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Injuries bring end to Guilmette's career

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TEC STAFF

After a series of injuries and setbacks, redshirt junior Marshall Guilmette will end his career as a member of the men's basketball team as announced by head coach Jeff Lebo Monday.

"Marshall was one of the hardest workers in our program and someone that we were counting on this



Marshall Guilmette

native played in the first 31 games as a freshman before being sidelined

season. While this is a tremendous blow to our team, it'll give others the opportunity to step up and fill his role," Lebo said.

The Kenesaw, Georgia, native played in the first 31 games as a freshman before being sidelined

for the final four games of the season due to an injury. Guilmette averaged 4.0 points, 2.3 rebounds and 13.3 minutes per game.

Guilmette was named Conference USA Freshman of the Week in 2012 after helping the Pirates improve to 3-0 on the season with wins over Methodist and UNCG. He scored 10 points against UNCG to go along with five rebounds and a

team-four assists. Against Methodist, Guilmette nearly missed recording his first career-double with nine points and nine rebounds.

"It has been nothing but an honor to play here at ECU," Guilmette said. "I want to thank the entire staff and all my teammates for the opportunities that they have given me during my time here."

As a sophomore, Guilmette

played in the first five games of the season before sitting out for the remainder of the season due to a right knee injury. He played a total of 73 minutes, scoring 35 points and pulling down 22 rebounds. Guilmette played his final game of the season against Duke, where he scored six points in only seven minutes.

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Chancellor receives raise from BOG

Seth Gullledge
TEC STAFF

Chancellor Steve Ballard recently received a 14 percent pay raise worth \$63,000, increasing his annual salary \$385,000.

The pay raise was approved by the UNC Board of Governors at a meeting on Friday, following recommendations of a study done by a consultant to the BOG regarding executive pay and market value.

The decision also increased the salary of 12 of the 17 chancellors in the UNC system, but according to a release, leaves seven of the chancellors below the market salary ranges, including Ballard.

The minimum salary for Ballard's position, who announced his intent to leave the university this past summer, was set at \$431,000.

Steve Jones, chair of the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Search Committee said the pay increase makes the search process more expansive, by allowing them to compete for individuals with experience who will fit the leadership role.

"Salary level is absolutely critical given the scope and complexity of our programs—including a medical school, a dental school, a College of Engineering and our participation in a competitive athletic conference," said Jones. "We want to be able to offer a salary level at the end of this search that aligns with market rate for a leader of an institution of this caliber."

The BOG holds the sole responsibility in determining Chancellor salaries. The last salary increase for the Chancellor position came in 2012, when Ballard's pay went from \$315,000 to \$322,000.

"I certainly recognize that the timing of this increase will raise concerns," said Ballard in a release. "Our faculty and staff have not been compensated adequately and yet they continue to excel and to implement our mission. Retaining our talent has been our first priority for several years, but much more work remains."

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Students and Greenville guests flood the Fifth Street area of downtown Halloween night. Police blocked off the area and had checkpoints.

Crime stays off campus for Halloween

Kaitlyn Lee
TEC STAFF

Students enjoyed a nearly incident free weekend of Halloween festivities this year, which authorities and university officials attribute to comprehensive preparation by local police and emergency services.

"I think compared to last year, we definitely saw a big improvement. We had the same staffing as previous years, but allocated our resources differently this year to allow for more officers to patrol the out-

lying areas of Greenville," said Greenville Police Department Public Information Officer Kristen Hunter.

Vice Chancellor Virginia Hardy said the administration noticed the improvements as well, and was happy to see students enjoy the holiday.

"We were very intentional with our communication to students about making good decisions on Halloween night," said Hardy. "I am proud of the fact that our students found a way to have a great evening,

but most importantly, a safe evening. At Halloween Havoc at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, the extra safety and security measures created a wonderful environment for all in attendance. And the events at Mendenhall were also well attended."

Officers were specifically assigned to deal with large-scale parties at off-campus housing. As in previous years, the major issues officers responded to did not involve students or residents of Greenville.

According to Alcohol Law

Enforcement, roughly 169 people were charged with alcohol violations, traffic violations, drug violations, consuming alcohol underage, etc. Reports are still being processed by the agency.

North Campus Crossing

Police also responded to a stabbing at approximately 11:37 p.m. at North Campus Crossing. Antonio Carlos Bullock, 27, was stabbed in the

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METH DAD's lead singer finds himself in the center of a packed crowd at a recent performance.

Spazz Presents set to host eclectic bands in Uptown

Carlyn Legg
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Punk rock, psychedelic textures and unconventional instruments will take over the performance space at Art Avenue in Uptown Greenville tomorrow night.

Spazz Presents will bring four eclectic musical groups including Stems, shmu, METH DAD, and Man Rabbit.

Art Avenue is a full-time art gallery and part time hole-in-the-wall performance venue for musicians. While the openly creative artistically-stimulating environment of Art Avenue

provides local art for purchase, the rear of the gallery also provides an acoustically-pleasing space for musicians to fill with their sounds.

Both local and touring musicians have found Art Avenue to be a unique platform for musical expression. As a more underground venue than most in the area, performances at Art Avenue provide performers with the opportunity to benefit from shows more financially than other mainstream venues do. The groups performing tomorrow evening will experience the inventive

environment of Art Avenue.

Stems, a band out of Greenville, produces ambient tracks with exotic textures and futuristic sounds. The band is made up of just guitars, drums and bass, yet creates instrumental music that is layered in a way that sounds both like classic rock and cutting-edge punk.

Former olympic athlete and skiing medalist from the 2008 winter olympics Tyler Walker, referred to in the music world as METH DAD, is in a pop-punk band now, which has had

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» Student panel discusses non-religious lifestyle

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BRIEFS

New 'Dryver' app launches today

Dryver, a new app designed to accommodate students need for transportation, was launched today. The app was designed by East Carolina University business major, Stephen Daspit. The app operates much like Uber, but requires a student email address to sign up for, and both the drivers and passengers are required to be students.

There are currently 10 student drivers operating for Dryver, who are available from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. The service costs students a flat rate of \$2, instead of charging per mile. According to its creator, the idea for the app was inspired to prevent students from receiving DWIs.

