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Suspect in fatal stabbing apprehended

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Following a fatal stabbing on Sunday morning, local police forces have apprehended one suspect after a short one-day search.

Early Sunday morning, members of the Greenville Police

Department were dispatched to 3230 Moseley Drive Apartment E, after the report of a stabbing. First responders arriving on scene found Jamar Whitehurst, 32, in the apartment suffering from apparent injury from a knife. Whitehurst was quickly transported to Vidant

Medical Center, where he died later that day.

The GPD secured a warrant for Marcus Moore, 28, in connection to the stabbing the same day, and began a search for his whereabouts. According to a release from the GPD, officers investigating the

incident believe it was an isolated event, which stemmed from a feud between the current and ex-boyfriend of a female residing in the apartment.

The GPD Violent Criminal Apprehension Team with assistance from the State Bureau of Investiga-

tion Fugitive Task Force arrested Moore around 2:45 p.m. yesterday after receiving information that he was staying with a family member somewhere around Greenville Boulevard.

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On-campus graffiti yields double arrest

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TEC STAFF

Two recent arrests have been made for the offensive graffiti that was displayed in Jones Residence Hall that happen over the Halloween weekend.



Jack Ramsey

Jack William Ramsey, 18, and Anthony David Madonio, 18, both of Waxhaw, North Carolina, were arrested on Nov. 4 by Union County Sheriff's Department after warrants were issued by ECU Police.

The two men were both charged with damage to personal property, which is considered a misdemeanor.



Anthony Madonio

The suspects were found using security camera video footage. ECU Police also worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigations to dictate the appropriate charges. Neither of the two men are students at ECU.

According to ECU Chief of Police Gerald Lewis, the FBI assisted in investigating whether or not this was an actual hate crime. They came to the agreement that this was not considered a hate crime because the graffiti did not target a specific individual.

The graffiti that was found was written in permanent marker and was found on Nov. 1 at around 4 a.m. in the stairwell wall and was cleaned immediately.

Chancellor Steve Ballard made a statement regarding the arrests.

"Those are not East Carolina values and the university will not tolerate hate-filled acts that target groups or individuals and seek to intimidate them," he said. "We will work toward a community that honors diversity as a basic value," said Ballard.

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SOLIDARITÉ



ECU students stand near the Cupola on campus, where a vigil was held for world peace. An outline of a peace symbol and flowers sit near by. The vigil was held in the wake of Friday's events in Paris, Beirut among other global tragedies.

ECU basketball fends off Charlotte at home



ECU junior guard Clarence Williams celebrates after hitting a shot in the game against UNC Charlotte Monday.

Allison Jobe
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina men's basketball team had a smooth start to the season with an 88-74 win over UNC Charlotte Monday following a 61-53 win over Grambling State on Friday. The win over UNC Charlotte marked head coach Jeff Lebo's 300th win.

ECU saw a solid performance from junior forward Michel Nzege and had great success at the free-throw line with 75 percent for the night on Monday.

The Pirates (2-0) started things off strong by beating Charlotte (0-2) to the game's first points, scoring at the 19:29 mark, with a layup by junior forward Caleb White.

Things got in a bind at the 16:12 mark when the 49ers tied the game, which was followed by Charlotte taking its first lead of the night.

At the end of the first half, ECU had a 41-35 advantage over Charlotte. Nzege led the Pirates in the half with 11 points, followed by White who had 10.

"We knew coming in it was going to be a tough place to play, and a challenge for our young team. You hope that the team takes you lightly and has an off night a little bit, but East Carolina played well," Charlotte head coach Mark Price said.

The Pirates kept the momentum going into the second half as Nzege completed a layup at the 19:49 mark, boosting the Pirates' 43-35 lead.

"Offensively we put the ball in the basket tonight," said Lebo. "We struggled in the first game, but with the offense we were sharp. We shot close to 60 percent from the field. I thought we were very efficient."

Sophomore guard B.J. Tyson picked up his fourth foul of the night with 11:58 remaining on the clock.

Nzege was the leading scorer for the Pirates, as he collected 21 points, six rebounds and two assists. Also seeing double digits for the Pirates were White with 20, and senior guard Prince Williams with 15.

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SOCIAL MEDIA



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BRIEFS

ECU hosting a panel on Syrian migrants.

East Carolina University professors are hosting a public discussion on the Syrian refugee crisis tomorrow in room 102 of the Rivers building at 7:00 p.m. The experts leading the panel are from ECU's department of Geography, Planning, and Environment.

The panel will discuss issues associated with refugees and large-scale migration, including social, economic and environmental factors that influence migrant decisions such as routes and areas of resettlement. The panel will also discuss how climate change is likely lead to additional migration challenges in the near future.

Graduate students named Schweitzer fellows

Six East Carolina University students are being named North Carolina Albert Schweitzer Fellows for the 2015-2016 academic year. The group of six is composed of two School of Dental Medicine students and four students from the Brody School of Medicine.

Together they are partnering with community organizations to develop year-long service projects that address health issues in the local community. While implementing these projects, they will also be undergoing leadership development training.

Panel to discuss ISIL threat and global policy

An interdisciplinary panel discussion will be held Thursday night at 6:30 in Rivers 102. The panel will discuss the implications of the recent attacks in the Middle East and Paris. The panel will discuss what ramifications the attacks will have for international policies, and the future for ISIL.

The panel discussion is sponsored by various departments at East Carolina University, including Security studies, History, French, Political Science and Religious Studies. The panel will be led by professors in the various fields of studies.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

The photo of the Cupola for "Take back the night" was taken by Paris Silver

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

Museum to add Civil War exhibit

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex in Fayetteville held an event Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm in Joyner library, asking for people in the community to bring in any documents they have from the civil war period.

"We are collecting stories and information from people across the state about their families' experiences during the Civil War. We are collecting one hundred stories from each of the state's one hundred counties, which will give us a total of ten thousand stories," said David Winslow, the senior consultant to the North Carolina Civil War History Center.

The museum is currently moving forward on plans to build a new addition to their complex that will revolve around the Civil War and Reconstruction. This new history center will be more of a teaching museum than a collecting museum and will focus on telling people's personal memories about the war, rather than just focusing on having the most artifacts.

"We will have artifacts, but the story to us is the most important thing. The evidence to us is more of just a punctuation mark to the story," Winslow said.

The documents they are collecting range anywhere from pictures and letters to diary entries and maps and will all be digitized and added to the North Carolina state archives.

"People are walking in with incredible stuff. I just read a story about a fellow who marched from Goldsboro to Greensboro. He was wading through the Hall River where he camped in Greensboro, and all of this was in April and May of 1865," Winslow said.

