



Allen Thomas, Donna Whitley and Ernest T. Reeves (left to right) debate in October. The incumbent Thomas took the seat. *Graph not to scale.

Three-peat for Thomas Godley wins district; incumbent mayor wins seat

Sydni Dobson
TEC STAFF

The recent Pitt County Municipal elections left a 23-year-old East Carolina University graduate in the District 3 city council seat, and a recently re-elected Mayor Allen Thomas ready to conduct business.

Results showed a strong favor for incumbent seats, with the exception of two new city Councilmen for Districts 3 and 5.

The incumbent Greenville Mayor Thomas celebrated his third win of the mayoral race against opponents Donna Whitley and Ernest Reeves at Winslow's Tavern with close friends and supporters, and other election winners.

"I think this is a clear message from the citizens of Greenville, supporting the growth and direction we're taking here in this city," said Allen "New

blood on council now with two new council members; I'm just excited to get moving, for what's in store and what's next for Greenville—It's going to be a great two years."

Along with Thomas winning 63 percent of the mayoral vote, the \$15.85 million transportation bond he's been advocating since 2014, was also approved by voters. A total of 6,451 people voted in

favor of the bond.

In addition to Thomas retaining his seat in the Council, three incumbent District representatives will be re-joining him. For the City Council At-Large seat, the incumbent Calvin Mercer defeated Angel Shackleford Williams.

For Districts 1 and 2, Kandie D. Smith and Rose H.

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ECU inks with adidas

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

East Carolina has officially agreed to a 10-year exclusive partnership with the sports brand adidas, according to ECU Director of Athletics Jeff Compher.

"We're excited about the direction of athletics at East Carolina University," Director of NCAA Sports Marketing for adidas America Jim Murphy said. "Over the next ten years, we'll outfit the Pirates in our newest and most innovative footwear, apparel and uniforms. Our mission is to help athletes perform better and we're looking forward to bringing this winning attitude to all men's and women's athletics at ECU."

Adidas already is the official athletic brand of top programs across the country including UCLA, Texas A&M and Miami. Head coach Ruffin McNeill said having the Pirate brand more closely connected with the "Power 5" conferences is one of the deal's biggest strengths.

"It also represents putting the needs of all ECU student-athletes and programs first, which is always our top priority," McNeill added. "I'm also excited to see and be a part of an innovative design for our game and team apparel that will surely impact our recruiting process."

The partnership is yet another example of ECU attempting to expand its brand nationally. In 2014, the Pirates left Conference-USA for the more elite American Athletic Conference.

"We're excited to have adidas partner with us at East Carolina," said men's basketball head coach Jeff Lebo. "The long-term commitment they've made to us is going to be terrific, not only for men's basketball, but for all of our sports as we move forward in The American."

Adidas's mission is to develop gear that helps athletes perform better. Lebo said the upgraded gear will add to the experience of ECU's student athletes.

"From an equipment standpoint for our players, being one of their top programs along with the likes of Indiana, Arizona State, UCLA, Nebraska, Louisville, Miami and Kansas is great for them and they'll be excited

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Faculty Senate opposes Ballard raise

Seth Gullledge
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Faculty Senate voted in a resolution opposing recent salary raise given to Chancellor Steve Ballard, which was announced earlier this week.

The resolution was passed Tuesday, and states that the Senate formally disapproves of the "lavish taxpayer-funded pay raises" that was distributed between Ballard and 11 other high executive positions across the UNC school system.

The resolution particularly points out that the disapproval is fueled in part by "stagnant"

wages for other faculty members of the university. Built into the resolution was another urging the chair of the Senate to reach out to other UNC system university faculty senates, asking them to express their discontent formally as well.

In addition to this, the resolution further makes a formal suggestion to Ballard to donate his \$63,000 pay increase to the ECU Foundation to use as scholarship funding.

Finally, the resolution petitioned Senate delegates to request the President of the UNC system hire a consulting firm to conduct a market-rate study of faculty salaries at the

university. The Board of Governors would have to make the final decision to hire the firm.

Ballard's 19 percent raise was announced on Monday, raising his total salary to \$385,000 and setting his successor's salary at \$431,000. The salary was set by the BOG in a meeting last Friday, in which they increased 12 chancellor's salaries across the system

The BOG said the raises were needed to bring chancellor salaries closer to the projected market value, as reported by a consulting company hired to conduct a study on said values.

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Connector project scheduled for 10th Street

Kandice Scarberry
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The City of Greenville recently started the demo phase of the 10th Street Connector Project, which would directly link the hospital district and East Carolina University on a single street.

The \$50 million project began in March 2015 and is expected to be completed May 14, 2019.

The City of Greenville began designing the connector in 2008, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation held a public hearing Nov. 16, 2010. The city, Vidant and ECU each donated \$2 million to help the connector's construction begin.

"We are going to do our best to make sure it is done on time," Jason Beasley, assistant resident engineer for the City of Greenville, said. "We can't predict setbacks such as the weather and accidents though."

The connector is planned to be a 1.4 mile long four-lane highway connecting Memorial Drive to Evans Street with an overpass at 10th Street.

High expectations are set for the connector, but the biggest is to improve transit in Greenville.

"It's horrible," Grace Barbour, freshman business major, said. "I'll be driving at 12, and it's bumper to bumper traffic and there is nothing I can do about it."

The city estimates approximately 3,700 people live in the study area, and the population is expected to grow slightly slower than 3 percent each year through 2025. Traffic is also expected to grow by 2 percent each year through 2025.

The huge growth in the population of Greenville has caused a lot of traffic problems for the residents and visitors.

The main feature of the connector will be the railroad tracks at the corner of 10th Street and Dickinson Avenue. The connector will be an elevated section crossing the railroad tracks at the intersection. The connector will also go past the new student union, with entrances and exits to a parking deck.

"The connector will create a new gateway from the medical district to ECU, and hopefully it



At 10th Street and Dickinson Avenue, the new road will elevate over the railroad tracks. Construction will begin in March.

will make traffic flow a lot easier," Bill Bagnell, associate vice chancellor for campus operations, said.

The overall goal of the project is to create a smaller-scale version of the American Tobacco Warehouse District in Durham with the city's arts and innovation district alongside the ECU campus and

name it the millennial campus.

Another objective of the connector is to improve emergency response time by separating the CSX Railroad from eastern North Carolina to the hospital and Health Science Campus.

The connector is also expected to support the economic development of Greenville, ECU and Vidant

Medical Center. Officials hope that the connector will provide the city a more efficient way to travel.

