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Pirates top Towson in opener

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Injuries, position battles and suspensions cause unexpected changes in every team's depth chart. The Pirates are no exception, and they adjusted to all three during Saturday night's 28-20 win over Towson.

"We had a lot of replacing to do. Nobody made excuses about it," East Carolina head coach Ruffin McNeill explained. "Some guys got dinged up and we had to play some other guys that really stepped up and made plays. When you replace so many people that have left, they have been around new faces on the field and that was evident last night."

Starting quarterback Kurt Benkert went down with a torn knee ligament two weeks ago, allowing junior Blake Kemp to make his first career start against the Tigers.

Kemp took advantage of the opportunity, as he managed the game and completed 78 percent of his passes for 230 yards.

Kemp showed potential, as he produced the best opening quarter by a first time quarterback in the McNeill era, completing nine of his 11 passes for 73 yards.

"You saw Blake step in, in two weeks have to make a transition as a football team but as an offense," said McNeill. "To come in first game against a team that two years ago was in the finals, Blake did a good job operating the offense"

Sophomore wide receiver Trevon Brown



ECU senior running back Chris Hairston attempts to run by a Towson defender during Saturday's 28-20 victory. Hairston finished with four touchdowns.

was projected to be a major part of the ECU attack, but was suspended for the first three games for violating student code of conduct. Kemp responded to the loss by connecting with nine different ECU receivers, calling on the other players to step up.

Starting right tackle Dontae Levingston left the game in the first quarter with an injury

and was replaced by sophomore Brandon Smith. Smith and the rest of the offensive line only surrendered one Towson sack.

Runningback Chris Hairston also benefited from the offensive line, running for 154 yards and four touchdowns against the Tigers. Hairston is a new face that won the offseason position battle and is in his first season as the

primary back.

"Whatever play coach called, I just ran it. He wanted to run the ball a lot and I'm here to do that," Hairston explained. "I feel like running, it controls the game so I feel like the run game is going to give us that momentum

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Construction workers work on the sidewalks at The Boundary. Move-in began in the middle of August.

Boundary construction lasts beyond move-in

Savannah Carter
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The Boundary at West End, one of the newest locations in Greenville for student housing, had its residents move in almost a month ago, even though construction of the complex is still incomplete.

The Boundary, located right in downtown Greenville next to East Carolina University's West End neighborhood, has been a construction zone for months as workers tried to get it completed and when move-in day came around residents weren't sure if it was going to be finished.

"They told us when we signed our lease that it would be done in July," said Olivia Haring, a resident at The Boundary.

Marisa Casson, also a resident at The Boundary, said she drove to Greenville during the summer to see how the apartment building was coming along.

"It didn't look done at all," said Casson. "I honestly believed that we were going to be put up in hotels, so I was surprised to see that we at least made it into our room."

At the time of move-in, the interior was completely finished, including the fitness center, lounge, shuffleboard and ping pong tables, but the other outdoor amenities were not.

"It's unfortunate that it wasn't done in time, but I'm trying to stay positive," said Casson.

According to Casson, each resident was given a \$100 American Express gift card to make up for the amenities not being completed in time.

The amenities that were not finished in time for incoming residents included a pool, a hammock garden, landscaping, fire pit, corn hole court, volleyball court and outdoor theater. These amenities are located in two courtyards that are in the center of the apartment building.

"I can't wait until the construction is gone," said Haring a week after move-in. "Everyday it wakes me up at eight in the morning; it's my own personal alarm clock."

Other residents complained about construction workers taking up "the good" parking spots in the parking deck. The Boundary parking garage has four levels, with 2-hour retail spots on the main level, and required parking permit passes for the second, third and fourth floor.

"Besides the construction, I love the inside of my apartment," said Haring. "It's so modern; it feels like I'm living in a hotel every time I walk through the front doors."

Though some residents are unhappy about the construction not being completed, many said they are trying to stay positive.

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Test matches students with compatible major

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Today in Mendenhall, students will get the chance to play matchmaker to test their compatibility with their current or potential major.

According to Sarah Lage, career counselor for ECU Career Services, the event's intent is to help those students that are really wondering if they're in the right major, or even those who don't know what their major should be yet.

"We see a good number of students who will come into the career center and say 'Well I'm a science major, but I don't know what I want to do with this' and that's where that exploration comes into play, it's a vital piece" said Lage.

This is the second year that this event has been held here on ECU's campus.

"The purpose is not for students to pick a major that day. It's to initiate that exploration process of finding a major that they can make a career out of," said Kelly Reddick, academic advisor.

Lage and Reddick also commented on the pressures they know a lot of incoming college students face with deciding a major.

"Some students even experience pressure from their family to pick a certain major or even from high school where they feel like they have to jump straight into a major without exploring their options. Those students are more than likely going to switch majors multiple times," said Reddick.

Shanni Allen, a fifth year senior, has bounced from psychology to athletic training to exercise physiology and now is health fitness specialist major.

"I've changed my major three times and my career path twice. Science books are really expensive," said Allen. "I've been spending anywhere between \$300 to \$600 each semester on books. I've wasted a lot of time and money because I didn't know what I wanted to do from the start and it's been the biggest struggle."

Reddick said if students start off with more of an open mind, they have the chance to explore all of their options, learn about themselves, and then make more of an educated decision on selecting what to study for the next four years.

>> PLAN TO GO

WHAT: Major Matchmaker

WHEN: Today, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Mendenhall Student Center

Students who attend Major Matchmaker will be asked to take the Holland Code Assessment. Based on their results, the students will be introduced to different advisors who can match students up with a major that reflects their interests and personality results.

The Holland Code system breaks down occupations into six general categories: realistic, investigative, artistic, social, entrepreneurial and conventional. Students can then look at the three categories they ranked highest in and see some ideal careers for them specifically.

"We put together this event for incoming students or students who are already here who are interested in learning more about themselves as well as some of the many majors that we have here at ECU," said Reddick. "This can also be helpful for someone who is in a competitive major who wants a back up plan."

According to Reddick, this is a drop in event and students are not asked to stay for the entire time. There is a more extensive assessment that does come with a small fee that students can compete if they are unable to attend.

"We see a few students come in to use the resources ECU has provided for them and they would have been more helpful if they had found us sooner," said Lage. "Some students wait until graduation to even begin their job search and that should start at least a year if not six months before they graduate. I mean there's some work and patience that goes with it."

The event will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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BRIEFS

Hardee's robbery ended after K-9 Pursuit

Around 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 6, Greenville Police responded to the Hardee's Restaurant located at 3741 Charles Boulevard, after a suspect allegedly entered the establishment wearing a mask and demanded money after displaying a weapon. The suspect fled on foot.

