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BALLARD'S LAST LAP

Chancellor plans for future as tenure comes to close

Seth Gullege
TEC STAFF

Today, Steve Ballard begins his final semester as chancellor of East Carolina University, but that's not the impression his calendar leaves.

Facing retirement, Ballard seems compelled to pursue projects and accomplish as much as he can before his last day, with

a vigor characteristic of his past 12 years at the university.

Since Ballard's entrance as chancellor in 2004, ECU has experienced a period of rapid growth and development, including new schools and programs, record enrollment and a myriad of other awards and accomplishments overseen by his leadership.

"I think we're bigger, I think we're better and I think we're seen to be a different kind of university today," said Ballard. "I'm very proud of that, not because I did it — which I didn't, but because a hundred people attributed to those goals."

His agenda for the coming months include securing funding and votes for the development of a new Bio-Tech building, which will be up for approval in March, and beginning the conceptualization and

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Chancellor Steve Ballard speaks at a podium. Ballard is serving in his final semester as chancellor of East Carolina, a position he has held for 12 years.

Break-ins spike over holidays

Matthew Prenskey
TEC STAFF

During the holiday season, the Greenville Police Department reported a jump in breaking and entering crimes.

The department pointed out the raise in breaking and entering crime is not uncommon around the holidays.

According to GPD, breaking and entering crime had increased over last December, but when compared to the last five years, is down about 29%.

During November, the Greenville Police Department launched an anti-theft, burglary prevention campaign to raise public awareness. Through videos, flyers and media interviews the GPD brought attention to protecting personal valuables and property.

"The campaign featured the Grinch, a familiar character that we felt people of all ages could relate to," said Kristen Hunter, Greenville Police Department public information officer.

According to GPD, the tips provided apply year round, but can be especially helpful around the holiday season. Along with the tips being applicable all year, the Grinch program provided important information to students who may live with others and have valuables they want to protect.

"A common theme we see among student victims of crime is forgetting to lock doors and windows. We always suggest being extra cautious about locking doors and windows when leaving the house, even for a few minutes," said Hunter.

GPD always advises students to be careful with personal property. From locking doors or windows, GPD reminds students to make sure everyone who lives in the residence understand

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Greenville transit adjusts bus routes

Alina Olson
TEC STAFF

Greenville area transit (GREAT) officially implemented changes to all of its routes last week.

Greenville Transit Manager Lamont Jackson said changes to the transit system were necessary to allow travel in both directions on Tenth Street and Fifth Street to better assist passengers.

The idea of changing the bus routes first started in 2012. An official short range transit plan became effective in October 2013.

The changes have affected the six routes of the Greenville area transit system. According to the city's website, GREAT will now be providing service to both sides of East 10th Street. Rather than turning right on Elm Street, it will continue down East 10th Street and turn right onto Greenville Boulevard on its way to the mall. It will then service the university area along East 10th Street, before meeting the other routes at the transfer point.

Route Five will no longer service Elm Street or East 14th Street. However, it will provide some access to East 14th Street near the intersection of East 14th Street and Greenville Boulevard. Route One will now service much of the University area previously serviced by Route Five.

Route Three will continue to service Dickinson Avenue from Memorial Drive and Reade Circle on its way out of town. However, it will not service that area as it returns, as Route Six will service this segment. As Route Three returns toward downtown, it will offer new GREAT service to residents living or working on South Memorial Drive between West 5th Street and Dickinson Avenue. It will then service the West 5th Street area on its way to downtown.

"The amount of time it takes to travel around the routes is shorter," Jackson said. "A major-

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BRIEFS

ECU doctors make "Best Doctors" list

Over 30 doctors from ECU's Brody School of Medicine were named to the "Best Doctors in America" list for 2015.

Best Doctors Inc., who compiled the list, surveys over 45,000 physicians across the country to compile its results. About five percent of doctors in the United States are named to the Boston-based group's list. A partial list of the "Best Doctors" was in the December issue of Business North Carolina magazine.

