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## Benkert takes reigns of ECU offensive attack

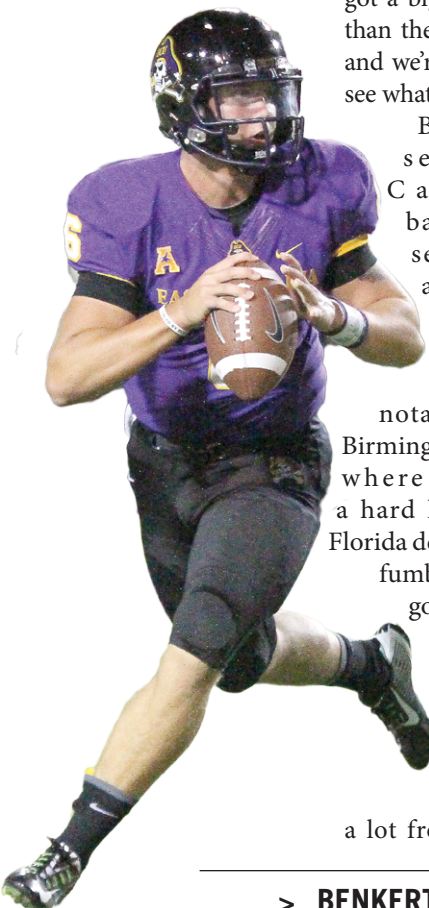
Adam Decker  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's ship was left captain-less in April following the departure of all-time leading passer Shane Carden to the NFL.

Head coach Ruffin McNeill searched for his replacement and pegged redshirt sophomore Kurt Benkert the ship's new leader, but the purple and gold faithful could see a much different attack this year as Benkert's tendencies differ from Carden's.

"Kurt's definitely got a cannon," said junior wide receiver Isaiah Jones. "He's more of a threat to throw the ball deep, he's also more of a threat to run. He's

got a bigger stature than the other guys and we're excited to see what he can do."



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## WELCOME BACK



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Students perform karaoke during Pirate Palooza at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Sunday afternoon. The event is to welcome students to campus.

## Pirate Palooza invites students back to campus

Collyn Sheaffer  
TEC STAFF

Freshmen students were welcomed by faculty, alumni and upperclassmen at Sunday's new student welcome and convocation before heading to the football stadium for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirate Palooza.

The convocation and welcoming events were put on by East Carolina's Student Affairs and Transitions department. All first time students, both freshmen and transfer students, as well as Honors College students, were invited to the convocation festivities at Minges Coliseum Sunday afternoon.

Anna Bland, freshman business major, said that convocation helped her feel more comfortable before starting this new chapter in her life.

According to the ECU website, the

goal of this event is to foster community building traditions, students' involvement and campus commitment. Students heard from several speakers including Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy, Student Government President Mark Matulewicz, and ECU Alumnus Scott Avett of the Avett Brothers.

Hardy introduced Avett as the keynote speaker and offered guidance to the incoming students saying that the time they will spend at East Carolina is "a journey not a destination."

During his speech, Avett joked about his experience at East Carolina ranging from getting robbed downtown, making several female friends and even failing some classes. Between band break ups and finally being able to create a name for himself, Avett said that people will leave

Greenville completely transformed from the day that they got here.

Keighlah Fields, freshman psychology major, said her favorite part about convocation was the fact that Avett was the keynote speaker.

Hardy gave a few closing statements before students watched a video of athletes at Dowdy-Ficklen welcoming the incoming freshmen and getting them excited for the "undaunted pep rally" following convocation.

After the convocation and welcoming ceremonies, students were invited to ECU's largest welcome back celebration, Pirate Palooza at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

The departments of Student Affairs, Campus Recreation & Wellness as well

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Joe'L Foy, freshman music composition/education major, reads in one of the study lounges of the new Gateway residence hall.

## Gateway East and West halls open doors for student residents

Anna Parrish  
TEC STAFF

After several months of construction, Gateway East and West residence halls, located at the top of College Hill on the former site of Belk Hall, opened its doors.

This past Wednesday 5,800 students began moving into residence halls across campus, including those living in the newly constructed Gateway dorms.

The brand new residence halls house about 724 beds including a multipurpose room, two sound proof music rooms, study rooms, enclosed courtyard, and a multipurpose room that converts into three classrooms.

"Gateway East and West is changing the face of the residential community," said Virginia Hardy, vice

chancellor of student affairs.

The residence halls will also house 14 out of the 17 learning communities on campus including single, suite, and traditional style dorm rooms.

Aaron Lucier, director of housing operations, explained that everything in the dorm was meant to have a southern and homey feel. All the furniture was picked out by students conducted by students testing different furniture options, which include wheels on all of the dressers and nightstands.

"I feel like this is such a good community, but the hardest part was planning ahead of time for the dorm because we

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## FRESHMAN FACTS

4,400 total freshmen

60 female to 40 male ratio

16% out-of-state 84% in-state

MOST POPULAR MAJORS: business \$, undecided?, biology

110 honors students

105 committed athletes

INFOGRAPHIC BY ANNAH SCHWARTZ

BRIEFS

ECU named most 'car friendly' university

East Carolina University was recently named the most car friendly university in the United States in a recent release from The Zebra, a car insurance comparison company.

The other schools mentioned ranged from around the country, though three other North Carolina Universities made the list as well.

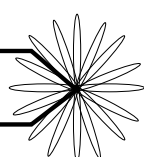
ECU appoints new vice chancellor for research

Dr. Mike Van Scott was appointed the interim vice chancellor for Research, Economic Development and Engagement.

Dr. Van Scott received his bachelor degree from Cornell University and his doctorate from West Virginia University.

At the August Board of Governors Meeting, ECU received the approval to rename the division of Research and Graduate Studies, to the current division for Research, Economic Development and Engagement.

ONLINE



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Corrections/ Clarifications

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper please contact Ryan Clancy, editor@theeastcarolinian.com

ECO-pirates and The East Carolinian would like to remind you to recycle this paper.



A construction worker stands on top of Sup Dogs' new roof over the outdoor patio area. The roof is one of many renovations made.

Same 'Dog'; new tricks

Sup Dogs adds deck covering, other renovations

Sydni Dobson TEC STAFF

Sup Dogs' outdoor patio is becoming more versatile this week with the addition of a roof over the exterior deck, and an upgrade of its interior.

"It was my decision, and I figured now was a good time. Sup Dogs is busier than ever," said Owner Brett Olivero.

The new changes made to the Sup Dogs restaurant include new floors in the dining room and bathroom, along with newly replaced windows.

Along with all of the changes made inside of the restaurant, the installation of the open air deck on the outside might be the most noticeable to customers.

"It's [open air deck] going to be nice, and helpful in the winter," said manager Annah Edwards.

Edwards explained that the addition of the open air deck will come in handy

"As our popularity grows, I think it's on us to renovate. Students get the perfect experience when they come here."

-Brett Olivero

once the seasons start to change, especially during Mug Nights - hosted every Monday throughout the year.

Olivero said the renovations have been long overdue based on the ever rising public interest of the restaurant.

"We've been open over seven years, going on eight years and each year it keeps getting busier and busier. As our popularity grows, I think it's on us to renovate," Olivero said.

Olivero mentioned that Sup Dogs

has become a tourist attraction for students and people visiting Greenville, and his goal is to keep the restaurant looking good, so when people come inside they can have a nice experience.

Olivero says his restaurant is the "same old Sup Dogs" and to him college is fun and is one of the best experiences of your life, so there will be no new rules following the renovations that have been made.

The renovations have all been completed and are ready to be used by anyone who visits the restaurant.

Olivero said he is constantly looking for ways to improve his business and keep interest in the restaurant up.

