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Committee sets search parameters

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TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Chancellor Search Committee recently discussed the qualities desired in a future chancellor of the university.

The goal of the leadership committee is to develop the profile for the possible candidates and make sure each candidate meets standards that the committee thinks are essential for the next chancellor at ECU. A leadership statement is then made to help identify the requirements a candidate should meet. This document outlines the position in detail along with the university's goals, missions and general knowledge.

"This is different because we have not had an additional leadership committee to expand the search and I think that is ECU culture," said Ann Lemmon, a secretary for UNC system President.

A tentative timeline was discussed with plans from now until mid-December. The committee wants to get surveys and public forums out so that they can receive feedback in time. In the tentative timeline, by Dec. 14, the Leadership Working group hopes to have a possible draft followed by revisions by Dec. 17 and a presentation to the search committee of the final leadership statement.

Lucy Leske, a senior partner with WittKieffer search firm, encouraged the committee to take a more contemporary approach and to stay away from having a long leadership statement.

The leadership committee is divided into three groups: leadership development and survey development and public forums. The role of each group is to come up with ideas for surveying. Surveying is an important aspect in the process of finding a new chancellor in that it helps to reach all over the community.

Chris Dyba, vice chancellor for University Advancement and co-chair of the leadership committee, explained that having surveys for the public are crucial. Conducting internal (students, faculty and staff) and externally (residents and the triangle) surveys assist with feedback to make sure the chancellor meets the needs of the community.

The committee spent time discussing which type of questions should be included in a survey.

Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for student affairs, explained that the survey questions should be broad and open-ended types of questions.

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A8 TWO TAKES ON ECU'S STRUGGLING OFFENSE

South Florida junior running back Darius Tice delivers a stiff-arm to ECU junior DaShawn Benton as senior Montese Overton lays a hit. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Pirates drop third straight

ECU offense gets stuck in mud during loss to USF

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

Poor quarterback play doomed the Pirates against USF on Saturday, with their third consecutive loss placing head coach Ruffin McNeill's streak of three straight bowl appearances in jeopardy.

One more loss, against either UCF on the road or Cincinnati at home, would have the Pirates finishing the season below .500 and ineligible for post-season play.

"We have to put our backs to the wall and come out and win these next two games," quarterback James Summers said.

East Carolina will have to do a lot more than fight in order to right the ship. The dominant offense the program has been known for has all but disappeared. It wasn't until the third quarter that ECU recorded its first first down of the game in Saturday's 22-17 defeat.

"That's not us. We've been here five years and set all kinds of offensive records," McNeill said. "We're used to scoring a lot of points and our defense depends on that. James [Summers], everybody be patient with him. He's getting reps under fire. I was disappointed."

In a somewhat shocking change of pace, offensive coordinator Dave Nichol and McNeill decided to stick with Summers for the entire game. Summers previously shared quarterback duties with Blake Kemp, but McNeill said he felt the offense would perform better if the quarterback wasn't playing with the thought of being replaced in mind.

"[Coach Nichol] and I felt with this offense you've got to let them see the looks and that's the patient part," said McNeill. "We talked about no hesitation all week long, and that's what we told James, 'Do not hesitate to make mistakes. Let it go. Swing your sword, fire it. It's not ready-aim; it's fire.' And we saw glimpses of that in the second half. We've got to get him the reps and he's got to see the experiences."

Summers' performance improved as the game went on. The wide receiver turned quarterback went 14-for-22 passing, tallying 158 yards. He carried the ball 20 times for just 42 yards but was effective running in the red zone, scoring two touchdowns.

The quarterback wasn't the only rusher who couldn't get going. ECU finished the game with just 62 total yards on the ground,

despite 34 attempts. That averages out to just 1.8 yards-per-carry.

The Pirates defense kept the game close all night. USF outgained ECU, 277-29, in the first half, although the Pirates trailed just 12-7. Senior linebacker Zeek Bigger was all over the field, recording 12 total tackles. Nine of those were unassisted.

"We come out and play hard each and everyday," said Bigger. "Give what we got to give. [We] always have the mentality to be the best and try to win the game any way we can."

With the Pirates holding a 15-14 lead with just five minutes left in the fourth quarter, the defense made one fatal mistake that allowed USF to seize the lead and the victory. USF quarterback Quinton Flowers found Rodney Adams wide open down the sidelines thanks to blown coverage, connecting for a 67-yard score.

After a Pirate punt, cornerback Josh Hawkins cost ECU's offense needed time on the clock by gifting USF a first down after getting called for a personal foul.

Summers attempted to lead a despera-

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Godley sets focus on safety for District 3



Sydni Dobson
TEC STAFF

An East Carolina University graduate will now serve as the youngest council member elected in Greenville at just 23-years-old.

McLean Godley, who graduated in May 2014, won the District 3 seat over the incumbent Marion Blackburn, who has served on the board for six years.

"When you're passionate about something and [you're] going to give it your all every time you wake up, people are going to start believing in you," said Godley.

Godley said it's exciting being the youngest member on the council.

"We've had a lot of people help me out. We've had 15 students help me out, without them it wouldn't be possible."

Godley said that with his win over Blackburn, he's ready to make some changes to his district and the improvement of Greenville. The first issue he wants to face, is an issue he personally deals with.

"Well the first thing we got to do is

make sure our citizens of Greenville are safe in their homes," said Godley. "I stay in a neighborhood that lacks consistent lightning throughout the neighborhood."

Godley said that along with improving the lightning in neighborhoods and student housing complexes, he wants to implement more blue light boxes. The blue light boxes would come in handy for people to use more conveniently in the case of an emergency. Godley wants to make sure that students feel safe and secure in North Carolina, so that once they graduate, they'll want to stay in Greenville.

In addition to Godley's first focuses as District 3 seat, he said Greenville needs to hire an economic development director.

"That process continues to move forward," said Godley. "We're going to make sure our economic development has someone to steer its course."

Although economic development is something that Godley wants to improve in the city, he said the biggest challenge he will endure is ensuring everyone of how big of an impact stu-

dents have on the city of Greenville. Godley also said students are the unforgotten population.

"I know that students of ECU are so much more for the community," said Godley. "Students do so much for the city of Greenville and are tomorrow's leaders."

Godley said he ran his campaign on unifying District 3 instead of separating it. Godley understands that everyone has a say in the council and everyone will have great ideas that they want to be passed. He hopes that his method for unifying the district will eventually become reality.

"I know that unifying District 3 will be a challenge, but I'm up for the challenge," said Godley. "I do believe that it will be the biggest challenge."

Godley said his true goal as council member is to unify District 3 once and for all, along with bringing good economic development and safety to neighborhoods in Greenville.