ECU adopts revisions to nondiscrimination policy

A new policy regarding revisions to East Carolina University's Notice of Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action policy has been approved to take effect at the beginning of 2016. A new revised interim regulation has also been approved, addressing practices and procedures for the university's response to any sexual and gender-based harassment and violence.

The new policy and interim regulation are separate but both are intended to provide a safe, secure learning and work environment for students.

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

Hoverboard limits hit ECU campus

Staff Report

Hoverboards are not allowed in residence halls and other campus buildings as of last Thursday.

Chris Stansbury, executive director of marketing and communication with Student Affairs, sent an email to faculty and students last week explaining that the use, possession, or storage of hoverboards and similar devices, is prohibited in all ECU resident halls. These devices are also not permitted in ECU dining facilities, the Mendenhall Student Center, the Student Recreation Center or on ECU Transit buses, motor coaches and shuttles.

The email stated that if a hover-

board were found in a student's possession, it would be confiscated and shipped back to the student's home at their expense.

ECU officials recently learned that the batteries in hoverboards and similar devices are dangerous and prone to explosion, creating a safety and fire hazard for students. Stansbury said since most of the significant risk of hoverboards is due to overcharging and operation, it is believed that restricting these devices from residence halls and student-focused facilities, where longer charging periods may occur, would minimize risk.

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COURTESY OF THE TRIBUNE

SGA aims to give voice to student body

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

After a successful fall semester, East Carolina University's Student Government Association is excited to see what the spring semester will entail for student life on campus.

"I am looking forward to continuing to work directly with students to ensure that they are having a positive experience at East Carolina University," SGA President Mark Matulewicz said.

This year, SGA's primary focus is recognizing the opinions of students who normally would not be heard by the rest of the school. "Last semester was a stride in the right direction for [SGA].

We have an open door policy and were able to advocate for students in several capacities," SGA Vice President Jenny Betz said.

SGA was responsible for numerous projects on campus last semester. It was involved with the listening forums for the chancellor search, distribution of student discount cards, a blood drive, a mental health campaign, the mayoral debates and a Halloween safety event last semester. SGA plans to remain just as active this semester.

"We want to continue to promote transparency and encourage all students to have a voice on our campus," Matulewicz said.

In keeping this theme of being

a voice for the voiceless, SGA officially launched an initiative Jan. 4 called the Pirate Access Line.

The Pirate Access Line is a partnership between SGA, ECU Transit, ECU Parking and Student Disability Services that will offer curb to curb pick up for all disabled students and faculty, in order to guarantee that they will be able to get around campus when needed throughout the day.

Along with the Pirate Access Line, SGA continues to push for the city to install a traffic light at Copper Beach to prevent any future accidents.

SGA is also currently working on a project called Senate in a Minute, which would send

all students a video of the most significant parts of every SGA meeting after they are conducted.

"SGA understands that students have busy schedules and may not be able to attend our public meetings," said Matulewicz. "As a solution, we want to create Senate in a Minute, so that all students are able to stay informed and updated with events going on in SGA in a fun way."

Also taking place this spring semester are SGA elections for the 2016-2017 school year, which will be held in late February.

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Brody assistant professor earns grant for research

Anna Parrish
TEC STAFF

An East Carolina University researcher and assistant professor is exploring the effects of pollutants and plans to further her knowledge and research after receiving the Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award for 2015 from the Health Effects Institution.



Kimberly Gowdy

Kimberly Gowdy, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at ECU Brody School of Medicine, has been awarded \$450,000 for her research on the influence of environmental chemicals on lung and immune system.

Before joining the ECU's Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology in 2014, Gowdy was recognized by the American Association of Immunologists with both a Young Investigator Award along with a Travel for Techniques award.

"I originally applied for this program to get some feedback on my research. I never thought I would get funding from such a great institution on the first try," said Gowdy. "It's an honor, and I'm still in shock in some respects. It's an amazing opportunity."