"It should make traveling through Greenville a little easier," Beasley said.

Many of the small businesses and homes will not be affected by the

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ONLINE

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BRIEFS

Coca-Cola Chief to speak at ECU

The global chief diversity officer from the Coca-Cola Company will speak at East Carolina University Friday.

Starting at 11:30 a.m., an invited guest luncheon will kick off the day, followed by an all-inclusive discussion for students, community members and faculty.

John Lewis Jr., the global chief diversity officer, will be speaking about having a healthy, productive and successful environment for colleagues with diverse staffs.

ECU honors military service, Veterans Day

Starting this week, ECU will honor veterans and military service members with several special events on campus.

The Distinguished Military Service Society hosted a dinner and induction ceremony yesterday at the Hilton in Greenville. The society will recognize outstanding ECU alumni for their service to the country and the university.

New society inductees will also be honored at Saturday's annual military appreciation football game at 7:30 p.m. against South Florida.

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

Pledge Purple focuses on educating

Alina Olson
TEC STAFF

A weeklong initiative focusing on education and advocacy specifically targeting the issues of harassment, bullying and sexual violence will start on Nov. 9.

The idea for Pledge Purple came from East Carolina University's Associate Director for Student Involvement and Leadership Erik Kneubuehl. Kneubuehl brought this initiative from another university and hopes to see the same success at ECU.

Pledge Purple combines several events that usually occur throughout the school year into one week to create more awareness to these issues.

"We came up with this idea to pull the events that happen throughout the year around one branded initiative to allow greater marketing visibility on campus for these issues," Kneubuehl said. "We also hope to reach out to the people that don't know the extent of these issues. We want to educate the masses."

"Take Back the Night" will kick off the weeklong series of events. This is a national initiative that occurs on college campuses and communities around the world. The ECU community will gather Monday evening at Gateway Hall and walk together to the cupola, which will be lit up in purple all week.

"A lot of sexual violence occurs in the evening, so this walk is to let people know we have a community that will 'take back the night' and



ECU leaders of the 'It's on Us' campaign gather for a photo last year. Pledge Purple takes a similar aim at these issues.

make it a safe place," Kneubuehl said.

The "Take Back the Night" walk will also be happening on the Health Sciences campus, starting in the lobby of the Brody Medicine building, and ending at the fountain.

Last year SGA sponsored "It's On Us," a campaign started by the Obama administration to spread awareness about sexual assault and violence on college campuses.

The video from the "It's On Us" campaign will be shown in both West End and Todd Dining Halls on Tuesday to inform students about the dangers of sexual violence and the importance of bystander intervention.

"SGA had a big drive with the 'It's On Us' campaign last year, so we're making it a part of Pledge Purple Week

and hope to continue to successfully spread awareness about this," said Student Body Vice President Jenny Betz.

In addition to the video, golf carts will be providing rides for students on Tuesday throughout main campus and asking trivia questions to test student knowledge about sexual violence.

"We're trying to create a positive spin on things instead of bombarding people with negativity and numbers," Kneubuehl said.

Students are encouraged to take the pledge on Wednesday. Banners will be out on main campus and the Health Sciences campus for students to sign, and they will be hung up all around campus for the remainder of the school year. "Though this is a week long

initiative, it's really going to last all year long. This is a branded mission to change the culture of ECU's campus around the idea that sexual violence, bullying, harassment has to end," Kneubuehl said.

Purple wristbands will be handed out on campus all week long to celebrate Pledge Purple. Local businesses that have the Pledge Purple decal in their window will be offering discounts to students who come in wearing their bracelets. "Pledge Purple is something that we need to build into the culture of our university," Kneubuehl said. "And hopefully it will resonate year round."

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connector because city officials have made plans to connect the small roads that will be intersected to the 10th Street Connector.

"We are going to make sure the small neighborhoods are not affected too much by the connector," Beasley said.

While construction is going on, the workers have time restric-

tions that vary during each area. Lane closures and detours will also be used as construction is going on throughout Greenville.

ECU has also recently turned over five small properties along 10th Street west of main campus to the North Carolina Department of Transportation in exchange for \$826,650. The money will go towards helping the campus grow.

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Glover were highly in favor to remain in their seats as the district representatives.

In District 3, McLean Godley, a 2014 ECU graduate, defeated the incumbent, Marion Blackburn, by a total of 84 votes.

For District 4, the incumbent Rick Smiley defeated Terrence Boardman. Lastly, for the Dis-

trict 5 seat, P.J. Connelly defeated the incumbent Rick Croskery.

With Godley's defeat over Blackburn for the Greenville City Council District 3 seat, it allows Godley to become one of the youngest members to be sworn in to the Greenville City Council.

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PIRATE RANTS

So professors haven't received a raise since 2007, but Ballard gets a \$63,000 raise. Does that make sense to anyone?

Steve Ballard gets 19% pay raise (\$60,000) and I get \$10.00 a semester for printing. I see my tuition money is hard at work.

Was our chancellor so obviously underpaid because he is now getting a \$63,000 pay raise? He's stepping down from his position at the end of the school year so we're now giving him a salary increase? By comparison, does the chancellor's pay raise mean that all the other university employees were being paid competitively? Probably not, is my guess. Does the Board of Governors (BOG) know what it's doing? Again, probably not, is my guess. Thanks TEC for reporting this story. It's very interesting.

Hey Greek Life, thanks for unseating a councilwoman who has experience and cares about the ECU and Greenville community. I hope you enjoyed those free t-shirts a candidate with no experience gave you.

THE OPINION PAGE IS DONE ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS!!!! Stop it with this social justice warrior s*** and write a god-damn opinion piece yourself. Dumbasses.

If you think all of TEC is a bunch of liberals then do something about it. They're not an elite club that only lets certain people in. Apply for a job. The world would be so much better if people would stop complaining about it on the internet and just do something about it. If only liberals apply for the job then a liberal is probably going to get it.

I, for one, find the "left-leaning" opinions refreshing. It's a nice change of pace from this BS propaganda I'm constantly hearing old white dudes spout. Keep up those alternative viewpoints, TEC!

My Lana del Rey can beat up your weepy Adele.

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

Social media breeds damaging insecurity

Earlier this week, Instagram celebrity Essena O'Neill made headlines for her recent disdain for social media.

The 19-year-old Australian model has made a career out of posting attractive Instagram photos of herself while wearing outfits and promoting products for over 612,000 followers to see.

