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Lebo announces resignation

Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's men's basketball coach Jeff Lebo announced his resignation yesterday in a press conference with athletic director Jeff Compher.

"When (Lebo) arrived in my office, the first thing he said was,

'Melissa's (his wife) here with me,' and I knew this was not going to be an ordinary meeting," Compher said. "As we sat down, he said 'I'm going to drop a bombshell on you,' and then he told me he was stepping down as our head coach effective immediately."

Lebo is resigning just six games

into his eighth season at the helm of the ECU basketball program. He has won 116 games since 2009, the most for ECU since the



Jeff Lebo

basketball team entered Division I play back in 1965. With Lebo as the head coach, the Pirates recorded their first 20-win season as a Division I institution, received three postseason tournament invitations and captured the 2013 CollegeInsider Postseason tournament title.

Lebo said he thinks it would be best if the team has a new voice calling the shots.

"It's time for a leadership change, it's time for a new direction," Lebo said. "Timing is never great in these situations but I just felt it was time

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Kaitlyn Jackson, employee at Smash Waffles, decorates a half dozen box of waffles. Smash Waffles officially opened its store on Tuesday.

Uptown welcomes waffles Smash Waffles establishes Dickinson storefront

Madison Lawson
TEC STAFF

Starting its business out online through delivery, Smash Waffles turned the success of its delectable dough recipe into its first storefront at 718 Dickinson Avenue, which officially opened Tuesday.

Open Sunday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. to midnight, the cafe appeals to a variety of people looking for a sweet breakfast spot or a fulfilling late night snack.

"We started delivering waffles last December and worked out of Justin (one of the co-owners)'s kitchen to test the market," co-owner Hunter Harrison said. "We didn't know how people would react and when we started getting tons of orders, we knew we had to shut down the website and start looking for a storefront."



ECU alum Josh Morgan eats a waffle in Smash Waffle's location at 718 Dickinson Avenue.

Some of Smash Waffle's staple menu items for \$3 each include the Chip Chip Hooray, a crisp dough waffle decorated with cookie butter and chocolate chips; the Cereal Thriller, a sweet cream icing

waffle sprinkled with fruity pebbles and powdered sugar and its newest addition the Swirly Sin, a cinnamon lovers delight

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Vice chancellor search narrows

Darby Hubbell
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The search committee for East Carolina University's vice chancellor of Administration and Finances gathered for a special meeting yesterday afternoon to discuss the first round of candidates for the position, which have been narrowed down to 10.

The search committee is comprised of nine of the universities' vice chancellors: the dean of the College of Education, the Student Government Association president, the Board of Trustees chairman and the chairman of ECU's Faculty Senate. All of the committee were present, except for Jeff Compher, ECU's athletic director.

The meeting, which was held in the Bate Building, was to discuss a replacement for Rick Niswander, the current vice chancellor of Administration and Finances, who will step down in March.



Rick Niswander

Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Ron Mitchelson, the chair of the committee, said when the committee looked and discussed possible candidates for the position, it wanted a person with experience in aspects of higher education.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we are also looking for the basics, someone who works in a transparent fashion, which is not always easy to do, so transparency is important to us in terms of decision making," Mitchelson said.

Mitchelson added the purpose of the meeting was to endure the preliminary round to openly discuss and phase out unsuited applicants as a committee.

"So we have about 50 applicants, and so we have narrowed it down to about 10 now that we will do interviews with," Mitchelson said.

Mitchelson said the group discussed candidates one by one with a wide representative committee from all parts of the campus.

"Everyone got their day in court, so every candidate gets a fair shot at being discussed. Some got discussed more than others, some of them get discussed because they are rare and highfalutin and others because we don't quite know and there are questions and people see different things," Mitchelson said.

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ECU men's basketball set to face seahawks

Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF

In just six games, East Carolina University's men's basketball team has begun digging itself into a hole it will look to try and climb out of tonight against the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. However, the Pirates will be without former head coach Jeff Lebo, who resigned yesterday.

Junior guard Kentrell Barkley spoke briefly on Lebo's resignation and what needs to be done against UNCW tonight.

"I'm disturbed by the news but we have to keep moving forward and try to get this basketball program going in another direction," Barkley said. "That's my focus right now. We have a game tomorrow and I hope we can come out and play hard. There are things we can do well and we can get a W."

ECU (2-4) has been notorious for starting seasons strong, then folding come conference play. But this year, it is off to its worst six-game start since the 2009-10 season. Now, already two games under .500, the Pirates will face the Seahawks (2-3), last year's Colonial Athletic Association Conference champion, who also made a brief appearance in the

NCAA Tournament. Fortunately for the Pirates, UNCW has also stumbled coming out of the gates. Mike Perry, ECU's interim coach, knows the Seahawks are going to come to Minges hot.

"In 24 hours we have an opponent that could care less about what happened here today and are going to try and beat us," Perry said.

After losing three of the team's top four scorers from their 29-6 season, the Seahawks are transitioning to their current roster while losing to lesser opponents like Davidson College (Nov. 14), Loyola University at Chicago (Nov. 24) and Valparaiso University (Nov. 25). Even though they aren't as experienced of a team as last season, Wilmington returns key players such as point guards Jordon Talley and Devontae Cacok, who are the team's two leading scorers.

"They have two good players in two important areas at the point guard position in Talley and inside with Cacok that are experienced guys that have been through the wars and are playing very well for



Senior guard B.J. Tyson dribbles the ball upcourt against Central Connecticut State University on Nov. 17.

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BRIEFS

'iTeach Day' to welcome prospective teaching students

East Carolina University's College of Education will host a program called 'iTeach Day' this Saturday for students interested in teaching.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Mendenhall Student Center.

People who attend the event will have the chance to gain knowledge about the admissions process, including how to apply for financial aid and scholarships. Participants will also learn what steps to take for transfer students or anyone else who is taking an alternate route to getting their teaching degree.