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ONLINE

» Women's tennis wraps up fall campaign

» Club rugby upset in first round of conference tourney

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BRIEFS

Take Back the Night rescheduled

The Pledge Purple Take Back the Night Walk on Main Campus that was scheduled to take place Monday at 6:30 p.m. has been rescheduled to Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The change was made because of the rain Monday and expected rain today. The starting point will still be Gateway Residence Hall and finish at the Cupola. The Take Back the Night Walk on the Health Sciences Campus was still held Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Veteran honored at Saturday's game

Former East Carolina football tailback and class of 1943 graduate, Nick Zuras, conducted the coin toss for last Saturday's game against South Florida.

Zuras, 97, is also a World War II Veteran. Zuras enlisted in the Navy in 1943 after leading the Pirates to their only undefeated season in 1941. He was a commander of a rocket boat with a seven-man crew when they stormed the beaches of Omaha and Normandy.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

Paul Ker took the photo of Shinobi Ninja.

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

Speed faithing event inspires diversity

Danielle Gentry
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

"Find your passion and tend to your spirit."

This is what Lynn Caverly, director of Interfaith Pirates Better Together, encouraged the audience at the "speed faithing" event to strive towards.

This "speed faithing" event, held by East Carolina University's Interfaith Pirates, occurred last Thursday in the Croatan Greenroom. The event consisted of students from multiple religious and nonreligious groups who were interested in learning more about other worldviews that are represented on ECU's campus. The Interfaith Pirates presented a safe environment for students to share and ask questions about their faith amongst one another.

This event was intended to

promote better understanding, acceptance and tolerance of different worldviews on campus and in society. This is the second time the Interfaith Pirates held a "speed faithing" event.

Amanda Perez, freshman psychology and philosophy major, said she was a presenter at the first event, and although it went very well, she hopes that this time there will be a more diverse audience.

"I hope that more students will come to this (event), since last time it was mostly people in the audience who already were involved in the organization, or were familiar with the religions, and we really want the audience tonight to learn something new about different worldviews," said Perez.

The event started off with a keynote from the organization's director, Caverly, who spoke on

behalf of the organization and its members.

"Humans are meant to live in a community, no matter what their religion (or lack of religion) is," Caverly said. She encouraged all who were there to "tend to your spirit" by taking advantage of all the resources that are available at ECU for religious and nonreligious groups.

The eight worldviews represented at this Speed Faithing Event were Baha'i Faith, Judaism, Secularism, Islam, Modern Deism, Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism.

The Interfaith Pirates were very pleased with the outcome of this "speed faithing" event, according to President Maya Williams, a junior majoring in social work and English.

"We got to hear a variety of perspectives not only from presenters

but from students who came to listen as well," said Williams.

This event also served as a Passport Event, which drew in many students who were previously unaware about the organization.

Shayan Nik Akhtar, sophomore philosophy and biology major, who presented the Baha'i faith for the event, said he became involved with the Interfaith Pirates after noticing some of their bulletins posted around campus.

ECU has been attempting to get more students involved in interfaith organizations, and they began a survey-system that was sent to every first-year student, asking them about their own personal take on religion and worldview.

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Intermural Battleship event hosted today

Matthew Prenskey
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Today, 22 teams of students will have the opportunity to channel their inner pirate in East Carolina University's first intramural Battleship tournament.

This fall will be the first time Intramural Battleship has come to the ECU community. Intramural Battleship is a trending sport that has been become very popular around the United States.

Mark Parker, assistant director of Intramural Sports and Youth Summer Camps, said ECU and the department of Campus Recreation and Wellness are always looking for new and exciting activities to bring to the student body.

Intramural Battleship has become a popular event on many college campuses. The idea takes its roots from the childhood classic game and changes it up with a certain splash.

In the game, boats are launched into a pool with two tools; a bucket and shield. A boat can contain three to four members and the objective of the round is to use the buckets to sink the opponent's boat. As a defense mechanism, members of a boat can use a shield, usually

a paddle board, to defend themselves from taking on water. The last boat to stay afloat is the winner.

According to Parker, the game does have a couple main rules that members of each boat may not break or risk taking a penalty. Team members of a boat may not bail out or use the water already inside their ship in order to attack another team. Team members are also not allowed to stand or touch another ship or rival team. Lastly, a member of a team can not take an item such as a bucket or shield from another team. Any rule violation will result in a penalty. A penalty consists of the guilty team pouring two bucket loads of water into their own craft.

"I was looking on the adventure website for things to do and I came across battleship and it looked really fun" said Kelsea Read, freshman nursing major.

Like Read, many other ECU students have taken to this idea. According to Parker, participation did not reach the goal of 25 teams, but he and the rest of Campus Recreation and Wellness were very pleased to see that 22 full teams registered.

According to Parker, spectators are more

than welcomed to come and watch the festivities, though a limited amount of seating will be available due to logistical reasons. While the event will not have a large amount of seating, Campus Recreation and Wellness does plan to record the event and make the video accessible to the public, in case any spectator was not able to attend.

Lifeguards and extra staff will be on duty at the event in order to keep track of the participating members and make sure everyone stays safe.

Campus Recreation and Wellness has given no word on whether or not the event will continue into future years, citing the fact that they will base that decision off of what happens this year.

The event will begin around 7 p.m., at the indoor pool, located inside the Student Recreation Center. The competition will consist of five heats, with four to five teams competing per round. Each winner of the round will advance to the finals which should start at approximately 9:30 p.m.

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PLEDGE

- I will not use my hands or words in acts of violence, bullying, or sexual assault.
- I will educate myself about what violence, bullying and sexual assault looks like in the Pirate community.
- I will support my fellow Pirates and safely intervene as an active bystander if I witness scenarios of violence, bullying or sexual assault.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday: It's On Us		
• It's On Us ECU Video	Main & Health Sciences Campuses	All Day
• Pirate Prize Patrol	Throughout Main Campus	10:30am - 2:00pm
• Speak Up "Pledge Purple"	West End & Todd Dining Halls	12:30pm
• Bystander Training	Mendenhall 244	4:00pm
Wednesday: Pledge Purple Day		
• Take the Pledge Day	Mendenhall: The Brickyard	11:00am - 2:00pm
• Take the Pledge Day	Throughout Health Sciences Campus	10:00am - 3:00pm
• Film: Welcome to the Party	Mendenhall: Hendrix Auditorium	5:00pm
• Take Back the Night Walk	Gateway Hall: The Sounds Conf. Room	6:30pm
Thursday: Beverly Gooden - Creator of #WhyIStayed		
• Health Sciences Speech	Vidant Hospital: Vidant Auditorium	5:00pm
• Main Campus Speech	Mendenhall: Hendrix Auditorium	8:00pm
Friday: Pledge Purple with ECU Volleyball		
• ECU Volleyball vs. Memphis Prizes and Photos at Minges Coliseum		5:30pm

East Carolina University

PIRATE RANTS

Pirate alumni here. Please, if any of the football players read this, DO NOT lose to 0-10 UCF in the next matchup.