The protest began when O'Neill deleted 2,000 photos from her account. In her last Instagram post on October 27, O'Neill wrote, "[Social media] is contrived images and edited clips ranked against each other. It's a system based on social approval, likes, validation, in views, success in followers. It's perfectly orchestrated self-absorbed judgment."

We, the editorial staff at the East Carolinian, feel there is validity in O'Neill's words, but that the fault should be placed on those who choose to prioritize their online image rather than blame the media outlets themselves.

Social media has undeniably become an overpowering part of everyday life in the past few years. It is difficult not to care about following or the amount of likes you get on a post, especially when you see everyday seemingly normal people like O'Neill receiving over 100,000 likes on pictures that don't accurately represent the events that happened in her life.

The amount of self-validation that is placed on our social media following has certainly become a problem that is difficult to ignore. O'Neill, for example, admitted to feelings of anxiety and depression because of her emphasis on social media validation.

However, we must sit back and remember that what is posted on social media does not define who we are as a person.

Social media success does not define success in real life. Take the time to enjoy life, not through a phone screen but with the people that truly matter most.

Halloween culture needs change



Seth Gulledge
TEC COLUMNIST

This Halloween, while the great multitude of students headed out to celebrate, I spent my evening in the all-too-familiar costume of a student journalist.

Armed with a police scanner and a camera, I set off through the neighborhoods of Greenville, around the streets of downtown and amongst the dormitories dotted across our campus—all the while praying that the costumed masses would manage to safely celebrate their festivities, and then promptly return home without incident. Grimacing at every flashing blue light or garbled scanner report, I could not help but fear that I would find another atrocious eye-sore of a riot like what occurred in previous years.

I am proud to report that I did not witness any such atrocity.

This pride is attributed to many things, the first of which being to our various uniformed men and women who, with remarkable patience and endurance, watched over us that evening. That pride and gratitude extends to our first responders, administration, event staff and to the good hearted strangers who helped

their fellow students home.

This pride is also baseless. It is rooted in accomplishments that we should have never had to aspire to. It is sad perception of ourselves that we are honestly proud of a night in which multiple assaults were reported, a man was shot, another stabbed, and over 160 people were charged with some form of violation. I refuse to be prideful about a night, or a university of students, that I witnessed fighting, screaming and disrespecting not only each other, but the emergency service personnel trying to keep them safe. Instead, I am ashamed.

Greenville managed to celebrate Halloween without a riot. Within itself, this should not be a statement worthy of celebration, but an accomplishment unnoticed for its regularity. We should not let escape a sigh of relief about a night that left people in the hospital. We cannot continue to glorify a night which repeatedly warrants as much fear and preparation from our university and law enforcement as Halloween continues to do. We cannot remain proud of the night that debases the value of our education, and mars the image of our university in the eyes of future employers around this state.

If there is one thing that I learned from my experience roaming around Greenville

last weekend, it is the sheer immensity and size of these yearly celebrations—numbers so large that we cannot hope to pretend that our police force could ensure safety and order for every participant and resident of this city. It is the obligation of the students celebrating to responsibly enjoy their evening, while watching out for their fellow students. Without this culture of responsibility, we can never hope to make these celebrations safe, or make East Carolina University's Halloween famous for not it's crazy, irresponsible and violent actions, but for its enjoyable, respectable night that most of us wish to foster.

Let's be proud of this Halloween, but not for the overall condition of the evening, but for the improvements we've seen, and for the efforts of our city and university that made such a difference. Let's not be content with where we're at, but hopeful that we can continue to turn a culture that prided itself on riotous destructive behavior, into one that prides itself on the safety of our community and the image of our university. Let's invest in a culture that we don't have to be ashamed of.

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Cold War II should be avoided



John Faulconer
TEC COLUMNIST

From Around The World

In the past few weeks, Russia has begun conducting airstrikes in Syria. It is unclear exactly who they are targeting with these airstrikes; yet, their global military

aggression could not be clearer. The United States must tread carefully to avoid falling into a second Cold War, as the outcome could be catastrophic.

Our reaction to each instance of Russian aggression should be calculated thoroughly and carefully, while keeping any involvement of the U.S. military as an absolute last resort.

This sounds like common-sense, but there are many politicians who believe a tough approach is the best approach. Do these politicians need a history lesson to understand what could be at stake if we retaliate?

Russia's military aggression is not just a recent complication. In the 1990's, Russian and U.S. relations were recovering brilliantly after the Cold War. That all changed for the worst when U.S. forces bombed Belgrade, Serbia, in 1999.

The shelling of the city accomplished the goal of ending the mass killings occurring in the region, but it had a major long-term consequence. Since the U.S. and its allies acted

without Russian consent, Russia saw this as a nasty example of western aggression.

This story was just the beginning of worsening tensions. After the Soviet Union collapsed, NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) continued to not only exist but to expand into Russia's neighboring countries. Russia sees NATO's expansion as a growing western threat and an attempt to isolate and control them.

The recent Civil War in Ukraine can be seen as a small example of Russia's backlash against NATO's expansion, as Russia began helping the Ukrainian rebels fight against the pro-NATO Ukrainian government.

Russia's military involvement in Ukraine's civil war caused several western countries, including the U.S., to impose economic sanctions. That, coupled with the tumbling oil prices, had a devastating effect on the Russian economy.

Shortly after the sanctions went into effect, the ruble (Russia's currency) lost over half its value.

The Russian population is disgruntled. They are facing economic hardships that have no end in sight. This is causing the Russian president Vladimir Putin's approval ratings to fall.

To help improve these poll numbers, Putin has decided to show military strength by allegedly bombing the Islamic State in Syria. Although, reports suggest that Russia is not

just attacking the Islamic State, but also U.S. backed rebel soldiers.

The Obama administration decided last week to send U.S. troops to help train rebel soldiers in Syria—the very same soldiers that are allegedly being attacked by Russian airstrikes. This entire situation is much more dangerous than we are willing to recognize.

Imagine the outcome if a Russian airstrike accidentally attacked U.S. troops, or vice-versa. Any accident could send events spiraling out of control.

We did not end the Cold War by showing aggression toward the Soviet Union. History has shown us that Russia can not be intimidated by our military strength. In fact, each time we show any aggression, Russia retaliates.

Many of the presidential candidates have stated that the Obama administration has not been aggressive enough with Russia, and that if elected president they would stand up to Vladimir Putin.

This rhetoric questions whether or not these candidates know about Russia's non-submissive history. If we elect a childish candidate that promises to retaliate and escalate the situation, the United States may be in for a very bleak future.

