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Apartments boost safety procedures

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According to the Greenville Police Department, some off-campus student housing properties are now requiring their residents to wear wristbands when using the amenities that are included in their apartment complexes.

Many apartment complexes have teamed up with the GPD in an effort to better manage their amenities. In order to differentiate between residents and non-residents, many apartment complexes have turned to identifying wristbands worn by their residents.

"It was an idea that came from the police department," said Lt. David Bowen of the GPD. "We are trying to avoid destruction and disturbances this year."

According to a 33 East employee, the idea for the apartment complexes to start using wristbands came from a series of occurrences.

Many non-residents were trespassing the properties of these apartment complexes, and using their facilities without permission throughout the year. The source also said non-residents used amenities including the pool, basketball courts, and other amenities offered.

According to Lt. Bowen, about six different apartment complexes have previously thought about putting this policy into place at their residency. For now, Copper Beech and 33 East have been the only apartment complexes to confirm the new wristband policy. If a person gets caught trying to use any of the amenities at Copper Beech and 33 East and they are not a resident, they will face consequences, and even possible legal action.

"A warning will be given first, then it will be documented. [If] they do it again, they'll be charged with trespassing," said Lt. Bowen.

Though some of the apartment complexes are requiring students to wear wristbands to use the different facilities and amenities available, the ECU Transit Services will not be requiring residents to wear their

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Female students file onto ECU Transit buses, preparing to travel to individual sorority locations.

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Greek life grows

Sorority rush numbers continue climb

Collyn Sheaffer
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University formal sorority recruitment ends tonight with the potential new members having a chance to receive bids from individual chapters.

Recruitment began last Thursday evening and since then, the potential new members have had six days of meet and greets, house tours and other ways to get to know the girls of each sorority chapter.

Unlike previous years, part of this year's recruitment process was held at Greenville Convention Center. Instead of individual parties being held at different sorority houses, each sorority was separated by a curtain in the convention center.

Although all 10 sororities at East Carolina have on-campus housing, the first three nights of recruitment were held at the convention center because of the growing number of young women going through recruitment.

Keith Tingley, director of Greek life, said recruitment registration closed last week with 877 young women signed up, the largest number of potential new members signed up in ECU's history. In 2014, 831 girls signed up and 700 girls signed up in 2013.

Tingley also said it is important for people to know that Greek life at East Carolina has grown 117 percent since 2006. Much of Greenville and Pitt County's

recent expansion is due to the growing number of students applying and attending ECU and is one reason why Greek life has developed so much.

Tingley said he has seen this kind of growth in numbers before. The largest percentage increase came between 2008 and 2009 when the number of girls registered for recruitment jumped from 290 to 400 in just one year. Since then, Tingley said it has increased by about 100 girls per year until this year when it only grew by 45 young women.

"I do expect a level off period and then it's just figuring out what the new normal will be for sorority recruitment," said Tingley.

Aryssa Ciuffo, senior business marketing major and member of Zeta Tau Alpha, said she believes the reason so many girls went through recruitment this year compared to the past was because Greek life in general has had so much national publicity for numerous reasons.

"Whether the publicity is good or bad, now that young girls recognize that Greek life is becoming more popular than it was, they want to be a part of that," said Ciuffo.

Ciuffo also said most sororities were concerned that they wouldn't have enough

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Kemp named starter

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

Less than a week after Kurt Benkert's season ended in injury, the questions surrounding Saturday's starting quarterback have been answered.

ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill confirmed at Monday's press conference that junior Blake Kemp will be the Pirates' starter for the season-opener against Towson.

"Blake Kemp is the quarterback," said McNeill. "Blake has done a good job. He's a left-hander, mobile and accurate. He's smart. He won a few state championships for a legendary coach out in Arizona."

Kemp is a junior college transfer who red-shirted his first season with the Pirates last year. According to McNeill, Kemp is an excellent teammate and a hard-worker, fitting the vision the head coach is creating.

With their intended starter, Benkert, lost for the season due to a ligament tear, there have been questions as to just how long Kemp's leash is. Junior Cody Keith has been a part of the Pirates system since 2011, and McNeill indicated that multiple quarterbacks could receive snaps depending on Kemp's performance.

"Don't look for controversy. Kemp is the starter," McNeill said. "Everybody better earn their position, even Blake. I don't play the hat game. I don't try to hide anything for anyone."

If there is a change I'll tell you, but Blake Kemp is the starter."

McNeill also announced James Summers, a three-star former JUCO quarterback, will fit into the mix after being added to the Pirate program Friday. The dual-threat option will shift his focus from receiving to passing in lieu of Benkert's injury.

Five-star recruit and true freshman John Jacobs needs a little more time to get acclimated to East Carolina's offense, according to McNeill.

"I like the way John has improved," he said. "Even John would tell you that it's slowing down for him. As a freshman, it seems like [the game] moves very fast. John is smart and tough. He's a lefty and I like lefties. I can't say if he'll play or not but we'd like to redshirt him as a freshman."

Quarterbacks weren't the only thing on McNeill's mind, however. Stressing his team-first approach, McNeill says

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ECU ends free printing campus-wide



Jasmine Scales, junior biology major, prepares to print from a Joyner Library printing station.

Anna Parrish
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University has recently revised its printing policy, removing all free printing from on-campus computer labs.

