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## Board of Governors visit campus

Collyn Sheaffer  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University will be hosting the Board of Governors along with representatives from the UNC system schools for the remainder of the week.

Board members, as well as the other UNC faculty and chancellors, arrived yesterday to tour the campus and meet with ECU students and university officials. Committee meetings began this morning and will continue throughout the day. A meeting with the entire Board of Governors will be held on Friday.

Chancellors from each university will be in attendance and are expected to speak on behalf of their universities and student bodies in meetings with the board.

Jake Srednicki, student body president, said that these meetings are held monthly and this month is East Carolina's turn to host the 33 board members representing schools in the UNC school system. As student body president, Srednicki said that he has the opportunity to assist showcasing the university to our guests by giving the board members tours of our campus and specific programs that East Carolina offers.

Srednicki said he is thankful to have the opportunity to build relationships, informally and formally, with these board members and the faculty at East Carolina throughout his term of presidency. He appreciates the help and support they have been able to offer him.

He also said that he is confident that the incoming president, Mark Matulewicz, will be able to build the same kinds of relationships before he even gets sworn into presidency, to avoid as many issues as possible.

"[Matulewicz] knows who to talk to in order to get certain perspectives and he has started to build relationships with these people," said Srednicki.

Srednicki said that the role of student body president has several responsibilities that go beyond the written duties that are expected and his representation for the student body this weekend is one of them.

Students from ECU are also expected to give presentations to the Board of Governors at tomorrow's meeting through the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs, according to the Board of Governor's agenda for the weekend.

Some of the topics scheduled for the meeting will include acquisition of property at ECU, school of medicine compensation and comments on board policies.

Friday's meeting will be held at 9 a.m. at the East Carolina Heart Institute on the Health Sciences Campus.

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## Paying for free speech Designated public forum zone in question

Kelsey Padgett  
TEC STAFF

Despite ECU policy on designated public forums, anti-abortion advocates set up an event in the Mendenhall Brickyard on Monday.

The policy states, "Unless an Event is sponsored by a University entity, it will not be allowed in areas or facilities other than the Designated Public Forum."

The designated public forum zone on campus, or the free speech zone, is currently located by the cupola and extends to the area to the south of the cupola surrounded by sidewalks on all four sides. The area is listed as being open to free speech by administration approval.

"Free speech zones are typically found to be unconstitutional when challenged in court."

-Frank LoMonte

According to Associate Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs Bernie Schulz, the event was moved to the brickyard because of the size of the posters and otherwise would have remained in the free speech zone.

"The cupola was designated as a public forum and was not intended to be a program type of space," said Schulz.

He also said that the group had to pay a service fee to the university for use of the brickyard. The fee was used to pay to have their materials set up, cleaned up, and for the extra security needed for the event.

Executive Director for the Student

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## Bikiniless Beach Fest



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Three students take part in a kayaking activity that was provided at the fourth annual Beach Fest hosted by Campus Recreation and Wellness. The event was rescheduled for the rain date but still featured activities which included ziplining, kayaking, boating and ladder golf. Participants received points for doing activities that could be used to receive prizes.

## Festival projecting large turnout

### Uptown expecting 35,000 for Pirate Fest's food and entertainment

Lindsay Rayner  
TEC STAFF

This weekend, downtown Greenville will be filled with close to 35,000 pirates participating in the 9th annual Pirate Fest, which will feature concerts and food vendors.

"Pirate Fest is a celebration of the pirates of Eastern North Carolina, inclusive to the pirates of ECU," said Bianca Shoneman, director of Uptown Greenville.

According to Shoneman, Pirate Fest started in 2007 as the centennial celebration of East Carolina University.

"Uptown Greenville worked in tandem with the city of Greenville and East Carolina University to celebrate the university's 100th birthday," said Shoneman. "So we have been organizing Pirate Fest since its inception, in large part to recognize the culture that ECU brings to our community."

Shoneman said Pirate Fest is

a celebration of our rich history associated with pirates.

"I suppose you could say it's like a birthday celebration for the university," said Shoneman.

As the Azalea Festival is to Wilmington and the Art Exposure is to Raleigh, Shoneman describes Pirate Fest as Greenville's signature event.

"It's a great snapshot of our community," said Shoneman.

Pirate Fest begins on Friday at 5 p.m. with the Buccaneer Bash. According to Shoneman, Friday night is a smaller scale event compared to Saturday.

"It's live music and the carnival and there are just a few food vendors, Saturday is our really big day," said Shoneman.

The festival will kick off on Friday with a live performance by The Breakfast Club on the festival's Roses Main Stage, located on the corner of 4th and Evans Street.

The Breakfast Club is a 1980s

### >> PLAN TO GO

**WHAT:** Pirate Fest

**WHEN:** April 10 and April 11

**WHERE:** Uptown Greenville

cover band well known for paying tribute to famous bands and singers from that time.

The Breakfast Club is one of 22 bands that will be at Pirate Fest.

"We do have a great music school here at East Carolina University, and so I think celebrating the culture of our music is relevant to our success as a

festival," said Shoneman.

Shoneman said another reason why Pirate Fest hosts so many musical performers is because people in Greenville love live music.

Shoneman referred to Pirate Fest as "an international cultural music and pirate celebration," due to the variety of music.

"You'll see everything from a traditional Latin music band to a reggae band, all the way back to an R&B gospel singer, floating back to a Hmong Association that can do dance plus music," said Shoneman.

Since Pirate Fest is a large event, Shoneman said various corporate partners fund it.

"Without the good support of East Carolina University, and the city of Greenville, this event would not be possible," said Shoneman.

Although a lot of money goes into planning Pirate Fest, it is a very profitable weekend for local business owners.

"Many of our uptown businesses will tell me post Pirate Fest that they have had the best day on record," said Shoneman.

According to Shoneman, Pirate Fest brings close to 35,000 people over the course of the two days to the city center, and that has an impact on the sticks and bricks buildings downtown.

"When you're running a business, and you've got 35,000 customers right at your footsteps, it's a big deal," said Shoneman. "It's just a great day to do business in the uptown district."

This year for the first time, Pirate Fest will also

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**BRIEFS**

**Greenville Council split on bond referendum**

A group of Greenville City Council Members have announced their desire for amendments to the proposed bond referendum. The group, which includes Mayor Allen Thomas, calls for tax raises to fund road and infrastructure improvements.

