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Quarterback position battle open again

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

The back-and-forth battle between quarterbacks James Summers and Blake Kemp continues, as East Carolina head coach Ruffin McNeill indicated that both will see playing time against Central Florida.

"We're going to go back to the dual system," McNeill said Wednesday. "We tried to make sure one of them could do it and get the looks down, but we'll go back to both. [The starter] will be a game time decision."

The recent trend has been the

inclusion of Summers, as he played the entire game against South Florida last Saturday and seven of the last eight quarters. The Pirates dropped both contests, drawing some criticism to their offense in the process.

The usage of two quarterbacks

seemed to be working, as ECU won three of its first four games using both players. The Pirates then lost to Temple and went exclusively with Summers in the following two games.

"It's the way the game has gone. That doesn't necessarily mean

'alright we're not playing Blake' or anything," ECU offensive coordinator Dave Nichol said on the decision to stick with Summers recently. "It's just kind of the way it worked and what we thought

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PLEDGE PURPLE

Student participate in 'Take Back the Night'

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The Take Back the Night walk was held last night on main campus as a part of Pledge Purple week on campus.

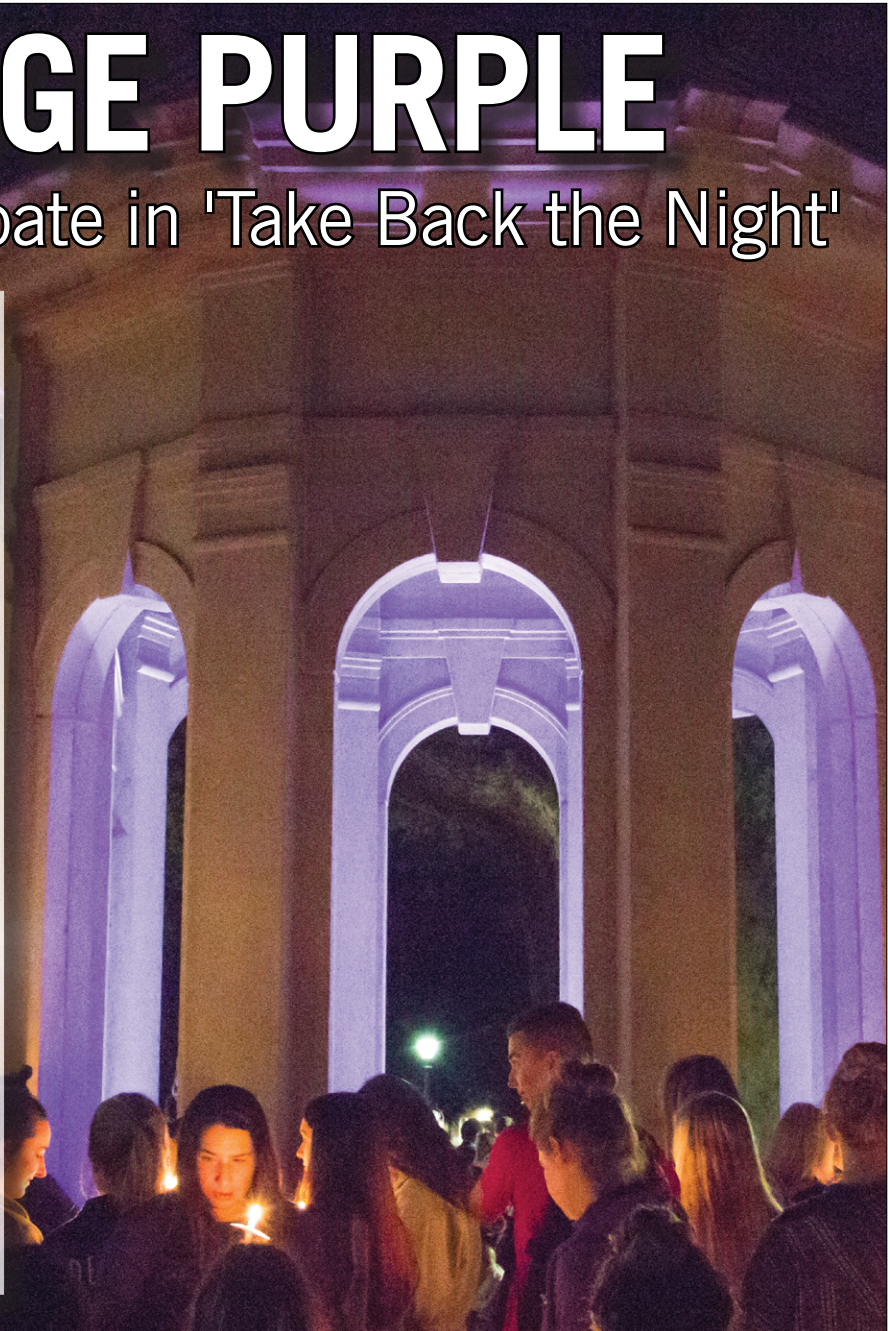
The week aims to bring about awareness to the realities of sexual assault, bullying and harassment on college campuses.

Take Back the Night started at Gateway Hall and ended at the Cupola, which has been lit up purple for this week.

"A lot of sexual assault happens in the evening, so we have this event to let students know that we have a community that will 'take back the night' and make it a safe place," said Erik Kneubuehl, the Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Involvement and Leadership.

The events that are being held during this week typically occur separately, throughout the year at ECU, but Kneubuehl came up with the idea to create an entire week-long initiative devoted to these issues, with the hopes that combining these events will bring about more awareness towards

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MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students stand by the Cupola last night for a candlelight vigil during the 'Take Back the Night' walk on campus as part of Pledge Purple week.

Student charged in knifing

Staff Report

One East Carolina University student was charged along with his mother after an attempt to assault his father with a knife.



Steve Franklin

Deputies in Wake County charged 23-year-old Steve Franklin with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury and

felony conspiracy, according to the Wake County Sheriff's Department.

Tammy Franklin, Franklin's mother, is also charged with felony conspiracy and accessory after the fact of a felony.