"We're always looking to improve, We take it very seriously that we are a big part of everyone's experience," said Olivero. "I have a couple of other things up my sleeves I kind of want them to be surprises for the future. This isn't it, I want Sup Dogs to be greater for the future."

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we didn't have dimensions and we couldn't see the dorm during orientation", said Katy Schmitt, freshman dance major.

What sets the Gateway East and West residence halls apart from others on campus is that the fact that professors come to the dorm and teach classes, which will take place in the multipurpose room.

"This is what the students have been asking for," said Hardy.

The goal of incorporating the classrooms into the residence halls was to help students communicate

when doing group projects and succeed overall, said Hardy. The space is complete with large amounts of lounge and study space.

Walking into Gateway, residents are greeted with high ceilings and new furniture. The East and West towers are connected with an enclosed walkway with decks on each side that face towards campus and the football stadium.

man which totals to 4,400 students.

With such a large space, officers of the ECU Police Department are already familiarizing themselves with the property to better assist students in any situation.

They have been training for the entire week previous to move in.

"Officers are accumulating to Gateway East and West to expedite responses," said Lieutenant Chris Sutton, of ECU Police Department.

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Student Involvement and Leadership helped make Pirate Palooza happen. The department of Student Affairs has been advertising Pirate Palooza through a Facebook event, flyers inside each of the dorms and floods of emails to the incoming students.

Caroline Swanner, freshman elementary education major, said she heard about the events from her Resident Advisor and that she played games with her friends to win free ECU shirts.

“They were handing out shirts, stickers, planners, athletic posters, pens and a lot of stuff like that,” said Swanner.

Students were ushered out of Minges Coliseum, screaming the purple and gold chants, into Dowdy-Ficklen with the help of cheerleaders, dance team members and the marching band.

The rest of the evening was filled with moon bounces and games, several free food stands and teaching the newcomers some Pirate traditions. In between students winning pirate themed prizes, Coach Ruffin McNeill was walking around, introducing himself to the new students and greeting Pirate fans.

Pirate Palooza was sponsored by different student apartments around Greenville and ECU’s Student Government Association as well as big names like Coca Cola and Krispy Kreme, which Hardy even referenced in her speech at convocation.

ECU Transit offered transportation for students in the dorms, without their own cars, from Mendenhall Student Center to the stadium until the festivities ended around 9:30 p.m.

While hundreds of students attended Pirate Palooza, some of the incoming class of 2019 thought the event was inconvenient, considering classes start tomorrow.



New students walk through a sea of Greek organizations on the way to convocation. The event is held annually in Minges Coliseum.

“Some of my friends went to Pirate Palooza, but since I have so much to do before school starts tomorrow, today was already so stressful,” said Kristen Jankoski, freshman nursing major.

Jankoski said that if the event was on a different day, earlier than the day before school starts, she would have

been more inclined to go.

Now that the stress of move-in is over for many students and parents returning home, students can begin to settle in and embrace all that East Carolina has to offer.

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# SGA plans big to start 2015-16 academic year

Savannah Carter  
TEC STAFF

As a new semester arrives, a new Student Government Association executive council comes into office with plans for the semester.

"This year we really just want to focus on being transparent with students," said SGA President Mark Matulewicz. "We want to have an open door policy."

SGA is a student run organization that helps lead the students of East

Carolina University and serves as a voice for them and seeks improvement for the university and it's students.

According to Matulewicz, each semester the SGA seeks to provide improvements for the university, and this semester it hopes to put its platform into action, first focusing on disabled students.

"We have students on campus who struggle to do daily actions such as walking to class everyday," said Matulewicz.

The SGA plans to help these students with a program called Pirate Access Line (PAL).

SGA has partnered up with ECU's Student Disability Services and ECU Transit and Parking to get a transit system that would pick up disabled students and bring them to class. Whether the student be permanently disabled or temporarily injured from something such as a sport injury, this transit would be available to them.

"The transit would be curb-to-curb pick up," said Matulewicz. "We want them to be dropped off at their class as close as possible."

The transit will take students as far as Copper Beech and The Landing apartment complexes and take them to their class. An agreement for funding has been reached with all parties of PAL and SGA hopes to put this in action in the beginning of the next semester in January, according to Matulewicz.

"When our term ends, we hope SGA will continue to hold this plan of action for the upcoming years," said Matulewicz.

One of the SGA's goal for this semester is to focus on its social media. They hope that this will keep students informed about what SGA is doing and keep them updated on current events.

"Anytime a student has any question," said Matulewicz. "I want to make sure the question gets answered completely."

This semester SGA plans to hold an informational meeting for students interested in joining SGA. The meeting will showcase a program designed for students who have an interest in SGA that will help transition them into student government and teach them what SGA is all about. Matulewicz himself was the director of the program in previous years.

"I'm excited to be working with administrators and faculties," said Matulewicz.

SGA encourages all students to stop by their office and get involved.

The Senate has meetings every Monday afternoon and the Town hall meeting takes place on the first Wednesday of every month. These meetings are open to the public and all students.

"We want to show students what SGA is all about," said Matulewicz.

For questions or comments, contact news@theeastcarolinian.com.

# PIRATE PALOOZA

- 1 Students preform karaoke during Pirate Palooza in front of fellow students.
- 2 ECU Transit provided buses for students to attend the event.
- 3 Students pose for pictures with friends at Pirate Palooza.
- 4 Games were hosted on the field at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.



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## PIRATE RANTS

So can we all agree that we want a better opening for Pirate Football this year? I really liked the 2009 and 2010 openings. Struck terror into the opponents and still looked amazingly cool.

I came to ECU because of The East Carolinian's black-ink issue on sexual assault.

Harvard has Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Reed has Steve Jobs. Meanwhile, ECU has Carter Cruise. Seriously?

So, Fleming doesn't have a sink in the bathroom, and has it in the rooms instead... Now I'm reluctant to shake anyone's hand because they might have just done their business without washing...

Remember pirates... dont be silent about something because some idiot is going to call you politically incorrect

Seriously, some of these social justice warriors" need to think before they say something so utterly stupid and illogical. What, am I racist too for posting this rant, even though I made no reference to a particular race....?

Police need to get it together. There is simply no reason at all to use a deadly weapon on someone who doesn't also possess a deadly weapon. Our country is a laughingstock compared to how others handle police brutality.

Hey ECU: F\*\*\* you for making us pay for printing throughout campus.

The fact that anyone believes that obviously out-of-context Planned Parenthood video despite it being debunked makes me sad for the state of the students on this campus.

I wish people got even half as outraged about the killing of human beings as they do about the poaching/killing of a lion.

Confederate flags killed 0 black babies last year. Planned parenthood killed 90,000. Take a look at what democracy looked like in 1968. Get educated.

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

## Poll results

Do you think the police properly handled the Sandra Bland situation?

Yes-36.5%

No- 63.5%

## Poll question

Did you attend Pirate Palooza?

Visit [theeastcarolinian.com](http://theeastcarolinian.com) to vote.

# Our view

## ECU makes right call with night game

On September 5, East Carolina football will kick off another season and for the third consecutive year the Pirates' home opener will begin in primetime under the lights and out of the sun.

We as an editorial staff believe this is a wise choice made by the athletic department as they made it with the safety of students, fans and athletes in mind. Late-August to early-September tends to be one of the hottest and most humid times of the year for the region of eastern North Carolina and shielding every Pirate from the heat should always be a top priority.

Many students either experienced or have heard the stories of 2012 when the Pirates played Appalachian State

in a noon kick off on September 1. That day over 300 fans had to be taken from Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium due to heat exhaustion. In the midst of the chaos, a number of fans fainted and suffered multiple physical injuries. This, along with widespread media attention, prompted the athletic department to change its planning for early season games and make the move to evening kick offs.