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No- 62.5%

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- 9 As such
- 14 Morales of "Jericho"
- 15 Improbable
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- 27 19th-/20th-century South African conflicts
- 33 "Stupid me!"
- 34 Unlikely prom king
- 35 Chocolate-covered caramel treats
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- 68 "Sweeney ___ the Nightingales": Eliot poem
- 69 Newbie
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- 71 Do not disturb
- 72 Promote
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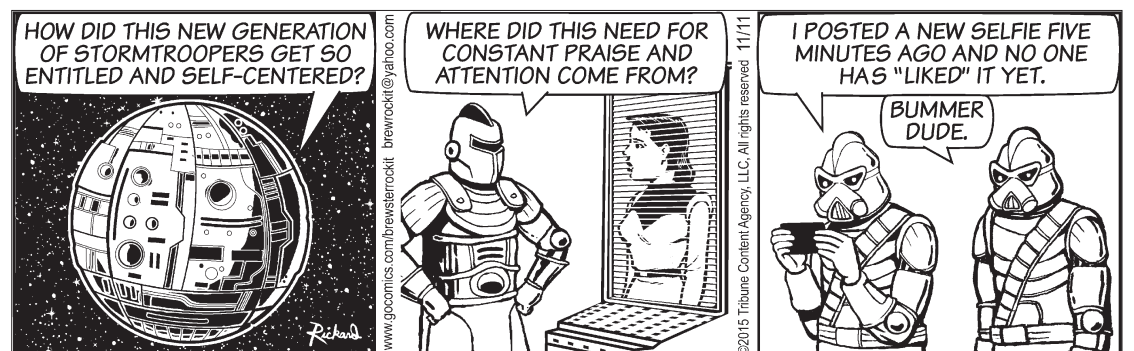
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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Resolve practical work details. Long-term efforts begin to bear fruit. Tend them carefully. Watch your step and avoid risky business. Strengthen your partnerships and teamwork. Find your heart in your work. Feed your passion to advance.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Fantasies prove flimsy. Stick to steady ground, and emphasize fun. Something you try doesn't work. Be patient with a resister. Don't make assumptions. Enjoy family and friends. Teamwork is a given. Pool your resources and celebrate.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Home and family draw you in. Imagine what you want, and provide leadership.

Create and renovate. Play with color and textures. Inspiration comes from afar. Delegate to specialists. Clean messes, and feed your worker bees. Time outdoors refreshes.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Study, writing and research flow. Prioritize facts over fluff. Welcome contributions from others. Get creative to improve your pitch. Your influence and clout are rising. A change at work puts more coins in your pocket. Upgrade technology.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Cash flows in. Avoid spending it all, and avoid distractions and arguments. Discover something about a person you thought you knew. Consider a new view. Major obstacles are past. This could be a lucky break. Grab an opportunity.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- It's getting easier to advance. You're getting stronger. Call in your best players. Don't rush. Consider a new style. Neatness counts. Wait to be sure what's wanted before attempting to provide it. Persistence produces lucrative results.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Your dreams can inspire a change for the better. Peaceful solitude entices. Enjoy tranquil productivity. Postpone meetings and social life. Finish old projects. Clear space for what's coming. Reflect on the past and imagine a future you'd like.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Ignore distractions, if you have a deadline. Hide out, if necessary. Otherwise, get out and get social for some fun. You can find

what you need in your networks and communities. Work together and get farther.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Travels and educational adventures tempt. Leave misconceptions behind. Relax instead. Words can be deceptive. Run a reality check. Water is involved in the plan. Stick to practical routes. Completion leads to advancement. Ride a surge of power.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Professional challenges require your attention. Handle with minimum expense. Tempers can spark. Avoid waste or overconsumption. Go for moderation. Get advice, but make your own decisions. Face to face interactions produce great ideas. Relax and listen.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Focus on finances with your partner. Neglecting this comes back to bite you. You don't have to agree on everything. Work out common ground. Share your vision. Provide leadership. Shift objections through gentle persuasion. Romance your competitor.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Someone is willing to share your load. Don't try to do everything yourself. Rely on partnership. Give back, too. Get others involved and learn new tricks. It may not look as expected. It could be much better.

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Expo supports local artisans

Ashley Federici
TEC STAFF

Beginning this evening, the Greenville Convention Center will host the Down East Holiday Show where artisans from all over Eastern North Carolina will gather to show off their unique merchandise.

Some of the vendors that will be present at the Holiday Show include The Painted Monkey, The Venue, Ricks Chicks Boutique, Gregory T Designs and Jenni K Jewelry to name a few.

Miriam Ledford, owner of The Painted Monkey, a home-based pottery business, said this year the show will include more locally handcrafted goods than last year. Ledford is excited about the show because she said it is a great way for local business to gain attention nationwide.

"[The show] had turned into more stores from the mall putting a booth in there," said Ledford. "We want more people with the crafts that are handmade or personally designed, more like an art. That's what the people really want,"

Kim Avery, owner of The Venue, a Greenville based antique shop, said the show really helps local

retailers reach a wider and new audience.

"There are a lot of surrounding areas where customers come from," said Avery. "It allows people to see more than they would by just going store to store and they can get a good idea of everything that's out there."

Both Ledford and Avery said their businesses have put in a great deal of effort to prepare for the show. The Venue plans to premiere their new highlight merchandise at the show.

Two local businesses, Gregory T Designs and Ricks Chicks Boutique, will be participating in the show for the very first time. Gregory T Stokes, from Gregory T Designs, said he has been on the waiting list to participate in the show for three years now.

Stokes is an ECU alumnus who studied industrial technology and now has his own jewelry line. His pieces are handcrafted using a particular type of hypoallergenic silver. Stokes said he is glad to finally have the opportunity to participate in the show and have a wider audience recognize his designs.

"My jewelry is very unique and one of a kind,



Numerous eager shoppers enter the Convention Center at last year's Down East Holiday Show.

and it will give significant exposure to the people who are unfamiliar with it because this show pulls people from all of the rural cities of Eastern North Carolina," said Stokes.

Stokes said he has put a lot of effort into picking the pieces that he will be selling at the show. Stokes will be bringing his skull and crossbones bracelet that he said is a very popular game day piece.

"We have concentrated on collecting an inventory of the best selling items we have and producing a significant amount of items at one time. Also we are preparing spe-

cial show only items at lower sale prices," said Stokes.

Catie Ricks, owner of Ricks Chicks Boutique, is another first time participant in the show. Ricks said her business actually began around Christmas time two years ago when she created scarves out of yarn as gifts.

"They were just meant to be gifts for all my friends and family and then they all loved them and started putting in orders," said Ricks.