"It's just fun to read this stuff about people who were in parts of North Carolina that I know very well. I can only imagine what it was like back then," he continued.

One person who brought in documents to be scanned was actually a professor at Brody School of Medicine named Charles Knupp. Knupp has been collecting documents from the civil war for about 15 years now.

"I am interested in the history of eastern North Carolina, especially during the Civil War and pre-Civil War era," said Knupp. "I have a lot of stuff that just relates to the people... I collect letters with content about people's feelings about the war and what their situation was."

Since most of the action in the Civil War actually took place in the eastern part of North Carolina, the state thought it was best to place the history center in Fayetteville which is in the eastern part of the state as well.

Out of all the areas in the state though, Greenville is one of the best places to go for stories about the Civil War. This is because it was what many consider the fault line for the war. During the Civil War, the north occupied from Elizabeth City to New Bern for the majority of the war. The north was attempting to block the railroad coming from Wilmington, so the south could not have access to it from Petersburg, and Greenville was right in the middle.

The reason they chose Joyner out of all of Greenville is due to the amount of resources and sources that

the library already has on the civil war, as well as the space it allows for the project.

"It's a regional thing. For this region, Joyner would be the best place. We already have similar materials in our collections that people were bringing in, and we have quite a few people that are researching the Civil War," Dale Sauter, the Interim Head of Manuscripts and Rare Books for East Carolina University said.

There were many volunteers present at this event, who were excited and ready to break ground on this project.

"I had never been involved with anything from day one, and I just wanted the opportunity to see this from the very beginning to where the bricks and mortar dried," Carol Scheib said, a volunteer for the North Carolina Civil War History Center.

The museum is not set to open until 2020, but there is going to be a virtual opening a few years before that online.

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Student Services Housing Fair aims to inform

Matthew Prenskey
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Office of Off Campus Student Services and East Carolina University will present the Fall Off Campus Housing Fair to students from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. tomorrow, at the Mendenhall Great Rooms.

This is the second year OCSS has offered students the ability to come and ask questions to their staff, which knows the most about the available options and information regarding living off campus. This event will allow the student body an opportunity to gather the necessary information about off campus living. Students will also have an option to learn about picking a location and other details OCSS focuses on.

"They will also have the opportunity to receive invaluable information from our office about moving off-campus, how to choose a location, etc," said Brandy Daniels, assistant director of Housing Operations for OCSS.

According to Daniels, this event is a golden opportunity for students who are confused by all the options or in need of information to gather the answers to their questions. This year at the Fall Off Campus Housing Fair, OCSS will be incorporating the topic of student health. The office of Off Campus Student Services has partnered with the ECU Counseling Center, the department of Campus Recreation and Wellness, among other experts in the financial and medical health profession.

This year, the event has become an approved Passport Event. According to Daniels, a good turnout is expected, based on last year's attendance and the fact that this year it is now a passport event.

According to multiple ECU freshmen, when asked if they were looking into or interested in moving off campus next year, most said they were planning on it.

While most students were interested in moving off campus the next year or in the future, the majority had concerns or questions about the process and the differences between on campus living and off campus living. According to Jones, transportation from the off campus locations to campus is her biggest concern. Transportation or commuting to campus was the biggest issue students raised.

"I have heard horror stories about how difficult it is to find a spot, which can be difficult if you have to commute to campus by car," said Madeline Whallen, a freshman musical theatre major.

According to Daniels, ECU and OCSS try to provide the best service to students currently living off campus. On top of that, OCSS strives to help students interesting in moving off campus make the best decision for them and their families.

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22	University of North Carolina
46	East Carolina University
66	Duke University
88	Wake Forest University
93	North Carolina State

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ECU sexual health ranking rises to 46

Collyn Sheaffer
TEC STAFF

Trojan Condoms released the 2015 Sexual Health Report Card that revealed East Carolina University jumped up eight spots from 54 to 46 in the past year.

The Sexual Health Report Card is an annual ranking of the sexual health resources and information available to students on college campuses nationwide, according to the company's website. Trojan Condoms uses Sperling's BestPlaces, an independent research firm, to analyze 140 major college campuses nationwide. In 2013, East Carolina University was ranked 50, followed by 54 in 2014 and 46 in 2015.

Researchers with Sperling's BestPlaces collected data through campus health center representatives and continued to collect information about the centers and services that these campuses provide for students. Student health centers on college campuses were graded on 11 categories. These categories were the quality of sexual health information and resources on website, contraceptive and condom price and availability, HIV/STI testing on-site, lecture and outreach programs for sexual health education, sexual assault programs and resources, overall website usability and quality, health center hours of operation and drop-ins or appointments.

Ellen Goldberg, associate director for Clinical Operations at ECU's Student Health Services, said ECU participates in Trojan's Report Card every year and described the questionnaire process as very informal.

She said this year's improved ranking may be due in part to increased offerings for birth control since the Student Health Center now offers IUDs on campus. Also, the hiring of University's Victim's Advocate on campus and ECU's continued efforts at providing sexual health education could have contributed to the improved ranking, said Goldberg.

ECU's Student Health Center is open five days a week and has a website with information for students available at any time. The website has self-care tips for sexual health so that students can access

these resources even at a time that the actual office is not open.

Available programs at ECU's Student Health Center range from several different kinds of lifestyle choices. The center has a sexuality education program which includes information about healthy relationships, contraception, STD's, pregnancy options and more. The center also offers events on campus about topics such as breast and testicular cancer awareness, World AIDs Day and Safe Spring Break.

According to Trojan's website, although America is one of the top 10 most educated countries in the world, when it comes to sexual health we are failing. The Center for Disease Control estimates that nearly 20 million new sexually transmitted infections occur every year in America, with a record one in four college students having a form of infection. One in three sexually active people, by the age of 24, will have been affected by a sexual transmitted infection.

Although ECU jumped to a higher ranking this year, Goldberg stresses not to read too much into small changes. She said schools that are able to offer services for free, like STI testing, rank higher. But people must consider those schools often have very high student health fees to compensate the free testing.

"Going up or down may have less to do with changes in the actual schools' services and more to do with how many schools participate, which questions the surveyors weigh more heavily and if questions change over time" said Goldberg.

The Trojan Sexual Health Report Card is a self-proclaimed tool used to inspire college aged students to make "tangible changes, and to take their schools' sexual health into their own hands."

"We believe in sharing the wonderful resources our campus offers," said Goldberg, "and hope that our steady ranking year to year shows a continued commitment to sexual health."

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PIRATE RANTS

#ParisLivesMatter

Dear admirer of sexy Amy Farrah Fowler, sack up and lay some mack on her dude. This isnt fifth grade

I love when idiots try to trash TEC and then they say "the TEC". The The East Carolinian?