Wendy Creasey, director of academic technology, explained that a large part of establishing a print quota was because students were taking advantage of printing. She said that some students were abusing the policy to the point of printing entire textbooks.

Just last year, printing costs increased \$600,000. The money to cover the printing quota come from the student technology fees included in tuition and fees.

"We want to consider the needs of the students and make it fair to all students," said Creasey.

Creasey explained that by May of 2015, 80 percent of the students had printed less than \$25. The average pages printed by a student for two semesters were around 438 pages. Approximately, 10.5 million pages printed were printed last year.

Students are now given \$10 at the start of the fall semester, and the labs are charging two cents per black and white page, which is equivalent to 1250 pages. Color printing is more expensive at

10 cents per page and is about 250 pages. These numbers are all less than the actual cost.

When comparing these numbers to other colleges within the UNC system, ECU has the lowest printing costs for color and black and white copies combined.

"We are one of the last schools in the UNC system to adapt a printing quota; no large schools have free printing anymore," continues Creasey.

According to the ITCS website, students are allowed to add money to their print quota via debit or credit card. Any leftover print balance from fall semester rolls over to spring semester. The university will continue to roll balance into the summer session as well, but each fall semester, the student's print quota is reset.

Faculty and staff are not allowed to print in student computer labs unless printing is an instructional requirement for a class and a special printing account has been created.

There are a few exceptions to the print quota such as a GIS class or arts course, where maps or graphics are required for the class. A special print balance has been created for circumstances like these.

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BRIEFS

ECU students displaced after Campus Towers water leak

Around 30 East Carolina University residents of the off-campus apartment complex Campus Towers were temporarily displaced after a leak forced them from their units Sunday morning. Emergency officials responded around 4 a.m. when a fire alarm was activated.

The students were transported from the complex by ECU Transit, and provided temporary shelter at Christenbury Gym until emergency officials said occupants could return.

ECU sponsors texting while driving simulator

East Carolina University's Office of Student Involvement and Leadership is sponsoring an event today in the Mendenhall Brickyard to spread awareness about the dangers of texting while driving.

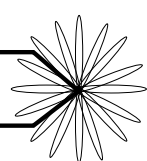
Students will have the chance to experience the AT&T "It Can Wait" Driving Simulator. Students wear virtual reality goggles which mimics the experience of texting while driving and can last up to 3 minutes, depending on how well the driver performs.

ECU to host career fairs

East Carolina University will be hosting the annual Fall Career Fair at the Greenville Convention Centre on October 7. Students will have the chance to meet with local businesses and employers to learn about possible career choices and network with professionals in their fields.

ECU will also host a Graduate School and Health Careers Fair for students interested in Graduate School or pursuing a medical profession. The Graduate School fair will be held in the Mendenhall Great Rooms on October 22 and the Health Careers Fair at the East Carolina Heart Institute on November 5.

ONLINE



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COURTESY OF ECU MEDIA RELATIONS

First-year nursing students receive pins after earning admission to the nursing program. The class average incoming GPA is 3.7.

New nurses celebrated

Nursing students welcomed at Lamp of Learning

Collyn Sheaffer
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's College of Nursing inducted first-year nursing students into the school at its Lamp of Learning Ceremony Thursday morning at the Heart Institute Auditorium.

Students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at East Carolina as well as 20 students in the accelerated second-degree BSN option were invited to this semi-annual ceremony. Students, families, friends and colleagues witnessed the students being welcomed into the program in one of the nursing program's classrooms.

The accelerated second-degree BSN program is offered to students who previously earned an undergraduate degree in another discipline. College of Nursing Dean Sylvia Brown spoke at the ceremony. Brown explained that one can never know everything about nursing and health care, making it an evidence-based practice.

This event welcomed students to the nursing program and explained to them what is expected in the profession as well as in the remainder of their courses.

Each student received a pin shaped like a lamp, which is the symbol associated with Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. Students will wear the lamp-shaped

"You don't know how difficult it is being a nursing student until you get into the program, but I am proud to be a Pirate nurse."

-Ashlynn Patterson

pin as part of their nursing uniform for classes.

The college's first graduating class in 1964 created the idea of each student receiving a shield-shaped ECU nursing pin upon graduation. This lamp-shaped pin is the primary icon which will be on this nursing pin. The inaugural graduating class planned for the pin to represent the values the nursing college has, which are love, compassion, understanding and knowledge.

East Carolina has the most entry-level nursing students compared to all other four-year institutions in North Carolina. The first-time success rate at East Carolina for the nursing licensure

exam is among the highest in the state and almost 10 percentage points above the national average.

Ashlynn Patterson, senior nursing major, said the ceremony was interesting because it highlighted how many traditions ECU College of Nursing has. She said it made her feel like she was a part of something special. Patterson continued to say that she has wanted to be a nurse for as long as she can remember because she loves the feeling she gets knowing that she is making a difference in someone else's life.

"Medicine in general just interests me," Patterson said. "You don't know how difficult it is being a nursing student until you get into the program, but I am proud to be a Pirate nurse."

East Carolina has several requirements to get into their nursing program in addition to obtaining the necessary grades in each specific prerequisite course. In order to even be considered in the College of Nursing, students must earn a certain score on a national pre-admission exam. The average grade point average of ECU's incoming nursing program's class is 3.7.

ECU's nursing program is also designated as a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence for its distinction in student learning and professional development.