Since then, the seasons' home openers have each started at 6 p.m. or later and the atmosphere on kick off has never been better. This decision was clearly necessary in a city that lives and breathes football and has made game day a safer and more comfortable experience for fans.

# Letter from the new editor



Ryan Clancy  
TEC STAFF

Welcome to all new and returning Pirates! This is the first 2015 fall edition of The East Carolinian, which will be published every Tuesday and Thursday. I am proud to introduce myself as the new editor-in-chief and I am looking forward to providing you with the upcoming year's worth of news.

Our goal at The East Carolinian, or TEC as we call it, is to consistently produce accurate content that is both insightful and entertaining. This year, we plan to improve upon the content we currently put out as well as evolve our paper into an important source of digital media.

There will be an increased focus on in-depth reporting that illuminates problems and issues that affect the ECU community. We will continue to broaden our perspective by including more coverage of local musicians and artists. In order to give you all the relevant information you need to decide what to spend your time and money on in the community, there will be reviews of new movies, albums, restaurants, theatre productions and art exhibitions. The paper will continue to exist as a forum for the opinions of the ECU community, and we encourage all students and faculty to become involved in the discussion. And of course we will cover Pirate sports, not only in the paper, but also through video and the web so you don't miss a moment of coverage.

Nearly as important as the content TEC produces is the way that content

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We've been the student-run newspaper since 1925, and we want the opinions of ECU students and faculty in our paper. Submit Pirate Rants, comment on our stories online or submit a guest column. If you think we are awesome or terrible, let us know. I'm looking forward to this upcoming year and so is the rest of the TEC staff.

Have a great fall semester,

Ryan Clancy is a senior majoring in communication and the editor-in-chief. To contact him, email [editor@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:editor@theeastcarolinian.com)

# SGA: Bright future for ECU



Ricky Tharrington  
GUEST COLUMNIST

On behalf of the East Carolina University Student Government Association, I would like to wish all of you a successful

start to this school year! This summer the executive team has been working hard to prepare several new programs for university students, varying from transportation to academic concerns. Here is a glimpse at a few of our initiatives:

We are partnering with ECU Parking and Transit to bring a new bus system to assist students with disabilities travel to classes. This new bus route will be known as the Pirate Access Line (PAL) and will hopefully be available in the spring semester of 2016. PAL was started mainly to increase the accessibility of our campus to all students with mobility impairments. More information on how to access this system will be made available sometime soon.

We have also begun the work on developing new student discount cards. Once approved, these discount cards will be usable at several businesses around Greenville. Examples of these businesses include Jersey Mikes Subs, Winslow's Tavern, and the Scullery. We hope that this program will help give back to the community surrounding the University, developing a relationship we hope carries on well into the future.

If you would like to be involved in SGA, you can start by attending one of our meetings. The Executive Cabinet, Student Senate, and Town Hall meetings all have time set aside to hear from any students who wish to speak, and the Officers present love to hear from the students they are representing, as it helps us to cater our actions to best fit the students we represent. The times and locations for the first of these meetings are listed below.

Ricky Tharrington is the Speaker of the Senate for ECU SGA. To contact him, email [SGASENATE@ECUEDU](mailto:SGASENATE@ECUEDU)

## Get Involved!

August 24

SGA Senate @ 6:30p.m.

Location: MSC Great Rooms

August 25

SGA Cabinet @ 6:00p.m.

Location: TBA

September 2

SGA Cabinet @ 6:00p.m.

Location: TBA

If you cannot attend any of these meetings but still wish to contact an SGA member with an idea or concern, you can reach the executive team at the following email addresses:

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# Rock star welcomes incoming students

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Last night, East Carolina University alumnus and musician Scott Avett spoke to students at the 2015 New Student Welcome and Convocation, advising the audience on how to make the most of their college careers.

Avett, who is best known for being in the folk rock band The Avett Brothers, began his speech by explaining how many times he failed in college before he attained success. In a very honest tone, Avett shared how he dropped and failed classes, got in trouble with the law and reached a very low point in his life before he truly understood what type of career path he wanted to pursue. Once he realized his true passion in art and painting, he decided to pursue a new major.

"I turned down a job starting at 65,000 a year with full benefits and took a job at Target making minimum wage," said Avett. "I brought a GPA of .9 up to a 4.0 and kept it there for two years."

Avett explained that his time at ECU was life changing and he expressed his excitement for this year's incoming freshman class.

"One of the best things about Greenville is how completely sincere it is," said Avett. "The first part of my college career was not picture perfect. I was lost and extremely nervous and I assume some of you are lost and nervous but dig in and those feelings will fade."

Although he now knew what major he wanted to study, Avett still found himself getting in trouble with the law. After getting into trouble from a late night bar fight, Avett found himself doing community service in downtown Greenville.

Once finishing his community service duties, Avett found that he had a lot of free time until he was actually allowed to leave for the day, so he decided to read his textbooks in his spare time.

"It may sound strange to most of you but I'd never read a book from start to finish in my entire high school career," said Avett. "It was amazing to see this concept; read, retaining the information and knowing the answers to the questions on the quiz and I was like 'wow this works.'"

Avett advised students that if you can identify learning as a fortune, you can grow.

"Many times my brother and I would be told we would be performing for 200 people and 20 would show up," he said. "We didn't see it as failure because we still had a job to do, we had to rip it for the people that were there."

Avett made it a point to remind the audience to take time to remember how important their journeys are.

"I often tell my four year old son 'you're so important to this world. Right now in this very moment the world cannot go on like it is without you, (it's) impossible,'" said Avett. "Now I know that and my son knows that and the same is true for you. It is crucial that you are in this world at this moment for it to happen like it needs too."

Throughout Avett's speech, students' eyes were glued on the speaker, taking in his every word.

"My friends and I liked the way he started his speech, it caught everyone's attention," said Mckayla Aldridge, freshman nursing major. "He was really honest about everything."

In his closing, Avett reminded students that success is not defined by recognition.

"The way you show the rest of the world how important you are is not in a diploma, it's not a Grammy and it's not a big paycheck," said Avett. "It's your ability to show the world your ability and living up to it, to serve everyone around you. From here through the rest of your lives, learning is what living is all about."

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## 'Crave' opens in place of Topsy Teapot

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Crave Restaurant and Bar, formerly the Topsy Teapot at Limelight, will celebrate its grand opening tonight from 4 to 6 p.m.

"We want to show off what we've done [because] we've put a lot of money into the place and built a lot of it from scratch," said Crave General Manager Joel Haran.

New management bought the original Topsy Teapot in October of 2014 and changed the name to Topsy Teapot at Limelight, although management still struggled to bring in new business because of the similarities of the name.

After closing for only a week and dedicating long work hours, the restaurant was able to re-open as Crave. Haran, along with the rest of the Topsy Teapot at Limelight staff, stayed with the restaurant and helped through the transition.

