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A7 ECU struggles to defend triple option in loss.

ECU running back Chris Hairston (22) gets wrapped up by Navy's Lorentz Barbour (2) on a carry during ECU's 45-21 loss to the Naval Academy Saturday. The loss came in the Pirates' first American Athletic Conference game of the season and Navy's first conference game.

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SGA debates new constitution

Savannah Carter
TEC STAFF

The Student Government Association (SGA) debated a new Student Body constitution last night at a Senate meeting in Mendenhall.

Nicole Cort, SGA's Student Body attorney general, put the constitution together this past summer as part of her role as attorney general.

The new constitution changes the current SGA branch structure by combining all of the

branches, the Legislative Branch, Executive Branch and Judicial Branch, and placing them into a Student Assembly.

"We really wanted consistency behind the SGA branches, so we decided to bridge the gap and combine them," said Cort.

The student assembly, which will be divided under officers and executive directors, will run under the president, Mark Matulewicz, and vice president, Jenny Betz. The officers are the speaker of the

student assembly, attorney general and secretary. Under these officers will be the Rules and Judiciary Committee. The speaker will then appoint the executive directors, which will have committees beneath them. "When creating the new constitution, we wanted to make sure everyone was represented equally," said Cort.

According to Cort, there were multiple gaps and loopholes in the old constitution that didn't allow for proper function-

ing of SGA as a whole.

"Now we can have 60 different assembly members working together on different initiatives," said Cort. "Rather than three different branches on three different objectives and essentially different people not collaborating."

During this debate SGA Secretary Mia Leone was concerned about the amount of members in the proposed new student

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Twelve kilo cocaine bust in Pitt Co.

Kaitlyn Lee
TEC STAFF

Police seized more than \$1 million worth of cocaine from a home in Pitt County last Thursday.

The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, State Bureau of Investigation, Greenville Drug Task Force and the Pitt County Sheriff's Office arrested Daniel Perez, 26, Thursday.



Daniel Perez

"It's something we've been working on for awhile. It took all these agencies working together to complete this mission," said Lt. Russell Davenport, head of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Drug Unit, in an interview with Washington Daily News.

Drug unit investigators arrested Perez during a traffic stop in Beaufort County at approximately 5 p.m. Law enforcement received a warrant to search Perez's residence where they found over 26 pounds of cocaine.

Perez is suspected to be a large cocaine supplier in eastern Carolina, allegedly supplying cocaine to multiple counties from his Arrowhead Drive home in Greenville.

This is the largest amount of cocaine seized in nearly 10 years in Pitt County. Every agency involved spent hours working on this investigation after they came to the realization separately that Perez was trafficking cocaine.

Perez remains in the Beaufort County Detention Center without bond and is charged with multiple counts of trafficking cocaine in Pitt and Beaufort counties.

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Guest speaker kicks off anti-hazing week at ECU

Collyn Sheaffer
TEC STAFF

Gregory Parks was the keynote speaker at a National Hazing Prevention Week event last night at Wright Auditorium.

Parks is an associate professor at Wake Forest University School of Law with parts of his research focusing on social and cognitive psychologies within groups. This type of research has led Parks to study the causes and effects of hazing, a phenomenon he experienced personally during his time in Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

"On the rare occurrence that I am asked to speak about hazing or on boards against hazing, I often ask 'why me? I have been hazed and I hazed others,'" said Dr. Parks.

In the words of his favorite childhood cartoon, G.I. Joe, Parks said his hope was that by the end of his dialogue he could say to students, "Now you know and knowing is half the battle."

According to Parks, forms of hazing can be traced back in history to ancient Greece and Egypt. Hazing would be considered a rite of passage, which are social or physical rituals experienced since birth.

Starting in ancient Greece, Parks said military traditions quickly spread to European college campuses, then all throughout Europe. These actions eventually spread across the Atlantic Ocean and into American college campuses, as well as the United States Military.

Crude pranks like being tarred



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Gregory Parks, associate professor at Wake Forest, speaks at ECU Monday.

and feathered in the middle of a town is an example of this type of old school rituals, according to Parks. He also said the earliest forms of hazing were considered practical jokes that led to injuries and eventually deaths.

Although Parks said the modernization of hazing is believed to promote brotherhood and sisterhood between groups; hazing has become a cultural norm.

Other social phenomena like group conformity are experienced during hazing, Parks said. This is when members of groups do or

believe things simply because other members do and believe these things. Parks said an example of this would be individuals watching others get hazed but not stopping it while assuming that other people will be the ones to intervene.

"Maybe we, as adults, have yet to do enough to bring hazing to an end," said Parks.

Each state has its own legal standing on hazing. Some states have made hazing a felony depending on the severity. Common federal charges related to hazing range from criminal sexual assault to involuntary manslaughter.

After Parks's speech, he held a question and answer session for the audience to engage in.

Keith Tingley, director of Greek Life, led the final session of student's questions. Questions were asked about aiding and abetting during hazing activities. Parks said, again, that each state has its own specific regulations regarding federal charges. Another question was how people should report hazing, on a national and local level. Tingley and Dr. Parks agreed that students can call the 1-800 hotline for hazing prevention or report the situation to the university's office of Greek Life or Students Rights and Responsibilities office.

"I didn't come here to threaten you or scare you," said Parks, "but hopefully I educated you."

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Greenville Chief of Police Mark Holtzman (right) speaks to Chief Sauls.

New police chief to focus on safety

Melissa Glen
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Mark Holtzman, the newly appointed Greenville chief of police, stressed Monday that his two priorities for the department are community and officer safety.



Mark Holtzman

"Officer safety is real important to me, but at the same time, we serve a community," Holtzman said. "It is about finding where those trouble spots are in the community and knowing how we are currently positioning our police department around those issues."

Holtzman's current plan includes the two initiatives: community policing and intelligence

led or "data driven" policing. Community policing centers on building equal partnerships with the citizens. Intelligence led policing relies on the assessment and management of risk within a situation.

Holtzman's hope is that the department will make these two policies a philosophy for the department to be more approachable and supportive for the public, rather than just solely concentrating on programming.

"Reaching out to partners is a strength of mine," Holtzman said. "Building partnerships where they are not there or rebuilding them is what I have built my career around."

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BRIEFS

Anti-Pollution event to be held tomorrow

The Society of Mechanical Engineers in the College of Engineering and Technology is hosting an event tomorrow in the Sci-Tech building for students, faculty and staff to learn about pollution prevention. The event is being held as a 25 year anniversary celebration of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990.

