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COLUMN

Pirates show resiliency in loss to Florida



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On the surface, it's easy to chalk up East Carolina's seven-point loss to Florida on Saturday to the Pirates' inability of overcoming the athleticism of a Southeastern Conference team.

The 31-24 outcome displayed a striking resemblance to the Gators' narrow victory over the Pirates in January's Birmingham Bowl. Once again, ECU fought hard but not hard enough, thus suffering its seventh-straight loss versus an SEC opponent.

The Pirates certainly had their share of problems throughout the contest.

Their rushing attack was nonexistent – senior Chris Hairston, fresh off a four-touchdown performance – recorded a paltry 15 yards from 17 carries. ECU's penalty woes from last season resurfaced again, with nine flags for 65 yards. The Pirate secondary allowed Gator quarterbacks Will Grier and Treon Harris to record 8.9 and 6.8 yards-per-attempt, respectively.

And then there were two decisive mistakes by ECU quarterback Blake Kemp – a third quarter pick-six, and a comeback-killing fumble with the Pirates 13 yards from what could have been a game-winning score.

But if you look at the bigger picture of Saturday's matchup, it's hard to not be impressed with what the Pirates, a 20-point underdog, brought to "The Swamp."

With less than seven minutes to play and trailing, 31-17, Kemp demonstrated grit and resiliency as he led the Pirates' offense down the field en route to a Bryce Williams score. ECU's defense displayed more willpower than it did in all of last week's win over Towson, forcing a crucial three-and-out and giving Kemp a chance to be a hero in his first FBS start on the road in front of 88,034 roaring fans.

"Our group, our staff, our players, a lot

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Cars travel down Dickinson Avenue at the intersection with Ficklen Street. The area is set for a \$32 million project after city council approval.

City approves upgrade Dickinson set for \$32 million development project

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The Greenville City Council recently approved a \$32 million shopping center and apartment complex development project at the corner of Dickinson Avenue and Reade Circle in a unanimous vote.

Sidewalk Development, a real estate development company based out of Baltimore, Maryland, will fund the construction of the new housing on Dickinson Avenue. Sidewalk plans to construct two buildings, one 40-unit apartment complex, and the other unit housing 60 apartments for students. The new housing development will hold student and market rate housing, which will be geared towards college students and young professionals.

The market rate housing will offer one and two bedroom homes, however the bedroom amount of the student housing has not been finalized yet. Market rate housing will include a roof-top pool, and will include separate amenities from the student housing.

"The opportunity of jobs here is scarce in Greenville, with the market housing it is better for them to walk to work and have housing that is affordable," said Council Member Kandie Smith.

Along with the housing development, the complex will also contain 20,000 square feet of space within the area to include a restaurant, retail and office space; giving homeowners the luxury to shop, eat and work within walking distance of their homes.

"This was a collaborative effort with the City of Greenville. Sidewalk Development has been talking about this over the last few years about changing Greenville," said Jim Blount, local representative for Sidewalk Development.

Representatives of Sidewalk said at the City Council Meeting that the construction of these complexes would "keep Dickinson funky," and bring the Avenue alive. The representatives also said the Dickinson Avenue Road Corridor would create taxable land on public property that doesn't make any money.

These statements were just some of the many pros stated about the construction of the new complexes. However, Smith did mention that there will be some cons. Many employees that work on Dickinson Avenue will have to move to a different parking lot and work around the detours of the construction.

"When you look at the pros and cons [of the project], the pros will outweigh the cons," said Smith.

Although the land for the complexes has been approved by the city council, the construction of the homes will not start right away. Smith said they have to wait until the environment studies go through and other numerous amounts of testing.

"I am excited, it is in my district and it is continuing to grow in an exciting area," said Smith. "I am looking forward to it."

The city of Greenville and Sidewalk Development have not come up with a name for the complexes yet.

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GPD adopts new 'good ticket' program

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With many pedestrians and bicyclists getting injured in accidents each year in North Carolina, the Greenville Police Department has recently started a "good tickets" campaign to encourage pedestrians to follow crosswalk laws.

When an officer sees a driver or pedestrian following crosswalk laws, they receive a 'good ticket.' Each ticket includes a coupon for a free item from The Scullery or Sup Dogs, two businesses supporting the campaign located in Uptown Greenville.

Sgt. Joe Friday of the Greenville Police Department said traffic enforcement is one of the primary ways a police department can reduce crime overall. According to Friday, the GPD conceived the campaign as a way to encourage pedestrians and drivers to follow the law at crosswalks.

"Everyone remembers the bad feeling of getting a ticket, but this campaign puts a positive spin on something that can be negative. It gives us at GPD a chance to look at the same problem from a different perspective and to try a different approach," said Friday. "We hope the students and the community benefit by living in a safer community."

GPD's main goal is to gain compliance to traffic laws and make the roads safer for everyone. As officers give out the tickets,



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Greenville Police Officer Saunders gives a 'good ticket' to Melanie Schneider, a senior at ECU.

the traffic slows down which also makes the roads safer.

Greenville Police Department Sgt. Michael Montanye and Lt. Richard Tyn-dall developed the idea in a brainstorming session.

"We've taken this as an opportunity to change that encounter or that relationship between the motorists or pedestrian and the police officer," said Sgt. Montanye in an interview with WNCT. "To say, 'Hey, you've been caught but you've been

caught for doing something good this time."

Friday said the campaign has been a resounding success since it was launched in August.

"Traffic enforcement has such a traditionally negative connotation with people sometimes — nobody wants to get a ticket, ever," said Friday.

The campaign serves to reinforce positive relationships between the community and GPD and to encourage positive civil behavior.

"Campaigns like this one also allow us to interact with people in a positive, friendly way and so people know our officers take the job seriously, but we are also understanding, and we're passionate about having a great relationship with the community we serve," said Friday.

