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ECU to cover cost of attendance

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

East Carolina became the first member of the American Athletic Conference to announce its plans to provide its athletes with full cost-of-attendance as part of their athletic scholarships.

This means that in addition to covering the room and board, books, and tuition costs that are already covered with current scholarships, the athletics department is now picking up the bill on other expenses too, which include academic-related supplies and transportation.

"Generally, we like to be first. We like to be leaders in things," Shelly Binegar, ECU's Associate Director of Athletics, told The East Carolinian in a phone interview. "We've been talking about this and working on this

Total Value of a Full ECU Athletic Scholarship

	2014-15	2015-16
In-State	\$16,669	\$20,694
Out-of-State	\$32,243	\$36,268

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for months."

Scholarship athletes in the football and basketball programs will receive the full amount of these cost-of-attendance benefits starting this fall, which is set at \$4,025 per scholarship. Athletes in the rest of ECU's 19 varsity sports will be initially allotted \$2,025 in a two-year allocation plan, but are sched-

uled to receive the same, full amount as the players in revenue-generating programs in 2016-2017.

The decision to raise the value of NCAA scholarships was passed by a 79-1 vote in January. However, only schools that belong to Power Five conferences — Big 10, ACC, SEC, PAC 12 and Big 12 — were mandated to pay the full cost-of-attendance beginning this fall.

ECU is obviously not in one of these leagues, therefore was not required to act. But behind the strong encouragement of The American and its commissioner, Mike Aresco, the Pirates took on the commitment in an effort to realistically compete, long term, with the top athletics programs in the country.

"To compete on a national level and win championships requires a significant invest-



Jeff Compher

ment in the well-being of our student-athletes, more now than ever," ECU Director of Athletics Jeff Compher said in a news release. "The recruiting process, similar to the entire model of collegiate athletics, has evolved to the point where it is imperative to provide this support.

"The landscape in which we live continues to change, but our resolve to remain at the forefront and in a leadership position should not."

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The ECU Chamber Singers perform a piece. They took first place in Slovenia.

Chamber Singers win European title

Amanda Adkins
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The East Carolina University Chamber Singers took home the first place prize at this year's International Choral Competition in Maribor, Slovenia, becoming the first American choir to win the International Maribor Choral Competition Gallus, which took place from April 10-12.

The group is the select choral ensemble at ECU, made up of undergraduate and graduate students.

"I've been sitting in airports for the last two days and thinking 'wow, we actually won.' It was incredible," said Jordan Prescott, junior organ performance major. "Ireland was a stiff competitor though," said Prescott. "When the judges announced they got third place, we knew we got second or first."

The Chamber Singers won at last year's competition in Spain and with this year's win the ensemble will have the chance to compete for the world title at a competition in Bulgaria next year.

According to Prescott, the difficulty of the music they took impacted them winning the competition this year.

"We took challenging music that some professional choirs can't do," said Prescott. "Not many college choirs can sing them either."

Prescott said that picking challenging music helped the Chamber Singers a lot because the judges judged the difficulty of the music.

The event is a part of the European Grand Prix for Choral singing, which invites one choral

ensemble to represent each country. Participants from countries such as Ireland, Sweden, Germany and Indonesia were also present.

"There are six different competitions as part of the Grand Prix and each winner will compete against each other in Bulgaria," said Prescott.

Not only did the Chamber Singers represent ECU at the competition, but they were also representing the U.S. because they were the only U.S. group invited to the competition.

For next year's world title competition, Prescott says the group will add more practices to prepare.

"We'll use harder music and add more sectional rehearsals and independent practices," said Prescott.

Along with the chance to compete for the world title, the Chamber Singers will also receive the flag of the competition, a memorial plaque and a sculpture of Jacobus Gallus, a renaissance composer who is named after Slovenia's contest.

According to Prescott, ECU's School of Music will receive a 2,500 Euro cash prize.

"I talked to some of the other choir members there and they said that their favorite thing about us was how we loved what we did," said Prescott.

After finding out that they won, ECU's Chamber Singers reacted with excitement.

"It was intense. We were all holding hands and when we found out, we fell on the floor screaming and extremely happy," said Prescott.

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'Fight for \$15k'



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Protesters, including ECU faculty, walk outside of Shaw University to rally for minimum wage and salary raises.

Faculty participate in nationwide protest calling for adjunct professors pay increase

Kelsey Padgett
TEC STAFF

Members of the East Carolina faculty attended a Fight for \$15 demonstration on the Shaw University campus in Raleigh last night.

The demonstration was part of a nationwide protest calling for minimum wage to be raised to \$15. Protests began early Wednesday morning all over the country.

Fight for \$15 is a movement organized by the Service Employees International Union in an effort to have minimum wages increased.

Adjunct professors created a similar movement, Fight for \$15k, which calls for adjunct professors to be paid \$15,000 per class taught.

UNC-Greensboro adjunct professor Demetrius Noble spoke at the rally and said that because of budget cuts he will not be receiving a contract next year.

"Most of you don't realize that most adjunct professors make \$2,000, if that, per course and if you're lucky you can get three courses a semester," said Noble. "You're talking about people that have got masters degrees and Ph.D. degrees, and still make less than a lot of low wages workers."

Many of the same protesters from the Board of Governor's meeting

"You're talking about people that have got masters degrees and Ph.D. degrees, and still make less than a lot of low wages workers."

-Demetrius Noble

were in attendance in another attempt to make their voices heard.

According to ECU English professor John Steen, 25 percent of non-tenure track faculty is living with the help of government assistance.

Steen said the protest is not only about wages, but also having stability.

"Non-tenure track faculty don't have job stability and most often make a lot lower wages, so often they'll finish grading exams and not be sure if they have a job come fall, so they can't commit to students in the same way that tenured faculty can," said Steen.

The demonstration began at 5 p.m. despite rainy conditions.

Michael Gross, a tenured history professor, said as a tenured faculty member, he has a responsibility to stand up for what's right.

"The professoriate is supposed to be the moral conscious of the univer-

sity and we must stand up for what's right for our students and for fellow faculty," said Gross. "That's why we have tenure. The purpose of tenure is not simply so we can sit back and not do much anymore. So in a way, where are all the colleagues who are tenured? They have tenure not as a privilege, but as a responsibility."

Steen said higher wages are not only essential to those looking to make a living, but also to create a better environment for students.

"We feel like when faculty are hurt students end up suffering as well, so we're out here really because we support our students and we believe the greatest way to keep higher education strong in North Carolina is by supporting adjunct faculty," said Steen.