What the heck was up with all the Kurt Vonnegut quotes and being Rick rolled all at the same time?!

Pirate ranters: what do you think the T in TEC stands for. Stop calling it "The TEC" you illiterate bastards.

That moment when autocorrect ruins your pirate rant :(

Is it bad that I am ready to read whether or not the Opinion columnists retreat from their normal leftist rhetoric after the tragedy in Paris?

This Thursday's Our View was uninspired and pretty lazy. The position is obvious because you are journalists but what you don't do is give any reason as to why. This topic should fire you up. You should have pages to write on the subject instead you have a few paragraphs of background and an obvious claim. If you're going to write editorials you need to put some fire behind them.

Next time you see your professor in class as exhausted, disorganized, & run-down, don't assume it's because we don't care about your education. Many of us are taking on second jobs to support our families because admin won't even keep our salaries paced with INFLATION while administrators take home six-figure salaries!

It's really sad that all of you are so afraid to question the status quo that anyone that goes against your ingrained belief system is seen as a threat. Time to grow up and open your mind and quit it with the "SJW" insults.

Why does everyone have to do politically correct? This is so damn ridiculous! If someone tries to shut you up for not being PC, speak even louder and point your middle finger at them. If they don't like it, they don't have to be there! Stop being a slave to this idiotic ideology.

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

Our View

Solidarité necessary to combat world terrorism

Paris suffered a horrific tragedy on Friday when over 120 people died and 350 people were injured in a terrorist attack. France is unfortunately not alone in dealing with major acts of terrorism this year.

The day before the Paris terrorist attack, a bomb killed 43 in Beirut, Lebanon. In Kenya, 147 people, mostly students, were killed in an act of terror in April.

The world has become increasingly globalized, and terror is a global problem that affects the entire world. While it can be easy to compartmentalize terror as something that happens in other places, the Paris attacks and the recent ISIS threats against Washington D.C. should make it clear that terror is a force that affects us all.

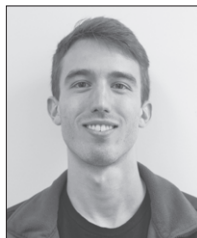
The slogan that has arisen after the Paris terror attacks is "solidarité." It represents the idea that we must all stand

together to prevent terrorism. We as an editorial staff believe that terrorism is a dangerous threat that affects us all, and we must stand in solidarity with all countries, no matter where, that are working to combat terrorism.

Solidarity does not simply mean changing your Facebook background to the French flag. There is nothing wrong with doing so, but it cannot be the extent of our efforts.

Everyone has the ability to fight terror by making a focused effort to fight for the ideals that terrorists are attempting to take away. All citizens have a vote with which they can advocate for leaders who will stand up to terrorism, while refusing to discriminate against innocent people, no matter the party. Solidarité cannot merely be a trend, but must represent a concentrated effort to put an end to terrorism and fight back against ideology that fosters it.

Muslims shouldn't be stereotyped



John Faulconer
TEC COLUMNIST

From Around The World

The barbaric massacre by the Islamic State in Paris has fueled deepening religious tensions to a possible ignition point.

This growing sectarian divide is seen globally throughout the 21st century: through the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, Boko Haram, Al-Qaeda, the Islamic State, and the Palestinian conflict, one can plainly see that many more innocent people will be slaughtered in pointless religious conflicts for years to come.

Our misunderstanding of the root cause will ensure these conflicts continue. They are not caused by the generic differences between Islam and Christianity, as many believe; they are caused by mistakenly generalizing groups or regions of people based on the actions of a handful of extremists.

The world is too complicated for generalizations to have any credible meaning. We must stop relating these extremists to their claimed religion.

The Islamic States does not represent Islam. Comparing Islam to the Islamic State is like comparing Christianity to the KKK. Both examples distort the religious messages they claim to represent so terribly that they do not deserve to even label themselves as part of their peaceful religion.

Stripping the relation between Islam and the Islamic State would help defuse overall tensions. Relating religion to extremists does

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two things: it gives the Islamic State's actions legitimacy, and it offends the vast majority of Muslims that actually understand and practice the teachings of the Quran.

The entire goal and appeal of the Islamic State is based upon so called Islamic values. The actions of the Islamic State cause outrage among the Muslim population as well. This is not a religious battle. However, treating it as a religious battle gives the Islamic State a stance against the spread of Islamophobia.

Our misunderstanding of the root cause may also result in more dreadful wars that will only continue to escalate. It is impossible to fight terror with weapons. The Islamic State holds a belief- one that is shared with other extremist groups; and a belief is immune to any action our military could muster. Therefore, any military action will ultimately become a failure—we need a different approach.

Islamophobic rhetoric will only strengthen

the belief that bore the Islamic State. One example of Islamophobia is our current criticism over allowing desperate Syrian refugees, fleeing the Islamic State, into our country. Do Muslim lives not matter? This rhetoric deeply affects our Muslim brothers and sisters that live amongst us. Some have compared our actions against Muslims to the stigmatization Jews have historically felt.

The stigmatization Jews felt was best stated by William Shakespeare in Merchants of Venice: "I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer, as a Christian is? If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh? If you poison us, do we not die?" Are Muslims not humans too?

We must end the stigmatization against Muslims, as we require their help to make defeating the Islamic State possible. This battle is not won through divisions, it's won through companionship with Muslims who practice the actual, peaceful teachings of the Quran: "Whosoever slays a soul it shall be as if he had slain all mankind".

*Editor's Note: In light of international news, From Around The World was moved up to Tuesday this week.

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ECU impedes First Amendment



Craig Malmrose
GUEST COLUMNIST

On November 10, the university watched as faculty and students gathered near the cupola to protest Dr. Ballard's untoward and untimely pay increase. While their voices were loud and their aim was true, the overall message was hindered by a nasty, draconian university regulation. This concerns "assemblies and public addresses" and the single location from which these can be delivered on the ECU campus.

The Free Speech Zone, adjacent to the cupola, is the only place on campus where a well-meaning orator can speak publicly to passers by. However, this site has been sold to us under the disingenuous euphemism, "Designated Public Forum". This spot was clearly designed to obstruct our First Amendment rights, and it puts us on a par with any communist or third world regime. At a taxpayer-supported, public institution, one can only wonder how such a thing could be possible. As the protest unfolded last Tuesday, I just had

to ask myself, "In what century am I living?"