Councilwoman Kandie Smith, one of the members calling for the changes, is considering splitting the changes into separate elements to simple parts to allow more voter understanding and participation. Many citizens are still opposed to the \$750,000 being allocated to funding the East Side Greenway.

**Summit considers Greenville development**

Officials recently met for the Greenville Summit, where local and state experts and officials met to discuss the current and future economic state of Greenville. Officials talked about targeting pharmaceutical and food processing companies.

Officials addressed the need for state incentive packages to bring these companies in. These same packages were used to bring Dell, which officials see as a failed venture that wasted state money. Officials also discussed energy, such as the new bill signed on April 2, and future economic developments.

# ECU transit re-trains

## Additional classes made available to drivers

**Anna Parrish**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

In wake of recent ECU transit accidents, student drivers are being required to go through refresher courses where they can receive additional training to drive the buses.

Wood Davidson, director of ECU transit, said student employees must have at least 80 hours of classroom and driving training before they even start on a bus route by themselves. If anything were to happen during their shift, the drivers are sent back to training where they take a retraining course.

When students apply to be transit drivers, their driving records are checked before they are even interviewed. Students with more than one violation are not allowed to work as drivers.

Potential employees must obtain a Commercial Driver's License and pass a certified medical exam along with a drug and alcohol screening.

Branson Dail, a trainer for ECU transit, said the process for becoming a transit driver can be very difficult.

"It's easier to get your pilot's license than to drive for ECU transit," said Dail.

According to ECU transit's website, student drivers provide rides to over 2.5 million to people each year on over 30 different routes. Transit is one of the largest services used by students and faculty. Although it is such a commonly used system, many students are unaware of the process that students have to go through before



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**An ECU rides the bus from his apartment complex to campus for classes during the school week.**

they become transit drivers.

The drivers for the Pirate Express, which is also known as the "drunk bus," must meet certain requirements to drive these routes. They are must take a class to learn about the specific challenges faced when dealing with all types of people on the bus and also with driving late hours.

The Pirate Express bus routes are offered to students between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. on weekend nights. Davidson said one of the reasons for creating the Pirate Express was to increase safety for students and hopefully eliminate robberies and

assaults. Lack of parking in the downtown area was another component when creating this system.

Caroline Wright, an ECU transit driver, said it is usually harder to drive the Pirate Express bus because she must maintain control of the situation despite her surroundings.

"The hardest part of the pirate express is making sure people follow the rules on the bus," said Wright.

Some of the larger apartment complexes contribute to making the night routes possible by paying funds for the routes that travel

downtown. Every full-time student pays a total of \$146 in student fees each year to help fund the buses.

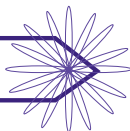
Brandon Sorkin, junior exercise physiology major, said he uses transit often and he sees the clear benefit in paying fees for it.

"ECU transit eliminates the need to bring a car at least or your first and second year," said Sorkin.

Davidson also put the rumor that if a student is hit by a bus they will free tuition to rest.

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**ONLINE**



**Greenville City Council talks taxes**

Check out our online photo gallery for more campus, sports and event photos.

*Corrections/ Clarifications*

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# Nursing students, faculty host educational Scout Out

**Sydni Dobson**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Saturday marks the fifth bi-annual Scout Out Nursing event for the Boys and Girl Scouts of North Carolina at the College of Nursing from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Scout Out Nursing has invited approximately 120 Boys and Girls Scouts of N.C. to attend. The event will be a collaboration between the ECU College of Nursing and Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society Beta Nu Chapter.

"We give the boys and girl scouts an opportunity to meet some requirements that require them to earn their badge or patch," said Gina Woody, clinical associate professor of the College of Nursing.

According to Woody, the program

will introduce the profession of nursing to the Boy and Girl Scout community. The scouts will be offered a tour through the College of Nursing by a student guide that will escort the scouts to each of the labs and stations set up by the organizations.

The tour will include several stations that will show the history of nursing, how to use a stethoscope, the dynamics of first aid, how to treat first aid and many more health related information.

In addition to the collaboration of organizations, the ECU Theater Arts Department will assist in providing costumes and makeup for the actors at the different stations of the tour.

Dr. Sylvia Brown, Dean of College of Nursing will be present to assist with the event along with the college nursing faculty, nursing students, nurses in the community and volunteers.



ECU MEDIA RELATIONS

**A nurse teaches girl scouts at the 2013 Scout Out for the chance to earn badges.**

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Executive Director for the Student Press Law Center Frank LoMonte said charging a fee for use of university space is not unheard of.

"As long as the cost is directly related to the cost that the event inflicts on the university there's nothing constitutionally wrong with charging a fee," said LoMonte.

According to LoMonte, other campuses have free speech zones, but often have to extend them to avoid legal action.

"Free speech zones are typically found to be unconstitutional when challenged in court," said LoMonte. "Anywhere on campus can be used as a free speech zone as long as the event is not interfering with the university's need to use property for another use."

The question was raised recently in administration if there was a need for other free speech zones on campus, but because of the lack of demand for use of the current space no other designations have been made.

Schulz said he wasn't at the university when the cupola was chosen as the "designated public forum"

but to his understanding it was chosen because it is a public location at the center of campus.

Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, FIRE, is a foundation that aims to "defend and sustain individual rights" on college campuses nationwide.

According to the foundation's rating scale, ECU's speech code rating is red. The red rating is the lowest available and was given because the university "has at least one policy that both clearly and substantially restricts freedom of speech."

Schulz said that ECU does not make reservations based on content of an event. They are not trying to limit the messages received by students.

"We're not limiting free speech," said Schulz. "We are supportive of everyone's free speech rights and encourage them to use their voices."

All reservations for free speech events can be made through the ECU Central Reservation Office.

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# Srednicki reviews year in SGA office

**Collyn Sheaffer**  
TEC STAFF

With the end of the school year approaching, the Student Government members are reflecting on the transitions in the past year and the issues they have dealt with.

From the impeachment trials last semester against Mike King, former SGA President, that eventually led to his resignation, and to students opposing the decisions and morals of the Student Government.

These vocalizations led to a new kind of election process, which brought a new group of students into the executive branch. The members have said the past school year has been filled with ups and downs for them.

Many students were caught off guard when King resigned at the beginning of the semester. Jake Srednicki, current SGA President, was forced to take over the roles and responsibilities of King in a matter of days.

Although Srednicki said that more transition time would have been ideal, he added that he is thankful that his team as well as Virginia Hardy,

vice chancellor of Student Affairs, and other faculty members was so willing to help.

