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Forums encourage student input

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University will be holding open forums tonight for faculty, staff and students provide input about the ongoing search for a new Chancellor.

The Student Government Association is encouraging faculty and staff to attend an input session

from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Mendenhall Great Rooms, while students can attend a separate forum from 5 to 6 p.m. in Science Tech building, room C209.

The forums are part of eight total 'Listening Forums' being hosted this week across campus and the state, including regional locations in Charlotte, Raleigh and New Bern.

The purpose of the forums is to provide students, faculty and staff an opportunity to express what qualities they believe is important for the next Chancellor to possess, and in what direction the next Chancellor should guide the university.

Mark Matulewicz, SGA president, said the forums were a result of conversation between himself

and Eliza Monroe, the student representative on the Chancellor Search Committee.

Matulewicz said both he and Monroe thought that student input would be vital in shaping the leadership profile of the next Chancellor, and sought out ways to provide students opportunities to express their opinions. The Listening Forums

were created in conjunction with input from Virginia Hardy, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.

"Student input is vital as the next Chancellor is selected," said Matulewicz. "The student body is what makes ECU the University it is today and need to participate in the

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Board approves resolution

Anna Parrish
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina Board of Trustees approved a recent Staff Senate resolution regarding pay inequality.

The resolution came during a period of increasing tension within the Staff Senate and was presented to the BOT during its November meeting, as well as to the Chancellor and the UNC Staff Assembly.

In mid-November, the Staff Senate met for a special meeting to discuss the pressing issue of the staff salaries in correlation to the recent Chancellor salary increase. During the meeting, the senate passed "Staff Senate Resolution #15-16: Resolutions on Staff Salaries and Inequity." The senate is aiming to reach a higher level of administration like UNC administration to hopefully address these issues.

In the resolution as stated: "Therefore, be it resolved, the East Carolina University Staff direct the ECU Staff Assembly Delegates to make a motion to the full Staff Assembly to aggressively advocate

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SEASON ENDS EARLY



>> INSIDE
A7 Column: Pirates' season a failure

ECU junior receiver Isaiah Jones (7) stands and looks at the scoreboard immediately following the season-ending loss to the Bearcats. The Pirates finished the season at 5-7 and missed out on a bowl game for the first time in four years. Seventeen seniors played their final game during Saturday's contest.

Pottery studio hosts holiday art event

Anh Ha
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Santa is coming to town and heading to the Painted Peacock for their annual Santa's Workshop event today to bring the holiday spirit to local families.

Parents can bring their kids to the studio to make art and crafts and have a chance to meet Santa.

Every attendee will receive a photo with Santa and handprint dinner plate that can be used for Santa's cookies.

"They get to sit on Santa's lap and talk to him," said Gerard. "Then Santa does his handprints on the dinner plates and the kids will place their own handprints over his."

Other activities will include snack time, where each child will receive a treat and a hot chocolate.

Each piece the children make will be specific to them.

"The staff will stay afterwards and actually personalize every piece," said Gerard. "We're putting the child's name and the date on the mug and dinner plate. So it's all personalized and the parents can



An employee of the Painted Peacock lays out finished holiday crafts. This week's workshop will make crafts with Santa.

come back in four days and pick everything up."

The main hope for this event is to make memories and have

some family time.

"I hope to see repeat kids every year," said Gerard. "I hope it becomes family traditions and that

we become a part of the holiday celebration for people. A lot of families come together so it's a family activity. If nothing else, I hope they

have fun making memory being here and have the experience of being here and painting."

Aside from being a family activity, The Painted Peacock also wants to influence each individual child.

"[We're] just getting them excited for this time of year, you know, giving them the Christmas spirit," said Gerard. "Also it's an arts and crafts activity so they're learning colors, spacial awareness, and texture. They're learning that it's okay to get a little bit messy, you know, it's okay to be silly."

This event will take place for two days, with five sessions per day. Each session will be 45 minutes. Five sessions will be held today at The Painted Peacock at various times. The second day will be Monday, Dec. 7. The cost is \$25 per child.

The cost of the event covers all the finished projects that the kids will be taking home with them, including the individually painted mug, the personalized dinner plate, and their photo with Santa.

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BRIEFS

Reindeer Dash to briefly close parts of campus

Parts of Central Campus and College Hill will be closed temporarily during the Reindeer Dash for Cash Dec. 6. In addition, access to the area near the Campus Mall, Old Cafeteria and Jenkins Art Building will be limited.

Typically the event, which starts at 1 p.m., lasts two or three hours while participants run through campus. This Christmas-themed race runs across the greenway and through campus. The Reindeer Dash for Cash benefits the Captain Christopher Cash Memorial Foundation of NC, Inc

Downtown Dialogues focus on 'bodies'

Downtown Dialogues on the Humanities will host a free interdisciplinary event, "We're Talking Bodies: Perfect and Other Aberrations," Dec. 3 at the Greenville Museum of Art. The event will host three ECU scholars who plan on discussing messages, images, and social constructions of the body followed by the traditional Downtown Dialogues audience discussion.

Downtown Dialogues on the Humanities is sponsored by the Division of Research, Economic Development and Engagement.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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

Senior associate provost retires

Anna Parrish
TEC STAFF

After a 48-year career span, Senior Associate Provost Austin Bunch has announced his retirement effective Dec. 30.

Bunch has held his position with the university since 2011.

Christopher Locklear, who is currently serving as the chancellor's Chief of Staff, has accepted the new position of vice provost for Academic Affairs.