Franklin is no longer enrolled at ECU and this is an ongoing investigation. He has a \$1 million bond, and his mother has a \$1.25 million bond. Both remain in the Wake County jail.

The next court date will be on November 30th.

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ECU ROTC honors military veterans on campus

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's ROTC hosted the annual laying of pavers yesterday in the small courtyard beside Christenbury Gymnasium to honor veterans.

During the ceremony, ECU honored 58 veterans with pavers at the ceremony, including the first K-9 veteran, and eight brothers who fought in World War II.

The ceremony started off with the Posting of Colors, and a welcome from Glen Gilbert, dean of the College of Health Education and Promotion. Following Gilbert, guest speakers Lieutenant Colonel Roxane Engelrecht of the United States Air Force, and Lieutenant Colonel Joseph I. Piece of the United States Army began their speeches.

Engelrecht served 18 years in the Air Force, including tours in Italy, Korea, Bulgaria and Afghanistan. She gave much of the credit for her success to her fellow soldiers.

"I served because each time I worked shoulder-to-shoulder for months-and-months with those who became my family," Engelrecht said.

Engelrecht has participated in numerous operations such as

Tomodachi, Iraqi Freedom and Allied Force. Her most recent assignment was Chief of Legislative Affairs and Strategic Communications, Headquarters U.S. Air Force Directorate of Civil Engineers, where she served as the integration lead for all congressional matters prepared senior leaders' media and communication products.

Lt. Col. Joseph I. Pierce served 21 years as an army officer. He has also served numerous tours including three to Iraq, one to Afghanistan, one to Haiti and one to Kosovo.

"I heard the sigh of relief when American soldiers show up and bring a little bit of peace and make the world a better place," LTC Pierce said.

He said the reasons he serves are because of service before self, the ability to accomplish missions against all odds and the commitment to take care of soldiers and their families.

Piece is currently a career Infantry officer and is married to his wife, Tanya, and together they have three children.

Eight brothers were honored by their family for their service in World War II and Vietnam. Along with those eight brothers, the name of a son/nephew was also added.

"I felt so humbled to be placed in between one of my uncles and my father," said Air Force Sergeant Christopher Warren, ECU Alumni of '99 and manager of Springleaf Insurance Agency in Greenville, said.

Warren's son, Rhys, 6, was able to hammer in his father's paver when there was some trouble putting the paver in.

"I felt so proud to hammer in daddy's stone," Rhys Warren said.

Another highlight of the afternoon was the first dog to be honored with a paver named Ben. Ben was the last name to be called, but he was certainly the most unique.

Ben had two tours to Afghanistan as a part of the 10th Mountain Division Army of TEDD (Tactical Explosives Detection Dog) located in Fort Drum, New York. Ben was adopted by Paul and Kim Scarborough.

"We feel honored to be able to give Ben a life after service," Paul Scarborough, owner of Ben, said.

Ben currently suffers with PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder). Another war dog named Agbah, who served four tours, came to support Ben with his owners Brittany Brayboy and Wayne Heath. Agbah also has PTSD.



SHANNON MURPHY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Members of ECU's ROTC stand at attention during the ceremony at Christenbury.

Many of those who helped bring the event together commented on how well the event went.

"Everyone was honored appropriately," James Sloth, junior unde-

ceded major and ROTC Army cadet, said. "I think everyone was happy."

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ONLINE

» Brody professor receives Lifetime Achievement Award

» GPD, ECU police focus on safer Grid area

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BRIEFS

ECU to unveil AIDS memorial blanket

East Carolina University will show its support during the days leading up to World AIDS Day 2015 by hosting several events.

Today, the university will unpack the NAMES Project Foundation AIDS Memorial Quilt to be displayed on campus during the period leading up to December 1.

The panels will be unpacked in Mendenhall Student Center, in room 221. After the panels are unpacked and displayed, they will be hosted in eight different locations.

SGA and BSU to host Heritage Hall fundraiser

East Carolina University's Student Government Association and Black Student Union will host a masquerade party and fundraiser in celebration of Heritage Hall on Nov. 21 at Todd Dining Hall from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The event, which will be black tie, is to raise awareness for the building of Heritage Hall and the collection of funds over \$250,000.

SGA, in partnership with BSU, started a gofundme page to help raise funds to contribute to the \$300,000 needed by December 1.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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

PLEDGE PURPLE



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1. Students gather for a candlelight vigil during a Pledge Purple event on campus.

2. Three students hold a sign recognizing East Carolina University's efforts during Pledge Purple week.

3. Pee Dee sports a 'Pledge Purple' t-shirt yesterday to show his support for the program.

MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

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sexual assault.

The week began Monday, with the Take Back the Night walk on the Medical Campus.

The "It's On Us ECU" video was played throughout the day Tuesday at both the Main Campus and the Health Science Campus; this video was created last year by SGA to highlight the "It's On Us" campaign that strives to inform students about the dangers of sexual assault on college campuses.

Also on Tuesday, ECU had a bystander training that was held in Mendenhall Student Center. This training is offered year-round, and many professors want to include this class into their curriculums.

"[Bystander training] went very well," Lydia Hitchcock, assistant director with Wellness Promotion said. "We had a good number of students come out for the training, and this caused a lot of thought provoking discussion between students."

Purple bands that have been passed out to students this week have been conversation starters about the events during Pledge Purple week. As an incentive to get students involved,

many local restaurants are giving discounts to anyone who is wearing the Pledge Purple band.

Another event that was held this week was the Clothesline Project, which Kneubuehl said is designed to bring about awareness to domestic violence, and to show that there are supporters who want to stand up for these victims.

"Victims find it empowering that ECU is behind them and know what they are going through. For them to find out about our group is great," said Kathleen Gursley, on behalf of the Victim's Advocate, which is an organization on campus that was represented during the event.

"The effects of this week's events have been empowering, and have overall brought about more awareness to the reality of sexual assaults," said Kneubuehl.

"Many students have shown encouragement towards those who have been victims of sexual assault, and there even was a popular post on Yik Yak thanking ECU for the events that were held this week; which is much different from the negativity that is typically seen on that app," said Kneubuehl. "It really shows that (the pledge purple week) has made a difference because so many people are talking about it."