Srednicki said that because he did not have much of a transition period before he was sworn into presidency, he wanted to make sure that his executive team had clear expectations for the next branch's transitions into office. Srednicki said that everyone that is coming into office knows what its transitions are going to look like.

"This is why we have so much structure planned for the transition for the next ticket, and not just the executive team," said Srednicki.

The unexpected resignation and quickly forced transitions came weeks before the elections for new Student Government representatives began.

Ron Hinton, ECU alumnus and former opponent of King's executive ticket during the 2014 elections, believed that this situation turned out to benefit the election process.

"People who actually care about what's going on got involved; this allowed the leaders of SGA to cultivate to the top," said Hinton.

The elections were a chance for students to



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**Srednicki speaks at an SGA senate meeting.**

get involved in SGA, make changes where they thought was necessary, and improve things that they believed needed improvement. However, Hinton believes that students still are not getting

involved in SGA the way that they should be.

"When you pay what you pay to be here, and you don't know who the chancellors and deans are, I don't expect you to know who is running for office in SGA," said Hinton, in reference to students' apathy towards SGA voting.

Srednicki said that the upcoming executive branch should have relationships with faculty and students built before a problem arises and he is forced to handle it with them.

"We should never have to say 'hi something just came up so we need to talk,'" said Srednicki.

In order to get an idea of what his duties as President will be like, Srednicki said that upcoming student body President Mark Matulewicz has already sat in on several Chancellor's Round-Table Meetings and met several faculty members that he will be working with next school year.

With this school year coming to an end, members of Student Government said they are hopeful for the future and the relationships they plan to build with the student body and faculty.

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April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

## Movie Times:

Regal Greenville Grande  
Stadium 14  
Friday, April 10,  
Saturday, April 11

### The Longest Ride

12:10 p.m., 12:50 p.m., 1:40 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:40 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 9:50 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

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### Woman In Gold

1:20 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

### Get Hard

2:10 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m., 10:40 p.m.

### Home 3D

3:40 p.m., 9:15 p.m.

### Home

12:20 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 7:35 p.m., 9:55 p.m.

### Do You Believe

2:00 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

### The Divergent Series:

**Insurgent 3D**  
4:25 p.m.

### The Divergent Series:

**Insurgent**  
1:15 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 10:05 p.m.

### Cinderella

1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

### It Follows

7:50 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

# Bead jewelry hits campus



CYDNEY SMITH | THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
Bailey Weaver holds necklaces from her "Bailey Mae Beads" jewelry line.

**Ashley Federici**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Most college students are always looking for ways to earn extra money while in school. For most this means working as a waitress or lifeguarding in the summer. ECU sophomore and communications major, Bailey Weaver decided to go with something more unique.

In July of 2014, Weaver developed her very own jewelry line known as "Bailey Mae Beads." Since first starting in July with only 200 dollars, Weaver has seen the line grow and has hopes for more success in the future.

Weaver said she is happy with the accomplishments she has made since starting her line in July. Bailey Mae Beads currently is sold in The Posh Petal boutique in Raleigh and has had five trunk shows. Weaver said she would love to be featured in more boutiques and has ideas for new styles.

"I was just bored one night and I wanted a way to make some extra money so I figured I'd try to make something new because I was feeling creative," said Weaver.

Weaver has produced an assortment of beaded necklaces, bracelets and a few rings and personally crafts each piece of jewelry by hand.

"I looked online for how to make tassels but then for the beading I just did all on my own," said Weaver. "If it's something new I can play around with it for 20 minutes but if it's something I've made before I can knock it out in probably like 7 to 10 minutes."

Weaver said one of the hardest parts of creating something that people will wear is to find what everyone likes.

"[I] have to make sure that a lot of people like it not just myself," said Weaver. "Targeting a market was probably the hardest [thing to do]."

"I want to have a lot of new lines come out, I've been thinking about seashells and stuff like that for the summer and just continuing it to grow," said Weaver.

Weaver said she personally admires the jewelry lines of Kate

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# Boutique presents new items

## The Closet Consignment re-opens with spring fashion show

**Carlyn Legg**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

On Friday night, Closet Consignment Boutique will put on a fashion show to celebrate the store's re-opening.

The Closet Consignment Boutique opened in Dec. 2011 in a small space behind Winslow's downtown.

The customer and fan base of the store has continued to grow over the last three years. Referred to customers as "The Closet," the store will have its third spring fashion show.

With almost eight thousand Facebook likes, The Closet's fans range anywhere from late teens to "fashionable grandmas" as described by store owner, Paula Chrismon.

"The Closet is more than just a place to shop. It contributes to our community and to the arts," said Chrismon. "By doing the fashion shows, it gives local girls the chance to walk in the shows who wouldn't normally have an opportunity to do that."

Once she announces when and where the fashion show will

be, Chrismon receives contacts by her customers who want to participate.

Chrismon then works with the girls for several weeks leading up to the show to schedule fittings for the models and run-throughs of the show.

"Styling is the fun part—putting fun outfits together and seeing the girls excited to wear their outfits and feeling confident in what they have on," said Chrismon.

The local business has made a habit out of creating a name for itself in the arts community.

By taking part in the First Friday Art Walk each month and donating gift certificates and raffle prizes to local fundraisers,

The Closet Consignment aims to make a difference in the community.

Attendees of tomorrow night's show will get to see the new trends the store has offer this season.

"The major goal [of the show] is to bring the latest spring trends and fashions to the girls

## >> PLAN TO GO

**WHAT:** Re-Grand Opening Fashion Show

**WHEN:** Friday Night

**WHERE:** Closet Consignment

and ladies of our community and also to kick off and launch the [new] location," said Chrismon.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. and will feature girls from the community as models.

There is a DJ scheduled to run the music aspect of the event. The store hopes to grow its fan base even further and invites all women in the community to come out to the show.

The store hopes to use the money from admissions to purchase a new store front sign. Storefront signs are seen all around Greenville at local res-

taurants, stores, and shops.

"Hopefully we will get new shoppers," said Chrismon. "We're hoping to use some of the money made at the door to get a new storefront sign."

This Friday night at 8 p.m. the store will open for the fashion show. Tickets will be \$5 at the door.

### EDITORS NOTE:

Arts & Entertainment Editor, Jessica McGettigan will be participating in this event.

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# Little League hits the stage

## Magnolia Arts Center promotes upcoming Jackie Robinson play

**Arvanna Smart**  
TEC STAFF

This Saturday, Apr. 11, the Magnolia Arts Center will be partnering with Villa Verde food truck and Little League baseball organization for the 2015 opening day of the Little League Baseball season.