K9 Patton and his handler Officer Bowen tracked the fleeing suspect to an abandoned house, which the suspect was hiding under.

The suspect was identified as Charles Onvert Pierce, and charged with second degree kidnapping and common law robbery. He is being held at the Pitt County Detention Center under a \$450,000 bond.

Suspects at large after Grid robbery

An armed robbery occurred on Saturday around 8 p.m. at the intersection of Rotary St. and Johnson St.

According to the report, the suspects were wearing white t-shirts and jeans, and were both reported to have dreadlocks. The first suspect was a black male, approximately 6'0", and the second was a black male, approximately 5'8".

No injuries were reported and the suspects were last seen traveling west on East 5th Street in an Toyota 4runner.

Internship gives guidance

Pre-med students find niche in time at heart institute

Collyn Sheaffer
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Two Honors College students at East Carolina University observed extensive and innovative surgeries during an internship this summer with East Carolina Heart Institute's leaders in robotic heart surgery.

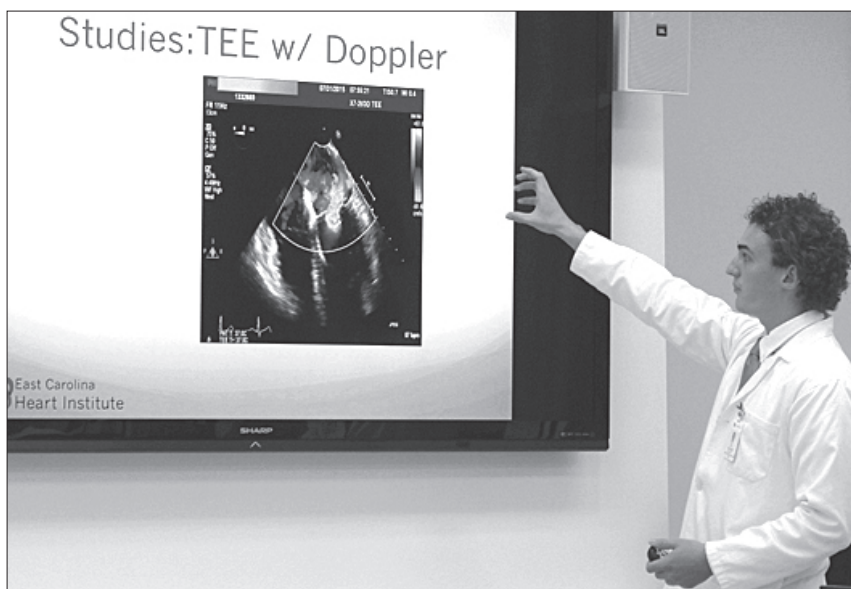
Zachary Elliott and Aenia Amin were the recipients of the 2015 East Carolina Heart Institute Robotic Surgery Internships. This competitive internship program gives pre-medical students the opportunity to be exposed to laboratory research methods, surgical treatments and an integrated cardiovascular disease program. The students worked on cases such as robotic heart valve replacements, lobectomies and neonatal heart procedures.

Each year, the Honors College selects two students for this internship. Students go through a rigorous interview process before admittance into the program at the Heart Institute.

The students worked first-hand with surgeons on x-rays and patient anatomies, among other things, while learning about the importance of relationships between surgeons and their patients. They observed thoracic and cardiothoracic cases, both robotic and non-robotic, and the cases ranged from emergency situations to routine valve replacements.

Amin is a junior and triple major in neuroscience, Hispanic studies and psychology. She said their schedules varied depending on whether they were going to the operating room or the clinic. When the students worked in the operating rooms, they attended daily surgeon case conferences as early as 7:15 a.m. The students were allowed to observe the procedure but not allowed to scrub in because they are not currently qualified.

"We were able to observe the patient-surgeon interactions and learn valuable



Zachary Elliot, sophomore neuroscience major, presents a case at the heart institute.

skills like reading ECHOs and EKGs, understanding different conditions and how to manage various types of patients," said Amin.

Amin said she plans to take the skills she learned at the internship and apply them to her life after college. She said the necessary skills to be a successful medical physician would be time management, responsibility and compassion. After experiencing those skills this summer, she saw how much they impacted the patients and everyone's lives who were involved in the surgeries.

The students rotated throughout the cardiovascular department so they could have the chance to work with each surgeon and attend each surgeon's clinic. Amin and Elliott also had the unique opportunity to study cases that most pre-medical students wouldn't be able to see at this point in their education.

Elliott, sophomore neuroscience and public healthy double major, studied a case involving an 8-month-old who required a clot removal from around his heart. Amin also experienced interesting cases, including an open heart surgery

on a 4-month-old.

Amin said her plan after medical school is to practice medicine in North Carolina, so that she can give back to her community.

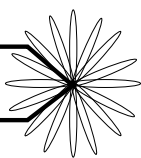
"After medical school I am highly interested in surgery now because of this internship," said Amin.

At the end of the six-week program, the students were required to present their own case to a professional audience on August 13. While following basic protocol, the students presented cases based on the experiences and knowledge they acquired during this internship. Since this is likely the first of a life full of case presentations for these students, it was important for them to receive feedback so they can pave the way for more successful presentations in their future.

Dr. Wiley Nifong, who works with the Robotic Surgery Center for Training and Education at the East Carolina Heart Institute, supervised the program. Nifong helped pioneer robotic minimally invasive cardiac surgery.

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Matulewicz confident in new role

Savannah Carter
TEC STAFF

Mark Matulewicz, president of the Student Government Association (SGA), arose from the conformity of high school and into the limelight of college leadership his freshmen year.

According to Matulewicz, he was not very involved in high school, and did not foresee himself participating in SGA. But during his freshmen year at East Carolina University, Matulewicz went to an interest meeting for SGA and from then on, he knew he wanted to be involved.

"If you would have told me in high school that I would've been SGA president, I would've laughed," said Matulewicz. "I wanted to get out of my comfort zone."

His father, who had a strong military background, influ-



Mark Matulewicz, president of SGA, leads an SGA meeting.

enced his leadership skills and inspired him to do his very best in whatever he did. He pushed him in wrestling, and helped him make a state title run in high school.

"It was the semifinals," said Matulewicz with a smile

talking about his last wrestling match. "And at the very last minute, my opponent won by one point."

Matulewicz said the experience taught him a life lesson to never give up in anything that he does in life.

According to Matulewicz, the most important value to him is integrity. He believes it is important because he represents the student body and speaks on its behalf as the head of SGA.

Matulewicz said one important thing about being a leader is being able to work with everyone.

"I want to work directly with the students this year. I love learning what they're passionate about and I want to help them," said Matulewicz.

Matulewicz credits Jake Srednicki, last semester's SGA president, for his suc-

cess in coming into the position.