ECU football is kind of like my math class. There is always next year.

I thoroughly enjoy reading "A Cup of Joe" and "Our View" in the opinion section. I do not, however, enjoy reading the liberal justice warriors that follow.

Honestly having Russia waste money in Syria is a good thing if you happen to be against Russia. Don't forget that it was a expensive war in Afghanistan that helped end the Soviet Union.

\$385,000?! C'mon Steve, don't settle for that measly \$65,000 raise(even if it is more than double what I make with my fancy new degree from ECU) tell them you want \$431,000 and not a penny less!

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Our view

Recent outrage over Ballard raise misguided

From public resolutions to conversations across campus; students, faculty and staff have been voicing their outrage regarding Chancellor Ballard's recent \$63,000 pay raise.

The outrage came after the UNC Board of Governors voted to increase the yearly salary of 12 chancellors across the school system. This decision came after the board was presented findings of a survey researching the market rate value of these top executive positions across the state.

The decision raised the ire of many faculty and staff members across the state, who have endured countless departmental cuts, and whose own salaries have remained stagnant for years. The decision also angered students, who have seen their tuition steadily rise.

Many critics of the raise personally target Chancellor Ballard. As an editorial staff, we believe that although there is cause for outrage, students who make the chancellor the target of that outrage are misguided.

The chancellor's raise is a smaller consequence of a larger

issue. The direct criticisms of Chancellor Ballard in relation to this pay raise are unfounded and unfair.

We understand that the faculty and students feel victimized and alienated by the Board of Governors and state legislators who make these fiscal decisions, and in many ways, they unfortunately are.

Educators across the UNC system are underpaid and their raises are few and far between. Students have their tuition raised regularly in a method that seems capricious and unfair.

The UNC system's decision to raise the pay of the chancellor position, in order to better attract more qualified candidates, makes sense. However, the UNC system should take that same philosophy and apply it to their faculty, staff and students.

In order to attract quality employees, faculty and staff should also be given reasonable salaries. So deserving students can afford to attend, tuition should be fairly priced.

If the board is to increase the value of chancellors across the system, it must not ignore the value of faculty, staff or students.

UNC BOG misattributes funds



Joseph Perez
TEC COLUMNIST

A CUP OF JOE

The Friday before Halloween, the UNC Board of Governors awarded pay increases to 12 of 17 chancellors serving the UNC system. Included in those who received a pay increase is ECU Chancellor Steve

Ballard, who intends to retire from his position in 2016. Ballard, and the position he intends to vacate, received a \$63,000 pay raise, elevating the annual salary associated with the position of Chancellor of ECU to \$385,000.

The decision was made in what was described as an attempt to make the soon to be empty position of chancellor an easier position to fill, and to provide higher caliber applicants for the new position as well. While the administration of a complex university system is certainly a difficult job that deserves good pay, I feel like these resources could have been better distributed, at least in ECU's case.

While this kind of decision making fits right into the usual train of thought associated with corporate boardrooms, board members should be more cognitive of the impact their decisions have however. The top administrators of the UNC school system, the board members themselves, either had some extra finances available to give these pay raises or decided to make money available (which probably means an increase in tuition) for pay raises.

Who do they decide to bestow with this "excess" money? The people on top in turn reward their top administrators, as a mafia boss rewards his capos first. People like Chancellor

Ballard and other higher ups receive bonuses. Meanwhile, modeling a cutthroat corporate atmosphere, while the people at the top of the food chain receive more, the other employees of the UNC system receive little or nothing in pay raises. This directly affects the UNC system's customers, students, adversely also.

One can easily look at ECU's current campus atmosphere and determine what the consequences of this type of decision making are. ECU's faculty senate recently passed a resolution opposing this pay raise for the position of Chancellor, motivated by the lack of pay raises for other members of the university in recent years. This comes after protests held by faculty and students over the summer, which decried the increases in tuition due to funding cuts throughout the university. Five professors were dismissed after urges from the UNC BOG to cut faculty size due to budgeting concerns during the summer.

The trend on campus of late has been the hiring of graduate students to teach courses to underclassmen. The pay-rates for professors, quality teachers who have been doing a dedicated job of helping students learn for many years, remains the same. Resentment and better pay opportunities lead many of our great professors to resign and some may even find their position taken by someone who can work for less pay. The pay rate for many professors here at ECU is around \$40,000 a year, and raises are few and far between and meager when they do occur.

Graduate students, people who are not teachers and who usually have little interest in sticking around the university and teaching, are ushered in to fill the gaps. The majority of

them care little, and help even less. Even if by chance the grad student does sincerely want to teach and is not entirely focused on achieving their own academic goals, they have very little in the way of teaching experience. The student attending ECU is the one who ends up suffering.

Being the top administrator for a university is a difficult and necessary job. It insures that quality professors are hired and that our university and its students grow. However, if pay rates for professors do not rise, and if professors continue to be neglected, then it is pointless. The university will not grow, and students will not leave here having learned all that they could.

The Board of Governors needs to sit down and truly evaluate what the needs of the universities in their system are. I think they will find that the UNC system, much like in the NC Public School System, is in danger of collapsing in on itself due to unfairness in workload and pay. Competitive pay at the administrative level is great, but has less impact on each student and the university as a whole than competitive pay for professors could have.

In a place of learning we all have something we can learn from one another. It is tenured professors who need to be doing the majority of the teaching however, and it will take decent salaries to keep them around. The next time the UNC Board of Governors decides to increase pay raises, they should look at rewarding people who are not already making above \$300,000 a year.

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Poll results

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No- 77.3%

Poll question

Should UNC chancellors have received a raise?

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More athletes should publicize opinions



Kai Jones
TEC COLUMNIST

EVERYBODY HATES KAI

As Tim Wolfe, president at the University of Missouri, decided to resign, I couldn't help but smile. I smiled not because I was mad at Wolfe, but because I was

proud of the stand that the 32 African-American football players at Missouri decided to take. The players decided not to participate in any athletic activities until Wolfe resigned.

The players joined the protest that had been going on for months. The protest involved a student that went on a hunger strike, which factored into the players and coaches decision to join the protest. The protest was about racism that had happened on campus, such as: feces that made a swastika, the African-American student body president being called the n-word, and other incidents that made the climate of the

campus feel the affect of racism.

Too often, athletes do not get involved in social issues for various reasons. Many do not want to hurt their image, because some companies do not want their brand associated with opinions that could hurt their sales. More athletes need to take a stand, whether it is the popular view point or not. Athletes pushing what's right, could help make the world a better place.

Athletes are a product and a brand of their own. When athletes talk, people listen. When the Clippers decided to take a stand against Donald Sterling for his racist comments, the NBA banned Donald Sterling for life.

As college athletes, these 32 players are pretty disenfranchised of their power because their living largely depends on the university and the scholarship they're given. But these players were fearless in their efforts.