Legal scholars define Free Speech Zones as "areas set aside in public places that are used to restrict the ability for American citizens to exercise their right to free speech in the United States by forcing them into these zones." Attorneys with the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) do their level best to abolish such zones. A look at their website shows that ECU receives FIRE's lowest possible rating concerning university support for free speech on campus. And this is just one of several such restrictions that have been foisted upon us by university officials.

The First Amendment to The United States Constitution is crystal clear in addressing these points: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." An extrapolation of these words will lead us to conclude that neither does a small, provincial university bear the power to abridge freedom of speech.

When I wrote about this subject for TEC last year, I was very polite and reserved regarding my choice of words. I can no longer make that claim. Our Free Speech Zone is a grotesque abomination that insults every freedom-loving member of our university community. As long as I'm an American citizen employed by a public institution, I'll flatly refuse to abide by such a regressive and ridiculous ordinance. Until I find myself living in North Korea, I'll engage in the full-throated, free expression of thoughts and opinions anywhere, anytime on the ECU campus. Before we go to the polls next fall to elect a new president, I'll be conducting mobile, peaceful protests on university grounds. And these will have no relationship to our beloved Free Speech Zone. I have great confidence that ECU will soon grow and mature beyond its current parochial state and will back my right to free expression as set forth by the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

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Poll results

Is the media too intrusive?

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No- 36%

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The Chili Cook-Off event will raise money for United Way, a non-profit organization that aims to build international communities.

Fire and Rescue hosts annual chili cook-off

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This week, the Fire and Rescue Department turns up the heat with their annual Chili Cook-Off competition.

Every year, each department of Greenville Rescue Services teams up to raise money for United Way, a non-profit organization that focuses on building communities around the world.

"Each department would do a different function," said Rahul Thapar, an officer of the Fire and Rescue department. "Ours has been a chili cook-off for several years."

There are six stations around the city and each will have their own submissions. There will also be a restaurant division that will have participations from some local venues such as Crave restaurant and Winslow's Deli.

"Anyone can [compete]," said Thapar. "We don't have many civilians that do it. But we have some city employees that have submissions. For the fire department, each station cooks a pot of chili the night before that gets entered. We also have a restaurant division, and all the restaurants uptown will be joining."

Some participants are facing their first time in the challenge, while others have been competitors for a few years.

"It's the first year for Crave since we

changed our name from Topsy Teapot," said Mike Stumbaugh, kitchen manager. "I know that we have participated on and off, but not consecutively."

With so many chili submissions, it will be tough to stand out. Some contestants are bringing their own personal recipes into the mix in hopes of taking home the prize.

"The [secret] recipe I'm using is my dad's," said Matthew Cifaldi, assistant kitchen manager of Winslow's Deli. "I kind of improvised it a little bit, but it's still a family recipe."

When it comes to good chili, everyone seems to have a similar taste.

"I'll cook something with a kick to it, you know?" said Stumbaugh, "I prefer spicy things, and with a little sweet tang in the back of it."

Stumbaugh's opponent, Cifaldi, said he will also be making something that starts off with a sweetness but have more of an afterburn.

However, the competitors have some different approaches to their cooking.

"I've made a few kinds before, [and] this one's gonna be a little different," said Stumbaugh. "A lot of chilis can be spicy but not the overall flavor to back it all up. I just want it to stand out."

To make something memorable, the chefs spend a lot of time and preparation

to make their chili unique.

"Usually when I cook the chili, I do it during the day," said Cifaldi. "Then I let it simmer for four to five hours and it'll be ready for the next day."

The winner will take home receive the Chili Master certificate. The contestants each have a personal goal for the prize.

"I don't know what we placed for the past few years, but I would like to see maybe the top three finish," said Cifaldi.

For Stumbaugh, the top prize seems to be in his reach.

"I don't wanna be too cocky, but I think we're gonna win overall," said Stumbaugh.

Other than the chili, there will be other items on sale at the event. Thapar said there will be a silent baked goods auction, with several of the baked treats being donated by restaurants.

The main goal for this event is to raise as much money as possible.

"For the last three years, we have increased the amount we raised," said Thapar.

This year's cook off will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at Fire Station One, located across from City Hall. All-you-can-eat tickets for chili bowls are \$8, and anyone can attend.

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ASO to celebrate diversity, culture at explosion event

Jennifer Hines
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The African Student Organization aims to celebrate campus-wide diversity with audiences through their collective, culture-inspired performances at the 9th annual Cultural Explosion tomorrow at 6 p.m.

This event brings a wide variety of East Carolina University's cultural organizations together in the Wright Auditorium to highlight every ethnic culture present.

Ini Ndoh and Madison Smith, social coordinators for ASO, describe the event as a giant collaboration of groups.

"We have the Indian Student Organization, the Native American Student Organization, the African Student Organization, of course, and more," said Ndoh.

There will be appearances by the the cultural organizations, the ECU dance team, a Caribbean dance team, and various Greek organizations. There will even be an appearance by the newly crowned Mr. and Miss ASO, Jaleel Kuteh and Nneka Walson.

"It's just really a chance for a variety of people to come together and perform as a whole," said Ndoh.

Each group will be giving a variety of performances in the form of song, dance, spoken word.

According to Northwesternda.org, spoken word is "poetry intended for onstage performance, rather than exclusively designed for the page. While often associated with hip-hop culture, it also has strong ties to storytelling,

modern poetry...as well as jazz, blues and folk music."

Cultural Explosion will bring these organizations together by highlighting their differences.

"It's just bridging the gap and bringing all the cultural organizations together and get a taste of what everyone's about," said Smith.

Both Ndoh and Smith have high hopes that Cultural Explosion will continue to grow since it has shown such promising attendance in the past.

"It's gradually done better each year, especially the last couple of years," said Ndoh. "We had a very big audience [last year] and we project this one to be the biggest one yet."

The ASO prides itself on their values and always wants to make sure that they include everyone in their activities.

"We don't close our minds to anybody," said Ndoh. "The show will actually show that we are really about diversity and accepting all cultures no matter where you come from."

Members of the ASO spread their message through activities on campus.

"We want to always put on for the people," said Ndoh. "We want to always have [these kind of] programs."

The doors to Wright Auditorium open at 5:30 p.m. Attendees are also invited to participate in a dance Friday night in the Student Recreation Center. Tickets are \$5 and all proceeds go to the ASO.

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Zack Mexico to perform makeup show

Carlyn Legg
TEC STAFF

After their Halloween concert was shut down by Greenville Police when they tried to play at a house party, Zack Mexico, an indie rock band from the North Carolina coast, is set to take the stage at Crossbones Tavern tonight.

With hopes to turn the southern-style atmosphere of Crossbones Tavern into a psychedelic indie-rock rave, Zack Mexico is ready for their makeup show.