"He has become my mentor and has helped a lot in preparing me for presidency," said Matulewicz.

Acting as the voice for almost 28,000 students is a lot of pressure, Matulewicz admits, but he wants each student to know he's there for their needs.

"I knew it would be a lot of work," said Matulewicz. "It's an unreal amount of work and I'm still learning time management skills, but it's definitely prepping me for the real world."

Matulewicz is a finance major and hopes to work in investment banking in Charlotte, North Carolina, when he finishes his degree.

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The ECU Student Media Board welcomes applications for **Day Student Representative**

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"I was most excited about it being an indoor apartment complex and not having to walk outside during the night," said Casson. "So even though construction is annoying, I'm happy that I still live in a safe building."

The only way to access the inside of the building and an apartment is with a fob. Each resident also has their own key to

their own bedroom and bathroom.

"I feel genuinely safe in the Boundary," said Haring. "Random residents can't walk up to my door."

The Boundary was unavailable for comment before the time of publication.

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PIRATE RANTS

I'm going to sue my apartment complex due to a severe lack of chicas.

Since we now have to pay for printing, can we connect our game consoles to the network now? Binary being sent across the network is way less than 1080p YouTube videos

ECU: You were already paying for printing in your technology services fee! It actually costs you LESS now. Stop complaining!

To say that Rice's act of violence seemed to be a "one-time step out of character" goes to show how uneducated the general public is on domestic violence. An abuser's goal IS to make people believe that it's out of their character. If anything, that video showed how Rice acted behind closed doors when he thought no one was watching.

What is up with Student Affairs lately? Is it just me, or is it going to sh*t?

ECU needs a new plague. There are way too many people here and the Rec Center is always packed!

To the girls wearing the oversized T-shirts and short shorts, thank you for bringing my imagination back to life!

I think I would rather pay parking tickets all year rather than pay so much money to park three years away from campus.

Just because it's raining doesn't mean that you get to smoke your cigarette two feet from the building. Second hand smoke is a real thing.

Prior to registration for the next semester, could you please decide which instructor will be teaching which class and avoid the "TBD" (to be determined) thing as much as possible? I'm tired of ending up with professors who have no communication skills and really don't give a damn.

Buy an expensive parking pass, can never find a spot to park. Buy the cheaper option then you have to walk all over God's green Earth to get to class. Find an open parking meter but I need to be on campus longer than two hours!! :.) Get it together ECU.

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Do you print more than 500 pages per semester?

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Poll question

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Our view

Boneyard stays full at season opener

East Carolina faithful file into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in droves on fall Saturdays to enjoy what many self-proclaim to be an SEC-like atmosphere.

Statistics support the claim for fame. ECU was the highest Group of Five program in terms of attendance a season ago, and recent renovations to the stadium have enhanced the game day experience. This creates a unique atmosphere that not many other non-Power Five schools can boast.

However, a disconcerting trend has hurt the notion of superiority. It's not the amount of fans that show up to the games, but rather, the amount of fans that stay through the entirety of the game — especially in the Boneyard, ECU's student section.

Fans, both students and non-students alike, have failed to see the entirety of the game on numerous occasions in recent years. A simple scan of the stadium following the

half-time kickoff will support this notion, as empty seats will create gaps amongst the crowd.

With this trend in mind, we as an editorial staff believe that fans and students took a step in the right direction this past Saturday during ECU's 28-20 win over Towson.

The game wasn't the blowout that most were expecting, and while some fans inevitably left the game early, the vast majority saw the game through to the exciting finish, creating the type of atmosphere that Pirate fans have to pride themselves in.

With exciting home games against Virginia Tech and Cincinnati ahead, along with an ESPN contract that makes nearly every ECU game televised, Pirate fans should take the chance to add to their reputation with strong showings in the stands.

U.S. must take the fight to ISIS



Joseph Perez
TEC STAFF

There is a rapidly growing danger appearing in the Middle East. Though power in the region has historically changed hands through blood and battle, the group that wishes to wrest control over the area is aiming to do more than just win a victory. They hope to win

the world, and they are known as the Islamic State. The Islamic State must be stopped, and that will require a commitment from the United States of America.

Using tactics more appropriate to Genghis Kahn, this group of terrorists wishes to drive all ideas, people and traces of civilizations that are different from them away. They kill those people who cannot escape and destroy all ideals and traces of culture that are left behind. This group hides behind the guise of one of the great religions: a religion that preaches peace and non-violence. However, by twisting scripture and using propaganda in a way that would make even Joseph Goebbels blush, they attract people to their cause.

Now in the midst of the genocide as well as

the destruction of irreplaceable historic artifacts and architecture, the entire world is watching. Allowing the beheadings that are filmed and broadcasted must not be the norm. This is the 21st century, and the world should have a grasp on this. A lack of significant action against the Islamic State is having repercussions for all of Europe, certainly for the Middle East. People are fleeing their lands to avoid death, their mass exodus now raising eyebrows in the neighboring nations they have fled to.

The Islamic State must not be allowed to exist anymore. Global superpowers were months ago having insults thrown at them from only a ragtag group of surviving terrorists in the desert. Now, after doing nothing, they are having their stomachs punched by the growing and well armed group that those terrorist's evolved into. Yet they still do nothing, perhaps waiting for ISIS to inevitably strike directly at them.

Of all these superpowers, America has so far been the largest contributor to the fight to stop the Islamic State. There have been over 3,000 airstrikes conducted by United States drones against targets in Iraq and Syria to date.

Despite all the airstrikes, this organization continues to carve a path of destruction

across the landscape. It may be necessary to put troops on the ground to stop this terrorist group. America should not have to be the only country to step up. Nations will rally around us. Someone just needs to be bold enough to take the first step.

American lives have been lost. During the breakout of World War II, our country had just evolved into a global military presence. It took the loss of life on American soil to galvanize the country into taking action, ultimately leading the US to become a global superpower. Must we wait for another Pearl Harbor, or 9/11? People are dying.

The lines are drawn, and on one side there is clearly evil. America needs to take action before it is too late. Our nation needs to become a superpower again and end the threat of the Islamic State. This time, it will be for a cause people can understand, a cause the whole world can support. A global superpower like America cannot claim to be a superpower for long while it stands by and observes genocide. The group calling itself the Islamic State must be stopped.

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Kanye West's message matters



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Kanye West: as soon as you read his name a strong opinion, either positive or negative, immediately comes to mind.

As polarizing as politics or religion, West has been in the music industry spotlight for more than a decade, but since his mic snatching of Taylor Swift in 2009, West has become the target of hatred. Now West's speech at the 2015 VMA's has caused more people to be upset. The problem is that despite his ramblings, West is right.

Should West run for president in 2020? No. Will West run for president? Probably not. So once you take out that part in the speech and the bravado, West makes amazing points.