This campaign will last for six months and Greenville police officers have given out around 100 good tickets already. The GPD's goal is to strengthen community relationships and help raise the awareness of crime.

"In the future, I believe we will maybe vary it up a bit so that we can highlight other aspects which are positive, such as having designated drivers, using crosswalks, or other aspects of traffic safety," said Friday. "Anything's possible, and our officers have some pretty cool ideas."

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BRIEFS

ECU eclipses record in donations

East Carolina University has raised a university record-breaking total of \$39 million in donation commitments during the 2014-15 year. These commitments will benefit scholarships, faculty resources, programs, research, facilities, health care, athletics and more.

The commitments are from various corporations and more than 8,500 individual alumni, parents and friends. Notably, a multi-million dollar pledge was given by J. Fielding Miller and Kim Grace Miller for a new School of Entrepreneurship. James and Connie Maynard also renewed a \$1 million pledge for scholarships in the College of Education.

The Golden LEAF foundation gave \$1.1 million to form a Biopharmaceutical Workforce and a Development and Manufacturing Center of Excellence.

The overall contributions include ongoing support from the Brody family through the Brody Foundation, and the Harold H. Bate Foundation of New Bern.

East Carolina University breaks enrollment record

A recent census has confirmed that East Carolina University's total enrollment has reached a historic high point at 28,289 total students.

Undergraduate enrollment is also at its record high at 23,039 students. The total represents a 3.54 percent increase from last year's enrollment.

The new freshman who enrolled into ECU this fall came with an average SAT score of 1,061 and a weighted high school grade point average of 3.76.

Female victim of on-campus attempted robbery

On Monday morning at approximately 1:55 a.m., a female was approached by a hispanic male near the on-campus Student Recreation Center.

The suspect reportedly forcefully grabbed her purse, before dropping it shortly after. The suspect was last seen fleeing in the direction of the McDonald's on East 10th Street.

The suspect was described as being in his mid-20's with short hair wearing a white T-shirt. No injuries resulted from the altercation, and no weapons were reported.

Suicide Prevention Week raises student awareness

Alina Olson
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University participated with the rest of the country in Suicide Prevention Week, which took place Sept. 9 through Sept. 12.

The week kicked off on Wednesday with a table outside of Dowdy Student Stores informing students about Suicide Prevention Week and advertising the resources that are on campus to prevent it.

"We have a huge network of support here and some students are unaware of that. We want to let people know there are ways to get help," said Lauren Thorn, licensed clinical social worker and outreach coordinator for the Counseling Center. "It's healthy for students to start the conversation about suicide and have open talks with their friends and loved ones."

A tattoo artist was set up at the table giving henna tattoos of semicolons as part of the Project Semicolon movement.

Project Semicolon is a program dedicated to presenting hope and love to those who are struggling with depression, suicide, and self-injury. The semicolon is a symbol representing a sentence the author could've ended, but chose not to.

"To Write Love on Her Arms" is another non-profit organization that aims to present hope and find help for people suffering from depression, self-injury, addiction or suicide. TWLOHA has an ECU chapter that worked to



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Depression affects 20 to 25 percent of adults age 18 or older in America every year.

raise awareness during suicide prevention week as well.

The events aimed to not only make student more aware of a national issue, but to spread awareness of local resources. ECU has several resources on campus for anyone who may be struggling with depression, self-harm and suicidal thoughts.

The counseling center, located at the bottom floor of Umstead Hall, is open Monday through Friday. ECU Cares is an organization within the Dean of Students Office that serves as a liaison to assist in individual or group crisis. Students also can visit

the Student Health Center to get more information about the medical steps that may need to be taken.

"Don't be afraid to get help, whether it be for yourself or a friend," said Thorn. "We want to make sure our campus supports one another and that everyone knows they have somewhere to turn. Know the warning signs and know it's okay to reach out to a friend or loved one if you think they're in danger. It's better to reach out than assume everything is fine."

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Brody doctor receives virus grant

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TEC STAFF

Researchers at East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine have the chance to look closer at human-virus interactions after receiving a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Rachel Roper, an associate professor of microbiology and immunology at the Brody School of Medicine, is leading a team of researchers to investigate the intracellular war that goes on between viruses and the human immune system.

Roper explained that she studies how viruses make people sick, what genes are involved in making people sick and how viruses control the immune response. She has previously researched how the A35R gene turns off the immune responses, but they were awarded this grant in order to specifically look inside the cell while it is infected with the virus. Roper hopes through her research to figure out how this virus gets into the immune system and eventually find ways to stop the infections.

"If you can figure out how to block it, you can stop the virus infection," said Roper.

Roper explained that research is very progressive. She will begin to study one thing, which then leads to another. She said that she has done a lot of work on viruses that cause things like smallpox and chickenpox and the immune system's response to them. She also explained that there are several genes that have never even been characterized.

"That makes me wonder, what does this do? Why doesn't anyone know what these genes do? And which ones can infect the immune response," said Roper.

The National Institutes of Health sponsor university research. Roper said her team turned in an over 100-page grant proposal which was part of a lengthy process including financial budgets and planning.

According to Roper, eventually only about 10 percent of proposals actually get awarded the grant. After they sent in the grant proposal, the NIH goes through a peer review process with several scientists who look at each proposal and rank them. This team from Brody got an appropriate ranking to receive the 5-year grant that totals to nearly \$2.5 million.

This project focuses on the relationship between genes that are critical for protection against most viruses. As the Principal Investigator on the NIH grant, Roper said basically there is a competition between a virus and the immune system as to which can amplify itself fast enough to beat the other. If the virus wins, the human dies. If the immune system wins, the virus is usually eliminated from the body.

Roper's research team consists of people who work in her lab as well as students of hers who have graduated. Anastasia Weeks, Gwendolyn Jones and Allen Scurlock make up Roper's team of scientists according to her team's website.