Big credit goes to the coach who decided to join their efforts and suspended all football activities, including Saturday's game with BYU, until Wolfe resigned. That was a big

factor in Wolfe's resignation, as that move would have cost the school a million dollars. As everyone knows, money talks. While the money was probably the biggest factor in Wolfe's decision, that money isn't a factor without the players taking a stand.

Recently, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, basketball god, talked about his decision over his career to give his views on social situations.

"Sometimes you can't pick or choose," Abdul-Jabbar said. "When something happens, it doesn't matter if it's convenient or not — if it's time to speak up, you have to speak up. You can't be afraid."

Abdul-Jabbar was one of few athletes who speak up whenever he believes something is wrong. He is one of the brave ones and he even chided Michael Jordan, another basketball god, for never stepping up for what was right to benefit his sneaker sales.

"You can't be afraid of losing shoe sales if you're worried about your civil and human rights," Abdul-Jabbar said. "He took commerce over conscience. It's unfortunate for

him, but he's gotta live with it."

My only problem with this notion is that not everyone has the heart to be criticized for what they view as right. Being a social justice warrior is a hard road traveled, as people want political correctness and status quotas to remain unchanged.

For the 32 African-American football players that took the stand, there were about 10 that did not want to stand with their teammates. It's scary as a student-athlete to push the envelope of the politics on your campus, because you could possibly lose your scholarship.

I cannot say that their decision was right or wrong in the stance they took, because I do not live in Missouri. But those players deserve all the credit for standing up for what they believe is right, rather than being intimidated by criticism and monetary loss: something most are afraid to do.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Khan: Rita Hayworth's husband
 - 4 Composure
 - 10 Turkish title of honor
 - 14 Life story, briefly
 - 15 Cigar-smoking George's spouse
 - 16 Swag
 - 17 "One of three in a daily diet"
 - 19 Former Mississippi senator Trent
 - 20 Where sailors go
 - 21 Like a disengaged engine
 - 23 Plant anchor
 - 24 "A roll of two, in craps"
 - 26 Bring up, as a topic
 - 29 Grant permission
 - 30 "Dig in"
 - 31 Glacial historic period
 - 34 The Macarena, pet rocks, etc.
 - 35 Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, e.g., and, literally, what the first words of the answers to starred clues can be
 - 39 One, to Beethoven
 - 40 Regular practice
 - 41 Quagmire
 - 42 Fed. assistance program
 - 44 Key related to D major
 - 48 "Opening night 'Best of luck!'"
 - 52 Pear center
 - 53 ___ powder
 - 54 Unevenly balanced
 - 57 Confident "Are you the one for this job?" response
 - 58 "Guffaw from the gut"
 - 60 Copenhagen native
 - 61 Abode that's abuzz
- DOWN**
- 1 Soak up
 - 2 Bar bottle contents
 - 3 "I'm not the only one?"
 - 4 Farming prefix
 - 5 Air Force One
 - 6 Metal-threaded fabrics
 - 7 Atlantic or Pacific
 - 8 Soccer star Hamm
 - 9 Resemble
 - 10 TV's "Kate & ___"
 - 11 Name on a blimp
 - 12 Detective's promising clues
 - 13 Swears to
 - 18 Reaches
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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- News travels fast today. Long distance communications flow, with Mercury sextile Pluto. Group efforts bear fruit. Get your networks involved. Wheeling and dealing may be required. Put away provisions for the future. Others follow your lead.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Work with a partner over the next few days. Conversation leads to powerful possibilities. Accept a generous offer. Investigate new sources of income. Inviting works better than demanding. Spend money to make money. Invest in your dream.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Good news comes from far away. Profit from meticulous service. Consider an option that

seems beyond reach. The workload could get intense. Form a creative partnership. A crazy idea works. More planning is a good idea.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Love is the prize today. Stick with what worked before. A small investment now produces high returns. Invest in your business, in a labor-saving tool. Practice your skills and talents. Sports, arts and games with friends and family delight.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Get into a domestic phase. Upgrade practical infrastructure. Plan well before spending. Make sure water systems are in good repair. Listen to someone you love. You may not agree on everything, but you can find common ground. Compromise.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Imaginative work pays well. Study the situation before taking action. Look from a different perspective for an enlightening view. Communicate with team members and allies. Once you see what's underneath, you can build it stronger.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Bring in the money. Be persuasive, not aggressive. Learn quickly. Discuss developments, and plan details. Consider all possibilities. The more projects you finish, the more new projects arrive. Spend time on or near the water.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Dreams reveal your true feelings. Meditation and prayer are useful, especially when

pessimism seeps in. The divinity of forgiveness lies in the freedom it provides. Let go of a position that's been keeping you stuck. Open your heart.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Slow down and contemplate. Envision the future. Your interest is stimulated. Learning is tons of fun and cheap. Write or give a speech or presentation. You're quickly becoming the expert. A group extends you an invitation.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Be careful what you say publicly. Leave nothing to chance. Reveal your ideas in private, and get feedback from your inner circle. They can see your blind spots. Take important news into consideration. Work together on messaging.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep a dream alive by sharing it. Don't let anyone take the wind out of your sails. Imagine your vision realized. Take one step and then another. Invite participation, and make good use of the talent that shows up.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Your experience leads to opportunities. Set long-range goals (including vacations). Finish an old job, and clean up afterwards. Consider a power play carefully before choosing your moves. Public recognition is possible. Seek answers in your dreams.

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Festival-goers admire unique diyas displayed on a table at last year's Diwali event, which was held on the MSC Brickyard. COURTESY OF ECU MEDIA RELATIONS

Diwali shines light Mendenhall to celebrate annual festival

Anh Ha
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

On Wednesday, East Carolina University's Indian Student Association will light up MSC Brickyard with its third annual celebration of Diwali Festival of Lights.

Diwali is a holiday that India celebrates annually.

"It's kind of like Indian New Year," said Rajit Prasad, sophomore public health major and vice president of ISA. "You celebrate by wishing good luck into your homes and lighting candles."

According to Anah Massey, sophomore biology major and ISA secretary, everyone in India celebrates [Diwali,] but in their own way.

Trishna Nandwani, freshman business major and ISA public relations chair, said the celebration is a lot like Christmas.

"A lot of people here are not Christians but they still take part of it," said Nandwani.

Since the holiday follows the lunar calendar, the dates of Diwali varies each year. For 2015, Diwali will fall on Nov. 11, which will be the exact date that ISA is hosting the event, unlike previous years.

"Since it is Veteran's Day, we will try to do something that will commemorate that," said Prasad.

At this year's event, attendees will have the opportunity to walk around, see things, touch stuff, and taste food that embody Indian traditions.

"There will be a tent with a lot of

Christmas lights," said Prasad. "Underneath, there are nine tables of different things that corresponds to the culture."