Bunch began his career with ECU in 1999 as he served on the chancellor's chief of staff. Since his role as



Austin Bunch

Continuing Education and ECU's Quality Enhancement Plan.

In addition, he served as the co-director of the Chancellor's Leadership Academy and co-chaired ECU's Centennial Celebration Task Force.

Along with the ECU community, Bunch served around

Greenville community as well. Bunch has served as chair of the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce, on the Boards of the GO-Science Regional Center and the secretary of the Greenville-Pitt County Convention and Visitors Bureau. He was also on the on Pitt County Arts Council and the Oakwood School Advisory Council.

Bunch's journey to ECU started in Mississippi when he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi. He later earned his master's degree from Georgia State University and soon

after completed his doctorate from the University of Mississippi. Bunch began working in Atlanta as a special needs teacher. He served as the chief of staff at Mississippi University for Women and a teacher educator at the University of Mississippi.

Chancellor Steve Ballard said ECU and Greenville greatly benefited from his energy and his creativity and both places are better as a result of some of his work.

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'One Community' seeks unifying body

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A branding campaign named One Community has begun at East Carolina University, which will bring all four Greek councils together in order for Greeks and non-Greeks to come together to improve the university.

The One Community campaign was presented to the Interfraternity council, Panhellenic council and Multicultural Greek council at the Greek Summit which took place Nov. 15.

Along with the Greek Summit, the Board of Trustees met at a committee meeting Nov. 19 to get more information on how the campaign has progressed.

"The campaign was created to brand the idea that we are all one community," Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Involvement and Leadership Erik Knebuehl said. "We are one community supporting each other."

The campaign hopes to bring the councils together first, which has not happened prior to now because each council typically runs under different rules, calendars and

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-Erik Knebuehl

philanthropies. This has made the alliance more difficult.

"There is a clear separation between IFC, Panhellenic, NPHC, and MGC," Chrisma Duggal, senior majoring elementary education, said. "I think some sort of unity could only benefit us and those interested in learning or joining Greek life."

The number one goal for the campaign is to improve communication between the Greeks and the non-Greeks on campus.

"It will allow there to be more collaboration between the different organizations, which will lead to better events," Executive Vice President of the Interfraternity council and Theta Chi member Gabe Bowman, who is

working on his master's in business administration, said. "As the saying goes, two heads are better than one."

Once the councils are aligned, the next step is to bridge the gap between the Greeks and the non-Greeks on campus. After the alliance is formed, the goal is for everyone to begin to help make the campus and community of Greenville better.

"I think it will bridge the gap by allowing there to be better communication about different events that organizations have going on," Bowman said. "It will make things more transparent to everyone Greek or non-Greek. Sometimes not everyone knows what's going on."

In order to help the transi-

tion go smoothly, Plaid, a group that specializes in organizational development, has been hired. They are expected to routinely return to ECU over the course of two years to track the progress and help whenever needed. They are expected to begin coming in the spring of 2016.

Plaid is known for its experience and expertise to identify behavioral patterns in organizations and facilitates an evaluation, thus earning them the name Plaid. The overall goal of Plaid is to create optimal interactions between individuals and their organizations.

"To get started, there will be a series of workshops and speakers which will focus on aligning the Greek community with the university so that we all have a same common goal," Vice President of Recruitment for the Panhellenic council Adison Gregory said.

The next steps will include events that will involve all the councils coming together for projects and events. The ultimate goal is for all ECU students to come together for events and projects on campus and in Greenville.

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DOWDY STUDENT STORES



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the process of selecting the leadership of ECU. Students have the opportunity to select the characteristics they want to see in the next chancellor."

Additional forums will be hosted tomorrow night, from 4-5:30 in the ECHI Auditorium, and from 6-7 p.m. at the Brody Blue Auditorium. In addition to seeking input from the students, a forum will be hosted the night of Dec. 8 from 5 to 6:30 for local

Greenville and Pitt County residents to voice their opinion.

Chancellor Steve Ballard announced his intention to step down last summer, and the search for the next Chancellor has been ongoing throughout this semester. The Board of Trustees plans to present its slate of possible candidates to the UNC board of Governors by the end of next spring, and have a new Chancellor sworn in by June.

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for a market study and funding to rectify current salaries and maintain over a period of years to compensate for inflationary erosion, for ECU and North Carolina SHRA/CSS, and EHRA non-faculty Staff pay raises in the 2016 North Carolina Legislative session."

The resolution advocates in support for a market rate study of salaries to address inequities, which means to pay staff and faculty at the normal pay rate. The goal is to maintain this pay rate in the future and to satisfy the former inflation, which was the root of pay issue problem.

In the resolution, it outlines where inflation from 2008-15 has changed the value of the dollar by 10 percent, which leads to a 10 percent pay cut for employees since 2008.

One reason the Staff Senate believes ECU staff deserves market pay is because Chancellor Ballard received his pay increase due to his

salary not reaching market pay just this year.

Support from the Board of Trustees with this issue helps the Staff Senate because it has a direct link to the Board of Governors. The Staff Senate has also met with the Chancellor and his Executive Committee to discuss staff concerns.

The ECU delegates plan to present the resolution to the UNC Staff Assembly meeting in December. They hope to relay the concerns of ECU and solicit the support from the Staff Assembly.

ECU Staff Senate Chair, Lisa Ormond, said they have made a lot of progress, but this cannot be fixed overnight because these issues were not created overnight.

With the support of each of these organizations, the Staff Senate attempts to gain supporters to help further develop solutions.