The event will also highlight ECU's Education Living Learning Community, which students in the education program can choose to be a part of if desired.

ECU's School of Music to present 'TubaChristmas'

East Carolina University's School of Music will hold a free public performance on Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. in front of the A.J. Fletcher Music Building.

ECU music professors Stephen Ivany and Jarrod Williams will be at the outdoor performance, along with ECU students and community musicians.

The performance will feature traditional Christmas carols arranged for a large ensemble of tubas, euphoniums, baritones and sousaphones.

Musicians who play any of those instruments are invited to play for a \$10 fee. The money will benefit the Harvey Phillips Foundation. Musician registration is set to start at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

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Greenville Fire/Rescue headquarters, located at 500 S. Greene St. Greenville Fire/Rescue announced the purchase of its new ladder truck on Nov. 17.

GFR purchases new fire truck

Matthew Prensley
TEC STAFF

A 107-foot-ladder truck will respond to emergencies around the city of Greenville soon, according to Greenville Fire/Rescue's Instagram account, as the fire department continues to analyze its data to find the vehicle's new home.

The ladder truck cost the city of Greenville \$960,867, according to a quote from Atlantic Emergency Solutions, which supplied GFR with the new truck. The Greenville City Council approved the purchase of the Pierce Impel 107' Ascendant Ladder as part of a larger \$1,358,133 GFR request during a meeting on Sept. 8, 2016.

"Upon motion by Councilmember (Rick) Smiley and second Councilmember (Rose) Glover, the City Council voted unanimously to approve (the) remaining items on the Consent Agenda," according to meeting minutes from the Sept. 8 meeting.

City of Greenville Public Information Officer Brock Letchworth declined to comment on behalf of GFR about why it decided to purchase the 107-foot-ladder truck.

"If you (The East Carolinian) would like to make a public records request, please submit it through the City Attorney's Office," Letchworth said in a Nov. 20 email

to The East Carolinian. "Otherwise, there is no comment."

However, prior to Letchworth's response, The East Carolinian had already submitted a public records request to the Greenville City Attorney's Office. As of Tuesday, the city of Greenville hadn't fulfilled The East Carolinian's request for, "A copy of the financial contract of Greenville Fire/Rescue's new Pierce Impel 107' Ascendant Ladder Truck."

Letchworth also declined to comment when asked if he could confirm which fire engine the new ladder truck would replace.

A lieutenant at GFR, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, said the new ladder truck will replace Engine 2, which is housed at Station 2 in west Greenville.

Gary Phipps, a retired staff support captain at GFR said the 107-foot truck was an improvement compared to the 75-foot ladder trucks.

"I could see where Station 2's truck would wear out faster because of its higher call volume and EMS backup so those trucks are always



Gary Phipps

moving," Phipps said.

Phipps, who retired in 2013 with 32 years of service to the city of Greenville, said the 107-foot fire truck is an improvement because it provides higher reach with its ladder.

"I haven't seen one of these trucks first hand, but I know Pierce is a company that always makes its trucks and that's like the world's best," Phipps said. "I think it's a good move for the city to do that. You're gaining an extra 30 feet basically and it's a single rear axle so it's not a big, heavy truck so it can maneuver and get into higher places."

As staff support captain at GFR, Phipps was responsible for purchasing new vehicles for the fire department. Phipps was directly involved in GFR's purchase of Tower 1, which cost the city, East Carolina University and Vidant Medical Center, then Pitt County Memorial Hospital a combined \$936,285 in 2011.

Phipps was surprised when he was informed that the new 107-foot ladder truck is approximately \$24,000 more expensive than Tower 1.

"Jesus. I didn't know about the price," Phipps said. "I haven't kept up with the price on the trucks because I've been out of it, but wow."

It is unclear if ECU or Vidant shared any of the cost for the new

ladder truck. ECU nor Vidant were referenced, according to city council documents from the Sept. 8 meeting.

"The requested ladder truck and two EMS vehicles are replacement vehicles and are included in the City's approved FY (fiscal year) 16/17 Vehicle Replacement Program Purchase List," according to documents from the Sept. 8 city council meeting.

Phipps said the 107-foot ladder is significantly more expensive than a 75-foot ladder truck, which is the type of truck Engine 2 is.

"The last ones (Engine 2 and 5) were bought in a pair," Phipps said. "(I) can't swear to the price, but \$625,000 rings a bell."

Letchworth declined to comment when asked if GFR could confirm the price of the new ladder truck or Engine 2.

Phipps said he thought the the 57,500 pound, 19-foot-long wheel to wheel, 500-gallon fire truck is an upgrade to what GFR is currently using.

"I like it, but I'm a hardcore Pierce fan, I have been for years," Phipps said. "I had no idea about the price. I think its a plus for the department. Whoever made that decision, I think that was a plus."

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World AIDS Day event to advocate HIV education

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University will honor World AIDS Day today by focusing on teaching students, specifically within the minority and LGBT community, on how to prevent HIV.

The informational event, which is called Passing the Torch: Engaging and Mobilizing to End the HIV Epidemic, is set to take place at 7 p.m. at Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center. ECU's Campus Recreation and Wellness, Ledonia Cultural Wright Center, the LGBT Office and the Student Health Center will host the event.

Students who come to the event will hear from guest speaker, Venton C. Jones Jr., the senior program manager at AIDS United and an HIV educator. Associate director of intercultural affairs at ECU Mark Rasdorf, director of ECU's LGBT Resource Office, said Jones will help to inform the audience on the need for HIV prevention.

Rasdorf said it is important to be aware of the health benefits and treatments nowadays when it comes to having the infection. He said he hopes students will gain a good amount of knowledge on the need for prevention and treatment itself by attending this event.

"It has become a long-term treatable disease. With proper medication, proper health care treatment, nutrition and exercise, if you become HIV positive, it is not the death sentence it was years ago," Rasdorf said. "It has changed a lot, but untreated, the virus does attack your immune system and you will become sick and die."