The tables includes different activities including henna tattoos, a sari and jewelry station, turbans, bhindis and carrom. The most important table will be the Diya, which are candles, since the festival is honoring the lights. It will surround the Lord Ganesh, who is the most worshipped deity of the Hindu religion.

The food will be catered by Cinnamon Indian Cuisine. The meal will contain some vegetarian options as well as chicken entrees and desserts.

Aside from activities and food tables, there will be lots of entertainments. Three of ECU's Indian dance group will be performing. These include ECU Bhangra, Pirate Raas and ECU Parindey. There will also be a Sahiti Marcella, a singer, and Jagdeep Singh, who is a DJ. For those who are more interested in the traditional wears and Indian attires, Diwali will host a fashion show at the event.

ECU Parindey, one of the dance groups, is an Indian fusion dance group that incorporates all sorts of choreography into their routine. The organization was founded by Rithika Vaka, sophomore biochemistry major, and Mira Sampath, sophomore neuroscience major. Their dance style includes contemporary dance, ballet, hip hop, indian classical, and Bollywood.

Parindey is different than other Indian dances because like America, India also has many states. Each states

have their own language and variation of choreographies and traditional wear. The main dance for Parindey is Bharatanatyam.

"It's more than just dance, it's a lifestyle" said Prasad. "Some people go for a lifetime. The guru and the teacher teaches you more than dance, they teach you about life and how to go through it. It's not to be taken lightly."

ECU Parindey tries to create a family for the members.

"As a team, what we try to do is bring our culture in a very fun way and teach people about it," said Vaka. "We want to build a family dance group. Everyone should feel like they have a family on campus."

Since Diwali is family-oriented, it is an important event for students who are far away from home and family to feel close to their traditions.

"Being away from home is a little difficult because you spend the whole day with family, and just think about the year ahead," said Sampath, a dancer in ECU Parindey.

The growth of Indian traditions on ECU campus is rapid making the community stronger by the day.

"As dancers, we are excited to see other dancers," said Sampath. "We went from having no dance team to have three in one year."

Diwali is free to all attendees and will take place at 6 p.m. Nov. 11 at the MSC Brickyard.

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Students take a bite from Cuisine, Chat

Sunshine Yang
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Hmong Student Association will be providing a taste of the Hmong culture at the passport event called Cuisine and Chat: Hmong tomorrow at Mendenhall.

The association takes a new approach to promote cultural diversity on campus.

"In the past, we've done cultural awareness days, but it didn't have such a good turnout," said Bai Xiong, president of Hmong Student Association. "So this year we decided to have a more fun and interactive event to involve the students and give them a taste of Hmong culture."

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center is hosting the Cuisine and Chat event, but Xiong is hosting an additional event called Hmong New Year two days later.

"The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center contacted me shortly after and wanted to join the Hmong New Year and Cuisine and Chat together but by the time they got to us, we had already reserved everything," said Xiong.

The Cuisine and Chat event will cover Hmong clothing, history, the story cloth, jewelry and Hmong culture. Students are also encouraged to try on Hmong clothes because it is an important part of their culture and it goes hand in hand with ball tossing. Ball tossing is an activity that requires two individuals tossing a ball back and forth while chatting.

"With the Hmong New Year, it incorporates with the courtship and meeting someone," said Xiong. "But if you already have some-

one, there's no point. It's not gonna be as fun. But if you go with friends, it's really fun."

The Hmong Student Association was founded by Xiong's two older sisters, Bao and Daow Xiong, and their two friends Linda Xiong and Vu Vue back in 2008.

Xiong said she stepped up to the plate this year as president because she didn't want to see the organization go down.

"We will educate students from the time of when Vietnam War started and how the Hmong people were involved with helping the USA," said Xiong. "That's how our culture got brought into America."

Like most Hmong families across the United States, Xiong's family also experienced the hardships of immigrating to the U.S.

"My dad kept a book, a documentary of the war that I read and I just started crying because I cannot believe he had to go through so much just to sacrifice for us," Xiong said. "Everybody has struggles but for us it's a story, it's a legend. It's his legacy how we're here and we're successful. After I read it, I told my dad 'thank you.'"

The Wellness Passport Event will explain more about the history and the Hmong culture to involve students in the Hmong culture and promote diversity.

The Wellness Passport Event will be held tomorrow in Hendrix Theater at 4:30 p.m. for a presentation; the rest of the activities and food will be held outside in the brickyard.

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Pop-up shop shares local holiday artwork

Ashley Federici
TEC STAFF

Throughout the holiday season, the Uptown Art Supply and Gallery will showcase local artwork and handcrafted items at the first holiday pop up shop.

This year, operator Sim Asher decided to create the holiday shop as a way to reach early bird holiday shoppers. The grand opening ceremony was incorporated into this Friday's First Friday Artwalk.

"I want us to create a source to have people enjoy the store in a different way. It's nice to show what our products have actually helped people create," said Asher.

The pop up shop will include a wide range of artists from high school students to ECU alumni. The current ECU students that will have their work featured are Brandon Lee, Ariana Niehaus, Sarah Setzco, Brett Beasley, Sarah Loch-Test and Kayla Staigvil. Four alumni, including Sim Asher, Jacob Baysden, Aileen Devlin and Mike Regnier, will also be participating.

Asher said he has participated relationships with a lot of local contributors through his own per-

sonal participation in the Umbrella Market, which is a weekly market held in Uptown Greenville during the spring and summer months where local artists and farmers can sell their products. Asher said he used this network of artists and social media accounts to recruit the contributors to the shop.

"We reach out and ask local artists to submit hand crafted items or artwork that they would like to sell," said Asher. "We received a lot of paintings photography, prints, jewelry and ceramics, a wide variety of mediums."

Asher said he allowed the artists to decide what kind of style work they wanted to submit. Some submitted original pieces and others created replicas of famous original works.

"We have a lot of artists that portray the holiday theme through their work although we did leave it up to the artists what they wanted to submit," said Asher.

This weekend the Down East Holiday Show was also taking place, which is the largest arts and craft



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Numerous eastern North Carolina artisans will present their creations at the Uptown Art Supply holiday art show.

Forbes names Perry highest earning artist

Nardine Saad
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Katy Perry is roaring loudly on top of Forbes' 2015 list of the highest earning women in music.

Thanks to her Prismatic World Tour and deals with Coty, Claire's and CoverGirl, the "Roar" songstress, 31, earned an estimated \$135 million from June 1, 2014, to June 1, 2015, to clinch the No. 1 spot, the financial magazine said.

Perry's tour, which concluded its run last month, is said to have grossed more than \$2 million in each city.

Landing in the No. 2 position is the quirky pop vixen's purported "frenemy," Taylor Swift, who reportedly wrote her chart-topper "Bad Blood" about the beef between them. The "Shake It Off" singer, 25, earned an estimated \$80 million following the launch of her widely successful pop album "1989" in October 2014. The album sold more than 3.6 million copies and has churned out hit after hit, including "Style" and "Wildest Dreams."