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PIRATE RANTS

Anyone notice we're going backwards in telecommunication? The telegraph was available decades before the telephone; but everyone today is hooked on texting – so they blindly get killed crossing streets or driving while texting, whereas they could look where they're going if they simply talked on the same device on which they, instead, text – at their peril.

Dead or Alive Xtreme 3 West News: Developer WILL NOT bring the game to the West because of fear of feminists and SJWs. Talk about oppression.

Remember that time they tried to crucify the editor last year over a pirate rant? Good times.

No where in your paper does it mention that y'all would be off for fall break or Thanksgiving. Professional.

Since the Colorado Planned Parenthood shooter was from North Carolina, does that mean all North Carolinians will be profiled as terrorist suspects? I ask this since the latest policy promoted by many State Governors is to allow the extreme criminal actions of a few to be representative of an entire population. Will we be banned from airline travel or prevented from crossing the border into VA?

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

Construction neglects current students' needs

East Carolina University is expected to start construction on its new student center this January.

The student center is an obvious and necessary step for ECU to compete with its in-state brethren. The center will hopefully attract new students and create more interest in the school, while boosting ECU's overall reputation as an academic institute.

However, the new student center isn't coming without a cost. Parking will be reduced by approximately 400 spots, including the elimination of the entire lot behind Mendenhall and Joyner Library.

Space is an issue at ECU and public officials at the school have made it known that it will always be an obstacle for future projects moving forward. That being said, we as an editorial staff believe that while sacrifices need to be made to build new buildings, downgrading parking, an already-lacking amenity on campus, will have a negative impact on students and professors alike.

The loss of parking spaces will not be the only consequence of the new student center. The bus loop behind Joyner will also be eliminated, forcing more congestion to other bus areas. The increased traffic will likely create longer wait times for students to get to classes.

Professors will also be caught in the collateral of the new construction. A lack of parking has created a beleaguered atmosphere among the staff, and now there will be fewer spaces available. More and more instructors will be exiled to the Minges' lot, where they will have to take a bus to campus. Commuter students already utilize the lot as their primary spot for parking, but the amount of commuters will likely be reduced to accommodate the professors.

Creating new and improved infrastructure attracts more students and increases the perception of the university. Donors who contribute and drive the construction of said infrastructure want to actually see their money put to good use, so the university has no choice but to start construction in a timely manner.

But parking has been and will continue to be an issue that needs to be more proactively addressed. Ignoring the needs of students, faculty and staff to create flashy buildings can be counterintuitive to the overall perception of the university.

The new student center will be a valuable commodity in building the university's reputation with visitors from across the state, but by ignoring the needs of those already here, we foster a reputation of neglect that will have a far more detrimental impact on our future.

Liberate and empower Middle East



Joseph Perez
TEC COLUMNIST

A CUP OF JOE

I still am upset. How could any right minded American not be? How could this happen? How could this heinous organization, which we allowed to grow through our inaction, possibly have the cojones to arrange an attack like this? How could we allow a group of people operating out of the wasteland of desert of destruction they have created cause us to cringe back into our recliners in anxiety as we watch the news, wondering if we are next?

Like many, my first thought on how I would respond to this, if I had the power to, was one of impulse. Send coalition soldiers into the area and wipe out ISIS. Coalition is a key word here, this is a problem for the entire world, and ISIS has made it clear that all countries interest in this world have a moral and ethical responsibility to stop them.

Continue bombing campaigns and destroy the ISIS organization one member at a time if need be.

But as I read, watched, and listened to more and more about the group I found myself wondering, will eradicating ISIS even solve the problem? What exactly is our goal, is it to destroy ISIS or is it to end religious radicalization and its threat to the world? If world peace is truly our goal, is not destroying ISIS just one objective to our overall mission?

If we do decide to once again go to war against terrorism, we need to make sure that we send our soldiers over there to liberate the people and empower them at the same time. We must show them how to combat their own demons, and rebuild their shattered homeland into a great 21st century nation. We need to supply compassion.

The last time we decided to go to war, we had no clear idea what we were going to do with the country after we overthrew the leadership. Our only objective was to end Saddam Hus-

sein's regime and determine if there were in fact weapons of mass destruction present in Iraq. We left no clear or solid leadership behind, and distanced ourselves from our responsibilities, as the invading army, of making sure the land was sorted out after we left.

Chaos reigned, not peace, and in that chaos ISIS was formed and gained a stronghold. ISIS must be destroyed, of this it is certain; but we need to do more than just eliminate one group so that another nastier group pops up in its place however.

High conflict areas worldwide such as the middle east should be viewed as a global investment. We need to repair infrastructure that has suffered through years of war. We have to educate children who have spent their entire lives surviving war so that they do not leave behind a legacy of blood.

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Poll results

Do you think ECU will make a bowl game?

Yes- 31.6%
No- 68.4%

Poll question

Will you miss Kobe Bryant?

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Benjamin Schine
GUEST COLUMNIST

I was getting my hair-cut on Friday afternoon when I looked at my phone and saw that a father and son were shot in cold blood outside of the city of Hebron in Samaria.

Many people around the world see this as "fighting the oppression" and "fighting for the Palestinian cause." This blatant act of senseless violence leaves me to ask the question, "When will the Palestinian cause focus more on creating their own state than killing Israelis?"

Living in fear is something no person should have to endure. In addition to the recent rise in stabbing attacks, Israeli citizens living in the border city of Sderot and the neighboring *kibbutzim* surrounding the Gaza Strip, have a mere 15 seconds to get to their homes when the rocket siren sounds, signaling that a rocket has been fired into Israel from the Gaza Strip.