"Basically two to three months ago we just kind of weren't drawing any business because everyone thought of it as the Topsy Teapot. We ultimately came up with a plan to change the name, still keep the

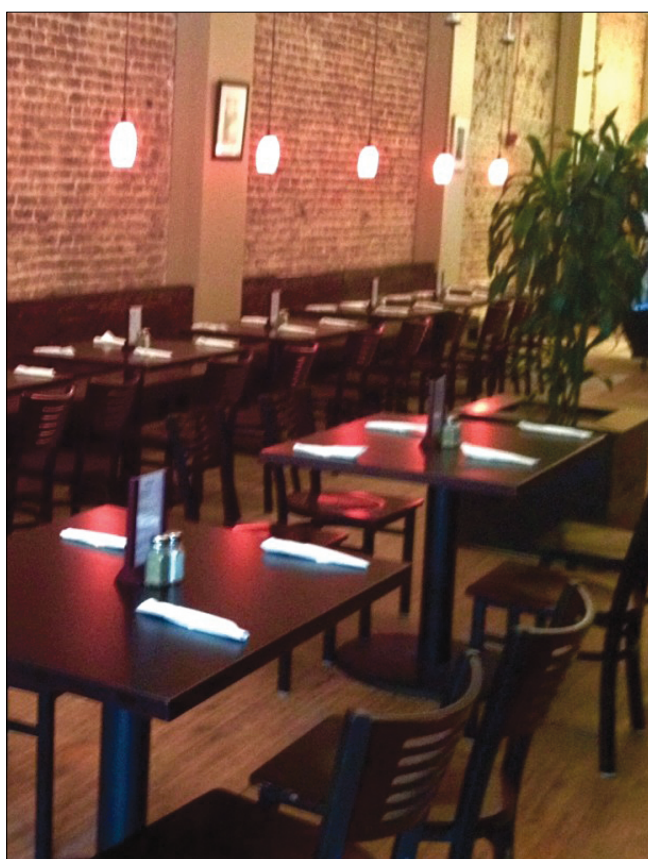
same atmosphere, but bring in better food and scratch food," said Haran.

Haran said Crave has a diverse menu serving bistro style foods but still keeping the baked goods, breads and vegan menu options that Topsy Teapot at Limelight served. The one difference that sets Crave apart from its former namesake is Crave now makes all of its food from scratch.

Haran said homemade food is something a lot of restaurants are lacking today.

"The food is much better, everything is made from scratch now," he said. "We've always had our homemade bread and bakery, but now our sides and everything is to date. Everything is made to order."

As for the atmosphere, Haran said Crave has a more modern feel but still hosts local artists, musicians and events. Haran said the revamped bar side of the restaurant serves as a venue for the community and has brought in a great deal of business. Thursday through Saturday night Crave is open until 2 a.m. with a \$5 cover charge.



The new restaurant renovations debut a more upscale atmosphere.

"So to change the name, show off the bar side and have it compliment the restaurant side, we've doubled in sales almost every day," said Haran.

Crave strongly supports the LGBT community by hosting the drag queen show every Friday and Saturday night. Although, Haran said he does not want the community to mistake Crave for only a gay bar.

"We are not just a gay bar, we don't just support the LGBT. We're for everybody. I think sometimes that gets misconstrued when people think of Friday and Saturday nights. We do support LGBT by all means, but we are here for the whole com-

munity," said Haran.

Crave serves breakfast, lunch and dinner six days a week and brunch on Sundays.

Haran said Crave stands out amongst other uptown restaurants because of how much it gives back to the community. Haran said recently Crave's outdoor dining area and bar were in jeopardy but the community was appreciative of all they have given back and helped them keep it.

Crave will be having its grand opening celebration tonight with a ribbon cutting, free appetizers and over 200 guests.

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## LWCC hosts annual BBQ cookout event

Brianna Horton  
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The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will be hosting its annual Multicultural Welcome Back Cookout & Cultural Org Fair today to give students a chance to learn about East Carolina University's cultural organizations.

The event will take place on the Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and have a DJ, free food and different cultural organizations with their own tables.

"It's an opportunity for students to learn about services we offer at LWCC and also the services that these cultural organizations have to offer for them on campus" said Mariza James who has been the assistant director of Ledonia Wright Cultural Center since April of last year. "Our main goal is to welcome back the students."

James said there were over 100 students in attendance last year. Some organizations that will be in attendance this year are Interfaith pirates, The T.E.A.M. which stands for Talented Empowered Aspired Men, the African Student Organization and Student Association of Spanish-Latino Affairs, also known as SALSA.

"I'm really looking forward to what different cultures are going to be on display for the students just because it's so important being at a PWI (Predominantly White Institution) to get expansion on different cultures and know what's around you," said Iyasha Chin, senior psychology major. "Having festivals and gatherings like this really open people's eyes to the fact that there's a much greater world out there other than Greenville, North Carolina"

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center is located in the Bloxton House which resides right beside Greene Residence Hall on the West End of East Carolina University's campus.

"When I had issues I would go [to LWCC] and talk to them and they would educate me on culture said

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# New boutique opening has Greenville lacing up

Arvana Smart  
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This past weekend Greenville joined the growing community of sneaker lovers as the town's first exclusive sneaker boutique had its grand opening in Uptown Greenville.

A block party for the community accompanied the grand opening of Laced Boutique, located on South Evan Street.

"I think [Laced Boutique] will help the Greenville community by bringing awareness to the sneaker culture," said Kristopher Mumford-Brown, ECU alumnus. "One thing I love about it is that it is something different. If you look around Greenville, all you see are restaurants."

Ishmael Blount, a local Greenville resident and a junior at Shaw University, opened the boutique with his brother and father.

"I always had love for sneakers and I wanted to bring awareness to the sneaker culture here to Greenville," said Blount. "Not too many people my age have the opportunity to do something like this."

Blount said he has always had a passion for sneakers but was not always able to afford the expensive shoes.

"I decided Greenville needed something new," said Blount. "Why not open a sneaker boutique that sells affordable sneakers?"

Laced Boutique also helps people to sell their sneakers with their consignment option. Laced Boutique also sells clothes and hats along with the sneakers.

"We are also working on a system



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Owner Isaac Blount helps customers choose the perfect new pair of back-to-school shoes.

that allows the customer to trade in a pair of their sneakers for store credit to buy anything they want in the boutique," said Blount.

Brands included at the boutique range from Air Jordan sneakers to Nike SB skating sneakers.

"My favorite brand of sneakers has to be Air Jordan's. Not because of the fashion side to the sneakers, but because of each story the different style of Jordan has," said Mumford-Brown. "It's good to be able to have somewhere I can find the exclusive Jordan's that I want but also be able to be in an environment that understands the culture."

The most known sneaker in the culture is the Air Jordan brand having over 27 different styles and colors. They are some of the most sought out pair of sneakers in

the sneaker culture, which has drastically changed over the years having went from starting out as just something to wear while working out into an item that customers will pay hundreds of dollars for. In 2012, LeBron James generated over \$300 million dollars for Nike with his signature line of sneakers. In 2015, a single pair of sneakers from James' line can go from \$200 to \$300. Laced Boutique is the only sneaker store of its kind in Greenville bringing a new aspect to the community.

"I expect exclusivity," said Blount. "It's something different for people our age to come to and see different stuff that they might not be able to find somewhere else."

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## 'Compton' shares hip hop history



Altavia Lowery  
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F. Gary Gray's "Straight Outta Compton" shines a deserving light on the hip-hop history of N.W.A. and the troubles involving race, crime and politics in the early 90's that is ironically relative in 2015.

"Straight Outta Compton" proves that to whom much is given, much is tested, expected and required. As N.W.A. rose to fame, they were faced with trials and tribulations that for some of the members resulted in negative and even deadly consequences.

From regular police brutality against young black men, the influences of gangs, the Rodney King riots and the rise of HIV/AIDS, "Straight Outta Compton" gives pure revelations of life while simultaneously creating a lyrical movement. The movie accurately depicts the highs and lows of trying to reach success in an environment built on violence, classism and racism.

N.W.A. was an iconic group from Compton, California, that pushed West Coast hip hop and the raps of reality to the forefront of America. The group, comprised of Dr. Dre, played by Corey Hawkins, Ice Cube (O'Shea Jackson), Eazy-E (Jason Mitchell), DJ Yella (Neil Brown Jr.) and MC Ren (Aldis Hodge), solidified the genre of gangsta rap through their brutally honest lyrics illustrating drugs and crime, the obscene depictions of women and their hatred



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Corey Hawkins, who played Dr. Dre raps while performing with N.W.A. in the movie.

for the police system.