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PIRATE RANTS

TEC is unprofessional and rude when it comes to talking about your own sports teams.

I declare...BANKRUPTCY!!

I tell you, we are here on Earth to fart around, and don't let anybody tell you different.
--Kurt Vonnegut

Tyler Kelbaugh is the GOAT!

Bears.Beets.Battlestar Galactica

Never gonna give you up

Never gonna let you down

Never gonna run around and desert you

Never gonna make you cry

Never gonna say goodbye

Never gonna tell a lie and hurt you

What does being old, white, and a dude have to do with the person whose opinions you disagree with have to do with anything? Would you have a problem if the same problem with what you believe is propaganda if it was stated by a young, Asian women?

Lol Social Justice Warriors are not trying to make the world a better place. they are trying to eliminate anyone from speaking up about something contrary to their beliefs by shouting them down as intolerant, bigoted, racist, sexist, etc... when in reality they are not being any of those things

Look up the comedian Steve Hughes on being a offended. it seems a lot of college aged persons should hear that message because all I ever see is whining in the TEC nowadays

Those who believe in telekinetics, raise my hand
--Kurt Vonnegut

Maybe the TEC should look for diversity in opinion for their opinion pieces. That is what the reflector does.

If you have never read "1984" or "Animal Farm" by George Orwell, you probably should.

After how ECU football seems to get worse each week, I can at least feel happy knowing the Panthers are undefeated

YOU MUST CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL PYLONS.

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

Poll results

Who do you side with?

Yes- 64.5%
No- 35.5%

Poll question

Is the media too intrusive?

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Our view

First Amendment rights under seige at Mizzou

Protesters exercised their First Amendment right Monday afternoon to gather in a public forum and express their displeasure with the University of Missouri's handling of a recent chain of race-fueled events.

This kind of peaceful protest is positive and necessary. However, some protesters' actions fell short of free speech standards that the nation's founding fathers emphasized.

Protesters, including two university employees, attempted to prevent student photojournalist Tim Tai from taking photos of the protest. The protest took place in a public forum where Tai was well within his rights to take photos.

A major disconnect between the protesters and the media was obvious in the video posted online.

"Hey hey, ho ho, reporters have got to go," protesters shouted at the photographer.

"Why does everyone think the media doesn't support you?" replied Mark Schierbecker, a student journalist who recorded the viral video.

Janna Basler, the university's assistant director of Greek life

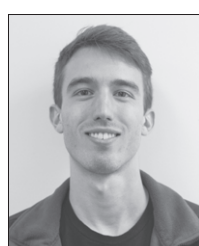
and leadership, was on the front line, preventing Tai from exercising his own first amendment rights — the very same rights that allowed the protesters to gather on the school's public quad.

Melissa Click, an assistant communication professor, not only told Tai to leave the area, but also called for "muscle" to help remove him from a public space.

We find it ironic and unfortunate that this professor, who served on student thesis review panels for the University of Missouri's School of Journalism, attempted to use physical force to stop a journalist from doing his job.

Reporters have just as much right to the First Amendment as everyone else. A powerful and necessary protest is happening on Missouri's campus. The actions of a handful of protesters should not come to define the movement as a whole, but the sad and unfortunate video shows some protesters undermining the values that gave them a platform to begin with.

Politics clouds public's science view



John Faulconer
TEC COLUMNIST

From Around The World

Politics have annihilated rational thought generated by scientists. There are very few historical cases in which science has been gracefully accepted by the general public, but political debates over new science are putting the necessary progression of our species in great peril.

We need to remove any intellectual phobias and trust only experts, not politicians or public figures. Trust must be instilled with the scientific community because their job is to present their findings in their field of expertise for the betterment of society. Not trusting these experts only benefits corporations and politicians enjoying the status quo.

For example, before scientists discovered that tobacco caused cancer, cigarette corporations enjoyed record profits. The American public was blissfully unaware of the catastrophic damage their lungs experienced during each cigarette. Scientists then released reports stating undeniable proof that smoking cigarettes caused lung cancer. Nevertheless, big tobacco did not go down without a fight.

In response to growing health concerns, tobacco corporations hired lobbyists to counter

the experts. The goal was to delay, or even halt, regulatory action against tobacco smoking that would hurt the corporations' profits.

The tobacco lobbyists were successful in stopping regulation for decades by injecting doubt into a scientific consensus. Big tobacco was eventually regulated, but only after public outrage. Suddenly, many lobbyists were unemployed and begun a search for their next project.

The scientific consensus that climate change is man-made sparked at around the same time that big tobacco was extinguished. Therefore, many of the same lobbyists that fought for big tobacco are now working against the major issue of climate change, with oil corporations.

Most of the lobbyists' job is the same under big oil: create doubt that does not exist scientifically, turn a consensus into a debate, and delay any regulatory action that would hurt profits. The only differences are their talking points they use to create doubt and the location of the lobbyists' salary.

Because the salary of these lobbyists comes from oil corporations, the outcome that they're working towards is not in the best interest of the American public. It is in the best interest of the source of money. And oil corporations do not have any the same interests that Americans have.

Despite all of this, and despite the fact that

climate change is easily provable, the majority of Americans still believe that it's a hoax. Sadly, they are only hearing the voices of the oil lobbyists whom are paid to state this belief they themselves know to be false.

The scientific consensus of climate change is regurgitated by the public as if they were all climate experts themselves. The only fact generated by those who deny climate change is the fact that the lobbyists' job is working. They are willingly echoing the stance of oil corporations, without any mention of legitimate data or rational thought.

We can expect some corporations to attempt to change the playground to their benefit. We can expect some politicians to be affected by lobbyists and their vast sums of monetary influence. But it is pitiful that we have allowed ourselves to trust that these politicians have our best interests at heart, when at one time some claimed that smoking cigarettes can even be healthy.

If politicians can promote the sale of deadly cigarettes, why do we trust them instead of the scientists who warned us about cigarettes and are now warning us about the dangers of climate change?