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sisters to talk to each potential new member because of the increased amount of girls going through recruitment. She explained that some girls going through recruitment had to be paired with another potential new member at the larger parties, causing both girls not to get the most possible attention from the sister who was rushing them.

Recruitment convocation, both rounds of meet and greets and philanthropy day, were the

first rounds of recruitment. ECU transit provided transportation for both potential new members, as well as girls currently in sororities to and from the convention center. The last rounds of sorority recruitment were held at each chapter's house.

New members will receive their bids tonight at Minges Coliseum.

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community wristbands in order to ride the transit.

However, Sgt. Michael Broadwell of the GPD said they are considering enforcing the wristband policy for ECU students to ride the transit on Halloween, in anticipation that they might run across some problems. The ECU Transit Service has not confirmed the policy.

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The ECU Student Media Board welcomes applications for Day Student Representative

The board is seeking a full-time student interested in serving as the day student representative on the Media Board, the 13-person board that governs Student Media; WZMB, Rebel, The East Carolinian, expressions, Buccaneer, The Hook and the Advertising and Marketing Agency.

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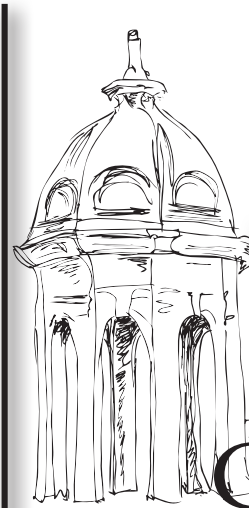
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PIRATE RANTS

First we get charged to print off assignments for class. next we'll get charged to submit pirate rants.

Anyone else think ECU should just change the sound effect on all the computers so that when you print off something you hear a cash register "Cha-ching?"

It would be nice if the Red bus would leave Allied Health at :12 and :42 like the schedule says instead of 3-5 minutes early.

Stocking up on beer for the weekend... my liver is about to know the real meaning of Labor Day.

Trying to find a parking spot on campus is like trying to find a snowflake in hell

If the .02 per page for printing breaks the bank you need to manage money better.

Remember, Pirates! If you ever want to get the girl, NEVER put her or what she has on a pedestal. Best way to get the girl is to take care of yourself first.

Welcome to ECU Dining. Which greasy, unhealthy dish would you like today?

Did this dude in the computer lab seriously just throw a staple at me? I know it was you dude. It's just us 2 in here.

Stop ranting about politics. It only reveals how ignorant and gullible most people here are. Not to mention how clueless most are. Seriously, stop humiliating yourselves.

Why do I always see ECU maintenance men sitting in their trucks staring at girls next to the cashier's office? Creepy.

To the guy in Joyner talking on his phone on the second floor. You acted like a total douche and I hope whoever you were talking to either leaves you, unfriends you, or kicks your a--.

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

Poll results

Do classes in Gateway limit the college campus experience

Yes- 64.3%

No- 35.7%

Poll question

Did you watch the VMAs?

Visit theeastcarolinian.com to vote.

Our view

VMA's continue to lower TV standards

MTV hosted its annual Video Music Awards Sunday night and throughout the show awkward attempts were made to discuss social issues. The show opened with a surprisingly tame performance, but it quickly devolved into exactly what anyone could expect from the VMAs: sexually explicit content and over promotion of illegal drug use.

Although it's not surprising that these two topics dominated the evening, compared to other years, Sunday night's VMAs went to a whole new level of explicit. Hostess Miley Cyrus' outfits, or lack there of, left little to the millions of viewers' imaginations with each outfit that she graced the stage in. In one of her segments, she ate a pot brownie with Snoop Dogg and set the show's standards lower with each passing scene.

While the VMAs have traditionally been a night that

is less about winning awards and more about stirring up controversy, the events that took place Sunday evening were a desperate attempt from the network to revive their viewership.

Unfortunately, at the cost of grabbing the social media spotlight, America's youth suffered the most from the never-ending sideshow of sex, drugs and target-market advertising — most of which directly contradicted the show's forced positive self-image script.

We as an editorial staff believe that there's a right and wrong way to cater to the young adult demographic and networks should not need to rely on controversy and illicit content to stay relevant. Unfortunately for MTV, desperation has seemed to set in.

NFL fails 'Concussion' test



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When the feature film 'Concussion,' starring Will Smith, opens in theatres this December it will likely serve as a sordid

reminder of the dangers caused by head trauma in football.

The conversation shouldn't start there, however, and in the months leading up to the film's debut, people inside and outside of football should turn their attention to the ever-prevalent issue associated with concussions and their direct correlations with football.

For as long as football has been around, concussions have been an issue. Whether diagnosed or otherwise, players in all generations of the game have suffered from repeated brain trauma.

But in the here and now, some good can come of the increased attention and awareness, and the NFL's half-hearted attempts of protecting players should no longer be considered passable.



Actor Will Smith stars in the upcoming film 'Concussion' which highlights the NFL's ignorance toward trauma resulting from head injuries.

It's a sport that far transcends the playing field. Fans, television deals and city finances have helped make it a billion dollar industry that deposits money directly into the pockets of its owners and protects the biggest cats from even the slightest financial sanctions.

The average NFL player makes \$1.9 million annually. That's a fair amount of money at first glance, but relatively speaking the league's players make less on average than their professional counterparts.