From 1986 to 1991, the group sold over 10 million album copies in the U.S. despite their music being banned from many American radio stations.

Their debut album, "Straight Outta Compton," which was released in 1988 went double platinum in sales. The album was also highly noted for the first album to reach platinum status with no airplay support and without any promotional tours.

"Straight Outta Compton" opens in a 'trap house' where Eazy-E

and other gang affiliated members are in a heated argument involving drug sales and money. The scene quickly takes a turn when police officers armed with dogs, tanks and guns rip the house apart in a drug raid, killing some and allowing some to barely escape.

Dr. Dre enters the scene with DJ Yella performing in a night club. Barely making enough money to get by, Dr. Dre is faced with settling in life to make more money or chase his dreams.

The young men hang out in their home with Ice Cube and MC Ren, experimenting with beats and lyrics until late in the night.

The record "Boyz In The Hood", written by Eazy-E, helps jumpstart the group and provide them recognition across the country. As steadily as N.W.A. gain a fanbase, they gain just as many antagonists, such as hateful radio stations and judgmental police forces.

"Cause the boyz n tha hood always hard/you come talkin' that trash we'll pull your card/Knowing nothing in life but to be legit/Don't quote me boy cause I ain't saying s\*\*\*" were chanted among supporting crowds as the group rose to fame creating a movement of nonchalant attitudes and non conformity to the schema of what music should sound like.

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Chin. "It's a little harder to adjust at ECU because you're surrounded by so many different people and Ledonia has helped me to adapt and adjust and now ECU feels like a home for me."

Ledonia serves as a center that promotes diversity around ECU's campus. According to Chin, in the center they have a religion room where students can come and pray or read from any type of religious book. LWCC also puts on programs to promote diversity around campus.

"Last semester they had a festival of lights with a set up stage where an Indian organization came out and performed traditional dances," said Chin.

LWCC is widely-known around campus for bringing Laverne Cox to campus in November of 2014.

Students may be surprised to learn that LWCC has a new associate director. Mark Villacorta will be taking the position currently filled by Melissa



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**Multicultural Day will take place Monday evening beginning at 4:30.**

Haithcox-Dennis, the current Director for LWCC.

Villacorta was once an Associate Director of the Office of Intercultural Engagement and the Assistant Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Villacorta was also the assistant director of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs at the University of Michigan and has a lot of background in this field and will be a great asset to the LWCC staff. "Don't assume that this culture building is just for black people or

just for Hispanic people. It's for culture education. Diversity is for building relationships so that these stigmas don't inhibit relationships that you could have had, so come check it out get to know some people around there go to the programs," said Chin. "These are the things that will make or break your time here at ECU, getting to know different people that can offer you different things in life and Ledonia helps us find them."

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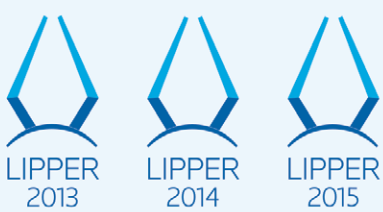
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## Offense stands out in scrimmage

Tyler Kelbaugh  
TEC STAFF

One final scrimmage on Saturday morning marked the end of East Carolina's summer practices, leaving sixth-year head coach Ruffin McNeill with a sense of confidence in his team.

"I'm very pleased [with Saturday's scrimmage] both offensively and defensively," said McNeill. "We had a lot better sideline communication. Our sub packages all ran smoothly and we ran around today."

McNeill's quick pace allowed the Pirates to get in a total of 76 plays, testing players and letting the coaching staff get another in-depth look at more than just the starters.

"We got a chance to look at a lot of two and three guys," said McNeill. "That helps us find spots for them by allowing them to compete for positions."

The positive tone after the scrimmage stood in stark contrast to the previous week's effort — one that first-year offensive coordinator Dave Nichol called below-average as his unit turned the ball over three times, going just 5-for-16 on third down conversions.

"People thought we were going to be perfect on the first scrimmage," said McNeill. "It takes time, and today was a better day by both teams, on both sides of the ball."

It was ECU's offense that stood out, however. Sophomore Kurt Benkert, named the Pirates' starting quarterback on Wednesday, threw for 87 yards and completed 8-of-13 pass attempts. Junior Davon Grayson garnered five receptions for 104 yards, leading the way for an offense that manufactured five scoring drives on the day. Senior Chris Hairston broke free up the middle



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Senior back Chris Hairston broke off a 57-yard touchdown run on the Pirates' opening drive of Saturday's scrimmage in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

for a 57-yard rushing touchdown, finishing with 68 total yards.

"Defense is always going to be ahead of the offense in early scrimmages," said McNeill. "We didn't have a starter [last week] so we had guys in and out, but the offense was great today."

The offensive line was especially impressive, a recurring trend that set up three rushing touchdowns and allowed Benkert enough time to evaluate the field in front of him.

"They were moving people from point 'A

to point 'B,'" said Benkert. "We had one drive where I just handed the ball off eight times and we ended up scoring a touchdown. That made it easy for me. They were amazing."

Evaluating the entirety of summer practices, McNeill said he was pleased with the consistent energy from his team.

"I thought we had a really good camp. On Thursday, we had a little bit of a camp grind, getting tired of beating on each other, but we played with a ton of energy," he said.

With preseason camp closing Sunday, the Pirates now look forward to transitioning into game week preparations.

"Monday will bring on a new adjustment, getting used to both classes and practice," said McNeill. "I love this time of year because in camp it's all football, but I like this part of the job."

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ECU forward Kendall Frey competes with George Mason's Niomi Serrano for possession of the ball in Friday's match.

## Pirates pick up win, draw over weekend

Alison Sant'Anna  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina women's soccer team had a strong start in its season-opening games this past weekend, winning 2-0 over George Mason Friday but falling short on Sunday when it tied with Loyola-Chicago in double overtime 0-0.

On Friday, the Pirates achieved a shutout victory with the help of the returning top two scorers, senior Kendall Frey and junior Lana Spitler. Frey scored the first goal of the game roughly 22 minutes into the first half, and Spitler during the 80th minute. The goals proved vital in the Pirates' winning effort.

"I think our forwards were a big difference in the game," said head coach Rob Donnenthir. "I thought they played very well. Kendall and Lana were both into the game"

Frey had a total of five shots during the game against George

Mason and Spitler notched two. The forward duo have been one of Donnenthir's greatest assets since arriving in Greenville.

The forwards were far from the only player to perform exceptionally. The shutout wouldn't have been possible without returning senior goalie Sandra Baron, Donnenthir noted.

**"I think our forwards were a big difference in the game."**  
-Rob Donnenthir

"A key to [winning] the game were the two saves that Sandra made," he said. "She was a presence

in the goal the whole game and when she is playing like that, it's tough to beat her."

Though the senior net minder has been a stalwart for years, the Friday game marked Baron's first since going down with a back injury towards the end of the 2014-2015 season. If her first game back is any indication, the senior is back in top form.

"I was nervous, but it felt really good to be back," said Baron. "The level I was playing at last season before I got hurt was the best I have ever played, right now in this pre-season coming through I felt like I got back to that and even a little more."

With only a day's worth of rest, the Pirates faced Loyola-Chicago on Sunday, ending in a double overtime tie with the game scoreless. Baron continued her reign of

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## Former Pirate tennis standout takes to the pros

Kai Jones  
TEC STAFF

Former Pirate tennis standout Joran Vliegen cemented his legacy as one of the greatest tennis players in East Carolina's history during his time with the Pirates. His dream of playing professional tennis came to a pinnacle when he captured his first professional win in Belgium earlier this month.