Participants will have the opportunity to watch demonstrations of non-pollution technology, such as solar and wind power. Other events are being planned to celebrate the occasion, and will include other concept presentations and applications.

Demolition begins to make room for 'Hobby Lobby'

Demolition is underway at the Carolina East Centre located on Memorial Drive. The demolition is to make room for the future construction of the chain retail store 'Hobby Lobby' by a Florida based development group.

The development is designed to revitalize the 35-year-old shopping center, and will require the company to build sidewalks to make the area more pedestrian friendly.

ECU to host Male Success Symposium

The Division of Academic and Student Affairs will be sponsoring a half-day symposium on Friday, October 2, concerning the issues related to male academic, social and personal success.

The Male Student Success Symposium is designed to share and analyze the various strategies employed to address gaps in learning, persistence and completion outcomes among college-aged males at East Carolina University.

College of Nursing earns \$2.5 million geriatric grant

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East Carolina University College of Nursing has been awarded a grant to improve geriatric health care in the eastern North Carolina region.

Geriatric health care focuses on aging and diseases of the aged, according to the Farlex Medical Dictionary. North Carolina's geriatric population is the fastest growing demographic of the state's population.

Sonya Hardin, professor and interim associate dean for graduate programs in the College of Nursing, is a principal investigator with the grant and believes the high number of elderly people in our area is due to the aging baby boomer generation.

"We see those baby boomers having more and more health needs," said Hardin. "But we are also doing a really good job across the country at managing chronic illness so that individuals are staying alive longer."

This grant, given to the College of Nursing by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, totals a little over \$2.5 million according to Dr. Hardin and will last until the summer of 2018.

Hardin said the unique factor of this grant is that it allows a six-month planning period. After applying for the grant in March, Hardin's team heard back in mid-July that they did receive the financial assistance. She said during the planning period, the primary focus has been reaching out to stakeholders and partners on the board. Hardin said the team plans to be ready to start with a variety of educational and health care activities in January.



COURTESY OF ECU MEDIA RELATIONS

Sonya Hardin, professor at ECU and nurse practitioner, meets with patient Geraldine McCombs.

During the first year, the focus is going to be on agricultural health care. Hardin explained that agriculturally speaking, farmers typically work very long hours and majority of them are self-employed which makes it difficult to be covered by health insurance providers. Nurses will be going out to the farms and meeting with aging farmers in the area to identify their specific health care needs within the industry.

"For example, in farming you find a lot of osteoarthritis and issues with machine safety," said Hardin. "This can become more of a challenge especially as one ages."

The second year of the grant will focus on the forest industry and the third year will focus on commercial fishermen.

Hardin said her team is going to train nurse practitioner students, physician assistant students and medical students to work together at places like Cypress Glen Retirement Community in Greenville. Also, nursing students and PA students will be working in Ahoskie at the

Roanoke-Chowan health care clinics as well as other areas in the southern part of eastern North Carolina.

Hardin's team of trained health care specialists will have designated areas where they will perform geriatric screenings and other tests assessing things like dementia and mild cognitive impairments. The nurses will take referrals and will schedule individuals to come in so they can perform a series of assessments depending on the needs of that patient.

Another part of this plan is to provide training to primary care providers in all 41 counties of eastern North Carolina.

"For example, in Ahoskie, they felt the need for more education on end-of-life care and planning with older adults," said Hardin.

Part of this grant will specifically focus on dementia and Alzheimer's and how to provide specific care to that population.

Hardin said geriatric patients, at times, need more attention than other patients for a variety of reasons. Some older patients take longer to

think through decisions with their primary care providers. Also, older adults can sometimes be in an examination room with family members and Hardin said it is important to focus on that patient and not look over them.

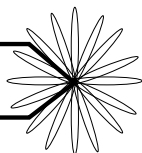
Deborah Reed, professor at University of Kentucky's College of Nursing, is coming to ECU in the spring to help consult Hardin's team. Hardin said Reed focuses on women in farming.

"We are very excited about her consulting because sometimes when you think of a farmer you don't think of a woman, but there are a lot of women farmers in eastern North Carolina," said Hardin. Hardin believes Reed will provide a unique perspective on the type of care that is needed for such a specific population.

Geriatric patients in eastern North Carolina have specific health problems that require different treatment options compared to younger populations.

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ONLINE



ECU Transit adds next bus screens at Christenbury Gym bus stop.

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Not only is Holtzman making officer and community safety a priority, but he is also taking into account that Greenville is a college town. He has already been in contact with East Carolina University's Chief of Police Gerald Lewis Jr. to share his desire to work closely with the campus's force.

"We have a large population of students in our community that are off-campus, so I think we share a real common interest in their safety," Holtzman said. "If we are having a problem off campus,

it is going to spill over on campus; so, we have a real interest in maintaining a close relationship and sharing information."

Chief of Patrol Kenneth Laws also touched on a concern of his for Holtzman. Laws said he wanted Holtzman to be aware that the current way of policing the downtown could benefit from some change.

"I have been here for 17 years, and we have kind of done the same way as far as policing downtown," Laws said. "As far as the night life, maybe he can give us something new."

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student assembly.

"I don't want to come off as negative, it's somewhat hard to get committed students, I'm concerned about filling all 60 spots," said Leone.

Cort believes that with this new transition to one large assembly, SGA will benefit. "When you look at the current 30 senate members, 12 cabinet, five people on judicial, five on exec, that's about 50 people we have already dedicated to SGA," said SGA Chief of Staff Tyler Moore.

During the debate, words such as "community" came up, in which many senators had a different opinion on what "community" meant. This debate was ended when Senator Alex Prunka spoke up, stating that this was a legal document.

"We want to keep the constitution as simple as possible," said Prunka during the meeting.

The by-laws will also be changing before



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Mark Matulewicz, SGA president, speaks to members at an SGA meeting earlier this year.

the swearing in of the new SGA Executive office for the 2016-17 school year.

"This will provide new opportunities for students and allow SGA to move to new perspectives," said Matulewicz. "This is the future of SGA."

Since the two-thirds of the Senate voted affirmative to this constitution, it will be automatically up for vote on October 5,

during the Homecoming King and Queen elections. This will be passed as the new SGA constitution if five percent of the student body votes for this change.

All ECU students are invited to SGA's next Senate meeting.

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PIRATE RANTS

ECU buses are like this NC weather. Sometimes it's great. Other times you're left standing in the rain for an hour. What a life!

Forgiveness is Gods domain, delight in cruelty and punishment are reserved for man and his justice.

Since when did pirate rants become a trolling arena geez...that being said, an opinion article by definition would be based on someone's opinion as opposed to fact and would therefore require no citing or proof just sayin.