Count it in your heads; one Mississippi, two Mississippi, all the way to 15. Citizens as far as Jerusalem and Tel Aviv only have one minute and thirty seconds to seek shelter. At the moment, many, if not most Israelis feel afraid to step outside of their houses.

Over the past three months, Israelis and Palestinians are being injured and killed daily. With the escalation of terror attacks on innocent men, women, and children, the international community has begun – yet again – to take notice of the issue.

It is necessary to note that the Palestinian terrorists, and victims, mentioned in every headline around the world are not the only people being killed. The international press does not typically mention the hundreds of innocent Israelis who are being injured and killed in these terrorist attacks.

One of the most gruesome attacks this fall was when Eitam and Naama Henkin, parents of four children, were murdered on October 6th by two Palestinian terrorists who opened fire on their car. The two were killed in front of their four sons, one of which is four months old.

Unfortunately, it did not end there. On Oct. 3, a Palestinian terrorist stabbed two individuals, Aharon Banita-Bennet and Nehemia Lavi, while en route to the Old City of Jerusalem. Nehemia Lavi was killed while defending Aharon. The attacks have increased in ferocity and tripled in quantity since then. The catalyst of these attacks comes from the Palestinian leadership who continues to incite violence.

Just recently, a 13-year-old Palestinian stabbed a 13-year-old Israeli boy while riding his bike. The assailant was immediately shot and taken to the hospital for treatment, despite the fact that he tried to kill another boy his age with a knife.

President of the Palestinian National Authority, Mahmoud Abbas pre-recorded and released a statement condemning the "execution" of the teen. The accusation spread like wildfire throughout the media until Israeli sources publicly announced that Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem treated the boy.

Not only did Abbas blatantly lie to the press, but he also failed to mention that the 13-year-old was attempting to kill an Israeli boy of the same age.

The unfortunate fact is that the Israeli people do not have a 'partner for peace' and the Palestinians do not have a legitimate leader that can be the voice of their people.

Israel and her citizens have been more than willing to compromise in pursuit of peace. They also attempted to broker peace agreements such as the Oslo Accords, The Roadmap To Peace, The Camp David Accords (I and II), and the Wye River Memorandum.

The Palestinian leadership rejected each of these efforts for peace while the Israeli government gladly welcomed the resolutions.

The violent narrative of the Palestinian Authority needs to change. If it does not, many more people will be injured and killed on both sides. Living a life in fear is a reality among Israelis, and has been so for the past 67 years.

As citizens of the United States, we have the ability to make a meaningful change in this conflict; we have the ability to put an end to the bloodshed and save lives. It all begins here – on campus – with the leaders of the future. It is time to rise in solidarity, not in spite, in opposition to this vicious cycle and bring an end to the killing of innocents.

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Jazz Ensemble 'A' of the Friends of Jazz will collaborate with the School of Music for a fall concert that is happening tomorrow evening.

ECU School of Music to host dual concert

Nneka Walson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's School of Music and Friends of Jazz will present their combined styles in their fall concert Wednesday.

"When it comes to an ECU Jazz Ensemble, you will be able to hear anything from Duke Ellington to Michael Jackson," said Carroll Dashiell, director of the band.

According to Dashiell, the ensemble consists of five saxophonists, four trumpets and rhythm section that includes instruments such as keyboards, electric bass, string bass, guitar, drum set and ethnic percussion.

"The ethnic percussion encompasses our African sounds, Latin sounds and other various instruments from around the world," said Dashiell.

Jazz ensemble "A" will use the traditional big band instrumentation along with featured jazz vocalists at ECU.

The songs played for the concert will vary. Dashiell uses a technique that will make the song played longer or cut a bit short.

"What I like to do first is have a program in mind when we start playing. It will be a printed program," he said.

He then watches the audience for their reaction after each specific song

the band plays.

"If we're playing a contemporary piece and it's going really well, we might stay in that piece for a little bit longer," said the director. "For instance, the audience is just not into one of the tunes, it will just be shorter."

One of the pieces that will be played at the concert is America the Beautiful.

"It is an arrangement I did as a tribute to our brothers and sisters or friends and family that were involved in 9/11." Said Dashiell.

They have performed the song several times, but the upcoming concert will be a first for the song on ECU's campus since the incident.

"It's a jazz ensemble arrangement with vocalists," he said. "It will be a little different because it is a jazz arrangement."

The musicians that will play for the concert will be the Dr. Billy Taylor Jazz Combo.

"He is one of the all-time greatest jazz performers, also an entertainer, educator and humanitarian," said Dashiell. "He is just an incredible musician and human being as a whole."

Dashiell was one of the founders of the ECU School of Music Friends of Jazz. The ensembles included change each semester due to auditions and themes.

"Although there are returners, there are auditions held and com-

pletely new people join the ensemble each semester," the director said. "Every chair is open when we hold auditions."

Students throughout the university are welcomed to audition for the ensemble. However, the majority of the students taken are ECU music students. Dashiell states that the Jazz Ensemble A is the top group of musicians from the Jazz Studies program.

"This jazz ensemble has been on the tonight show that Jay Leno was on," said Dashiell. "We've been one of the first groups from the School of Music to travel internationally."

They participated in the Montreux Switzerland Jazz Festival and other competitions winning the gold award for jazz ensembles around the world.

"You can come hear this concert for free because in a very short time, you'll be paying a lot of money to hear these students play as solo artist as well as ensemble members around the country," Dashiell said. "It's just good for the community to come out and support the students because they work very hard and I'm very proud of them."