Rasdorf said students need to understand how important prevention is within the minority and LGBT community specifically.

"The need for prevention is great," he said. "The infection rates within the community of color and particularly among men who have sex with men are still climbing."

Rasdorf said he believes the particular speaker chosen for the event will give a lot of useful information.

"Venton has done a lot of work speaking on this subject, broadly and specifically about the effects in communities of color," Rasdorf said. "It depends where students are in their knowledge base what they're gonna get out of it, but I hope they gain awareness for the need for HIV education and prevention."

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A red ribbon is displayed on the White House on Dec. 1, 2014, to commemorate World AIDS Day. On Thursday, ECU will honor the day with an educational event.

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The meeting was open to the public for a brief period, while Jane Courson and Robert Luke, members of the Witt/Kieffer professional search firm, discussed a general review of the search process up to the present.

"They have been recruiting individuals to apply for this position and came to the campus in August and have been building a pool of applicants since September," Mitchelson said.

Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said having the search committee present is a large part of the process of finding someone for this position.

"They help us go through the applicants because they have had more contact with them and we have not have any, and they

give us some additional information that we don't have on paper," Hardy said.

Hardy closed the open portion of the meeting by saying the information about the potential candidates from that point on was not to be discussed to the public.

"We had about 50 applicants, give or take, who have applied for the position and then we have whittled that down to another group of individuals whom we are going to the first round of interviews with," Hardy said. "Once we have done those first rounds of interviews with that group, we will wittle that down to a smaller number, and those individuals will come to campus."

Mitchelson said while the information regarding who was part of these 50 candidates is classified, the applicants came from a variety of places.

"I can tell you that the 50 represent a broad range of applicants, geographical all over, from Florida to Alaska," Mitchelson said.



La'Quon Rogers

this position is crucial and will impact the lives of students in many ways.

"It will affect every student as the vice chancellor of finance oversees campus projects, our buildings, and other areas in the financial arena for the university so it will be a role that we will seek to fill with a qualified individual," Rogers said.

Mitchelson said inclusiveness is key when looking for someone for this role. He said having a vice chancellor who believes in and supports the inclusive processes of ECU and involves students and faculty and

staff in decision making is important to the committee.

"That's the way I view Rick, a good teammate, we want a good teammate, it takes a team, right, you've got a group of vice chancellors who need to work together in order to make this a successful university so that's what we are looking for," Mitchelson said. "Somebody with intelligence and creativity, but who can work with a team."

Mitchelson said Niswander will be stepping down because of his desire to return to the faculty. Niswander served almost a full decade as vice chancellor of Administration and Finance, and the committee's goal is to have someone in place when he steps down, according to Mitchelson.

"We would love someone to start April 1 but most likely it will be July 1," Mitchelson said.

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OUR VIEW

Students must take initiative for outreach

A food pantry for college students in need of nutritional assistance will open next semester on campus at East Carolina University, thanks to the Collegiate Recovery Center, the ECU Dean of Students Office and the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement.

Purple Pantry is a student-fueled initiative started by junior anthropology major Ashton Fisher. Fisher thought of the idea for the food pantry after donating the rest of the meals left on her meal plan to the homeless shelter at the end of every semester, and eventually began working with the Dean of Students Office to put the Purple Pantry idea into action.

We, the editorial staff at The East Carolinian, believe other students should be willing to learn from Fisher and follow her example. Community outreach is essential for growth and progress. Especially with the significant amount of ECU students who contribute to the city of Greenville's population, the involvement of students to make our community a better place is essential.

Students can get in contact with administrative resources on campus to start joint efforts and find out more about campus resources associated with outreach through the Dean of Students Office, the Center for Civic Leadership and Engagement and the Collegiate Recovery Center, just to name a few.

We believe students getting involved in community service helps to showcase leadership skills, helps to boost campus morale and helps to increase ECU's positive impact on the community of Greenville. Helping others not only benefits those on the receiving end, but we, The East Carolinian, encourage students, faculty and staff, who are able, to reach out to those who are in need.

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Stolen culture is not couture



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Bless The Press

The annual Victoria's Secret fashion show aired on Tuesday in more than 190 countries, and with the incorporation of the notorious pink carpet interviews, behind-the-scenes footage and performances by class acts such as Harry Styles and Miguel, viewers worldwide were given VIP access straight from their phone and TV screens.

With the swarm of attention dedicated to the luxurious lingerie Victoria's Secret offers and the alluring beauty of supermodels who walk the sleek runways seen on our digital screens, it's hard to find a flaw or any harm done by the household name. This year, the internet caught on to some things the company has been guilty of for years: the misappropriation of cultural attire.

Made up of different themed segments each year, the one in question was dubbed "Nomadic Adventure," and featured a flurry of looks that seemed as though they had been inspired by traditional African and Native American dress.

Models such as Maria Borges and Leomie Anderson sported outfits that seemed to take after the Maasai women of northern Tanzania and southern Kenya. Even with the incorporation of natural hair and a diverse range of models this year, many viewers noted that Victoria's Secret used its few models of color (more specifically models with darker skin tones) to portray "exotic" attire.

Austrian model Nadine Leopold wore a headpiece that resembled a traditional war bonnet worn by Native American tribe elders and war veterans. Leopold's outfit was a repeat offense, as model Karlie Kloss wore similar attire complete with the headdress back in 2012 that she later had to issue an apology for and Victoria's Secret ended up pulling from the final edit of that year's broadcast. Native Americans have pointed out that wearing a headdress is more that insensitive, as it contributes to the mounting distortion of such symbolic and cultural wear.

"It contributes to the continued stereotyping of Native people, relegates us to a 'fantasy' or 'dress up' characters like a wizard or a clown and contributes to the sexualization of Native women," Adrienne Keene, assistant professor of American Studies and Ethnic Studies

at Brown University, said in a recent interview with AJ Plus.