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BRIEFS

Greenville man arrested for alleged child sex offense of 12-year-old girl

A Greenville bus driver is under arrest for the alleged sexual abuse of a 12-year-old girl from New Jersey. Carlos Colon, Sr., 72, has been charged with first degree sex offense of a child.

Greenville police say NJ District Attorney's Office in Hudson County started an investigation earlier on this year after someone alerted them to past sexual misconduct involving Colon and the girl. Colon remains in jail on a \$250,000 bond.

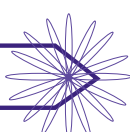
Wayne Community College shooting suspect waives extradition at hearing

The man accused of killing a Wayne Community College employee Monday will return to the state to face murder charges in Goldsboro, N.C., by the end of the week.

According to Florida officials, Kenneth Stancil waived extradition Wednesday during a hearing. Stancil is accused of shooting and killing Ron Lane on the campus near the print shop on Monday.

Stancil fled and was found in Daytona Beach, Fla. North Carolina authorities have to go and pick up Stancil and bring him from Florida back to Wayne County.

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Panel discusses upcoming federal marriage hearing

Alina Olson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A panel of experts answered questions last night about the continuing debates around federal, state, and individual rights surrounding the case of marriage in the United States.

Melinda Kane, Associate Professor of Sociology, was one of the seven professors on the panel, all selected from different departments.

"The motivation for the panel was to provide a venue

where faculty could draw upon their expertise to give background information on these debates," said Kane. "When I talk with students and community groups, I find that people have lots of questions about the recent changes in marriage laws and there is often confusion about how, and why, marriage laws have been changed."

On April 28, the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments about the constitutionality of mar-

riage bans in four states that include Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. This upcoming court hearing, as well as the recent debates surrounding this topic inspired the event.

Speakers were selected from the various departments at East Carolina University. The panel included Kane, Hugh Lee in Bioethics and Interdisciplinary Studies, Christine Avenarius in anthropology, Mary Nyangweso in religious studies, Marieke Van

Willigen in sociology and Ed Wall in philosophy.

Kane said the sociology department decided to reach out to other departments in Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences when they were planning the event.

"We wanted to make sure we had scholars who could speak to the recent changes, as well as faculty who could put these changes into the

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Jake Srednicki, (top left), current SGA president, discusses the meeting's agenda and plans for next year with other executive members.

SGA names officers for fall

Collyn Sheaffer
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's Student Government Association has recently named each of the branch officers for the 2015-16 school year.

Elections for the executive branch of the student government ended in March and Mark Matulewicz, Jennifer Betz, Carson Pierce and Selma Gomez were chosen to be the next board of executive leadership for ECU. These officers, as well as those in positions in the other two branches of SGA, will be officially sworn into their positions on Sunday at the Student Government banquet which is held at the end of each year.

Recently, the application process to fill the spots in the executive cabinet and Judicial Branch came to an end. The application deadline for these positions was recently extended to this past Sunday at 11:45 p.m., according to Matulewicz's email that was sent to the student body last Monday.

The current Attorney General for the Judicial Branch of SGA is Carson Pierce, who is the elected treasurer for the next school year. Pierce has also

been preparing for his transition into a different position of SGA, which will officially begin on Sunday. He joined Jake Srednicki, current Student Body president, and other representatives at the Associations of Student Government meetings this past weekend.

Last Thursday, Katie Swanner, Student Body secretary, sent out the monthly newsletter on behalf of the Student Government Association and confirmed the officers that were named for each college. Senators have now been chosen for each college, as well as positions like Sophomore and Junior Class Officers.

Now that each of these positions have been filled for next year, transitions can begin for not only the executive ticket but for each of the other branches as well. With this school year coming to an end, it gives the current officials time to reflect and think of ways to improve the structure of these positions.

Srednicki said he thinks that ideally in the future, senators should have meetings with the faculty and students in their college sporadically throughout the semester to create an understanding

of what is going on within their colleges.

"This would let our senators be able to communicate with the faculty and students in their college and tell them what is going on in SGA," said Srednicki, to motivate student involvement in SGA.

Adam Caldwell, previous senator for the General College and speaker of the SGA Senate, reflected on his past year in Student Government. He said that it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of his time at East Carolina.

"Through dozens of bills and resolutions, meetings, events and valuable interactions with students and colleagues, I believe our SGA is more transparent, accountable and visible with a stronger foundation to serve the people we work for," said Caldwell in a statement to The East Carolinian.

With a group of new and familiar faces officially transitioning to positions in SGA, it is an important time for these students to learn from their predecessors and work to improve the student representation at ECU.

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Students celebrate the nice weather by playing soccer on the Mall. SALSA will be hosting their third charity soccer tournament to raise money for the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Youth.

SALSA to host soccer tourney

Sara Ataalla
TEC STAFF

On Saturday, the Student Association of Spanish-Latino Affairs (SALSA) will be hosting their third soccer tournament as a fundraiser for a charity.

“Our organization’s mission is to spread Hispanic awareness not only within East Carolina University’s community, but also the Greenville community. Through the love of soccer we are trying to raise money for the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Youth,” said Annie McCollum, senior recreational therapy major and member of SALSA.

The event is an open invitation to the public. The only requirement is that you must be 16 years of age or older. McCollum said that people have invited friends from other schools, cities and organizations to come

to the event as well.

“We really want people to have fun. It’s a good way to raise money for our charity. Even though it is a soccer tournament and people can be competitive, there will be food, games, and music too,” said McCollum.

A \$10 fee is required to register, and 70 percent of that fee will go to charity, in addition to any other proceeds.

SALSA chose The North Carolina Society of Hispanic Youth because to their organization, helping the youth and setting a good example is one of their organizations goals.

“This helps the Hispanic youth to grow up and become professionals of their own. We want to help provide opportunities to help their education and to help them develop as the best person they can be,” said McCollum.

Villa Verde, La Bendicion, and Tropicana Supermarket will be setting up food trucks at the event and selling food.

“This is an event to ultimately come together as a community and embrace diversity and help raise money for this charity,” said McCollum.

Ashley Smith, junior biology major, said she has heard about this event before and has always heard positive feedback.

“I feel like events like this really helps the ECU community and the Greenville community come together and it is all for a great cause,” said Smith.

Registration for the tournament begins at 11 a.m. and the event is until 5 p.m. at the North Recreational Sports Complex.

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Students react to TBA foreign language dept. classes for fall semester

Sydni Dobson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

In the foreign language department, the replacement of an instructor’s name with to be announced (TBA) have sparked questions amongst the students of East Carolina since several courses have not been assigned to professors.