Leadership Working Group of Chancellor Search Committee to meet Thursday

The East Carolina University Chancellor Search Committee, The Leadership Working Group, will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015, in the Great Rooms of Mendenhall Student Center.

During the meeting, the group will receive its charge from the vice chair of the Chancellor Search Committee. The group will also develop a "leadership profile" that describes the experience, skills, and professional attributes desirable in ECU's next Chancellor.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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



Greenville City Council member Marion Blackburn is seeking reelection today for her seat on the city council.

City Council candidates make final preparations

Sydni Dobson
TEC STAFF

With city council and mayoral elections occurring today, candidates are making their final preparations for the election.

Marion Blackburn, the incumbent representative to the City Council of District 3, believes working beside students have helped her find a niche with the voters in the district.

"I've run a very firm campaign, I have a lot of students working with me," said Blackburn. "I always enjoy students working with me because of their great ideas and energy that they bring with me."

Running against Blackburn for the seat in District 3 is recent East Carolina University graduate, McLean Godley.

According to a release announcing his candidacy, Godley said over the past few years he has watched some of the city's leaders focus their time and and Greenville's city resources on the wrong issues while turning a blind eye to more critical issues.

"Greenville is truly at a crossroads and has reached a tipping point where some of our leaders have let voting blocks deter-

mine the path that our city is on. This type of leadership and lack of vision must change," said Godley. "Greenville needs a fresh start with an independent leader who is going to address our city's issues in a common-sense manner that will benefit each and every one of our citizens."

Blackburn said when it comes to voting, she wants to make sure that students have the correct information about things going on in the city.

Along with making sure students are given the right information, Blackburn said she has worked very hard to improve Uptown Greenville.

"I've worked very hard to make sure we have a fun and safe downtown," said Blackburn. "I have worked safely with downtown and the grid to make sure it's safe."

Along with Blackburn's improvements to Uptown, she also has worked hard to improve the city overall. Blackburn said she has worked to bring the kinds of economic developments to Greenville, which will result in jobs. According to Blackburn, over 1,000 jobs have formed in Greenville courtesy of her help

to implement more business to accommodate young professionals. In addition to increasing jobs in Greenville, Blackburn said she has worked to bring more lighting to the residential areas, double the size of the greenway and expand the Town Commons.

"I work for the people, I work for neighborhoods, students and people of all ages," said Blackburn. "My financial contributions reflect that"

Among Godley's primary issues, he wants to create a business-friendly environment, a strong police presence and to preserve the city's natural assets.

Blackburn said if she's elected she will continue to work towards developing a safe city and making sure that Greenville continues to have strong neighborhoods where homes' can keep their value.

"I love representing this district, [and] I love representing the students," said Blackburn.

Elections are all day today. The results of the election will start to roll in around 8 p.m.

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visitor's parking lot during a fight between two groups. His friends drove him to Vidant Medical Center. He had serious, but non-life threatening injuries.

"No arrests have been made in the incident so far. The suspects are unknown. The fight appears to be over a missing phone," said Hunter.

The Province

At approximately 1 a.m., an assault was reported at the Province Apartment complex near 11th and Lawrence streets. The victim was treated in the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. ECU students were notified by an ECU alert.

"Officers responded to Vidant Medical Center around the same time the alert came out for the report of an assault victim," said Hunter. "The victim was too intoxicated to speak with officers. The victim appeared to have some facial bruising. Due to the victim's intoxicated state, officers were unable to obtain any information on whether the subject was assaulted or not, and if so, where it occurred. Officers will be following up."

The Bellamy Student Apartments

At approximately 2 a.m., officers were patrolling the Signature Drive area when they heard shots fired in the parking lot of the Bellamy Apartment Complex. No one was injured but police reportedly recovered a gun. At least one vacant apartment had damage on the outside.

"Officers saw several males arguing in the vicinity of where the shots were heard. When officers attempted to make contact with them, the individuals ran from the officers. They were able to apprehend two of the individuals," said Hunter.

Ryshawn Tyrrell Fobbs, 17, of Battleboro, was charged with possession of stolen firearm, resisting an officer, damage to property and discharging a weapon within city limits. The second individual was released for the time being.

John Satterthwaite, 51, was shot in the leg at Summer Place apartments. Satterthwaite was intoxicated when the incident occurred and he did not wish to report the incident.

His girlfriend called the incident in so he could receive medical attention. He was released from the hospital the same night.

"Overall, the plan worked and we were able to prevent another incident like Riverwalk from occurring," Hunter said. "The proactive measures, including zero-tolerance policies implemented by East Carolina University and the individual apartment complexes on Halloween night, helped tremendously."

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2. Where did you pick up your copy of The East Carolinian today?
3. List where you can find The East Carolinian on social media.
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5. What page featured the Classified Ads today?
6. What is the name of the Editor in Chief of The East Carolinian?
7. What page features a directory of The East Carolinian staff?
8. How many years has The East Carolinian been serving ECU?

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Health Careers Fair boasts opportunities for students

Collynn Sheaffer
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University will host over 30 healthcare related companies at Thursday's 2015 Health Careers Fair.

The Health Careers Fair will be at the Heart Institute at East Carolina University Thursday at 10 a.m. and will last until 1 p.m. Students must bring their ECU OneCard for admittance, alumni and distance education students will need to bring either an ECU OneCard, Banner ID or email address to the event, according to ECU's Career Services website.

Patrick Roberts, assistant director for the Career Center and career liaison for the College of Allied Health Sciences and College of Nursing, gave students interested in attending the career fair an idea of what to expect on Thursday. Roberts said although it is a career fair that is focused on health-oriented careers, it would be beneficial to almost every major at ECU, but most of the employers are usually in the health field.

This fair is for students that wouldn't see the other fairs as a place to go, Roberts said. These businesses can specifically identify the students that want to work in a healthcare center. This career fair will host rehabilitation

centers, hospitals and health care centers to name a few of the potential employers.

"Even if you're a student that's in a major not directly focused in health, like social work or psychology, these are careers that usually end up in health," said Roberts.

Last year, according to Roberts, a total of 353 students came to the Health Careers Fair and this year the Career Center hopes to exceed 500.

As of last week, 37 companies were registered to attend the career fair but this number can increase by the time of the actual event on Thursday.