Vliegen graduated with his business degree in 2013, and stayed and finished his master's degree in December of 2014. After he finished his time at school, he went back to Belgium to begin his career in the pro ranks. Vliegen said this wasn't his first tournament on the pro circuit in Belgium.

"I played two in Israel and two in Turkey before this summer," said Vliegen. "It feels really good that all the hard work I put in pays off already."

It's impossible to walk through ECU's tennis facilities without seeing Vliegen's name. He has one of the best tennis records of any ECU player. During his freshman season his talent showed, as he led the team in victories, winning eight straight at one point, and defeating the only ranked player he faced all year. But the pro ranks as a rookie is very different from college tennis and Vliegen said he is working hard to be the best pro player he can be.

"My coaches and I have been working on the physical aspect a lot, because the intensity and level of tennis is incredibly high," said Vliegen. "It also helps to recover quicker from matches so that I'll be able to play well until the end of the tournament not just the first rounds."

Vliegen is the first player in school history to be ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Rankings. Colin Roller and Vliegen teamed up to be the first ECU players to be invited to the NCAA tournament, and in his senior year became the first player in school history to compete in the singles NCAA tournament. Vliegen accomplished everything a player from a non-established tennis program can do, and he said that ECU really helped him prepare for the pros.

"My time at ECU helped me a lot mentally," said Vliegen. "I grew not only as a player but also as a person, and the mental aspect is very important in tennis. You are on the court alone and it's just you that has to do it and nobody else. It's not a team sport. So I had to be very independent, [I was] far from home, and that helped me a lot."

Vliegen hails from Maaseik, Belgium and said getting his first pro

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### TAKEAWAYS

#### FOOTBALL

The Pirates completed their final scrimmage of camp. Quarterback Kurt Benkert finished the day 8-of-13 for 87 yards.

#### SOCCER

ECU beat George Mason and tied Loyola-Chicago in its first two games of the season this weekend.

#### MEN'S TENNIS

Former ECU tennis standout Joran Vliegen won his first ever professional match earlier this month.

#### VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates were picked to finish ninth in the American in the preseason coaches poll.

#### SWIMMING & DIVING

Ballie Monahan was named to the 2015 AAC Scholar-Athlete Excellence Award Winners list.

#### CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers beat the Miami Dolphins, 31-30, in their second preseason game.

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everyday and he's always hype, picking up the team. I have all the faith in him and I'm glad."

The Cape Coral, Florida, native led three scoring drives last season in five overall, all three of which were rushing touchdowns by Benkert.

Even with minimal experience and a small workload to judge from, Benkert was named to the Preseason All-American Athletic Conference fourth team honors.

He received many of the first string snaps in the spring practices, appearing to be the favorite for the job. However, he had an up and down summer as he struggled vitally in the team's first scrimmage, completing just three of his 15 passes for 13 yards and an interception on six drives.

"Honestly I felt myself relaxing after the scrimmage because I couldn't get much worse than that," Benkert laughed. "After that scrimmage I was just going to come out here and play and have fun and whatever happens happens."

And after a fairly close quarterback battle with Blake Kemp and Cody Keith, Benkert was named the starting signal caller on Wednesday.

"We just felt it was time, felt Kurt was the guy," first-year offensive coordinator Dave Nichol said. "I think his overall knowledge of the offense [set him apart]. His skill set, his intelligence and wanting to move forward."

Benkert bounced back on the team's final

scrimmage Saturday, completing 8-of-13 passes for 87 yards and ten first downs and leading three scoring drives on five total possessions.

"I definitely wanted to get him more reps to get on the same page with everybody," Nichol said. "I try to get him to relax. He's a real 'type-A' personality."

While Benkert is relatively unproven on the field, his dedication in the weight room is far from the average quarterback. He has shown devotion to his strength and conditioning workouts, having broke all the quarterback weightlifting records with a 370-pound bench press and 340-pound power clean, as well as lifting with the offensive linemen and linebackers in the spring.

With just under two weeks before the Pirates' season-opener on Sept. 5 against the Towson Tigers, Benkert has some time to get settled before making his big starting debut.

"I'm going to have the nerves and all that and I'm going to be excited," Benkert explained. "I know that I have ten good dudes around me that are really going to help this team go. We have a good defense. I just feel like our team in general is more of an overall team this year than in previous years."

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Former Pirate tennis standout Joran Vliegen prepares to strike the ball in a match last season.

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win in his home country was "very special."

"There were a lot of spectators all week," he said. "But during the final, some friends from my tennis club drove across the country to see me play which was really amazing. Of course my parents were also there that day."

Conference-USA 2013 Player Of The Year Vliegen said his goal of being top 750 in the world is now accomplished so everything else that happens this year is just icing on the cake. He is currently 690 in singles and 546 in doubles, but he does play tournaments every week in Belgium

so he can keep gaining rank.

Vliegen plans to come back to ECU this October, but he said he keeps in contact with head coach Shawn Heinrich and his former teammates.

"I talk to my coach often," said Vliegen. "He asks me about players, I ask him about how it's going in Greenville et cetera. I talk even more with the guys of the team really. We have a group message so we definitely stay in touch."

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## August

### Welcome Back Cookout

8/24 • 4:30pm-6:30pm • MSC Brickyard

### Day 1

8/24 • 7:30am-10:00am • Wright Plaza;  
Brewster

### Panhellenic Recruitment-Last Day to Sign Up!

8/24 • 8:00am-5:00pm

### Hammock Fest

8/27 • 6:00pm-10:30pm • MSC Brickyard

### Outdoor Movie: Pitch Perfect 2

8/27 • 8:30pm-10:30pm • Hendrix Theatre

### Bowling with NPHC and Multi-Greek Council

8/28 • 7:00pm-9:30pm • MSC Bowling

### NPHC Meet the Greeks

8/29 • 3:00pm-5:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

## September

### CRW Intramural & Club Sport Informational Mixer

9/2 • 5:00pm-6:00pm • Mendenhall, Room TBA

### MSC Art Gallery Opening & Reception

9/2 • 5:00pm-7:00pm • MSC Art Gallery - 2nd Floor

### Get a Clue & Service Fair

9/3 • 11:00am-3:00pm • Mall

### CRW Zip Thursday

9/3 • 4:00pm-6:00pm • CRW North Recreational Complex

### MYO Workshop Beach Ball/Nugget Night

9/3 • 5:00pm-7:00pm • Todd Dining Hall

### VSLC Open House

9/8 • 4:00pm-6:00pm • Old Cafeteria Complex

### LGBT Welcome Social

9/10 • 6:00pm-8:00pm • Croatan Green Room

### Major Matchmakers

9/8 • 1:00pm-3:00pm • MSC Room 244

### SAB Interest Meeting

9/9 • 5:00pm-6:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

### CRW Beach Fest

9/9 • 4:30pm-7:30pm • CRW North Recreational Complex

### Multicultural Mirrors

9/9 • 6:00pm-7:30pm • Croatan Green Room

More events to come during **September** and **October**

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Third-year ECU volleyball head coach Julie Torbett looks over her team in a practice and a game last season. She has been instrumental in the turnaround of the Pirates' once-lowly volleyball program. COURTESY OF ECU MEDIA RELATIONS AND MYTJNOW.COM

# Torbett leads charge in volleyball revival

**Carson Cherry**  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's head volleyball coach Julie Torbett looks to keep her winning moment as she enters her third season at the helm of the Pirates volleyball program.

For her, the expectations are simple. "We want to have a winning season," said Torbett. "That hasn't been done in a long time at East Carolina."