While Victoria's Secret has made necessary strides toward diversifying its models as of recent with the hiring of models such as Jasmine Tookes, Joan Smalls and Xiao Wen Ju, there is plenty more strides to make in the diversity department. Starting with their signature move: cultural appropriation.

Cultural appropriation shouldn't be embraced as haute couture. The lustful atmosphere of the fashion show hides the wrongdoings that have been shrouded on the annual event for years. This shrouds indigenous people and tribal culture in such an inappropriate and inaccurate light, with complete disregard for the people who take in their history with pride and not for granted.

By the fusion of the fashion and fantasy with a splash of entertainment, Victoria's Secret has already made its mark as one of the world's most celebrated fashion shows. With that being said, this celebration must catch up with the trends, for cultural appropriation will forever and always be last season and out of style.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fight against plant invasion

The Greenville Greenway along the Tar River, a favorite spot for East Carolina University students to jog, bike and walk their dogs, is under attack by an invasive species, Lespedeza cuneata. For the past four years, ECU students have been working to control the invasion of lespedeza and preserve the natural plant diversity along the Tar River. We, a group of seven biology students, are participating this fall in a service-learning project that is part of this effort.

What is an invasive species? An invasive species is any foreign organism that is introduced into an ecological environment that outcompetes the native organisms in that habitat. Invasive species can be accidentally introduced or purposely placed in an environment, for example, to help stop erosion or for ornamental uses. A famous example is the notorious plant kudzu originating from Japan. Some of these exotic species may not be aggressive in their homeland but, when introduced into a new domain, may be more successful due to the absence of their native predators. This leads to the exotic species becoming "invasive" to a habitat, where they can ultimately outcompete and reduce native plant populations and sometimes even alter or destroy natural environments.

Lespedeza cuneata, a plant species that looks like a harmless bush, was introduced into North Carolina from Asia at the end of the 19th Century. Since the opening of a new trail in 2011, this "harmless bush" has taken the South Tar Greenway by storm. We suspect that seeds of the species were stowaways in the sand that was brought in for fill during the trail construction. By 2014, thousands of lespedeza plants dominated the landscape of the Greenway and were beginning to outcompete native North Carolina species.

Working with Dr. Carol Goodwillie in the Biology Department and the Greenville City Recreation and Parks Department, we are preventing this invasive species from taking over our Greenville Greenway. Each Monday during September and October, our service-learning class met on the South Tar Greenway and worked to pull out the lespedeza plants by the roots, counting each stem we removed. In total, seven students removed almost 4,000 plants this year, preventing them from producing seeds or growing the following year.

Since the project began in the fall of 2014, the number of invading plants

found on the greenway has declined by over 40 percent. By just spending a few hours a week with some gloves, water, and a lot of bug spray, ECU students have been able to make a significant impact on the invasion of lespedeza on our Greenway.

What can you do to help in the fight against plant invasions? Start by learning what is native to your area and what your local invaders are. Memorize these species so they can be removed when noticed. To prevent invasion, garden with local plants (some beautiful natives to the Greenville area are Carolina lupine and dwarf crested iris), and shop locally when possible to prevent the spread of seeds during shipping. Clean boats when moving from one body of water to another, and clean boots in between parks when hiking. Your local park service may have opportunities to volunteer in park restoration, or removal of the invasive species. For further education and the opportunity to help, take the service-learning invasive plant course with Dr. Carol Goodwillie!

Sarah Disorbo, Angelica Juarez, Megan Kocaja, Courtney Sembly, Jerry Vang, Julia Williams, and Victoria Yang

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

TODAY

ECU School of Art & Design Holiday Sale
Greenville Museum of Art
10 a.m.

Wine Tasting!
Celebrate the Season!
CPW's Fine Food and Spirits
6 p.m.

Terrapin Tap Takeover
Christy's Euro Pub
6 p.m.

Karaoke
AJ McMurphy's
9 p.m.

TOMORROW

ECU School of Art & Design Holiday Sale
Greenville Museum of Art
10 a.m.

Greenville Gives
Five Points Plaza
5 p.m.

GEN-X Show
AJ McMurphy's
6 p.m.

Stairwell live
Tiebreakers Sports Bar and Grill
10 p.m.

SATURDAY

ECU School of Art & Design Holiday Sale
Greenville Museum of Art
9 a.m.

Tyler Godfrey live
Trollingwood
7 p.m.

Moonlight Paddle
Tar River
7 p.m.

Still Shakers live
Pitt Street Brewing Company
8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Free Market
Corner of 12th and Forbes
11 a.m.

Dungeons & Dragons Adventure League
Well Played Games
6 p.m.

Still Shakers to take stage

Danielle Schmid
TEC STAFF

Local Greenville bluegrass band, The Still Shakers, will show off its classic bluegrass sound and its electric stage presence on Saturday at Pitt County Brewing Company, beginning at 8 p.m.

The Still Shakers is a transformation band that originated from the older bluegrass bands Carolina Still and Redhorse Black. These bands shared the same drummer and, when both lead singers left the bands around the same time, the members of the separate bands decided it was time they joined.

“All the other members still wanted to play, so it kind of naturally progressed into us getting together just to see what would happen,” double bass player Adam Jones said.

Alongside Jones, The Still Shakers lineup consists of Jason Bullard, acoustic guitarist and additional vocalist, David Hayes, banjo player, Robert Norman, lead vocalist, fiddler and harmonicist, and William Smith, drummer and harmony vocalist.

While the original bands traveled more, Jones said they enjoy the hometown shows and local crowds. The band also said it likes the unspoken chemistry felt among the members.



COURTESY OF SHANE DERUISE

From left: William Smith, David Hayes, Robert Norman, Jason Bullard and Adam Jones, members of band Still Shakers.

