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Whisnant forgoes senior year

Shooting guard elects to go pro after one season with Pirates

Staff Report

Head Coach Jeff Lebo announced on Monday that East Carolina shooting guard Terry Whisnant would be leaving the men's basketball program to pursue a professional career.

"While we are disappointed to see Terry leave, we understand his desire to do what's best for him and his family," Lebo said. "We wish him all the best in the future and thank him for his dedication to our program."

The 6-foot-3 would-be rising senior guard transferred the ECU from Florida State, and after sitting out the 2013 season in compliance with NCAA transfer rules, Whisnant averaged 12.3 points per game, good for second on the team, in his first year with the



Junior guard Terry Whisnant greets fans after an ECU home win this season. The shooting guard has decided to go pro.

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program a season ago.

It is not yet clear whether or not Whisnant will try to follow former Pirate Akeem Richmond into the

NBA Developmental League or will opt to play overseas like Maurice Kemp and Miguel Paul who played for the Pirates during their 2013

CIT championship.

"This decision was very tough for me because of my teammates, who I like to call brothers," Whisnant said.

"Ultimately I've decided to forgo my senior year and pursue my dream of playing professional basketball at the next level. I'd like to thank coach Lebo and the entire coaching staff for giving me the opportunity to play in front of the Pirate Nation."

With the departure of Whisnant and the graduation of senior guard Antonio Robinson, the Pirate backcourt took a large hit. Whisnant and Robinson were regarded as some of the team's best defenders.

Whisnant averaged 2.6 rebounds per game last season and recorded 31 steals. He also led the Pirates with 31.5 minutes played per game.

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Relay for Life

Greek Life tops donations with record numbers

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TEC STAFF

Greek Life arrived in full force at East Carolina University's Relay For Life event on Saturday with seven of the top eight financial contributors being Greek organizations.

This edition of the annual charity event generated \$45,645.25 from 53 teams comprised of 1,277 participants to benefit the American Cancer Society's research efforts.

Many of the top donating teams featured a fraternity paired up

with a sorority. Leading the pack was ECU's Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority chapters, which raised a total of \$8,231.57 from 126 team members.

"It's great to have the involvement that we have between the fraternity and the sorority," said Alpha Sigma Phi President Steve DeRosa. "This highlights our Greek community as a whole knowing that we do a lot of good things for the community like

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Event goes lit luminaria bags to honor and remember those affected by cancer.

Survivors and patrons unite to raise awareness

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TEC STAFF

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life was held Saturday at the North Recreational Complex.

Fifty-three teams and 1,277 participants helped raise a total of \$45,695.25.

According to Michaela Ashworth, the event leader, around 45 'Survivors' showed up to the event.

"The biggest thing is just the feel of Relay, its

a great way to remember and honor those who some have lost to cancer, a lot of the survivors like coming out and seeing all the support, and that's a really important part," said Ashworth.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life campus events serve as a powerful way to raise awareness and funds in the fight against cancer. From helping people facing the disease in the community, to ensuring cancer is a

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Board decision results in faculty protest

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TEC STAFF

Faculty and students from East Carolina University and other UNC system schools held a demonstration at the Heart Institute on Friday morning before the start of the Board of Governors' meeting.

Protesters held signs and gave short speeches about the recent rises in tuition statewide and the claim that the money is needed to provide faculty raises.

One protester held a sign that said, "On behalf of the 286 faculty and students from across the UNC system who signed this petition, we DEMAND better. Stop blaming faculty raises for tuition increases. Acknowledge the role of state-level cuts and misguided priorities and then prioritize instruction."

The tuition inflation was approved at the board meeting at the end of February and according to ECU Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Operations Stephanie Coleman, 80 percent of the generated funds are slated for faculty pay increases.

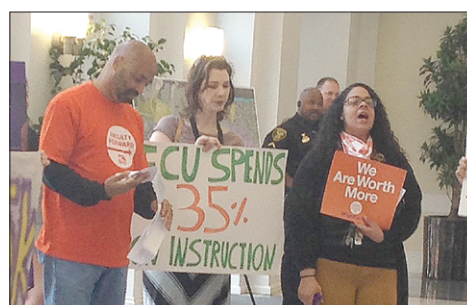
However, almost a month after the tuition increase was approved, five members of the English fixed-term faculty received news that they would not receive contracts for the 2015-16 school year.

Interim Chair of the English department Donald Pulumbo said the reduction in fixed-term faculty had to be made because of a decrease in funding from the state legislature. He received the instructions to reduce the faculty size from the Thomas Harriot College of the Arts and Sciences.

ECU English instructor John Steen said the Board of Governors' actions represent an attack on the faculty and students of the UNC system.

"We're seeing more and more funds going away from the classroom and into upper administration," said Steen. "There is a major disconnect between what the board stands up for and what we're seeing happen on the ground."

According to Steen, 25 percent of non-tenure track faculty is living with the help of government assistance. Of the classes



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Protestors questioning motives of the board.

taught at ECU, Steen said fixed term faculty teaches 52 percent.

Amanda Klein, an associate professor of film studies at ECU, participated in the protest on Friday.

"ECU faculty members are committed to students and providing a high quality, affordable education," said Klein. "The Board of Governors' raise in tuition is not on the side of students. It is faculty members who spend their days with students."

The faculty members at the demonstration also held a banner with the hashtag

#Fightfor15k. The Fight for 15k is a movement for instructors nationwide who are seeking pay increases. Fight for 15k is an extension of the Fight for 15 movement that was originally started by workers looking to raise minimum wage.

Demonstrators were allowed to enter the meeting, but were told that they would have to stand at the back of the conference room near the double doors. They declined the invitation to enter.

ECU police officers outside of the Heart Institute said the protesters told them they would return near the end of the meeting.

A sign was placed at the front of the meeting by protesters before they left campus. The poster was left in place until student presenters took it down to make room for their materials.

The protesters did not return to the Health Sciences campus.

A Fight for 15k rally is planned at Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., at 5 p.m. tomorrow.

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BRIEFS

One dead in Wayne Community College shooting

Wayne Community College was locked down on Monday following a shooting on campus that resulted in one death. The school, located in Goldsboro, N.C., was locked down after a lone gunman shot a faculty member, Ron Lane, and fled the scene. Local police cleared all buildings on campus, but the gunman still remains at large. The police are currently searching for a 'person of interest', Kenneth Stancil, a former student who they suspect was responsible for the shooting.

Candidates begin campaigning for governor's seat

Political candidates for the North Carolina Governor's seat have already begun their campaigns, 18 months before the election day. Incumbent Governor McCrory and his opponents have already begun to raise campaign funding. McCrory will face off against either Roy Cooper, the Attorney General or Ken Spaulding, former legislator. The primaries for the democratic party are still another 13 months away.

ONLINE



Board approves Millennial Campus request

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

Corrections/ Clarifications

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Lynn Roeder, the dean of students, spoke as a part of the panel Monday evening. The panel was the first event of the campaign.