Roberts said the Career Center follows up with all of the career fairs to document the percentage of call backs, interviews and jobs from each career fair. Last year, 54.5 percent of the students that attended each career fair combined received interviews. Of those, 24.5 percent received internships and 16 percent received full time jobs post-graduation. Although these percentages are for each career fair combined, not just health, it makes professionals like Roberts hopeful that the numbers will increase and more students will be interested in attending.

Jordan Jackson is a first-semester nursing student and

"The companies like when students come in with information prepared about their company."

-Patrick Roberts

explained that if she attended the career fair this year, she would be mainly interested in externships for this coming summer.

"For me as a nursing major, I would like to see hospitals in eastern North Carolina at the career fair," said Jackson.

After several students expressed their disappointment in the Fall Careers Fair held in early October, Roberts said businesses can target a specific population of students at this health related event.

"If they come with the expectation to talk to hospital and healthcare employers, they are going to end up talking to hospital and healthcare employers," said Roberts.

Roberts offered several pieces of advice to students interested in attending the Health Careers Fair by initially saying that students should research the employers that are attending so that they can be prepared to talk to each employer specifically

about their companies. He also said to dress professionally and bring multiple copies of a resume.

"The companies like when the students come in with information prepared about their company," said Roberts.

With at least 37 companies attending the Health Careers Fair, students need to be prepared with information that they can speak about to each employer that they're interested in. The event will have companies from the east side of North Carolina all the way to the west side of the state, covering almost every city, and even some national companies, according to Roberts.

"I would say that the Health Careers Fair is a really good opportunity for every student," said Roberts, "not just health related majors can take advantage of these careers."

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PIRATE RANTS

Scarolinian is genius

Students who don't live in a certain complex can't use the buses to go downtown. Congrats! Look at all the drunk drivers ECU is going to be putting on the road now. Sorry that some of us don't live in the same areas as our friends and would like a safe sober way to visit them tonight and tomorrow.

You and your drunk-ass friends made a six-year-old cry when he found out you stole his pumpkin from our porch.

Do we protest instead of party on Halloween at ECU now?

I'm convinced the entire staff at TEC is a bunch of left-leaning liberals who are all aspiring to become great social justice warriors. Maybe I have enough time in my schedule to play this game and go to the Chancellor to ask WHY a newspaper is only using ultra-left leaning staff/writers. I'm a minority too, pretty sure I could pull it off.

You can scoff at the "left-leaning" opinions when your antiquated right-wing party stops boasting Donald Trump as the frontrunner for President, thanks

My favorite part of TECsperts are the preview pictures of Adam Decker looking perturbed as hell

I think TEC TV should be a morning news show. I'd watch it on the bus in the morning.

First anti Isreal opinion piece not an anti US piece. Is the TEC going to have a pro Iran or pro ISIS opinion piece next week?

How do we lose to UConn? Did they get that good in a week? We definitely got worse.

Start Kemp. Summers sparks the team better when he comes in 2nd

31-13 to UConn. I'm done.

Godley, a candidate so great he had to bribe people for votes.

Marion Blackburn has always supported Downtown. Stop with the lies.

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

Our view

ECU students handle Halloween responsibly

In last Tuesday's paper, East Carolina University Chancellor Steve Ballard addressed Halloween and his desire for the absence of destructive events like last year's 3,000-person Riverwalk Townhomes riot – "a low point in the history of our institution," he wrote. Ballard's letter concluded with a plea for students to protect the reputation of themselves as well as their school.

While hordes of rowdy students, alumni and visitors flocked to the streets of Greenville over the weekend, we as an editorial staff believe that ECU students made a conscious decision to rise above the violent and mob-like antics of 2014, and that both the university and city of Greenville benefitted from this choice.

As with most Halloweens in Greenville, Saturday night

was not without crime; a stabbing at North Campus Crossing and assault at Province Apartment Complex were both reported to students via ECU Alerts, while both ECU and Greenville Police were active in patrolling the grid and uptown areas.

With that being said, this year's holiday was a step in the right direction for ECU after an embarrassing showing last fall. That riot was not representative of the ECU student body or the reputation the university wants to send to visitors who are looking for a place to go on October 31. Halloween is a fun and timeless event for people of all ages, and ECU students should continue to do their part in making Greenville an ideal but safe place for holiday celebrators in the future.

GOP debate helps party's image



Joseph Perez
TEC COLUMNIST

A CUP OF JOE

Ten GOP candidates for the office of President took the stage for the third round of the Republican Debates in Boulder, Colorado. Many of the Republican candidates seemed to be prepared to address some of the big issues

in this election, from Medicare and Social Security reform to the rebuilding of the middle class through new tax plans.

Most surprisingly was the show of unity by all of the candidates on stage. While the two previous debates have featured a large amount of arguing between candidates, during round three of the debates the GOP seemed much more unified as a party. Even Donald Trump remained largely unattacked by his opponents, and seemed hesitant to call out his rivals as well.

But for the first time, outsiders to politics like Trump, Carly Fiorina, and Ben Carson showed clearly why political experience is necessary to run for president. Another big name, Jeb Bush, seemed to hardly be present on the stage for most of the night, while Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz seemed to take the stage.

Rubio, Chris Christie, and Cruz all had great presence on stage. They were more heated and more animated than the other seven candidates and shockingly showed much more charisma than even Trump. More importantly, they know how to dance and jab around the political ring, where outsiders like Trump, Carson and Fiorina finally broke and showed that boardroom politics

and American politics are very different.

Trump seemed to hardly show up at all, being content with just sitting there and answering questions only when asked. A lot of what was said by Trump, and the other "outsider" candidates, Fiorina and Carson, was not backed up by facts or even heartfelt arguments. Dr. Carson in fact seemed surprised when called upon and failed to elaborate on many of his points. These three, when they spoke, seemed to mainly re-iterate the same message they have had all along, which will not keep them in the race for president.

These candidates just failed to sound articulate when compared to the politicians on stage, especially when talking about economic issues like the regulation of prescription drug prices. Trump and Fiorina were both questioned about the history of their businesses and bankruptcies. An example of the type of confusing responses common from Trump, Carson and Fiorina was Trump's response to a question about his company's multiple bankruptcies. Trump replied that his family had mastered the art of the bankruptcy and made it work for them, and America could do this too. Answers from these three candidates about how they would change America finally came off sounding more like a childhood fantasy than a possible reality.