“The other bands were great but music’s a chemistry thing and we just have this unspoken thing where it’s like we know what each person’s going to do,” Jason Bullard, guitar player, said. “Not everyone has that so it’s nice to be confident about your band members because it makes me more confident.”

The Still Shakers have two different stage set ups, depending on the crowd, the venue and the environment. While the band usually plays in a recognizable full band plugged-in set up, the members also enjoy bringing out an old school condenser mic which all the members will gather around.

This set up brings a more intimate feel and doesn’t involve plugging in the instruments.

“The condenser mic set up is the really old time way of doing it, it’s really cool though because it blends the sounds and all the instruments and the voices,” Bullard said.

With new modern bluegrass sounds making way to festival stages and radio airwaves, the members want to get rid of the negative connotation surrounding bluegrass.

“There’s a real stigma behind bluegrass, you know older folks go and sip tea but we put a rock and a punk feel to bluegrass so we attract people that are in their 60s yet we

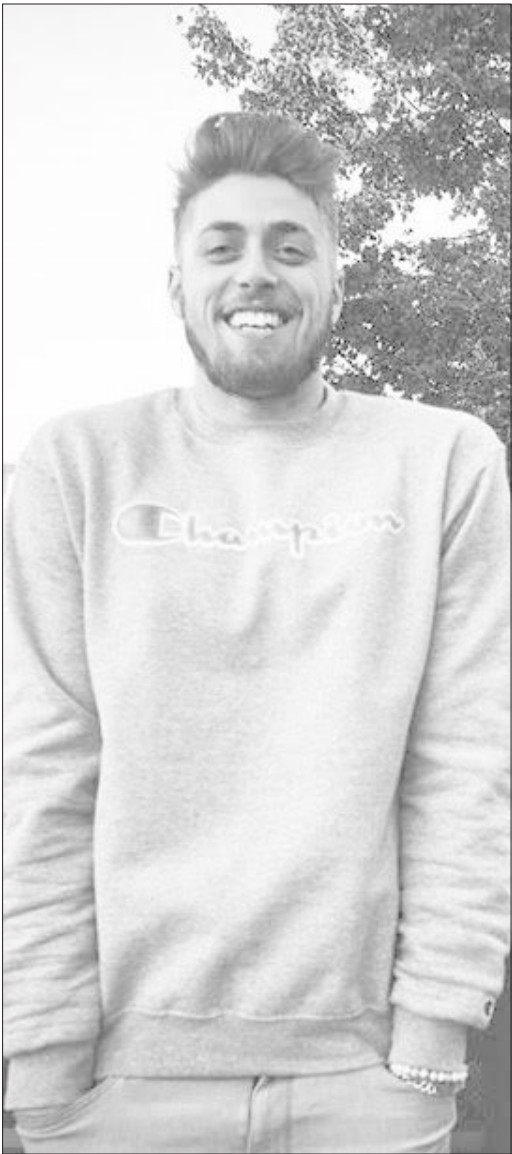
have some fans who are also in their 20s,” Jones said. “Our sound brings the excitement people of all ages look for.”

Pitt Street Brewing Company, which is beginning to make live music a regular event, will host The Still Shakers. The group will be in its full plugged-in set up and wants its jam grass vibes to reach East Carolina University students.

“We bring a sound the younger crowd can definitely get into. We have that bluegrass title, but we’re so much more than that,” Bullard said.

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Student shares vlogging passion



Angel De Jesus
TEC STAFF

Blogs are a common thing for college students who have a passion for a particular hobby, but senior media studies major Jordan McKeithan has another way to share his content.

Thanks to websites such as YouTube, Vimeo and Patreon, vlogging (or video blogging) is now becoming common among those who want to share life through their eyes. McKeithan shares his passion of fashion and lifestyle to his now more than 100 YouTube subscribers on his eponymous channel.

“I started vlogging because it is a great way to tell a story,” McKeithan said. “Not only about everyday life, but also about the past, the present and the future.”

McKeithan only started his vlog in August and said he was inspired by another popular vlogger who made his brand on YouTube.

“Casey Neistat inspired me,” McKeithan said. “His vlogs, his story and seeing him achieve his dreams inspired me to chase after my own.”

McKeithan’s channel covers topics that range from regular day life to lifestyle videos to men’s fashion and men’s

“ His vlogs, his story and seeing him achieve his dreams inspired me to chase after my own. ”
-Jordan McKeithan

grooming tutorials. McKeithan said he believes his videos do more than just inform others about style pointers.

“I think it’s awesome that people watch my videos and learn from me about men’s fashion, watch vlogs and go on an adventure with me through a story that I tell,” McKeithan said. “My ultimate goal at the end of the day is to produce awesome content for an audience who is willing to listen and have fun doing it.”

McKeithan said he is passionate about the quality of his videos, something his friend, senior university studies major Ryan Sandlin, said he can attest to that.

“He’s pretty passionate about them and puts effort into them,” Sandlin said. “And the quality is pretty equal to that of big vlogs.”

McKeithan uses a Canon 80d camera with a wide lense to shoot his videos. When doing edits, he uses Premiere

Pro on a MacBook Pro, which he said is the standard when editing videos.

“You don’t need the best equipment to produce awesome content,” McKeithan said. “It’s all about you and the story you tell; if both of those are good, the quality will come along with it later.”

When deciding topics for his videos, McKeithan said he has a fairly straight forward and organized process.

“I pretty much try to think of trending “clickable” topics to talk about to draw a bigger audience,” McKeithan said. “Once I have an idea, I write an outline, film it, edit it and share it like crazy across all social media platforms.”

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WAFFLES

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with cream cheese icing and a light brown sugar sauce.

“My experience with Smash Waffles has always been good,” senior human development and family science major Ashtyn Clark said. “I got the Swirly Sin and it was amazing. The texture of the waffles is what makes them so good so I’ve liked every one I’ve tried.”

Weekly, the cafe announces its waffle of the week, often correlating with pop culture events. According to Harrison, these new creations have been a big hit and allow them to test the market and expand the menu.