Obama administration calls for universities to spread awareness on campus sexual assaults

Kaitlyn Lee
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

"It's On Us" was a campaign started through the Obama administration to raise awareness about sexual assault and sexual violence on college campuses.

This campaign provides college campuses with tools needed to make awareness and East Carolina University's Student Government Association is providing our students with the campaign this week.

"We will be tabling throughout the week to disseminate information about sexual assault prevention. This week we will be hosting two big events," said SGA Vice President Tyler Moore.

The SGA hosted a panel on Monday night in Cynthia's lounge, including Lynn Roeder, the dean of students, as well as representatives from ECU Police Department and

the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

There will be tables outside of the SGA office in Mendenhall Student Center and outside of Dowdy Student Stores today and tomorrow passing out information on the new ECU Cares Program and Title IX.

Thursday night, in Hendrix Theatre at 7 p.m., the SGA will be hosting an event, which includes a speaker who is a survivor of sexual assault and ECU student, Grace Turner. There will also be a panel of students and staff to discuss the future of eliminating sexual assault on campus and in the community.

"Our biggest problem is that we haven't talked about it or taken responsibility for it. When it happens to one of us, it happens to all of us. We want to motivate students to get involved, speak up,

and not be a bystander," said Maggie Pendergrass, SGA chief correspondent.

Pendergrass said their goal is to encourage students to speak up and for victims to speak out.

"We know it will always be an issue, but if enough people take a stand, the statistics will change dramatically," said Pendergrass.

This event is open to all members of the East Carolina University community, whether or not they live on or off campus.

Moore said SGA received an update from ECU Police Chief Gerald Lewis and Associate Vice Chancellor for Environmental Health and Campus Safety Bill Koch in March and which said in 2013-14, there were three cases of rape at ECU.

"The violent crime rate in Greenville, which includes

rape, dropped 14 percent from 2013-14. Also, the campus of ECU has become much safer over the past 10 years, as violent crime has declined 78 percent," said Moore.

The SGA planned the event, and Moore and Pendergrass, served as co-chairs for the committee that planned the events.

"Although we can't fix the world's injustices all in a week, we hope that this awareness campaign over the next week will get us talking about sexual assault," said Pendergrass. "As we continue on into next year, this campaign will be the building block on our relationships with the administration, the community, and even the state when we talk about sexual assault in Pirate Nation."

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Organizations team-up to clean-up grid

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The University Neighborhood Association (UNA) partnered with Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternities to clean up the grid this past weekend.

The event was the first annual curbside appeal grid cleanup around Summit and Second Street.

"The goal of the curbside appeal was to give a spark to a number of properties in the Grid," said Mclean Godley, director of the community outreach program of the UNA.

Godley said the cleanup helps make the neighborhood a "more appealing place" as well as a safer place for residents.

The University Neighborhood association is an organization consisting of residents including students, non-students and property owners who participant to make the grid and community a better place.

The event helped bring an orchard filled with pear and apple trees back to life, according to Godley. Godley added that the owner of the orchard said he plans to keep up the trees in hopes so they can continue to grow eventually sell the fruits to the public.

Godley said that one of the main reasons for organizing this cleanup was because he is a firm believer in the broken window theory. He said the broken window theory is if a thief sees a house in bad condition, then the house more likely to get broken into.

"It is important that we strive to continue to keep the neighborhood's properties in appealing condition," said Godley.

With 125 people involved, the cleanup was able to repaint a total of eight houses over a course of two days along with repairing damages, landscaping, and yard work.

Not only did the cleanup physically clean the various neighborhoods in the grid, it brought a sense of togetherness for the members of the grid and brothers of the fraternities to

accomplish a common purpose.

"This is a great way to build brotherhood and all pitch in together to help the community," said Whit Beebe, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Evan Mood, member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said the cleanup is something that members of Greek life are doing to help better the community and give back.

"With the recent bad rep that Greek life as a whole has received, we and other Greek organizations wanted to shed light on the good things that Greeks can offer that often get overshadowed by the negative actions of few," said Mood.

The UNA said they hope to make the cleanup a semi-annual project in the future and hope make Greenville a better place and community.

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raising money for cancer research."

The second place team comprised of 131 Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi sorority chapter members who accumulated \$4,548.48 for research, while the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and Alpha Phi sorority team came in third place a total of \$3,620.

"I think it was such a great experience just because it kind of goes to show how by pairing up with someone else and having numbers, it's easy to raise money for a good cause," said Tri Sigma President Alex Salinas. "It was great being able to talk with cancer survivors and see that we were helping them."

Salinas says that Tri Sigma challenged itself to raise the most money by offering incentives such as gift cards for the top three donors in the chapter. Meanwhile, Alpha Sigma Phi honored its top contributors by acknowledging them in front of the whole chapter.

"It's a little bit of a friendly competition between some of the groups to see who can raise the most money

but obviously that's a very healthy competition and something you want the students to be proud of and get into," said Keith Tingley, director of Greek life.

Tingley said he thinks the Greek organizations do a lot to support Relay for Life.

"The students really buy into it and believe in the cause so they come out and support it," said Tingley.

Some recent Greek controversies such as incidents involving Oklahoma's Sigma Alpha Epsilon and NC State's Pi Kappa Phi fraternities have made a splash in national news but Salinas says that charity work in the community like Relay For Life can restore the Greeks' reputation and image.

"Greek Life doesn't have the best light on it now with the media so we're showing that we are here for philanthropy and many other things besides what's on TV and the news," said Salinas.

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thing of the past for future generations.

The Relay For Life movement features campus and community events that offer an opportunity to honor the cancer survivors in the lives of individuals.

The goal is to promote how you can reduce your cancer risk, while raising money to help find a cure.

"Relay For Life is our [ACS] signature fundraiser. Our volunteers are our heart and soul, our survivors are the reason we do it and together we can raise funds and cure cancer, so we don't have to lose anyone again," said Melissa Croom, community manager with American Cancer Society.

The top participants went to Alonna Pate with \$1,026, Joni McRae with \$1,020, and Marisa Casson with \$935.

Taylor Letts, sophomore communication major, volun-

teered at the event and walked for the first time.

"I walked relay for life to help the fundraiser and to help not only our Greenville community but other communities who fight against cancer," said Letts. "My first time was a great experience, everyone had a positive attitude and it showed how a small community like ours can come together and enjoy each other for a great cause."

Along with volunteers, there were also plenty of survivors and those walking for someone they may have lost to cancer or knew battling it.

"I lost my grandma this February to stage four lymphoma so being able to finish it up and do it for her, it means to world to me, just to be able to take a lap for her and to finish off strong with graduating and help others," said Victoria Waggoner, senior psychology major and survivor/caregiver leader.

At the end of the event, participants were able to remember loved ones with luminaria.