So the stethoscope I bought for nursing school was a mistake? I'm sorry, the next time you're short of breath you're going to have to wait until the "Doctor" gets here.

So ready to GRADUATE! December 18th, where you at?

The GOP candidacy in a nutshell: there is Donald Trump, Ben Carson, and then there is garbage (everyone else).

Issue? No sir. Most of these "issues" any politician brings to the table aren't even issues. They just randomly pick something out that will help forward their agenda and call it an issue, emotionally marketing it as many voters they can to gain support for their "solution" even though it makes no logical sense. But psychologically speaking, most people react to emotion more so than logical reasoning. So, in this case, logic falls while their argument still stands.

To those complaining about the immigrants in Europe: You do realize they are innocent people, right? I really hope nothing happens that EVER causes you or your family to need the help of strangers.

A high school diploma, that's not much of an achievement, it all but comes out of a vending machine!

Hey bro, walk like you drive. KEEP RIGHT! This isn't Britain.

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Our View

New SPC system has major benefits

Many students ran into issues with the new Student Pirate Club system when trying to acquire tickets for the first East Carolina football game.

The tickets are now accessed via an e-mail of a barcode that can be printed off or displayed on a phone screen.

In recent years, the SPC had traditionally used cards as season tickets for members of the organization. Students not in the club could pick up tickets at the Central Ticket Office. The system was deemed as an easier way for students to obtain tickets for home football games.

The East Carolinian editorial staff believes that despite some students' trouble with the new system, overall this is a positive move. In a society where technology is a part of our everyday life, the new system provides an easier and more efficient method to get tickets for students and guests, alike. Many issues experienced are easily resolvable, either by the ticket-holders themselves or the Pirate Club.

Students can still print off the tickets from the email rather

than risking a scanner failing to read a cracked phone screen or a phone running on low battery.

Many students also ran into problems on the web page to access tickets, but like any new system there are still kinks to work through. The Pirate Club has said that with time these issues will be resolved.

One of the biggest benefits of the new system is that students no longer need to wait in long lines at the Central Ticket Office for major games, such as the Virginia Tech matchup this weekend.

In previous years, lines had extended out the doors of Mendenhall Student Center and into the walkways of campus. The new system eliminates the traffic and issues on campus to get tickets. The website also seemed to hold up well despite heavy traffic to the page.

While there were some issues in the season-opening home game, most or all of these troubles will likely be worked out this weekend and almost certainly by the end of the season.

Viola Davis' speech opens dialogue



Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

Viola Davis made history Sunday night as the first black woman to win an Emmy for best actress in a drama.

What should have been a glorious night for the actress who's been in the business

for almost two decade, became much more interesting. Davis could have been very vanilla with her acceptance speech, but Davis stepped on the stage and courageously used the platform she was given to expose an issue in Hollywood.

"The only thing that separates women of color from anyone else is simply opportunity," said Davis. "You cannot win an Emmy for roles that are simply not there."

Race is always a sensitive issue, and Davis should be applauded for not being starstruck by the moment and standing for what she believes in. The movie business should open its doors to more people of color, as Hollywood has traditionally been white washed. But absolute shame should be brought to Nancy Lee Grahn, "General Hospital" actress, who tried to belittle Davis and her speech.

"She has never been discriminated

" Sometimes it seems like people have a problem with people of color expressing their issues because it makes people feel a little guilty. "

against," said Grahn.

Grahn's comments are disheartening on so many fronts. First, Grahn seems to totally disregard Davis' human emotions. If Davis feels like she's been discriminated against, then who is Grahn to question Davis? The empathy Grahn lacked is disappointing.

Grahn cleaned up her comments by mentioning that it's not just women of color who get discriminated against, but all women; And understandably so, because in Hollywood if you're not a straight white man, you've probably missed an opportunity somewhere. But why does it take a black woman speaking up about issues for colored women for it to

become an issue universally?

Sometimes it seems like people have a problem with people of color expressing their issues because it makes people feel a little guilty. It's easy for Grahn, a Caucasian woman, to say that women of color haven't been discriminated against because she's never been in those shoes.

Grahn also later said she didn't want to diminish Davis' accomplishment, but her actions showed different. The speech didn't lead to looking into how women of color, or actresses, have been discriminated against in Hollywood. The big story became Grahn's criticism and backpedaling from criticism after realizing she had messed up.

But what Davis did was not lost by her fans, and fans of other actresses of color. Davis had the courage to use her platform to start a dialogue about an issue that rarely gets talked about. Not enough actors, athletes, and public figures use their moments of shine to start social commentaries. Kudos to Davis!

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Technology too fast for laws



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Many people are aware that the connection between privacy and technology are intimately linked. The basic human

right of privacy is not the first thing that pops into most people's mind when they access their e-mail from their phone, or when they walk down a crowded street that has security cameras bristling from every telephone pole.

The fact of the matter is, whether it crosses our mind or not, almost every time a person accesses or encounters technology there is a chance data is being collected about their actions without their consent. New limitations and laws need to be put into place, ones that cannot be easily dodged by the rapidly changing world of tech.

Almost every American citizen is being closely watched, and privacy laws put into place over the years are no longer up to

the task of protecting the people from prying technological eyes.

Experts in the legal field are aware of this issue, and understand the repercussions of decreased privacy. Privacy laws are written for the same reason all laws are written, because they are needed for our society to function properly. Unfortunately, the writing and revision of laws can take some time to accomplish.

Depending on legislature and the bureaucrats doing the voting, revising or passing a law could take anywhere from six or seven months to three or four years. Technology changes quicker and the people who exploit it tend to adapt their techniques to misuse it more rapidly. The writing of new privacy laws to fit any given scenario that involves technology is therefore likely to be obsolete by the time it is passed.

For example, a log on to Netflix to stream shows may seem like a normal enough activity. Behind the scenes, however, Netflix is taking note of everything you watch, and are allowed to sell

that information to anyone. The Video Privacy Protection Act of 1980 forbade "video tape service providers" from sharing information about their client's movie selections. However, as streaming media does not involve the distribution of "video tapes," a legal loophole is presented that those streaming media services are able to exploit.

The Video Privacy Protection Act is just one component of this broken system of privacy laws. We are essentially still using statutes that were written in the time of the 8-track player, and that proves to be just as obsolete.

To define who can access our personal information in this age, there is a definite need for tech-savvy lawyers and congressmen who understand the capabilities of new data gathering techniques, and how to effectively stop them from intruding on personal privacy.