Benjamin Fraser, chair of the foreign language department, said the department currently doesn’t have contracts written for professors who are on fixed term. Fraser says that it isn’t an issue that just ECU has, it is actually an issue that is bigger than the university.

“It is a difficult time for education in the UNC system. Cuts since 2008, have impacted the systems. So it is affecting what we can offer and how we do things,” said Fraser.

Not only have the professors been impacted by budget cuts from the UNC system, but the students are also being affected.

“I sign up for classes based on teachers, so I don’t know who I’m going to pick,” said Carly Camilleri, sophomore psychology major.

Camilleri added that it can either affect a student in a good way or bad with the absence

of an instructor’s name. It all just depends on how well a student wishes to do in the class.

“A student may luck up and get a good teacher, or you may get a bad one and get screwed over,” said Camilleri.

Fraser says, in the future of the foreign language department although he doesn’t know when the contracts will be resolved, the department is heading toward a different future, in which it wants to increase its foreign language within the community.

“Our future is very much about contacting with the surrounding communities,” said Fraser.

Fraser explains that the department has been reaching out to area schools, to think about how we as a region can emphasize language more.

“I think we need to have more large scale discussion on language. Knowledge of other languages is going to be very helpful, not only just for language but cultural awareness too,” said Fraser.

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larger social, legal, and cultural context,” said Kane.

Kane said panelists were selected from the faculty who responded to their request. Each panelist had 10 minutes to present about the topic, and each had different ways of presenting their information based on their field of study. After each panelist made his or her presentation, the discussion ended with a Q&A session.

Rachel Major, a junior hospitality management major, said she attended the event because she thought it was interesting.

“I learned a lot more from the discus-

sion,” said Major. “The debate about same-sex marriage legalization is something that we’re all aware of, but this taught me even more about it, specifically the history of marriage in the U.S.”

The ruling on the U.S. Supreme Court hearing is set to take place in the next couple of weeks and has the potential to grant marriage rights to same-sex couples throughout the entire United States, according to Kane.

Currently, same-sex couples can marry in 37 states and Washington D.C.

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April 17 at 9:45 a.m.

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Friday, April 17,
Saturday, April 18

Child 44
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Monkey Kingdom
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5:10 p.m., 7:40 p.m.,
10:00 p.m.

Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2
12:00 p.m., 2:40 p.m.,
5:20 p.m., 7:50 p.m.,
10:25 p.m.

Unfriended
12:45 p.m., 3:00 p.m.,
5:15 p.m., 8:00 p.m.,
10:20 p.m.

The Longest Ride
12:15 p.m., 12:50 p.m.,
3:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m.,
6:40 p.m., 7:15 p.m.,
9:50 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

Furious 7
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3:40 p.m., 4:10 p.m.,
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9:45 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

Woman In Gold
1:10 p.m., 4:05 p.m.,
6:55 p.m., 9:35 p.m.

Get Hard
2:10 p.m., 4:40 p.m.,
7:25 p.m., 10:05 p.m.

Home
12:10 p.m., 2:30 p.m.,
5:00 p.m., 7:35 p.m.,
9:55 p.m.

While We're Young
2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m.,
7:10 p.m., 9:40 p.m.

Ten characters, one man

John Lithgow set to perform solo show for ECU

Nichole Currie
TEC STAFF

Award winning actor, John Lithgow, will brace the stage of Wright Auditorium to perform a one-man show.

Lithgow, who is best known for his character Dick Solomon in "3rd Rock From The Sun," is anticipated as being the highlight of this year's S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series.

Lithgow's piece "Stories of the Heart" is a one-man show where he will play ten characters. The show is said to offer a moving and amusing reflection on storytelling as it ties to humanities. It is a piece that originated from stories his father and grandfather told him. These stories were titled "Fred Flits By" by P.G. Wodehouse and "The Monkey's Paw" by W.W. Jacobs. As Lithgow's father was dying, he actually read these stories back to him and then found inspirations for his own piece.

Michael Crane, associate dean of research, marketing and outreach, is one of the many people who got Lithgow to come to ECU. Crane refers to Lithgow as a galaxy class artist.

"He is a Tony, Grammy, and Emmy Award winner. He's very versatile. His credentials are impeccable," said Crane. "He's a fabulous actor and a nice guy."

Crane said a one-man show is inspiring to theatre students because it is a difficult to succeed in.

"When we see him do that



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John Lithgow during an interview with Jimmy Fallon. Lithgow is set to perform in Wright Auditorium on Saturday.

we realize how it's supposed to be done," said Crane. "Also I don't think people are doing the artist storytelling that much; therefore, to see him perform that at this level should be inspiring enough."

"He's been a part of some great stage works," said Kiara Hines, sophomore theatre arts major. "Contrary to what most people think, it's not easy to transition seamlessly from stage to small screen and then to big screen."

Crane ensured that their main priority is to give students a different opportunity and stressed how important it is to have knowledge of other mediums of art, whether a student enjoys it or not.

"This Performing Art Series is about experiencing things that you might not encounter otherwise," said Crane. "If you miss it now in college, you're probably not going to do it later."

He continued with how Lithgow's performance in the series is

a once in a lifetime. He referred to Lithgow as one of the guys.

"If you were to look up the top ten amazing guys in his field, his name would definitely come up, said Crane.

John Lithgow will perform in Saturday, Apr. 18 in Wright Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets are still available at the Central Ticket Office.

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Pigout brings the BBQ

Carlyn Legg
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This year marks the 32nd year for the Pirate Pigskin Pigout that will feature a pig cooking competition along with a movie night in Dowdy-Ficklen stadium.

The Pigskin Pigout will have 40 cooks from all over eastern North Carolina who will come together to cook the pigs. "Typically we get around 4,000 people... the main goal is just to bring the community together and to kind of showcase the football team," said Shelley Binegar, associate athletic director for external operations.

The Parade of Pigs, which is set for 7 p.m. tomorrow, will consist of a delivery truck dropping off the frozen pigs for the cooking competition, the East Carolina University cheerleaders, the pirate mascot Pee-Dee and the Marching Pirates.

The pig cooking competition will follow the parade of pigs. The pigs will be cooked by 40 cooks in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, charcoal grilled, gas grilled and some will even be cooked over wood, as described by Binegar.

"We can only fit 40 cooks underneath the stadium so this year we're maxed out and I had to turn quite a few away," said Binegar.