Luminaria, is when participants take paper bags containing votive candles, which are then transformed and illuminated after dark at every local Relay For Life event.

Each luminaria is personalized with a name, photo, message or drawing in memory or honor of a friend or loved one who has been affected by cancer.

Luminaria can also be dedicated in support of a Relay participant.

"Each luminaria candle represents a person. They are our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends, coworkers and so many others," according to the American Cancer Association.

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MKTO to perform at Barefoot



The duo, Malcolm Kelley and Tony Oller from MKTO will perform at this year's Barefoot on the Mall to help students relax before semester exams.

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This year's 35th annual Barefoot on the Mall will feature the MKTO, the singers from the hit song "Classic." SAB organizes the event each year for students to take a break from the academic hardships that accompanies exams.

The event features food, prizes, games and performances by popular musicians. MKTO is a duo consisting of Malcolm Kelley and Tony Oller who have previously played at Wilkes University and Texas Christian University.

The duo released their debut single "Thank You" in 2013 and followed its release with an album debut in 2014. MKTO's single "Classic" was featured on the 2014 Billboard Hot 2014 Chart.

The duo met in 2010 while filming "Gigantic," a Nickelodeon television series and later combined their initials to make MKTO.

Previous Barefoot on the Mall events have featured Jason Mraz and John Mayer. This year's event will be held on April 23 on central campus and is a free event for students.

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Grad student plans Relay For Life

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On Saturday morning Michaela Ashworth, part-time graduate student at East Carolina University, woke up extra early with a pounding heart full of excitement. As event leader of ECU's Relay for Life, Ashworth was about to spend the next 24 hours overseeing the event she had worked on for the past year.

Relay for Life is an overnight community fundraising walk to support the American Cancer Society. Teams of people camp out around the track and cheer on cancer survivors, those currently fighting cancer, as well as and family and friends who have been affected by cancer as they walk.

For Ashworth, participating in Relay for Life is a tradition. According to Ashworth, it is something she and her family have been involved with her entire life.

"I always have been around cancer, and I've always seen how it affects people. Not just with the disease, but the family and friends around," said Ashworth. "So this is just one of the things that I've done been doing since I was little and once I got here and found out we had an event, I definitely wanted to stay involved."

As event lead for this year's Relay for Life, Ashworth started planning for this past Saturday's event around this time last year. Ashworth said ECU's event leadership team chooses the new event lead

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-Michaela Ashworth



Michaela Ashworth

for the following year right after Relay for Life is over, so they can begin their work by recruiting people to join the leadership team in the summer.

"That way when we get back to school in August, we'll still keep recruiting but by September or October, we train everybody within their positions then we plan from there," said Ashworth.

Looking back on Saturday's event, Ashworth said she was happy with how it turned out. According to Ashworth, over 1,400 people came out, and \$8,000 was raised just on Saturday.

Ashworth said the money that is raised from Relay for Life as well as the event itself makes a big difference for the American Cancer Society. "As far as relay goes, 100 percent of the money goes towards different programs within the American Cancer Society."

Ashworth has seen the impact of the donations first hand. "I've been out to Hope Lodge, which is one of the programs," said Ashworth. "I've even attended a session, 'Look Good, Feel Better,' which is where they reach [out to] people who are currently going under chemo or radiation," said Ashworth.

"They give them different make up tips or they give a free wig and [teach them] how to upkeep the wig," said Ashworth. "All of that definitely makes a huge impact."

According to Ashworth, her favorite part about Saturday's Relay for Life was participating in the opening ceremony and the first Survivors Lap. During the Survivors Lap, the cancer survivors that are at the event celebrate their victory over cancer by taking the first lap around the track. While they are walking, participants line the track and cheer them on.

"Just standing there with them

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A participant runs past the Relay for Life sign at the North Rec. Center.

'Godzilla' to appear at Bandorama

Ashley Federici
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will be playing a piece titled "Godzilla Eats Las Vegas," a piece from a well known composer and Grammy winner Eric Whitacre, at tonight's Bandorama concert.

Unlike previous Bandorama concerts, this performance will include a video created by senior and ECU Concert Band member Connor Mangold to go along with the music.

Mangold said he created the video to go along with the piece to add a visual and entertaining aspect to the concert. The idea of having a video originally came as a request from the bands director and Mangold volunteered to create it.

"They're expecting to listen to classical music, they're not expecting to see a video and find humor in the music," said Mangold. "A lot of things depicted

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Trivia night set to help students manage stress

Carlyn Legg
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The end of the semester is a stressful time for a lot of students as they write the finishing touches on term papers, finish up their last few assignments for online classes, or prepare to hand in their final homework assignments.

Tomorrow evening students can learn how to manage end-of-semester stress by attending the Campus Recreation and Wellness Trivia Night. As part of their ongoing Trivia Night series, the Campus Wellness Center, which is located in the student recreation center, gives students a chance to play games together and do something new in a positive way.

The Stress Management Trivia Night was scheduled

toward the end of the semester so that students who are feeling overwhelmed with upcoming exams and finals can unwind and learn strategies for managing their stress.

"It's a really relaxed and fun environment," said Jackie Parker, senior public health studies major and campus wellness intern. "Students usually leave knowing a lot more than they did when they came in."

All students are welcomed to attend the stress management event to learn about stress relief techniques. Campus Wellness plans the trivia nights each month to allow students to meet new people and work in teams in order to learn new information and win prizes.

"It's open to any student who wants to learn how to

>> PLAN TO GO

WHAT: Stress Management Trivia Night

WHEN: April 15 at 5 p.m.

WHERE: Student Recreation Center, Room 202

manage their stress or how being stressed can affect them," said Parker.

The event will allow students to break up into teams and answer trivia questions while competing with each other for prizes. The winning team will receive t-shirts for going to the event

and other prizes as well.

"We place students in teams of four and there are four rounds and a bonus round, kind of how trivia night would work anywhere you go," said Parker. "The winning team

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Africa Week shares culture with ECU

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TEC STAFF

Brianna Horton
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Beginning on Monday night, the African Student Organization jump started Africa week, giving the ECU community the opportunity to come together to celebrate the achievements of African culture and to share with each other the importance of giving back to the community.

Africa Week started off with community service at the Greenville Community Center and with Culture Fest. Culture Fest is an event where the different cultural organizations on ECU's campus provided samples of food that represents various cultures, such as Indian, German and American. The event was held on the brickyard in front of Mendenhall Student Center.

Tonight, Africa Week will continue with the screening of the movie "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom" in Bate room 1017 starting at 6:30. "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom" is the story of Nelson Mandela's journey to becoming one of history's most important political leaders and human rights advocate.

"It's a great underdog story of South Africa arising from despair...so I thought it would be good to highlight the positive side of Africa and our resilience," said Rejoice Asomugha, Junior Nursing major and Vice President of ASO.