"It's about ideas," said West. "New ideas. People with ideas."

West is right, because the music industry truly doesn't know what's next. Music streaming, surprise albums and piracy have left the music industry wondering how they are going to make money long term.

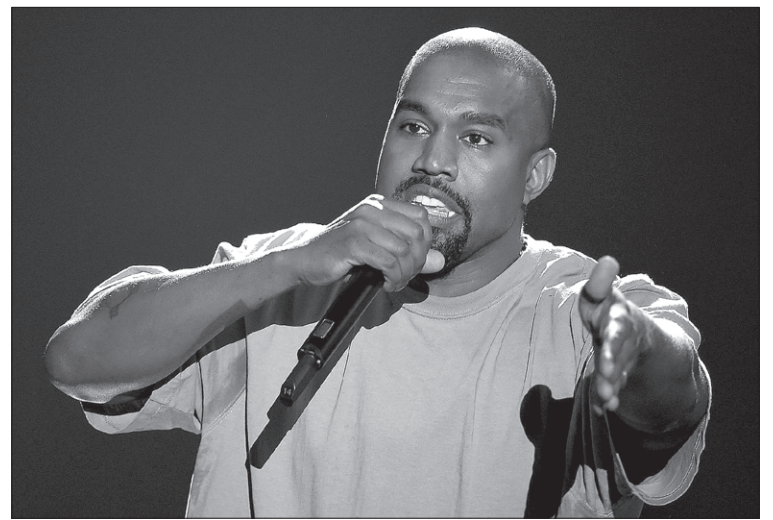
West is also a big Steve Jobs fan, and technology is becoming affordable and making people a lot of money. The world needs ideas for the next advancement in technology and medicine. We do in fact need ideas.

West has shown through the years that he will live and die with the consequences of his actions and music.

"I will die for the art, for what I believe in," said West. "And the art ain't always gonna be polite!"

West has continuously redefined his sound and been adamant about his positions. A lot of artists have conformed and been told what to do, but not West. "We're not gonna control our kids with brands," said West. "We not gonna teach low self-esteem and hate to our kids. We gonna teach our kids that they can be something. We gonna teach our kids that they can stand up for thyself. We gonna teach our kids to believe in themselves."

This is one of the best things West has ever said. In a time of racism, classism, and general discrimination, West is encouraging young people to teach their kids to believe in themselves and not to hate each other.



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Kanye West speaks at the VMA's upon accepting the Video Vanguard Award.

West is encouraging people to believe in themselves like he believes in himself. What is the problem with that message?

The problem many have with his message is that it is coming from West, who is viewed as a huge blabbermouth. Some people don't respect West's word because of his past moments of running his mouth.

From the classic Swift mic snatching to the notorious rant at The Sway In The Morning show, West has killed his credibility among many audiences. But in this moment at the VMAs, like West's brutally honest moment at the Katrina telethon, West was channeling the truth.

West may be an overbearing, egotistical and overall blabbermouth, but sometimes he brings the truth through his madness.

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'Boho' sets trend for fall fashion

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Classic fall trends, such as booties and fringe, are making their way back to Greenville boutiques as the new season sets in.

This fall, the bohemian trend, which is not new to the industry, is coming back in full force with unique takes on classic 70's styles. Local boutiques such as Bevello, Fedora, Francesca's and Monkee's all said that their new merchandise reflects the bohemian styles seen on the runways with wide flares, unique textures and earthy tones.

ECU senior and fashion merchandising major, Kristina Mutio, said she is excited for the return of bohemian looks because you can dress it up or down and always add your own unique accessories.

"I've been looking to change up my outfits [and] accessories will be big this fall," said Mutio, referring to the popularity of long necklaces and unique jewelry.

Lauren Dishman, owner of Monkee's of Greenville, said something she found popular when selecting the merchandise for her boutique was the high waisted flare jean, which Glamour online called one of the fall's most wearable fashion trends.

"They look good with the shorter tops, and comfort wise people like that it sucks in their love handles and covers their bellies," said Dishman.

Shelby Mason, manager of Fedora and ECU fashion merchandising major, said Fedora will be carrying a lot of floor length cardigans for the fall that look best



MICHEAL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Accessories, such as hats, vests and simple jewelry, are the staple pieces for the upcoming season.

paired with the high-waisted flare jeans and a crop tops.

Elle online reported that waistlines are getting higher and higher for fall.

"It's not just a high waist, it's an exaggerated silhouette that results in the look of long, lean legs and a teeny tiny mid-section," stated the website.

"We saw the tunic dress make its way

back for spring, but it's definitely going to stick around for fall because it's so effortless," said Refinery29 fashion blog as they reported tunic dresses as one of the 35 Fall Essentials.

Dishman said there are a few different ways to dress up a tunic for the fall.

"You can put tights or leggings with it and a pair of booties or boots, [or] you could layer it with a sweater or chunky knit vest,"

said Dishman.

One fall trend that Dishman does not see catching on with college students is the turtleneck, which both Elle online and Glamour online projected to be popular this fall.

"I can't see college students liking the turtleneck. I think that would be for more of an older, more mature customer," said Dishman.

Refinery29 fashion blog recognized "accessorizing for a cause" as one of the 35 fall essentials. Dishman said she picked the Akola jewelry line to be in the Monkee's of Greenville this fall.

"They're made by ladies in Uganda so the proceeds go back to the women to help them with education projects," said Dishman.

As for the color palette this fall, Pantone online said the palette "displays an umbrella of accord that weaves earthy neutrals with a range of bold color statements and patterns to reflect a landscape of hope, fun, fantasy and all things natural."

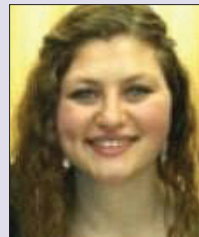
Alyson Fulgum, ECU alumna and manager of Bevello, said she has noticed olive and marsala to be a popular color combination that is displayed in their fall merchandise. Dishman said that this fall you will not be seeing many colorful pants unless they are in the earthy tones.

The bohemian trend never seems to fully fade out but this season we will see an evolution of the look with the addition of the new color palettes and unique accessories.

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BOOK REVIEW

'My Name is Brett' brings transgender journey to life



Carlyn Legg
TEC STAFF

With grace and great detail, Brett Ray paints a picture for the LGBTQ community of support and individuality in his book "My Name is Brett: Truth From a Trans Christian."

Ray's story doesn't come with a sugar coated, beat-around-the-bush beautification of his journey. In his story, Brett explains the hardships he went through in his transition from Briana to Brett. He acknowledges his privilege in his journey, while also pointing out how that privilege was an obstacle along his path to find himself.