The Magnolia Arts Center is a non-profit cultural arts organization with a mission to provide the Greenville area residents with the opportunity to express their creativity, participate in the arts, and attend quality cultural events.

In addition to the baseball

" We will be handing out flyers and people can just give us donations since we are a nonprofit organization "

- Amanda Schoettleta

games, the Magnolia Arts Center will be promoting an upcoming play titled 'MVP: A Jackie Robinson Story.'

'MVP: A Jackie Robinson Story,' by Mary Hall Surface,

is a story that follows the introduction of Jackie Robinson into his professional baseball career. The play showcases Robinson's courage, resilience and athletic ability.

The Opening Day event will take place at the Greenville Little League baseball stadium, which is located behind Magnolia Arts Center at 1703 E 14<sup>th</sup> St.

"We will be doing a fundraiser at the little league opening this Saturday," said Amanda Schoettleta, public relations intern for Magnolia Arts Center. "We will be handing out flyers and people can just give us donations since we are a nonprofit

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FUN IN THE SUN

# Beach Fest takes over NRC hosts annual Battle of the Bands

Amanda Adkins  
TEC STAFF

Although the event was rescheduled because of weather, students still came out to win beach towels and tank tops at the fourth annual Beach Fest.

The event was hosted at the North Recreational Complex and also featured the Battle of the Bands. Over 1,500 students have come to Beach Fests in previous years to play games that rewarded participants

with prizes such as sunscreen, a cell phone wallet and a safety arm band. Free food samples were handed out to students from Bojangles, Which Wich, Kona Ice and Coca Cola.

Some of the activities provided at the event were kayaking, boating, ladder golf and 16 ECU Club Sports provided demonstrations on their clubs. Local apartment complexes were also on site to hand out free gifts.



Four bands performed at Beach Fest as a part of Battle of the Bands for a chance to win cash.



Two students wearing harnesses race to the end of an inflatable obstacle course to win points that could be redeemed for free beach themed prizes.



One of the free activities at Beach Fest was ziplining across the North Recreational Complex.

## LITTLE LEAGUE continued from A4

organization.”

The Villa Verde food truck will also be at the Opening Day Event. The Villa Verde food truck specializes in Caribbean style food and is located at 5<sup>th</sup> street UAC parking lot. Villa Verde will be parked at the Little League Baseball stadium on Saturday.

“The Villa Verde truck will be giving us a part of their proceeds from Saturday as well as the free donations,” said Schoettleta.

Since this is the opening day for Little League, it is predicted to be a packed event. Last year they filled the stadium for the beginning of the season.

“I think it will be a great way for us to get awareness because there is going to be a

ton of people who are interested in baseball, so I think a lot of people are going to buy tickets for the play while at the event,” said Schoettleta.

The opening day event is free to the public but tickets for the play are ten dollars per person. “MVP: A Jackie Robinson Story” will be showing at the Magnolia Arts Center from June 5th-7th and June 11th-13th.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. with the first baseball game starting at 11 a.m.

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## PIRATE FEST continued from A1

feature carnival rides.

“We’re going to see how the community responds to it, so we’re just going to go with eight rides,” said Shoneman. “There is sort of a mix between rides that are great for younger kids and those that would appeal more towards the college students.”

Since Pirates Fest originated as a celebration of ECU, Shoneman said,

“I hope [students] feel a sense of connectivity between the town and the university.”

Another hope for Shoneman is for ECU students to see another side of Greenville. “I think one thing that I hear as somebody who hosts interns on behalf of the university is a lot of ‘I had no idea all this went on in our community,’” said Shoneman. “So if you’re surprised and you feel like Greenville doesn’t offer much, this is your chance to come out and see it.”

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## PIRATE RANTS

It is deplorable for TEC to publish such graphic images on their front page. These student journalists are demonic heathens.

It's bad enough that I have to encounter grotesque pictures of dead infants on the way to class but now TEC has to print those same pics on the front and inner pages. There went my appetite.

Shame on the 'pro-lifers' who put up a display at Mendenhall that was full of lies. Comparing personal choice to genocide is not only insulting; it's ignorant. Shame on you and shame on ECU for propagating false information.

Everyone is blind if they haven't noticed how awesome our newspaper has become in the last two years.

In my four years, I've seen some pretty dumb articles in TEC, but attacking a professor and his character...that's low!

It's funny how ECU's English "department" has time to trash talk TEC for just stating the facts, no matter how personal it was. The department should be spending more time thinking about how they're going to address all the "TBA" for next semester's English classes. I'd like to know who my teacher will be in the fall, not how pissed off you feel about how TEC called out a professor that needed to be called out for a libelous act that was swept under the rug.

The Board of Governors will be on campus later this week. Go to their meeting. Tell them what you think. But keep them away from your wallets and purses.

The Board of Governors is abbreviated BOG, appropriate considering the quicksand they are sinking universities into.

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding rants can be directed to Zach Elsam at [opinion@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com).

# Our view

# Keep the peace during protests

The United States' first amendment rights may protect free speech and while activists with an array of viewpoints flood college campuses all over the country looking to influence impressionable, young adults, some campaigners go to uncalled-for extremes in an attempt to sway or affirm beliefs.

At this very university, there are posters, exhibits and sometimes even bake sales to help raise awareness for specific causes.

However, we, as an editorial staff, feel that the protest organizations, at times, miss their point by berating or insulting students.

It's irrefutable that activists have every right to say, yell, or scream whatever comes to their minds at passing students or teachers. However, with abusive language comes a reaction that can be counter-intuitive to an activists' cause.

Overhearing a seemingly innocent bake sale turn to a forum of negative language with offensive connotations after a passerby declines to buy items is disconcerting to say the least.

In another negative example, religious advocate Ross

Jackson, known by many as 'Brother Ross', has taken to his own cause by using offensive language to belittle and offend passing students. The tactics used by Jackson evidently push people away as he has become infamous around North Carolina universities.

Perhaps taking a more passive approach in raising awareness would yield better returns. In standing up for what you think is right, alienating those who could support you only undermines the self-defined good that you are trying to do in the world.

Take, for example, the protests that took place earlier in the year outside of Flanagan, rallying around perceived injustice following the unfortunate circumstances in Ferguson, Mo.

In a peaceful demonstration, the people of Greenville, consisting of students and citizens, stood up for their beliefs in a way that was neither offensive nor aggressive.