The Combined Jazz concert will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Wright Auditorium.

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Top ten albums for this year's holiday season

Carlyn Legg
TEC STAFF

1. "Home for Christmas" by Amy Grant

2. "Merry Christmas" by Mariah Carey.

3. "Noel" by Josh Groban

4. "Christmas" by Micheal Bubl 

5. "Home for the Holidays" by Darius Rucker

6. "PTXmas" by Pentatonix

7. "Storyteller" by Carrie Underwood

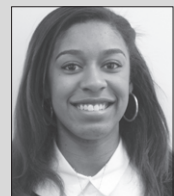
8. "On My Mind" by Ellie Goulding

9. "25" by Adele

10. "A Head Full Of Dreams" by Coldplay

MOVIE REVIEW

'Creed' revives Rocky Balboa series



Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

The Rocky Balboa movies may have come to end, but "Creed" has managed to bring the series back to life with a new lead character, Adonis 'Creed' Johnson, played by Michael B. Jordan.

Directed by Ryan Coogler, Creed introduces the audience to the son of Apollo Creed, heavyweight champ from the 1976 film 'Rocky.' Coogler uses the traditions from Rocky and honors the concepts of the old boxing series while adding a modern twist to the film creating a new standard for boxing films.

Creed starts out slow as the audience is first introduced to Adonis in a juvenile correction facility. This becomes a major part throughout the film as the audience learns the reasoning for Adonis wanting to fight the source of his anger. He is taken in by a woman named Mary Anne, played by Phylicia Rashad, who we later learn is Apollo's wife and Adonis's stepmother. Because Adonis was born due to an infidelity from Apollo, it becomes unclear as to why Mary Anne wants



Adonis Creed trains for an upcoming match with his trainer in a training scene in the movie.

to take in Adonis in the first place.

The acting from Michael B. Jordan fell nothing short of what was expected from the "Fruitvale Station" actor. Jordan was able to grasp the character's emotions. On first sight, one would be skeptical of Jordan playing such a powerful role as a boxer because of his pretty boy face and his mannerisms, but he's charismatic in a carefree way and never tries too hard. In scenes with Tessa Thompson's Bianca, a gifted singer who is losing her hearing, Jordan shows a loving and reserved side to the Adonis character showing the all

around dynamic of Adonis.

Rocky Balboa is the most vivid and remember-able character of Stallone's lifetime, and he plays it well. In "Creed" Stallone takes on the task of being Rocky one more time. He continues to be the stubborn man that Rocky was throughout his time. The on-screen chemistry between Stallone and Jordan becomes more realistic than expected making the film feel like it is real life. This is seen throughout the movie as the two have disputes and as the two are helping each other to keep fighting in life with a simple saying

that is repeated throughout the film, "One step. One punch. One round at a time."

As the film goes on, the story takes a familiar turn when Adonis has to face the champ, Ricky Conlan, played by Tony Bellew, an arrogant fighter looking for one last fight before he ends up incarcerated for brandishing firearms. The audience can tell that director Coogler starts to rely on a few clichés like the villain, chattering ringside commentators providing narration, and Mary Anne at home cringing at the television, but it works out as the film ends in a surprising way, setting Creed up to continue on as a film series.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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How to dress for a tacky sweater party

Ashley Federici
TEC STAFF

There are only 24 days left until Christmas, which means there is plenty of time for tacky Christmas sweater parties. East Carolina University's merchandising students believe you can still be festive and wear the tacky sweater while also looking fashionable.

ECU student and merchandising major, Julie Kotler, said that tacky sweater parties are popular and great for college students because they are fun and cheap.

"I think they're great and it's easy for college kids to do because they can bring back their parents and grandparents old sweaters and add fun accessories to it, like the Christmas light necklaces," said Kotler.

Kotler said the accessories are key to completing the outfit and be able to go downtown without looking ridiculous.

"I would wear cute booties with leggings under my sweater. Maybe leather leggings

to add some texture to the outfit. I would add cute necklaces and maybe wear a red purse," said Kotler.

ECU student and merchandising minor, Susan West, also noted booties and leggings as go to items to pair with your sweater.

"I would pair it with booties and leggings. I would make sure the sweater is big enough to cover my butt, kind of like a dress," said West.

ECU alumni and sales associate at Shimmer boutique, Ashlee Sessems, said tacky jewelry would be fun to pair with the sweaters. She is personally a fan of the jewelry with musical bells on them. Sessems suggested for college students to look at consignment shops and GoodWill for the best tacky sweaters.

"I think Goodwill is the best place to get [holiday sweaters.] They have a lot of ugly sweaters and it's cheap which is good when you're only wearing it once a year," said Sessems.

West agreed with Sessems and said she would add tacky jewelry to go along with the



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Joseph Dunne sits in the front window of his pop-up retail store which sells the holiday sweaters.

sweater rather than everyday accessories.

"I would go for the tacky Christmas light jewelry or really big gold bracelets and earrings. A lot of sparkles and shiny pieces," said West.

No matter how you decide to dress up

your look, it's important to just have fun. Add some costume jewelry or just let your sweater speak for itself.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 With 69-Across, filmmaker born 12/1/1935 who directed and wrote five films in this puzzle

6 Apparel

10 Sacramento's state, briefly

13 "Most certainly!"