“Our first experience was for Star Wars day on May 4, and man... that was the biggest day sales wise for several months,” Harrison said. “So during the premiere of Stranger Things season two, we added three new waffles: the Eleven Waffle, the Upside Down Waffle and the Demogorgan Waffle. People loved it.”

“ I know it's lofty, but our goal is to have several hundred stores in five years. ”

-Hunter Harrison

Using their combined background in banking, co-owners Harrison, who also specializes in marketing, and Justin Cox, who’s known for his addicting waffle creations, make up the contemporary franchise.

“We always joke with people that we went from banking to baking,” Harrison said. “The banking concept is what makes us unique because as commercial lenders we’d have restaurants come in for loans all the time. And it’s a known rumor in the banking industry to not lend to restaurants because there is 97 percent failure rate and that’s what honestly started our conversation. We loved that challenge— let’s try and be in that three percent.”

With the rapid success of the business, Harrison and Cox plan on

taking over the eastern side of North Carolina with three more corporate stores in Raleigh, Durham and Wilmington. After that, the duo has a dream of franchising Smash Waffles and making it a staple cafe known by many.

“I know it’s lofty, but our goal is to have several hundred stores in five years,” Harrison said. “The goal in five years is to be the best we can possibly be in any market we’re in. We want to be the cafe where people see our logo and everyone knows exactly what we’re about. Everyone has big hopes and dreams, and we still have a decade of work to put in, but we’re excited.” Although the dynamic duo plans on expanding past the Pitt County borders, Harrison said Greenville was the perfect place to start the growing

business.

“I’m from Greenville and I’ve lived here my whole life so it just made sense,” Harrison said. “When we came down to Dickinson we actually chose this building back in March, before Pitt Street Brewery was open and before Luna Pizza even started construction. We just saw so much potential down here and Dickinson Avenue is about a year away from being a really cool, special place within the city and we wanted to be a part of that.”

Starting out with just \$1,000 to begin Smash Waffles, Cox said the most rewarding part of his job has been creating an atmosphere that attracts all walks of life.

“... We’re almost at 40 employees,” Cox said. “To say we’ve been able to hire these people, give them a fun atmosphere to work in, we pay for their meals, we’re providing for some of their families and their rent, it’s a great feeling.”

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Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Consider where you've been and where you're going. Meditate on what desired results to clarify your direction. What would you love to happen? Organize for that.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Teamwork helps navigate unexpected opportunities. Don't get frustrated if you need to repeat something; slow and steady wins the race. Coordinate communications and actions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Take on more responsibility at work for a few days. An important job needs doing. Stay flexible with expectations. Surprises can be good.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Unexpected deviations along the trail reveal hidden treasures. Explore and discover an amazing development. Good news comes from afar. Someone else's brilliant idea inspires you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Take time to manage financial obligations for a few days to keep everything flowing. Surprising circumstances require adaptation. Work together, and think things through.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Collaborate with your partner to manage an unexpected situation. Be spontaneous, but not reckless. Shift directions gracefully to adapt. Support each other.

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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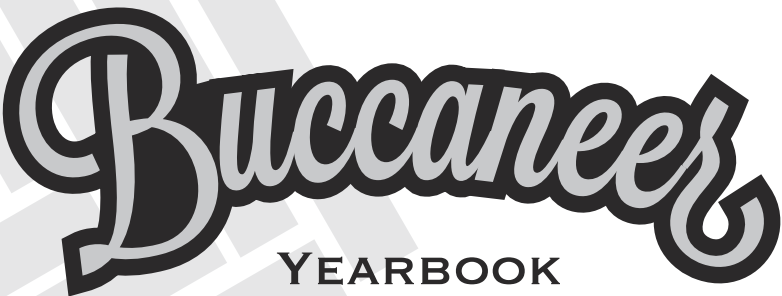
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Sophomore starting guard Dominique Claytor shoots over a University of South Carolina at Upstate defender during the Nov. 10 matchup.

Pirates to face 49ers

ECU looks to reverse slow start behind Claytor

Robert Romero
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's women's basketball team enters tonight's home game with a 2-4 record identical to its opponent, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The Pirates will look for sophomore forward Dominique Claytor to lead the way for ECU, who has been efficient over the last three games, averaging 11.7 points, 9.7 rebounds and three steals on 57.8 percent shooting from the field.

According to Claytor, she believes her exceptional play is due to not overthinking on the court and just playing her game instinctively.

"I really haven't been thinking a lot lately, I've just gone out there and (have) been playing hard," Claytor said.

Going into tonight's game against the 49ers, UNCC is led by junior guard Laia Raventós, who is averaging a team-leading 14.7 points per game,

followed by senior guard Amaya Ransom, who has 14 PPG and finally freshman guard Octavia Wilson who puts up 12.8 PPG.

What is unique about the 49ers' trio is how efficient those three leaders are in scoring, shooting a combined 43.8 percent from the field, 37.7 percent from 3-point range and 81.5 percent from the free throw line. Claytor said the Pirates will need to control the boards to prevent the 49ers from getting easy buckets or to regain possession.

"They shoot the ball pretty well, get rebounds and push the ball up the floor so that is definitely something we have to watch out for," Claytor said.

The Pirates have allowed opponents to shoot 38.9 percent from 3-point territory, while only shooting 25 percent from the same distance. While ECU attempts to defend the three, it looks for freshman guard Ariyana Williams to help its shooting struggles.

Williams has been instant offense over the past three games, averaging 21 minutes and 12 points per game, helping her earn her first career start against Rider University. Over that span, she is 6-for-17 (35.3 percent) from 3-point range, which is second behind Claytor's percentage of 40 percent.

According to Williams, the Pirates will have many looks from the three if they drive and kick it out to open shooters, that way they can open up their play with three pointers at a higher percentage.