Finding a healthy medium and toeing the line between offensive and convincing should be a top priority for activists not only at East Carolina University, but all over the country.

# Farewell to the courtesy age



**Craig Malmrose**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I heard those words, Ronald Reagan was in The White House. It's no secret that over the last few decades, manners have gone the way of the Hupmobile — and retail clerks are among the worst offenders.

Along these lines, Linton Weeks, writing for NPR, has observed the following: "Go through any drive-through at a fast-food restaurant in America. Go through any checkout line in a grocery store. Stand in line at a convenience store. If you are very lucky, the person waiting on you will make eye contact. Maybe they will speak. More likely, they will hand you your drink and bag while

looking back over their shoulder, never even acknowledging your personhood much less your status as a customer."

Bob Dylan was more than prophetic when he wrote, "The Times, They Are A-Changin'." As a kid in the 1960s, I learned it was a common and expected courtesy for any retail clerk to thank a customer for a transaction. Whether we were at the hardware store, a gas station or the supermarket, cashiers would never fail to say, "Thank you, and please come back again!" And those words always came with eye contact, sincerity and enthusiasm. I'm sad to report those were courtesies that are virtually nonexistent today.

However, it would be an oversight to indict cashiers holistically for their lack of common decency. Management teaches much of their protocol involving customers, and if managers fail to enforce these important skills, common decency ceases to exist. The root of this problem is that for the most part,

managers are no longer taught to manage anything. And proper supervision involving employee conduct is now some kind of rare and exotic extra.

Yet, retail business isn't the only place our civilities have failed. In an online article, Tele Opakunle made these additional observations: "Is civilization a curse or blessing? Trends, fads, new things and new ways come and go. Some of these actually leave indelible marks on the society, which are either damaging or perfecting.

What happened to the good values of the past that were built on good intentions and sweat of founding parents? Etiquette is the guiding light of the society. Manners, decorum, and virtues are all words that describe positive character. What happened to appreciation, gratitude, truthfulness, kindness, trust and many more? They are gone with the wind, replaced by vices, like ingratitude, lying, rudeness, haughtiness, and

some others that have become the bane of society."

Among the reasons our society is experiencing such rapid decline is the breakdown of the American family, and the fact that parents and their children no longer make an effort to dine together. Peter Post, descendant of etiquette expert Emily Post, offers up the following opinion on this subject: "In some cases, a harried single parent has replaced the traditional family and there's little time to teach the basics of polite living, let alone how to hold a knife and fork." Whether it's soccer practice, violin lessons, overworked parents or too much devotion to electronic devices, children are no longer being schooled in basic deportment.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Life is short, but there is always time enough for courtesy."

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# Exercising our right for night



**Emily Schultz**  
TEC STAFF

College is one of the most stressful times in any person's life. As students, we pay thousands of dollars to learn information that we need to know for the rest of our careers so we can have successful lives. So why is it that in one of the most hectic environments on this

already hectic university doesn't offer a fitness center that's open around the clock?

The Student Recreation Center is great for students - between the hours 5:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. However, most students are not willing to wake up at five in the morning to go work out, and maybe that is due to a lack of dedication, but it would be more beneficial to have the gym open all the time. College is one of the only places in the world where restaurants are often open past two in the morning; our own fitness center should be as well.

Since college can be such a stressful place, sometimes students want to unwind with the gym but they can't since it's closed when they want to go. College students sleep at weird hours,

especially many who are up cramming for exams late at night and they need the stress relief.

According to a 2008 mental health study by the Associated Press and mtvU, four in five college students say they have frequently experienced stress in their daily lives over the past three months. And the best way to relieve stress? Exercise.

In addition, many students have to maintain jobs in order to pay for their tuition and living expenses. Some may not get off work until late at night so they can only go to the gym after 11 p.m., by that time the gym is already about to close. The university doesn't even have to leave the whole gym open. The pool, along with the basketball and racquetball courts, would not be necessary to leave open since they both require special equipment and attention. However, several other gyms around town have weight rooms and cardio rooms that remain open for 24 hours.

We all know that Greenville isn't the safest place to go for a run in the middle of the night, so having the rec center open where students can feel safe and work out at whatever time they want would only be beneficial. According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of

America, exercise and other physical activity produce endorphins, which are chemicals in the brain that act as natural painkillers, and also improve the ability to sleep, reduce stress.

So we have the reasoning behind the need for a 24-hour gym, but is it actually possible? If the cost is what the university is worried about, it is not necessary to pay staff to work all night. Every ECU student has an ID card that is swiped anyway when entering the gym. If we put just one of those on the outside, each student would be able to let themselves in. Also, some students enjoy working at night, even graveyard shift hours. Giving them an opportunity to get paid while doing homework at their preferred time to do work is a win-win for everyone.

The problem here isn't that there isn't a 24-hour fitness center in place already - the problem is that no one has legitimately brought it up. If our student fees are paying for the recreation center, the bottom line is that, as ECU students, we are disserved if we can't use it whenever we want.