Roper's lab has published several manuscripts showing that the A35 gene blocks immune responses. Roper is the senior author of these publications, which means that she conceives and supervises all of the work.

Balancing teaching, researching and contributing to these publications is tricky, said Roper. She explained that professors at Brody have to do three things: research, serve and teach. Generally, the professors are given a percentage of what is expected in their department. For example, people who are better with research get more research time and less teaching.

Roper said the research is crucial to the university because the work brings a lot of money and prestige to a university.

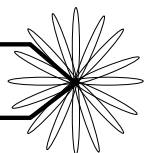
"We want our students being taught by people actually at the forefront of their field which is within their research," said Roper. "If we can give our students the best education, they need to be taught by professors doing active research."

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Dr. Rachel Roper

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PIRATE RANTS

Worked at a computer repair shop over the summer. I got to meet a lot of different people, ranging from the friendly ones to creeps that look you in the eye and tells you how much they love porn. Here at ECU... Well, at least the later isn't common.

When I leave ECU, I feel like most my peers will remember me as the nosy guy that is trying to learn the material in classes my friends are taking more so than the material in my own classes. I still make good grades so don't judge. Lol

Hillary Clinton untrustworthy? You are just realizing that now? Welcome to politics. These manipulative control freaks don't give a damn about you. It doesn't matter what party they belong to. All they care about is your vote. Welcome to the art of persuasion. That thing that politicians, salesmen, magicians, hypotists, emtc... use everyday to achieve their own goals.

SAB has been falling off ever since they stopped doing big booty bingo.

As a teacher at ECU I wonder how they'd feel not knowing if they're going to have a job next year. Or while you're teaching abroad, you get an email from the head of your department telling you that you don't have a job next year. I'd give all of my students A's.

5 months on Tinder & nary a soul have I seen.

You are making fun of me for being single? You know, that is funny considering this country has one of the highest, if not the highest, divorce rates in the world. I'm fine with being single. I am free to take on more risk at the moment.

To the individual who made the statement about binary data across a network, you need to research network packet structure and go from there.

Ladies, there is a difference in short shorts and shorts that can be labeled as "cheeky jean panties"

"Substance abuse is a thing people. Take control of your life, or alcohol will. You decide."

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Poll question

Do you like the new withdrawal policy?

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Our view

Withdrawal policy requires discipline

The new add/drop policy at ECU allows students to drop up to 16 credit hours while at the university. In the past, students could only drop 4 classes, which forced students to struggle through classes and damage their GPA.

Many see the new system as an improvement because the five day course adjustment period is often too short for students to get a true feel for the course. More often than not, students found themselves trapped in a class they could not handle because syllabus week is not a true gauge of what is to come. The ability to withdraw from more classes they cannot handle gives students more of an opportunity to succeed.

Most students only take advantage of the withdraw option if they are failing the course or do not need it for their major. Some have emergency situations and must withdraw from classes. With this new system, a student could drop an entire semester without harm.

However, we as an editorial staff believe the new freedom

comes with drawbacks that may be more damaging than students realize. If students are not careful, dropping too many classes could easily put students far behind and force them to remain a student at ECU for more years than they intended.

Even though withdrawing from a class can be a GPA-saver, what students often forget is that the university is still keeping the money. The more classes that are dropped, the more money ECU gets from students who aren't using the benefits they paid for. Dropping 16 credit hours will not only set students back on graduation, but it will set them back a few thousands dollars as well.

The new system, like any system, comes with positives and negatives. If it is not used correctly it will merely result in ECU profiting from students' mistakes. Take advantage of your withdrawals as needed, but do not abuse them; proceed with caution.

Late-night needs Colbert



Joseph Perez
TEC COLUMNIST

One of the personalities that television greatly missed over the summer months was that of Stephen Colbert. I am not speaking of the narcissistic far-right pundit he played during his 10-season run on "The Colbert Report," but rather, the man himself.

Throughout his television career, Colbert has proven himself to be a light-hearted and down-to-earth host who genuinely cares about the country he entertains.

Though in the past his character on air has been that of a man obsessed with himself, he has used his dominating personality on many occasions to get information out about the people, charities and causes he cares for.

Colbert gets in your face, just like Oprah or Bono, when raising money for charities. Colbert sneakily uses his satirical dramatics and inherent ability to make people laugh to cover up his giving nature.

In the past he has raised dramatic amounts of money to help such causes as The Wounded Warrior Project and Amnesty International—a trend he will no doubt continue with his new show.

It is not only his charitable giving that make Colbert a refreshing change to television. He uses his show to promote awareness of important social issues that others in the field of comedy are afraid to promote. A lot of times comedians are not focused on your awareness of



Stephen Colbert eats Oreos and mocks Donald Trump during "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

social issues, unless it is important to their punch line. This is not so in Colbert's case.

More and more these days, straight news with no chaser can be harder and harder to swallow. Colbert is able to give people updates on national news, without the gritty desperate feeling that can accompany it, like it does far too often.

By making it onto a network channel, he has reached a level of success that was probably hard for him to imagine. He has also made himself available to more people. Network television has struggled in recent years to keep the viewership of young people, especially during a time when streaming media is quickly becoming the dominant force.

Many people are starting to lose interest in getting their news the old fashioned way. By adding a personality like Colbert's, who can appeal to younger audiences as well as older, CBS has made moves to keep people watching network television for more than football.

Americans need a person like Colbert: a person who is not afraid to address serious issues under the guise of humor. Colbert proves that sometimes the best way to get a point across to your audience is with a laugh.

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U.S. must take Syrian refugees



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Happening at this very moment is the largest mass-exodus since World War II. Hundreds of thousands of refugees are leaving Syria for safety in Europe. Some are predicting that millions more will try to move to Europe over the coming years. Their motive is simple: get to Europe, or die.