Keeping up with hackers, government agencies, information brokers and the like that wish to take advantage of us under the

guise of a computerized system is effectively a cat and mouse game which we cannot win, if we use the same techniques that have proven to fail to protect us.

Photos, dates of birth, information about oneself both mundane and extremely confidential now litters the internet, floating like leaves in a river, unable to be controlled or retrieved except by those who have the right type of net. The scary part is, most people do not seem to mind sacrificing their personal data and privacy for the convenience of technology; until they have become a victim.

The need for people who have deep knowledge of tech is no longer limited to the Silicon Valley alone; in fact, they are now desperately needed to help protect our basic human rights from systems that could be monitoring us at any time.

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New student feels at home after ECU Stars

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With no formal musical training and a support system still in the making, 2015 ECU Stars winner Kristoffer Rixon swept away the competition.

"I didn't expect to win. I didn't even really know what to expect going in," said Rixon. "It's my first year at ECU and I was looking for a way to get involved and my friend encouraged me to go out for the audition."

Rixon, a sophomore psychology major and transfer student from Pitt Community College, began singing at the age of three, his family encouraged him. Rixon auditioned for the TV show "American Idol" in New Orleans in 2010, which he described as a life changing experience that put music into perspective for him. He said if it weren't for his mother's support, he would not have endured his musical journey.

"My mom has been my biggest supporter in my life," said Rixon. "She really encouraged me."

Having only heard about the competition a few days prior to the auditions, Rixon said his friends encouraged him to audition and were the backbone of his drive to win.

"If it wasn't for my friends, I would've never gotten out of my shell and done something like [ECU Stars]," said Rixon.

Seeing his lack of training as a setback, Rixon said he would have liked to learn to play an instrument, but didn't have the musical background some of the other competitors had.

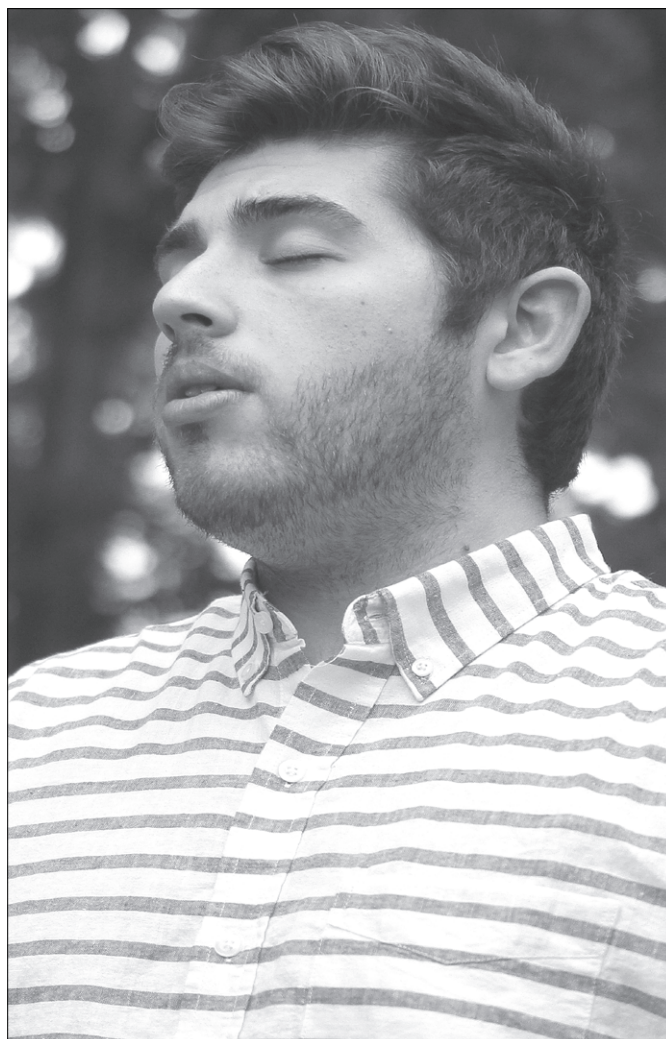
"I can't read music, and that really gets in the way of songwriting," said Rixon. "I'd like to be able to play an instrument, but I have difficulties hearing harmonies and things like that, so not having that musical training makes harmonies hard to hear and hard to work with as a singer."

Despite his inexperience with musical education, Rixon said his passion for music is unwavering and that he will continue to sing as long as he enjoys it.

"It was more of telling myself 'hey, going to the audition is a big step itself and just trying is the best you can do,' so that's what I told myself," said Rixon. "Then I went and did the audition and fortunately, I got through and after that I just went for it."

With an aura of nerves and hyper self awareness, Rixon took the stage with Disclosure's Omen, featuring Sam Smith. Using his personal connection with the lyrics to gain momentum that emotionally moved the audience and gained him a standing ovation, Rixon's confidence built and his passion was evident on the ECU Stars stage.

"I felt comfortable in the song and just did my best," said Rixon. "Sam Smith is probably one of my biggest role models and inspirations when it comes to singing and I just told myself, when singing



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Sophomore Kristoffer Rixon, ECU Stars winner, practices his vocals.

that song 'sing it to where Sam Smith would even be like 'hey, that was pretty good. I really connected with the song and the choice to sing that song came really easy to me, so I think my emotional tie to the song really helped me to connect with the audience."

Since winning the competition, Rixon said he has met and connected with other students around campus and feels like a true part of the ECU family.

"At a community college, there's not that sense of community," said Rixon. "Ever since [ECU Stars] I've felt more like a small part of a bigger family, Pirate Nation, and I wouldn't trade that for the world."

Rixon said more performance opportunities have been offered to him since his success in ECU Stars.

"I performed at a wedding this weekend and got an offer to play at some local bars for some money," said Rixon. "That was different. I've never gotten an offer like that before, so it was nice to see such positive feedback after a performance."

Rixon said he aspires to be a high school psychology teacher someday. With a simple life philosophy, which involves prioritizing school work, his job, and his friends, Rixon said his laid back lifestyle keeps his schedule open to whatever life throws at him.

"I go with the flow and whatever happens that day, happens," said Rixon.

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SAB event to light up College Hill

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Tonight, ECU's Student Activity Board's 7:07 series hosts Laser Tag & a Movie at the bottom of College Hill – and if you haven't guessed already, the event is set to take place at 7:07 p.m.

Students will be asked to group up and play against one another in teams. The movie, Inside Out, will be shown at 8:30 p.m. and laser tag fun will continue as the film plays.