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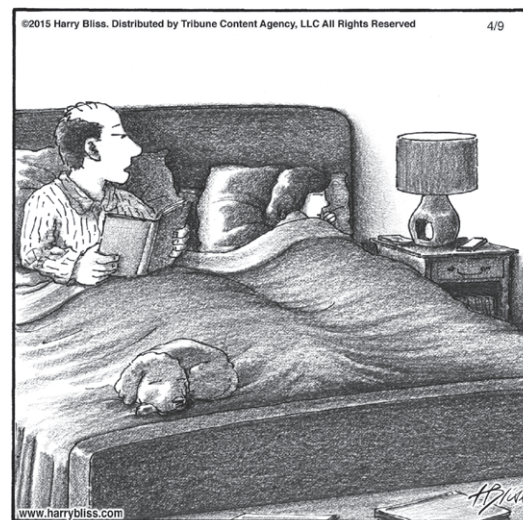
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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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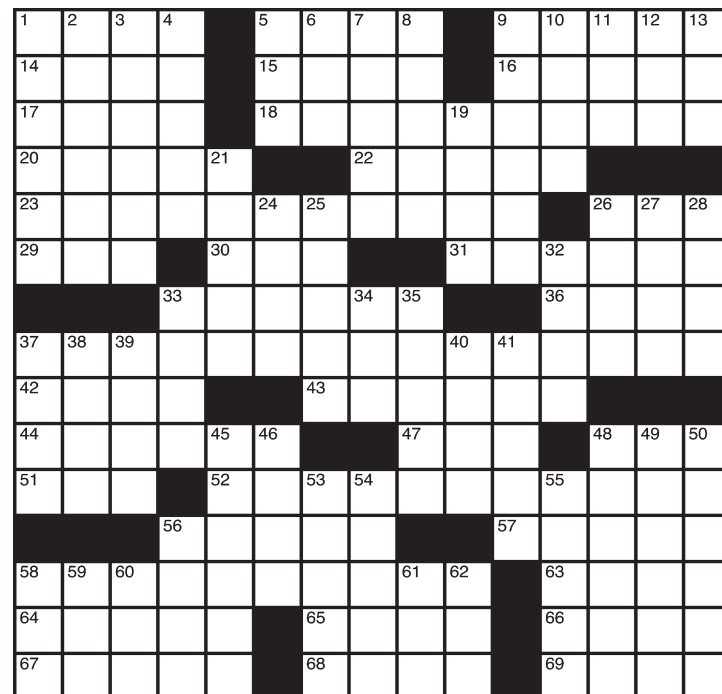
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- 5 Like some stockings
- 9 Guck
- 14 Windfall
- 15 "The Salt-N-Show"
- 16 Trojan War figure
- 17 Roman god of the sky
- 18 Genre that often includes a ballet
- 20 Utopias
- 22 Excited, with "up"
- 23 TV teaser before the first commercial
- 26 Côte d'Azur sight
- 29 Lean-\_\_
- 30 Nasser's confed.
- 31 Harsh
- 33 Swamp
- 36 Bone-dry
- 37 James Bond and others
- 42 Open org.
- 43 Second book in Clavell's "Asian Saga"
- 44 Fanatic
- 47 One-up
- 48 Time zone word: Abbr.
- 51 Buddhist branch
- 52 "Great" 1975 Redford role
- 56 Free-for-all
- 57 Savanna heavyweight
- 58 Skinny, so to speak, or what's hidden in 18-, 23-, 37- and 52-Across
- 63 Lined up, with "in"
- 64 Movers' challenge
- 65 Degree holder
- 66 Without
- 67 Choose to join
- 68 Ages and ages
- 69 Choice word

### DOWN

- 1 Protest
- 2 Jinx
- 3 King output
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- 5 EPA sticker stat
- 6 Adverb in odes
- 7 Produce
- 8 Capital NE of Vientiane
- 9 Quick learner
- 10 "Dragnet" force, briefly
- 11 Rage
- 12 Orbiter for 15 years
- 13 Spanish "that"
- 19 Pressures for payment
- 21 Ting or ping
- 24 When doubled, a South Pacific capital
- 25 Blow
- 26 First name in game shows
- 27 Iroquoian people
- 28 Cabs and syrachs
- 32 "You're So \_\_\_": 1973 #1 hit
- 33 Carrier that doesn't fly on the Sabbath
- 34 Where to hear maas and baas
- 35 Popular chip
- 37 \_\_\_ bass
- 38 Words of understanding



By Marti DuGuay-Carpenter

4/9/15

### TUESDAY'S PUZZLE SOLVED

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- 54 Golden, in Guadalajara
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## Dowdell dismissed from team

### Staff Report

East Carolina football officials announced Wednesday that sophomore Darren Dowdell has been dismissed from the team for a violation of team rules.

ECU did not give a specific reason for the sophomore's release from the team.

The tight end did not appear in any games over his past two seasons with the team.

The sophomore entered ECU as a 3-star recruit. The Atlanta-native was the No. 17 player at his position as rated by ESPN and was under an athletic scholarship with the Pirates.

Dowdell came to ECU from Grady High School with fellow sophomore DeShawn Benton. Benton will likely serve as the backup safety for the Pirates this season.

Dowdell is a 6-foot-4, 228 pound



Darren Dowdell

tight end with upside as a pass catcher.

In 2013, Dowdell spent time on the practice squad and redshirted.

In 2014, he suffered a leg injury during spring practice and was sidelined for the entirety of the season.

He was not expected to compete for a starting spot this season but was looked at for his potential as a pass catcher and as a blocker at tight end.

Bryce Williams will return and likely start at the Y position, where Dowdell was competing for time.

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## Secondary remembers past; seeks redemption in future

Josh Graham  
TEC STAFF

Every morning when Domonique Lennon wakes up, he is reminded of a play that he could have made — No, should have made — to prevent the devastating loss East Carolina suffered in last year's regular season finale at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

On the wall in Lennon's bedroom hangs an image of a football spiraling above the senior safety's outstretched arms and into the hands of UCF receiver Breshad Perriman for the last-second, Hail Mary touchdown that spoiled the Pirates' Senior Night and earned the Knights a share of the American Conference title.

Once Lennon turned around to find that his nightmare had been realized on that cool December evening, he stood frozen at the goal line and took a moment to watch the exuberant Knights piling on top of Perriman. However, the mental image alone from that night doesn't do it for him.

"It isn't going anywhere," Lennon said, referencing the bedroom photo. "I'm not going to forget it. It's never going to happen again. Never."

Now nearly three weeks into spring workouts, the Pirates have turned the page to the next chapter.



UCF's Breshad Perriman (11) grabs a Hail Mary.

Specific to coordinator Rick Smith's secondary, Lennon joins field cornerback and fellow senior Josh Hawkins as the unit's two returning starters. Hawkins led the Pirates in interceptions (5), pass break-ups (11) and passes deflected (16) last season. Lennon, meanwhile, was fourth on the team in tackles (65), which was the most gathered among ECU defensive backs.

But while the Pirates return two starters in the defensive backfield, they have also said goodbye to starters Lamar Ivey at strong safety and boundary corner Detric Allen. And whether Smith's addressing a player on the field, personally, or just speaking with the media, he has always been clear in identifying where players stand on the depth chart.

Smith, entering the third year of his second tour of duty

at ECU, named senior corner Rocco Scarfone as the early favorite to replace Allen on the boundary. Junior defensive back DaShaun Amos, who received sharp criticism when cameras appeared to have caught him unbuckling his helmet strap while UCF's game-winning Hail Mary was still in the air, is expected to compete for the starting position with Scarfone, in addition to appearing in the Pirates' nickel package.

"I'm still worried about that boundary corner position," said

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## N.C. State tops softball in mid-week

Carson Cherry  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina softball team broke its attendance record with 861 fans showing up for the Pirates' 6-1 loss in a doubleheader against North Carolina State.