The war in Syria started nearly 5 years ago, and in that time 9 million people have left their homes. Of those 9 million displaced civilians, about 6 million are still in Syria and about 3 million went to Syria's directly neighboring countries such as Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon, and Iraq. The remaining refugees, under 150,000, are the luckier ones who've made it to Europe.

Some of these migrants, like our Central American neighbors to the south, are in extremely desperate conditions. It is a humanitarian necessity to care for these individuals.

While we live a life of safety and luxury, Syrians are listening to distant gunfire and wondering if their home will become the frontline of the civil war overnight. These refugees have been ignored and rejected for the past five years, the least that the United States owes them is acceptance if they make the only slightly-less dangerous choice to move.

Previously, many European countries weren't exactly welcoming the migrants. For example, the French government reduced the amount of rescue ships in the Mediterranean Sea as more migrants tried to reach France by water. Actions like this made the journey

more dangerous, thus killing refugees.

Images of suffering refugees spread across the internet and sparked outrage for the inhumanity of European countries. Not long after the disturbing images traversed the internet, the president of the European Commission called for all nations to take-in these suffering refugees.

The president compared the situation of the Syrian refugees to the millions displaced during World War II. In response, the Vice Chancellor of Germany stated that they "can cope with at least 500,000 asylum seekers a year for several years."

Germany's welcome has made it the most popular destination for Syria's refugees. Because the refugees face little backlash, they are able to assimilate into German society. Syria's are waving the German flag and loving their adopting country.

We should learn from Germany's welcoming message. Instead of deporting immigrants back to a dangerous and desperate life, we should welcome them with open arms.

The most patriotic Americans are people who have recently immigrated here. They come here with ideas, aspirations, and a great work-ethic. They still believe in the American Dream. They still see America as the Promise Land. After all, what is the point of the Statue of Liberty if we never accept these "huddled masses"?

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Fashion Week brings back old trends



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Rebecca Minkoff (left) and Alexander Wang (right) debuted their looks for spring 2016 in New York City.

Ashley Federici
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Over the past few days, styles and trends for spring 2016 have been gracing the runways of New York Fashion Week.

Three main styles dominated the runways: 90's grunge, bohemian and matching separates. These styles are not new to the industry, but this season the designers added new twists on the reoccurring trends.

Alexander Wang's spring 2016 line showcased a 90's grunge line, containing overly cropped tops, pinstripe bottoms, mesh tops and army jackets. Nicole Phelps for Vogue online said, "Wang intuitively gets what the downtown cool girl wants to wear."

The crop top trend is commonly seen in downtown Greenville on the weekends, but ECU students may not be ready for the full mesh tops that Wang's line displayed.

"I don't think [the mesh top] will really be accepted here because Greenville is more conservative since we're in a southern state, compared to up north where it'd be more acceptable," said Olivia Gracey, ECU senior communications major.

Pin stripe pants were seen in various lines on the runway but Wang chose to pair his pin stripe bottoms with contrasting striped tops as well as other bold patterned tops.

Gracey said she thinks the trick to pulling off the pin stripe bottoms is what you pair it with on top.

"I usually wear black or white pinstripes and pair it with a black or white crop top or a solid top rather than mix and matching with another pattern," said Gracey.

Rebecca Minkoff's spring line was far from grunge, displaying a light spring twist on the fall bohemian styles.

Kristin Anderson for Vogue online said, "One gets the feeling that Rebecca Minkoff's customer might be most familiar with the designer's seasonal muses from, say, a Pinterest board."

This being said, Minkoff's styles might be more easily translated to college campuses. Minkoff incorporated an excessive amount of flare, from bell-bottom pants to bell-sleeved dresses, and used feminine colors such as ivory and cream.

"Flared pants will make more of a statement here [at ECU], rather than pinstripes or something more dominate, because flares are more subtle," said Gracey.

Gladiator sandals have recently been gaining popularity on campus and Minkoff's line shows that the gladiator sandals are here to stay for spring. Minkoff pairs the gladiator sandals with a flowy knee length white dress or mid calf capris and skirts.

Gracey said crop tops are becoming more common in the matching two-piece sets. For Thakoon's spring line the matching sets were taken to the extreme. Thakoon displayed head to toe denim, plaid and white outfits along with rompers or dresses in bold prints.

Gracey said she does not see students pulling off the head to toe denim. "I feel like you have to be a fashionista to pull that off," she said. She suggested a more subtle variation of denim tops on white denim pants.

The trends seen on the runway this week have been bold and unique. For most college students these styles are too daring but many of the trends we eventually see on campus have trickled down from the runway.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'The Perfect Guy' is too predictable to give a thrill



Altavia Lowery
TEC STAFF

"The Perfect Guy," starring Sanna Lathan, Michael Ealy, and Morris Chestnut, disappoints thrill seeking movie viewers with an over-predictable story line.

Leah Vaughn (Lathan) is a lobbyist at the peak of her career who desires to have a long-term and full relationship. However, her desires of getting married and having children do not align with that of her boyfriend Dave (Chestnut). The two eventually call it quits because their goals do not match with one another. What happens next in the movie could not have been more predictable.

Coincidentally, a few months later Leah runs into charming Carter Duncan (Ealy), a savvy-computer whiz working for different companies in the IT industry. Carter conveniently appears everywhere Leah goes and woos her friends and family in the process. Up until this point, Carter was everything a perfect boyfriend could be. However, the plot takes a wild turn when Leah and Carter return from visiting her parents for a weekend.

On the drive home, they stop at a gas station to refuel. Carter noticed a man admiring his car and snapped, completely losing his temper. Leah quickly sees her romantic boyfriend turn into a distant monster who she wants nothing else to do with. If only it were that easy.

