out.

What makes the eSports scene so popular is the ease of accessibility the community has to the professional players. Whether it be responding to fan questions on Facebook or Twitter, or even playing a game online with the fans themselves, professional gamers have an enormous advantage in growing their own fan bases over traditional athletes.

The eSports community has many outlets where you can learn about the latest updates about your favorite team or a game in general, with most centering around Twitch and YouTube.

Once a fan has an understanding of the individual teams or players they can easily know when certain competitions are, along with where they can view it online.

eSports as a whole is growing a rapid pace and many Fortune 500 companies are taking notice. Most

teams are sponsored by an electronics company, such as Nvidia or Logitech, because these companies are aware of the seemingly unlimited potential the market has. In the U.S. and Western Europe combined, there are 47.7 million people who watch and/ or participate in eSports. This number is growing and companies are wanting their products seen by this audience. Currently, 56 percent of American and 50 percent of Western European gamers are actively following some version of eSports.

As these percentages increase, eSports will become as popular as money-makers such as the NBA, NHL and NFL, if not more so as it reaches it's peak international audience. With such potential in forethought, this gamer advises you to get involved now before it unfortunately leaves you behind.

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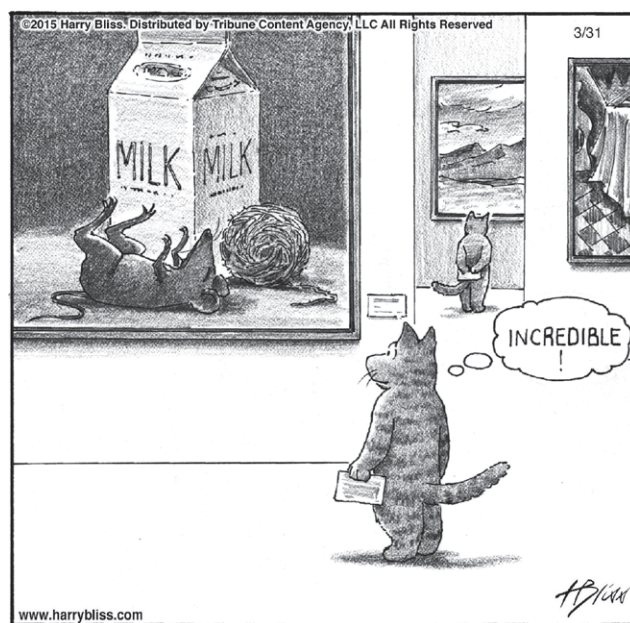
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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

3/31/15

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By Jerry Edelstein

3/31/15

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- Ex-Disney CEO Michael
- Printer cartridge contents
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- Ice cream maker Joseph
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- ___ shot

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Pirates drop series

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's woes on the diamond continued in its weekend series against the Memphis Tigers, as the Pirates dropped their first conference series 2-1.

In Sunday's finale, a 4-2 Memphis victory, the Pirates' starting pitcher David Lucroy (2-1) pitched a strong six and one-third innings, striking out nine Tiger batters. He had a 2-0 lead going into the seventh, but a big inning from the Tigers would stick him with the loss.