The Pirates (11-29, 3-6 American Athletic Conference) fell in the first game after committed multiple errors.

The second game was cancelled during the third inning due to inclement weather. No rescheduling has been announced at this time.

Senior Sarah Christian started for the Pirates on the mound and allowed no runs in the first two innings.

The Pirates started off the game quickly, scoring the first run of the game in the first inning.

After an error and a couple of hits, the Wolfpack started to gain momentum.

In the middle of the fourth inning, after allowing multiple runs and hits, senior Caroline Umphlett came in to relief Christian at the mound.

Christian's finished the game with five runs on six



Lydia Ritchie winds for a pitch in ECU's loss to N.C. State. The sophomore now holds a 4.79 ERA.

hits with three strikeouts.

The Pirates' offense was unproductive for the rest of the first game and did not record another hit.

The Wolfpack offense started heating up after the third inning.

In the fourth inning alone, N.C. State scored four runs to widen the gap.

Even though the Wolf-

pack offense was scoring runs, junior Meredith Mitchell made a clutch defensive stop for the Pirates.

After sprinting down center field, Mitchell leapt high into the air, extending her arm over the center field wall, to rob NC State first baseman Maggie Hawkins of a home run.

"With the big crowd in

the stands, it was exciting; I had goosebumps," said Mitchell on her reaction of the catch.

After the fourth inning, neither the Pirates nor the Wolfpack tallied any more runs.

The final score of the first game finished with the Pirates losing, 6-1.

"It was very disappoint-

**"With the big crowd in the stands, it was exciting; I had goosebumps..."**

-Meredith Mitchell

ing. It was the type of game where we scored first, we had their pitcher on the ropes, and when you have a good pitcher on the ropes it's important to get it going on," said Jaecks.

Sophomore Lydia Ritchie started the second game on the mound for the Pirates before it was postponed.

The Pirates and the Wolfpack allowed zero runs after the first two innings of the second game.

The Wolfpack offensive got things going in the third inning, scoring two runs before the game was called during the Wolfpack's time at bat.

After waiting an hour to see if the weather would clear up, the game was eventually called off with no replay scheduled.

ECU played typical to its performance of the season, committing multiple errors and not connecting when

up to bat.

"Our pitchers kept us in the game. Errors are just mental, you're not executing proper fundamentals. Tomorrow at practice we'll go over the fundamentals," said Interim Head Coach Steve Jaecks about the gameplay.

Jaecks continued, "I truly believed the game should have been 1-0 in our favor. We chose to go some different routes in terms of how we play defense."

The Pirates take on in-conference rival Tulsa this Saturday at home. Tulsa travels to Greenville after a tough 7-2 loss to Wichita State.

ECU got off to a slow start to this season and struggled to start conference play. However, after a big win over Houston last weekend, ECU has some momentum in conference play.

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### TAKEAWAYS

#### FOOTBALL

Tight end Darren Dowdell was dismissed from the football team for a violation of team rules.

#### SOFTBALL

The Pirates (11-29, 3-6 AAC) fell, 6-1 to NC State yesterday in the first game of a doubleheader. Game two was postponed due to inclement weather.

#### TRACK AND FIELD

The men's and women's team prepares for the Bill Carson Invitational this weekend hosted in Greenville.

#### MEN'S TENNIS

ECU (11-11, 2-0 AAC) will host Elon this Saturday for a weekend matchup.

#### MLB

Former ECU pitcher Chris Heston made a start for the San Francisco Giants against the Arizona Diamondbacks Wednesday.

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Lady Pirates (12-9, 1-3 AAC) will make their way to Connecticut to face off with UConn and Cincinnati this weekend.

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# Starting staff propels ECU

Adam Decker  
TEC STAFF

With East Carolina's offense lighting it up early in the season, the Pirates' dominant starting pitching seems to have gone somewhat unnoticed.

The starting pitching has been the backbone of the Pirates' success this season, keeping the team in nearly every game, even when they weren't swinging the bats well.

Of the 13 ECU losses, nine of them have been decided by two or fewer runs, showing that the pitching staff hardly lets the game get out of hand.

The Pirates are boasting a 2.67 team ERA, good enough for 15th in the nation and second in the American Athletic Conference, trailing only Connecticut by 0.01.

The weekend starters of Evan Kruczynski, Jacob Wolfe and David Lucroy are sporting a combined ERA of 1.96, though senior Reid Love has recently been given a weekend spot in the rotation.

The Pirate ace, Kruczynski is 5-1 in eight starts with a 1.49 ERA. Kruczynski has pitched two complete games and has only surrendered nine earned runs all season. He also has a 4-to-1 strikeout to walk ratio, striking out 36 batters while only surrendering nine walks.

Kruczynski came into last weekend leading the conference in pitching and after allowing two Tulane runs, was moved back three spots to fourth.

Lucroy moved up the rankings this week, as he is now fifth in the American with an ERA of 1.73. The Sunday starter is 2-2 in eight starts with 32 punch-outs and 14 walks. Lucroy has surrendered eight earned runs on 39 hits, leading starting pitchers.

The former Saturday starter, Wolfe sports the highest ERA of the weekend rotation, allowing 2.66 runs a game. Despite allowing the



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**Sophomore Jacob Wolfe lets go of a pitch earlier this season.**

most runs of the three, Wolfe is still 14th in the conference in ERA, showing how deep the ECU rotation is.

Wolfe has surrendered 12 earned runs and nine walks while striking out 28 batters in seven starts.

After returning from a hand injury at the beginning of the season, the captain Love added more depth to the staff by taking over the closer role.

It appeared that Love was going to be a mid-week starter as well, but pitched the opening game against Tulane last Thursday and was effective, earning conference Player-of-the-Week.

"Reid went out there and threw a complete game shut-out, faced two guys over the minimum," ECU Head Coach Cliff Godwin said. "Number one, he saved our entire bullpen for the weekend. Just a tremendous performance by our captain."

The senior allowed only four hits on six strikeouts. Love has been added into the mix of weekend starters.

"The way Evan's been pitching, he's been unbelievable," Love said. "I can't come

take his spot the way he's been doing. I'm going to do whatever coach wants me to do and I'm going to pitch in that role."

Although he was the projected ace, Kruczynski was moved into the Friday spot. Now, Love is expected to start on Friday against South Florida.