The primary focus of the study is how the exposure to air pollutants may increase chronic diseases. Gowdy wants to directly figure out how these pollutants affect the cardiovascular system.

Over the course of three years, the study will analyze the role of scavenger receptor-B1 (SR-B1.) This is a protein, which acts as a receptor for high-density lipoprotein cholesterol. The study will explore ways by which exposure to ozone may cause damage to the lungs and circulatory system. This is important because when the ozone gas is presented in large concentrations, it can damage respiratory tissues. The studies will be conducted by measuring levels of oxidized exposure in normal mice and with mice

lacking the SR-B1` gene.

In the final year of the study, Duke University will work with Gowdy to test the results of the experiment on human subjects.

Not only will the funding increase research, but it will also help with the expansion of the lab to study other pollutants in addition to the ozone. It will also fund a postdoctoral researcher to the team, along with opportunities for face-to-face interaction between leaders in the field who can provide input and feedback with Gowdy's research.

Gowdy said inhaling pollutants affects the cardiovascular system and she hopes to learn more about the way the ozone interacts with proteins and lipids in the lungs.

"We know that inhaling pollutants affects the cardiovascular system, but we're still working on the mechanisms through which it happens," said Gowdy.

The Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award supports the work of a promising scientist early in his or her

career. Candidates are chosen based on their potential for a productive research career in examining air pollution and its effects on health, the scientific merit of the research project and its relevance to the Health Effects Institution's mission.

Since 1999, the award has been given to researchers from prestigious universities, like Harvard School of Public Health, Yale University, and Uludag University in Turkey.

"[Gowdy] provides additional strength to an excellent core of toxicology researchers as well as to an emerging interdepartmental group who are conducting exceptionally high-quality research on the effects of exposure to environmental and natural toxins on biological systems," said David Taylor, chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at ECU.

This work could have a positive impact on the population of eastern North Carolina, continued Taylor.

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Pair apprehended for trafficking

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Regional Drug Task Force in partnership with other police agencies have arrested two individuals charged with drug trafficking along with numerous other crimes.

According to the Greenville Police Department, last Wednesday, members of the Greenville Regional Drug Task Force and Greenville Police Department's Tactical Anti-Crime Unit completed a search warrant of 1263-B Westridge Court, in Greenville.

Police found, as a result of the search warrant, drugs including; over four ounces of cocaine and over two pounds of marijuana. Police also found two weapons and over \$30,000 inside the residences.

Subsequently, two individuals were apprehended and charged by Greenville Police.



Travis Tuten



Ashley Smith

Travis Earl Tuten, 32, of Snow Hill, has been charged with one count of trafficking cocaine, seven counts of possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver, three counts of possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver, along with other charges.

Ashley Smith, 30, of Greenville, has been charged with one count of trafficking cocaine, one count of possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver and one count of possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver. Smith was also indicted on firearms charges.

"The arrest and seizures were the result of a three month-long investigation by the Greenville Regional Drug Task Force," according to the GPD.

The Greenville Regional Drug Task Force is made up of members from the surrounding police agencies including Greenville Police Department, Winterville Police Department, East Carolina University Police Department and the North Carolina State Bureau of

Both individuals were booked at the Pitt County Detention Center. Tuten was placed under a \$1 million secured bond. Smith was placed under a \$750,000 bond. Tuten and Smith both have prior records, according to the North Carolina Department of Public Safety.

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construction of two new schools, the School of Public Health and the School of the Coast.

In addition to these sizable projects, Ballard said he received 61 recommendations from the University Committee of Fiscal Sustainability on ways to improve financial focus and lessen certain expenditures of the university. Ballard said 15 of these recommendations have been completed and he hopes to complete at least half of the remaining before the end of the semester.

In regards to the future of the University, Ballard said he hopes to see the university continue with what he believes is ECU's authentic mission: Ensuring student success, serving the state and transforming eastern North Carolina. He points to projects like the Millennial Campus, which was approved by the Board of Governors last April, as ways to serve both the university and the community.