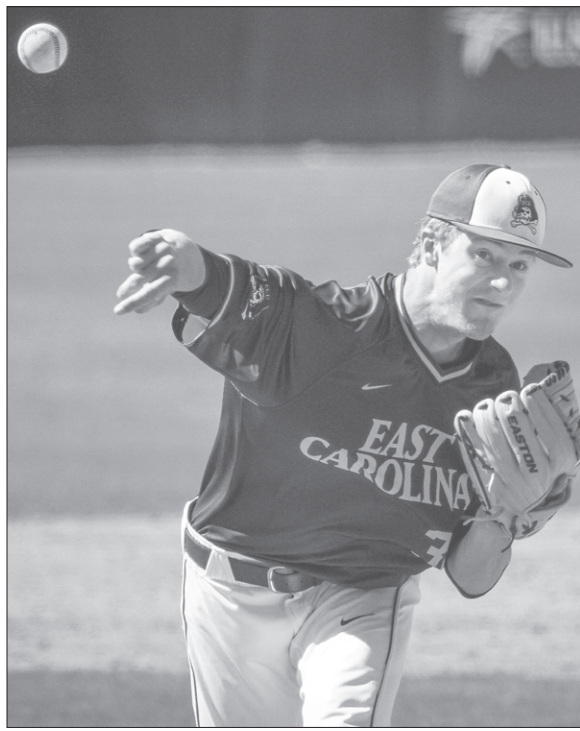
"He pitched good enough to win," said ECU Head Coach Cliff Godwin. "We had an error in the inning that we just weren't able to overcome."

After loading the bases on a hit batter, a walk and a Kirk Morgan error, Lucroy was pulled from the game and replaced by senior pitcher Reid Love. Love induced a ground ball to first baseman Bryce Harman that had potential to result in a double play. Harman instead threw home, getting the sure out at the plate.

The decision would prove critical, because after a run scoring wild pitch, Memphis center fielder Damien Tubbs hit a sharp fly ball to center. Garrett Brooks should have fielded it cleanly, ending the threat, but he misread the ball and then took a poor route after it. The ball landed cleanly, got to the wall and Tubbs rounded the bases for a three-run homer.

"I left the pitch up. I could have made a better pitch and we just had a bad read," Love said. "Things happen."

Offense has been tough to come by these past two weeks for the Pirates. They managed to score just eight runs in the series against



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Freshman Joe Ingle lets go of a pitch in the weekend series.

Memphis, with the middle of the line-up struggling especially.

"It's a long season," said Godwin. "Hitting, there's going to be some ups and downs. They've just got to play through it."

Pitching kept the Pirates in every game of the series. It started in game one, when sophomore Evan Kruczynski turned in a dominant outing to earn a win in a 4-1 game. He improved his record to 5-1, and dropped his ERA to just 1.27. The sophomore didn't allow a runner to reach second base until Tubbs doubled to lead off the ninth. He surrendered his first run of the game in that inning, after Tucker Tubbs hit a double to the gap.

The start was critical for a Pirate team that lacks bullpen depth. Kruczynski allowed Godwin to have his full complement of bullpen starters available and fresh for not only game two of the doubleheader, but for Sunday's series finale.

The sophomore said his success was largely due to extra effort in practice.

Throwing off-speed pitches for strikes set Kruczynski up for success that had eluded him against Virginia Commonwealth a week prior.

"That's what I struggled with last week. This week I really focused on getting my changeup and slider in there for strikes," said Kruczynski.

Leading 1-0 in the fifth, center fielder Reid Love belted a two-run home run over the left field wall. Love flipped his bat towards the Memphis dugout as soon as he made contact before trotting around the bases. Memphis Head Coach Daron Schoenrock was not pleased at the display of sportsmanship and yelled at Love and Godwin, prompting the ECU coach to talk to his senior.

Caleb Wallingford took the loss for Memphis thanks largely to Love's brilliant 4-for-4 game at the plate. The Pirates got six hits against Wallingford while drawing five walks. He lasted six innings before being relieved by Trey McNickle.

Jacob Wolfe started game two with more of

the same, leaving Memphis hitters confused for the first five innings. His momentum broke in the sixth inning, however, when he gave up a leadoff single and couldn't pick up the ball on two consecutive sacrifice bunt attempts. Joe Ingle was called to try to bail Wolfe out, but after striking out the first batter he gave up a single to center that scored two.

"We played pretty well until the sixth inning," said Godwin. "We've got to get outs when they give us outs."

Memphis starter Dylan Tuscano held onto the lead until the seventh inning as he surrendered a leadoff walk to Garrett Brooks.