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New chancellor should be educator



Seth Gullledge
TEC COLUMNIST

A Modest Opinion

East Carolina University is set to undergo a major change, a change that has not occurred in over 11 years: the appointment of a new chancellor.

This fundamental change to the structure of the university will have ramifications throughout every department, and to the very image of our university. Due to this, the fulfillment of the position must be taken with careful consideration, and more importantly, with consideration to this university's purpose.

As the Board Of Trustees Chancellor Search Committee begins to draft their leadership statement, outlining the type of experience and the committee will be pressed to consider what characteristics they believe are critical for candidates vying for the position.

Out of all the qualifications a candidate should possess, the most important aspect is undoubtedly a focus on and background in education.

In recent years, there has been a growing debate across the UNC system regarding the professional backgrounds of high ranking university executives, especially Chancellors.

Simply put, the purpose of education is not business, rather, it is the enlightenment of students and advancement of knowledge across our campus. A university set on fulfilling this role is better suited under the leadership of an educator, then under the guidance of a former CEO.

Candidates with a background in education represents a clear advantage to the university. They possess an intimate understanding of faculty and staff operations, as well as an education mindset that will extend into their administrative role.

An educator understands research, and more importantly, understands students through their daily classroom interactions. This intimacy with the student body and familiarity with the realities of faculty life provides a perspective otherwise unattainable by a candidate, yet critical in serving the university.

Choosing an educator as chancellor would also have a notable effect on the relationship

between administration and faculty, demonstrating a respect and appreciation for educators— something all too rare in the university system.

To look past the qualified pool of candidates even at this university would be a slight to the future of this institution.

A university is an immensely complex entity that relies on every aspect of its administration, faculty and staff to carry out its goal. No one individual could be expected to have a full understanding of its various roles and operations, but at its highest leadership position should stand someone with an expertise in the university's most simple academic mission.

East Carolina University is only months away from losing an invaluable leader who it has relied on for over a decade. In his place, the university needs a resolute leader, one who will continue to expand its influence, develop its academic footprint, and inspire our faculty but most of all, further educate our students.

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Arts & Ale
Fitzgerald's
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Paint the Town
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FRIDAY

Second Friday Square Dances
Crave Restaurant & Bar
7-9 p.m.

SUNDAY

Artist Studio Tour
Emgere Gallery & Art Center
10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Classical and Romantic Trumpet
The Music House
7-9 p.m.

MOVIE TIMES

Thursday:

The Peanuts Movie:
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BMX FEST



Many daring BMX bikers came out to the Trans Jam 2011 event to show off their talents. This weekend's event will take place at Five Points Plaza.

BMX Fest takes Uptown

Nneka Walson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

On Saturday, Uptown Greenville will get a taste of the X Games with the fifth annual Bojangles BMX Fest.

"The BMX Trans Jam competition is a series that started in Raleigh North Carolina and Georgia. This will be the third and final stop to the 2015 series," said event Director Dani Swords.

The BMX Fest is a festival that is only held in Greenville, which features the Trans Jam BMX competition.

Trans Jam previously competed in Athens, Georgia and Raleigh, North Carolina.

"In terms of competing, age has absolutely nothing to do with it," Swords said. "It's based on skill level. We welcome and have classes suited for all skill levels."

According to Swords, Saturday's competition is freestyle BMX which doesn't include racing. The competition is similar to what you would see at the X Games. They do various types of improvisational moves.

Within the BMX competition, there are two major disciplines held. The first is in the park; the park denotes the BMX discipline of exclusively riding what is similar to a skate park. This specific discipline has an emphasis on riding transitions or ramps.

"There is also the flatland discipline," said Swords. "Flatland will be judged based off the tricks you do on the ground."

This discipline can sometimes be associated with hip-hop. There are tours that judge flatland riding based on how in sync a rider is with a hip-hop song.

Winners of each class will receive a medal and trophy supplied by Mike Laird, professional BMX rider. The winner of the pro class will receive \$3500.

Other than the BMX Fest, the festival will have other activities for the public to participate in. There will be presentations, contests and giveaways, food vendors, artists and more. The United States Army Truck will also be present.

There are also guest professional bikers that come from around the world to the BMX Fest. In the previous years, professional BMX rider Moto Sasaki made an appearance in Greenville all the way from Japan. Alex Raul Figueroa, previous BMX competitor, also made a guest appearance from Chile.

Sword's husband, Keith King, started the BMX Fest and he is the owner and founder of the program.

"We originate in Chapel Hill, but bring BMX to Greenville because it is home to the most BMX professional riders in the USA, let alone the world," Swords said.

According to Swords, the BMX Fest is a

great way to expose the sport to the public.

Swords stated that the age range of competitors is all over the place. In the past, there have been BMX competitors as young as four-years-old and as old as 50. There is a veteran class which consists of competitors 30 years and older.

After paying an entry fee of \$10, the competitors can pre-register online, or can sign up when they come to Greenville.

"We're not obligating to pre-register online," she said. "If you do though, that will allow your name to be at the bottom of your heat, being able to compete towards the end."

There will be nonstop activities Saturday. The loaded itinerary consists of different practices and disciplines throughout the day. Registration begins that day at 10 a.m. and the BMX Fest ends with an Awards Ceremony at 7 p.m.

"If someone is interested in BMX, this gives them the opportunity to see what it's about," Swords said. "That's the purpose of BMX Fest, and I love it."

Uptown Greenville will host the fifth annual Bojangles BMX Fest beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday on the corner of Fifth and Evans St.

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ECU alum to perform bluegrass

Carlyn Legg
TEC STAFF

Bluegrass duo will return to their roots tomorrow afternoon to play their mountain-inspired bluegrass music for students.

As an ECU alumna from the class of 2006, Pattie Hopkins Kinlaw said she is excited to play again at her alma mater.

"There are some really wonderful things happening at ECU," said Hopkins-Kinlaw. "I've kept ties with the school of music because I know some of the faculty there and I'm getting to that age where some of my students go there now and are doing fantastic things."