To truly put that into perspective, Forbes reported that the NFL's 32

teams make, on average, \$1.17 billion. It's a gross disparity that raises questions as to how some players, especially those who have put their body on the line for the sport, are so easily neglected by the league following their retirements.

Hall of Fame center Mike Webster had a storied career with the Pittsburgh Steelers, helping propel the team to multiple Super Bowls, but found himself an outcast of both the league he helped build and the city he helped polarize.

Webster, who is one of the main characters in 'Concussion,' lived out

of his truck and struggled with his life before killing himself in 2002 at the age of 50. Autopsies proved that Webster suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), evidently stemming from his playing days. Doctors estimated that his head trauma from football was equal to 25,000 automobile crashes over 25 years — a staggering and sobering number.

Webster was the first ex-NFL player to be diagnosed with CTE but a string of others followed thereafter.

The problem lives on and the NFL has, and will continue to get away with hanging its players up to dry and neglecting their needs, physically and mentally, after their playing days are over.

A main part of one of the NFL's most successful franchises failed to receive the help he needed. It's a reminder of our unfortunate American capitalistic culture: 'Once you quit making me money, you mean nothing.'

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Women's sports not equal, need revenue



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In professional sports, the issue for every sport is how to get more fan base to attract more revenue.

The NFL wants to stay on top. The NBA wants to find a way over the NFL. But for women's sports it's a different game.

The WNBA needs more entertainment value if they ever hope to generate more revenue. Basketball purists may say that the WNBA is just fine, in terms of style of play. To a hardcore basketball fan it may be better to watch a WNBA game, because in the

WNBA it's less reliant upon isolation basketball and athleticism.

Trying to appeal to basketball junkies is easy, but for a person who just wants to kick back and watch a game full of feats of incredible athleticism, the women's game is not for them.

So the simple solution is lower the rim to nine feet. The women's players are about a foot shorter, so lowering the rim may give the women's players a chance to show off some flashy athleticism.

The NBA has become a spectacle of supreme athleticism and size that would be really hard for a women's game to compete with on a 10-foot rim. Consider the average WNBA player is 6'0 and the average NBA player is around 6'8. NBA legend Kevin McHale had an interesting take on height in basketball.

"Tall skill' always will beat 'Small skill'. But 'Small skill' will beat 'Tall stiff,'" said McHale.

For the WNBA it's not about competing with the NBA, though. It's about being able to get to the point where the league is stable long-term. The WNBA has had many teams fold in its 19 years of existence. The WNBA also has to get to a point where the best WNBA players like

Diana Taurasi doesn't have to go overseas to play.

Women's sports leagues are for the most part aren't as established as the men's game. Like the WNBA began in 1997, but the NBA began in 1946. Attracting a consistent crowd is tough for a league that has yet to find a base audience like the WNBA.

Salary differential for the women's versus the men's game is also a problem. In the women's game, unlike the men's game, overseas pays a player significantly more. The WNBA contract is for four months and the max is a little over \$100,000, but overseas the max is almost \$2 million for seven months. And overseas teams offer the best talent more money to not play in the WNBA to prevent injury.

Taurasi is considered the best women's player in the world, but the WNBA pays her a tenth of what she makes overseas. She decided to sit out this season because she's been playing 11 months a year for ten plus years. It's a real possibility that the best women's basketball players could sit out the WNBA for the better salary overseas.

To prevent this very real possibility, the WNBA has to find a way to get their best players more money. Lowering the rim could also make shooting percentages inflate making the WNBA a fast paced high scoring game. Fast paced basketball played more above the rim with the skill of women's basketball players could be gold for the WNBA.

Lowering the rim may make some people uncomfortable because the women's game is no longer equal to the men's game. But the WNBA is a business, and lowering the rim could bring some new fans and money.

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CLOSER TO HIS DREAMS

ECU student pursues rap music career by performing at showcase

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It's 7:46 p.m. on a Thursday, and J-Alta has just finished praying with his team, a pre-show ritual. After graduating from ECU last semester, he has returned to perform in Wright Auditorium to a full house for a Unity Showcase.

Jonathan Peralta, better known by his stage name J-Alta or JP, is not your average up-and-coming rapper and should not be mistaken as such. His lyrics come straight out of his life experiences and the obstacles that he has been faced with along the way. Starting at a young age, Peralta has always had reasons to express himself and he has done just that through his music.

"I got into music at the age of 13. My close friend had passed away on the day of my eighth grade graduation and I just felt the need to do something," said Peralta. "I felt like I could say things on the track that I couldn't say in person."

Growing up in Statesville, N.C., a lot of people knew Peralta, but he always kept to himself. Even though his social media followers are in the thousands, he still describes himself as a 'popular stranger', allowing his music to do the talking.

In "Window Conversations", undeniably one of Peralta's deepest tracks, he lets readers in on the struggles he faced growing up with his father in jail.

"I wouldn't say it's a strained relationship but I didn't grow up with my father so of course that had an effect on me," he expresses.

The lyrics, "S*** was ripping me apart, that the man responsible for my childhood was sitting locked behind bars, It struck me in my heart, Drove to Atlanta but it was 'f*** a

"I felt like I could say things on the track that I couldn't say in person"

-Jonathan Peralta

celebration this is jail visitation," reflects the pain of feeling neglected. The song ends with "Barely know each other but we share blood, I ain't coming at you giving you hate, I'm just saying can we fix s*** before it gets late... please," ending on a forgiving note.