But much of Swift's revenue came from her massive world tour that saw a celebrity guest (or two or three) grace the stage with her on any given night. The tour kicked off in Tokyo last May and will wind down in Melbourne in December.

The iconic band Fleetwood Mac, with Stevie Nicks and Christine McVie, whose return this year made the group eligible for the list despite having three male members, hit the road with its On With the Show tour and earned an estimated \$59.5 million, clinching the No. 3 spot on the list, Forbes said.

Mother Monster and "American Horror Story: Hotel" star Lady Gaga landed in the No. 4 spot with \$59 million comprised of her 66 shows during the scoring period and deals with fashion house Versace, Mac cosmetics and profits from her Fame fragrance.

"Drunk in Love" diva Beyonce rounded out the top five with \$54.5

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The beach-style band performs their unique music, which they will play at this weekend's party.

The Embers to play at block party event

Carlyn Legg
TEC STAFF

The Embers, a beach-style band, will take on the Uptown district of Greenville for the first annual ECU Panhellenic block party this evening. The block party was organized as a philanthropy event to benefit Stop Hunger Now, a nonprofit that reaches out globally to provide food to underprivileged communities.

All 10 panhellenic sororities on ECU's campus are involved in the planning and fundraising for the block party, which is a part of their Panhellenic Pride Week. The block party is the service event of pride week, which is the first annual event of its kind.

Panhellenic Vice President of programming, Austin Levitan, said she'd like to make the block party a tradition.

"We thought the block party would be a great way to bring all 10 of our sororities together to raise money for a cause," said Levitan. "We definitely want to make this a tradition that panhellenic does from year to year. We might choose a different charity to benefit, but we definitely want to do some sort of service fundraiser where we can get not only all 10 sororities involved, but the community as well."

Partnering with Uptown Greenville to

plan the block party, Levitan said there will be no budget deficit for the event, meaning that all proceeds from ticket sales and other fundraising will go directly to Stop Hunger Now.

Levitan said the goal was to raise \$10,000, but through ticket sales and other fundraising efforts, the panhellenic sororities have already exceeded their goal.

"At any given time we're expecting to have a thousand people at our block party," said Levitan. "Just because of our ticket sales and participation of other student organizations that are coming out to help us."

With the block party open to the public and tickets sold in advance for \$5, Levitan hopes that not only students, but also members of the Greenville community, will come out to support Stop Hunger Now and enjoy the festivities at the block party.

"We want the community to come out to see the band," said Levitan. "[The Embers] play a great set and they add a unique twist to their beachy music."

Taking an R&B approach to beach music adds soul to The Embers' sound, which includes brass and woodwind

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Katy Perry performs for fans with Left and Right Shark at the 2015 Superbowl Halftime show. WEB PHOTO | TRIBUNE

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million, courtesy of her On the Run Tour with hubby Jay Z. That tour grossed over \$100 million during 19 show dates in North America. The A-listers nearly topped the

magazine's list of highest-paid celebrity couples for the second time last June, garnering an estimated \$110.5 million. In the No. 1 spot were Swift and her DJ beau Calvin Harris, who earned an estimated \$146 million.

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fair in eastern North Carolina.

"I would say that when there is a lot going on and a lot of opportunities going on for artists... it is difficult to have them submit to more than one show because they're tied up," said Asher.

Asher said there was still a surprisingly good number of artists who were willing to take the time to also contribute to the Uptown Supply and Art Gallery shop in addition to the Down East Holiday Show, that reflects our community's appreciation of art in a positive way.

Asher said he hopes to see the shop be successful and be able to continue it each year around the holiday season.

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instruments as well as drums, guitars and vocals.

Out of Raleigh, The Embers have been around since the late 1950s, touring the Carolina coast. With a musical reputation known from New York to Florida, The Embers have a stage presence that is welcoming to all ages walks of life.

In Five Points Plaza, The Embers will kick off the panhellenic pride week's service night with live music, food and games. Local food trucks and other vendors will be onsite for the festivities this evening, which will take place from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

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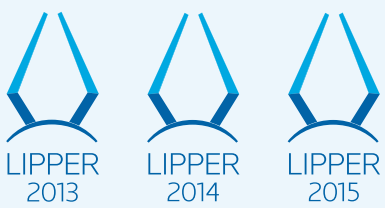
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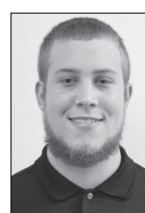
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Weighing in on ECU offensive woes

Nichol to blame for struggling offense



Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

Over the past six weeks of the college football season, it has become apparent that East Carolina's James Summers is a skilled

player who can be a game-changer with his dynamic combination of speed and strength.

One thing he is not is a good starting quarterback at the Division I level.

It's increasingly obvious why ECU signed the former JUCO quarterback to play the wide receiver position. In each of his four performances starting under center, the 6-foot-2, 200-pound junior has failed to lead the Pirate offense to victory, crushing his team's chances of winning the American Athletic Conference.

After Summers put up a meager 87 passing yards from 12-of-21 attempts in ECU's 31-13 loss at UConn last week, first-year offensive coordinator Dave Nichol mistakenly opted to not only start him over junior Blake Kemp again, but to play him for the entirety of Saturday's 22-17 setback at the hands of USF.

The result was the worst first-half offensive performance in head coach Ruffin McNeill's six-year tenure: six passing yards, 29 yards overall, and zero first downs. The Pirates (4-6, 2-4 AAC) finished the game with 220 total yards – easily their

lowest this season – as they lost their second straight home contest.

Kemp has struggled mightily with turnovers (10 interceptions) this year, but has also passed for over 300 yards three times, nearly overcoming teams like Florida and BYU. Perhaps his arm could have woken up a stagnant ECU offense, but the coaching staff decided otherwise.

In the defense of Nichol, who was formerly the Pirates' outside receivers coach for three years, he did not inherit a remarkable situation when he was given the reins of the offense after Lincoln Riley departed for Oklahoma. The team's fifth-ranked offense from 2014 had just lost its best quarterback and wide receiver in program history, and things got even worse when an ACL tear ended the season of would-be-starting quarterback Kurt Benkert in August.

But therein lies the nature of athletics in general; sometimes bad things happen to teams, and it's up to the coaches to make the best of the hand they're dealt.

There's no reason to blame Nichol for experimenting with the two-quarterback system this year. Given Kemp's turnover issues and defenses' lack of preparation, Summers was a breath of fresh air with his scrambling ability that paved the way to wins over Virginia Tech and SMU.

However, opposing defensive coordinators have caught on to Summers' charades, honing in



ECU offensive coordinator Dave Nichol talks with the team during a game.

on his inability to read defenses in an air raid offense that has no air left. So in essence, Nichol has abandoned the dual-system, but chosen the wrong guy.