Brooks stole second, and advanced to third on an Eric Tyler grounder. A wild pitch from southpaw Blake Myers scored Brooks, knotting the game at two.

Jimmy Boyd hit Chris Carrier with a pitch before retiring the next two Memphis hitters. With two outs, Jake Overbey lined a two-strike pitch into left to score Carrier and give Memphis a 3-2 lead for good.

The Pirates did fight back in the bottom of the ninth, however, with Luke Lowery getting just his second hit in his last 19 at-bats. Garrett Brooks launched a 1-1 pitch to center, but Tubbs made an outstanding diving catch that saved the tying run.

"That's just an outstanding play," said Brooks. "That's a play I'd like to make to help a team win like that, especially late in the game."

The Pirates are off until Thursday night, where they kick off a three-game series against Tulane in Clark-LeClair stadium.

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BASEBALL

Lack of depth hurting ECU



Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

identity under first year Head Coach Cliff Godwin.

The team has been inconsistent and it shouldn't come as a complete surprise to Pirate fans.

Perhaps the biggest reason for the season's inconsistency is the lack of depth on the Pirates' roster. The Pirates have been outmanned in every game they have played this season.

For instance, senior captain Hunter Allen was sidelined with a hand injury for a short period of time. In a game against VCU, Allen was called on to pinch hit when he couldn't properly grip a bat. This resulted in Allen laying down a bunt with two strikes, a very risky move.

To put it in perspective, Memphis had eight more players than the Pirates this past weekend.

The Tigers had six more available options to come out of the bullpen than ECU, which allows situational and matchup planning.

As a result, ECU is forced to keep players in that they could normally sub out, and has the Pirates relying more on inexperienced freshman.

The pitching staff seems to be struggling, as the bullpen is responsible for eight of the 12 ECU losses.

No one can necessarily blame the bullpen if the pitchers aren't getting the full amount of rest that they need.

At the same time, this lack of depth allows the Pirates to give everyone a chance.

Freshman Joe Ingle has shined out of the bullpen as he has now proven he can be clutch and get the Pirates out of tough

situations. One can argue that Ingle wouldn't have the same opportunity with a full ECU roster.

The pitching has cost the Pirates some games, but the recent losses seem to be attributed to the ECU bats.

There is no question that the hot ECU offense has simmered down in the past couple of weeks. The amount of offense the Pirates were putting out to start the season was outrageous.

The Pirates registered a combined 41 runs two weeks ago in the series at Elon, including a 20-4 victory in the series finale.

It would be completely unrealistic if anyone were expecting that offensive output to last the entire season.

The Pirates don't need to have double-digit hits to win. ECU is perfectly capable of winning on six hits, although it would call on better pitching and better at bats.

It's not that the ECU offense is struggling; it is leveling out.

The Pirates still have five batters hitting over .300 and another six players batting over .250.

Having five players batting over .300 is still impressive and should be enough to get the job done.

With Luke Lowery and Bryce Harman in somewhat of a slump, the Pirates are lacking flashy and effortless looking home runs.

With the exception of last Wednesday's 13-2 blowout against High Point the Pirates have been in every game that they have lost, which can once again directly correlate with the light roster and some inexperience.

No one likes losing, and losing close games won't satisfy fans, but there is still a lot of baseball to be played, no one should hit the panic button yet.

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Rose brings pedigree to volleyball

Son of Penn State Hall of Fame coach joins Lady Pirates as assistant

Kai Jones
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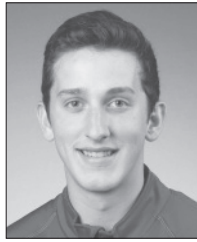
As the spring season was dawning on East Carolina's women's volleyball team, the decision was made to hire Chris Rose as the new assistant coach.

Rose is the son of Russ Rose, the Hall of Fame coach at Penn State, and Lori Rose, a 3-time All-American volleyball player at Penn State.