Crediting his mother as his strongest motivator, Peralta said his decision to go to college was encouraged by her.

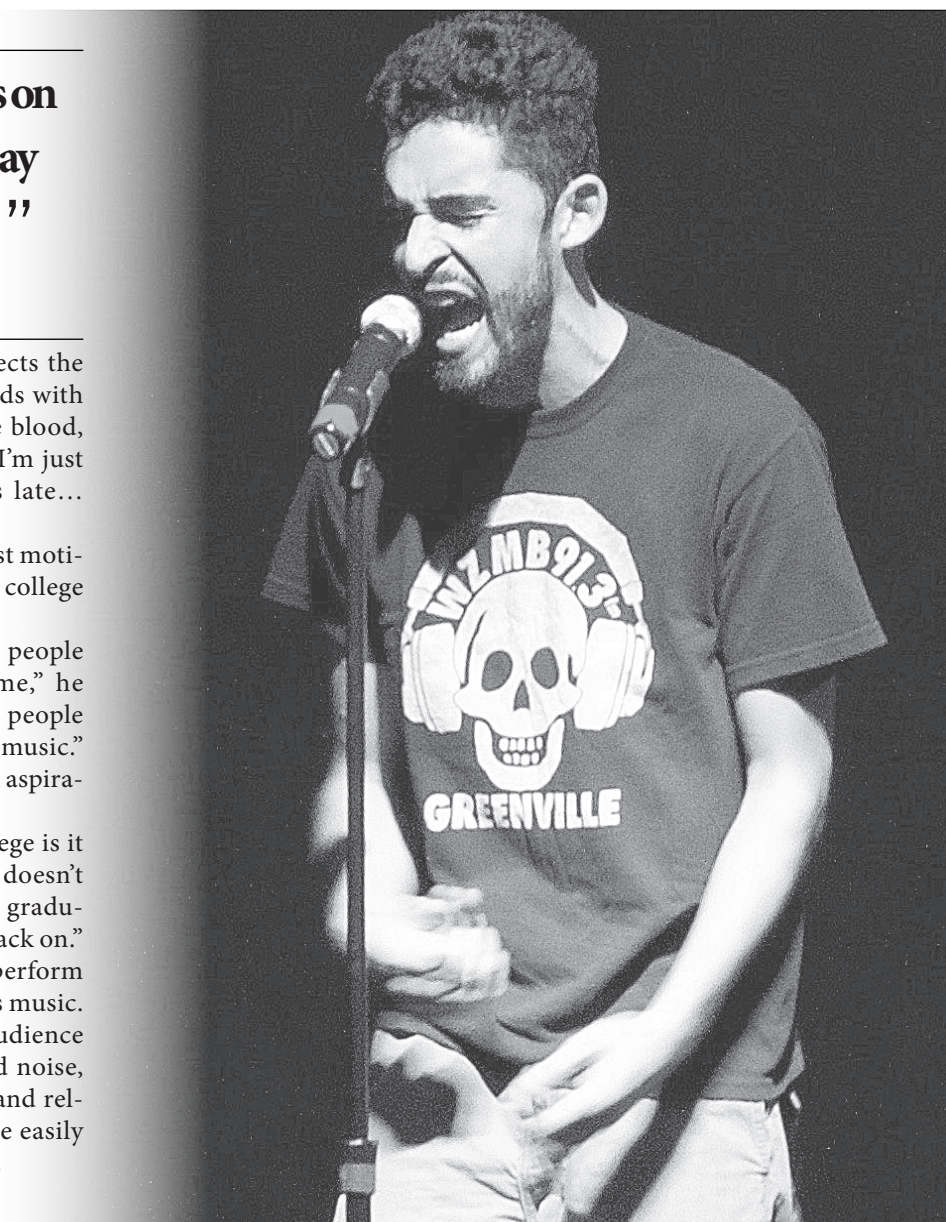
"My mom is one of the most pure people I know and that has translated to me," he said. "She gets really personal with the people around her which is what I do with my music."

Although she supported his musical aspirations, she pushed him to get a degree.