Ricks Chicks Boutique used to participate in the weekly Umbrella Market in Uptown Greenville and is also sold online through the website Etsy.com. Ricks

said the Down East Holiday show would be a great way to grow her brand as well as bring back revenue to other local businesses.

Ricks said she would be bringing her purple and gold scarves as well as her new Christmas themed scarves.

"I have something for everyone. I have a wide variety of textiles that I use. There will be a lot to choose from," said Ricks.

The Down East Holiday Show will begin this evening at the Greenville Convention Center.

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The unique electro rock band Shinobi Ninja performs together and pumps up the crowd by jumping to the music.

'Ninja' takes Crossbones

Carlyn Legg
TEC STAFF

With their 2015 east coast tour in full swing, Shinobi Ninja, out of New York, brings an electronic twist on rock music to Crossbones Tavern in Greenville tonight.

The unconventional band is made up of six members, each of which has their own role within the band. Self-proclaimed stage names are just one thing that set this Brooklyn-

native band apart from its peers.

Baby G, the only female in the rock band, brings hip-hop and soul to the vocal texture of the group's sound. Doobie Sims, lead vocalist and guitar player is the root of the rock band's style, providing a wide array of vocal textures to the sound of the group. Guitar player Kid Shreddi adds chord progressions of pop music to the rock scene.

Since 2008, Termi-

nator Dave has rocked to the beat of his own drum as backbone of the rhythm section, keeping Shinobi Ninja in check along with his rhythmic partner DJ Axis Powers, who works the turntables for the new-age rock band.

Dipping its toes into multiple genres of music, including metal, reggae, electronic, punk and rock music, Shinobi Ninja has produced three studio albums. "Artistic Visions", the band's latest

album, was launched by the 2015 tour. Dave described the band's excitement to perform in Greenville.

"We love the people of Greenville," said Dave. "We first played Greenville in 2010; we used to play at Live Bar there and it was always a lot of fun. Pirates and ninjas hang out."

Having performed at the Afropunk Festival in Brooklyn in 2009, and

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ECU visits literary legend

Brianna Horton
TEC STAFF

The English Department will host its sixth Shakespeare field trip this weekend for East Carolina University students to experience literary works in a new way.

"Everyone knows in theory that Shakespeare wrote his plays to be acted," said David Wilson-Okamura, a professor in ECU's English department. "But it's different to actually see them acted by a troupe of professional actors who know each other and really care about the text of Shakespeare [that] they study together, you

look at the text differently."

The English department put together a trip to view three of Shakespeare's plays at the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton, Virginia, in a reconstruction of Shakespeare's Blackfriars Theatre.

The two professors attending the trip this year are David Wilson-Okamura and Sean Morris.

"The English Department has used its operating budget and this money is not automatically designated for teaching courses, but advances the teaching mission of the department and for a couple

of years it's been sponsored by a private donor who we are very grateful of and whose identity is anonymous," said Wilson-Okamura.

Professors said that although they only have space for 10 students to come on the trip, in the past years, students on the waiting list have been able to attend the trip.

The scheduled plays they will be attending of tragedy, comedy and history include "Antony and

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Speakers to discuss religion

Sunshine Yang
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University Campus Ministry will host guest speakers tonight to talk about what it's like to be a Christian student, as well as a Christian in the workforce.

The three speakers, Robert Beaman, David Manteca and Christopher Evans, are all successful Christian businessmen.

"It's interesting to see the difference between being successful in the world versus being successful in God's eyes," Casey Cantrell sophomore and double major in speech and hearing and Spanish said. "It also gives us a more fulfilling life."

Cantrell, who had been a part of this campus ministry since her freshman year, is also a leader of Cru this fall.

"I was raised in a Christian home and everyone at my church was just encouraging me to get involved with a campus ministry when I came to school," said Cantrell. "When I was a freshman last year, one of the staff contacted one of my friends and she invited me to Bible study so I went to that and that's where I met a lot of my friends here at ECU."

CRU was first created back in 1951 at the University of California by Bill Bright but also exists in other college universities now such as N.C. State and UNCW. For pirates, CRU is an opportunity to learn and experience a different angle to religion as an interdenominational ministry.

"I know here at ECU, it's fairly small. We used to be bigger before I came here but we are starting to grow so it's really exciting," Cantrell said. "We do have a bunch of student leaders but there are staff whose job is to organize things and kinda give directions to students who are in leadership positions."

For Cantrell, being a Christian at ECU is challenging at times.

"I think being a Christian at ECU means having enough faith to follow what is expected of you by God instead

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An ECU music student performs a clarinet piece, which he himself wrote and perfected specifically for the World Premiere concert, for a cafeteria full of students at Todd Dining Hall last year. COURTESY OF ECU MEDIA RELATIONS

Concert debuts student-written works

Nneka Walson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

North Carolina's NewMusic Initiative will hold their World Premiere concert at 7:30 p.m. today in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

The concert is filled with pieces written and performed by East Carolina University music students. All of the composers participating in the concert major in composition at ECU and have been working on their musical piece for several weeks.

"To the composers, this concert is a very big deal," said Edward Jacobs, director of the event. "They've worked long and hard to write these pieces and this is the final stage of the process which is hearing it and evaluating it."

According to Jacobs, most of the pieces created by the students were written and

finished by the end of September. After they have finished writing the music and find their specific players, they work together through rehearsals to prepare the music. Once the desired changes are made, the perfected compositions are performed. This will be the first time the composers share their finished ideas with the public.

"It is not a case where you just finish it and it's immediately performed," said Jacobs. "People have to prepare it. That's the process that has been going on and the student composers learn a lot from it."

Jacobs compared the concert to a term paper with a presentation to follow.

"You would work on the paper in stages," he said. "You begin with an outline, then a first draft, and so on. So the concert would be the final presentation, the final

realization of it all."

There will be eight pieces showcased in the concert. Each piece will be performed by the many students in the school of music.

"There are voices, both men and women; there are also viola and violins along with piano, tuba and even electronics," said Jacobs.

Quite a wide variety of people from campus and the community are attracted to the concert, according to Jacobs. Students from multiple music classes, alumni, along with family and friends are most likely to attend.

NewMusic Initiative at ECU holds these premiere performances three times a year. The upcoming concerts for next year are in March and April.

"North Carolina NewMusic Initiative is

a concert series and we focus on music of our own time," said Jacobs. "We are hearing music pretty much written within the last 5-10 years."

In opposition to concerts that play strictly old and classical pieces, NewMusic Initiative emphasizes songs that are current.