Others who failed to do themselves any favors during the debates were those candidates who needed desperately to show up and win some votes to their side but instead did not make an impression at all. Mike Huckabee, Rand Paul and John Kasich all needed to win votes for their cause and instead failed to make themselves heard over their rivals at the debates.

Bush not only failed to show up, he actually sabotaged his campaign early on by attacking Rubio, a man who has called Bush a mentor in the field of politics. Rubio proved more than ready to bat aside Bush's accusations expertly, and won the audience over to his side by turning it back onto Bush, with the audience booing Bush. Bush remained quiet for much the debate after that, and it would be no surprise if he seriously hurt his chances by attacking Rubio.

Rubio definitely brought everything he had to the debate, and I think many would agree with me that he was the clear winner. He was the strongest candidate and seemed to be well prepared and keenly focused. Rubio took the tough questions constantly and provided rational responses, even taking the attack from Bush and using it to his advantage.

Cruz was also a presence on stage, and got good responses from the audience. Chris Christie didn't spend nearly as much time talking than some other candidates, but when he did talk he came out strong, giving the impression that he will tell the truth and wants to address the big questions in a no-nonsense way.

This debate featured some interesting changes in the candidates when compared to the last two debates. What stood out perhaps most in this debate was the more unified front that all the candidates put up. The GOP candidates seemed to want to talk about the issues and support the party's image more than they wanted to earn points by verbally sparring amongst each other.

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Police brutality becoming trend



Altavia Lowry
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The teacher says "no phones in class." Occasionally we sneak a peek hoping not to get caught, and if we do, we might beg the teacher for another chance or simply put it away and not say anything, hoping they let it go.

As students we have all been there. What I could never imagine happening is in this entire cell phone process is getting slammed to the ground by my high school's resource officer. This is what happened to Shakara, a student attending Spring Valley High.

Her altercation video went viral last week and has once again sparked the debate of police brutality on minorities. The short clip shows the victim being slung from her desk, onto the floor by the officer and put in handcuffs.

People need to understand that you can still appreciate authority while holding them accountable. It is completely okay to believe that the girl should have given up her phone, while not agreeing with the excessive force of the officer.

Too many times I hear people trying to justify inappropriate police actions with, "well what was she doing before the assault?" or my favorite from CNN anchor Dom Lemon, "we don't know what happened, we need to know more." You do not need to know more about anything to understand that the officer was completely wrong in this context.

As a 20-year-old African American student, I feel as though I am witnessing the birth of a civil rights movement. I cried at 18-years-old when George Zimmerman was found not guilty for the second-degree murder of Trayvon Martin. My stomach turned when I watched a video of a Texas police officer disrespect a young girl at a pool, tossing her to the ground and sitting on her.

For me, the part that hurts my heart, is that despite how I look at all of these cases, and I weigh how it should've went or might've went if she/he didn't do or say something, I see my myself and everyone I love.

I see my little sister, an 8th grader who enjoys the pool and was taught to stand up for herself; a child who would break down crying for our mother just like the girl at the pool because she is overwhelmed and knows it's not right.

And I see myself: an 18-year-old kid, just graduated high school and about to start college, walking to the corner for a snack at night, telling my mom "I'll be right back", and unfortunately not returning because I was racially profiled without even knowing it. And while others argue who is right or wrong, my entire past is put on display. Because since I got in a fight on the playground in the fifth grade, I was destined for a violent life.

As an African-American in today's society, I feel as though if I look, say or even breath the wrong way around a police officer I will lose my life. I move around with caution and like my ancestors who fought to be free, I am fighting to feel free. For those that continue to justify the wrongdoings of officers, I hope when your time comes to leave this Earth, it's not by the hands of police. And if it is, that you aren't reduced to a CNN debate about how no one can't support your side, that may very well be morally right, due to lack of video evidence.

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Poll results

Are you dressing up for Halloween?

Yes- 62.2%

No- 37.8%

Poll question

Did you watch the GOP debate?

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Pageant educates on African culture



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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

At a time when the media seems to misrepresent images, the East Carolina University chapter of the African Students' Organization aims to educate the area on African culture through the Mr. & Miss ASO Pageant.

Vanessa Osei-Bonsu, president of the ASO, is not only looking for the two contestants to represent ECU's chapter at the regional pageant, but also to spread cultural awareness.

"A lot of times, the media always portrays a negative view of Africa," said Osei-Bonsu.

To her, those views are important to learn from and understand.

"Those are things that are going on currently in Africa. People need help and things of that nature need to be made aware of," said Osei-Bonsu. "But there are also positive things going on within the African continent and that's what we really try and do."

Osei-Bonsu and the ASO work hard to focus on the positives of African culture because they don't want to feed the negatives with more negative.

"Rather than just bring [issues] to light and just shame it as something negative, we try and think 'okay, what could they have done instead,'" said Osei-Bonsu.

To show that they want to educate as many people as they can, the ASO opened the Mr. & Miss ASO Pageant up to the entire student body.

"We wanted to make people feel as though they could come out and participate no matter who they were. This whole pageant isn't about color or

race or ethnicity," said Osei-Bonsu. "It's about an interest in African culture and a willingness to want to represent what Africa stands for as a history, as a group of people, as a continent itself."

The Mr. & Miss ASO Pageant will consist of four rounds that test the contestant's knowledge of Africa and enthusiasm for sharing the culture. The first round, African Attire, will begin after the contestants share their platform and state why they want to be crowned Mr. or Miss ASO.

"The contestants will be wearing unique, traditional outfits from any African Country. They will explain their outfits briefly and they will answer the first round of questions," said Osei-Bonsu.

The talent portion of the pageant will allow the contestants to show off unique talents that relate back to Africa. Their volunteerism will also be taken into consideration.

The last round of questions will come during the evening attire round. "Women are required to wear full length gowns," said Osei-Bonsu. "Men are required to wear three or two piece suits, any style of their choosing."

Five judges will be awarding points throughout each round. Claire Isaboke, vice president of ASO, Mary Nyangweso, the current ASO advisor, Kenneth Wilburn, ECU professor and supporter of the ASO, Marama Gueye, associate professor of African Diaspora literatures and Osei-Bonsu will be judging the event.