Playing at bluegrass festivals as solo acts, Lynda Dawson and Hopkins-Kinlaw met and played as a duo in a performance that highlighted musical acts from Raleigh. Ever since they met at the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) festival,



Lynda Dawson and Pattie Hopkins Kinlaw perform their music at a recent event.

they've been playing together.

"I feel great about our music," said Hopkins-Kinlaw. "Lynda and I have a special connection, and performing together feels great."

When their first album came out two years ago, the duo decided to take it on a tour of the East Coast. Having played their album, which was inspired by "pioneering

artist who came before [them]" as described by Hopkins Kinlaw, from New York to New Orleans, and also outside the country in England, Scotland and Ireland, it's a refreshing taste of home for the duo to be back in North Carolina.

"We don't get to perform in Greenville very often, so it's very special to me that we're playing

[here] again," said Hopkins-Kinlaw. "It's been awhile since I've gotten to play at home."

Inspired by female bluegrass musicians who came before them, the duo dedicated their 2013 album to their musical forerunners. Although they do have original works, one of their favorites to perform is an a cappella mountain ballad that they made a duet. With bluegrass in her genes, Hopkins-Kinlaw always loved the bluegrass genre.

"What drew me to bluegrass was my roots. My grandfather played banjo and fiddling spoke to me," said Hopkins Kinlaw. "Bluegrass music stuck out to me because when I play bluegrass I feel at home."

Hopkins-Kinlaw holds a degree from East Carolina University's School of Music in violin performance and she has performed with

Disney favorite comes to life at Wright

Victoria Schule
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The classic fairytale about the love story of a young damsel and a beast will come to life in a ballet at the Wright Auditorium this Saturday and Sunday.

"It is not your typical Disney version of Beauty and the Beast," said Company Manager Cherita Lytle. "It has a little bit of a twist."

The Eastern North Carolina Dance Foundation presents the Dance Collective in the showing of Beauty and the Beast. The Dance Collective is a group of dancers aged 10 to 21 years old who perform together throughout the state and region with professional dancers and musicians.

"Some of the dancers are guest artist in the performance," said Lytle. UNC School of Art alumnus, Graham Cole, will perform as Gaston and Carolina Ballet's Reigner Bethune will perform as

the Beast in the ballet.

"In the beginning, the Prince is hunting and comes across the Sorceress. The Sorceress, who becomes angered with the Prince's cruelty decides to turn him into a beast," said Lytle. "Instead of the people in the castle being turned into utensils and furniture, they are turned into animals."

The storyline still follows the love story like in the classic fairytale, but was given some changes to fit a ballet.

"We do a performance every November, and so this year we wanted to come up with a different concept for the performance," said Lytle. The dancers prepared and practiced for the performance every weekend from August till the performance this weekend.

"I think it is great that these are middle school and high school students who put their time and effort into what they love to do," said Lytle.

Viewers can expect to see some new technology incorporated into the performance.

"A lot of the times when people think of ballet, they aren't intrigued with it," said Lytle. "I think this new aspect will encourage people to check out ballet dance and performance arts."

Unlike past ballet performances, the new media added to the show will be a first for Greenville.

"Being in such a digital age, especially the younger generations, I hope the new technology can entice the younger age groups," said Lytle. "We want to bring more awareness to ballet to eastern Carolina."

Bringing awareness is nothing new to The Dance Collective. In their Youth Outreach Program, company members teach free classes at the Boys & Girls Club in the spring for their "Power of Dance" outreach program.

"Part of our program is for

children who may not normally be able to take dance scholarships to dance here at the Greenville Civic Ballet," said Lytle.

One of Lytle's students was the 2014 Make-A-Wish candidate for Greenville.

"The candidates wish was to take ballet. In an effort to pay for her funding, part of the proceeds made at the performance will go to the cost for her to take classes at the studio and study ballet," said Lytle.

"Bringing awareness to Make-A-Wish, is first and foremost one of the biggest things we want to make sure we are benefitting as far as the show goes," said Lytle.

"I think our collaboration with costuming, practices, and planning altogether will make it an original performance," said Lytle.

The ballet choreographers are made up ECU students and alumni who are involved in the ECU School of Theatre and Dance.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door for \$20, but elementary school students have the chance to get the tickets free.

"For Pitt County School systems for pre-k to 5th grade, we sent out a voucher flyer, where students can redeem that voucher at the box office on the day of the show. This gives them the opportunity to attend the show for free," said Lytle.

Lytle said there are over twenty thousand students in that age range in Pitt County, which means there is an opportunity for each student to receive that voucher.

"There may not be twenty thousand students coming of course, but it is cool thing that we can offer this opportunity for students in Pitt County," said Lytle.

The performance will be playing at 6 p.m. on Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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Students to fight for social justice at Mendenhall

Brianna Horton
TEC STAFF

This Saturday East Carolina University invites students to move forward together past social issues with the fourth annual Social Justice Symposium in Mendenhall Student Center.

"I think our generation can be the one to eradicate things like sexism, racism

and heteronormativity but it all starts with conversations across differences at events like these," said Mariah Barber, senior public health and international studies major.

This day-long experience has a goal of introducing students to new ideas, people and possibilities and encourages

students to learn what it means to be socially active and informed on ECU's campus and beyond.

"We realized rather quickly it is quite a task to try and put together an event that addresses a multitude of issues going on throughout ECU's campus," said Barber.

The theme of the

symposium this year is "Moving Forward Together: Take a Walk in Someone Else's Shoes."

"We tried to shed light on taboo topics we felt students really needed a safe place to speak about," said Barber.

Some of the topics being discussed at the symposium are hip-hop activism, building multicultural student coalitions and much more.

"By putting together the event, I started to reflect on the vision for a beloved community that Martin Luther King Jr. had and I realized that the society we live in has a long way to go in creating that community" said Jasmine Hughes, senior

biology and chemistry major.

A few key factors in the vision of this event include the Greenville Police Department touching on the topic of police brutality, members of the LGBT community discussing transgender issues and student leaders talking about race.

"My biggest lesson learned with putting this event together is how ECU can truly unify for the greater good and create an inclusive environment on campus," said Barber. "Although they all appear to be a diverse array of topics they have one major thing in common; we're all pirates and have a duty to make sure our fellow peers feel

comfortable and we must work together until our campus reflects equality among all groups."