Their mission is to engage the community in all phases of new music's culture, which includes commissioning and meeting composers, preparing new works for world premiere performances, the creation of archival recordings and pursuing questions of cultural and esthetic critique.

The concert is free to the public and there will be a small reception in the lobby of Fletcher Music Hall following the event.

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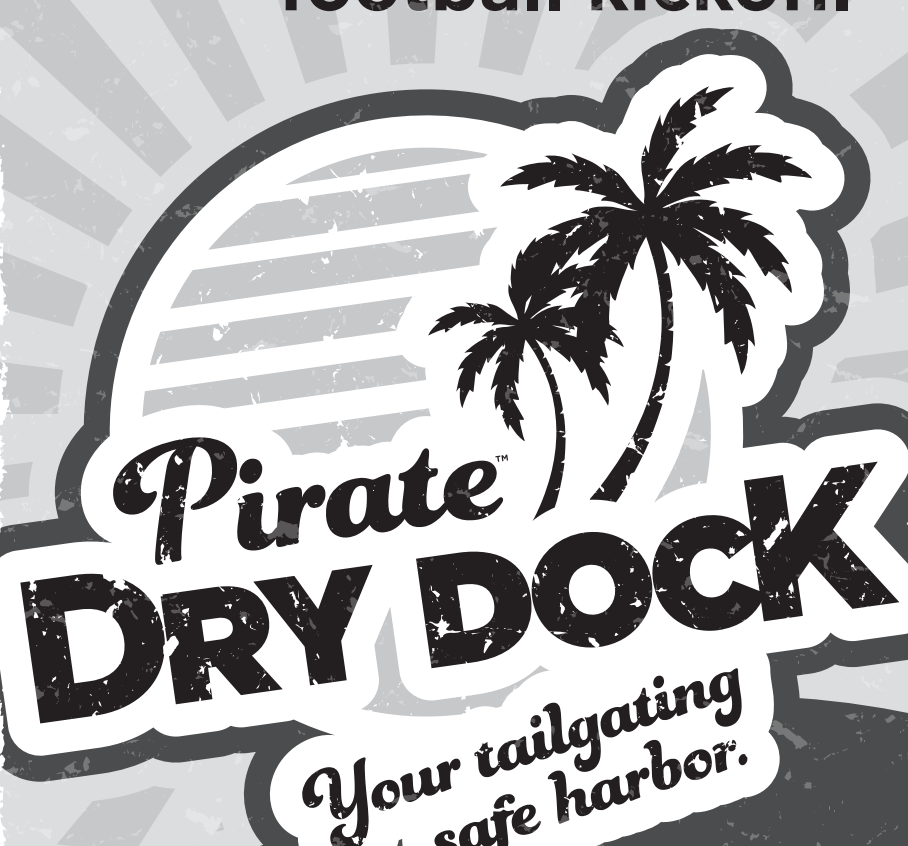
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at Summerfest in both 2010 and 2011, Shinobi Ninja has dreamed of headlining their own tour for a while now.

The award-winning band also has a gaming app, available for mobile devices, called "Shinobi Ninja Attacks!" where players are running ninjas. Needless to say, the background music for the game is made up of original tracks from Shinobi Ninja. The rock band has had songs featured on other games too, with its song "Rock Hood" in the 2011 released NBA 2K12 video game.

Shinobi Ninja has also written a song for the big screen. Shinobi Ninja's song "Stop", from their 2009 EP "Brooklyn to Babylon" was played in an AMC original show "The Killing" in 2011. "Amped to 12" from Shinobi Ninja's first studio album in 2011, was written for and featured on the soundtrack for the movie "A Haunted House 2", which was released as an American horror film in spring 2014. Some of

these may be heard at their show tonight.

"We'll be playing songs from our first album; we've got a couple new singles out right now that we'll be playing," said Dave. "We've also got a video that we just finished working on that will be out soon, so we're excited."

As lead spokesperson for the band, Dave described the status if the band's latest project and described the band's vision as out-of-this-world.

"We've been working on [the album] since April and our singles 'Fun Time' and 'Bang Bang' will be on there," said Dave. "It's going great, man, we just keep evolving as a band and harnessing our individual powers which makes the music stronger and we've been able to do whatever we wanna do and our music can just be as big as the universe itself, which we all know is infinite."

Shinobi Ninja's performance at Crossbones Tavern in Greenville tonight is set to kick off at approximately 9 p.m.

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Cleopatra", "A Midsummer Night's Dream", and "Henry VI" also known as Joan of Arc.

Seating placement for students various, but in previous years some students have been asked by the actors to sit onstage.

"It really is wonderful to be on the same platform as the actors, you experience it differently. You get jostled by them and you can smell them if it's hot and they're sweating in leather," said Wilson-Okamura. "The point of the balcony seats, it's not to see the play, it's to be seen. That's what I mean by it [going to watch the play] being a social activity. The reason some people buy the more expensive seats is not primarily for the experience of watching Shakespeare, they want to be watched. They themselves become part of the spectacle."

Students will leave Greenville at 7 a.m. on Saturday and return to Greenville late Sunday night. Students are responsible for the cost of the tickets, which should amount to no more than \$14 per show, taken in cash or check only. Current ECU

students will have to supply their own meals whether it be packing lunches or dining out while in Virginia.

"I think a lot of people enjoy literature, but are afraid to major in English. Trips like this help to enlarge our vision of what a university is for," said Wilson-Okamura. "It's not training for your first job where most people end up working in jobs that are not what they thought they were training for, it's the jobs they were prepared for by their foundation courses that turn into careers, using larger level skills that they learned as college students in these foundations courses."

Marianne Montgomery is credited for the Shakespeare field trip.

"It was really Dr. Montgomery's vision that turned into this experience and she figured the logistics; I'm keeping the torch alive," said Wilson-Okamura.

According to Wilson-Okamura, "I try never to pump him up, I clear away the things that come between my students and Shakespeare and I believe watching it on stage is one of the most efficient ways to do that. I wish I could bring all of my students to do this."

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of what the world expects of you, so like not going by what everyone else is doing just because that's the popular thing to do," said Cantrell. "I see it in a positive way, a way that I can reach people who might not know God."

Cantrell said hearing from people who are successful Christians will give a perspective of how you can be successful and follow God.

"I know for me I can be really focused on what it means to be successful and oftentimes we don't realize that what we think is successful," said Cantrell. "It's interesting to see the difference between being successful in the world versus being successful in God's eyes. It also gives us a more fulfilling life."

The Cru speaker event will happen tonight at 8 p.m. in Mendenhall.