The events of Africa night will continue on Wednesday night with a discussion titled "African Excellence 101" in Bate room 1017 at 6:30-8pm.

"We will present different examples of African Excellence that have occurred over time and showcase different contributions by African people to society in this day and age," said Vanessa Osei-Bonsu, Junior Biology Major, and social coordinator of ASO. "A question and answer ses-

tion will be held after the discussion where people will be able to win different prizes like, ASO t-shirts, buttons, bracelets etc."

To end Africa Week, ASO will hold a "What you should know about Africa" bake sale on Thursday in Wright plaza from 11am-2pm. In each baked good package, there will be a small fact about Africa attached to the baked good. Part of the proceeds from the bake sale will go to Project Tumara, which funds full scholarships for students in Sierra Leone.

Each day of Africa Week is geared toward highlighting different issues in Africa and showcasing the different cultures Africa offers.

"Before I even came to East Carolina, Africa Week was going on, it has been a tradition here that ASO has put on for years," said Jaleel Kuteh, Junior Public Health major and President of ASO. "Africa usually [has] a negative [reputation] as if there are no positive or aspiring things about Africa. It's always like, 'look at these starving hungry children,' so we want people to come out and support and learn that theres more to Africa than what they see on the media and TV because that's not all of what Africa is like"

The African Student Organization was started in 2005 with a purpose to educate ECU and the surrounding community about African culture, African people and what it means to be African. That is the driving purpose for Africa week.

"Africa week is open to anyone and everyone," said Tawanda Marariki, Junior Social Work major and Historian of ASO. "We try to get the word out there so we have as many non-African students getting involved because there are a lot of misconceptions about Africa and Africans."

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CULTURE FEST



1) A buffet was set up for students to enjoy food from other cultures.
2) The Hmong Student Association performs a traditional Hmong dance.
3) African Students Organization share informational boards with students.

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Tuesday

Movie Screening
"Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom"
6:30 p.m.
Bate Room 1017

Wednesday

Discussion
African Excellence 101
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Bate Room 1017

Thursday

Bake Sale
What You Should Know
About Africa
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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doing that, looking around at all the people that had come out and seeing the look of relief and thankfulness on the survivors faces, that was definitely my favorite moment," said Ashworth.

In addition to completing the Survivors Lap, the cancer survivors also did a balloon release during the

opening ceremony. "They [all] wrote a little message of hope and released it," said Ashworth. "It's kind of like performance therapy, just letting go of whatever they've been holding on to."

According to Ashworth, the most popular portion of the night was the Luminaria Ceremony. Ashworth describes the Luminaria Ceremony has "one of the signature things about relay."

"[The Luminaria Ceremony is] just a really good way to kind of remember that we're doing this for a reason," said Ashworth. "You get a good sense of support knowing you're not a lot in your loss or knowing you're not alone in the fact that you're sad, and it's always really touching."

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ning team usually receives a free t-shirt and we usually have a prize for the second place team as well."

For students who cannot attend the stress management event, there are several things they can do to refocus their energy into a more uplifting outlook during this stressful time.

"The first thing is to identify your stressors," said Stephanie Johnson, senior psychology and spanish double major. "Realize what's stressing you out and then look at the things that are within your control and the things that aren't. If it's out of your control, let it go."

Everyone has different triggers that

make them stress. Whether it's something big or small, students tend to let things build up over time by procrastinating assignments and continuing to stress about them for elongated periods of time.

"After identifying what's stressing you out, I would say do something that makes you happy," said Johnson. "Whether it's exercising, singing, dancing, just anything that makes you forget about your stressors, even if it's only temporary."

"You then need to refocus," said Johnson. "Go back to those stressors that are within your control and set goals to get them done."

Stress management trivia will be in the Student Recreation Center classroom 202.

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in the movie are outrageous."

Senior Biology major Emily Tate plays the clarinet and percussion in the ECU Concert Band and has played in seven Bandorama concerts. Tatesaid she thinks tonight will be one of her favorite.

"The Godzilla piece is a whole lot of fun and there is a video that goes along with it that's absolutely hysterical," said Tate. "There's no sound, we are the sound as an ensemble."

Mangold said he used clips of the Godzilla character from movies, commercials or Youtube to create this video that matches what is happening in the piece. Mangold also said that Whitacre wrote out a

script of a scenario that would go along with the music.

"The premise is that Godzilla is rampaging through Las Vegas and the music incorporates swing music [and] there's a frank Sinatra segment," said Mangold. "As a listener it's supposed to depict the imagery of Godzilla going through the streets of Las Vegas destroying all these clubs and casinos."

Last semester the Bandorama concert incorporated a piece from the movie "The Hobbit." Tate said tonight the band also plans to play a piece from the popular HBO show "Game of Thrones."

"I hope that everyone gets to have a good time with the music because I know we as an ensemble have had fun with learning the music and playing new pieces," said Tate. Mangold and Tate both

said they feel the video will bring a new aspect to the concert that the audience will really enjoy.

Mangold said the Bandorama concerts allow the audience to appreciate ensemble style music in a new way.

"A lot of people just listen to pop music or the radio so concerts like this are helping to promote a finer appreciation of music," said Mangold.

ECU Concert Band consists of 70 students who have volunteered to continue their musical careers in college but do not have the long practice hours or intense performance schedule.

The Bandorama concert will be taking place at Wright Auditorium tonight at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

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GREEK LIFE



PIRATE RANTS

If you're so worried about your classes with TBA instructors, then complain to the Board of Governors. They hold the purse strings, not the individual departments.

I don't know if I'm proud or disgusted at myself for not being even the slightest bit affected by the pictures those pro-lifers displayed

Political correctness is destroying us as a nation. When you silence the voices that dissent from your opinion, you are no different than those who have done the same simply because they were in power.

I enjoyed seeing TEC feature an entrepreneur last week and would like to see more of this. There is a large, diverse community of art majors and entrepreneurs working to get their names out there!

If you don't want an abortion don't get one, but don't force your view down everyone else's throat.

Satire is neither "libelous" or "slander", TEC... And your English teachers would equally like to know if they're teaching in the fall.

I'm so SICK of hearing about that old hag Hillary! Aren't there any other vibrant women in politics?!

People shouldn't get mad at TEC for publishing those pictures of the pro-life stuff. They report the news. It's their job to report on what's going on and clearly those pro-life displays were big news. Don't shoot the messenger folks. Just use common sense.

"Farewell to the courtesy age" Are you kidding me? I don't remember the last time a cashier DIDN'T say something courteous after a purchase. Get real, stop picking a fight where there isn't one.

I'll buy a beer for anyone who recognizes me as the guy who ate shit biking on 5th street Thursday afternoon.

"Should activist groups be approved before protesting on campus?" Umm, what ever happened to the first amendment? You know, from the Bill of Rights of the Constitution...

If you were offended by TEC's cover then I can't imagine how you react to real news.