"I am so ecstatic to hear the opinions that come out in the small group discussions and see the solutions we come up with together," said Barber. "The tide of the country is ready to facilitate change, we can see that when it comes to marriage equality, black lives matter movements, immigration, feminist movements and much more."

The symposium is scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. and wrap up at 4:00 p.m.

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Foreign Languages hosts French Week for students

Javeria Salman
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University participated in National French Week, which took place from Nov. 4 until Nov. 10, with a multitude of events celebrating, recognizing and appreciating French and francophone culture.

Organized by the French section of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at ECU, the week consisted of films, music and french food to promote awareness of French culture by arranging events for ECU, Greenville and the surrounding communities.

"We felt like it was important to show the students and community different aspects of French and francophone culture," said assistant professor Marylaura Papalas. "We wanted to bring together francophiles and people who like French culture and give them an occasion to celebrate."

French week started last Wednesday with the showing of the award-winning animated French film Kirikou and the Sorceress, based on a West African legend. On Thursday night, a French classical concert, "The Forgotten Songs", was held at the Music House in downtown Greenville. Sparano Shana Osterloh, an ECU graduate, and ECU School of Music professor John O'Brien, performed works that focused on forgotten French songs, languages and composers.

"The concert is always really important and John



Shana Hammett Osterloh sings while John O'Brien plays the piano at a French Week performance.

O'Brien from the Music School is really great about collaborating with us and finding a musician that will do something french," said Papalas. "For me the concert is always one of the highlights of the week."

Many students and community members were in attendance for the intimate event, which not only had wine tasting and french inspired sweets, but time allocated to meet with the artist.

"I thought it was beautiful. I love French events like these," said Amanda Sautner, sophomore social work and international studies major. "The French language is wonderful to hear being spoken. It takes it to a whole new level listening to the singing."

The week ended on

Tuesday with a short talk followed by a french dinner at Crave, a restaurant in downtown Greenville.

"We collaborated with Crave to come up with a french menu to celebrate the week," said Papalas. "Crave came up with a creative menu that has some elements of traditional french food but they are also including some new stuff."

Shortly before dinner, Larkin Murphy, a teaching assistant professor, gave a talk titled Lamartine Slept Here: the Rise of the Maison-Musée, which looked at the Heritage trial of French writer and politician Alphonse de Lamartine.

Papalas said the dinner and talk is always the most popular event with students. This year's attendance exceeded 50 people, including

students, faculty and community members.

"I'm the new guy here so I'm very impressed with the events this year. This is the first university that I've worked at that has done French week and it's been pretty phenomenal, interesting, well attended and really promoted," said Murphy.

The goal of French week, said Papalas, is to show people there's more to France than just Paris.

"When we say French, we mean really the language and the culture, not a specific location," said Papalas.

"There's such diversity and history in francophone culture that we want to expose people to all aspects of French and francophone culture."

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internationally recognized bluegrass stars, which have both given her a true appreciation for the art of music. Hopkins-Kinlaw has performed at multiple national and international bluegrass festivals and also has experience in performing live on Broadway. An educator in the Greenville area, Hopkins-Kinlaw enjoys teaching music to kids.

"I'm very invested in the next generation of musicians," she said.

While her musical partner teaches in a classroom, Dawson teaches from the stage. A mother of two children, Dawson has taught both young children and adults about the technique and artistry behind bluegrass music. Called a "truly gifted songwriter" by Nashville Public Radio, Dawson has a passion for bringing her music into the lives of her children and their peers.

Invited by the Women's Studies program at ECU, Dawson and Hopkins-Kinlaw will perform a set of their favorite bluegrass tunes in Joyner Library. Kicking off the performance around 3:30 p.m., the duo will wrap up their set around 5:30 p.m. and plans to stick around and get to know its peers in the current music scene of Greenville.

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Payne paves way for brighter future at ECU

Tashara Berry
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With such an impressive career at East Carolina, senior Jada Payne hopes to keep the momentum of her success going into the 2015-2016 season.

Born and raised in Hickory, North Carolina, Payne has proven to be a major motivator for the ECU women's basketball team and her leadership skills will be a big part of the group moving forward.

"Being a leader on and off the court, helping my teammates get in extra shots, whatever they need," Payne said of her personal goals.

Examples of Payne's leadership have been seen throughout her years at ECU. She transferred to ECU in the fall of 2012, where she redshirted in accordance with NCAA transfer rules. Once she was eligible to play, Payne made an immediate impact on her new team and added an offensive element that was lacking previously.

In the 2013-14 season in the Conference USA, Payne earned All-Conference and All-State first team honors. She even finished the season as the Pirates' leading scorer, averaging 18.4 points-per-game.

Last year, Payne broke many barriers as the Pirates joined the American Athletic conference. She was selected to the American's first team. In addition, she was also named the AAC Player-of-the-Week, and

was chosen to the conference's weekly honor roll five times. Payne was selected as a pre-season All-AAC second team pick and named ECU's Female Athlete-of-the-Year at its annual Goldspys awards ceremony.

As an upperclassman, Payne wants to help assist her team achieving its goal of making the NCAA Tournament.

"A lot of that [improving the team] is getting extra work in, like coming in the gym and getting extra shots and staying motivating at all times," said Payne.

Among the many awards and titles earned, Payne has also left her mark in the ECU record books.

Just last year, she became the 22nd player in program's history to pass 1,000 points during her 20-point performance against SMU. Payne broke her own school record for three-pointers in a season with 80. She also surpassed her school record for free throw percentage in a season.

Payne concluded the season ranked 17th on the program's all-time scoring list with 1,132. She scored a team-high 563 points on the year making it the seventh most in a single season in ECU's history.

To keep in great condition and the momentum of her past, during the offseason she trains and conditions even harder. Payne said over the summer, her and her teammates continued to weight lift



ECU's Jada Payne drives to the lane in a game against UCF last season.

and hit the gym to improve their game for the upcoming season. All of it is in pursuit of a potential spot in the tournament — something that head coach Heather Macy has been building up to during her time at the helm.