While the pigs are being prepared, pirate fans and families will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of games and activities. This year there will be live music as well. The Jay Nichols band is a local band that plays acoustic music around Eastern North Carolina and will be performing Saturday afternoon during the pigskin festivities.

The movie night, which is set for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow will be inside Dowdy-Ficklen and will feature the film "Big Hero 6."

At 11 p.m. tomorrow, all fans will be asked to leave the stadium and the only people remaining will be the pig chefs and their teams.

"Each of the 40 teams are allowed to have five people stay overnight in the stadium so some people bring in cots or campers and they have different ways they sleep in shift because once that pig goes on the grill, eyes need to be monitoring it the whole time," said Binegar. "Each team has a different way that they do it, and then the next morning at 7:30 we start judging."

Once the pigs are cooked, they are judged by members who have been approved by the North Carolina Pork Association. Included in the group of four judges will be the athletic director Jeff Compher.

"The pigs are then sent to what's known as 'the chopping tent' where they are transformed into the barbecue style pork that Eastern North Carolina is famous for producing," said Binegar.

Pirate football fans are invited to come out to do their own tailgating leading up to the spring game as well as attend the pirate pigskin pig out events throughout the weekend. The pig out will consist of blow up activities inside Dowdy-Ficklen stadium as well as carnival-style games and competitions.

"We'll have bounce houses out there for kids and there will be a DJ out there on Saturday," said Binegar. "I just think it's a nice way to mingle with the players and maybe get to talk to them a little bit more and then come in and watch the game." Pirate fans and families will have the

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WHAT: Pirate Pigskin Pigout

WHEN: April 17 @ 5 p.m.

WHERE: Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

chance to have a meet and greet with the football players as they too have the chance to sit down with the fans and have their own taste of the pork.

"Since [the pig out] is connected to the spring game we kind of lump it all into one weekend," said Binegar. "The players [will be] out there eating barbecue themselves."

Doors will open to Dowdy-Ficklen stadium at 5 p.m. tomorrow and the spring football game will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"I think it combines two great traditions with the pig cooking contest and the barbecue and then the football game," said Binegar. "And now that it's free for everybody, it's a nice thing for the community to be able to come out and do something fun and different."

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Film promotes self-image

Ashley Federici
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Campus Movie Fest is the world's largest student film festival and East Carolina University's very own Devan Harron was the winner last year.

Harron's short film titled "Made Up" won the Jury Award and Harron herself received the award for Best Actress.

Harron now has the opportunity to attend the Cannes Film Festival in France this May and has also been invited to Hollywood this July. Harron's short film also



Devan Harron

preaches a message she feels is important.

"Made Up" brings awareness to self-image problems women face today due to the obsession the media and society puts on appearance.

In a 2010 study by Girl Scouts of the USA and The Dove Self-Esteem Fund, 63 percent of girls think the body image represented by the fashion industry is unrealistic yet 60

percent say they compare their body's to fashion models.

"It's about questioning why we look up to the media and of course I don't have the answer to that, but it's to help people think 'why we do let those things influence us,'" said Harron. Harron said the inspiration for her film came from seeing those that are close to her who have suffered from low self-esteem caused by comparing themselves



Harron makes a statement against beauty "standards" by taking off her make-up. CONTRIBUTED BY CAMPUS MOVIE FEST

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to others. Harron said one of these girls was her 13-year-old cousin.

"She looks up to me so I thought I could create something for her to look up to," said Harron.

Harron supports the popular opinion that the addiction to social media sites such as Facebook and Instagram that our society has developed is to blame for the pressure women feel to be "perfect."

"Even my mom will look on Facebook and think 'oh she's prettier than me' or 'she's better than me'. I think social media really makes females feel less than what they are," said Harron.

The film is only one minute and 14 seconds long and shows Harron going through many women's daily hair and makeup routine, it then shows in reverse as Harron returns to her natural look. While all this is happening Harron's voice is heard questioning why women feel that they need to make all these alterations to their natural beauty.

"A lot of girls think that only what they see in the newspapers or the magazines are what we're supposed to look like," said Harron. "A lot of girls think that without makeup and beauty products they aren't as beautiful."

The Campus Movie Fest provides competitors with a camcorder, mac laptop and all the editing software to make the films. Other than a single film class in high school, Harron, a business major, had no prior film making experience.

"It was really simple, I just used the camera on the laptop," said Harron. "I had an idea so I just wrote out the script and did it."

Harron's film was selected out of 41 others that were submitted from students at universities all across the nation. Due to her success in the 2014 competition she was invited to attend the Cannes Film Festival in May where she would have the opportunity to attend movie premieres, workshops and even be allowed to walk the red carpet. The Cannes Film Festival is one of the most prestigious film festivals and will be showing movies that have yet to be released in the United States.

Harron said she wants to remind females everywhere to never forget to appreciate their natural beauty.

"I think girls just need to look in the mirror and appreciate what they look like even when they just woke up because sometimes we can be beautiful in the moments when we just open our eyes and with our messy hair," said Harron.

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Third grade class set to meet ECU pen pals

Lindsay Rayner
TEC STAFF

This Friday, ECU Writes and their third grade pen pals will finally be meeting face to face after communicating through letters on a weekly basis over the past year.

All of the letters will come to life when the 100 third graders from Belvoir Elementary School in Greenville arrive at East Carolina University's campus to meet the pen pals that have been brightening their weeks since last October.

According to Nichelle Shuck, associate director for student leadership and education programs, ECU Writes is a literacy program that really thrives on developing writing and reading skills through a pen pal, through letter writing between ECU college students and the elementary students at Belvoir.

Each ECU Writes volunteer is assigned one or two pen pals from one of the third grade classes at Belvoir. The pair write to each other on a weekly basis, and discuss everything from animals to favorite activities.

Shuck said meeting their pen pals is something the ECU Writes coordinators took very seriously.

Even though the ECU Writes program has been around for several years, this is the first time that the pen pals will get a chance to meet.

The third graders will arrive at noon and will receive a tour of the campus as well as attend the Get The Scoop event that is part of the ECU Social Justice Week.

Jenny Kelly, third grade teacher at Belvoir, said having a

" It gives our students an initiative to write and it makes them excited about learning about ECU. "

-Jenny Kelly

college pen pal means a lot to the students in her third grade class.

"It gives our students an initiative to write and it makes them excited about learning about ECU and what their pen pals are doing that's different from what elementary school kids do and how it's different with college students," said Kelly.

According to Kelly, when the letters arrive from the volunteers at ECU Writes her students are "tearing me down to get the envelopes and their pen pal letters out."