"Halloween was crazy, man. Everybody was rocking out and dressed up and ready to go and they shut it down," said loyal fan and avid music lover Joshua Rogers. "It was a house thing, so you know you're taking that risk, but [Zack Mexico] was who I was really looking forward to seeing that night."

The band's Jack Johnson mixed with Red Hot Chili Peppers sound makes for an unparalleled musical texture. Zack Mexico has played all over the Carolinas as well as up and down the east coast, building a reputation of bringing their good vibes lifestyle onto the stage for fans to feed off of.

"These dudes know how to rock, man," said Rogers. "They just rock it out every time, I can't wait for [the show]."

With a brand new album release last Thursday, this is a highly-anticipated show by followers of Zack Mexico's music. Titled "Get Rich and Live Forever," the album has eight new songs that range from two to nine minutes and each song is its own musical journey.

"It's just kinda like they take regular rock stuff and they hype it up so you feel it in



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Members of the band Zack Mexico perform on-stage together. The band will return to Greenville despite their show getting shut down this past Halloween.

your bones and then they make you really feel it," said Rogers. "It blows my mind every time I see them."

Zack Mexico will share the stage with ET Anderson for this show for its makeup concert.

ET Anderson describes themselves as "alternative stoner pop" and hails out of

Columbia, South Carolina. Their 2014 album was less than a half hour long in total length, but provided a surprisingly comprehensive variety of musical topics and ideas. ET Anderson's most recent album

was just released last Friday in their 2015 follow-up album.

Titled "ET2," the album includes just under 30 minutes of futuristic alternative tunes. The album's songs take basic musical ideas and exponentially magnify them to create an unparalleled musical structure.

With two musical acts that have new sounds to share with the Greenville music scene, tonight's show at Crossbones Tavern is a highly anticipated one. While Zack Mexico's psychedelic rock taste will kick off

the evening and get the stage set, ET Anderson is ready rock alongside them.

Encouraging fans to bring with them their enthusiasm, excitement and even costumes from Halloween weekend, Zack Mexico is set to play a high-energy show tonight. Taking the stage around 9 p.m. at Crossbones Tavern will be Zack Mexico, followed by ET Anderson.

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ART MAJORS



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Tyree Barnes, who painted the left and top right paintings, is now pursuing a career in art despite graduating with a different degree. Katie West (bottom right) now works in New York City.

Career troubles common in art

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

Finding a job in the art field has been difficult but worth the while for recent East Carolina University graduates.

When Katie West, former ECU student and art major, first entered into the real world after college she was really excited when she saw many job postings and began applying to find a potential career. However, she soon found out how time consuming it was to write the different cover letters and to change her resume to fit the job she was applying for.

"I applied for jobs for a little bit right after college but it was so daunting writing all of those cover letters and revising my resume for each one," said West. "I never thought about coming to

back to Greenville but I did give up on it and decided I wanted to work in a restaurant and then try again after a month."

From there, West learned that being in the art industry takes a passion for it, as the monetary value for it is not always there.

"It was like a full time job just applying for the jobs themselves," said West. "For every 10th resume you submit, you might get one email back and one interview."

West was always interested in art while growing up and her high school teacher was always in the back of her head telling her that she should really go to art school. While other students took up art as something to do as a hobby, some turned into a career.

"I got into art after a summer where I realized that I wasn't happy with what I was doing with myself. At that point I told myself

that I wanted to do whatever made me happy and that was painting. So I painted everyday for hours on in," said Tyree Barnes, former ECU student and psychology and religion major. "I want to do what makes me happy and that is why I continued to do art as a career despite what I have heard."

Finding a job in the art field is one of the major concerns for most art students who do not want to pursue trying to sell their artwork separately. However, during the recession, jobs where people would need to use computers were at the most risk because of the amount of graduates with that degree. Art jobs were not affected so much because they have fewer graduates.

According to Collegeexpress.com, art majors now have more of an advantage in the job career because of the diversity in the work that they do. The arts and

culture industry has expanded to create about 5.7 million jobs according to the nonprofit organization Americans of art.

Along with fewer graduates, within the arts industry there are different fields to go in such as graphic design, painting and commercial art.

"I interned for this woman at an art studio who later on passed my resume on and that is how I got my job. I now have a job I love where I help with layouts, creative things and other stuff dealing with art for the company more in the commercial industry of art," said West. "I do a lot with all of the creative look with the company. I handle all the graphics; I handle overseeing with the photography and redesigning the website and designing our catalog."

According to West, one of the most crucial parts of the

industry is making connections with people.

"Showing that you have experience is very important. The more stuff you have on your resume the better when trying to get a job in this field," said West. "And having someone to vouch for you is what makes the difference."

The stigma that art majors will not land a job after graduation still stands but has changed as time goes on and a need for more creative people has gone up.

"You have to have a plan, a passion, creativity, and a solid team behind you to make it in this industry," said Barnes. "With all this social media, the connection is there to get yourself out there. You just have to really want it."

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Students budget at SALT event

Brianna Horton
TEC STAFF

To prevent students from making bad financial decisions, Campus Recreation and Wellness has partnered with the office of Financial Aid to create a Wellness Passport event that helps students shop the smart way for the holidays.

Retail therapy is a big trend with college students and this seminar will help students to avoid making quick decisions now that they'll pay for later on in life. The event titled, A Pinch of SALT, helps students make smart decisions with online shopping, Black Friday sales and Christmas shopping.

"[People] are constantly being offered different things; there's coupons and sales and what happens is you think you're saving but you're actually paying double for it," said Marsha Hall, Campus Recreation and Wellness business officer.

The session will be focused on retail therapy and will help students and faculty who attend to be less likely to buy things just to make them feel good. Some topics that are going to be discussed are how not to pay back your student loans, making sure people haven't opened a credit card in your name, knowing a speeding ticket comes up on your car report, knowing whether to buy a new car or repair your car.

"Your financial decisions today can really mess you up," said Hall. "We're hoping to have another one about buy, lease or repair to help students decide."

Hall said the session will be helpful because students get to ask questions about things that they normally don't pay attention to. Attendees are also encouraged to grab lunch and bring it to the session. Hall said that many will be surprised at what they learn about themselves in the session.

"There are different phases in your life where money matters," said Hall. "Lots of people are wondering how to invest and the ins and outs and the terminology for it and it's all on the website."

Hall said she is hoping those who attend the event get some knowledge about them-

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WHAT: Campus Recreation and Wellness Passport Event

WHEN: Today @ 12 p.m.

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selves before they make any bad emotional purchase at this time of the year, especially holidays.

Hall tries to put money business into a different perspective for students by relating it to things going on in their lives.