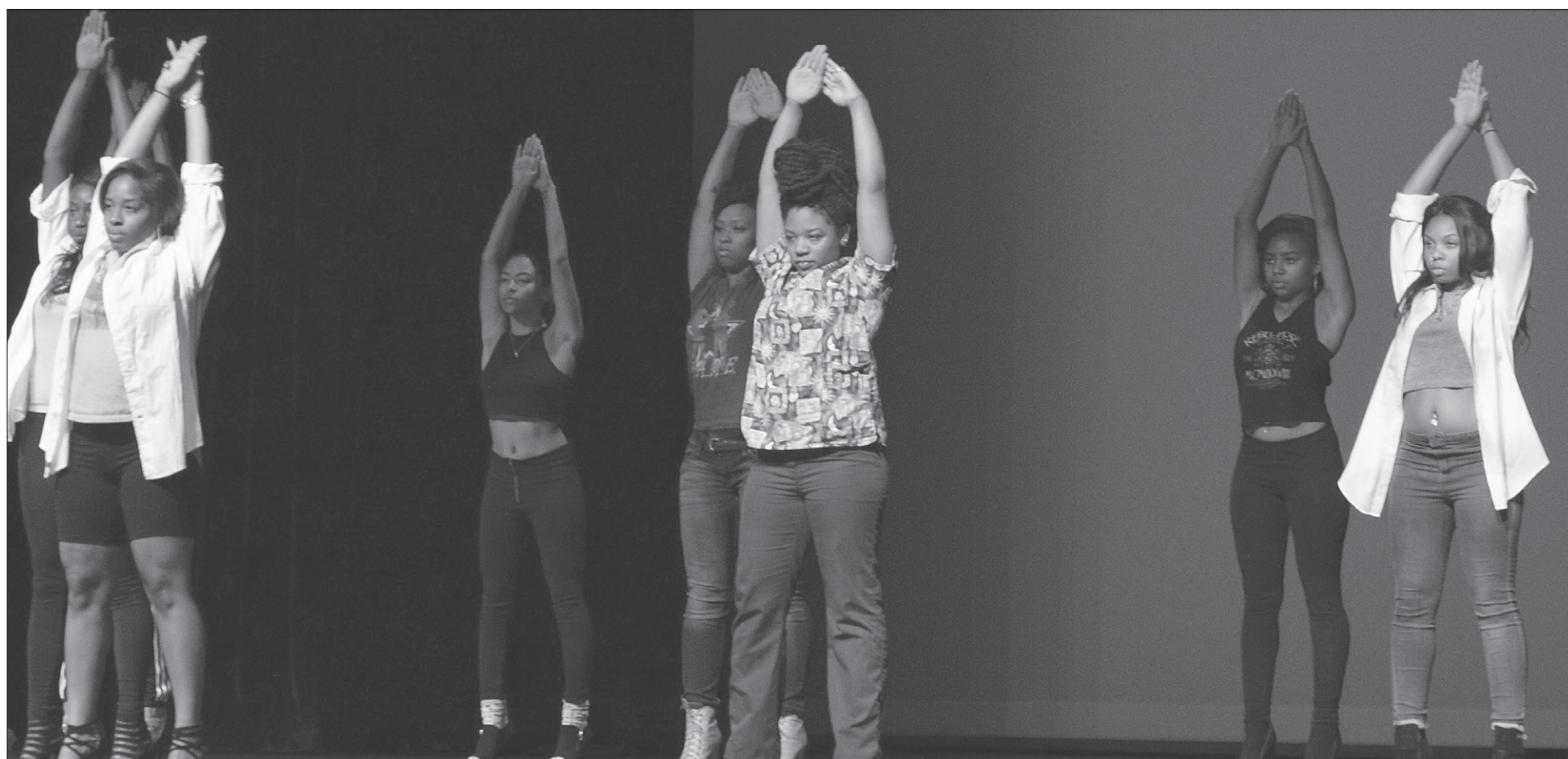
"One of the main things about college is it provided a backup just in case music doesn't work out," he said. "I knew I wanted to graduate with a degree and have that to fall back on."

Peralta has had the opportunity to perform at ECU multiple times and promote his music. In his performances, he captures the audience with his minimal usage of background noise, preferring a cappella. His witty lyrics and relevant revelations allow listeners to vibe easily and stay ready for the next punch line.

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Peralta performs one of his songs for a packed audience at Thursday's Unity Showcase.



F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe rehearses for their performance for the Black Student Union, which will be hosting its first general body meeting in Mendenhall Student Center on Wednesday evening.

BSU hosts week-long events for students

Brianna Horton
TEC STAFF

This evening East Carolina University students will have a chance to learn about professional opportunities on campus and résumé builders in the Great Rooms of Mendenhall at Black Student Union's Expert Consultation event.

The Expert Consultation event is part of BSU's Welcome Black Week: The Plague. The goal of Welcome Black Week is to promote diversity as well as introduce new students to the Black Student Union organization.

Don Donaldson, junior anthropology major and current president of BSU, hopes this event will get students focused on what they want to do in life.

"We want them thinking long term instead of short term," said Donaldson. "Little things in college turn into internships and job opportunities in the future, and we want these students to realize that."

Welcome Black Week is an annual event for BSU that usually kicks off the first week of classes. The Unity Showcase is the most prominent event

that takes place during this week. It is where cultural organizations such as the African Student Organization, a comedy act from Noah France, Fame Modeling Troupe, Word of Mouth, and some NPHC Greek life perform.

"This year the name is the plague because we saw problems on campus when we were planning it and we [felt the] need to address these issues [so] we took the topic of diseases and sicknesses and put them on the flyer and correlated it to the events that we're doing," said Donaldson. "An Epidemic' is what we called the Unity Showcase, because it was an exposure to a lot of different cultures at one time."

Tomorrow is the first general body meeting for BSU at 5:30 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center and new students as well as returning members are welcome to attend.

"I want people to stay more involved with BSU, people would come to meetings but they wouldn't participate or come to the other events that we held," stated Donaldson.

"I just plan on reaching out to people



Members of BSU participated in Yoga On The Yard Sunday evening as a part of Welcome Week.

to get them to stay more involved so it's not just a 'Hey. I see you came to one meeting. See you next time.' I want to be able to see members on campus and have a real conversation with them, make them feel comfortable and want to do stuff with me and push forward the vision of BSU," he said.

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>> PLAN TO GO

WHAT: BSU Welcome Week: The Plague

WHEN: Monday, August 31-Friday, September 4

WHERE: Mendenhall Student Center

Volleyball victorious in opener

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TEC STAFF

After looking like a close competition in the opening points of the match, the women's volleyball team confidently widened the gap to claim their first victory of the 2015 season on the road against Savannah State.