"I think we need to drive and kick more because a lot of times when we penetrate we'll draw in three people but sometimes we don't really look to kick out," Williams said. "So if we do that I think we will have a lot more makes to get our percentage up."

Claytor and Williams recently helped ECU snap a four game losing streak against Rider University Sunday

afternoon at the Seton Hall Thanksgiving tournament in South Orange, New Jersey.

The Pirates were finally able to win a close game against the Broncs, 66-63, as ECU has lost its previous four games by single digits. According to head coach Heather Macy, the Pirates were able to learn from playing in crunch time in their last four games to pull out that victory in the tournament.

"Spending time together in New Jersey was big from a preparation standpoint," Macy said. "It was a lot of kids' first time in a tournament type atmosphere and experience from the first five games helped us pull this win out because we had a better idea of who and when."

Claytor, Williams and the rest of the Pirates will put their work ethic to the test during tonight's game at 5:30 inside Minges Coliseum.

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All-Conference football honors given to ECU

Austin Walker
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University football team, which finished its disappointing season last weekend with a 70-13 loss to the University of Memphis Tigers, got some good news yesterday, as three members of the team received all-conference honors.

Junior wide receiver Trevon Brown was named to the Second-Team All-American Athletic Conference, while senior defensive end Kiante Anderson and graduate student wide receiver Davon Grayson both earned a spot on the honorable mention squad.

Brown led the Pirates in receptions (60), receiving yards (1,069), touchdowns (seven), yards per catch (17.8), receiving yards per-game (89.1), kick return yards (452), all-purpose yards (1,539) and all-purpose yards per game (128.2) this season. He became the sixth consecutive player on ECU's team to have a 1,000-yard season, joining Justin Hardy (2012-14) and Zay Jones (2015-16) who eclipsed this mark in each of those seasons.

This was a record setting season for Brown, as he set an ECU and AAC record on Nov. 18 against the University of Cincinnati with 270 receiving yards, while setting a school record for the longest pass play on two 95-yard receptions from junior quarterback Gardner Minshew against the University of West Virginia on Sept. 9 and the University of Cincinnati on Nov. 18.

Anderson had 35 tackles on the season, 22 of which were solo. Playing on the defensive line, he led the team in sacks with 4.5, as well as having 6.5 tackles for a loss. Anderson also provided constant pressure to opposing quarterbacks, with seven quarterback hits and two forced fumbles. Anderson is also a nominee for the 2017 Burlsworth trophy, which is awarded to the most outstanding player who began his career as a walk-on.

Grayson finished his final season with 59 catches for 886 yards and six touchdowns. After the 2017 campaign, he finished his career ranked amongst ECU's all-time receiving leaders. He ranks fifth in school history in receiving yards (1,767), eighth in receptions (135) and ninth in receiving touchdowns (13). Grayson had three 100-yard receiving games this season and registered a career-high 223-yard performance against the University of Connecticut on Sept. 24.

These all-conference honors come as a bright spot for the Pirates after a disappointing 3-9 campaign in head coach Scottie Montgomery's second year, which mirrored his first year record. Brown will return for one more season while Anderson and Grayson will depart the program as team leaders with honors.

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Trevon Brown

Men's tennis ends fall season on high note

Samantha Walsh
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's men's tennis team closed out a season full of victories and accolades with the Wake Forest Invitational on Nov. 3 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the final match of the season, showing just how far the team has progressed.

Along with the final Invitational, the Pirates had other fall Invitationals which are more focused on individual performances rather than team performances. Players have the opportunity to play in three single matches and three doubles matches during these events.

Looking back to the start of the season at the Elon Fall Tournament on Sept. 22 in Elon, North Carolina, the Pirates saw sophomore Austin Allen and junior Will Bissett pick up wins in their singles matches. This Invitational was a good start to the season and fueled the Pirates to various wins later in the year.

Joining ECU at this event were James Madison University, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Winthrop University, Coastal Carolina University, Elon University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and Appalachian State University.

Allen became the white singles flight champion at this tournament, with a 6-4, 6-4 victory against Winthrop's Ryan Jade, a 7-6, 6-2 victory against JMU's Josh Raymundo and a 6-1, 6-1 victory against UNCG's Eric Whisnant. This was Allen's first tournament title in his career at ECU.

"When it came to playing in the finals, I was not too exhausted," Allen

said. "Our coaches have pushed us hard in practice and in the weight room to get us into great shape. They have also instilled trying to compete our hardest for every point regardless of the score. I didn't look at the finals different, so I was able to go out and execute my game plan."

Bissett showed off his skills as well during the tournament as he placed second in the Powell singles flight with a record of 3-1. He defeated JMU's Tate Steinour, Coastal Carolina's Juan Castellanos and Winthrop's Josh Ryan, while falling to Elon's Neal Port.

In the doubles flights, sophomore Javier Renones and Bissett teamed up to compete in the Powell doubles flight, winning all of their matches with a 3-0 record. They defeated NC A&T's Nicolas Arduh and Adair Bartra, Elon's Camilo Ponce and Jacob Bicknell and JMU's Josh Raymundo and Tate Steinour.

The Pirates then traveled to Cary, North Carolina on Oct. 13 to compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Carolina Regionals. This tournament featured some of the top men's and women's players from across the country, according to ITA's website. More than 8,000 student athletes from all divisions across the country compete each year, according to the ITA website. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Clemson University, Elon, the University of South Carolina, App State, Duke University, North Carolina State University and Woodford College were all in attendance.

"It is a great event where you

have the opportunity to test yourself against the best teams and players in the region," senior Freddie McGeehan said. "With some of the best teams in the country being part of our region, it is a great experience for us as a team and it can give us that extra boost in confidence to succeed in season."

Kasey Countee and McGeehan teamed up to compete in doubles and defeated South Carolina's Gabriel Friedrich and Thomas Mayronne 6-2, 6-2, Appalachian State's brother pair Ben and Scott Webster 3-6, 6-3, 1-0, with their one loss coming in the hands of Duke's Sean Sculley and Nick Stachowiak 6-3, 7-5.