"The 7:07 series purpose is to get people to come out and associate our event series with quality top notch events," said Derek Hairston, senior business administration major and SAB Entertainment chair. "So bringing quality events that you'd normally see at the PNC Arena or the Greensboro Coliseum to ECU and making them free for the students is our goal."

The event is sponsored by MarineOfficer.com and all of the laser tag equipment and set up is provided by Bass-Schuler Entertainment.

"Normally laser tag is really expensive. I heard they've got state of the art laser tag stuff and it's free, so of course I'm going," said Jacob Bowlus, sophomore psychology major.

SAB has had laser tag on ECU's campus before, but this is the first time it will be hosted as an event on its own. Bass-Schuler Entertainment brings in all of the equipment for the inflatable paintball arena style set up as well as lights, sound and music.

Last night, SAB along with The Center for Counseling & Student Development and Campus Recreation and Wellness hosted an event titled Creative Dating in Hendrix Theatre.

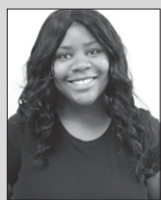
"We're really trying to give the students a voice and let them have a say in what events happen on campus, that's why we hand out surveys at events and have the suggestion box at all of our programs," said Hairston.

There will be high penetration lasers that

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TV REVIEW

Season two of Empire shows great promise



Altavia Lowery
TEC STAFF

Lee Daniels and Danny Strong's "Empire" centers around a hip-hop entertainment company that divides and brings a dysfunctional family together.

Luscious Lyon, played by Terrance Howard, is the lead character who owns Empire Records. With a started-from-the-bottom storyline, he prides himself on making a better life for himself and his family.

Cookie Lyon, played by Taraji P. Henson, is the former companion of Luscious and has returned into the picture to claim her fortune of the empire. Betrayed by Luscious early in their marriage, she was sentenced to prison. Together they have three sons, Andre Lyon, Jamal Lyon and Hakeem Lyon. All three of the brothers are competing for the title of Empire Records but this eventually starts to tear the family apart.

"Empire" set itself apart from the competition by incorporating real life artists and celebrities in the fiction television series. Last season featured artists like Estelle, Gladys Knight, Anthony Hamilton, Snoop Dogg and even Rita Ora. This put "Empire" at the top of the rating charts and the Billboard Music Charts. Jussie Smollett, who plays Jamal Lyon, also landed a record deal with Columbia Records and will be releasing an album. With performances on American Idol and the BET Awards this year, the "Empire" cast made a lasting impact on and off the television screen.



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Terrance Howard returns for a second season.

Season two of "Empire" has promised more family drama, money conflicts, and skeleton of the past coming out of the closet. In the opening episode, we can expect to see Luscious Lyon in jail, paying his debt for last season's events.

Jamal Lyon has found a new love and is no longer hiding the fact that he is homosexual.

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Supermarket 101 teaches students to shop for balanced meals at grocery store.

Event educates on healthy shopping

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Off Campus Student Services will be holding their second Supermarket 101 event to educate students how to purchase healthy groceries on a college budget tonight at 7 p.m.

Off Campus Student Services is a part of student living that focuses on making sure students who are living independently for the first time are adjusting properly and educated on how to take care of themselves.

"While [students] are on campus, they have RA's and programs set up for them but we want to make sure that when they move off campus they have the exposure to certain skill sets," said Brandy Daniels, the assistant director of Off Campus Student Services.

The students who participate in Supermarket 101 are taught what a healthy diet consists of and what quantities of grains, dairy, fruits, veggies and meats they are supposed to purchase.

The students are then granted \$50 dollars to spend at the local Food Lion. The event coordinator must approve their food choices before they can proceed to checkout. Daniels said the groceries should be able to last the students three to four weeks.

Daniels said she hopes the Supermarket 101 will help to educate students and give them a grocery plan that they will continue to use.

"It's our job to give them the guidance and then our hope is that they can continue it on their own and maybe help

> SUPERMARKET page A5

Art is Good event promotes breast cancer awareness

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

Sunshine Young
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With Breast Cancer Awareness month coming up in a few weeks, the Emerge Gallery and Art Center will be hosting a vision box workshop titled Art is Good Medicine, on Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Art is Good Medicine is one of the outreach programs that Emerge Gallery and Art Center offers to the Greenville community. The Emerge Gallery and Art center is teaming up with local healthcare providers such as Vidant Health for the first time this year to bring cancer patients love and encouragement.

"We provide free workshops for family members, survivors, patients and caregivers who know someone who is dealing with cancer," said Paula Rountree, the Education and Outreach coordinator at the Emerge Gallery and Art center.

This year with the Art is Good

Medicine program, participants will create vision boxes. As defined by Mark Montano in the book "Vision Box Idea Book," a vision box is something that helps you focus on something important to you similar to a Dream Board. Vision Boxes connect the spirit of creativity with life. They are unique and require no artistic training.

The vision box will be mixed media based. The base of the box will be wooden and include tokens of love for patients that will encourage them and make them happy.

"The boxes will be delivered to the patients on a different day as to have an overnight drying time," said Rountree.

Art is Good Medicine has been in Greenville for about two years. The program contains multiple segments throughout the year.

"We have another part to this program where we actually go to the hospitals and do art lessons with people by their bedsides which has been going on for at least five years," said Rountree.

This will be the first year that the Art is Good Medicine program has decided to incorporate the vision box segment.

"We usually team up with other organizations to put on these programs," said Rountree. "This time we talked with one of the social workers at the hospital that actually came up with the idea for people to be able to make vision boxes for the patients going through cancer."

The Emerge Gallery and Art center offers many other programs similar to Art is Good Medicine for adults and children. All of the workshops they offer are free to the community and only require registration.

"Everyone has been [very supportive] and has helped us spread the word," said Rountree. "I think it is a good time for people to come and relax to get their mind off the treatments or whatever they might be going through. We'd love to have more people sign up."

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>> PLAN TO GO

WHAT: Laser Tag & Movie Night

WHEN: Tonight @ 7:07

WHERE: Bottom of College Hill

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have lights bright enough for people to see once the sun starts to set.

"I do think it's a little strange because it may still be light out at 7 o'clock, but this is the first time I've heard about ECU having laser tag so I'm excited. I already told all of my friends that we're going," said Bowlus.

Hairston also said SAB has had a lot of sponsorships taking place in the previous year which helps bring quality and premiere events to ECU's campus.

In the predicament that weather does not permit for Laser Tag & a Movie outside, the event will be moved to Mendenhall Student Center.

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With Luscious behind bars, Jamal will be running the company but one can assume that it will not be for long. Hakeem, the youngest of the three brothers is still living his life on the fast track by partying and attempting to take over the company.