The father Rose built a dynasty at Penn State with his 1,096-173 record, six NCAA championships in the last eight years and 14 Big Ten Championships in the last 18 years. As the Head Coach of the Nittany Lions, he has built a culture of winning at Penn State that is unmatched.

The Lady Pirates managed just six wins combined from 2010-2012.

Then, in 2013, Head Coach Julie Torbett came into the picture. Torbett's connections to Penn State run deep. She played under



Chris Rose

what she called a "tougher conference."

"We're trying to build a respectable national program," said Torbett.

After assistant coach Brandon Crisp left, there was a vacancy in the ECU program.

Torbett reached out to her old coach and looked for guidance and someone to fill her vacant position. Russ Rose told her that his son Chris and couple of his other people were available. He listed all of the potential candidates' strengths, but Torbett wanted Chris.

"I played for his father," said Torbett. "I knew his training. I have that competitive drive

Rose at Penn State from 1986-1990.

Immediate success followed her to Greenville. In her first season as the coach of the Lady Pirates she came in and won 13 games followed by 15 wins last season in

inside me. It was fine tuned at Penn State."

She knew his competitive background and how he could help the competitive culture that she is trying to building.

So she gave Chris Rose a call, and after the call Rose called his dad and said he was coming to ECU before he had even applied for the job.

Chris Rose spent time under his father as a student-volunteer coach, and also as a volunteer at Buffalo University. Rose, only 22-years-old, was around his father's gym constantly—just the way his parents raised him.

While Chris Rose impresses many with just his father's name, he also spoke on skepticism. He was tested many times as a player in high school because he was Russ's son, but he is here to show and prove.

"You do everything the right way," said Chris. "Focus on the smaller fundamentals."

He also sees some similarities in his dad's gym already. He spoke on how all the girls

seem to like each other and have a good relationship. He sees Torbett's work already as the gym has a competitive spirit.

Chris has a clear goal for this program as well.

"Make everywhere better you go," he said. Torbett has already made the program better, not just record wise, but nationally as well.

Torbett came in and the RPI of ECU was higher than 300, but now they are ranked No. 174. With success in front of them, many are wondering what's next for the team.

Chris and Torbett want to win the American Athletic Conference title this year; Chris wants to eventually get to national title contention. Torbett knows it's not going to be an overnight process, but Chris and Torbett are competitive and know what it takes.

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TAKEAWAYS

BASEBALL

Pitcher Joe Ingle was named the National Player-of-the-Week by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.

SOFTBALL

The Pirates (10-26, 2-4 AAC) won a weekend series against the hosting Memphis Tigers over the weekend.

MEN'S GOLF

ECU placed 10th out of 20 in the Slomin Autism Invitational hosted by Florida Atlantic over the weekend.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Lady Pirates (11-9, 1-3 AAC) were shut out at home by Charlotte this weekend, 4-0.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates (10-10, 1-0 AAC) snapped their five-game losing streak with a 4-2 victory over the College of Charleston on Saturday.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes (28-36-11) fell, 2-1 to the Boston Bruins on Sunday thanks to David Pastrnak's last minute goal.

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Softball earns first AAC wins

Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

Redshirt senior Abby Wynne hit a two-run home run in extra innings that gave the East Carolina softball team its second American Athletic Conference victory during its final game of a three-game series against conference hosting Memphis.

Starting right-handed pitcher Sarah Christian held the Tigers (12-17, 1-5 AAC) to only one run. Christian finished the game after five innings and only gave up five hits and struck out four batters. The Pirates (10-26, 2-1 AAC) were able to hit off of Memphis pitcher Jordan Richwood and gathered six hits and three runs off of the senior pitcher.

The Pirates held a 1-0 lead after Meredith Mitchell hit a single in the third inning that advanced Andie Johnson to third base. Johnson scored on a throwing error by the Tigers.

The score changed in the bottom of the sixth inning when the Tigers picked up a run on a throwing error by Johnson.