At the end of the night, the points accumulated throughout each round will be added up and Mr. and Miss ASO will

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African Student Organization members Chelsea Scott (left) and Loreen Agandi (right) speak in front of the Mr. & Miss ASO Pageant rehearsal Sunday night. The two are former pageant contestants.

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Music students host jazz music concert

Victoria Schule
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The sound of alto saxophones, guitars, pianos, and even violin will come together to bring different jazz pieces to life in a concert tonight at the Jazz Chambers Music Concert.

Similar to a science class, Jazz Chambers is the lab required for jazz studies majors to come together and learn music. Once a semester, jazz students play in a concert.

"You can't learn to improvise with other people on your own, it would be like having a conversation by yourself," said ECU School of Music teaching instructor, Scott Sawyer, who said it is important for jazz majors to learn together in a group.

There are 22 students that make up the four different groups in the Jazz Chambers.

"I believe over the semester the groups developed some chemistry," said Sawyer. "And they are starting to make music as opposed to notes on a page."

The performance today will include a variety of pieces that include some improvisational and original pieces. Some pieces that will be played are "My Shining Hour" by Harold Arlen, "Nostalgia in Time Square" by Charles Mingus, and "Funk in Deep Freeze" by Hank Mobley.

"I have two of my own original pieces in the concert called 'Tony Speaks' and 'Booshki,' said Sawyer. "There will also be an original piece played by a student guitar player."

The jazz ensemble practices every Tuesday together to learn their pieces and even change up the sound.

"The main goal is to try and be creative," said Sawyer. "That's what it is all about. The way jazz works is that they are playing particular tunes that have particular melodies, but there is a great room for improvisation."

Jazz focuses not just on the piece itself but the feel of the music. "Once the melody or head arrangement is practiced, there's a lot of freedom of where it is going to go," said Sawyer.

Just like an art masterpiece, jazz music takes time to put together.

"There's like an art to the performance," said Sawyer. "A good solo sounds like it almost proposed before it was played."

According to Sawyer, music today is digitized and can be created in minutes, whereas jazz music is different.

"It doesn't matter if you're a listener or not, it's different from a three minute pop tune," said Sawyer. "Not to knock down pop or anything, because I like pop music, but the thing about jazz is that it's not going to physically happen in two to four minutes."

Sawyer said that audience has a lot to do with the performance. "It's not uncommon to practice playing certain things, but a lot of what they are playing is improvised and is out on the spot," said Sawyer. "Having an audience that is excited to be there and is responsive can enhance the performance."

Sawyer stated that the liveliness of the performance is everything in jazz music. "If you get a sense that the audience is enjoying the music, you can feel it and that adds to the performance," he said. "It's all about the energy."

The concert is a reflection of the hard work the jazz students put together. Sawyer said the ensemble has come a long way in their practices. "I'm actually very pleased from where they came from at the beginning of a semester. They're all starting to sound a lot more music. It's like hearing someone read like they are reciting something rather than just reading a story," said Sawyer.

Sawyer stated that he hopes students in the College of Fine Arts and Communication checks out the jazz studies program. "I have been at ECU for five years and counting and I think the program has been moving forward greatly in the time I've been here," said Sawyer.

Listeners old and new are welcome to the concert, which is free and open to the public.

"It should be a great concert, there's a wide variety of music," said Sawyer. "I think everyone is going to sound real good and I am looking forward to hearing them."

The Jazz Chambers Music Concert will start tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

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Paint Me a Story will have a reading session before guests paint the various pottery.

Children's books inspire paintings

Sunshine Yang
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Painted Peacock will be hosting the Paint Me a Story event today, where children and students can join together and paint their own mugs after reading a book.

Although mostly children will be in attendance, students are encouraged to come as well. There are different stories to be read but today's event will follow a specific theme.

"We will read a story called 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and after we read the story, they get to paint a piece of pottery," said Casey Gerard, the manager of The Painted Peacock. "They don't have to register or anything, they just come in and we read them the story and they just paint the piece of pottery."

For those coming in, the reading and painting will cost \$12 per child.

"We don't have a specific age group but most of the kids that come in are about the age of 12," said Gerard. "We have an item already made on display and we walk them through every step of it and then we have some food for them while they're painting."

The Painted Peacock is a paint-

your-own-pottery studio with over 300 pottery designs available for their events to local Greenville citizens.

They hold events seven days a week with different workshops each day. Some of these include other holiday events.

"We have other events as well such as the 'Santa's workshop' and 'We Paint Love' which is for adults and it's just a painting class," said Gerard.

For those who didn't have enough time to finish their piece of artwork during studio time, they can leave it overnight and come in to finish at a later time for a fee of four dollars.

The painting studio also has a Painting Club Membership for those who wish to attend most of their pottery painting events.

Mondays are reserved for College Day where East Carolina University students can attend for only a fee of two dollars with a college ID.

The Painted Peacock offers help for children and students who aren't artistic but believe that anyone can come in and paint anything.

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Local artist presents 'Survivor' exhibit

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

A Greenville native will be presenting an exhibit titled "The Survivor" at the City Gallery tomorrow night.

Kyle Highsmith switched from architecture to painting full time after finishing college.

For about 30 years, Highsmith has painted in his studio and has traveled throughout Europe and the United States painting different sights. He uses bold colors to create canvases that express his energy and joy of life, according to Artspacenc.org.

Also according to Artspacenc.org, each piece that Highsmith paints is done at the location of where he found the inspiration for the piece, and is then later finished at his studio. He creates about 150 oil paintings a year.

The Survivor consists of 11 paintings. Each one is an image of a popular city location by a body of water. Highsmith captures the beauty of the water through his artwork.

One particular painting is 'Last of the Big Money From Bright Leaf.' This painting shows the hard work that the farmers go through. Highsmith uses different bright colors and strokes to paint his view of the daily life of the farmer. The detail of the painting is what gives the piece quality. Pick-up trucks, cows and crops are seen with farmers in different areas showing how busy the farm can be.