"I really want to make it to the sweet sixteen this season of the NCAA tournament, and that's a team goal," she said.

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Expectations high for ECU women's hoops

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

New rules and a tough schedule will make East Carolina's women's basketball team's push to meet their expectations for the season even harder.

The Pirates play their first game of the season on the road this Friday. The Pirates will look to improve from their previous season, where they went 22-11, ending the season in a National Invitational Tournament loss to N.C. State.

"Our team has good chemistry," said head coach Heather Macy. "The best now, than it has been in several years."

The Pirates have been training all summer to get the best start of the season and to build team chemistry. So far, the extra work seems to be paying off as Macy has been impressed with where the team is at right now.

"I like how we're playing together during our scrimmages, a good job sharing the basketball, and scoring," said Macy.

The battle for starting spots also went on during the summer. Some of the spots are guaranteed for some players, some are open for grabs.

Some of the penciled in starters are redshirt senior guard Jada Payne and senior forward I'tiana Taylor. Payne has been a dominant force for the Pirates through the years. She was named to the AAC first team last season, also became just the 22nd in program history to break 1000 points in her junior season. Taylor was selected to the AAC second team last season and averaged 11.3 points and 8.9 rebounds.

"Jada will start and I'tiana will start, we know that for sure, they pretty much have that locked," Macy said.

One player that could break out this season is senior forward DeVaughn Gray, who only averaged 5.5 points and 1.5 rebounds last season. Her dark horse presence could catch some by surprise.

"DeVaughn Gray has been our pace setter

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TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates open their season with a home matchup against Grambling State Friday at 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates will travel to Corpus Christi, Texas, to take on UTRGV Friday at 3:30 p.m. and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Saturday at 8 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates (11-14, 4-10 AAC) have a home matchup with Memphis Friday at 5:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Junior distance runner Caroline Reiser was named an ECU Student Athlete of the Month Tuesday.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Senior Michael Dugan was named an ECU Student Athlete of the Month Tuesday.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers (8-0) will travel to Nashville, Tennessee, for a 1 p.m. matchup with the Titans Sunday.

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Basketball prepares for opener

Allison Jobe
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina men's basketball team will try and clinch its first win of the 2015-16 season against Grambling State, with new faces and unfortunate losses due to injuries.

"I'm very excited. It's going to feel good to get back out there against some other people and finally put all of your hard work out there to show," said junior guard Caleb White. "It's good to have the first two games at home in front of your home crowd. It just feels great."

This will be the first ever meeting between the Pirates and the Tigers. Last season, ECU finished the season at 14-19 overall and 6-12 in the American Athletic Conference, while Grambling St. had a record of 2-27 and 0-18 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

"I know the kids are excited. This is our 29th practice [Wednesday], so they're ready to see some fresh faces. We haven't had exhibition games, just scrimmages," said head coach Jeff Lebo. "So it'll be interesting, it always is when you turn on the lights, put on the uniform and lace up them up and there are people in the stands."

Two Pirates who were presumed to play this season, Marshall Guilmette and Terry Whisnant, left the program due to injuries and professional aspirations. Their absences leave holes in the lineup that will need to be filled by newcomers.

"We lost two guys that we weren't expecting, who were double figures guys when they were healthy," Lebo said. "Who's gonna pick up the scoring slack consistently is a big question for us this year."

In the absence of Guilmette and Whisnant, JUCO transfer Charles Foster, Deng Riak, Kentrell Barkley and Clarence Williams may see time on the court. The new faces will likely face a learning curve with the Pirate offense but playing mistake-free basketball is the team's first priority.



ECU sophomore guard Lance Tejada goes up for a contested layup against UConn last season.

"Just execute well, and play as hard as we can. Limit the number of turnovers and try to get some easy buckets and try to get to the free throw line," White said. "It's on us. We've been trying to take care of the ball more, so we've been focused on us."

Grambling State managed to only walk away with two non-conference wins last season, notching a 55-49 victory over Lyon College and 74-64 win over Selma University.

"We can't focus too much on them [Grambling State]. We don't know what they're going to do. We don't have film on them, so it's nerveing as a coach. They have all new players," Lebo said. "This game is a little different than year's past. We're just focused on ourselves in this one, and hopefully we won't see anything that throws us for a loop offensively and defensively."

Last season, ECU's top scorer was sophomore guard B.J. Tyson with 413 points, while Whisnant, White and junior forward Michel Nzege were the front-runners alongside Tyson.

With Whisnant out, that leaves no

room for errors, but a lot of chances for some other players to step up.

"We'll see when they get in there what they do. The better they do, the more they'll play. They're going to have to play some. We're down a guy we were counting on, so that means there's great opportunity to see them play," Lebo said.

The Pirates tipped off the preseason with their first official practice on Oct. 2. The six-week period has led them to prepare for kick off their regular season opener.

"I put the work in before and after practice and in the off-season, so there's not much pressure — I know I'm prepared," White said. "It's a long season, and it's a process, so you can't get too high or too low on any given performance. Just stay the course and keep working hard and everything will pay off."

This Friday's home match with Grambling State will be just the first step in the process.