While his story is a complicated web of mental illness, testing faith and finding his place in society, Brett details in pure honesty the support as well as the negativity he received from his family and friends.

This story of finding himself and his place as a man is not the typical love story. It's not a happily ever after, and it's not a story that ends with a satisfying sigh of relief that everything is safe and perfect in the world.

This is the story of falling in love with oneself, finding comfort in one's own body and loving it. It's the journey, through Brett's thoughts and feelings, of how a transgender man found his comfort and familiarity with his body and fell in love with himself.

With important social commentary, and observations that include both people's sensitivity and their ignorance surrounding the LGBTQ community, Brett explains how people can be unintentionally hurtful and how that hurt transfers to depression and anxiety in the minds of those community members.

This book is a realistic depiction of real life feelings and events, and includes commentary that is relatable to all communities of people. It asks questions about the church and faith, and explains how Brett's experience is not one that is mirrored in the rest of his community, but one that stands out and is different.

In the book, Brett explained how being a transgender individual is unlike any other experience, but also how it is so similar to anyone finding themselves and their place in the world. This book explained that every individual in every race, gender, religion, creed, age and sexuality has obstacles to overcome and how each individual within those communities must look to the support of their friends and family in order to build the confidence and comfort to love themselves.

This story also details the internal battle of mental illness that comes with the trials and tribulations of one individual's resocialization with a new identity and how universal it can be to go through the hardships and the hurtful comments and questions from those around you once you truly find yourself.

Not only does Brett's story use real truths from a real transgender man to explain the journey from misidentification to realization of individuality, but it also tells the story of a man who was tested by some and supported by others.

This book is a beautiful story of how one man's journey into individuality lead to the representation of support for an entire community. The pain that lies behind the smiles of a young man in a female body and the truth that hides behind the prescription bottles is told in a graceful and elegant way here.

Although it is not a difficult read, "My Name is Brett: Truths From a Trans Christian" is a page-turner that readers will struggle to put down.

RATING:



5 out of 5

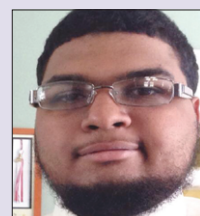
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The rapper performs for a sold out crowd in Los Angeles prior to his new album release.

MUSIC REVIEW

Travis Scott disappoints with latest album drop



Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

Before Rodeo." However, the expectations were not met.

Scott caught wind in 2011 when he began working with Atlanta legend T.I. Shortly after, he began producing music with Kanye West. From working with West and his label GOOD Music, Scott earned production credits and a verse on GOOD Music's debut compilation album, "Cruel Summer."

Scott then released his project "Owl Pharaoh," which garnered buzz from fans in the underground hip-hop scene. When he released "Days Before Rodeo," he was thought to be on the rise to the top. However, "Rodeo" showed Scott's talent for song making, but it was marred with non-creative lyrics and bad song sequencing on the album.

That being said, Scott hasn't reached this point in his career by being a traditional lyrical surgeon with sharp

cadences. Scott is a part of the new breed of rappers that croon and hum during their verses.

Throughout "Rodeo," Scott croons and raps about sex, drugs, women, and his life before he became famous. The lyrics are somewhat entertaining, but mostly idiotic. For example, on the intro track "Pornography," Scott raps, "I'm a rubber duck, trying to get a nut."

Scott's talent shows when he gets truthful about his life. His lyrics become relatable when he allows himself to be vulnerable.

"My granny called, she said 'Travie, you work too hard. I'm worried you'll forget about me. I'm falling in and out of cuffs, don't worry, I'ma get it, granny,'" Scott raps.

One of the redeeming qualities of "Rodeo" is the production. Scott recruited a star-studded production team with names like Kanye West, Pharrell Williams, Sonny Digital, Metro Boomin, DJ Dahi, and Mike Dean. The production on the album is excellent, consisting of heavy drums, fast paced hi-hats, and very dark layered backdrops.

Production wise, Scott has one of the

Couple set to perform duet for ECU students

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

Two professors from Duke University will perform a classical duet together accompanied by the cello and piano tomorrow night at A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

Fred Raimi and Jane Hawkins are husband and wife performers and they have been performing with each other since the 1970's. Although they work together occasionally, they are usually seen performing separately, as Hawkins is a pianist and Raimi is a cellist.

Raimi is a professor at Duke University and a member of the Ciompi Quartet. The Ciompi Quartet consists of four other musicians including Eric Pritchard, Jonathon Bagg and Hsiao-mei Ku. The quartet was founded in 1965 at Duke University and serves as a foundation for Duke's music students.

Duke students are able to work closely with quartet members and benefit from their extensive experience. The quartet is on campus each day for private lessons, chamber music coachings, classes in the art of performance, and a variety of other events around the university, both formal and informal.

Raimi began studying music at a young age as he attended Detroit at Cass Technical High School. He joined the Duke faculty and the Ciompi Quartet in 1974, after graduating from the Juilliard School and receiving a Master's degree from State University of New York-Binghamton, where he performed as a member of the Amici Quartet.

Hawkins also has had some history with music. She has performed with the Dorian Wind Quintet, the Ciompi Quartet, the Chicago Symphony Chamber Players, and the American Chamber Players at the Library of Congress.

She has performed in concert with violinist James Buswell, Kenneth Goldsmith and Masuko Ushioda, and cellists Ronald Leonard, Norman Fisher and

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WHERE: A.J Fletcher Recital Hall

Phillip Mueller.

With the Ciompi Quartet, she has held concerts in Europe and China. She is director of performance, professor of the practice of music and former chair of the department of music at Duke, where she teaches piano, chamber music, and performing.

Raimi and Hawkins have recently travelled to surrounding universities and performing classical pieces together. This past year, they have performed at Southwestern University and Duke University. The pieces they perform range from François Francoeur's Sonata in E major for cello and piano, Mieczyslaw Weinberg's Sonata No. 1 for cello solo Op.72, to Ludwig van Beethoven's Cello Sonata No. 3 in A major, Op. 69.

"I never really listened to classical music or been to a recital before, so this would be something cool and different to attend," said Bridget Johnson, freshman communication major. "With them being husband and wife is also cool to see, like they are able to do something they both enjoy doing while being with their loved ones."

Raimi and Hawkins will be performing at Fletcher Recital hall from 7:30 pm to 8:30 p.m. The recital is free to the public and ECU students.

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best albums of the year. "Rodeo" has many great records, including "Oh My Dis Side" featuring "Migos" member Quavo. In the song, Scott and Quavo go back and forth about how far they've come in life and where they came from.

Another fantastic song, "3500," is one of the better party records of the year as Future delivers one of his many strong feature verses and hooks. "Antidote" is another party favorite as Scott croons and semi raps about his lifestyle. "Night Crawler" may cause a riot if Scott ever performs it, because Swae Lee and Chief Keef deliver anthemic guest verses along with Scott.