The previous three seasons before Torbett took the reins, the Pirates only won six games total, two wins each season. The last time the team had a winning record came in the 2006-2007 season when the Pirates finished with 19-12.

Torbett came to East Carolina with a winning résumé. She won three Big South regular-season championships while at her time with UNC Asheville and Winthrop. She is also the all-time wins leader in the Big South Conference. Torbett was also named Big South Coach-of-the-Year in 2002 and 2009. She played her college career at Penn State University, which arguably has one of the best

programs in the nation for college volleyball.

Torbett's first season in Greenville saw major improvement, as she coached the team to a 13-19 season, while just one season prior the Pirates managed a 2-25 season. Her second year saw her come the closest to a winning season the Pirates have come in a long time finishing with 15-16 record. The Pirates haven't been to a conference tournament since 2008 when they lost to Tulsa while they were still in Conference USA.

"I definitely think we are getting this going in the right direction," she said. "We want to create a championship culture here at East Carolina. That's not something that is going to happen overnight. That's going to be a process that's going to take little bit longer, but one we are very committed to doing."

The university and its fans have taken notice, too. Since the program's been on the rise attendance number have increased and exposure has correlated.

Torbett said the experience has been unlike anything she has seen during her coaching tenure.

## RECORDS 2009-2014

Pat Rolf		Julie Torbett	
2009	9-19	2013	13-19
2010	2-30	2014	15-16
2011	2-27	TOTAL	28-35
2012	2-25		
TOTAL	15-101		

INFOGRAPHIC BY LIZZIE FIELDS

"My favorite part is definitely the Pirate Nation, and the school spirit and pride that this community and campus have," Torbett said. "I spent my previous years coaching at two institutions that are very strong academically liberal arts school, smaller schools that didn't quite embrace the value of athletics. Even though the volleyball team

has only put up only two win seasons, the atmosphere that it creates in the fall sets such an incredible atmosphere and that's one of my favorite things."

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ECU freshman golfer Catherine Ashworth, from Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, follows through on a drive during an event. COURTESY OF ECU MEDIA RELATIONS

# Freshman golfer ready to make impact as Pirate

Craig Moyer  
TEC STAFF

Catherine Ashworth, a freshman golfer from Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, is beginning a new chapter in her career as she embarks on the upcoming season as a Pirate and is aiming to make an impact early.

Ashworth is looking forward to the increased competition at the college level, which she said should help her improve her game.

"I am going to try to push myself in practice and I am sure the other girls will push me too," Ashworth said.

Coach Kevin Williams, knows Ashworth is an exceptional golfer, but feels she can be even better with increased consistency.

"She had some really good scores, but some of her scores were not as good as they could have been because she maybe hit one bad shot that caused a penalty stroke," Williams said.

Ashworth attended Fuquay-Varina high school and had a career filled with achievements. Ashworth was named to the North Carolina All-State team all four years in high school, finished first at the 48th Twin States Junior Championship in 2014 and finished runner-up at the 2014 NCHSAA State 4A playoffs with a two round score of 146, only two shots back from first place.

Ashworth committed to East Carolina in November 2014, signing her National Letter of Intent and linked her decision to the coaching staff.

"I really liked the coach and the assistant coach and it just felt like that when I was recruited they really wanted me and felt that I would be able to add something to the program," Ashworth said.

Ashworth has played in many tournaments throughout

her career, but knows college is a big step up in the level of competition.

"I played a lot of junior golf throughout the seasons and high school golf was good being a part of a team, but I think being on a collegiate team is going to be on a whole different level," Ashworth said.

Williams hopes Ashworth will bring a new dimension to the team as well as leadership and chemistry — traits that aren't necessarily common in first-year players.

"She is a leader, I think even though she is a freshman, I am hoping that she will bring us some intangibles that make us a little better team wise than we have been the last couple years," Williams said.


The coaching staff is also excited about Ashworth's addition to the team because she is an excellent student as well. Ashworth will be competing for the American Athletic Conference Scholar-Athlete Excellence Award.

The award is given to one athlete in each sport in the conference based on academic credentials, athletic performances and volunteer service for the community. Katie Kirk won the award in 2015 as she posted four top-10 finishes as well as maintaining a 75.50 stroke average. Kirk was also a Dinah Shore recipient, a national award given to female collegiate golfers who excel on the course as well as in the classroom.

With Kirk graduating in 2015, the team needs someone to step up and fill her spot and Williams is confident Ashworth is capable of being that player.


"Catherine will certainly give us some lower scores, but hopefully she does not give us too high," Williams said.

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excellence, keeping the opponents of of the score board but missed chances yielded a stalemate.

"I thought in the first half we played the way we wanted to play, we created a lot of chances but we didn't score," said Donnemwirth. "Overall from box to box, however, we did do some good things."

Despite the scoreless match, ECU peppered the Loyola-Chicago net with shots. Spitler had a total of five shots on goal during the game, Frey with four and junior Autumn Berry with two.

Both teams played aggressive halves owning an equal procession

of the ball throughout the game, perhaps playing into the stalemate.

That aggression resulted in both teams being faced with yellow cards. For the Pirates, it was freshman Lindsey Tornabene and for the Ramblers, Ashley Bovee.

"In the second half I thought [Loyola-Chicago] rattled us for a little bit. They were trying to perform high pressure on us. They did that somewhat in the first half but we were able to break the pressure and make good decisions," said Donnemwirth. "We just weren't making those same good decisions [in the second half]."

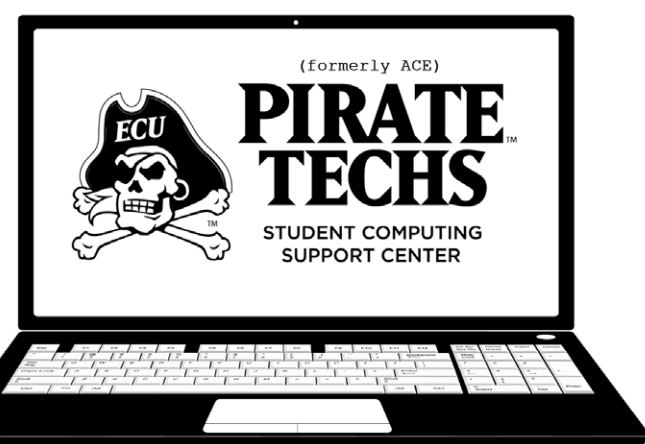
Both the Pirates and the Ramblers were

coming off Friday night games with the Pirates winning 2-0 over foe George Mason and the Ramblers winning 3-2 against UNC Greensboro. The short rest perhaps played a factor in the game.

"Sunday games are tough, and they experienced it. I think we are a little disappointed in the end but I can't say it was because we were so much better than them because we weren't," said Donnemwirth.