Kelly said most of the letters between the ECU students and the third graders at Belvoir talk about the elementary student's friends at school, what they are learning about in class, and what they like to do over the breaks.

For some children, communicating with her pen pal has a big impact.

"I have one little girl who comes from a home where there is a lot of pressure for education, and her pen pal is kind of like a relief to her because they don't really talk about grades and stuff like that," said Kelly.

"It's more of a personal level, and I think its good for her to have something like that because she doesn't really have some-

thing like that at home."

Anna Cooper, fifth year student at ECU and ECU Writes volunteer, said she also gets a lot out of the letters from her pen pals.

"What's really surprising is that once you talk to them and you give them the opportunity to open up to you, you'd be really amazed at just how smart and how creative these kids are," said Cooper.

One of the main purposes of ECU Writes is to help the third graders learn how to properly write a letter as well as practice their spelling and grammar.

"They make more of an effort to look in the dictionary or look on their word paper that they keep up with all their spelling words, they're very conscientious about writing correctly so I think that it helps their writing," said Kelly.

Lakeesha Lynch, assistant principal at Belvoir, said communicating with ECU students gives the third graders a goal to work towards, especially being able to write back and forth with college students.

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Our view

Barefoot still needs identity

East Carolina's Student Activities Board announced Monday that pop band MKTO will be headlining this year's edition of Barefoot on the Mall.

MKTO, best known for their Billboard's Hot 100 Chart singles "Thank You" and "Classic", use a collection of synthesizers and programmed sound effects in addition to other electronic instruments to create their music.

Taking away nothing from the talent or musical capabilities of MKTO, it is the opinion of the editorial staff that the SAB has strayed away from what makes Barefoot on the Mall what it is: a daylong, casual celebration of the end to the academic semester aimed at letting students relax.

While in the past, Barefoot has featured the talents of Jason Mraz and John Mayer, artists who have become international phenomena in the past five years, recently,

the SAB has elected Lauren Alaina, A Great Big World, New Boyz and now MKTO as headliners—artists who are talented in their own right but could not be any more different in style. Barefoot needs to take pride in its intended purpose: To be an easy-listening, festival gathering, where students can vibe with an steady jam rather than a collection of singles.

What Barefoot on the Mall currently lacks is a consistent identity students can expect every year. Attending the event annually and not knowing what's in store handcuffs the growth of the event and therefore prohibits the expansion to more well-known headliners in the future.

Barefoot on the Mall is an event that should be near to every student's heart; the last thing anyone wants to see is it limiting its own potential.

Don't pay the athletes



Jonathan Tolley
GUEST COLUMNIST

The NCAA men's basketball tournament or "March Madness" as it is so rightfully named becomes a bigger business year after year by virtue of increasing profit margins of close to 50 percent per year. From licensing deals in the hundreds of millions of dollars

to head and assistant coach salaries reaching six-figures across the board, the NCAA and its affiliates share in the profit of close to \$1 billion in profit off of the tournament games alone.

This is truly "madness".

Just to put into perspective how much money is being raked in by the NCAA, it can be nicely summed up by coming to find out that there is "a \$700,000 advertising rate for a 30-second spot during the Final Four," according to Chris Smith from Forbes.com. As for the championship game, try increasing that number by about \$1.5 million. Since so many other people are getting rich off of this scheme, many ask what do the players have to gain?

Some people claim players can suffer from potential career-ending injuries during collegiate play and should be paid accordingly for "risk of injury". Others insist that players should be compensated for time spent outside the classroom for practices, travel, and things of this nature, both

of which are more-or-less valid arguments, but only to a certain degree.

Each year the NCAA gives out roughly 138,000 scholarships averaging in value around \$10,800 each, according to US News. This means that annually, somewhere in the region of \$1.49 billion of scholarship money is given to Division I and Division II program athletes. Scholarships granted to student athletes cover tuition, fees, room, board and textbooks, and you're telling me you still want them to be paid?

Many college athletes work extremely hard and are very talented, let's get that straight to begin with, but despite this fact, the average athlete in college on a full scholarship has nearly everything provided for them. This, by no surprise, already gives them a distinct advantage over their friends and classmates. You could argue that college athletes are already being paid. In no way imaginable should universities, or the NCAA itself, allocate more funding to satiate its athletes' desire to be paid to play their own respective sport.

From an athlete's point of view, most argue that with the excess amounts of time spent practicing and training outside the classroom they could instead be working a paying job. They are insistent on being paid by the university to make up for being broke and unable to afford clothes, food, etc.

Well congratulations, you've finally arrived,

welcome to the life of literally every other college student in America. Sick and tired of eating cheap greasy fast food and Ramen noodles every day of the week? Welcome to the club.

What most college athletes don't realize is that the same meager amount of money other non-athletes earn goes towards rent, tuition, and groceries—expenses athletes on full-ride scholarships could most often not care less about.

Also, if the NCAA paid its athletes, the gap between large sports programs and smaller programs would exponentially widen the disadvantage smaller programs have already on recruiting and becoming successful in the long-term.

Bottom line is that college athletes should not be concerned with money and have their performance rely on the presence of such. Instead of demanding to be paid, athletes on full-ride scholarships should focus on their passion for the game and be appreciative of the aid and opportunity they are afforded in the first place.

There is no room for player salaries in college sports. Don't like it? Go to the pros to get paid, it's not like you were planning on being here that long anyway.

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Death penalty is not justice



Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

Nearly two years after the Boston Marathon Bombings, a tragic murder that stole the lives of three people and injured more

than 260, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was found guilty on all 30 charges brought against him. Among the charges: murder and use of a weapon of mass destruction.

With the guilty verdict out of the way, no one expected the jury to find Tsarnaev innocent, the jury now moves to the next phase of the trial. The panel of 12 will decide whether to sentence the then 19-year-old to death. If I were on that panel, Tsarnaev would live out the rest of his days in a cell.

The death penalty accomplishes nothing, save for fueling

a cycle of violence and hatred. While it might satisfy those directly affected by the person to be put to death, the positives of execution stop there. The only thing gained from the death penalty is revenge.

What difference does it make if Tsarnaev is dead or behind bars? Either way he'd never be seen again in the world outside of prison. He might as well be dead to the common person, as time will do what time does and soften our powerful memories and emotions the thought of Tsarnaev and the bombings bring. To those directly affected by the bombings, leaving Tsarnaev alive and in a cell gives them a chance to let go of their very understandable anger and hatred in a positive way. Having the young man killed by lethal injection will not bring back all they've lost.