Bissett and junior Vlad Anghel each won their main opening draw matches, defeating NC State's Michael Ogden 6-4, 6-3, with Anghel defeating Wofford's Javi Casasolas 6-2, 6-2. Overall, singles results for the Pirates were scattered with both wins and losses.

"(I'm) very impressed with our doubles for the event, especially by Kasey and Freddie. Doubles has been our strong suit in our couple events this fall," head coach Shawn Heinchon said. "Our singles results were a bit mixed; no one really had any great wins or bad losses."

The team then traveled to Greensboro, North Carolina on Oct. 20 for its third tournament of the fall, the UNCG Fall Tournament. The Pirates competed against UNCG, Furman University, Elon and UNCA.

This tournament saw doubles pair Bissett and Renones went undefeated all weekend. They also swept their single matches making the weekend an entire win for them overall.



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ECU's Austin Allen readies for a backhand during practice earlier this season.

Bissett and Renones won against Elon's Bicknell and Furman's Josh Pistorious 8-7, followed by a victory against Furman's Alex Steryous and Trevor Croyder 8-1, and UNCA's Reese Daly and James Massie 8-6. Along with Bissett and Renones, players McGeehan, Countee, and junior Ronny Georgi were all perfect in their singles matches.

"My most memorable moment on a personal level would've been going undefeated in singles and doubles at the UNCG fall tournament," McGeehan said.

The season concluded with the Wake Forest Invitational Nov. 3 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Duke, UNC, NC State and Indiana



East Carolina University senior Freddie McGeehan works on his returns at the Greenville Indoor Tennis Facility during the Pirates' fall season. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

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University all played alongside ECU, looking to knock off Wake Forest University from its No. 1 ranking which it has held for most of the past year, but were unsuccessful as the Demon Deacons held that ranking the entire season.

Renones reached the semifinals of the B2 singles draw and earned fourth place with 2-2 in the draw. Allen won the C1 singles consolation bracket with a record of 2-1. Double partners Anghel and Georgi competed in the A1 doubles draw, placing

fourth.

“It was a good way to finish the fall against arguably some of the toughest competition we have seen this fall,” assistant coach Ian Van Cott said. “It was nice to see the guys step up under pressure in some tight situations and put into play some things we have been working on. This was a productive event for us and we are very much looking forward to competing in the spring.”

With the spring season approaching fast, these athletes must come prepared for a busy spring, working as a team and as individuals. “Some of the most important things

we need to improve on as a team so we can be successful in the spring, (is) the willingness to put everything on the line for our teammates to win,” McGeehan said. “I believe the sky’s the limit with what we can achieve, if we all come together and give 100 percent day in day out.”

The Pirates will start their spring season in Greenville at the Greenville Indoor Tennis Facility against North Carolina Central Friday, Jan. 19 at 2:30 p.m.

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for me at this point to make that pivot.”

This decision comes in the wake of the Pirates’ disappointing start (2-4) and a hip surgery Lebo underwent last season. Assistant coach Mike Perry will act as interim coach, as he took over head coaching duties last season after Lebo had to leave for the surgery. He coached the final 14 games last season, going 6-8 finishing the season 15-18, 6-12 AAC. Under Perry ECU fell just four points shy of upsetting top seeded Southern Methodist University in the AAC tournament.

Perry will have to bring this team back from a loss-filled start. The ECU roster looks equipped to handle this, but will have to do so quickly before they enter AAC play, which looks to be one of the toughest conferences in

“ Sometimes, there comes a time when you want to focus a little bit more on some areas that you might have fallen short in over the past 36 years. ”

-Jeff Lebo

all of college basketball this season.

Now, after a lackluster start, Lebo said he is stepping down to pursue greater things in his personal life.

“Sometimes, there comes a time when you want to focus a little bit more on some areas that you might have fallen short in over the past 36 years,” Lebo said.

With Lebo headed out the door, he wanted all of the ECU fans who have supported him over the past eight season to know one last thing.

“I’ve poured my heart and soul into everything I’ve tried to do here and every decision I’ve made I’ve tried to make it best for East Carolina and this basketball program,” Lebo said. “I hope I leave here with my reputation in hand. When I leave here, hopefully people say, ‘He did it the right way, he was honorable, he believed in the right things and made the right decisions.’ That’s the way I’d (like) to be looked at here.”

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BASKETBALL

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them,” former ECU head coach Jeff Lebo said after the loss to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

For the Pirates, one of the toughest problems to overcome early this season has been the pressure put on team leaders such as guards



Jeff Lebo

be manageable this early in the season, but it can also lead to games such as the one Barkley had away against Rutgers University.

Last Friday, the Pirates played their first game on the road, taking a trip up to New Jersey to play the Scarlet Knights, coming away with a 61-47



Kentrell Barkley

loss. While the loss was bad, what was even worse for the Pirates was Barkley scoring zero points on 0-for-6 shooting. To overcome a team leader not contributing, it would take the rest of the team to step up, something that didn’t happen for ECU. Only five of the 10 players who saw the court managed to score a point with Jabari Craig and Isaac Fleming leading the way (14 each), then Tyson (8), Dimitri Spasojevic (6) and finishing with Shawn Williams (5).

“We have so much pressure on Kentrell and B.J. to play well and then the other guys have to play at a really high level,” Lebo said. “If we have



B.J. Tyson

one guy, our margin for error is so small that if we have one guy not show up or not play particularly well it’s hard for us to overcome that.” Tonight’s game provides a huge opportunity for the Pirates to revitalize their season early enough to overcome a poor start. Beating a quality, in-state opponent to break a losing streak ahead of their final four, winnable, non-conference games appears to be the perfect situation for the Pirates. Tipoff for this game will be at 8 p.m. inside Minges Coliseum.

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