Most of Highsmith's paintings are of the coast in the Caribbean or the Mediterranean. His paintings show a little adventure and tell a story. According to Newelements-gallery.com, another one of his most popular pieces hangs in the Morehead City restaurant, which represents an old yellow trailer. The painting takes up the whole canvas. It shows the blue-sky, fall time grass, and a TV antenna.

"I actually have never heard of Kyle Highsmith but I think it is pretty cool how he is from Greenville," said Aleah Johnson, junior public health major. "I wouldn't mind going to see his artwork



Kyle Highsmith, a Greenville local, presents his latest exhibit titled "The Survivor" at City Gallery starting tomorrow.

seeing that I would rather look at painting of landscape then a photograph because you can see how someone else sees the landscape in a more creative way."

According to Newelements-gallery.com, another recognizable coastal scene can be found on a yacht. The painting is of a bait shop that sits on the coast. This

painting brings in a mixture of colors to showcase the traditional image of a bait shop.

"I think that going to see his artwork will allow me to go to these different places and get a feel for how Highsmith saw them for himself," said Johnson. "It will probably be like I am actually there if the paintings are what they look like online."

Highsmith sells his paintings for thousands of dollars and has them hung up in multiple locations around the world. His exhibit will be at the Greenville City Museum of Art until Nov. 13. The Survivor exhibit will open at the City Gallery tomorrow night at 6 p.m.

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Dorm room decoration brings the feeling of fall

Brianna Horton
TEC STAFF

'Tis the season for fall decorations! Whether in the residence hall or in four-bedroom apartments, earthy tones are trending and inspiring students to decorate their dorms in a more homey fashion.

"My mom is big into decorating the inside of our home. I think that's where I get it from, so I wouldn't feel right if I didn't do the same to my room in Fletcher," said Caroline Markoch, sophomore dance education major. "I always leave my door open so that people can see the decorations in my dorm."

Markoch lives in Fletcher Residence Hall, where a lot of the residents decorate the outside of their dorm rooms to make it feel more like they're at home. Christmas lights, cut out paper pumpkins that say "It's fall y'all," and sparkly monograms fill the hallways of residence halls at ECU.

"I actually have a banner above my door that says 'spooky' for Halloween and now that Halloween's over, I'm breaking out the leaves and then Christmas decorations," said Markoch. "I think [decorations] add a unique element to my room and even to the floor that I live on, it shows that I'm excited for the holidays and season changes without verbally stating it."

Some people need a little more than the visuals to make them feel at home in their living space.

"Scentsys are the best if you're in a dorm, but I still use them in my apartment," said Gross. "They burn all day and you don't have to worry about fire hazards."

While dorm lighting can be drab and Scentsy can be expensive, Christmas lights or string lights bring new energy into your space. They take a little bit of work to hang up, but they're worth it.

"I try to make [my apartment] as cozy and as warm as possible," said Gross.

Gross's love for interior design started early.

"When I was a little kid I used to paint and then I went into fashion. Then I got an interior design internship this summer and I fell in love with it," she said. "I got to express my creativity and I think that's important for people to do with their living space... creating beauty in some form whether it be decorating your couch or even putting photos on your wall."

Just like the leaves, warm colors like reds and oranges are inspiring for fall decorating

"I personally like to walk under trees in the fall and absorb that feel," said Gross. "You put those colors in your home and you get that same feeling in your home."

This upcoming Thanksgiving calls for some festive decorations to be in season.



Students tape decorations to their doors to celebrate fall.

"Turkey items are in now if you're cheesy, but I just went out and got those glazy lights and put them into wine bottles," said Gross.

Whether it is for the fall season or holidays, there is always a way to make your home away from home a little comfier by adding decorations.

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MUSIC continued from A1

worldwide number one singles such as "No Parents." Released at the end of 2013 with their third album, "POSI VIBES," the song was a number one for six weeks in international billboard lists.

One-man performer, Sam Chowns, performing as shmu, latest album was released last weekend and sold over a quarter of a million copies in its first 2 days. Chown said he is excited to perform in Greenville.

"Every time I've played Greenville it's been a lot of fun," said Chown. "Greenville is one of the most welcoming music towns in America."

Entitled "Shhh!!!" shmu's album includes 13 tracks that he has been working on for the last three years. With a sound like Coldplay-meets-indie rock, shmu takes his unusual instrumentation and makes music that both surprises, but also provides harmonic satisfaction to listeners.

Touring the east coast solo, shmu spends the first half of his set playing new tunes from his

most recent album. His album's success reflects the progress of the Canadian native's musical career since he started in 2009. The final part of his show is a pop-punk set where he described playing the drums and producing electric guitar sounds with his mouth through a pedal board.

"I've been playing this set for a while, so I mean every night is slightly different, but I move things around based on what the audience wants and what the vibe of the room is...I'm feeling pretty good about [the album] and I'm really happy to get it out," said Chown.

Man Rabbit, out of Fremont, North Carolina, is a jazz-inspired new-age pop performer who takes his music to the next level by adding electronic elements and unexpected harmonies.

Together, these four groups of musicians will bring an out-of-this-world vibe to the already free-spirited venue that is Art Avenue. Wednesday's show will begin around 7 p.m.

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be crowned. From there, the winners will go on to represent the ECU ASO in the Interservice African Students Association Pageant.

"The Interservice African Students Association Pageant, which is a pageant that basically happens each year in January, [is] where all the different African Students Organizations in the North Carolina area meet at one college and do a pageant very similar to this in order to choose who will be crowned Mr. and Miss IVASA," said Osei-Bonsu.

The Mr. & Miss ASO Pageant will be held in the Hendrix Theater on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Admission is free to the public.

"This just goes back to the fact that we are more about promoting Africa and promoting African culture and we figured the best way to do that was to make it easily accessible," said Osei-Bonsu. "And that's something we try and do with our weekly general body meetings. Sometimes we have discussions. Sometimes we also do membership development where we'll do a cultural activity."

The ASO holds their weekly meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Bate building in room 1032.

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ACROSS

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14 -chef

15 One of Pittsburgh's three rivers

16 Like a loud crowd

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20 Generous ___ fault

21 Serious romantic outing

23 Hot beverage server

26 Personal ad abbr.

27 Sawmill input

28 Pursue and catch

31 South Seas wrap

33 Freshman and sr.

34 Aussie hoppers

36 Affected coyness, with "the"

37 Stylist's appliance

40 Hot under the collar

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53 Chocolate pooch

55 Like Huck and Yosemite, nounwise

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DOWN

1 "More or less" suffix

2 Gehrig who usually batted after Ruth

3 Baskers' acquisitions

4 Invite to the movies, say

5 Gym specimen

6 "Oops!"