"Pray 4 Love" and "Maria I'm Drunk" were both a big surprise as Canadian singer, songwriters Weeknd and Justin Bieber delivered very strong guest verses. "Piss On Your Grave" is the biggest disappointment on this album as Scott and West both offer subpar verses, West especially.

"Days Before Rodeo" created enormous expectations and hype; however, Scott just could not deliver with "Rodeo" because the album did not sound original and too much like his previous work. The relationship of these two projects is like a little brother coming behind his star athlete big brother. While "Rodeo" is not the crown jewel everyone was expecting from Scott, he has shown that he can be a player for years to come.

RATING:



2.5 out of 5

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Ponzi scheme, e.g.

5 Diplomat's specialty

9 Tire pattern

14 Word of amore

15 Worker protection org.

16 Wheel spokes, geometrically

17 "Am I supposed to take this seriously?"

20 Catholic sacrament of confession and forgiveness

21 Least healthy

22 LAX posting

23 British peer

25 "Alice" diner owner

26 Cloistered sister

27 Four-song discs, briefly

29 Cut with acid

33 Post-spill carpet spot

36 Clean vigorously

38 Weed chopper

39 "Oops, thought you wouldn't hear that"

42 Pound sound

43 Lugged

44 Bill's attorney general

45 Estate

47 Estonia or Ukr., once

48 Ten, in Toulouse

49 Tuna in a sushi bar

51 Shortest-shadows time

53 "Liquor not provided" letters

56 Starts to melt

60 Aged at the brewery

62 Nursery rhyme plum finder's boast

64 Started the pot

65 Shipping option

66 Nights of anticipatory revelry

67 Like poorly drained rock gardens

68 Family map

69 Word of admonition

DOWN

1 Suffix with land or sea

2 Insertion mark

3 Sports venue

4 Early Yucatán settler

5 Bird on a Froot Loops box

6 "Jeopardy!" contestant

7 Windy City station, on Amtrak skeds

8 Little boys

9 Split second

10 Rub the wrong way

11 Slight advantage

12 Gets in one's sights, with "at"

13 Cola request from a calorie watcher

18 Blood bank quantity

19 Chinese appetizer

24 Speaker's stand

26 Suffix with no-good

28 Cattle poker

30 In those days

31 Old King or Nat King

32 Test the weight of

33 Marquee name

34 Button on a deli scale

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Household issues demand attention over the next few days. Consider all possibilities. Get coaching from someone who's been there. Act on an educated hunch. New directions appear. Get family feedback. Connect like-minded individuals for a power boost.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Seize the day! Beat

the deadline. You can achieve a lot today and tomorrow, especially with writing, communications, recording, publishing and social networking. Tread lightly. Learn from somebody else's mistakes. Provide leadership. Wear your power suit.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- List what you need, and budget for it. Today and tomorrow look good for making money. Keep track of cash flow. Expect financial surprises. Believe in somebody who believes in you. Disciplined efforts bear fruit.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You're especially in the groove over the next few days. The action is happening backstage. Dance gracefully with surprises and unexpected guests. Make promises and

keep them. Gain strength from the past. Provide leadership.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Watch where you're going. Pay attention to dreams and spiritual insights today and tomorrow. Look back for insight for the road ahead. Finish up what you said you'd do. Get efficient, and make it happen.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- The next two days are great for parties, gatherings and meetings. Work with teammates. Friends offer new ideas and strategies. Creativity and discipline are required. Find an easier method to increase productivity. Collaborate with experts.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- A rise in pro-

fessional status beckons over the next few days. Accept a challenge if it pays well. It's an excellent moment to jettison old limits. Quick, decisive action is required. Watch for tricks.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Educational trips and adventures call to you today and tomorrow. Prepare your next big surprise. Use stuff you already had to save money. Work out details. Craft your plan and wait for the perfect moment to leap.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Handle financial matters over the next two days. Consider property investments. Don't believe everything you read. Investigate an unusual suggestion, but don't get stuck with the whole tab. Watch your step! You can expect the unexpected.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Collaborate more closely with a partner today and tomorrow. Move quickly to get the best deal. A windfall is available, but may require spontaneity. No gambling, though. Share the load toward mutual goals and benefits.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- New opportunities arise and the workload increases over the next two days. Pay attention when using tools and equipment. Learn new tricks. Seek practical solutions and take action. Every step moves you closer to your desired result.

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COLUMN

Pirates fail eye-test in first game



Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

After East Carolina claimed an uninspiring 28-20 victory against Towson, an FCS school that finished with a 4-8 record last season, head coach Ruffin McNeill told reporters that those who felt the Pirates underperformed were “not all that smart.”

While it's easy to admire his dedication to his players, it would be hard for viewers not to be underwhelmed by ECU's narrow victory. The team failed to silence questions about its quarterback play and showed uncharacteristic weakness on the defensive side of the ball.

No matter how well-coached Towson may be, its head coach Rob Ambrose winning the FCS Coach of the Year Award in 2012, the Pirates should have blown the Tigers out of the water. Had Terrell Richardson not made a head-rattling hit on fourth and 7, Towson very well may have snapped ECU's 23-game winning streak against FCS opponents.

On the stat sheet, ECU's performance was respectable. Junior quarterback Blake Kemp didn't turn the ball over and completed 29-of-37 passes, while running back Chris Hairston racked up 154 yards and four touchdown runs. Nine receivers caught a pass, seven of them reeling in multiple balls. The defense allowed 20 points but did a decent job against the pass, giving up just 237 yards in the air.

The eye test, however, tells a completely different story. Kemp's arm strength stands out specifically as a serious issue the offense needs to address. Kemp rarely threw a pass over 10 yards deep, his longest completion of the day going for just 19 yards. Offensive coordinator Dave Nichol didn't once try to test Towson's corners deep, even though they should have been overmatched by ECU's athletic wide-receivers.

Instead, Kemp threw screen pass after screen pass. One would think the Pirates would have experimented against arguably the weakest opponent they'll face all season, but throughout the night it seemed that Nichol didn't have confidence his quarterback could complete passes down the field.

While Nichol's conservative approach to offense worked well enough to squeeze out 28 points, Kemp will need to be able to complete deep throws in order to even compete against opponents like Florida and Virginia Tech.

ECU's defense, meanwhile, struggled to get off the field early. In their opening touchdown drive, the Tigers managed to convert three third down attempts, finishing the night with a 7-for-15 mark.

Senior cornerback Josh Hawkins had a dreadful game, getting beat for a touchdown in the first quarter before he was flagged and benched for unsportsmanlike conduct. The penalty gave Towson a fresh set of downs as they entered the red-zone, resulting in a field goal that cut ECU's lead to one.