15 Language that gave us "khaki"

16 Spanish she-bear

17 Look that way

18 With 59-Across, 1980 film by 1-/69-Across

20 Suffers from

21 Sneaky tactic

23 Kosher

24 Diagnostic machine

26 Make ___ for: argue in favor of

27 2011 film by 1-/69-Across

31 Being kept cold

32 Sardinian six

33 1971 film by 1-/69-Across

36 1973 film by 1-/69-Across

42 Junio, por ejemplo

44 Low voice

45 1995 film by 1-/69-Across

52 Like a softly blowing fan

53 Nincompoops

54 Windy City airport

55 One of the deadly sins

56 Camp bed

59 See 18-Across

61 Camden Yards ballplayer

64 Spanish gold

65 Sit for an artist

66 Have a place to call home

67 "___ the ramparts ..."

68 Figure (out)

69 See 1-Across

DOWN

1 Genie's offer

2 Most fit for service

3 Keats works

4 ___ Bums:

Brooklyn Dodgers nickname

5 "Despite that ..."

6 Tailor's inserts

7 Major thoroughfares

8 Nutritional meas.

9 Sack material

10 Mountain lion

11 Birthplace of St. Francis

12 Coffee drinks with steamed milk

14 Hip-hop headgear

19 Prefix meaning "ten"

22 "That's awful!"

24 Ancient Peruvian

25 Personal bearing

27 Unruly group

28 Words before flash or jiffy

29 Cacophony

30 Zip, in soccer scores

34 Novelist Tan

35 Smooth, as a transition

37 Black, to a bard

38 "CSI" actor George

39 Tire pressure meas.

40 S.C. clock setting

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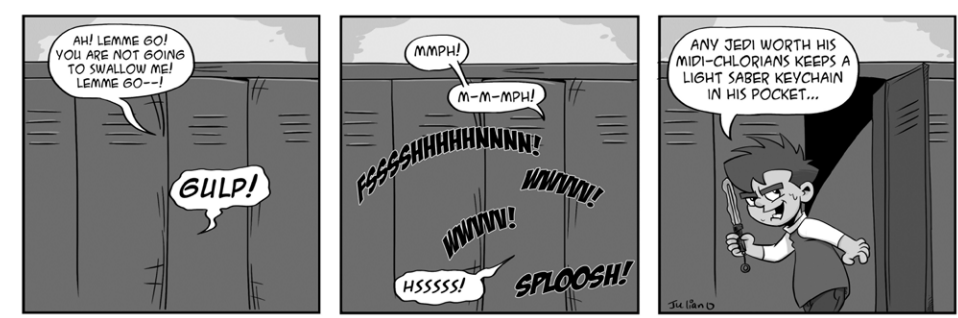
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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Stay in communication, despite wandering out of cell range. Keep folks apprised of unexpected circumstances as they arise. Balance schedule changes between work and social demands. What you need is in your community network. Ask for it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Get your brilliant thoughts onto paper. Your creative muse inspires you in new direc-

tions. Accept a challenge, if it pays well. Ancient wisdom works again. The answer may not look like what you'd imagined ... it could be better.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Study a secret system to discover an answer that has been eluding you. Keep your wits about you. Follow a hunch or inspiration from a dream. Conditions are in your favor. Play that ace you've been holding.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Open communication with your partner eases an unplanned situation. Talk over your ideas. Learn another perspective. Share your thoughts and dreams. A promise made now is good. Cheer for another's accomplishment, and keep taking action.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Discovery illuminates your research. Come up with a new idea. Write it down in detail. Share it with someone you trust for feedback. Creative sparks ignite. Study new technology. Friends facilitate a connection. Express your gratitude.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Conditions are good for a family discussion. Find out what's so and fears dissipate. Listen and learn. News travels fast. Follow through on what you said you'd do. Take notes and schedule actions. Charm them with love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Make bold declarations, vows and promises. Go for what you want without knowing how to get there. Cheerfully state

your desires. Listen and make corrections based on feedback. Family and friends share advice and support. Thank them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Good news comes from far away. Apply it to what you're studying. You can solve a puzzle. Support family harmony by upgrading or repairing home technology or infrastructure. Shop for the best value. Support your crew.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Investigate all suggestions, even the bizarre or unusual ones, before making important decisions. Don't believe everything you hear ... check it out first. Talk things over with friends, one of whom has useful expertise. Doors open in unlikely places.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Invest in your own comfort and productivity. Track your earnings, and stash some. Add an artistic touch to your presentation. Poetry inspires. Find beautiful expressions in unusual views. Remember what's really important. Gather with loved ones.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Put your talents to work. Develop some of these great ideas into plans. Look at predictable outcomes, and strategize to even the odds. Speak straight from your heart. Lightning fast talk goes over people's heads. Keep it simple.

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ECU senior tight end Bryce Williams gets tackled by a Cincinnati defender during the Pirates' senior day contest against the Bearcats.

COLUMN

2015 season exposes flaws in program



Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

There's no sugar coating it: East Carolina's 2015 season was a failure, the first since 2011 for head coach Ruffin McNeill.

Still, after so many years of success, overreacting to the disappointing season would be quite the folly for Pirates fans.

This season does not mean that McNeill, his staff, or even the players are failures. Instead, it merely exposed loose bricks in the program McNeill says he's built from the ground up.

With that being said, disappointment and frustration are reasonable words to describe the season. The Pirates' schedule alone should have been enough to ensure post-season play. Games against Towson, SMU, Tulsa and UCF all were sure-fire wins.

After beating Virginia Tech, the Pirates just needed to win one of two winnable home games against USF or Cincinnati. They couldn't, and failed to capitalize on a winnable road game against Connecticut.