With the score 1-1 in extra innings, relief pitcher Caroline Umphlett fought on the mound as she pitched her way through six batters without allowing a hit. In the top of the



Abby Wynne makes contact with a pitch. She has five home runs.

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eight inning, Wynne hit a two-run home run, her fifth of the season, which gave ECU the victory, 3-1.

The second game of Saturday's doubleheader was the

end of an eight game losing streak for ECU when the Pirates capitalized offensively against Memphis pitcher Katie Bringnac in the fourth inning. With the score 1-0, Johnson hit a three-run home run, the first of her ECU career.

The Pirates' momentum continued in the seventh inning as they scored four runs that brought them to an 8-1 lead.

Starting pitcher Ashley Cruise pitched a full seven-inning game and gave up seven hits, one run and struck out six.

The first game of the series lasted 12 innings, as the Pirates and Tigers went head-to-head in a pitching duel. Umphlett started on the mound and threw three innings and allowed three runs on three hits.

Christian relieved her and tossed eight innings and gave up two runs off of five hits. She struck out five Memphis batters.

In the fourth inning, the Pirates scored four runs on four hits. Left fielder Ciara Ervin hit a two run home run which was the first in her collegiate career.

The Tigers countered in the bottom half of the inning by scoring three runs. The game was tied in the fifth inning when the Tigers hit a solo home run bringing the score to 4-4.

It was a head-to-head pitching battle through six scoreless innings. In the bottom of the 12th inning, Memphis's third baseman, Cierra Mangum, hit a walk-off double that gave the Tigers the 5-4 victory.

Memphis pitcher Richwood pitched all 12 innings and gave up 10 hits, four runs and struck out 11 batters.

The Pirates are back on the road this weekend at Houston and will compete in a three-game series against the Cougars.

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Cepulis competes at NCAA's

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Senior team co-captain and Lithuania native Rokas Cepulis has been known for his tremendous ability to collect accolades at every meet he attends. He is in the East Carolina record books in four different categories.

For the second year in a row, Cepulis was invited to the NCAA Division I Men's Swimming and Diving Championships hosted in Iowa City, Iowa, last Thursday through Saturday at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center. A total of 270 swimmers and divers competed against each other for gold. Among the 270 participants were 235 other swimmers and 35 divers.

In order for student-athletes to compete at the NCAA championships, they were required to meet the established minimum for the events that they wished to enter. Meeting this qualified them for the swimming portion of the championships.

At the 2015 NCAA championships this past weekend, Cepulis competed



Rokas Cepulis

in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke, which are his main events. In the 100 breast preliminaries he finished 38th with a time of 53.78, and in the 200 breast preliminaries he came in 32nd with a time of 1:56.07.

Cepulis was one of the 17 swimmers to earn All-Conference accolades at the 2015 American Athletic Conference Championships last month in Greensboro, N.C. He helped lead his team during the entire championships, eventually capturing the Pirates first AAC title at the close of the weekend. He earned All-League status in six events, five All-Conference honors, along with making individual first-place finishes in the men's 100 and 200 breaststroke. Cepulis also had a NCAA B qualifying record time in the men's 200 individual medley.

At the conclusion of the dual meet

season, Cepulis made his mark. He set the venue record in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:01.34 and 200 IM with a time of 1:50.96 made Cepulis a multi-event winner.

Cepulis received the final AAC Male Swimmer-of-the-Week award for the 2014-2015 season in February. He was chosen to be the final recipient of the season after posting impressive times in the 200 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley, which were the fastest times in those events held at William & Mary.

In November, Cepulis had his first weekly honor in his career of being named AAC Male Swimmer-of-the-Week. Cepulis was given the honor after having the fastest time in the nation at 1:55.88 in the 200 breaststroke at the Nike Cup.

Cepulis has had a season to be remembered as his swimming career at ECU comes to an end.

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