This season viewers can expect to see new guest stars throughout the season. Kelly Rowland, former member of Destiny's Child, is set to play Luscious's mom during flashbacks. Lenny Kravitz, Swizz Beatz, and Chris Rock are also apart of season two. However, the guest appearance that has everyone talking is coming from Oprah Winfrey. Lee Daniels and Oprah Winfrey worked together on the movie "The Butler" which has now allowed her to return to work with him again. Also adding to the list, Rev. Al Sharpton and CNN news anchor Don Lemon will make appearances as themselves.

Last season brought in more than 17 million viewers with expectations that season two will pass that record. The show has truly been a hit on and off the camera. Prior to the premiere, Taraji P. Henson has been nominated as the first African-American woman to win an Emmy for a lead role in a drama. The second season is scheduled to run 18 episodes, all showing on Wednesdays at 9 p.m. Music producer Timberland is set to return alongside Ne-Yo.

Season two of "Empire" is on Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. on FOX.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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someone else," said Daniels.

Daniels said it's important to buy the right amounts from each food group because this allows students to eat full balanced meals, which gives students the nutrition that they need and keeps them full for a longer period of time.

"We want students to have a full view of health, so what students eat is very important to us," said Daniels. "We don't want them to just work out but we want them to recognize the importance of what they're eating."

College students tend to have a fast-paced schedule and are usually stressed out. Speaking from her time as a college student, Daniels said it is easy to grab foods that are quick and on the go.

"You don't have the time to cook something so it's easy to just run through a drive-thru or pick up a bag of chips," said Daniels. "Soon enough you'll need something else because those foods don't satisfy you."

Usually these quick foods are high in sugars and sodium and leave your body feeling empty again shortly after eating.

Daniels emphasized the importance of eating a nutrient rich breakfast to help reduce snacking throughout the day. She also suggested packing healthy snacks so you don't turn to some of the

unhealthy campus dining choices.

"This can prevent you from going between classes to grab that Starbucks Frappuccino that you don't really need," said Daniels.

According to Daniels, another way students can be more health cautious is by using the calorie tracking applications on their phone. MyFitnessPal and Loseit! were chosen as the best calorie counting applications by Stephanie Pappas for Live Science online.

"I think sometimes when you see how much you're actually taking in it can alarm a student and make them realize they're taking in too many calories," said Daniels.

For students who have to spend all day on campus, Daniels suggested getting the commuter meal plan as there are still healthy on campus dining options as well as vegan options.

The \$50 dollars comes from both Food Lion and the Off Campus Student Services, therefore Supermarket 101 can currently only accept 10 students to participate. Daniels said she hopes the program can grow and partner with more stores and organizations allowing the budget to grow and more students to participate.

"It's really about showing students that it is possible," said Daniels.

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What you missed at this year's Emmys

5 BEST DRESSED



1. Sarah Hyland wearing Zac Posen
2. Kerry Washington wearing Marc Jacobs
3. Jaimie Alexander wearing Giorgio Armani Prive
4. Jamie Lee Curtis wearing Stella McCartney
5. Teyonah Parris wearing Francesca Miranda

5 TOP OMG MOMMENTS



1. Andy Samberg's razor-sharp jab at the current leading GOP presidential candidate. "I've got to say, sure, Donald Trump seems racist," said the host as the audience waited for a punchline before realizing there wasn't one. "Let's see, what else?"



2. Amy Schumer's all-too-accurate takedown of online sexism. "Let's not forget what tonight is about: celebrating hilarious women and letting the Internet weigh in on who looks the worst," she said.



3. Jon Hamm's decision to skip the stairs after he won for "Mad Men" and crawl onstage like someone imitating a lizard for Charades.



4. Bradley Whitford's fedora. Sorry, but only Oscar winner J.K. Simmons can get away with wearing a hat like that to an awards show.



5. Jane Lynch's cameo as "the mean nun" from "Game of Thrones," supposedly there to yell "Shame!" whenever an acceptance speech ran too long.

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE 9/22/15

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Where to find screwdrivers?
- Buddhist teacher
- Circle segment
- Bold & Crispy Fries maker
- Eagerly interested
- Sea, in Marseille
- *Six-time '30s-'40s N.L. home run champ
- Zippo
- Square root of IX
- Relatives of gulfs
- MD-to-be's exam
- Lightly burn
- *Donny's '70s TV co-host
- Nickname for Ruth, with "The"
- Strahan co-host
- Coral island
- One-named Nigerian singer
- Bruins' sch.
- *Sense of duty, per one's personal ethics
- Baseball glove
- Cautic cleaners
- wip: dessert topping
- Swiss river
- School periods
- "It's often "burned" during exam week
- Cases the joint for, say
- Sunup point
- Ingrid's "Casablanca" role
- Fashion initials
- Apple computer
- Record label founded in Detroit ... and, when divided into three words, where to find the answers to starred clues?
- Where Antwerp is: Abbr.
- "Uh-uh"
- Banded together
- "Bambi" doe
- Daring exploit
- Gets wise with

DOWN

- Lay an egg, so to speak
- Neck of the woods
- Depend (on)
- Hombres en la familia
- Home alarm co.
- Bruce Wayne's alter ego
- Island veranda
- Striped quartz
- Trendy, '60s-style
- Andre of tennis
- Protein building blocks
- Sit on the throne
- Bawled
- Trio member with Stills and Nash
- Ascribes
- Pepper grinder
- Calif. neighbor starred clues?
- When doubled, playmate of Pebbles
- Yours, to Yves
- Italian pork sausage
- Brazenly obvious

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Compromise achieves a creative breakthrough. Make a good impression. Others provide what you need. A friend can explain a complex topic. Offer encouragement. Work together to get ahead faster. Listen and learn what works. Full steam ahead!

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Set new rules to streamline your routine. Get

feedback from your partner and other experts. Don't let trolls distract you. Listen to people who know and love you. Someone attractive catches your attention. Accept a gift.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Quick action may be required. Give it full concentration to avoid errors. An amazing development changes the game. Keep your eyes on the prize. Trust, but verify. Good advice comes from far away. Love strikes out of nowhere.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Dreams can come true. Don't gamble the farm. Figure out the bottom line. Talk is cheap. Don't believe it all. Postpone financial discussions. New developments change things. Avoid

disagreements by waiting for the pieces to come together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Make changes for the better. Ask for and get the funding. Let go of a preconception. Defer gratification for a while. Refuse to be bullied. Dress for success. Your team is there for you. Romance arises unexpected.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Put the finishing touches on a letter or a story. The more you learn, the less you know. You have what you need. Don't waste money or argue about it. Review facts, and handle chores before playtime.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Refresh your routines. Keep the ones that work and swap out repetitive time-sucks.