A second-to-last place finish in the American East Division is hardly excusable, but the Pirates were competitive in nearly all of their losses. Had just one or two key plays gone their way, the team's seniors would be gearing up for one last bowl game.

Against Florida, a game that no one with a brain gave ECU a chance to win, the Pirates nearly defied all odds. Trailing by 14, Blake Kemp tore through the Gators' defense twice with under six minutes on the clock. He scored a touchdown, got the ball back after a three-and-out, and put the Pirates into the red zone with a chance to send the game into overtime. Kemp dropped back to pass, and the rain-soaked ball slipped out of his hands and was recovered by Florida.

BYU, another game the Pirates had no business winning, nearly choked a 17-point lead when quarterback Tanner Mangum got hurt in the second

ECU falls in season finale

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

The Pirates' season ended prematurely on Saturday afternoon, as Cincinnati kicker Andrew Gantz knocked a last-second 42-yard field goal through the uprights at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

The 19-16 loss ended East Carolina head coach Ruffin McNeill's streak of three consecutive bowl appearances, as the Pirates (5-7, 3-5 American Athletic Conference) failed to notch the six wins required for post-season eligibility.

"You can't say nothing bad about our team," said senior linebacker Zeek Bigger. "We came out here and fought each and every play. We just gave it all we had and came up short. I hate that it had to be like this, but it's alright."

With tears in his eyes, Bigger was one of the last Pirates to walk off the field, defeated on Senior Day.

"I really couldn't tell you what was going through my head. I really went

blank," said Bigger. "Just like stuff you see in the movies. When you see it end like that, when you look up, you don't think at the time until you see people jumping on the field."

Even though ECU finished with its worst record since 2011, the senior had nothing but good things to say about the 2015 Pirates. He refused to call the season a disappointment, although his head coach didn't dismiss that classification.

"I know Zeek has a lot of pride about him," said McNeill. "If you look at the [wins and losses] part, man, you fell short. But Zeek's looking at it like, no matter what happened, you played and fought."

In many ways, Saturday's loss perfectly embodied the Pirates season. They fought hard but ultimately made too many fatal mistakes to overcome.

With the score tied, Cincinnati (7-5, 4-4 AAC) began its final drive backed up on its own 19. Quarterback Gunner Kiel dropped back and unloaded a pass

deep over the middle that was nowhere near his intended receiver. Free safety Trevon Simmons broke on the pass and got under the ball, but dropped what appeared to be a sure interception.

"He got turned around, but yeah, he had a chance," said McNeill. "He has great hands, he's on our onside recovery team. He saw it, and then had to turn to get there. But yeah, he had the opportunity to catch it."

Another one of the Pirates' weaknesses — untimely penalties — reared its head on that final drive. Terrell Stanley was called for a personal foul, which moved the Bearcats from their own 31-yard line all the way up to the 46.

That wasn't the only time flags came back to bite ECU. An unsportsmanlike conduct called against quarterback James Summers, after he threw a game-tying

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TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (3-3) went 1-3 last week in the Las Vegas Invitational.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (6-2) fell short of upsetting No. 19 Northwestern Saturday, losing 78-75.

VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates (12-17, 4-12 AAC) ended their season with a 3-0 loss to Temple over the weekend.

FOOTBALL

The Pirates (5-7; 3-5 AAC) lost to Cincinnati, 19-16, Saturday, ending its season.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

Kemba Walker scored a team-high 22 points in Charlotte's 87-82 victory Saturday night over Milwaukee.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers (11-0) are the only undefeated team left in the NFL, after beating the Cowboys, 33-14, on Thanksgiving.

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Men's basketball wins one of four

Allison Jobe
TEC STAFF

With three-game losing streak in the Las Vegas Invitational, the Pirates ended their four-game road series with a final win against Stetson Friday.

The East Carolina men's basketball team had their first tough loss of the season to No. 14 California (4-2), Nov. 20. The Pirates (3-3) held the Bears off through the first half, but Cal took the 70-62 win over ECU in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

Senior forward Michael Zangari matched his career high of 17 points for the Pirates. Zangari went into the night averaging 3.5 points-per-game, but helped ECU's offense going 2-of-5 from beyond the arc.

ECU kept close with Cal thanks to the help of junior guard Caleb White, who had 15 points, including seven straight during a 57-second span in the second half.

"This is a good basketball team. They have some terrific players. We had them in a situation if we had shot it better we might have had a chance tonight because [Cal] shot it so poorly," ECU head coach Jeff Lebo said.

The Pirates had their second straight loss of the season against San Diego State, just three days later. The Aztecs scored the game's first 16 points and kept that momentum throughout most of the game, taking a 79-54 win over ECU.

Sophomore guard Lance Tejada led the Pirates with 11



ECU sophomore guard B.J. Tyson goes up for a layup against Charlotte.

points, reaching double figures for the first time this season. Zangari and sophomore guard B.J. Tyson also contributed, adding eight rebounds and nine points each.

San Diego State (4-3) led by 23 points in the first half,

while shooting 50 percent from the floor. The Aztecs led 44-27 at halftime.

"We knew coming into the game that after a loss we were not going to get the same team that

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Volleyball misses tournament

Madison Tenenbaum
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Mixed results were a continuous trend for the East Carolina volleyball team this season, as it missed out on conference tournament play thanks to struggles down the stretch.

The Pirates completed the season with a 12-19 overall record and 5-15 in American Athletic Conference play.

Overall, head coach Julie Torbett was unsatisfied with how the season ended, but she isn't taking their losing record as a complete loss.

"I was disappointed in the season. I think we had seven matches we could have won and three for sure that we should have won," she said.