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The East Carolinian Sports' experts predict this weekend's football game

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Who Wins? ECU, 31-13
Why? The Pirates seem rejuvenated after two hard losses. They'll make a statement against USF.

Adam Decker

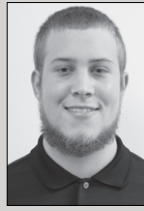
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Who Wins? USF, 31-24
Why? The hopes for an explosive ECU offense has faded. It will once again struggle to keep up with USF.

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Who Wins? USF, 28-24
Why? The Bulls' running game will make things tough for the Pirate defense.

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Who Wins? ECU, 24-10
Why? I have a hard time seeing the Pirates drop three in a row.

TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

The Pirates (4-5, 2-3 AAC) will play South Florida in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates are scheduled to face five ranked opponents in 2015-16, according to Tuesday's Associated Press Top 25 Poll.

SOCCER

The Pirates (8-10-2, 3-5-1 AAC) fell to No. 10 UConn, 3-1, Tuesday in Dallas, Texas.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates are set for the Wake Forest Invitational in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this weekend.

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The Pirates will participate in the Kitty Harrison Invitational this weekend in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

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ECU set for battle with Bulls

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

Following one of its more down weeks of the season, East Carolina will look to keep its three-year streak of bowl appearances alive when it battles South Florida inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

The Pirates (4-5, 2-3 AAC) are coming off of a poor performance at Connecticut, 31-13, a loss that seemingly depleted the Pirates and the coaching staff.

"We was (sic) over that on Sunday. We moved forward from that," quarterback James Summers said. "We have to end better than we started and that's what we're going to do... We have to execute better. Regardless of the defense, we have to execute."

The Bulls (4-4, 2-2 AAC) come into the contest ahead of ECU, sitting at second place in the American East standings. All four of their losses came against strong competition, falling to No. 17 Florida State, No. 15 Memphis, Maryland and Navy. USF also did something the Pirates could not, defeating UConn, 28-20.

"[USF] lost to Navy last week, but they were on a three-game [winning] streak," ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill said. "It's very important that we have a good work day today and the rest of this week... It's a big week and a big game for us."

The Pirates are yet again facing a dangerous dual threat quarterback on a team that heavily depends on the run. The Bulls are extremely reliant on quarterback Quinton Flowers and running back Marlon Mack, both of which are top ten rushers in the conference.

Flowers, who is four carries behind starting running back Mack for the team lead, has rushed for 578 yards and seven touchdowns on 112 carries. He has also completed 98 of his 162 passes, tossing for 1,246 yards and ten touchdowns with six interceptions.

Mack has rushed for 718 yards on 116



James Summers (11) lets go of a pass against Tulsa during a 30-17 win over the Golden Hurricane. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

carries and four touchdowns, totaling 6.2 yards a rush. He has also tallied 11 receptions out of the backfield.

The Bulls average 214.4 rushing yards-per-game, good enough for third in the conference. And because of their heavy rushing attack, they are 11th in passing, averaging 177 yards a game.

"[Flowers] is very, very athletic, one of the most athletic quarterbacks that we'll face, and [USF head coach] Willie [Taggart] has shaped the offense around him," McNeill said. "Marlon Mack is probably the best back that we have faced and will face. He's averaging over 100-plus yards per game."

Nothing about USF's defense stands out on paper, as it is in the middle of the American in nearly every defensive category. However, the unit has registered eight interceptions on the season, which is bad news for the turnover-ridden Pirates.

The Bulls are led by the defensive duo of Auggie Sanchez and Jamie Byrd. Sanchez is fifth in the AAC with 70 tackles, while Byrd has tallied two interceptions and 63 tackles.

The Bulls appear to have the best special teams unit in the conference, showing their explosiveness by leading the American in both kickoff and punt return yardage.

ECU will look for more offensive stability in Saturday's 7:30 p.m. matchup, as it has been alternating quarterbacks between Blake Kemp and James Summers all year, both of which combined for six turnovers in the rhythmless offensive showing last Friday at UConn

"We just played bad," offensive coordinator Dave Nichol said on the offense as a whole. "You can't turn it over four times. You throw picks when you don't make the right reads and I've got to call better calls."

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ECU freshman forward Kentrell Barkley holds the ball during a high school game. WEB PHOTO | 247SPORTS.COM

New faces look to bolster squad

Craig Moyer
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina men's basketball team is looking for contributions from six new players as the team continues to prepare for the upcoming season, beginning Oct. 13.

The team is returning 10 players from last season and will be joined by three freshmen, two transfers and one walk-on.

Freshmen Deng Riak, Kentrell Barkley and Justice Obasohan are familiarizing themselves with the higher level of play in the team's preseason practices.

Head coach Jeff Lebo is hoping the freshmen will become acclimated to college play during practice and will get a better sense of their progression once the season begins.

"We've got a lot of new faces and they are going to have to try to make an adjustment to play at this level, so we'll see once games start how they do," Lebo said.

Riak, a 6-foot-10 forward from Melbourne, Australia, attended high school at Victory Rock Prep in Bradenton, Florida. During his senior year, he averaged 12 points and eight rebounds per game and was rated a top-12 prospect in Florida by ESPN.com.

Riak is currently out due to an injury, but the team hopes to have him back by the opening game of the season.

Barkley, a 6-foot-5 guard and forward, attended Northern Durham

Transfers aim for immediate impact at ECU

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina women's basketball team will welcome several new transfer players that come with experience and are eligible to play this season.

The Pirates will have four new players to bolster their squad after sitting out a season due to NCAA transfer rules. Of those players, three are redshirt juniors and one is a redshirt sophomore.

The redshirt sophomore is 6-foot guard/forward Gabrielle Holston. Holston played one season at Georgia Tech before transferring for ECU. Holston played in seventeen games for the Yellow Jackets averaging 1.5 points per game and 1.1 rebounds per game. Holston comes with a high level experience, and she even played in the NCCA tournament two years ago.

"[ECU] was really a place I could see myself growing, being so young I could develop my game more," said Holston.

To help create depth with the inside players, redshirt junior Derreyal Youngblood, who is 6-foot-4, was recruited by head coach Heather Macy. She transferred to ECU after playing two seasons for LSU. Youngblood made 54 appearances for the Tigers, averaging 2.2 points, 2.1 rebounds, and 0.3 blocks per game. Youngblood also has experience playing at a high level. She played in the NCAA tournament last year and earned 20 minutes of play against No. 8 Penn State during the tournament.