Focus on raising income. Investigate a fascinating attraction. Remain open to suggestions. Discover a lucky break. Love comes knocking on your door.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Profitable new opportunities call. It could get chaotic. Clean messes. Deepen your understanding for a brilliant insight. Step up to the next level. Wait for developments. Listen for what people want.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Listen to your team. Try a different power tactic. Make a personal change. Avoid obvious irritations and conflicts. Keep your cool, and others do too. Challenge the generally-held opinion. With your crew, you can face anything.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Success arises through diversity. Your community lets you know if you're living a fantasy. Don't worry about money, but don't spend much either. Share expenses. An unexpected windfall lights you up. It's really all about love.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Formulate a theory to advance your career. Provide inspiration and enthusiasm. Note cynicism without getting sucked in. Speak from your heart. Listen for divine wisdom. Look from a different angle. Someone admires your ideas.

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East Carolina University STUDENT MEDIA



Navy junior slot back Toneo Gulley is confronted by ECU's Terrell Richardson and Rocco Scarfone in Saturday's road loss.

Triple option proves too much for Pirates

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

After contending with Florida in week two, the East Carolina football team took a step back Saturday, as the Pirates were blown out at Navy, 45-21.

ECU's defense was shredded in the first half, allowing Navy (2-0, 1-0 American Athletic Conference) to score on all four of its drives in its debut conference matchup. The Midshipmen were a perfect six-for-six on third down conversions in the opening half.

"I think all of our players understood what we were asking them to do, they just didn't do it sometimes," said ECU defensive coordinator Rick Smith. "It's just very difficult to simulate what they do."

The Pirates (1-2, 0-1 AAC) surrendered 249 rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns in the half, struggling to stop Navy's triple option attack.

The defense made halftime adjustments and got its first two defensive stops on consecutive drives, but it was then that the Pirate offense looked out of sync, completely stalling when the defense allowed an opportunity to get back into the game.

"Defensively in the second half, our kids caught onto the game. I thought adjustments were made," head coach Ruffin McNeill said. "We had to value each possession and feed off of the defensive stops. We didn't execute and follow through."

ECU's offense turned the ball over after both of its defensive stops, elimi-

nating its comeback hopes.

The first turnover came when quarterback Blake Kemp and first year offensive coordinator Dave Nichol had a miscommunication, in a play that resulted in Kemp getting stuffed behind the line on fourth and inches.

"Actually it was a signal mix up. It's on me; I should have called the play differently," Kemp said. "We'll get it straight, me and coach [Nichol] and the offensive staff. We are going to get it straight this week."

After throwing two touchdowns and completing 22 of his 28 first half passes, Kemp threw for a minimal 111 yards in the second half with a fumble and an interception.

"Yeah, honestly, I think it's a step back [offensively], I'm embarrassed," said Kemp. "I mean they drew up a few more blitzes than we were expecting, but we got plays to beat every coverage... that's not acceptable."

In addition to the passing struggles, the Pirates couldn't establish a run game for the second straight week, as starting running back Chris Hairston rushed for 38 yards.

Although history has indicated that the Pirates struggle when battling the Midshipmen, Saturday's contest seemed to indicate the Pirates are lacking team chemistry. ECU has yet to play a clean game, with a combined six turnovers and 23 penalties for 201 yards in the two losses.

One highlight for the Pirates was the great play of inside receivers Bryce

Williams and Isaiah Jones. Both had vital roles for the second straight week, as Jones brought in 10 catches for 130 yards and Williams caught seven for 55 yards and two touchdowns.

"Bryce is really playing like a man-child, and so is [Isaiah Jones]," McNeill said. "Our outside guys, they will cause a lot of problems."

The Pirates allowed Navy quarterback Keenan Reynolds to rush for 142 yards and a conference-record five touchdowns. The five scores moved Reynolds into fourth place in all time Football Bowl Subdivision rushing touchdowns list. Navy fullback Chris Swain scored the other touchdown for the Midshipmen, carrying the ball a career-high 29 times for 123 yards.

It won't get easier for the Pirates, as they still have two tough non-conference games remaining: battling Virginia Tech at home this weekend and at No. 19 Brigham Young University on Oct. 10.

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Quarterback position still up in the air

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

In his weekly press conference, head coach Ruffin McNeill announced that backup quarterback James Summers will see the field against Virginia Tech on Saturday afternoon.

Junior quarterback Blake Kemp will remain the starter, although, after two consecutive losses that saw the offense struggle, the job isn't firmly his. In both East Carolina (1-2, 0-1 American Athletic Conference) losses, Kemp threw for over 300 yards and three touchdowns. He also turned the ball over three times.

"You'll see [Summers] play this week," said McNeill. "I think there are strengths with both of [the quarterbacks]. I know I like to have one guy. I've always been that way, but there are things that James can add to our team and our offense. You'll see a conscious effort to get him some time."

The Pirate running game has been nearly non-existent this season, and McNeill said that's because defenses are stacking the box. Kemp has not been able to punish teams through the air consistently enough to force defensive coordinators to change their strategy.

"He's played quarterback for all of his life," McNeill said of Summers, who was recruited by ECU as a wide-receiver. "He understands the position. It's been a little adjustment for him. His first game was against Florida, and that was probably a tough situation to put him in. He had to change his mindset of going from a wide-receiver back to quarterback."

In his few snaps against the Gators, Summers completed three passes for 13 yards and rushed once for one yard.

With two more weeks of learning from offensive coordinator Dave Nichol under his belt, Summers will again face a difficult defense in Virginia Tech. Saturday's game will also

be the first time the quarterback plays in front of the ECU faithful in Dowdy-Ficklen.

"You always want to do something that gives you some kind of advantage," said McNeill, talking about finding a role for Summers. "That's what I told my coaching staff. Let's find something that gives us an advantage. There's a lot of guys on our team that can do that, and James is looking forward to getting out there."

While he will no longer be the only quarterback seeing the field, McNeill said Kemp has been supportive of Summers. The two are always actively pulling for one another in practice, and McNeill expects that relationship will not change even as Kemp's spotlight dims and Summers' grows bright.

"[Kemp] and James really do a good job of complementing each other," McNeill said. "They room with each other on the road and they're always pulling for each other. I know [Summers] is always the first person on the field telling Kemp good job. I sit next to both of them in the conference room and they keep me humble."

McNeill carefully watched and considered the rest of the team before deciding to give Summers game-reps.