"You don't want a huge student loan on your back so you can't take that internship in another state or country to get the experience because you have to work off that loan," said Hall. "The economy is real up and down and you don't want to be stuck with all of these loans bussing tables."


Hall's advice for anyone who has trouble with money is to save up for the rainy day because she feels like we spend everything we make today.

The event will be held today in Student Recreation Center room 202 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. This is Campus Rec and Wellness' second seminar using the fairly new website, SALT.org. The school pays for everyone to have access to the website so it is free to anyone affiliated with East Carolina University.

"This website is really a student benefit and it's a free resource for them, the website the seminars, it promotes one of our eight dimensions," said Hall. "So even if you can't come to the seminar please go use the website because it can really help you."

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

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- Adjust for daylight saving time, e.g.
- Veggies in a sack
- Sphere in the night skies
- The first Mrs. Trump
- Plains dwelling
- "Watch it!"
- Badminton court boundary
- Minn. summer hours
- Bambi's aunt
- Hearth
- one's nose into: meddle
- Trilogy with the heroine Kathni Everdeen
- Ballroom moves
- Bit of buckshot
- Captain Picard's counselor
- Eat
- Imprecise ordinal
- GameCube, for one
- Friday's restaurant chain
- Fuel from a bog
- Pretty pitcher
- Youngster
- Mosque official
- Vehicles for James Cagney
- Major: Big Dipper
- Double-reed woodwind
- Longtime news wire org.
- Bear's home
- "Catch my drift?"
- "You've got to be kidding!"
- Salvation Army symbol
- Memory units
- Clever move
- Friend
- Prepare for publishing
- Grand-scale tale
- Gambling town near Carson City
- Small valley
- Explosive initials
- Complicated procedure
- Course served in a small crock
- URL part
- The Beatles' "And I Love ___"

DOWN

- Word from the bailiff
- Happening
- Comedian Silverman
- Ltr. holder
- Meditative Chinese discipline
- Outboard motor areas
- "Moby Dick" ship co-owner
- Longtime news wire org.
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- The Beatles' "And I Love ___"
- Omar of "House"
- Bygone depilatory
- Set of numbers next to a contract signature
- Round before the final
- FedExCup org.
- "That wore me out!"
- "Wuthering Heights" setting
- Not at all eager
- Large bays
- Bull rider's venue
- Roof edges
- Public spectacle
- Partner of sciences
- Cry from a lamb
- Black ___: spy doings
- GOP org.
- Hoppy brew, for short


Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- An exchange could seem intense. Aim for stability, and play peacemaker if necessary. Begin a service phase. Creative design makes the work go faster. You can make things happen when you put yourself to it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Travel compels (but may be complex) today and tomorrow. Follow your heart. It

pays to advertise. Money saved is money earned. Important people are watching. Know what you're talking about. The line blurs between friends and family.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Revise your rules. Figure out your finances today and tomorrow. Step up to a new tax bracket. Strategize to invest and save. The more careful you are with the details, the better you look. Do the homework.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Get expert coaching to improve your skills faster. Join forces with a master, and then practice what they say. Little success breed self-esteem. Meditation calms your mind and heart. Maintain mental agility. Learn through collaboration.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Maintain the busy pace with frequent breaks. Time spent in nature recharges your spirit. A walk with friends gets your body moving. Toss the ball to a teammate. Get plenty of good sleep.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Plan some fun for today and tomorrow. Parties and gatherings delight. Dress for the occasion. Prepare and handle logistics. Do the work that nobody will see. Save money and trouble by doing a job yourself. Beautification projects flower.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Get your household in order now. Home and family demand more attention over the next two days. Take care of family heirlooms. Share

stories to keep memories alive longer. Find little ways to express your love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Clever ideas and solutions arise in conversation. Brainstorm with partners and note who will do what. New leadership enters the scene. Handle practical details. Check the balance sheet. Invest in work you love and reap lasting benefits.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Get into a groove and bring home the bacon. Work out mutually beneficial terms. Money comes easily with action. Your morale gets a boost. Things are cooking ... stir and simmer. Trust, but verify. A dream could come true.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Personal matters need attention. You're more powerful than usual. A brilliant insight leads you in a new direction. Ignore chaos. Focus on basics. Collaborate and keep faith. Prepare to launch an initiative you've been dreaming about.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Watch the competition. Consider strategies and apply talents and strengths for best impact. Meet deadlines, and then rest. Recharge your batteries by daydreaming, reading and meditating. Exercise and yoga reinvigorate you. Listen to your dear ones.

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The Pirates (2-0) beat UNC-Charlotte Monday, 88-74 at home.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (2-0) picked up its first two wins of the season in the Islanders Classic over the weekend.

VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates (11-16, 4-12) dropped both of their matches to Memphis and Cincinnati over the weekend.

CROSS COUNTRY

Senior runner Shewitt Weldense wrapped her collegiate career with a personal-best finish over the weekend.

BASEBALL

Garrett Brooks, Parker Lamm and Travis Watkins were named captains for the upcoming season.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers (9-0) defeated the Tennessee Titans, 27-10, Sunday to remain undefeated.

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Pirates win two over weekend

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

East Carolina won its first game of the season in the Island Classic Friday against the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros, taking the season-opening matchup, 70-59.

The Pirates jumped out to an early start in the first quarter with a 18-10 lead. The Vaqueros struggled to point points on the board, making just three out of 19 shots. In the second quarter the Vaqueros found their stroke from behind the arc, making six of 10 three pointers. The lead and momentum shifted heading into halftime with a score of 32-26 in the Vaqueros favor.

The Pirates went on an 11-0 run near the end of the third quarter to go ahead 46-42. ECU scored 24 points in the fourth quarter to secure a 70-59 victory. Despite the win the Pirates only shot three for 18 from the three point line. Vaqueros freshman guard Shawnte Goff had an impressive game with 22 points, five rebounds, and a team-high three assists.

"For the first match of the season, I thought it was a good showing," said head coach Heather Macy.

Jada Payne led the Pirates for the game, getting her 12th career double-double, with 27 points and 10 rebounds.

"[Payne] carried over her momentum from last season, right into this season," said Macy.

In the second game of the Island Classic, the Pirates came up against the Texas A&M Corpus Christi Islanders.

ECU started the first quarter of the game on a 13-0 scoring run in the first five minutes, before the first media timeout. The Pirates went on to score 22 points before the Islanders could even put up their first basket, finishing the first quarter with a huge lead of 30-7. Redshirt junior post Marina Laramie shot a perfect 5-for-5 in the third quarter to put ECU up by a score of 48-23 at halftime.

The Islanders never got within 35 points after the large lead and ECU ultimately won, 82-46.