Leah decided to end the relationship which drives Carter literally crazy. Carter transforms into a psychopathic lover and eliminates those close to Leah one by one. When Dave and Leah attempt to rekindle their past relationship, Carter maliciously intervenes, pushing Leah to the limit and leaving her with the only option of fighting back.

Similar to the classic movie "Enough" starring Jennifer Lopez, the storyline appears to escalate quickly. However, the actions of the antagonist are predictable and not as hair-raising as the audience wished they would have been, leaving viewers wanting more action.



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Carter stalks Vaughn after the relationship ends.

Carter's steps are easily calculated throughout the movie due to his early creepy appearance right off the gate. Even when he is being charming, his eyes read crazy. This does not play in his favor too well because all of his actions are too easily predictable, and the illusion of fear is diminished.

There are moments in the movie that led the audience to believe that an unexpected plot twist was looming, but unfortunately the viewers were left disappointed. There are many characters, such as Leah's two friends, who have potential to impact the storyline, but end up being irrelevant all together.

"The Perfect Guy" takes the basic Lifetime movie plot and adds a twist by using heartthrob Ealy to play the good and bad guy. Luckily for this movie, people cannot get enough of the 'good girl falls in love with the devil and fears for her life' storyline that gets overplayed every year.

RATING:



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F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe performs a choreographed dance, which they create themselves.

Modeling troupe builds confidence

Brianna Horton
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F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe has been "pumping" on ECU's campus since spring of 2008, but a lot of people still do not know what a modeling troupe actually is.

A modeling troupe is an organization that combines the runway aspect of fashion as well as a choreographed routines performed on stage.

Kiara Jackson, president of F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe, described the troupe as "dancing in heels for the [feminine] side, but it's more so about empowerment and showcasing skills such as a walk, routine, or dancing for [both] females and males."

F.A.M.E. is an acronym which stand for Fashion Above Modern Expression. Jackson has been a member for almost four years and is most excited about partnering with different organizations this year.

One of F.A.M.E.'s most prominent events is the Annual Date Auction that they put on with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. There are 10-14 members of each organization that are auctioned off to the highest bidder for one date.

Jackson said F.A.M.E. is known for hosting events that help women become more comfortable in their own skin and help make them self-aware.

"There's nothing wrong with the person that you are, and there's no need to change for anybody and just embrace who they are as an individual," said Jackson.

In one of their more recent events titled "Seductive Saturday," members of F.A.M.E. taught attendees a seductive routine to get them more comfortable with the female sexuality.

"The girls who participated learned

a routine and then we had a sit down discussion about what does it mean to be sexy, what does it mean to be an empowered female, not just in a seductive matter but being strong and comfortable with yourself," said Jackson.

The troupe has a crew team full of unpaid members who take care of hair, makeup, props, behind the scenes, wardrobe, wardrobe changes, traveling vehicles, and work as the eyes and ears when prepping for the stage.

"We're not just about getting on stage and looking pretty. It's more about building each member as an individual and getting them that self-confidence; it's not about slapping on makeup and getting on stage," said Jackson.

The modeling troupe does require all female members to perform in four inch heels at the minimum, which makes them unique from a regular dance troupe.

"We've had a couple twisted ankles and sprains but we've never had any mistakes or falls on stage. We emphasize the safety aspect of it" said Jackson.

Jackson said F.A.M.E. has given her a lot more confidence and she hopes that anyone who needs that extra push will attend their events or join for the following year.

"It's a passion more than anything and I've gained some of my best friends from being in F.A.M.E.," she said. "It's more of a sisterhood. I love being on stage, performing in front of a lot of people and I love who I get to be on stage with."

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A few musicians perform at last years music festival. This year's festival will begin Thursday.

The Four Seasons provide opportunity for students

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This evening East Carolina University music students will get to sit in on master classes, have hands-on learning experiences and perform for guests artists from around the world with the beginning of the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival.

Starting with open rehearsals that will kick off the 2015 festival, Four Seasons aims to provide a helpful social experience for collegiate musicians.

"Students having these opportunities to interact with the guest artists, to hear musicians that are playing throughout the world... they can hear them in their own backyard," said Ara Gregorian, creator and founder of the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival. "Having a chance to play side-by-side with these guest artists is something that is really unique to what we do with our students here at ECU."

The Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival has residency at ECU, which provides community members including ECU students from all majors and backgrounds and Greenville residents the chance to see the behind the scenes work these musicians do leading up to a performance.

"You [get to] see the musicians interacting and talking to each other about the music, listening to each other and trying [out] people's ideas; it's a real team effort," said Gregorian. "What's really neat is to be able to watch an open rehearsal and be there for that then come to a concert a few days

later and kind of see what the result is of the work that you saw going on."

Open rehearsals are intended to allow school-age children, collegiate musicians and other students, as well as community members, to see how professional musicians interact with each other in the rehearsal setting. Additionally, it offers participants a sneak peek for what is to come later in the week. The open rehearsals often end with audience members intrigued and returning for the concerts. The students fortunate enough to perform for and with the guest artists have the chance to get their foot in the door and get a little taste of what being a professional performing musician is all about.

"The combination of students or young participants and guests artists actually playing together happens," said Gregorian. "The vitality and the energy that is here is huge. It's a truly remarkable thing that you can only see if you come out."

Encouraging all members of the ECU community to attend the concerts this week, Gregorian said he would love to see people come out and see the 16th annual festival performances.

This week's performances include open rehearsals tonight, master classes tomorrow, and the Season Opening Extravaganza concerts this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Open rehearsals will kick off today at 6 p.m. in the A.J. Fletcher recital hall.