7 Father

8 Georgetown team

9 Youthful countenance

10 Saharan

11 Very few

12 Slick trick that's "pulled"

13 Prepare a sunny-side-up breakfast

18 Three feet

22 Bugs and Rabbits, e.g.

23 Your, of yore

24 Where it's at

25 More formal "Me neither!"

29 Wiggly bait

30 "Ya think?"

32 1921 robot play

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Practice with others to learn faster. Strong partners inspire action. More eyes can see farther. Work with someone who sees your blind spot. You don't have to do everything yourself. Complete assignments. Send someone else ahead.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Love takes priority. Get important chores done first, and then go play. A romantic

rendezvous entices. Postpone tasks that aren't urgent, and follow a passionate call. Pay extra attention to your look. You could meet someone interesting.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Follow your star. Arrange travel plans carefully. A conflict between love and money could slow the action. Include some history in your presentation. Increase responsibility. Release a self-limiting view. Go for what you want.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Follow a dream or vision that you're fired up about. Consider cost, and guard savings. You don't need to pay for everything. Ask for what's needed. Share with your networks. Make a blissful connection.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Take time to review. Listen to your partner's view. The ground rules become clear. Re-evaluate responsibilities, and delegate tasks. Quick action is required. Ask for volunteers, and keep track. Meditate on a decision.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Make upgrades to your surroundings. Decrease clutter and make repairs. Improve your technology. Fact and fantasy clash. Talk over changes before committing to them, or risk an argument. Invest in efficiency, once your team is on board.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Make a solid connection. You're especially powerful. Talk with those who disagree and listen to their view.

Your influence spreads far and wide. Hold your temper. Don't flash your money. Accept advice from loved ones and children.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Discipline around spending pays extra dividends. You're gaining, but slowly. Defer gratification until the bills are paid. Put your feelings into your work. Strive for perfection. Play by the rules. Take it slow and easy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Friends help you form a stronger partnership. Let them teach you new tricks. Watch your step to avoid accidents. Possibilities get realized in conversation. Increase sales and participation for growth and expansion. Together, you make things happen.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Taking leadership includes learning to delegate (if you're not already a master). Invite participation by engaging people with their own interests. Overbuild your foundations. Follow your intuition, and an unexpected bonus gets revealed. Stash it for later.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Find a way to steal time away, just the two of you. Private time in peace and quiet restores you. Turn off your phone. Don't take on new challenges yet. Decrease stress. Breathe deep and savor beauty.

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TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

The Pirates (4-5, 2-3 AAC) lost to UConn, 31-13, Friday in East Hartford.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Redshirt junior forward Marshall Guilmette has announced his retirement due to injuries.

VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates (10-13, 3-9 AAC) fell to SMU, 3-1, Sunday, marking their sixth-straight loss.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates posted a 11-11 singles record and a 6-4 doubles record against Coastal Carolina this weekend.

CROSS COUNTRY

The men's and women's cross country teams notched seventh and fourth place finishes respectively during the AAC tournament.

BASEBALL

ECU held its annual Purple-Gold World Series this weekend in Clark-LeClair stadium.

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Pirates fall to Huskies

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

Defeated and deflated, the Pirates walked out of the cold with their heads hung low after being thoroughly dominated by the Connecticut Huskies.

There was plenty of blame to go around, but ultimately the Pirates just never found the spark they needed to make Friday night's game competitive.

"I thought we had some opportunities," said head coach Ruffin McNeill. "That is where it comes down to making plays. You have to make plays. We talked about that all week right after the Temple game. Critical makes and stay away from critical errors."

Things kicked off well for ECU (4-5, 2-3 AAC), as DaShawn Benton put East Carolina on the board after a pick-six from UConn

quarterback Bryant Shirreffs. The extra point was blocked, and Connecticut (4-5, 2-3 AAC) seized on that momentum.

ECU's defense kept the game close until halftime, allowing just 10 points. Thanks to shoddy quarterback play and an injury to starting running back Chris Hairston, the Pirate offense didn't score a touchdown until the fourth quarter. By then, the game was already over.

"The first half, we needed some answers from our offense," McNeill said. "Our defense played extremely well in the first half. UConn did a great job. I give Bob [Diacio] a lot of credit. They had a tough loss last week to Cincinnati and they bounced back."

On all three elements, defense, offense and special teams, the Pirates were completely overmatched. The 31-13 score

could've looked worse if ECU didn't recover all three of its own fumbles.

"Lack of execution," said quarterback James Summers. "We have to execute, cut down on mistakes and penalties. The team knows we have to be better. Period."

Summers played for three quarters before giving way to Blake Kemp. Connecticut hardly even blitzed, but it did employ a quarterback spy that kept him from breaking off any big runs.

"We felt like we needed some offense and wanted to get James Summers a little bit longer look," said McNeill. "Reality, no excuses, reality is he didn't get to fall camp and see the offense. We felt James needed to

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JASON JIANG | THE DAILY CAMPUS

ECU senior running back Chris Hairston is tackled by a myriad of UConn defenders during Friday's 31-13 loss to the conference-foe Huskies.



ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill looks down during a game this season. He and the Pirates are now 4-5 with just three games left.

McNeill looks to rebound

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

East Carolina head coach Ruffin McNeill admitted that this is one of the toughest spots he and his team have been in during his long coaching career.

"This is the most adversity I've seen on a team that I've coached or been around," McNeill said. "Some of us are going through that in our personal lives, but at the same time, we know we have three games left in this fourth quarter [of the season]."

His comments came after a disappointing and lopsided 31-13 loss at Connecticut on Friday. The loss moved the Pirates (4-5, 2-3 AAC) to below .500 at the nine-game mark for only the second time in the last 10 years.

ECU's streak of three consecutive bowl appearances is now in jeopardy, as it would have to win two of its last three games for the streak to possibly stay alive.