"Do you like the way Kruczynski has pitched on Fridays too? I do too," Godwin stated after Love's complete game shutout last Thursday. "We got to talk about it, obviously [Love] can go out there and start, it just makes our bullpen thinner."

Love has a 2.88 ERA in three starts with 30 strikeouts and four walks, with a lot of his work coming out of the bullpen.

The combination of Kruczynski, Wolfe, Lucroy and Love has an ERA of 2.19. All four ECU starters have ERA's in the top 20 of the conference, showing that the Pirates will be in good hands throughout conference play.

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# Baseball sets sail for USF road trip

Tyler Kelbaugh  
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The East Carolina baseball team is quickly heating up as they head south this weekend, where pitcher Reid Love will make his first Friday start of the season against the South Florida Bulls.

The three-game series will be the first in-conference road test for the Pirates, who have played just five road games this season.

"We look at every game the same way in terms of just trying to play our best baseball," said ECU Head Coach Cliff Godwin. "Obviously, South Florida has played really well."

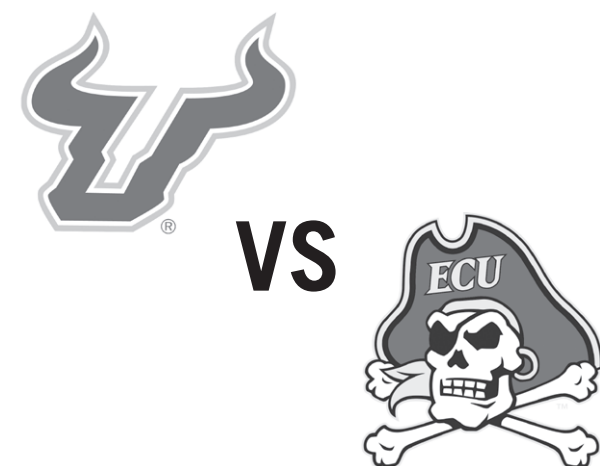
The significance of starting this weekend was not lost on senior pitcher Reid Love, although the lefty is refusing to let the excitement of his triumphant return to the rotation get to his head.

"I'll treat it like any start," said Love. "I've got to just stay in my delivery and get ahead in the count. Getting ahead in the count and getting those first guys out makes the rest of the inning fall into place."

It was an exciting week for the senior Love, who earned American Athletic Conference Pitcher-of-the-Week after his complete game shutout against Tulane last Thursday.

"It's great, but I really don't look too much into accolades. I'm just trying to help my team win," the senior said.

Repeating that dominant



performance will be challenging for Love as he will face off against one of the AAC's best teams. USF is 22-11-1 on the season and currently sits atop the AAC standings with a 5-1 in-conference record. Early season polls had the Bulls ranked as one of the top teams in the conference, making the series a great measuring point of this ECU bunch.

"Reid is a senior from the Tampa area, so we're going to give him the ball against their ace and see what happens," said Godwin.

Starting the Saturday game will be the battle tested Evan Kruczynski. The sophomore has been phenomenal for ECU this season, boasting a 1.49 ERA. He struggled last Saturday, however, and is excited to be in position to close out the series if Love earns his fourth win of the season on Friday.

"I'm not going to approach my start differently," said Kruczynski. "I'm hoping to be pitching to clinch the series. I've just

got to do a better job than I did last weekend. We got the win, but I didn't put my team in a good situation."

The Pirates' offense has been firing on all cylinders in its past few games. Struggles against Memphis and High Point raised questions about the offense's reliance on its sluggers Luke Lowery and Bryce Harman. After tallying seven runs against Campbell on Tuesday evening, along with consistent hitting against Tulane, Godwin says his offense is playing closer to its potential.

"Hitting is the toughest thing to do in all of sports. The season is a marathon," said Godwin. "The guys hit a little lull and now they're playing more like they're capable of"

The first game of the series starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and finishes up after a 12:30 p.m. Sunday game.

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# Tennis takes to road

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The East Carolina women's golf team is set to travel to Wallace, N.C. for the River Landing Classic on Saturday and Sunday.

The team is coming off a 10th place finish out of 17 teams at the Briar's Creek Invitational in Charleston, South Carolina on March 23 and 24. Frida Gustafson Spang led the team with a score of 220, which landed her at 4-over-par.

The senior Spang's 4-over-par tournament for was good enough for a tie for 14th place, which was her third straight top-15 finish. Spang also finished in a tie for 15th at the Clover Cup in Mesa, Arizona on March 13-15, as well as a tie for 13th at the Hurricane Invitational in Coral Gables, Florida on March 2-4.

ECU Head Coach Kevin Williams

said he has noticed tremendous growth in Spang's game this season.

"She has definitely become more consistent with her drives and her putting this season," he said.

Williams noted that in the past Spang was slightly inconsistent where she would go from having really good holes where she would get birdies to some really bad holes where she would get bogeys or even double-bogeys. Spang has improved her game this year to eliminate those bad scores from her game.

The River Landing Classic is about two hours from Greenville. The team has made many much longer trips this season and Williams believes the short trip helps the team.

"We have had some long trips this season, we went to Arizona and Florida, and the short trip also means we only

have to miss one day of school," Williams said.

Williams believes his team has a good chance in the tournament, but will be challenged by the other teams competing.

"There are a bunch of great teams playing, UNC Wilmington and Columbia are both very good teams," Williams said. He went on to say even though he expects his team to place high in the tournament, anything can happen and you never know how things will end up.

The River Landing Classic is the team's last tournament before they enter American Athletic Conference Championship play in Palm Coast, Florida April 19-21.

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Smith. "Rocco's (Scarfone) been a field corner for three years and, all of the sudden, he's a field corner now. It's a lot different."

Strong safety might be more of a concern for Smith and the Pirates' defense, however.

Rising junior Terrell Richardson is the overwhelming favorite to start at strong safety after a strong showing in winter workouts, where strength and conditioning coach Jeff Connors cited him as one of the top performers in the weight room.

At the conclusion of Monday's practice, Richardson was rewarded when sixth-year Head Coach Ruffin McNeill called him out in front of the entire

team to announce that the former walk-on was now under scholarship.

Behind Richardson on the depth chart is junior DaShawn Benton, who Smith decided to move from cornerback to second-team strong safety. Smith has not named a third-teamer yet.

The Pirates will hold the second of their three intrasquad scrimmages of the spring — culminating with next week's annual Purple-Gold spring game — on Saturday morning. In the first scrimmage on March 28, sophomore safety Travon Simmons scored a touchdown on a 60-yard interception return.

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