"If I felt like it would hurt the team chemistry, I probably wouldn't do it," said McNeill. "But I know it won't. I've seen how both of those kids handle one another and I've seen how all the kids react around those two. I watch it closely and I have not seen one negative vibe from any of them."

Progressing Kemp remains a goal for the offensive coaching staff. Improving the communication between quarterback and coordinator will be a major focus for the team. On Saturday afternoon, however, all eyes will be on James Summers.

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Volleyball finishes weekend with losing record

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

Large crowds and a change in atmosphere proved to be a difficult obstacle for the East Carolina volleyball team as it took part in South Carolina Invitational in Columbia this past weekend.

The Pirates got to experience a Southeastern Conference crowd over the weekend when they played in a sold out venue of 1,400 people.

The hostile crowd rattled the Pirates as they were swept for the first time of the season by the South Carolina Gamecocks after three sets. The first set of the match looked like the Pirates came to play, staying within three points of the Gamecocks and only losing 25-22.

"We haven't really played in an environment like that," said head coach Julie Torbett. "But we started off the match pretty good."

The Pirates then made some errors and didn't play their game, as they lost, 25-14 and 25-8, respectfully.

"We unfortunately started making errors," said Torbett. "We couldn't get any momentum going, made unforced errors, and couldn't put the ball away."

In the next match, the Pirates looked to improve on their flaws as they faced the Wofford Terriers. The match sets were close and went into four sets, but ECU ultimately fell 3-1.

"The Wofford match was early," said Torbett, "and frustration was still lingering from the match the night before."

Three of the four sets were all within four points. In the first set, the Pirates lost a close contest and fell, 22-25, before rallying to win the second one, 25-21. Ultimately they dropped the next two sets, falling 21-25 then 15-25.

"Our go-to players weren't having a great match," said Torbett. "Mentally, we didn't seem like our normal selves to play."

The Pirates played well in their final match of the invitational, pulling away with a win over the Charleston Southern Buccaneers. After dropping the first set, 21-25, the Pirates picked up momentum to win the next two sets 25-16 and 25-19, respectively. The Buccaneers gained back

momentum to win the fourth set, 21-25, forcing the game into a tie-breaker set. The Pirates stayed composed to finish off the set with a 15-9 win to take the match.

Sophomore outside hitter Ashton Mares had an excellent showing against Charleston Southern, tallying a career-high 21 kills in the match. It was a bounce back performance, according to Torbett.

"Ashton Mares had a great game against Charleston, but against Wofford and South Carolina she did not," said Torbett. "We had a lot of ups and downs in our performances."

Senior libero Erika Figueroa had an excellent invitational, recording 42 digs across all matches. This performance earned her a spot on the all-tournament squad.

"She was the most consistent and I am happy she made the All-Tournament team," Torbett said of Figueroa. "She really anchors the defense and serves really tough, which can go unnoticed."

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TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

The Pirates (1-2) lost to Navy on the road Saturday, 45-21.

VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates (7-4) played in the South Carolina Invitational over the weekend, falling to South Carolina with a tournament record of 3-1.

SOCCER

The Pirates (5-4-1) lost at UNCW Saturday, 2-0, and defeated Old Dominion Sunday, 1-0.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Pirates' men's and women's teams took second and first, respectively, in the ECU Pirate Invitational Friday.

SWIMMING & DIVING

The Pirates' swimming and diving team held the annual Purple-Gold inter-squad meet this past weekend in Greenville.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers (2-0) defeated the Houston Texans, 24-17, in Charlotte, NC, Sunday.

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Soccer falls to UNCW, defeats ODU

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The East Carolina soccer team ended its three-game winning streak after a 2-0 loss to North Carolina at Wilmington Thursday evening, before taking a 1-0 win against Old Dominion Sunday afternoon.

UNCW (6-3) took a 1-0 lead in the 21st minute of play when Lindsey Byrne hit a shot past redshirt senior goalkeeper Saundra Baron.

“We just didn’t play well in the first half. They got the goal and were chasing the game. The effort was there in the second half and we should have finished plays, which needs to start happening,” ECU head coach Rob Donnenwirth said.

Sophomore forward Courtney Taybron posted a career-high three shots for the Pirates (5-4-1). Junior striker Lana Spitler led her team with five shots.

In the 11th minute of the second half, Byrne collected a rebound and scored her second goal of the night, giving the Seahawks a 2-0 advantage over the Pirates.

“Give [UNCW] credit because they outplayed us in the first half. I was concerned during our warm ups. When it comes down to it, they didn’t play collectively well,” Donnenwirth said. “There needs to be more enthusiasm, more talk-pushing each other and that’s how you get momentum in the game. The first half was probably one of the worst halves we’ve played this year.”

In the second half, ECU outshot UNCW, 9-1, but could not complete any shots to get on the scoreboard. The Pirates



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ECU senior forward Kendall Frey runs with the ball against ODU.

finished with a 13-7 advantage in shots to complete the game.

Junior forward Spitler scored a go-ahead goal 14 minutes into the second half as East Carolina defeated the Old Dominion Monarchs (2-7) 1-0 during the Sunday afternoon match.

The ball was controlled effectively by both teams in a game that could have gone either way. ECU center midfielder, Danielle Eule, helped to set the tone of the game, playing 90 minutes and garnering praise from her coach.

“She was always a force in there winning balls,” Donnenwirth.

Old Dominion should have had the edge to beat ECU with four corner kick opportunities and four shots in the first half, but ODU failed to follow through on all opportunities thanks to the Pirates’ back line.

In the second half, an ODU defender attempted to clear the ball but it deflected off Spitler, putting the ball in perfect position for a shot.

The unassisted goal, 14 minutes into the second half, was approximately 12 yards out from the far goal post. The junior forward settled the deflection, and ripped a shot into the near-side corner of the net, leaving ODU goalkeeper, Erin Kinz, on the ground in her own disappointment.

Following the goal, ECU continued to lock down defensively for the final 20 minutes of the game. Old Dominion’s effort created many more opportunities but fell short, despite outshooting the Pirates, 7-3, in the second half.

Spitler spoke heavily on team effort, giving the team all the credit for its win.

“It is really tiring playing on Sunday’s plus it was hot and everyone out there put in work for it,” she said.

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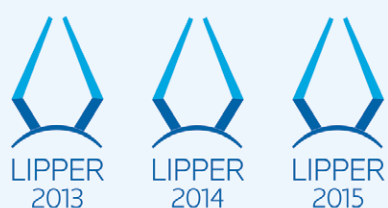
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