The Pirates' usually stout rushing defense was decimated by Darius Victor. The junior finished the night with 140 yards on the ground, averaging nearly five yards per carry. ECU allowed 416 yards, an unacceptable total against an FCS team.

The pass-rush managed to record just two sacks against quarterback Connor Frazier, continuing its struggles from last season. The quarterback always seemed one step ahead of the oncoming rush, having plenty of time to go through his reads and make safe decisions.

As is usually the case, there were plenty of bright spots that can't be overlooked when evaluating the team's performance. The offensive line did a phenomenal job, surrendering just one sack and creating holes for the running backs. Zeek Bigger collected 10 tackles, and receiver Quay Johnson had a few nice kick returns to compliment four catches.

Against a team like Towson, however, ECU should have put on a performance that inspired confidence leading into next week's game against Florida.

If the Pirates can't address those legitimate concerns on both sides of the ball, their rematch against the Gators will end in a disappointing blowout.

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MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU head football coach Ruffin McNeill encourages his players with a clap during Saturday's 28-20 victory over Towson on Saturday.

McNeill looks to Florida, reflects on Towson game

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

After East Carolina picked up a victory in its season opener on Saturday, head coach Ruffin McNeill emphasized the need to improve execution as his team prepares for a rematch against the Florida Gators next weekend in 'The Swamp'

“Offensively we managed the ball well,” said McNeill. “No turnovers was big in the first game, but we need to improve on perimeter blocking. We need to start finishing plays on offense. Defensively, we need to execute more consistently and get off the field on third down.”

Overall, McNeill said he was pleased with how his team performed, especially considering the outside noise that always surrounds opening night in Greenville.

“The first game is always exciting, because the team has an opportunity to grow in a live situation,” said McNeill. “This year was the first time we got to see a lot of new faces who are replacing some really special players, and execute well enough to get it done was really good.”

With Towson behind them, the Pirates will face one of their most difficult tests of the season in the Florida Gators. Florida

ended ECU's season in heartbreak last January, besting the Pirates, 28-20, in the Birmingham Bowl.

“They're a very talented football team,” said McNeill. “We will just worry about us and focus on what we do.”

The Gators defense poses plenty of problems for ECU's fledgling offense to navigate. Against Towson, the Pirates managed to move the ball largely thanks to a consistent ground attack from running back Chris Hairston. Florida's defensive scheme is largely based around stopping the run.

“They want to control the run with four down guys,” said McNeill. “They'll defend you in passing lanes, so we're going to have to do a great job executing. We know it's going to be a tough game.”

McNeill also praised the Gator's depth offensively. The sixth-year coach highlighted both his opponents passing and rushing attacks, again stressing that execution from his defense would be critical to having success.

“Treon Harris is an athletic sophomore quarterback, Will Grier is a freshman with a great arm,” said McNeill. “Kevin Taylor is shifty with great speed

at running back. They're going to try to pound it and ground it.”

Asked about the pressure of going to an SEC school with a crowd of over 90,000 fans, McNeill said he wasn't worried about his team getting caught up in the moment. The Pirates have experience playing games like this, battling South Carolina on the road last season. According to McNeill, the Pirates are used to high energy crowds.

“The best environment is right here in Greenville,” McNeill said with a smirk. “Pirate Nation has so much energy. It's a powerful energy and I'm always impressed by impact our fans have on the game.”

After stressing execution throughout his press conference, McNeill said he feels confident his team will improve over the course of the week.

“We are going to make sure we improve in every aspect,” McNeill said. “The biggest improvement always comes from game one to game two. It's always been that way, it's just how it happens. Let's make sure we do that.”

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MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

- 1) ECU junior wide receiver DaQuan Barnes fights for extra yardage after a catch Saturday night.
- 2) The Pirates' student section, The Boneyard, appreciates an early score.
- 3) Junior quarterback Blake Kemp prepares for a pass as senior Chris Hairston awaits the play.
- 4) Sophomore outside linebacker Pat Green breaks up a pass by Towson senior Connor Frazier.



TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

The Pirates (1-0) defeated the Towson Tigers, 28-20, on Saturday to start the season.

SOCCER

ECU (2-1-3) split the weekend with a victory over UNCG and a loss to James Madison.

VOLLEYBALL

ECU (4-1) beat Hampton and Presbyterian during the Boone Invitational over the weekend.

CROSS COUNTRY

The men's and women's teams finished fourth and seventh in the Covered Bridge Invitational Friday.

GOLF

The Pirates will compete in the Rod Myers Invitational this weekend.

PANTHERS

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Well-traveled senior finds home as Pirate

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TEC STAFF

When most East Carolina students leave for college, it's the first time they've been away from home; but men's tennis player Tendai Tapfuma has been away from home for most of his life.

Tapfuma hails from Kwekwe, Zimbabwe, in Africa. When he was young, Tapfuma and his parents decided that if he was going to have a chance to play tennis at higher levels Zimbabwe was not the place for him.

"I moved away from Zimbabwe when I was 12," said Tapfuma. "I went to stay in South Africa for five years in an academy. I was living without my parents for almost a whole year, then I'd go see them for Christmas, then go back to South Africa for this academy."

The academy allowed Tapfuma to travel all over the world. He's spanned three different continents during his travels, from Africa to Europe and now America. The travels have both encultured him and allowed him to improve his game. The drawback, however, has been the distance that separates him from his family.

"Everything is different. It's almost like you don't know your parents that well,"

said Tapfuma. "You feel at home, but it's so hard because just being away from your parents at an early age. But that's the thing you have to do if you want to go further [in your athletics career]."

Tapfuma said it was tough on his parents when he was younger, but it was necessary. South Africa's tennis was better than what Zimbabwe could offer, so the decision had to be made.

"South Africa had the better facilities for me to be able to develop my tennis game, so I had to make that transition, and I think it was a good idea," said Tapfuma.

His decision to leave was mostly based on tennis, but his parents are glad to see their son getting a better education, using tennis as a vessel for advanced schooling.

"For them it's school first, then tennis second," said Tapfuma. "They're like, 'if you get hurt in tennis, and you don't have a degree or some sort of education, then it's going to be bad for you in life.'"

The increased academic challenges in America has created a balancing act of sorts for Tapfuma because he's playing tennis more than he ever did at the academy, but Tapfuma will graduate this year.



Senior Tendai Tapfuma practices his swing at the ECU Tennis Complex behind Minges Coliseum. KAI JONES | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Tapfuma has had a few stops in his tennis career. He went from the academy in South Africa to Seminole State College to now being a senior at ECU. He struggled to stay consistent last year, but he pointed out the competition level is much different.