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

Our view

Doctors need a complete education

Last Tuesday, The East Carolinian reported that a bill has been proposed to the North Carolina General Assembly that would prohibit all employees of Brody School of Medicine as well as UNC School of Medicine from teaching, learning or performing abortions.

In addition to prohibiting prospective doctors from learning how to safely perform an abortion, the waiting period for women who are seeking an abortion would increase from 24 to 72 hours.

The editorial staff of The East Carolinian would like to express that, regardless of personal or religious views, prohibiting doctors from learning to safely perform an emergency abortion is inherently dangerous and unethical.

There are several instances where the procedure of abortion might be necessary, specifically in cases where the health of the woman is at stake.

Life threatening pregnancies, such as ectopic pregnancies and severe blood pressure complications, are situations in which a woman should be able to trust that her doctor is fully competent in knowing how to handle her situation, which for some, may involve aborting the baby in order to save the woman's life.

Women should be able to trust that their lives are safe in the hands of their doctors and not be threatened by a medical ignorance that was decided upon by legislation.

Tidal falls to Spotify



Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

It's been over two weeks since Jay Z and 16 other iconic co-owners spanning from Kanye West to Coldplay and Madonna to Daft Punk introduced Tidal, a music streaming service built to compete with Spotify, Pandora Radio and Google Play.

Jay Z seems to have made the \$56 million purchase of the Swedish-based company with good intentions—Tidal is the first ever artist-owned streaming service and claims to award artists and songwriters a higher percentage of royalties than other services. However with that being said, I doubt that a Tidal subscription is worth its \$10 or \$20 per month price tag as it currently stands.

For those willing to pay, Tidal provides a "Premium" service with standard sound and high-quality videos as well as a "HiFi" service with lossless CD sound quality. The truth is that

the average Tidal listener would have a tough time differentiating between the two qualities. The HiFi service will cater to audiophiles with expensive sound systems—not the average music listener with cheap iPod earbuds.

Meanwhile, Spotify offers its 15 million premium users a slightly larger collection of high quality 320kbps audio at \$10 a month—half the price of Tidal's premium service. Jay Z should take note of the fact that an astounding 45 million Spotify listeners use its basic service instead, free of cost. However, Spotify hasn't been without its share of issues.

Taylor Swift removed her entire catalog from Spotify's service last year because she disagreed with the concept of free music streaming. Now, some other musicians such as Jason Aldean and Garth Brooks have followed suit. And unsurprisingly, Jay Z's "Reasonable Doubt" album disappeared on Spotify last week before emerging on his new business venture.

When everything is said and done, Tidal's most apparent swing-and-miss is its offering of

audio exclusivity. As a member of the service, you can hear new songs from the likes of Beyoncé and Rihanna before anyone else. That claim, while true, is nearly irrelevant in 2015. Hours after Beyoncé's new tune landed on Tidal, it made its way onto YouTube and a host of file sharing websites. Legality aside, there is no exclusivity in the wild west of the Internet Age.

All of this begs the question: how much should music really cost? I believe that should be left up to each individual artist to decide. But just like the underground drug market that supposedly spawned Jay Z's career, there is a underground market of Internet users that is completely unwilling to spend \$240 a year for music, high quality or not. Tidal might be a step in the right direction for artists who want their fair pay but I'm afraid that its current business platform will fall flat unless other incentives are added.

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Hillary steps in the spotlight



Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

Hillary Clinton announced her campaign to run for President of the United States this past Sunday. Many people

speculated this was going to happen in recent weeks and it does not come as a surprise to them. However, it is a surprise that it took this long for a woman to have a serious opportunity to become President.

Clinton ran for President previously in 2008, losing the Democratic nomination to current president Barack Obama. Sarah Palin ran as Vice President in the same year on John McCain's ticket and they also lost. Jill Stein, a member of the Green Party, ran for president in 2012, but she was only able to obtain 0.36 percent of the popular vote.

Even though these are only a few women who have been politically active in presidential races in our generation, they are still

influencing future politicians all over the country.

And I have to say, it's about time. It's taken way too long for a woman to be in such a significant position when it should have happened much sooner. Even though women earned the right to vote less than a century ago, and have made significant strides that should not be ignored, the fact that this is the first time a woman actually has a chance to win the Presidency is startling.

According to TIME magazine, Clinton could be the first former Cabinet member since 1928 to get a presidential nomination from her party if she receives the Democratic nomination next year. This is an important issue that many people are neglecting to notice - Clinton running for President isn't just about being a woman.

The problem is that we need to stop looking at Clinton, Palin and other female politicians as women first and instead care about the respective political opinions and platforms they represent. Gender should not be what separates them from any other presidential candidate.

Often female politicians are seen as something they would only be viewed as because of their gender. Palin was often seen as a 'ditz' when she was running, often being made fun of for her comments on Saturday Night Live. On the opposite end of the spectrum, Clinton is always made out to be 'bossy' instead of assertive.

Women make up half of America's population and essentially, half of America's voters, so a woman should be in a position of power in this country. Clinton's campaign is making the statement that it's time for more women to step up and make a difference.

Although some people do not agree with Clinton's political views,

it is important that she's making strides for all women. However, there should be more women in politics. There should be multiple women campaigning to be president and there should be options for voters. Seeing only a male presence on the ballot is a tradition that has become tiresome to many American women.

Women in the past have had the ability to change the world for the better. Clinton's decision to run is just the first step in a movement to allow more women in politics and in positions of influence.