East Carolina had a comfortable win Sunday against the Tigers as they swept through winning all three sets. The first set finished 25-10, the second 25-14, and the third 25-7.

The first set started close with score being 4-3 in the beginning stages, then the Pirates started to gain momentum and won with a 15-point margin. The second set saw the Pirates start better, getting a 9-3 lead before the Tigers called a timeout. The Pirates still came away with a comfortable win for the second set after the timeout was called. The third set the Pirates came out the strongest going 9-0 in the first part of the set, eventually going on to win by their biggest margin of the match.

"We had some goals going into the game and we were able to accomplish them," said head coach Julie Torbett. "We were able to hold them under 15 points each set."

Torbett credited a good performance to sophomore outside hitter Ashton Mares. Mares put up a game-high 11 kills offensively, six digs defensively, and only made two errors during the match. Junior setter Sabrina Gonzalez helped the offense by putting up 19 assists. Junior middle hitter Ashley McRae had the best hitting percentage for the Pirates on the day with a .545 clip.

"We had a good performance from Ashton Mares," said coach Torbett. "She's the only one playing six rotations."

Defensively the Pirates held the Tigers to only 31 points. Senior defensive specialist Erika Figueroa had a stand out performance, getting eleven digs. Senior defensive specialist Lauren Bewick and sophomore libero Alex Jessett also had good defensive games. Together they were able to hold the Tigers to a negative .059 hitting percentage.

"I was proud of the girls staying consistent. They only made seven hitting errors, four serving errors, one receiving and no net errors," said Torbett. "We limited our points. We gave the other team and try to make them earn all the points they had to get."

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Junior safety Terrell Richardson (22) and sophomore linebacker Joe Allely (57) run down the field for ECU during a home game last season.

Secondary takes shape

ECU starters emerge as season-opener approaches

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

With the season opening game against Towson approaching, position battles are starting to settle and the East Carolina defense is beginning to form its identity.

Perhaps one of the more unknown position battles is within the Pirates' secondary at both safety positions.

The uncertainty comes because of the graduation of Pirate strong safety and defensive leader Lamar Ivey, who was second on the team with two interceptions and sixth in tackles in 2014.

Junior Terrell Richardson will look to fill that hole this season, as he earned and has maintained the starting role since the spring workouts.

"Richardson is doing a really good job. I was amazed at how well he played last year," said defensive coordinator Rick Smith. "He's a great kid. Great work ethic, strong as an ox and can run like a deer."

Richardson initially entered the program in 2012 as a scout team walk-on and worked his way up the depth chart, earning a scholarship. He served mostly as a reserve last season playing behind Ivey, tallying 26 total tackles.

Sophomore Bobby Fulp will make the change from cornerback and serve as Richardson's primary backup, although both will likely see playing time.

Fulp primarily contributed last season on special teams but could receive more reps on defense this season. He could prove to be a valuable asset in the secondary as he is 6-foot-4 with a 39.5-inch vertical leap – one of the best on the team.

"I believe it's always a competition, especially with coach Smith," Richardson said. "I don't know about other coaches, but coach Smith keeps the competition open from day one."

Last season's starting free safety, Domonique Lennon, doesn't seem to be the solidified starter as sophomore Travon Simmons had a great camp and has really impressed the Pirate coaches.

"[Lennon] is a little bit embarrassed right now because there is a sophomore ahead of him," Smith stated.

Lennon has a dozen career starts under his belt and is known more as a hard-hitting run stopper as he was fourth on the team last year with 65 tackles. Simmons served as Lennon's backup last season and was a key contributor on special teams.

"I've told [Lennon] and Travon that it's a great battle," Smith said. "I've told them that I consider both of them starters. I may start Domonique Lennon one week and Travon the next week. That's how close that battle is."

Simmons received minimal playing time last season, but did make one start in the bowl game, where he recorded a career best three tackles. Simmons also recorded his first career interception against SMU. He also returned an interception 60 yards for a touchdown in the first spring scrimmage.

"There's competition every week we have coach Smith as a coach," Lennon laughed. "You better not mess up or [he takes] your job."

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Expectations set high for freshman golfer

Craig Moyer
TEC STAFF

Kate Law, a freshman golfer from Maryborough, Australia, has had an accomplished career but hopes to reach an even higher level in her game this season.

Law finished first at the 2015 Baranga Junior Girls Championship, was a two-time Australian Interstate Series Champion in 2013 and 2014, and represented Australia in the 2012 Australian Youth Olympic Festival.

"I have been a part of the Queensland junior team back home, so being a part of that team situation I reckon will help in my team situations when it comes to college golf," Law said.

Law has been very pleased with her iron play lately and said it is the best part of her game, something that her coach, Kevin Williams, has already taken notice of.

"Kate is a really good ball striker. We have seen that, this first week of practice and hitting tee-to-green, her game is really good and I think that's something that can help us a lot," Williams said.

The team's streak of seven straight NCAA regional appearances came to an end last season, so Law and the rest of the team are striving to get back on a new streak starting this season.

"I think we'd all like to go to regionals, but personally I'd like to just get out there and hopefully play my best golf," Law said.