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ECU's Non-conference Opponents

2016	Western Carolina (9/3) NC State (9/10) @ South Carolina (9/17) @ Virginia Tech (9/24)
2017	James Madison (9/2) @ West Virginia (9/9) Virginia Tech (9/16) BYU (10/21)
2018	North Carolina A&T (9/1) North Carolina (9/8) @ Virginia Tech (9/15) Old Dominion (9/29)
2019	@ NC State (8/31) Virginia Tech (9/21) @ Old Dominion (9/28) South Carolina (TBA)
2020	Marshall (9/5) West Virginia (9/12) @ Virginia Tech (9/26) @ South Carolina (TBA)

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

Football Report Card

Quarterbacks	D	ECU has gone with a two-quarterback system for the majority of its season, but James Summers and Blake Kemp have each failed to make the most of their playing time. Kemp has turned the ball over in crucial situations, while Summers has not been able to throw the ball well enough to punish defenses.
Running backs	C+	Chris Hairston has carried the bulk of the load, with Marquez Grayson being out with an injury nearly all season and Anthony Scott failing to be effective in his playing time. Hairston can't break a game open by himself, but the senior has rushed for seven touchdowns this season.
Wide Receivers	B+	Trevon Brown was explosive in his return to the offense. The sophomore has 30 catches and three touchdowns, establishing himself as a true deep ball threat. Junior Isaiah Jones has cooled off since a red hot start to the season. This talented group has not been helped by its quarterbacks, but still shapes up as one of the best in the American Athletic Conference.
Offensive Line	C+	Returning all of its starters from last season, expectations for ECU's offensive line were through the roof. However, injuries have plagued the group. Still, the running game depends on coach Brad Davis's group to be elite, and it has yet to play consistently great this season.
Defensive Line	B	ECU has given up the fourth most yards on the ground in the AAC, a disappointing statistic considering the elite run defense the defensive line produced last season. The group has done a solid job this season, turning what was a weakness last year into a strength thanks to quarterback pressure.
Linebackers	A	Zeek Bigger and Montese Overton have become full-on monsters in their senior seasons, and sophomore linebacker Jordan Williams has also shined. Williams is second on the team with 63 tackles, trailing only Bigger, and has an interception and forced fumble to his name.
Cornerbacks	B-	After a few poor performances early in the season, the Pirate corners have shown some serious growth. They rank sixth in the American in passing yards allowed per game, but have done a nice job of keeping the team competitive. Against the elite receiving corps they've faced, the secondary has fallen flat.



MICHAEL SEEGARS / THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU quarterback James Summers breaks off a big run in the game against USF last Saturday.

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against their defense gave us the best chance to win."

Some defenses have struggled preparing for both players, with one of quarterbacks usually being able to move the ball. Both have experienced success this year, with Summers tallying 279 combined yards and three touchdowns in the win against Virginia Tech as well as 238 yards and four touchdowns the next week versus SMU.

Kemp was on the verge of leading the Pirates to victory in "The Swamp" against Florida. He also threw for 371 yards and two touchdowns in the loss against BYU, a game that Summers started.

The up-and-down playing time doesn't seem to affect the two shot callers, as they have been going through the changes all season.

"We just have to get out here, be behind each other and work hard. That's all you can

do," Summers said. "Whatever is best for the team man, that's all it is. There's no controversy, we're together and that's it, period."

Summers is a dual-threat that has averaged 117 combined yards, including a 1.9 yards-per-carry average in his previous two starts.

The more conventional Kemp, on the other hand, has had turnover issues. He has thrown ten interceptions on the season, as well as a handful of fumbles.

While Kemp has proven to be a bit more consistent moving the ball, Summers has been more dynamic, and has turned the ball over at a much slower pace.

"They're really good teammates, it wasn't a huge deal for them. I thought it was what's best for us to do moving forward," Nichol said. "We just want the guy that can move the ball the best, it's never really changed and obviously we're fighting to do that and have struggled the last couple of weeks."

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Men's tennis reflects on fall, looks ahead to spring season

Madison Tenenbaum
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Mixed results were a continuous trend for East Carolina's men's tennis team throughout the fall season.



Frederic Lehfeltd

The Pirates competed in three major tournaments this fall, trying to get as many matches under their belt before the anticipated spring season begins in January.

Head coach Shawn Heinchon said he was pleased with what he saw from his young team during the fall, but is aware of what needs to change if the team wants to have a successful spring.

With having five freshmen on the team, the season came as great experience and gave them a strong idea of what to anticipate in the spring.

"There are always a little bit of ups and downs for the new guys, the results have

showed that. We saw a lot of good matches and some matches that didn't really make a lot of sense," Heinchon said. "But all of that improves with experience."

As for the older players, they relished the opportunity to continue to improve and took a step forward in terms of leading the crop of underclassmen.

"Our upperclassmen definitely had better falls, and that's always a great sign," Heinchon said. "That shows a good sign of leadership and a good sign of their ability."

Much of the success that Heinchon hopes to see during the spring season relies heavily on how healthy the team can stay. This season they were faced with injuries to their top players, which was not only a setback for them, but for the younger players as well.

Heinchon believes one of the keys to success in the spring is maintaining the leadership from the upperclassmen.

"If the leadership continues, the opportunity for success is a lot greater

come January," Heinchon said.

Specifically, Tendai Tapfuma, Kasey Countee, and Frederic Lehfeltd led the team and were standouts in the eyes of their head coach.

"The nice thing that we're seeing with those individuals is they were good all over the place," Heinchon said. "They are our light moving forward and our success will rely heavily on how well those guys end up being for us."

Going into the spring season, Heinchon knows that doubles have to improve if they want to be better as a team.

"That is a key thing for us for tennis at our level," Heinchon said. "We have to be able to do a little better at that if we want to beat some teams that are better than us. If that happens, the results will show that and will be positive, but if we struggle, then that is going to put more pressure on us to do well in singles."

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since the summer," said Macy. "She's done really nice in the scrimmages. I'm seeing her having a breakout year."

The Pirates will face several challenges this season that will look to thwart their momentum. With new rules set to come into play this season, and a difficult schedule, ECU has its hands full.

"We have 19 road games and only two non-conference home games, we went on a 26 home game winning streak, which at the time was the second longest in the country," said Macy. "It's the price of doing business, people don't want to come here and play."

The new foul rule will be a big adjustment for the players to get used to. Free throws will likely factor into an offensive increase throughout the nation.

"Fouls will be our biggest concern," said Macy. "With the new rule, after five you will be given two shots, and at this level people don't miss two shots."

The Pirates also will face the top two preseason ranked opponents this season as well. The Pirates will play No. 2 ranked South Carolina in the UNCW Christmas Classic tournament. They will also face conference rivals, defending national champions, and preseason No. 1 UConn as well.

"We have some great non-conference tournaments that I feel will prepare us for the rigorous conference play," said Macy.

ECU will play its first game of the season on the road against the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Corpus Christi Texas this Friday to kick things off.

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