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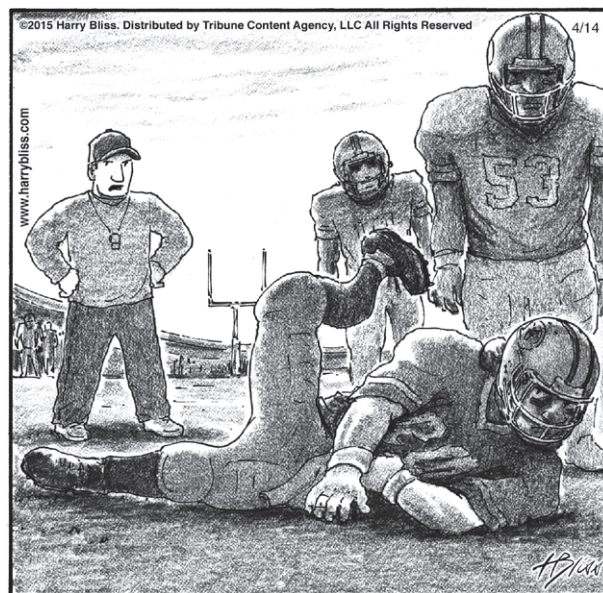
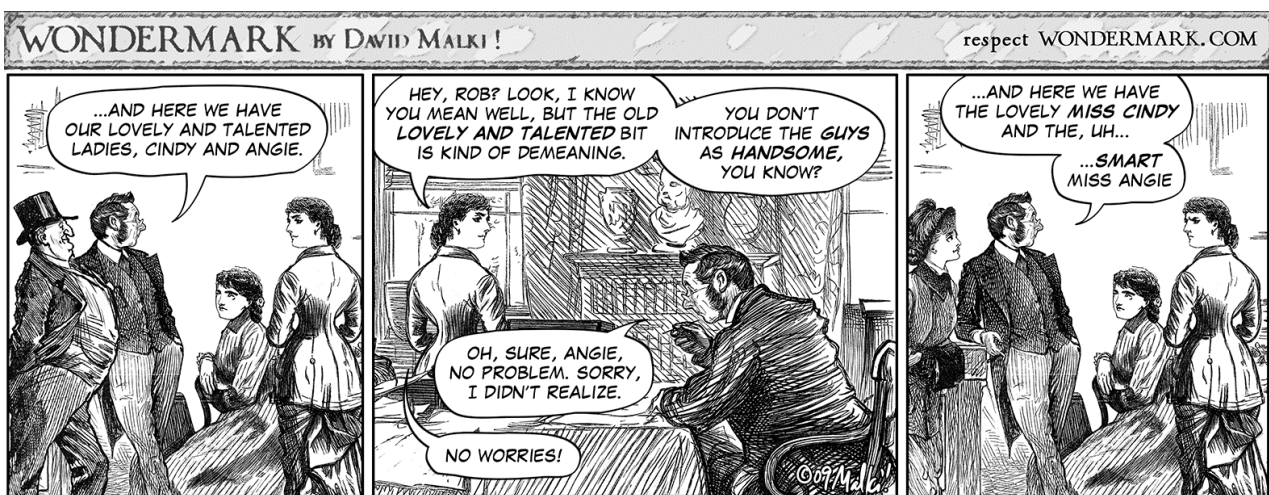
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- Fallon's predecessor
- "Get a ___!"
- Estate measures
- Like single-malt scotch
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- Compilation of wacky outtakes
- Pioneer Carson
- PC key near Z
- Eastern path
- Police warnings
- Some deli breads
- Part on the stage
- Stable female
- Summer blouse
- Steer clear of
- iPhone voice-activated app
- Hunk of bacon
- Like many warm sweaters
- Snaky fish
- Miner's discovery
- Little terror
- Olympian's achievement
- Have to have
- Flight connection word
- Capital of Senegal
- Ride around ... or what the ends of 18-, 24-, 39- and 55-Across can do
- Single
- Occupied
- Type of currency
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- Fax forerunner
- Zipped
- Editor's "Leave it in"

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By Gary Cee 4/14/15

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ECU falls to USF

Baseball salvages series with Sunday win

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

Just when it looked like the East Carolina baseball team's bats were heating up, the Pirates struggled to score runs and dropped two of three to first place South Florida.

The Pirates (21-15, 4-5 American Athletic Conference) came to play on Sunday against the Bulls (24-12-1, 7-2 AAC) and won 6-0, to avoid being swept for the first time in the American.

After struggling offensively in the first two contests, the ECU bats finally seemed to heat up, scoring six runs with four Pirates recording multiple hits.

ECU registered 12 hits on the day with senior captains Hunter Allen and Reid Love each notching two base hits, along with Eric Tyler and Charlie Yorgen.

The Pirate pitching staff excelled as well, throwing four pitchers for its fourth shutout of the season.

Starting pitcher David Lucroy struggled in his return to his home state, throwing two and two-thirds innings, allowing four walks and three strikeouts.

"We didn't play great early on, with guys getting thrown out, we didn't execute," ECU Head Coach Cliff Godwin said. "You look at the final score six to nothing and it looks like a blowout, but it was a much closer game. Just the toughness and competitiveness that our guys showed after not showing up on Saturday, I was really proud."

Reliever Nick Durazo notched his second win of the season by allowing two hits with one walk and a career high five strikeouts in three shutout innings. Durazo now leads the team with a 0.39 ERA in 23 innings of work, including two starts.

The Pirates suffered their worst conference loss in Saturday's contest, getting shutout 10-0.

Starting pitcher Evan Kruczynski has been fairly dominant all season, but turned in his worst performance of the season, allowing seven earned runs on ten hits



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Freshman Joe Ingle winds for a pitch in ECU's weekend series against USF.

and two walks with four strikeouts in four innings pitched.

Freshman reliever Ross Gardner allowed the other three runs on three hits in two-thirds of an inning.

USF's Levi Borders recorded three hits with six RBI's on ECU pitching leading his team to the victory. Casey Mulholland pitched eight shutout innings for the Bulls, striking out ten Pirate hitters.

ECU recorded seven hits, including another multi-hit game from Allen. The Pirates couldn't come through in the clutch, going 0-for-10 with runners in scoring position.

"Saturday we didn't show up," Godwin said. "We played bad in all three phases and told the guys 'we had to show up tomorrow, we've got to play hard and compete, and the guys competed.'"

The first installment of the series was a pitchers duel, with the Bulls coming out victorious, 2-1 because of a two run home run in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The Pirates jumped out to take the 1-0 lead in the top of the fifth, when Travis Watkins recorded his second hit of the day to score Allen.

Recently inserted ace Love had a solid outing allowing the two runs on six hits and a walk with four strikeouts.

Despite ECU out hitting USF, 7-6 the Pirates couldn't compile enough runs to overcome the USF long ball. The Pirates were 1-for-5 with runners in scoring position while stranding six runners on the night.

"We actually played pretty good on Friday night," Godwin said. "Reid Love pitched really well and made one bad pitch and gave up a two run homer."

ECU will face UNC-Wilmington and look to make the season series even on Tuesday when the two face off inside Clark-LeClair Stadium at 6:30 p.m.

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Rotation needs Love as its ace



Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

Whether he's tinkering with the batting order, calling for aggressive base running or changing up the starting rotation, there's nothing East Carolina Head Coach Cliff Godwin won't do to help his team out of a slump. While there certainly is room for experimentation, Godwin needs to settle on a Friday night starter for the rest of the season. He needs to settle on lefty senior Reid Love.

Love has started two consecutive series for the Pirates, although Godwin has yet to declare him the team's official ace. While sophomore Evan Kruczynski has done an admirable job in the big role, the job of starting key in-conference series has to go to Love. It's not that Kruczynski can't do the job, but Love has the tools to do it better.

The senior captain has far more experience than the sophomore Kruczynski. Love was the team's second starter in his junior year, finishing the season with an ERA just over three. He made a few Friday night starts after ace Jeff Hoffman underwent season ending Tommy John's surgery, including a complete game shut out against UTSA.

Kruczynski finished last year having completed just one inning total. Making the jump from a seldom used reliever to an ace in the tough American Athletic Conference seems like too much to ask from a young player with potential. The sophomore would benefit greatly from pitching behind Love, just as Love did last season pitching behind Hoffman.