The tennis team will need Tapfuma to step his game up this year, though. The team welcomes in five freshmen, and Tapfuma is

one of two seniors left for the team.

"My main goal is to win more matches than I did last year," said Tapfuma. "Practice makes perfect, so the more I practice and get better at my game, I'm going to win more matches. That's my main goal, to win more matches and be a leader for the guys that are coming in."

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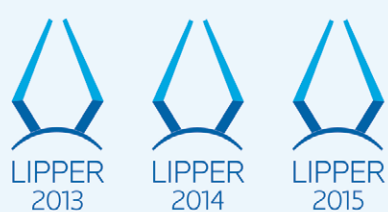
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Former Pirate joins PGA Tour

Craig Moyer
TEC STAFF

Former Pirate golfer Harold Varner III has begun a new journey in his career as a recently added member of the PGA Tour.

Varner, a 2012 East Carolina graduate, has been a member of the Web.com Tour, which is one step below the PGA Tour, since graduating.

Each year the top-25 on the Web.com Tour's money list earn their PGA Tour cards and spots on the tour.

Varner entered the Portland Open in 25th on the money list and shot 70 in the final round to finish T-47, good enough to narrowly hold on to his top 25 spot.

The 26-year-old from Gastonia, North Carolina, said he is looking forward to playing the sport he loves as well as entertaining fans.

"I like playing golf, so I'm just looking forward to playing golf in front of people. It's really fun to me," Varner said.

Press McPhaul, Varner's coach during his time at ECU, said his favorite element of Varner's game was that he is always trying to improve.

"Harold was a guy that would just strive to do his best, he always wanted to get better and he would be wanting to get better even after he hit a high or even after he set a personal best," McPhaul said.



Harold Varner III addresses the crowd at ECU football's game in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Saturday.

Varner had a very accomplished four years at ECU from 2008-2012, filled with wins, awards and record-breaking performances.

In 2012, Varner was the first player in school history to be named Conference USA Golfer-of-the-Year. He holds the record for lowest career scoring average with a 72.28, was the first player in school history to shoot a 65 for a round two times and he also recorded 18 top-10 finishes

as well as 30 top-20 finishes.

Varner had a successful career at ECU, but he knows that he still has some improving to do. He said he is looking forward to competing with the best golfers in the world and knows he must be the best golfer he can be in order to do well.

"I don't know how many events I'll get into. I've got to get a little better. You don't want to go out there and just be average," Varner said.

McPhaul said he thinks Varner will be very accomplished on the tour once he perfects every part of his game.

"He will be the first one to tell you that he has to keep getting better, but I think he's a guy that can stick out there and have a long, successful career," McPhaul said.

Varner will have one of the longest drives on the PGA Tour with an average of more than 315 yards, but he often runs into trouble with his short game. Varner said he needs to become a better putter and knows that if he does so, he will cut several strokes off of his scores.

Varner said he does not know exactly why his drive is so long, but that he just hits the ball where he is looking and compared it to a basketball shot. He knows that his long drive is a huge advantage because PGA Tour courses are long yardage wise.

Varner is excited to be a member on the PGA Tour and said he has one big goal to accomplish in his first year.

"In my first year I want to get into as many tournaments as possible and retain my card," Varner said.

Varner also said his smaller goal is to play as well as he can and he knows that if he plays his best, he will be giving himself a chance to win.

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Volleyball earns two wins over weekend

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

The Pirate volleyball team traveled to Davidson this past Labor Day weekend to participate in the Davidson Tournament where they faced opponents of Presbyterian College, Hampton University, and Davidson College and won two games along the way.

The Pirates (4-1) had a close first match of the tournament against the Presbyterian Scotsman. The Pirates pulled away and win the match after playing five sets at 3-2. They won the first two sets with ease winning both those sets 25-10 and 25-13 respectfully. The next two sets were very close with the Scotsman winning both sets by a slim margin of 25-23.

ECU won the tiebreaker set with more comfort, winning 15-6. Sophomore middle blocker Natalie Monti and junior middle hitter

Ashley McRae both put up career-highs in kills to help the Pirates to victory.

The second match of the tournament was less competitive for the Pirates, as they swept Hampton in three-straight sets. ECU cruised through the first set, winning 25-7. After breaking a 7-7 tie in the second set the Pirates pulled away to win 25-15.

The third set was the closest, with a small gap, but the Pirates were able pull away 25-21. The Pirates defense help carry them through to victory and defensive specialist Erika Figueroa and Alex Jessett both combined to tally 23 digs.

The third match of the tournament is where the Pirates picked up their first defeat of the season to the Davidson Wildcats. The Pirates lost their first two sets 25-22 and 25-17 respectfully, but rallied back the next

two sets to tie the match, winning both 25-19 and 25-21 respectfully. Ultimately the Pirates dropped the tie breaker and fell 15-13.

"We were really neck and neck," said head coach Julie Torbett. "We started off slow and dropped the first two sets. We weren't able to serve and pass well, once we were able to get Ashley [McRae] and Kierra [Lee-Dunson] in the offense they couldn't stop us."

Ashley McRae and Kierra Lee-Dunson both had standout performances in the tournament and were both named to the all-tournament team. McRae tallied 41 kills combined in the whole tournament to lead the Pirates offensively. Lee-Dunson, who is a senior middle hitter, put up an accumulated 79 assists throughout the whole tournament.

"They wanted the ball," said Torbett.

"If we got the ball to them more the results would have been different."

Torbett expressed a desire for her team to learn from this loss and looks to change things as the Pirates come home for their first home of the season.

"We weren't able to execute our game plan," said Torbett. "We definitely need to start games better, and try to get out on top early on and play our game. We definitely want to be on it from the first serve."

The Pirates record now sits at 4-1. They host the East Carolina Invitational this weekend and play their first home game of the season.

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that we need."

The defense struggled at times during the game to stop the Towson attack, showing that their personnel is still adjusting.

Towson was very successful on the ground, running for a combined 203 yards. The Tigers running back Darius Victor recorded 137 yards and was very consistent in converting on third downs.

Quarterback Connor Frazier passed for 221 yards and two touchdowns, while also rushing for 43 yards. He also threw a meaningless interception on a hail mary as time expired in the second quarter.

Domonique Lennon was the starting free safety last season and was expected to maintain that role this season. Lennon was then beaten out in practice by sophomore Travon Simmons, making for an unexpected change in the secondary.

Another change in the secondary came when returning starting cornerback Josh Hawkins got benched. Hawkins surrendered a touchdown in the first quarter, losing sight

of a Towson receiver and was then flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct after striking a Towson player in the head.

"You saw that one (Hawkins) did not play again and he won't play again until I feel like he is ready to play again," McNeill explained. "It might be next week it might be three weeks, it might be next year... We're going to do it the way I say to do it"

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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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