The coaching staff already expects Law to bring a lot of talent to the team this year, but with improvement to her short game she could have an even better season. However, some of her intangibles have already begun to show and some of the things she does off the green could be a difference maker in her game.

"She's got a great personality, really good teammate and I think with some continued work to her short game she could make a huge impact for us this year," Williams said.

Williams knew Law was a very talented golfer, but seeing her play in person at the first few practices has given him a better idea of how talented she really is and the impact she could potentially make.

"You can kind of see when you recruit them, but not until they get here and you can compare them to the other girls can you have a sense of how good they can be," Williams said.

Williams feels that since golf is such a mental game that Law's quick play helps her on the course because it keeps her from over thinking her shots.

"I like her approach to how she plays and how quickly she plays. She gets a plan, she makes a decision on how she wants to attack a shot and she just executes it," Williams said.

The coaching staff feels that Law will help replace Katie Kirk, a starter from last season's team. Williams said Kirk was a great golfer just like Law, but her decision-making did not develop until her junior year. Law's decision making, however, has already developed, which Williams said should make her a consistent golfer all four of her years as a Pirate.



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Freshman Kate Law lines up a put in an event.

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TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

ECU junior quarterback Blake Kemp was named the starter for Saturday's season-opener.

FOOTBALL

ECU opens the season against Towson on Saturday at 6 p.m. in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

MEN'S TENNIS

Former ECU tennis star Joran Vliegen earned his first professional doubles match victory Saturday.

SOCCER

The Pirates (1-2-1) were shut out twice over the weekend by William & Mary and George Washington.

GOLF

Former ECU golfer Harold Varner received the last PGA Tour card of the regular season.

VOLLEYBALL

ECU defeated Savannah State in three straight sets on the road Sunday.

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Morris builds winning culture

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF



Tom Morris

East Carolina's women's tennis head coach Tom Morris has been a winner for the majority of his time at the school, but in recent years he's been committed to becoming a national power.

Morris has been the coach of the women's tennis team for over 15 years, and for many years, he coached both of the school's tennis programs. Morris is the university's all-time leader in wins on the women's side and Morris is a 2010 North Carolina Tennis Hall-of-Fame inductee.

Morris previously had four straight seasons with 15 or more wins, but he now has a streak of four seasons with 12 wins or less. Morris said part of the

reason for the .500 finish is that his team's long-term goal is to be a national power.

"We played 11 teams that had national rankings," said Morris. "The goal has been to be more competitive on the national stage. If you go back and look at where we were five years ago, I think we won 17 matches, there were no teams that were nationally ranked in that schedule. You can look at the wins and losses, but it's hard to compare the strength of our schedule now compared to where we were a few years ago."

Assistant coach Kirstin Burgess played for Morris from 2003-2006. She said Morris and her have been planning something bigger for the program since she came back in 2012.

"Hopefully, in the next five years, we'll be able to get to the level that we've been planning for which is nationally ranked program every year," said Burgess.

Last year, the team went 9-2 to begin the season, but

then went 3-10 to close out the season at .500. Burgess said she thinks the slow finish is one of the many growing pains the team will take in going to the next level.

"We were heading in the right direction at the beginning of the season last year," said Burgess. "We just got a little tired. But as long as we stay injury free, I really believe we're going to have a significantly better end of the year finish than we did last year."

Improving the strength of the schedule is important for any team. However, for a team looking to become a perennial power, it's important to see what the best in the nation are doing. Even though Morris is still concerned with winning and losing, his plan is to build a solid foundation for the team.

"If we continue to get better, winning and losing will take care of itself," said Morris. "We're going to focus on hard work, and trying to do something in prac-

tice everyday that will make us a little bit better as a team."

Morris brings back eight returning players from his 12-win team last year. Morris also added two freshmen that he thinks have the potential to produce this year.

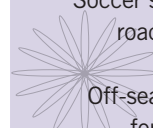
Morris said it is important to a team to have program to have players that are about the team, and Morris believes he has that.

"Whatever we do as a team is going to far outweigh whatever we can do individually," said Morris.

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Soccer stumbles on the road over weekend.



Off-season proves vital for swim and dive.

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his goal for this team is the same as the one he set for every group prior: dedication to the team vision.

"Every team is different," McNeill said. "These guys understand that dedication to our vision [is important]. We don't want to be getting caught up on what's going to happen on Saturday, much less three or four Saturdays from now, but instead making sure each guy makes the best of each day."

While the vision remains the same, the 2015 Pirates harness a noticeably different personality than their recent predecessors. McNeill says the roster is filled with guys who want to be coached and listen well, despite lacking a vocal leader like quarterback Shane Carden.

"We had teams with Dominique [Davis] where he became a dominant leader. Shane became a dominant leader, but not at first. He was the leader of our offense and then became the leader of our whole team. There are different types of leaders on every team. This team is a more quiet team, they're a listening team. They lead by action and work."

With a plethora of weapons, a collective team identity and plenty of experience from the coaching staff, the Pirates aren't lacking in confidence and excitement.

"We've had a really competitive fall camp," said McNeill. "I was talking to coach Connors and he said it was time to play a game. Yep, it's time to play a game."

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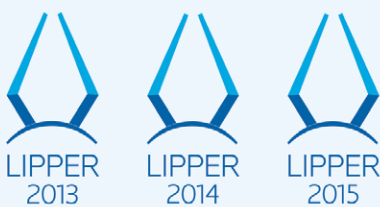
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