This season, in his two in-conference starts, Love has been dominant. He's given up just two runs and never appears to be overmatched. He has struck out 10 batters and walked just one in 15 and two-thirds innings pitched. Although the Pirates lost his last start against USF, 2-1, Love gave his team a chance to compete for

a victory on the road against the conference leaders.

Love has eaten innings in both Friday starts. He has saved the Pirates' thin bullpen from unnecessary work. Keeping the bullpen fresh sets the Pirates up for success in the rest of the series, and Love has thus far done that consistently.

After his complete game against Memphis at the end of March, Kruczynski has hit a speed bump. He has been roughed up in back-to-back outings, failing to pitch late in games and forcing his offense to score runs in bunches. He allowed four runs in four and two-thirds innings against Tulane before giving up seven scores in four frames against USF. Those lines simply aren't good enough to warrant Friday night starts, and consistency is critical to the success



Reid Love

of a baseball team.

Love was strong coming out of the bullpen this year and earned four saves. Now, against stronger competition, it's clear that the Pirates need their best pitcher on the mound from the first inning in order to contend in the strenuous conference. It's best to simply use previous Saturday starter Jacob Wolfe as a bullpen innings eater, as Wolfe moving to the bullpen allows for the fierce rotation of Love, Kruczynski and Lucroy.

The time is now to name Reid Love the Pirates' Friday night starter for the remainder of the season. He has proven himself capable of doing the job through the course of two seasons, and to keep the door open for someone else simply allows for unneeded speculation and distractions. Kruczynski has potential to be the Pirates' ace of the future, but to get results right now, Reid Love needs to consistently get the ball over the weekend. He's the team's undeniable ace.

The Pirates' fourth and final week of spring workouts begins on Monday and culminates on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. when the team takes the field for the Purple-Gold game.

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Defense impresses in scrimmage

Run defense in mid-season form during football's second spring tune-up

Staff Report

East Carolina's passing offense and stout run-defense highlighted the team's second scrimmage leading up to the April 18 Purple-Gold game.

Quarterbacks Kurt Benkert, Blake Kemp and redshirt freshman Ray Smith all threw the ball well in the scrimmage. Benkert went 8-for-17, racking up 153 yards on the afternoon. He completed two big passes for over fifty yards, a 54-yard completion to senior tight end Bryce Williams and a 51-yard pass to junior receiver Davon Grayson. He threw his lone touchdown pass to freshman wide out Trevon Brown.

Kemp completed 10-of-18 on the afternoon, including a 29-yard completion to Grayson. Smith added an 8-yard touchdown pass to Jonathan Stanley, completing 5-of-8 passing attempts.

"The offense threw the long ball well," said Head Coach Ruffin McNeill. "I thought the quarterbacks operated the offense well.

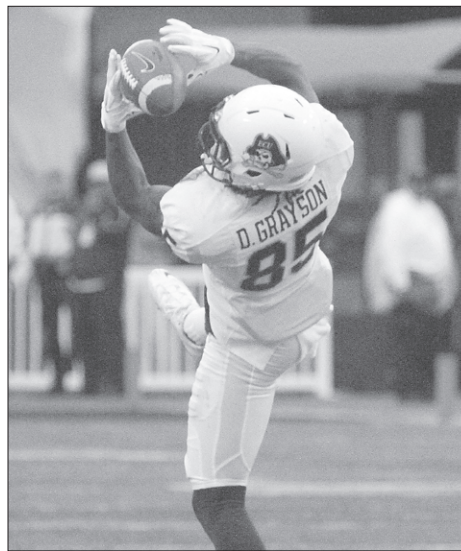
Kurt has been in the system a lot longer, but Blake and Ray did a good job today."

The Pirates' defense was dominant against the running game, limiting the offense to just 2.4 yards-per-carry. Leading the way was junior Demetri McGill and senior Johnathon White, each were credited with a team-high four tackles and a tackle for loss.

Sophomore Marquez Grayson had the most success out of ECU's running backs. He ran for 44 yards on six carries, but never reached the end zone. Sophomore Anthony Scott and senior Chris Hairston scored touchdowns on two goal line plunges but neither topped 20 yards on the afternoon.

The Pirates' third down defense was especially strong, as it held on 16-of-20 third down attempts. The defense forced two turnovers, an interception by Trevon Smith and a strip and fumble recovery by redshirt freshman Drew Turnage and junior Drayvon Fairley.

"The competitive spirit from both sides



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Rising junior Davon Grayson makes a catch.

was great," McNeill said. "One of the other things we talked about was being able to play the next play. When the defense made

a great play, the offense came back from it. If the offense made a play, the defense rebounded from it."

The Pirates' defense managed to avoid penalties for most of the afternoon, as it was flagged just twice. Offensively, the team accumulated six penalties, four of which were holding. Despite the fouls, McNeill was pleased with the team's ability to handle the scrimmage as though they were in mid-season competition.

"The execution was a lot better, handling ourselves in situations offensively and defensively with substitution patterns," McNeill added. "I liked the communication of our staff today."

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TAKEAWAYS

BASEBALL

ECU (21-15, 4-5 AAC) dropped its first two games against USF this weekend before taking the final game of the series, 6-0.

SOFTBALL

ECU was swept by conference-foe Tulsa in a three game set last weekend. The Pirates are 11-32 on the season.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates lost their final game of the season against Elon. Senior Patriek Wolterbeek won the lone singles match for ECU.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ECU (12-11, 1-5 AAC) was swept by Cincinnati in its final match of the season. The Pirates are set to face UConn in the AAC tournament.

TRACK & FIELD

Both the men's and women's teams finished second behind South Carolina in the Bill Carson Invitational at home over the weekend.

MEN'S GOLF

The Pirates claimed sixth place in the Irish Creek Collegiate over the weekend. Junior Wes Conover shot 1-under-par to lead ECU.

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ECU finishes second at home

Allison Jobe and Alison Sant'Anna
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Over the weekend, the East Carolina men's and women's track team hosted the second annual Bill Carson Invitational, the only home meet the Pirates will host this year.

The men's and women's teams both placed second overall behind only South Carolina. However, the Pirates had their own victories.

Four personal records were set at the meet. Senior Tania Minkins in the women's 100-meter dash with a time of 11.45, breaking her own school record by .01. In the women's 100-meter hurdles, junior Cheyenne Hutchinson ran a 13.34 to tie the school record.

"I had a mindset, I went in thinking 'I'm going to win my race' and I did. I'm going to keep trying to make [personal records] and I'm going to train hard and keep doing what I'm doing, because it's working," Hutchinson said.

On the men's side, freshman Jorge Montes broke the 3,000-meter record by 10 seconds with a time of 8:33.45.

Graduate student Henry Johnson broke his previous pole vault record of 5.17 meters by half an inch, making the new record 5.18.