Flash forward to next season, where Benkert and former Minnesota and Rutgers quarterback Philip Nelson will likely battle for the starting job, with Kemp backing them up. The majority of signs indicate that Summers will be shifted to his more-natural fit in the Pirate receiving core alongside stalwarts Isaiah Jones and Trevon Brown.

In congruence with those changes, it would be wise for ECU to part ways with Dave Nichol, who has utterly failed his first-year test as the Pirate OC. His serviceable play-call-

ing has been undermined by head-scratching decision-making, like continuing to start a quarterback whose quarterback days are numbered.

"We've got to get him the reps and he's got to see the experiences... James – everybody be patient with him. He's getting reps under fire," McNeill said after Saturday's loss.

With eleven weeks into the season and a bowl bid hanging in the balance, there's no time for ECU to have patience. And if the Pirates manage to lose their two remaining matchups on the schedule, McNeill's and Nichol's jobs will be under fire as well.

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Quarterbacks continue to hinder attack



Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

Sitting on a three game losing streak, it is easy to point the blame at first year offensive coordinator Dave Nichol, not realizing the difficulty of flip-flopping between two very different and unsuccessful quarterbacks.

Three weeks ago, East Carolina was sitting in second place of the American Athletic Conference East division with a shot at the conference title. The Pirates have now not only eliminated themselves from conference contention, but put their bowl game hopes at risk.

The setback is in direct correlation with the team's poor offensive play.

The quarterback catastrophe looks to have finally taken form, as James Summers appears to be the guy ECU coaches have chosen.

Since his exciting emergence against Virginia Tech, Summers hasn't been able to stay consistent rushing the ball and hasn't had success through the air.

Summers tallied 279 total yards and three touchdowns against Virginia Tech, as well as 238 yards and four touchdowns the following week against SMU, both of which were wins.

Summers has averaged 117 yards combined in the five games since, including a 1.9 yards-per-carry average in the past two games.

The offensive woes are something new for the Pirates, as they parted ways with Shane Carden and Justin Hardy this season, two record breaking playmakers.

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FOOTBALL

The Pirates (4-6, 2-4 AAC) fell to USF, 22-17, in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Saturday

VOLLEYBALL

ECU (11-14, 4-10 AAC) beat UCF Sunday, ending its seven-game losing streak.

MEN'S TENNIS

Tendai Tapfuma and Ronny Georgi both won back draws during the Wake Forest Invitational over the weekend.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ECU won two of three doubles matches over UNC-Wilmington over the weekend.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers (8-0) remained unbeaten after downing the Green Bay Packers, 37-29, Sunday.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Hornets (2-4) dropped a 114-94 decision to the San Antonio Spurs Saturday.

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Season looms for Pirate hoops

Craig Moyer
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina men's basketball team is anticipating contributions from new players as it hopes to improve on last season's finish.

The Pirates are predicted to finish eighth in their second season as a member of the American Athletic Conference, according to the coaches poll. In the team's first season in the conference it was predicted to finish tenth, but finished the season tied for seventh, 14-19 overall and 6-12 in conference play.

Allison Jobe
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina men's basketball team is still in the midst of fierce position battles despite its season-opening matchup against Grambling State looming Friday.

"It's a grind everyday, we're battling, going at each other. It can go either way of who starts at the point, but it's definitely more competition and you have to bring it every single day. We just have to keep coming in every day and get ready for the game," senior Prince Williams said. "I think I'll start, but it can go either way."

Williams, in a position battle for the open spot at point guard, only made one start during his junior season, while coming off the bench in a total of 23 games. Last season, Williams averaged 1.6 points, 1.0 rebounds and 10.1 minutes per game. Williams scored a season-high nine points in the Gulf Coast Showcase against Green Bay.

The Raleigh native was ranked ninth in Conference USA in assists-per-game and 11th in assist-to-turnover ratio, leading the Pirates in both categories during his sophomore year.

"I'm definitely taking care of the ball more, which was a weakness for me last year. Having a better season turnover ratio, and just

ECU will match up against last season's AAC regular season and conference tournament champion SMU twice during the season. The Pirates will host the Mustangs on Jan. 13 and travel to Dallas on Feb. 21.

ECU lost both matchups with SMU last season, a regular season matchup in Dallas and a second-round matchup in the AAC tournament.

The team plays two teams ranked in the preseason AP Top 25 poll: University of California on Nov. 20 and Connecticut on Feb. 7.

The Pirates will play at Cali-

fornia in their third game of the season and their first away from home. California is ranked 14th in the preseason poll, and despite an 18-15 finish last season, the Bears have the potential to be a final four team.

The Bears are returning their best player from last season, Tyrone Wallace, as well as adding two high-profile freshmen, Jaylen Brown and Ivan Rabb.

One of the Pirates' top returning players from last season, Prince Williams, is looking forward to a matchup with a highly-ranked team.

"I'm really excited about going against Cal, they're one of the top teams in the country, so that will be good," Williams said.

Connecticut is the only team in the AAC ranked in the preseason polls. ECU will travel to UConn to face the No. 20 Huskies in Feb. in the only contest between the two teams.

The Huskies are hoping for big plays from freshman guard Jalen Adams to help replace Ryan Boatright, the preseason Player-of-the-Year in the conference last

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Point guard spot up for grabs



ECU sophomore guard B.J. Tyson drives into the lane in a game against South Florida last season.

knocking down shots, so it's going really well for me," Williams said.

Sophomore guard Lance Tejada played the well in his freshman year playing for the Pirates. He played in all 33 games, averaging 4.1 points, 1.7 assists and 13.9 minutes per game.

Tejada was ranked third on the team in

total assists, with 55. He scored double figures in three games, dropping 14 points against UNC Asheville and Central Connecticut State. Tejada distributed eight assists and collected six steals in the first round of American Basketball Championship, which was an ECU

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ECU men's tennis wraps up fall season

Madison Tenenbaum
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The East Carolina men's tennis team saw mixed results in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as it concluded its fall season at the Wake Forest Invitational Sunday.

It was the fourth tournament the Pirates have competed in this fall and they gained good experience for the upcoming spring season.

Senior Tendai Tapfuma and freshman Ronny Georgi won the backdraw of their respective singles flights, while doubles continued to struggle.

Tapfuma suffered a tough three-set loss in his first round matchup, but responded with three consecutive victories over Radford's Michael Meekers, University of Pennsylvania's Nicolai Westerhaarad and Dartmouth's George Wall, claiming first place in the consolation back-draw. Tapfuma concluded his fall season with a team-best 7-2 singles record.

Georgi also dropped a tough first round match in his singles draw, but cruised through his next three, claiming first in the consolation round with wins over Liberty's Ryker Heller, Campbell's Louis Monterosso and Navy's Andre Malkjic.