"I was excited to see the chemistry the coaches had with me," said Youngblood on her transfer.

Redshirt junior Marina Laramie will be a big presence for the Pirates in the post standing at 6-foot-2. Laramie played two seasons at Indiana State before transferring to ECU. She played and started in all 32 matches for the Sycamores her sophomore season. Laramie was their third leading scorer and second leading rebounder averaging 9.9 points and 5.8 rebounds per game.

"The coaches and the people here, I just felt connected with them, they seem really motivated and that was a team I wanted to be with," said Laramie.

To help run the offense of the team, redshirt junior point guard Khadija Toure joined the program after spending two seasons at Oregon State. Toure played in 49 games for the Beavers during her two years and averaged 3.1 points and 1.3 assists per game. She has made a couple of appearances in the NCAA tournament, continuing the trend of bringing tournament-prepared players into the fold.

"The overall mindset of the coaches, I like how it was really competitive, and I liked the level of play," said Toure.

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High School in Durham, North Carolina. He averaged 23.6 points and 11.6 rebounds per game during the 2014-15 season and has posted 43 career double-doubles.

Obasohan, a 6-foot-5 guard, earned a spot on the team as a walk-on as a freshman prior to the 2015-16 season. He attended N.C School of Science and Math in Durham, North Carolina, where he played on the varsity team for two seasons and averaged 17.3 points and 11.9 rebounds per game.

Lebo said there are several position battles taking place in practice to replace Antonio Robinson, Terry Whisnant and Paris Roberts-Campbell.

"There's a battle for a lot of positions, I think we'll have some clarity, hopefully in a couple of weeks," Lebo said.

The team also added two junior college transfers, Clarence Williams, Charles Foster and walk-on, Drew Bost.

Williams, a 6-foot-8 forward from Tal-



Pirate freshman forward Deng Riak holds his arms up during a high school game last season.

lahassee, Florida, transferred from Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas. He averaged 7.7 points and 6.3 rebounds per game in his sophomore season.

Foster, a 6-foot guard, played two seasons at Vincennes University where he led the team to a

record of 67-5, averaging 13.3 points per game. He made 41.9 percent of his career 3-point attempts, going 129 for 308 and also averaged 4.2 rebounds per game.

Foster is competing with senior Prince Williams and sophomore Lance Tejada to replace

Robinson at the starting point guard position.

Bost, a 5-foot-10 guard, earned a spot on the team as a walk-on after one year as a team manager. He played two seasons at Wake Tech Community College in Raleigh, where he averaged 11.5 points per game. He made 119 3-point field goals as a sophomore, which led the country for junior college Division II players.

With the reduction of the shot clock from 35 to 30 seconds, Lebo plans to run a fast-paced offense and hopes his team can adjust to the faster pace.

"I think they're learning to be able to play at the speed we want to play and to be able to execute," Lebo said.

With six new players, including three freshmen, the team needs a sense of leadership from their more experienced players. The team has five seniors and five juniors and Lebo has looked to those upperclassmen to lead the younger players.

"We've leaned on our veterans here in practice to show them how we do business everyday," Lebo said.

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First round exit for ECU soccer after loss to top-seeded UConn

Allison Jobe
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina soccer team ended its season in a 3-1 loss to top-seeded Connecticut Tuesday afternoon in Dallas in the first round of the 2015 American Athletic Conference tournament.

In just the second minute of play, UConn didn't waste any time as American's Co-Offensive-Player-of-the-Year, Rachel Hill, hit the ball past senior goalkeeper Saundra Baron, giving UConn (17-2-0, 8-1-0 AAC) a 1-0 advantage out of the gate.

"When we played at UConn [earlier this season] we gave up an early goal and that's never good, and we did that again today," head coach Rob Donnenwirth said.

The No. 8 seed in the tournament, the Pirates (8-10-2, 3-5-1 AAC) came back on the Huskies 16 minutes after the first goal was scored, earning ECU its first corner kick of the match. Junior defender and forward Autumn Berry took a shot to the top left corner of the goal, fifteen yards out, with an

assist by senior forward Stephanie Seagrave to tie the score 1-1.

The goal was Berry's first of the season and second of her career. The assist was Seagrave's second and marked her 25th career point.

The nation's 11th-ranked team, UConn, scored its second goal of the afternoon, giving it a 2-1 lead with just eight minutes left in the first half. The Huskies' Maddie Damm sent a ball into the upper right corner of the net from approximately 30 yards, marking her second of the season.

At the end of the first half, UConn held a 13-2 advantage in total shots and a 6-1 lead in shots on goal, all while Baron made four saves in the period.

The second half started slower as both ECU and UConn had close chances to making goals. The Huskies' third attempt at a shot was a corner kick from the near side in the 58th minute of play.

Kim Urbanek hit the corner kick across ECU's goal box, finding an open Toriana Pat-

erson, who passed the ball to Hill. Hill notched her second goal of the game, kicking the ball into the back of the net to put the Huskies 3-1 over the Pirates. The goal was number 12 for the season for Hill.

"We tied the game up and I was hoping we could get to halftime ahead. UConn's player Maddie shot a crazy shot 30-yards out. We just couldn't break them down. When they got the third goal I knew it would be a real tough battle there," Donnenwirth said.

Neither ECU nor UConn scored again, leaving the Huskies with a 3-1 win over the Pirates. The Pirates fell behind UConn who had a 22-5 advantage in total shots, 10-1 lead in shots on goal and 6-5 edge in corner kick chances. Baron completed the match with seven saves to close out her collegiate career.

"We're disappointed. In the end, UConn is a better team than us. They have some great talented players, but we just couldn't do it in 90 minutes," Donnenwirth said.

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about sporting that every day in practice and in games," Lebo said.

Nike had previously been ECU's sports partner, but head baseball coach Cliff Godwin says the special focus adidas can give the program will help move ECU athletics to the next level.

"I'm fired up and really excited that our university is one of 11 schools to have a national brand with adidas," said Godwin. "Nike did a great job with us, but being a top-tier school that gets the most gear and equipment from adidas is very exciting for ECU Baseball and the future of our program."

Women's basketball head coach Heather Macy agreed, calling the agreement an exciting event for the Pirates' athletic programs.

"I can't thank Jeff Compher and his administration enough for the leadership they provide, and that is exhibited in this partnership with adidas," said Macy. "We will have all the apparel and footwear resources necessary as our program moves two feet forward."

The partnership will run through the 2025-26 athletic season. Representatives from adidas will be visiting ECU's campus throughout November to meet with each team individually to best meet their needs.

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