Payne was the star performer again, recording 20 points, seven rebounds, and tied her career-high with seven assists in the game with only 25 minutes of play time.



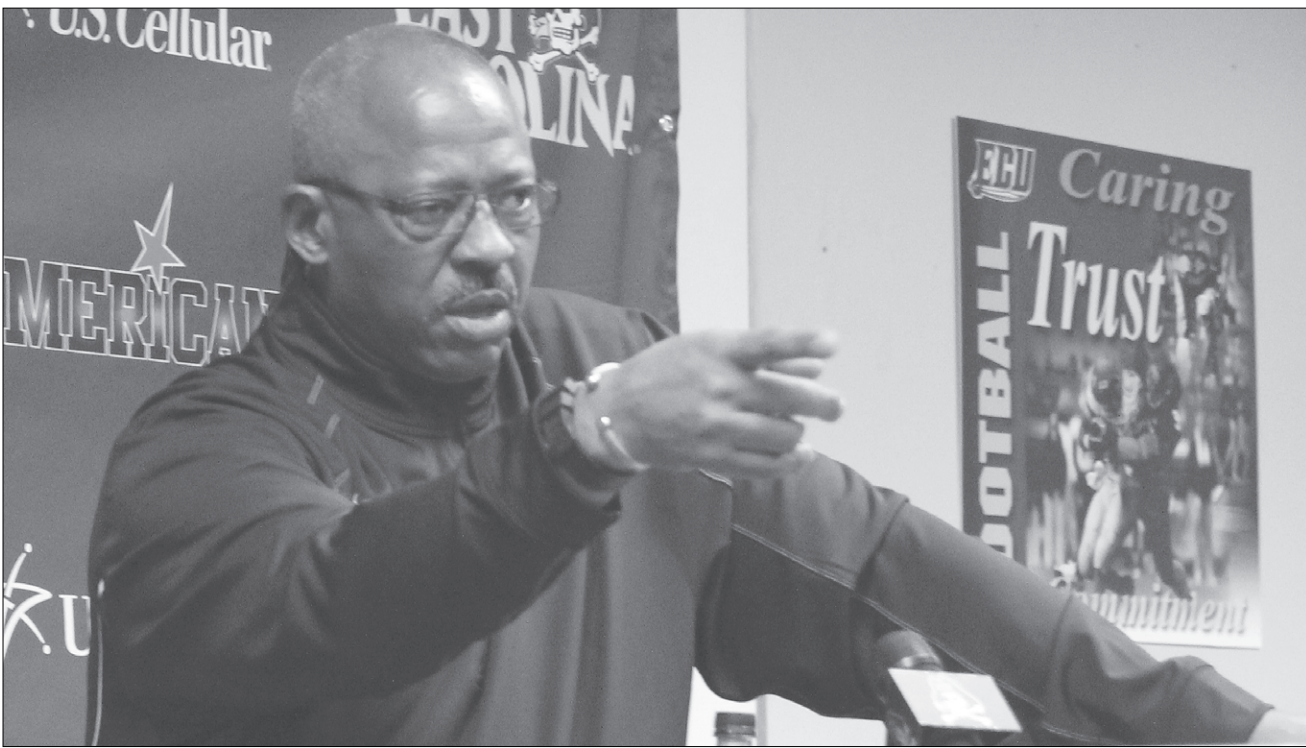
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Pirate women's basketball player Jada Payne dribbles the ball up the court in a game last season.

"This sets the right momentum for the season," said Macy. "We played much better in the second game and shot well."

The Pirates play their first home game

of the season tonight at 7 p.m. at Minges Coliseum against the Alcorn State Braves.

For questions or comments, contact sports@theeastcarolinian.com.



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ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill gestures from the podium during Monday's weekly press conference. The Pirates play UCF Thursday.

McNeill shifts focus to UCF

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

After dropping three straight games and coming off its first bye week of the season, East Carolina is shifting its focus to a winless Central Florida team as the Pirates try to keep their bowl game hopes alive.

The biggest news for ECU (4-6, 2-4 American Athletic Conference) over the bye week was the announcement that it is going back to the two-quarterback system.

"Blake [Kemp] and James [Summers] work well together, so we will go with both quarterbacks. That was a big part of [the bye week]," East Carolina head coach Ruffin McNeill said at his weekly press conference Monday.

The quarterback situation has fluctuated, as Kemp and Summers have remained unpredictable all season, something that McNeill believes they figured out during the bye.

"Kids will do what you harp on, what you talk about. Not hesitating was the biggest thing, you know, just play,"

McNeill said. "Swing your sword and don't swing it wildly, just swing it. So I've seen that from the quarterbacks and really from the entire team."

With Summers' emergence into the Pirate program as a wide receiver, some have begun to consider the possibility that the team will look to have both quarterbacks on the field in certain packages, an idea that McNeill immediately shut down.

"No not really, I've been asked that a couple times. I think that's a video game question," McNeill laughed. "We've got enough skill guys out there, we just got to make sure we get the ball in their hands."

The quarterback struggles have hindered the entire Pirate offense, as the ECU receivers have had limited opportunities as of late.

"Our skill sets at wide receiver and offensive positions are big time," McNeill said. "[Former ECU offensive coordinator] Lincoln [Riley] and I talked after the Baylor game. We talked about our skill set at the wide receiver position. I feel good about getting the ball in their hands and

that's the biggest thing."

The week off allowed the Pirates to work on all these things, as they have to win their final two games to have a chance at post-season play.

Thursday's matchup versus UCF comes against a team that finished with one conference loss last season and a first round pick in the last two NFL drafts.

"UCF is having a tough time too right now, but it is a George O'Leary program and George built that program absolutely from the bottom and you see it brick by brick," McNeill said.

Much like the Knights, the Pirates are on a down year at this point in the season as well.

"Everybody asks me why do you say 'brick by brick'? That's from a bible lesson. If your foundation is strong you can withstand storms and whatever happens," McNeill said. "And because our foundation is strong, the kids mentality is great. If you don't, you'll see kids not

ECU leans on intensity in practice

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's offense is rejuvenated coming out of its bye-week, attacking practice with more fervor than offensive coordinator Dave Nichol has seen all season.

"We've at times lacked leadership offensively, and I think that's where some of the problems come," said Nichol. "I've told them that. Whether it's a little bit colder, a little bit darker, they were a little bit more frisky [during Sunday's practice]. We have to be like that always. In some ways it makes me mad. I don't care if it's 100 degrees and 2 p.m., if you don't practice like that, you'll get beat."

After a running a gauntlet of games stretching from the start of September to the beginning of November, head coach Ruffin McNeill said the bye week could not have come at a better time.