In an ideal world, spending years behind bars changes who Tsarnaev is as a person. He may learn to feel sorrow for the heinous crimes he

committed, making peace with himself and perhaps even earning forgiveness in the eyes of the people he attacked. While he may never truly seek forgiveness, there is no reason not to at least give him a chance to. Ending his life removes all possibility of forgiveness.

If one argues in favor of the death penalty because death is the ultimate punish, I'd argue that death pales in comparison to life in prison. The thought of spending each day, for years on end, doing nothing but thinking about the crime that put you in a cell is terrifying. The 18th century Italian philosopher Cesare Beccaria puts it best when he wrote in his book 'On Crimes and Punishments', "It is not the terrible yet momentary spectacle of the death of a wretch, but the long and painful example of a man deprived of liberty, who, having become a beast of burden, recompenses with his labors the society he has offended, which

is the strongest curb against crime."

Disagreeing with an 18th century philosopher is easy, but it's a little tougher to say you disagree with the arguments of Gandhi. Perhaps his most famous quote, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind," serves perfectly as another argument against the death penalty. If everyone returned violence with violence, there would be no peace.

I use Tsarnaev's case often when debating the death penalty because it showcases a truly evil crime. No matter how he tried to justify it, Tsarnaev killed three people and attempted to instill fear in the hearts of millions. It's hard to imagine a more horrific crime, but no one has the right to take another person's life. Even if that person took the lives of others.

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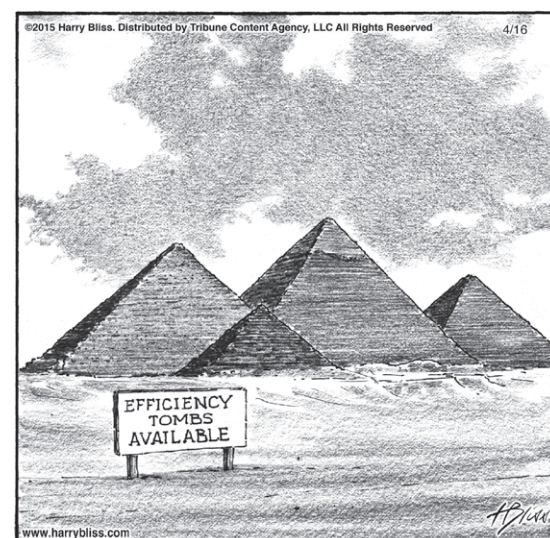
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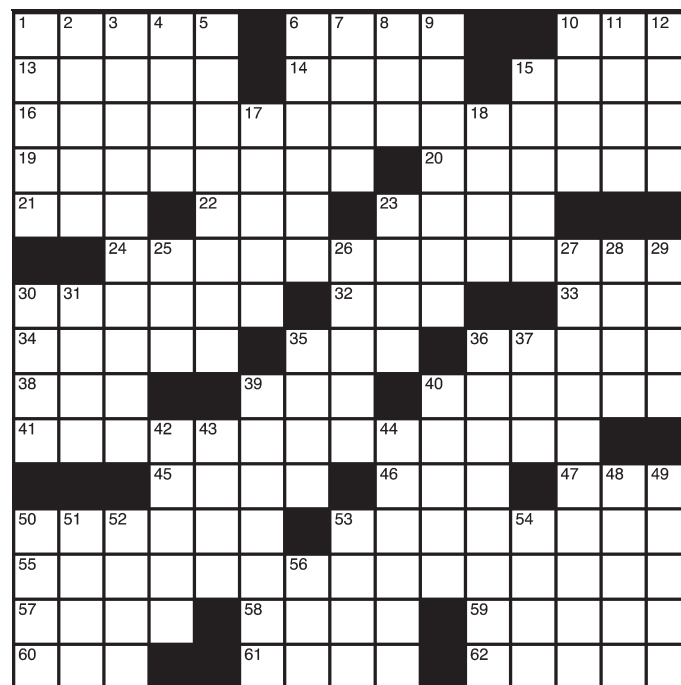
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- Spunkmeyer of cookie fame
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- Key artery
- Seattle's Place Market
- Hazmat suit hazard
- Nail the Miley Cyrus impression?
- "Madam Secretary" star
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- Pay extension?
- It goes around in winter
- Antarctic transport
- Minor trade adjustment?
- Majestic quality
- Playboy nickname
- Kentucky Colonels' org.
- "The Caine Mutiny" Oscar nominee
- Genealogical record
- "The spasm preceded the other symptoms, Doc?"
- Used to be
- Hendrix hairdo
- Royal scheduled 2016 British Open site
- Unmatched
- The Taj Mahal, e.g.
- Garden plant that thrives in shade



By Samuel A. Donaldson

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- Wooden pin
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- Polynesian carving
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- Vacation area
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- Winner of six David di Donatello acting awards
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- Be selfish about, in a way
- Low grade
- Fox commentator who was the 1992 N.L. Rookie of the Year
- Singer James

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Walk-ons seek bigger roles

Williams, Allely impress in spring, eye starting job

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

Jordan Williams attended East Carolina with aspirations of walking onto the football team. But when he walked into the team's offices last summer, he was told there wasn't any room on the roster.

Almost a year later, Williams has solidified himself as a viable threat to be inserted into the first team defense.

"[As] soon as we got a spot I called him on the phone said 'come see me today'... we got him hooked up in the weight room and told him he could be a preferred walk on," defensive coordinator Rick Smith said. "He had problems learning everything because he didn't go through spring and he got better as the season went along."

Williams played sparingly in nine games last season, totaling five tackles.

With last year's second leading tackler Brandon Williams graduating, it has made the linebacker spot opposite Zeek Bigger open for competition, something that sophomore has capitalized on.

"He's had a really good spring and he's got an opportunity to one day be on scholarship," Smith said about Williams' spring performance thus far.

Williams has started in the second inside linebacker spot throughout most of the spring totaling five tackles combined in both spring scrimmages.

Pirate Nation will get its first look at the former Jack Britt stand-out in Saturday's annual purple-gold game, where he will look to fully earn the starting role.

"I'm used to being the underdog, I've been the underdog all my life," Williams said. "I've been under recruited, working my way up I'm used to that. I worked my way from scout team to third string to second team."

Williams isn't the only walk-on that is standing out for the Pirates this spring, outside linebacker Joe Allely has also impressed coaches and is also playing with the first team defense.

The redshirt sophomore plays 'will' linebacker, which in the ECU defense means that he is often used like a defensive end.

Allely saw a lot more action last season than Williams, as he worked his way up the rotation this past fall.