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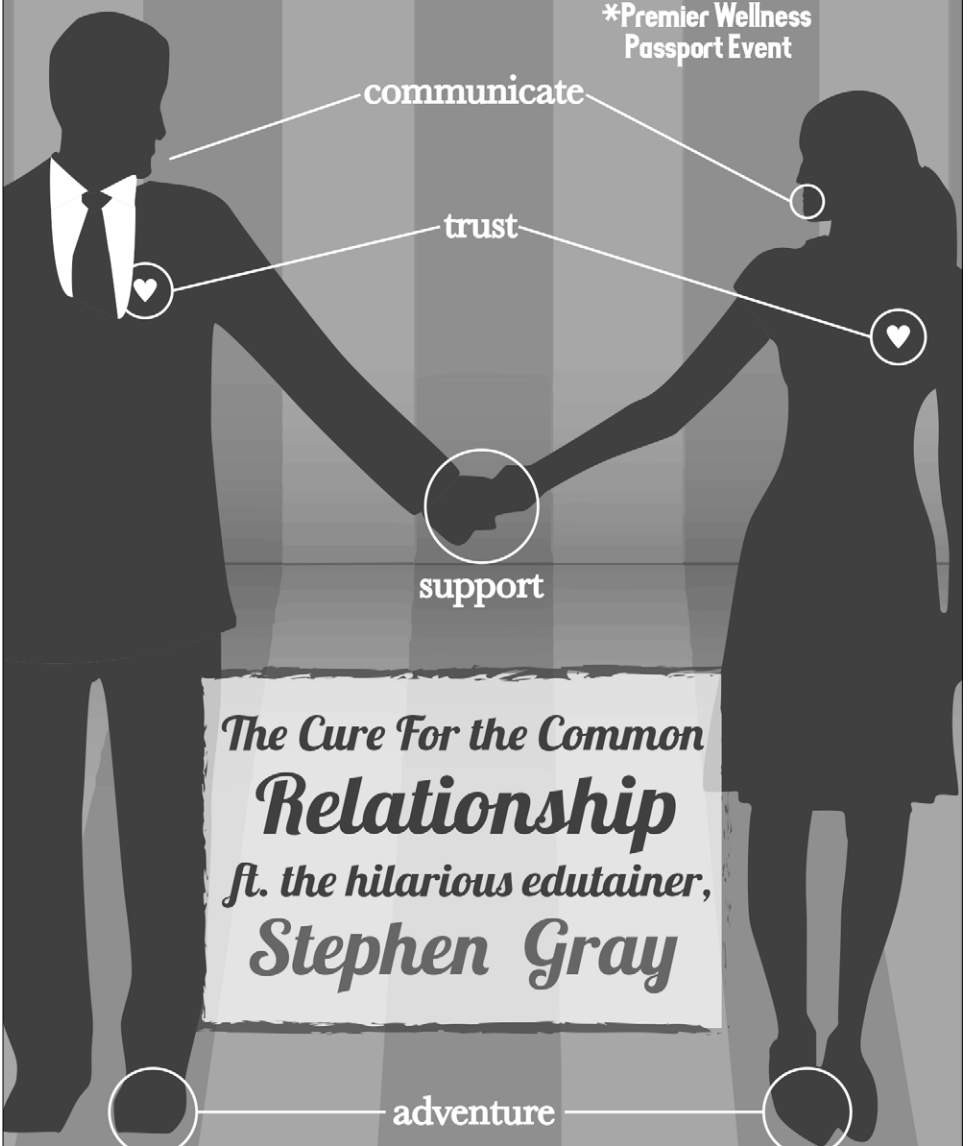
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Senior Pirate running back Chris Hairston attempts to run past Florida's Marcus Maye during Saturday's game.

Pirates swamped by hosting Gators

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina football team experienced déjà vu in its 31-24 loss to the Florida Gators when quarterback Blake Kemp committed a crucial red zone turnover, eliminating the Pirates' chances of a comeback victory.

The two teams faced off earlier this year in the Birmingham Bowl, where ECU's record-breaking quarterback Shane Carden threw a late red zone interception to Florida cornerback Vernon Hargreaves III with the Pirates down 28-20.

Coincidentally, Hargreaves, a potential first-round draft pick, sat out Saturday's contest with a leg injury, giving the Pirates an obvious advantage.

In both games, the teams exchanged shots until the Gators took the momentum in the second half and capped off a surging ECU offense failing to convert in the clutch.

"I think we went out and played exactly like we were supposed to, just like we did last year," said senior inside linebacker Zeek Bigger. "Again, fell short. The game of football is about mistakes and that's sometimes how you [lose] the game."

With the victory, Florida has now defeated the same opponent twice in a calendar year for the first time since 2000.

"Tough one to lose on the road, got to give credit to [Florida head coach Jim McElwain] and his team," head coach Ruffin McNeill said after the loss. "We came across a really great football team in a really hostile environment... I told the team tonight that we have a lot of season left."

Even with a heartbreaking loss and sloppy play from both teams, many positives can be taken from the Pirates' production in the loss.

Junior quarterback Blake Kemp looked confident from the start as he completed all five of his passes for 73 yards, with a 31-yard touchdown pass to Davon Grayson on the game's opening drive. The throw was Kemp's first touchdown as a Pirate.

He threw a pick-six in the third quarter in

addition to the fumble on the closing drive. Kemp finished with 34-of-54 passing for 333 yards, three touchdowns and an interception.

The performance against one of the nation's best programs in front of nearly 90,000 fans hints the Pirate quarterback reins are in good hands for the time being.

"We gained complete confidence. We had confidence in our team and confidence in [Kemp]," leading receiver Isaiah Jones said after the loss. "I'm just really proud of our guys. Tonight we fought hard."

Jones and fellow inside receiver Bryce Williams also shined against a talented Florida defense, combining for 218 yards and two touchdowns on 23 catches.