"I've got my legs back," said quarterback James Summers. "I had a little cold last week, so this time off really helped a lot. We had a couple guys getting back from injuries. I think it helped out a lot."

After losing to South Florida two weeks ago, the Pirates were not only physically defeated, but also mentally and emotionally worn out. Nichol used the off week to re-evaluate the Pirates offensive ideology, getting back to the two-quarterback system and focusing on making it easier for the quarterbacks to get the ball to their playmakers.

ECU had previously stopped using the two-quarterback system it had employed for most of the season, opting to bench the better passer — Blake Kemp — in favor of using the rushing quarterback Summers. Now, with two quarterback system back in place, Summers said he will benefit from defenses needing to adapt to both he and Kemp's play style.

"In some ways it will help," said Summers. "Actually, I've been doing a lot of passing. He's been doing both running and passing. It's mostly just calling the plays and letting us run it. Just let us have it."

Repeating the team's theme this week, Summers said there was a renewed focus in the quarterbacks' room. While the team has been focused all season, Summers described the intensity as "next level". Still, he said the



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Junior setter Sabrina Gonzalez stands with her hands on her hips in a game earlier this season.

Volleyball stumbles in weekend losses

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When was the last time you saw Johnny Depp, Sandra Bullock, Drake, and a shirtless baseball team all at the same time?

That's what the scene was like on Friday evening when the band had cardboard celebrity cutouts as the East Carolina volleyball team fell to Memphis in front of a season-best 1,182 fans at Minges Coliseum.

Early on it looked as though Memphis would run away with the match, taking a 17-10 lead in the first set and going on to win, 25-14. Memphis was communicating well and executing its plays, while ECU was struggling to keep up.

ECU's Kierra Lee-Dunson began leading the way calling out plays towards the end of the first set, which carried over into the second set. On the back line, Erika Figueroa continued a strong defensive stand, which resulted in the back line picking up rhythm on the way to a 25-20 win.

In the third set, deadlocked at five, ECU picked up back-to-back blocks to earn back-to-back points and a 7-5 lead. However, their lead slowly slipped away when the Pirates accumulated more unforced errors than any other set of the match.

At the 23-20 mark there was an accidental blown whistle, resulting in a replay of the point that ECU should have won off of a kill, but Memphis won, shifting the momentum in its favor in order to win the set 25-20.

Despite the unlucky ending to the previous set, the Pirates' dominated the fourth set, 25-13.

Going into sudden death, both teams had an all around defensive battle, with the lead

changing almost every possession. ECU was up 13-11, but then dropped the final four points of the set to lose the match, 15-13, and the match, 3-2.

"I thought it was a great battle, that's about as close as you can get in volleyball," said Torbett. "Of course I wish it would've went our way there towards the end, we were definitely up and had chances but that's the set."

Torbett felt like the team had made a lot of early hitting errors and seemed tight, despite being in their home gym.

"You should have the confidence to finish out matches, so that's something we need to correct, along with the little tactical things," she said.

Torbett saw the loss as a positive and hoped the solid play of her team would carry over into the match against Cincinnati.

"This is a type of loss that you can come out feeling good," Torbett said. "Even though our record looks kind of bad, with everything that we're trying to do and how we're trying to build a program, I could handle if all of our losses were like that."

The Pirates took the loss as a positive and were hungry to face Cincinnati on Sunday.

From the beginning, Cincinnati came out strong and dominated the kill points, tallying 53 to ECU's 31 in three games. Despite Cincinnati's miscommunication, it still won in straight sets, 25-18, 25-22, and 25-18.

ECU struggled finding any type of rhythm in order to shift momentum in their favor due to their lineup being altered Sunday morning because of injury.

The two losses drop the Pirates to 4-12 and 10th in the American Conference.

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team is making more than just mental changes to execute on game day. Moving the offense with pace is a priority.

"Focus and intensity, but we have to be quick," said Summers. "Our offense is a quick offense. If we aren't going quick we aren't really running our offense. That's a big part of it, the intensity and how quick you run it."

During its three-game losing streak, ECU has failed to put the ball in the hands of its greatest playmakers. Wide receiver Isaiah Jones only had two catches against USE, a recipe for disaster in an

offense that needs to create opportunities for its best players to make big plays.

"That's been some of the stuff this year, you think we're ready to go and try to do this, this and this, and then we just can't get over the hump with a certain scheme or style of play," said Nichol. "In this system, trying to get the ball to the best players is key. We've got to get that corrected."

A refreshed Jones, however, is more concerned with improving his blocking than his reception count.

"I don't know the plans. I'm just focused on my job," said Jones. "Hopefully more will come, but hopefully we get a w first. That's the most important thing."

As is par for the course with a Ruffin McNeill team, ECU is making sure it treats the winless UCF Knights just as they would an undefeated opponent. The renewed intensity in practice had Summers predicting an ECU victory on Thursday night, and left Nichol feeling good about his group.

"We need that more," said Nichol. "That's what we're going to demand these next two weeks. That's all I'm going to demand, as long as I'm here. We almost had some fights, which was good. That's when you're going hard. That's ball man, that's football."

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working hard. Attitude has been great. I've been proud of that but I didn't expect anything but that."

McNeill also indicated that his team understands what the final two games mean for the seniors, as it tries to make its fourth

consecutive bowl game appearance.

"[The team] understands what the seniors have done, they have done a lot for this program and university, from things they've done on the field, in the classroom," he said. "You see those young guys gather around them... I want to win for the seniors."

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"Prince Williams did great. It was probably his best game since his sophomore year, 15 points. Michel and Caleb were really solid. I thought were terrific," Lebo said.

The Pirates had a slow start on Friday night, as Grambling State got on the scoreboard first after completing an early layup, but White and freshman forward Kentrell Barkley led ECU to win 61-53.

"We're lucky to have won that game shooting 31 percent, but we found a way to gut it out. I thought we did some good things coming down the stretch," Lebo said.

The team struggled to make baskets, which put them behind the Tigers early. White saw the board first when he hit a three-pointer, giving the team an early lead and a critical answer to the opening

points of the match.

After more back and forth action, ECU took the lead from Grambling State again with the help of a three-pointer at the 12:09 mark of the first half, made by sophomore guard Lance Tejada.

White stepped off the court leading with 21 points, 36 minutes, and five rebounds for the night.

"I knew it was going to be a good fight. I knew we were going to give it our best shot, but of course some things didn't go our way, we turned the ball over a little much. I myself had a couple of breakdowns in the zone," White said.

Freshman forward Barkley made his presence known with his eight points, 11 rebounds and one assist to start his collegiate career.

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