Aside from setting records, the women's team won eight events including 100-meter dash, 200-



Freshman Jorge Montes runs in the 3,000-meter race. He broke the school record by 10 seconds over the weekend.

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meter dash, 400-meter dash, 100-meter hurdles, 3,000-meter steeplechase, 4x100-meter relay, discus throw and hammer throw. The men's team won the high jump, pole vault and long jump.

The meet kicked off Friday with half of the field events including the discus throw, javelin throw and the hammer throw.

In the hammer throw, ECU's senior Kaylee Redon placed first with a final distance of 60.50 meters.

In second place freshmen Mohogany Baker threw a final of 49.65 meters.

On day two of the invitational, the Pirates took more events and notched new personal bests.

Junior Avion Jones won the high jump on his third attempt with a height of 7-feet-2-inches. His current personal record is 7-feet-4-inches.

Senior Alexander Mobley-Hollie false started in the men's 4x100-meter relay. He recovered

from the blunder and won the long jump with a distance of 22-10.00.

"I went in today with the intention to win. It's a pretty gratifying feeling to jump well today at the home meet in front of the home crowd, I was pretty happy about that," Mobley-Hollie said.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team consisting of Minkins, senior Tyshonda Hawkins, junior Madison Rayfield and sophomore anchor Jasmine Dawson placed first with a

time of 44.63 seconds.

Along with Hawkins' victory in the 4x100, she had her own personal win in the 200-meter dash.

"I just knew that we had some really good athletes and some really good competition here, so I just tried to stick to my training and keep my form at the end," Hawkins said.

Hawkins, being the senior captain, has a lot to reflect on as well as be grateful for.

"It's a bittersweet feeling, staying here and being with this program we've become a family," Hawkins said. "I'll leave a piece of me here, but I'm glad I can leave my mark here and I hope to come back and cheer on the Pirates."

Head Coach Curt Kraft was overall pleased with the outcome of the invitational.

"Going into it I knew we were going to run well and jump well, they had good attitudes. This was our home meet, our home turf. If you can't go into this excited, then there's something wrong," said Kraft. "They get excited about competing in front of their parents, friends and administration and I couldn't be happier."

The Pirates' next meet will be the Virginia Challenge this weekend in Charlottesville, Va.

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Pirates drop road test

Tennis falls short in two AAC matches

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The East Carolina women's tennis team came up short in its pair of conference matches this weekend in Storrs, Conn., against Connecticut and Cincinnati.

ECU got off to a good start Friday against UConn, winning two of the three doubles matches to earn the early point. The combination of junior Nicole LaDuca and sophomore Michelle Castro defeated their top-seeded opponents in a tightly contested, 7-6 victory.

Senior Dana Gray and junior Katie Hoch took care of the opposition with a 6-3 victory.

Redshirt senior Neena Wanko and freshman Maria Gomez fell 7-6 and could not complete the doubles sweep for ECU.

After securing the doubles point, the Lady Pirates lost their momentum. The Huskies immediately answered back by winning the No. 1, 2, 3 and 6 slots.

Despite already losing the match, Castro fought hard to keep her team in the match. She wasn't able to overcome early



Nicole LaDuca

adversity though, losing 6-3, 7-5.

ECU had promising leads at the No. 4 and 5

slots, Hoch was serving for match point in her singles matchup with the score sitting at 6-2, 5-3. Freshman Sarah Sarjoo was showing promise, bouncing back from her 6-0 loss in the first set to take a 6-2, 1-0 lead before the overall match was called. The final score was 4-1 in UConn's favor.

ECU looked to turn things around Saturday against a sub-.500 squad in Cincinnati. Gomez and Wanko were able to pull out a 6-2 win in the doubles portion after losing their close match Friday against UConn.

The Castro/LaDuca team wasn't able to help the team all that much, losing their matchup, 6-3. The fate of the crucial doubles point rested in the hands of senior Dana Gray and junior Katie Hoch. The

duo lost the close 7-5 contest, awarding Cincinnati the point.

The doubles showdown proved to be a great momentum swing for the Bearcats, as they followed it by defeating the Lady Pirates in straight-sets with wins at the one, three, and four slots, completing the sweep. It marked the fourth sweep suffered by ECU in its previous six outings.

LaDuca wasn't able to overcome her early troubles, dropping her match, 6-2, 6-1. Gomez was defeated 6-1, 7-6 at the number three position. Sarjoo dropped the first set, 7-6 in a tightly contested set and wasn't able to overcome that, losing the next set, 6-0, concluding the overall match.

Similar to their match with UConn the day before, the Lady Pirates didn't give up. Castro was on the brink of defeating her opponent after winning the first set, 7-5. Castro followed that up with a quick 5-2 advantage, before the match was called. The Bearcats finished the match with a 4-0 shutout victory.

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Golf places fourth at River Landing

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The East Carolina women's golf team finished in a tie for fourth place at the River Landing Classic with a 40-over-par 904 over the weekend.

The tournament was ECU's last of the regular season as it prepares to head into conference tournament play.

The Pirates finished tied for fourth with James Madison out of 12 teams involved in the Wallace, N.C., tournament. At the end of the three-day tournament ECU and James Madison finished tied behind only William & Mary, Delaware and the tournament champion Columbia.

Columbia won the tournament with a 22-over-par 886 as well as the lowest single round score of 291 in the third round on Sunday.

ECU posted its lowest round of the tournament in the second round on Saturday afternoon with a 10-over-par 298. ECU's 10-over-par round was good enough for a tie for the sixth best round of the tournament.

Nicoline Engstroem Skaug was the low scorer for the Pirates as she shot a 9-over-par 225. Skaug was finished 11th overall individually after a third round score of 77. After the first two rounds on Saturday, Skaug was tied for No. 8 with a 4-over-par 148 with rounds of 76 and 72, which included four birdies and 24 pars.

Katie Kirk finished the tournament in a tie for 14 with a 10-over-par 226. Kirk was in second place after rounds one and two on Saturday where she shot 74 and 70, which landed her at an even par score of 144. Kirk finished the tournament on Sunday with a 10-over-par 82, which dropped her into a tie for 14th place.

ECU's Frida Gustafsson Spang also finished the tournament tied for 14th as well with a 226 10-over-par tournament. Spang finished the tournament on Sunday with a 2-under-par round of 70 after shooting rounds of 75 and 81 on Saturday.

Spang was one of three players in the entire tournament to have an eagle, 2-under-par, for a whole. Columbia's Monique Ishikawa and Eastern Michigan's Kelsey Murphy were the only other two competitors to eagle a hole.

Columbia's Jacqueline Chulya had the lowest individual score of the tournament with an even par 216. She had the tournament low round of a 3-under-par 69 on Sunday as well as rounds of 73 and 74 on Saturday.

ECU will compete in the American Athletic Conference tournament April 19-21 in Palm Coast, Fla. The conference tournament will be held at Hammock Beach Golf and Spa Resort.

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