Placed in the same singles draw, freshmen James Ling and Will Bissett started off on the right foot with first round victories, but dropped their respective quarterfinal matches. Ling ended up falling into the fifth-place bracket, where he then won back-to-back matches in straight sets over UNC Greensboro's Ian Melnik and Wofford's Andrew Graham to win the mini draw.

In doubles action, which has been a



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ECU senior men's tennis player Tendai Tapfuma prepares to return a hit in a match this season.

struggle throughout the fall season, Tapfuma and Ling started out well with a first round win, but fell to the top seed in their draw. The duo ended up claiming third place with an 8-4 win over Duke.

Overall, head coach Shawn Heinchon was pleased with the results.

"I think the tennis was okay, we learned a lot about what we need to work on and I think

they learned a lot as individuals about what to expect with the level of play day in and day out," Heinchon said. "It was incredibly great experience to just have those guys get a bunch of matches in, especially with missing some stuff earlier this fall."

Specifically, Heinchon said the younger guys need to be smarter in competitive scenarios.

It is easier to make good decisions in practice when playing with teammates, but in a true pressure scenario, it becomes more challenging.

Heinchon realizes that the only way for the younger players to improve their mentality and consistency at a high level is to just get more matches under their belt.

"The more matches you play, the better that becomes and the better your reactions become under pressure," Heinchon said.

As opposed to last weekend's N.C. State Fall tournament in which the matches that were lost were extremely competitive, Heinchon witnessed some unpleasant losses this past weekend in Winston-Salem.

"We did have a couple guys that had some losses that I wouldn't consider great losses," Heinchon said. "But those are also good to take place at this time of year so we know what to work on during our break before the spring season."

Heinchon wasn't pleased with the doubles results, and knows that it is something the team has to work on if they want to succeed during the spring season.

The doubles lineup was altered, creating new duos to see if the team could find a few better combinations.

"Some of that went well and some of that didn't," Heinchon said. "It's definitely a work in progress for us in that area."

Heinchon is anticipating an exciting spring season, and looks forward to improving during the two-month break.

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The replacement of the two, in addition to the loss of offensive guru Lincoln Riley make for an adjustment period. Either way, the Pirates still have plenty of dangerous assets that should keep them on track.

We are just three weeks removed from Isaiah Jones dragging what seemed like the entire Tulsa team 15 yards for a first down. The athleticism of Trevon Brown and bulk of Bryce Williams make for a perfect red zone duo, not to mention the speedy deep ball threat that is Davon Grayson.

All of these players show the Pirates have the tools for an explosive offense, but somehow they have averaged less than 15 points-per-game during the losing streak.

Simply put, it is a shame ECU can't get the ball to its playmakers.

"That's not us. You know what we've done here, we've set all kinds of offensive records," Ruffin McNeill said. "We're used to scoring a lot of points and our defense depends on that."

The strength of ECU under McNeill has always been its high-powered passing offense. The Pirates have recruited and are built for a spread out attack, but are now being forced to run a different scheme, as Summers' skill set is perpendicular to the air raid.

This is why Nichol isn't to blame.

There is no reason to think that another offensive coordinator would have been successful in this discombobulated situation.

Summers doesn't have the throwing capability to carry out Nichol's offense. The Pirate coaching staff has had to change the entire basis of their offense.

The fact that Summers was brought to Greenville to play wide receiver shows that he isn't suited to run the Pirates offense, even with his junior college quarterbacking experience.

It makes one think, what would this team look like with Kurt Benkert at the helm?

While Summers' competitor, fellow quarterback and former starter Blake Kemp holds a similar array of talents as Benkert, he is a turnover machine. Playing someone that doesn't take care of the ball is a recipe for disaster, showing that Summers is the smart choice.

Playing him the entire game Saturday shows commitment, as the Pirates try to salvage the season and make their fourth consecutive bowl game. They have to win their final two games against Central Florida and Cincinnati to qualify for post-season play.

The Summers experiment should last only this season, as the Pirates will look to show their true identity again next year with a pass-oriented quarterback behind center and Summers lined up out wide.

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season. ECU is also hoping for contributions from freshmen as well as transfers, as they added six new players to their roster this season.

Freshmen Deng Riak, Kentrell Barkley and Justice Obasohan are striving to add depth to the team, after losing three key contributors from last season's team.

Paris Roberts-Campbell, Antonio Robinson and Terry Whisnant were three of the team's top six in minutes-per-game last season and Whisnant was the team's second leading scorer.

The team also lost junior Marshall Guilmette to injury, who was a top rebounder for the team and fifth in points-per-game last season.

Along with the three freshman competing for playing time, the team added two transfer players and one walk-on.

Clarence Williams and Charles Foster are both junior college transfers and Drew Bost is a walk-on for this season's team after working as a manager last season.

Despite the team's struggles last season and preseason predictions, the team is working hard to have a strong season and to surprise preseason voters.

Sophomore guard Lance Tejada played in all 33 games last season as a freshman and is striving to improve on last year's seventh place finish.

"I still have a bad taste in my mouth from last year, so I'm ready to shock a lot of people and get a lot of wins this year," Tejada said.

The team will tip-off their season on Friday at home against Grambling State and open conference play on Jan. 2 at home against UCF.

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freshman record.

"It's going good, we're just ready for the season to start," Tejada said. "Taking one day at a time. We're all working on getting each other better. We're all trying to contribute in anyway we can. So it's just about getting each other better and the team better."

Sophomore B.J. Tyson is also up for the battle of starting at the point this Friday. As a freshman, Tyson was unanimously voted to the American Athletic Conference All-Freshman Team by

the league's 11 head coaches.

Tyson is a four-time American Athletic Conference Rookie-of-the-Week, ranking second among all conference freshman in scoring and field goal percentage, leading ECU in both categories. The Wadesboro, North Carolina, native became the third freshman in the school's Division I history to lead the Pirates in scoring. He led the team with 414 points, and he led in field goals made, free throws made and free throw attempts. Tyson posted a team-best five 20-point games, the most among all AAC freshman.

Williams, Tejada, and Tyson are just a few of the players hoping to start at the point for this season. For Williams, it is his final year to gain the starting position, as Tejada and Tyson have two years left to play for the Pirates.

"It's nerveing as a coach, but I know our guys are ready to play under the lights and hopefully we'll play well. Anything can happen in college basketball," head coach Jeff Lebo said.

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tion drive without any timeouts and just 51 seconds on the clock, but the Pirates never came close to scoring.

ECU heads into its long awaited bye-week before facing UCF on the road. The bye-week couldn't come at a better time for the Pirates, who will take the time away from the field to clear their minds before

the final push.

"They'll need to get away from it for a while," said McNeill. "I know [the players] really wear East Carolina on their sleeves, the program on their sleeves, Pirate nation on their sleeves. So be smart, let them get away from it, and then we'll resume on Wednesday, get after it, but we'll talk about what we have to do and prepare for UCF and win that game."

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