"We have a high standard here at East Carolina. We expect a lot out of our teams and program," McNeill said. "We're not happy with where

we were last week. We felt like we had opportunities in the last two games especially... you have to have all three sides contributing and we didn't get that done."

The primary reason for the Pirates' struggles was their inability to move the ball on offense. The running attack showed up late in the game when the game was too far-gone, but the passing attack was virtually non-existent, with both Blake Kemp and James Summers combining for four interceptions and 137 yards passing.

"Those two guys came into the season not expecting to play. James [Summers] was going to be our Justin [Hardy] with the ball," McNeill said. "Blake [Kemp] was going to be our backup or the third team guy... That position, in this offense, is critical. We make no excuses, but that position does have to make plays for us."

After Friday's loss, McNeill said his players apologized because they felt that they let him down, something that McNeill immediately rejected.

The player doubt and new-found adversity caused McNeill to call on advice from former Iowa

State head coach and long time friend Donnie Duncan.

"He said, 'Just be yourself. It's 90 percent how you handle it and 10 percent is what happens,'" McNeill said. "They'll [the players] watch you and they'll go as you go. Because they care so much about the team, and us."

The Pirates have battled significant injuries, played nine consecutive games and faced a rigorous travel schedule, all of which can cause inexperienced and or tired players.

"We just need to let them know that it's okay to make a mistake," McNeill said. "You don't want to make too many of them, but don't handcuff yourself. Keep making plays each day and I approach each day like I have been."

Even with the Pirates' recent struggles, Las Vegas odds have them favored by four points to get back on track this week against South Florida.

They are also projected by ESPN to compete in the same bowl game as last season, the Birmingham Bowl, against the Auburn Tigers.

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Cross country hosts AAC championship

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The East Carolina men's and women's cross country teams fell short of a conference title this past weekend as they hosted the American Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships, notching seventh and fourth place finishes respectively.

The men took seventh overall at the meet and were led by redshirt junior Jorge Montes. The Pirates finished one point behind sixth place Tulane.

Montes finished 14th overall with a time of 24:30 and continued to prove himself as the best runner for the Pirates.

His time was a personal best in the 8k race and he was named all-conference for the season.

Senior Brather Cline also produced a personal best and finished 29th overall with a time of 24:58. Montes and Cline were joined by Pol Solanelles who came in at 31st overall at 25:03, also a personal best, as the top three men's runners for the Pirates.

This trio has shown to be the best group of runners for the men's team and is a big reason for their overall success.

The women finished fourth overall and were led by junior Caroline Reiser who produced a time of 21:09 and earned a 15th place finish. Reiser ran a personal best time in the 6k race and was named all-conference as well. She was supported by freshman Grace Sullivan and sophomore Shewit Weldense who finished 27th and 28th overall with a time of 21:55 for both. Sullivan and Weldense were separated by only milliseconds. Both achieved personal bests.

Hosting the event gave the Pirates an advantage over the competition according to Montes.

"It was nice, we didn't have to travel and we knew the course. It definitely is a big advantage to host the conference meet," said Montes.

However, this advantage didn't prove to be enough as Tulsa swept the meet, finishing in first place for both the men's and women's race. This marks their second consecutive AAC championship as they placed four runners in the top five for the men and three in the top 10 for the women.

Though the Pirates didn't win, both teams showed improvements from last year's conference meet and have continually showed improvements throughout the season. With the top five men's and women's runners achieving

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ECU's Nick Ciaccia (left) and Pol Solanelles compete in the AAC tournament.

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personal bests at the meet, head coach Dan Lee has the team headed in the right direction.

"The men's and women's team really stepped up to the challenge of running to their capabilities," said Lee.

Lee said his team is on the rise and has confidence that it will be the little things that put them over the top as a team and allow them to continue to improve.

"It may be uphill or downhill, but you have to take it as it comes. The goal is to finish strong and do the best that you can," Lee said.

This meet specifically and the season so far may have been representative of that metaphor.

The Pirates will look to continue their improvements on Nov. 7 at the Three Stripes Invitational.

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see the reps a bit more and [Kemp] understood that."

The loss clearly weighed heavily on the Pirates, with McNeill admitting that his team's confidence was shaken after the game. Summers still has confidence in the offense, however, saying it still can be one of the best in the business.

"Oh, most definitely. You have to execute though," Summers said. "You can't run an offense if you're not executing. That's for anybody. Yes, I definitely still think we are one of the best offenses."

This team won't make excuses, but it certainly looked worn down after playing games for nine consecutive weeks. McNeill prides himself on creating a positive, high energy sideline during games, but that was nowhere to be found during the loss.

Both Summers and Kemp have faltered for three straight weeks, neither proving that they can lead the team to hard-fought victories. Kemp threw three interceptions after entering the game in the fourth, desperately trying to get the ball down the field.

Against Connecticut's secondary, that tasked proved too difficult to accomplish. If there's any good news for ECU, it's that

the Huskies' secondary is actually quite stout. It has allowed just 217 yards-per-game in the air this season.

"I don't think our record indicates how good we are," said McNeill. "Really, each game came down to critical makes. It is what it is. We have three games left. I feel confident in this team and this staff."

ECU has one more game before its much-anticipated bye-week, and the players are sure to be glad to be back at home. Against USEF, they'll need a bounce-back performance to put themselves in contention for a bowl game.

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As a redshirt sophomore he played in 22 of the 33 games during the season. Guilmette missed 11 of the games due to an injury. He started the 15 final games of the year, averaging 6.2 points, 3.4 rebounds and 20.5 minutes per game. He scored 18 points in the first round of The American Basketball Championship against UCF going 7-of-12 from the field and 3-of-5 outside the arc.

"We are deeply saddened that Marshall will be unable to continue his basketball career," Lebo said. "We were very much looking forward to having him as a part of our program for the next two seasons, but his long-term health is far more important at this stage of his young life."

Guilmette averaged 5.1 points and 2.9 rebounds in 58 career games played. He is a member of the 2013 and 2014 Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

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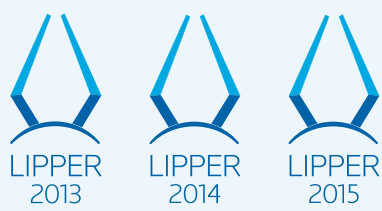
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