ECU's defense was the most eye-opening factor in Saturday's loss however, especially after looking subpar against Towson. The Pirates responded to last week's poor performance by forcing two turnovers and holding the Gators to less than 31 percent of their third down conversions.

Florida still managed to rack up 373 yards, including 168 yards on the ground. Starting quarterback and redshirt freshman Will Grier threw for 151 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

Florida receivers Demarcus Robinson and DeAndre Goolsby were the Gators' playmakers, combining for 149 yards and a touchdown each. Robinson was a big play threat with his tackle-breaking elusiveness, while Goolsby used his 6-foot-4 frame to move up field with ease.

Despite the loss, the Pirates are confident that they will bounce back and continue to play well this season.

"We've been in situations like this, winning is hard," Jones said. "I really believe that we can play with anybody."

Bigger had a similar but stronger feeling. "We can play anybody. We don't run from nobody. I don't care who you are; SEC, ACC, put them on [the schedule] we are going to play them."

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McNeill looks past road loss

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

Head coach Ruffin McNeill has already moved on from East Carolina's near upset of Florida over the weekend, his focus shifting to preparing the team for its first conference game against the Navy Midshipmen.

The Pirates were somber after the game Saturday night, however, McNeill said they attacked their practice 24 hours later with as much fervor as ever.

"We're all ready to get back into it," said McNeill. "We had a practice at full speed last night. It was a good one. Tuesday and Wednesday are going to be big [preparation] days for us."

McNeill specifically praised quarterback Blake Kemp for the way he handled the entire experience of playing against the Gators, but didn't rule out giving back-up James Summers a piece of the action next weekend as well.

"Both Blake and James had a great attitude on Saturday," McNeill said. "They were great teammates. Blake is one of those guys I'm glad we have on our team. His attitude is what we want as a Pirate. The way he carries himself off the field, he's team first."

For both Kemp and Summers, McNeill described the Florida game as a "first time" experience, a big game that taught lessons that will come in handy during difficult conference tests.

"That was the first time for a lot of kids. It was Chris Hairston's first time test as a lead dog, at running back. It was [offensive lineman] Quincy McKinney's first time in a hostile situation, having to battle back facing adversity against guys as talented as he is."

For most of the ECU defense, Saturday's game against Navy will be its first time going up against a triple-option offense that has historically had a lot of success against ECU. McNeill's defense was stampeded by the Midshipmen's ground attack in 2012, surrendering 512 yards against the rush alone.

"They're an offense that you have to prepare for," said McNeill. "They're well-coached and well-disciplined. They've got a plethora of fullbacks, all with great size and help establish their offense. We're going to have to have a great week of preparation."

The Pirates, who have been hit hard with injuries this season, lost senior backup linebacker Jeton Beavers for the season due to an ACL injury during the battle against Florida.



ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill speaks at his weekly press conference Monday.

Offensive lineman Dontae Levingston is still listed as questionable due to a left shoulder injury he received against Towson, and sophomore running back Marquez Grayson will be out for four weeks according to McNeill.

True freshman wide-receiver Deondre Farrier, who initially committed to Florida before deciding on ECU, could be cleared to play this weekend. Farrier suffered a knee injury towards the end of preseason camp.

Going into the season, ECU had plenty of depth at quarterback, but just two weeks into the season, the head coach was left scratching his head when he was asked to name the team's third string quarterback. McNeill mentioned true freshman John Jacobs, but said he was just focused on getting the top two guys ready for this weekend's trip to Annapolis.

With one difficult road test behind them, the 2015 Pirates have some experience in hostile environments. Time will tell if that gives them an advantage against a unique Navy team but right now, the Pirates' focus is on game planning and improving in practice before their second road showdown.

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Men's tennis finds weekend success

Golf places fourth at Rod Myers Invitational

Volleyball captures invitational crown

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

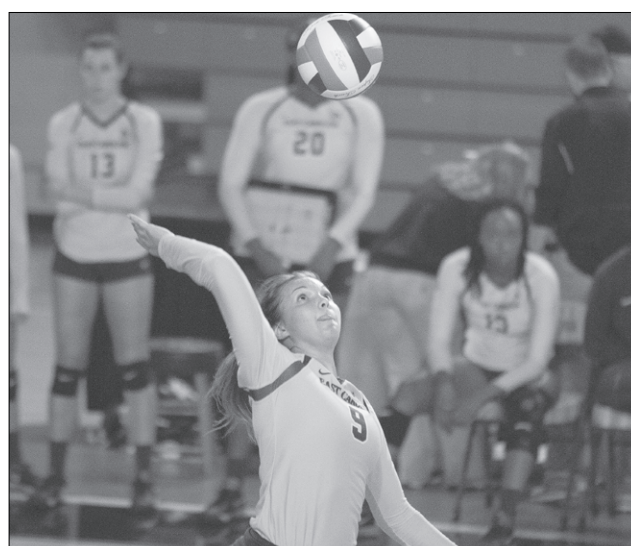
The use of planned timeouts by the Pirate volleyball team proved to be crucial in winning two matches and securing the East Carolina Invitational crown this weekend.

The first game of the invitational saw the Pirates take on a familiar team, the Hampton Pirates. ECU previously beat Hampton 3-0 earlier in the season, but this time around the team used a different lineup to try and change its fortune.

The first set saw East Carolina win 25-17 but Hampton took two time outs during the set to try and change momentum, but was unable to derail the hosting Pirates. After a timeout was taken in the third set of the match, with the score at 19-14, the Pirates pulled away to secure the match win by beating Hampton in the third set, 25-16.

"We we're trying to do what we did last time," said head volleyball coach Julie Torbett. "I feel we're a better ball control team than them."

The second match of the invitational did not go the Pirates' way as they fell to the Western Carolina Catamounts. The Pirates dropped the first two sets against the Catamounts, 25-23 and 25-16, respectively. ECU pushed for a comeback in the third set



Sophomore hitter Ashton Mares strikes a ball over the weekend.

winning 25-20, but it proved too little too late.