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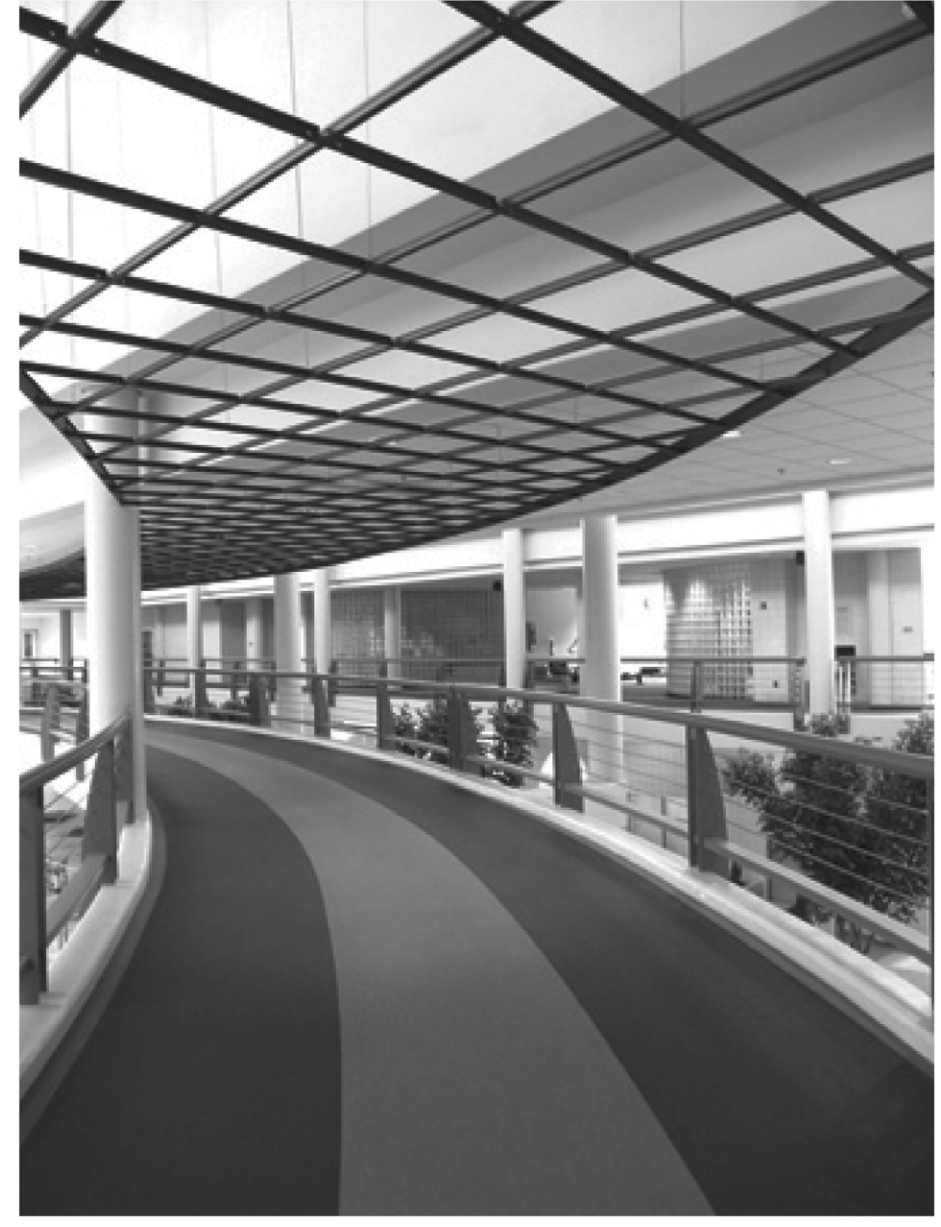
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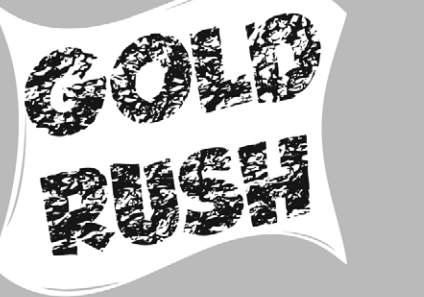


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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Just as I suspected!"
  - 4 Alabama protest city
  - 9 Crude dwelling
  - 14 Sun, in Mexico
  - 15 Oak-to-be
  - 16 Company newbie
  - 17 "Historic Chicago landmark co-founded by Jane Addams"
  - 19 With time to spare
  - 20 Angler's basket
  - 21 One thousandth: Pref.
  - 23 Fishtank organism
  - 24 "Anxiety caused by confinement"
  - 29 Bill, Louis and Carrie
  - 30 Porthole view
  - 31 Flight-related prefix
  - 32 Either of the first two consonants in "coccyx," but not the third
  - 34 "We \_\_\_ Overcome"
  - 35 Lavish affairs
  - 38 "Dress fancily"
  - 41 Summer shirt
  - 42 Curving
  - 44 Annual athletic awards
  - 46 Actor Connery
  - 47 "Midnight Cowboy" hustler Rizzo
  - 49 Cantina snack
  - 53 "Old phone feature for multiple calls"
  - 55 Stein fillers
  - 56 Coeur d'\_, Idaho
  - 57 Braying beasts
  - 58 Drainage conduit
  - 60 In tidy condition, and a hint to the first words of the answers to starred clues
  - 64 Remove pencil marks
  - 65 Dutch bloom
  - 66 Scratching post user
  - 67 Inner turmoil
  - 68 Oozes
  - 69 Aliens, briefly

- DOWN**
- 1 Refuse receptacle
  - 2 Like some regular news updates
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  - 5 Novelist Umberto
  - 6 Comical Costello
  - 7 Butterworth
  - 8 Iron-poor blood condition
  - 9 Place for books
  - 10 Racetrack near Miami
  - 11 Reach, as a destination
  - 12 Animation still
  - 13 lime pie
  - 18 Collar attachment
  - 22 Vacation stopper
  - 24 Apple discard
  - 25 Adaptable, electrically
  - 26 "Waiting for Godot" playwright
  - 27 Writer \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner
  - 28 Film cameo, e.g.
  - 33 Mix in
  - 34 Hog's home

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## HOROSCOPES

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Today and tomorrow offer professional opportunities. If an obstacle arises, roll around it. Ignore false rumors and gossip. Do what you love and prosper. Use your secret power. Remain forgiving with miscommunications. Angels guide your actions.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Travel, studies and exploration thrive today and tomorrow. Balance business with pleasure. The money looks better. Edible treats are in order. Listen, learn, and stick up for your point of view. Don't go along if you don't agree.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Work with your partner to manage finances today and tomorrow. Align on priorities and make decisions. Work

out communication breakdowns immediately. Keep your team on track, lovingly. Replenish reserves, while keeping costs down. Stick to simple ingredients.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Work with a partner over the next few days. Go over the big picture. Discover sales and marketing ideas. Make sure your efforts are strategic and your timing right on. Romance is a distinct possibility.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Provide excellent service today and tomorrow. Your wealth comes from satisfied customers. Call for reinforcements, if necessary. Your team lends support. Talk is cheap, though, and misunderstandings likely. Don't believe everything you hear. Discuss finances later.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Focus on what you love over the next few days. Play your favorite game with your favorite people. You don't need to buy toys. Develop your skills and enthusiasms. Follow the most entertaining thread. Get seduced.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- The next two days are good for making changes at home. Family takes priority. Use logic and new methods to make life easier. Enforce household rules. Amplify feminine touches. A little color and paint make a big difference.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- You're especially clever today and tomorrow. It's a time of intense learning. Practice your charm and persuasion. Delve into an inquiry, and stay with it. Don't talk

about it yet. Take notes and organize your thoughts.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Get into making money today and tomorrow. An empty stomach tells you what it wants. Diligently provides goods and services. Save your pennies. Networking and social promotion works. Another revenue source is available. Read contracts before signing.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Begin a confident two-day phase. Make long-range plans. Gain support from a distant source. Don't waste energy on arguments ... tempers are short. Consider your words carefully. Avoid antagonizing people. Take control. Everything seems possible.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Today and tomorrow favor peace and thoughtful productivity. Make plans and schedule actions. A new theory doesn't work as well in practice. Find a better alternative. Avoid risky propositions. Stay in communication, even while hiding out.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Friends, groups, clubs and associations amplify your reach today and tomorrow. Support a friend in need, and ask for support when you need it. Together, your impact increases exponentially. Energize each other. Go for a common cause.

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