Despite playing sparingly, Allely finished 14th in tackles for the Pirates last season playing in all 13 games tallying 21 tackles, including



Joe Allely (57) sets up on the line. He is competing for a starting job next year.

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a tackle for loss. He also recovered one of ECU's five fumble recoveries.

"Last spring I started out fourth string, worked my way up to second string. Over the season I got some playing time,"

Allely explained. "This spring they threw me into first string and I've been competing to hold it. I owe everything to my work ethic."

Allely contributed a team-best five tackles in last weekend's scrim-

mage, including one for a five-yard loss. He also tallied his sole tackle in the first scrimmage for a loss.

"Joe Allely will get a scholarship when one comes available," Smith stated. "He's stronger than he was in the fall, he's quicker and he's really playing well. He will have a chance one day to be a team leader."

Allely and Williams helped anchor a strong looking spring defense that totaled eight tackles behind the line of scrimmage and limited the offense to going 4-for-20 on third-down conversions.

"Both of those guys are figuring into playing and both of them have a good chance to compete for starting positions," ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill stated. "We've had a pretty good sense at walk-ons here. Our history defines that for us."

The Pirates have had success with many of their walk-ons. Justin Hardy set the FBS collegiate receptions record and senior cornerback Josh Hawkins totaled 44 tackles and led the team with five interceptions.

The biggest test that will decide Allely's and Williams's fate will be in front of Pirate Nation Saturday at 2:30 p.m. inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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Pirates enjoying life during the offseason

Kai Jones
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

When student-athletes are competing they are celebrities and royalty, but off the field they are regular students.

So what do athletes do when they aren't training or in class?

"Hangout with teammates, just I watch movies a lot. And I like to shop," said East Carolina guard/forward Caleb White.

White says some of his personal favorite movies are Lion King, Batman and The Godfather. He likes comedies, but enjoys mob and war movies a lot. He says if you're looking for a "sleeper pick" of a movie that No Strings Attached is a good choice. He said his favorite actor is Denzel Washington, and his favorite Washington movie is The Taking Pelham 123.

B.J. Tyson led the Pirates' basketball team in scoring last year as a freshman and was selected unanimously to the American Conference's All-Rookie Team.

"I'm more of a guy that watches ESPN, on my phone playing games or watching NBA highlights," said guard Tyson.

While Tyson likes to watch NBA games and highlights, junior Michael Zangari prefers to play NBA video games.

"I like to hang out with the guys and play some 2K or some Madden," said Zangari. Zangari said he likes to use LeBron James or Kobe Bryant on NBA 2K, but Bryant is his favorite player.

Tyson agreed with his teammate. Tyson is a Laker fan and said it's "posted up on his walls." But he said his favorite point guard is Russell Westbrook.

"His mentality, his hunger for the game. I think that if I can get that into my play of game, I can be a whole lot better than I was last year," said Tyson.

Tyson also said he does watch movies, specifically basketball movies. He said his favorite movie is Love and Basketball.

All three players talked about music. Zangari said, he doesn't have a favorite music artist, but said he listens to all different genres of music. Tyson said his favorite



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B.J. Tyson looks to set up the offense against Temple.

music artist is pop/R&B singer Chris Brown. Tyson said that White introduced him to rapper Kevin Gates's music and he plays Gates before his games so that he can get focused. Tyson went on to say that he likes Fetty Wap after the games to calm him down.

While White introduced Tyson to Gates, White says he really only listens to two other artists. White said he listens to rapper Wale and Lil Durk, as well as Gates. But White really likes Gates. He went as far to say, "Gates for president."

These student-athletes can seem bigger than life on the floor, but off of it they are just regular students.

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Baseball sets sail for Connecticut

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After dropping a grueling road series against conference leader South Florida, East Carolina will travel to Connecticut where the Pirates hope to climb back to .500 in American Athletic Conference play.

The Pirates (21-15, 4-5 AAC) will turn to senior pitcher Reid Love on Friday night, Head Coach Cliff Godwin confirmed. He'll more than likely face Carson Cross, the Huskies' ace, with the goal of putting ECU in position to take the series on Saturday. Love is making his third consecutive series start for the Pirates, taking the place of now-Saturday starter Evan Kruczynski.

Things won't get easier for ECU as the weekend goes on. The Huskies (23-13, 5-4 AAC) boast the AAC's best team ERA, largely thanks to AAC Pitcher-of-the-Week Anthony Kay. Fortunately for the Pirates, senior shortstop Hunter Allen has been swinging a hot bat despite a torn ligament in his left thumb.

"I give [ECU trainer] Zac Womack all the credit," said Allen, who went 5-for-8 from the plate against USF last weekend. "He does everything he needs to do so I'll be ready to play."

While Connecticut's pitching poses a challenge to the Pirate offense, ECU's .293 team batting average ranks second in the conference. In a battle of strength versus strength, the team that plays its style of game better will likely emerge victorious.

ECU pitchers will need to handle Connecticut's offensive star Vinny



Siena, a junior infielder. Siena is hitting .369 on the season and his 58 hits are the most in the AAC. The junior also averages one run-scored-per-game, good for third in the conference.

Catcher Max McDowell also provides offensive firepower for Connecticut. His six home runs lead the team, and 26 RBI place third amongst Husky hitters. McDowell's arm behind the plate, however, will certainly be tested by ECU's aggressive base running. Out of 36 runners attempting to steal, McDowell has thrown out just 12.

In order for the Pirates to play up to their full potential, slumping first baseman Bryce Harman needs to get back on track. Against USF, Harman went 0-for-8 and struck out five times. Harman is still hitting .304 on the season, although that number has plummeted since a mid-March.

Godwin has confidence in his team on the road, saying his team's 5-4 record shows they can travel well.

"We've played what I consider well on the road," said Godwin. "We went in and swept Elon. We lost to UNC Wilmington and NC State, but we were able to get a win against Campbell."

The Huskies have only hosted one series at home this season, but with the weather beginning to turn in New England, they begin a nine-game home stand.

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TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Lady Pirates (12-12, 1-5 AAC) were bounced in the first round of the conference tournament by UConn.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates (11-12, 2-0 AAC) prepare for the conference tournament this weekend in Tulsa, Okla.

FOOTBALL

ECU will partake in the annual Purple-Gold spring game Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

TRACK AND FIELD

The men's and women's Pirates will take to the Virginia Challenge this weekend.

BASEBALL

The Pirates (22-15, 4-5 AAC) took a 4-2 road-victory over Old Dominion on Wednesday night behind Parker Lamm's RBI-double.