The Pirates bounced back against their second opponent of the day, the William and Mary Tribe. The first set was neck

and neck through the whole time. A timeout was taken by East Carolina after being down 20-23 and the Pirates rattled off two straight points. William and Mary took a timeout when the Pirates grabbed the lead to go up 25-24. This timeout proved to be more effective for the Pirates in the end and they ultimately won 27-25.

The second set against the Tribe was not as close. The Tribe took a timeout with the score at 19-14. During the third set, with the Pirates trailing 18-20, a timeout was taken to get things in order. The Pirates came out of the huddle strong to force the Tribe to take a timeout with the score at 22-21. This was ineffective as the Pirates went on to win the match finishing the third set by winning 25-22.

"We just talked about trusting each other and knowing each other," Torbett said. "I thought they did a better job at doing that."

The timeouts came up big for the Pirates during the match to help guide them to victory.

"Really we just want them to get a chance to breath and think during the timeout," said Torbett. "We don't change our game plan too much, it was working, really just drawing them back into focus."

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TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

The Pirates (1-1) were defeated, 31-24, by Florida in Gainesville Saturday.

SOCCER

The Pirates (4-3-1) recorded a 3-2 double-overtime win at Charlotte Sunday.

VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates (6-2) won two of three matches in the East Carolina Invitational Friday and Saturday.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates totaled a 17-9 record in the ECU Fall Shootout tournament Sunday.

MEN'S GOLF

The Pirates finished in fourth place at the Rod Myers Invitational in Durham Sunday.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers (1-0) opened the NFL season with a 20-9 victory at Jacksonville Sunday.

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Soccer sweeps weekend slate

Allison Jobe
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina women's soccer team played in front of a record crowd of 1,287 Friday night as Courtney Cash scored a goal in the 107th minute giving the Pirates a 1-0 victory over Western Carolina.

"We're really happy about that [stadium record] and that means so much to our team and I know it gets them fired up," head coach Rob Donnenwirth said.

Freshman midfielder/forward Cash scored the first goal in her collegiate career, with an assist by junior striker Lana Spitler. Senior goalkeeper Saundra Baron made four saves in her second-straight shutout.

"It was a great goal. Lana worked hard and put in a lot of minutes today, so for her to be able to make that run was a turnover. I'm happy for Courtney as a freshman to be there to finish it off," Donnenwirth said.

The Pirates (4-3-1) started the game off strong, earning a corner kick in the first 70 seconds but a lightning delay ensued. The Pirates and Catamounts (3-3-1) ended regulation 0-0, before going into the first 10-minute overtime.

"Western is a hard team. We knew they were going to be physical- they always are. As a team, we need everybody clicking at the same time and we're still a work in progress, but I'm happy we got the win," Donnenwirth said

With just a little over two minutes left in the second overtime, Spitler ran near the sideline close enough to the Catamounts goal where she passed the ball past the goalie, as Cash finished the shot for the game-winning goal.

"Honestly I was in shock. I'm just thrilled that we got the [win]. It was a good game, my teammates pulled it through," Cash said.

With their two-straight wins, the Pirates took on a road match at Charlotte (4-4) Sunday afternoon for non-conference play and escaped with a 3-2 victory over the hosting 49ers.

"Charlotte is a rival of ours. In the old Conference USA they were our biggest rival, so this is going to be a big game for us," Donnenwirth said.

Redshirt senior Stephanie Seagrave scored a game-winning goal in the 110th-minute with just 53 seconds

remaining in the second overtime.

Juniors Spitler and Jenna Geist notched one goal and one assist apiece. In the first minute of action, the Pirates earned a corner kick in the 49ers' territory. Geist took that aggressiveness further in the sixth minute when she kicked the ball to Spitler who sent a shot inside the far post, giving ECU a 1-0 lead.

Charlotte took over the second half and tied the match 1-1 in the 53rd minute of play. Just five minutes later the 49ers sent another shot into the net, giving them a 2-1 lead.

Spitler sent a pass to Geist in the 79th minute which went into the back of the net, to tie the match, 2-2, giving Geist her first goal of the season.

In the first overtime, the Pirates and 49ers kept the score at 2-2. The second overtime was taken over by ECU as Frey sent a cross into the box that landed at Seagraves, where she kicked a shot into the back of the net, taking over, 3-2.

ECU will return home to host UNC Wilmington (5-3) Thursday, at 7 p.m.

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teams would have folded," said ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill. "We are never going to surrender here. We fought hard and we just ran out of time. We came across a really great football team in a really hostile environment."

The confidence that ECU relished on its opening touchdown-scoring drive and in the fourth quarter will only benefit the group going forward, with matchups at Navy and with Virginia Tech looming on the horizon. And McNeill clearly has faith in his team's abilities - the coach frankly revealed after the game that the offense would have gone for a two-point conversion had it scored a touchdown in the closing minute.

While the Gators' win could be attributed to a higher plane of athleticism, perhaps that doesn't tell the whole story. Florida had missed opportunities; ECU did as well, and the Pirates' missteps proved to be costlier. Still, few expected the Pirates to come out of Gainesville with a victory, and the team was only a few plays away from doing so. ECU validated that it had the tenacity to hang with a Florida squad that is on the rise.

So even in a heartbreaking road loss, the Pirates resembled a team more in line with the strengths of their 2013 and 2014 counterparts than what they showed in their season-opening victory.

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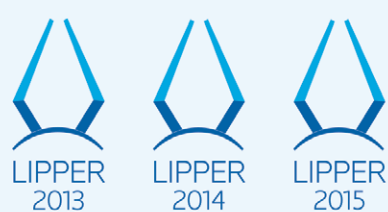
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