Injuries were a nagging issue throughout the season, especially during their final con-

test of the season last Friday against Temple.

"I feel like Friday's game showed our frustration with our circumstances," Torbett said, "We have been managing it all season but on senior day and when emotions are high and you are playing the number two team in the conference it is hard to hide those things."

Torbett is confident that this season was a lesson learned and the players returning will make the necessary changes if they want to see more success next season.

One of the obstacles the team will need to overcome is having the remaining players step up to try and replace the six graduating seniors, despite welcoming new freshmen.

"Losing six seniors is a lot and two were starters so that is something we have been working on for quite some time," Torbett said.

Most of their key to success is going to

be minimizing injuries to maximize their chances of winning a championship, but Torbett knows that it won't come easy.

"The program still has a long way to go to produce champions," she said, "But that can be done with a relentless work ethic on the part of the players and coaching staff."

The program has seen development throughout the years and Torbett is determined to continue that progress.

"The previous four years before my arrival produced a 15-101 record. We won 40 matches in three years. The improvement is remarkable even in a tougher league," she said. "I am not content with middle of the road and therefore we will push on to better every aspect of the program. I am looking forward to it."

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half. Kemp again led a furious comeback, tying the game, before Mangum limped out onto the field on one leg and led a last minute touchdown drive.

The then-undefeated Temple Owls trailed ECU, 14-10, late in the fourth quarter, but a long touchdown pass and a blocked punt again sealed the Pirates fate. A 17-15 lead against USF slipped away when quarterback Quinton Flowers threw a 67-yard touchdown pass with 4:40 remaining.

Even against the more talented and physical Cincinnati Bearcats, the last chance for ECU to qualify for post-season play, the Pirates were in the game late. A missed extra-point cost ECU the lead, and with the score tied at 16, Cincinnati led a drive that featured an ill-advised personal foul and a dropped interception. The Bearcats kicked a 42-yard field goal and ended ECU's season.

Those are five losses in which McNeill's squad had a legitimate shot to win, despite injuries to their intended starting quarterback, Kurt Benkert, and offensive line. For all the hype about offensive coordinator Dave Nichol botching the quarterback situation, benching Kemp for Summers down the stretch, the reality remains: ECU just didn't make the competitive plays it needed to earn a bowl.

The two-quarterback system certainly played a factor in that. Summers, who was the primary reason ECU upset Virginia Tech, proved to be a one-trick pony and Nichol absolutely stuck with him for too long.

There was questionable play-calling, poor clock management, and frustrating personnel decisions, but blaming McNeill entirely for a season where the Pirates fell short is silly.

Ultimately, however, next season looks poised to be a good one for the Pirates. They'll have a heated quarterback competition and the offense fans have grown accustomed to will return.

Bowl eligibility just wasn't in the cards this season.

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played against [Arkansas] Little Rock," Lebo said. "They really shot it way better than they've shot it all year. That really put us on our heels to start."

The Pirates couldn't bounce back as ECU shot 31 percent against Little Rock, a season low for the team, and ultimately fell in the Thanksgiving Day contest. The Trojans played to their strengths, and took a 54-46 win over ECU.

Tyson recorded a season-high 12 points, reaching double figures for the first time this season. He matched his career-high with eight rebounds for the second straight game.

ECU had a 10-point cushion over Little Rock (5-0) in the first half when senior guard Prince Williams and Tyson nailed consecutive threes, just before junior forward Clarence Williams scored four points to cap the surge.

The Pirates finally got things back on track and after three straight losses, ECU's Tyson helped them cruise past Stetson with a 93-73 victory Friday.

Tyson added five rebounds and four steals, while shooting 7-of-10 from the field and made three three-pointers, giving him 22 points in the game.

"B.J. got off to a terrific start," Lebo said. "Last two games I thought he really shot the ball well, hopefully that will help his confidence. We finally got Caleb going in the second half"

ECU shot 54 percent overall, as White and freshman forward Kentrell Barkley added 14 points apiece, while Barkley added eight rebounds.

The Pirates had seven players score seven or more points with three distributing four or more assists. Prince Williams led in assists with his six for ECU.

"We really shot it well, a lot different than we did yesterday," Lebo said. "We flowed better and got out in transition. I thought we had a good team win, all around."

ECU out-rebounded Stetson (2-4) by 16 and out-scored the Hatters 42-24.

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two-yard touchdown to Bryce Williams, cost the Pirates a chance for a lead.

Targeting was called against Cincinnati on that same touchdown play, forcing McNeill to make a tough decision.

"Well, I had the choice," McNeill said. "Do I want to take and move the ball half the distance to goal and give them the chance to back us up on the kick off? Or do I want to take my penalty on the extra-point, and move the ball up on my kick off. For me, I wanted to take the kick off yardage and back them up."

He decided to trust kicker Davis Plowman, who hit from 40-plus yards three times this season, to knock down the 35-yard attempt. Plowman missed it, keeping the game tied at 16.

The Pirates had plenty of


chances to make the big play needed to keep their bowl streak alive, but ultimately were unable to close the deal. Cincinnati converted 15 of 22 third down attempts, managing the clock and never losing control of the game's tempo.

Still, the Pirates lost by just three points. Had they made just a few more plays down the stretch, there would be one more game for seniors like Bigger, Montese Overton and Bryce Williams to play.

"Me and those 17 seniors, we've been through the ups and downs... It's been unbelievable," said Bigger. "Being able to play with some of the best players, seeing some of the best players go, but now it's my time."




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