SOFTBALL

ECU (11-34, 3-9 AAC) lost both games in a doubleheader Wednesday to James Madison. The Pirates were outscored, 19-1 on the day.

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Mary Sloan-Bradford makes contact with a pitch early this year.

ECU pleased with freshmen

Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

Despite its 11-32 record this season, the East Carolina softball team has shown improvements from both the young players and the team veterans. For the Pirates, the freshmen have continued to impress with their development throughout the season.

“More of the time, as you recruit people, you’ve recruited outstanding athletes,” said Interim Head Coach Steve Jaacks. “How much they improve, a lot of the time is directly related to if you want to improve.”

In her first collegiate season, freshman outfielder Mary Sloan-Bradford has registered a .200 batting average. “Mary Sloan-Bradford’s batting average is not where she wants it or where I would like it,” acknowledged Jaacks.

Although Sloan-Bradford has had difficulty hitting the ball, she holds a .387 on base percentage and has a team-high 30 walks this season.

“A lot of the time were judging production based on

base percentage,” said Jaacks.

Second basemen Kerry Butler has been out of the first half of the season with leg problems. However, in her 14 games played, Butler has produced four runs off five hits and four RBI.

“She was an outstanding hitter when she came in here and will really be counted on, especially next year,” said Jaacks of Butler.

Pitcher Ashley Cruise has taken the starting position on the mound 13 times this season. In those games, Cruise has earned a 4.33 ERA, as she pitched her way through 77 innings and gave up 62 runs off of 100 hits and struck out 50 players.

However, Cruise’s pitching wasn’t accurate in the first half of the season. She earned the win for the first two games of her collegiate career but lost 11 of her next 18 games played.

In late March when the Pirates played against Memphis, Cruise earned her third win of the season as she

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Tennis takes on Tulsa



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Patriek Wolterbeek readies a forehand shot in a match this season. The senior has played a crucial role for the team this year.

Pirates prepare for first AAC tournament

Billy Kline
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina men’s tennis team travels to Tulsa, Okla., this weekend to compete in its inaugural American Athletic Conference tournament.

The tournament is slated to start tomorrow and conclude with the championship round on Sunday.

The Pirates finished the regular season with an overall record of 11-12 and a 2-0 mark against American conference competition.

ECU is the No. 7 seed and is matched up against the host and No. 2 seed Tulsa.

Tulsa shocked the tennis world by upsetting the, at the time, No. 1 ranked Southern California in late February.

“We’ve been there for two years now. I think we have a pretty good shot, you never know what’s going to happen,” said senior Patriek Wolterbeek when asked about the team’s matchup against Tulsa.

The Golden Hurri-

cane, currently ranked No. 29 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, completed its regular season with a 16-13 record while going 1-1 in conference play.

“Every day is a new day, anything can happen when you’re on the court and when you’re fighting for each other and with each other, good things tend to happen,” Wolterbeek said.

The Pirates had a seven game win streak in the middle of the season before it was snapped by North Florida in early March. Since then, the Pirates have struggled, winning only two out of the last eight matches to finish the season.

“We lost our best player who set multiple school

records last year,” Wolterbeek said of teammate Joran Vliegen. “So it was hard to rebound off of that. I think we’ve maintained a good balance between the experience, new freshman and the new transfers coming in, and we’ve done a good job maintaining good quality play.”

ECU has never been past the third round in conference tournament play.

The Pirates’ best result goes back to their time in the Conference USA when the Pirates lost a third round matchup to UNC Charlotte in 2005.

“This is the most important thing that I’ve come across here in my time at ECU,” said senior Ross Nigro

when asked about how important this tournament is for him being a senior. “This coming weekend will be the climax of my career here.”

The Pirates look to make a splash in their inaugural AAC tournament debut, but will certainly have their hands full in their first matchup against a talented Tulsa squad.

“We need to go out there with no fear, this is a great opportunity to put ECU tennis on the map,” said Nigro. “We’re a talented team that on any given day can [compete] against anyone in the country.”

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pitched her way through all seven innings and had six strikeouts and only gave up two hits.

"I think there's been an improvement, there's an automatic improvement as they're buying into the system. It's a process and we still have a lot more improving to go," said Jaecks.

Third basemen Karlie Smith is picking up her momentum after an unsuccessful offensive first half of the season. She has eight runs off of 20 hits, and has five RBI.

"Karlie started out real well, then it nose dived, but she's picking it back up," said Jaecks. "She has the second

best arm on the team at third base. I really like that."

Jaecks continued, "More of the time as you recruit people you've recruited outstanding athletes, and how much they improve is directly related to if you want to improve."

The freshmen will be put to the test this weekend at USE. ECU has just seven games left this season and have a chance to put a silver lining on its season.

The Pirates are looking to end a six game losing streak in its last American Athletic Conference series on the road.

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ECU upended by Huskies

UConn bounces Pirates in conference tournament

Staff Report

The East Carolina women's tennis season came to an end as the team was bounced in the first round of the American Athletic Conference Tournament on Wednesday after a 4-0 loss to the eighth-seeded Connecticut Huskies.



Maria Gomez

Zaina Zaki in the first match of the day. However, the Huskies (15-8, 3-2

AAC), who now have won eight of their last nine, rallied back and in the No. 1 and No. 3 slots and knocked off ECU (12-12, 1-5 AAC) thanks to wins from the duo of Maxene Weinberg and Srna Stosljevic and the freshman team of Yelyzaveta Pletnyeva and Summer Walker.

ECU's Dana Gray and Katie Hoch battled it out at the No. 3 slot with Pletnyeva and Walker. Despite jumping out to a 4-3 lead in the contest, the Huskies tandem battled back to garner a 6-4 win in the rubber match of the doubles point.

The singles portion of the match proved no easier for ECU as the Huskies took three straight spots against the Pirates, sealing the tournament-opening win.

ECU's Nicole LaDuca fell, 6-4, 6-0 in

the No. 1 singles slot to Stosljevic. The two-set loss proved to be anything but an anomaly as the following two Husky singles players won in just two sets as well.

Huskies' No. 2 Alderman downed Michelle Castro, 6-3, 6-3 and left Gomez in a do-or-die situation.

With tournament format policy ordaining a stoppage of play following a team's fourth point, and the Pirates down 3-0, Gomez fell, 6-0, 6-0 to Yelyzaveta Pletnyeva. Earlier in the match, Gomez contributed to ECU's lone doubles win of the day alongside Wanko.

With the victory, UConn will face the top-seeded Houston Cougars in the quarterfinals of the tournament.

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