"I think over the next 10

years you will see our programs lead directly to business and industry growth in the region," said Ballard, "which will lead to more jobs for our students."

In serving the state, he said he believes programs like the College of Engineering and Health Sciences at ECU, which already serve around 90 counties in North Carolina, will continue to expand, and he hopes to see ECU graduates becoming the standard for industry across the state.

"If somebody needs a dentist in Elizabeth City, we want to be the school that provides that dentist," said Ballard.

Currently, the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Search Committee are in the process of seeking, vetting and selecting the next leader of the university. He said he thinks the most important quality of his successor should be their willingness to engage with students, and a capacity to personally involve themselves with issues around the university.

"I guess I learned the hard way, and I think I'm pretty good at it, but it's just the one word: engagement," said Bal-

lard. "When problems arise, when issues arise — any of those kinds of things, there's no substitute for the chancellor being engaged in them."

Ultimately Ballard said whoever takes over his position will face a variety of challenges, and that the life of a chancellor is one of many highs and lows, with no two days being quite the same.

He said he'll miss his daily interactions with students and faculty the most. He said the hardest part of the position is dealing with a loss of a student or faculty member, but it is balanced with the enjoyment of meeting with students and seeing the growth of the university.

The next chancellor is expected to be found by the summer, and will be voted on by the Board Of Governors around the same time. Chancellor Ballard said he is planning to return to ECU to work with leadership and leadership programs, and is working on the proposal for such programs.

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ity of the routes are now on the larger streets and not so much in residential areas. Most routes have been moved to certain areas so it's more of a straight line from one point to the next."

Residents in the northern part of the city near Oak Road and the mobile home park will now have access to the busses every hour instead of every other hour.

"These changes continue to make the system safe and also moves the service to some areas within

the city that weren't serviced in the past," Jackson said.

According to Jackson the cost of implementing the route changes were low as the adjustments weren't a major change along the routes, just a change in the direction of the routes to cover a larger corridor of the city.

Transit Service is provided Monday through Friday from 6:25 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:25 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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the necessity for responsible security. An important activity everyone should do to help police recover personal property is take pictures and record serial numbers of valuable property. Keeping this information in a safe, secure spot will help police locate and recover personal property.

"If you plan to be out of town, you can request extra patrols of your residence," said Hunter.

Students living with others should

keep track of who has access to the residence. If a roommate moves out, changing the locks or collecting the key is important in order to keeping the personal property safe.

According to GPD, there are many ways to protect a homeowner and their property. Fooling potential burglars away, having someone keep an eye on the residence or even just keeping boxes of valuable electronics inside until trash night can help protect a homeowner.

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PIRATE RANTS

Alumni Here... Waiting for my dermatology apt in Florida. Looking around and realize the diploma on the wall says ECU. Obviously, I'm pumped to be seeing a pirate doctor. When he comes into the room I yell "PURPLE" and I get no response. Just a blank stare... Can someone revoke his diploma please? #piratefails

Remember Pirates, touching women in the neck is now considered SEXUAL BATTERY. Don't be touching girls, or your entire career at ECU could be gone in a single day!

Thank you to the guy who was playing PeeDee at the men's basketball game vs. South Carolina. I was sitting behind the basketball goal and you came over and told me to call you. You completely made my night, so thank you!!

Oh, poor oppressed you, having to think before you speak and not say offensive and hurtful things. PC my a**. It's called being a decent human being.

Recently on campus I was handed a bible by folks promoting their religion; I was shocked to read in Leviticus 20:13, Luke 19:27 and Deuteronomy 17:5 that homosexuals and non-believers should be put to death. Why does ECU allow people to distribute literature advocating that some of its students be executed? Isn't there a school policy against this?

Molon Labe

Pirate Nation will never be the same. I am saddened and angry at the decision by the University to let such a prominent leader and figure in the community like Ruffin McNeill go. Coach Ruff, I'm sure I speak for a lot of us when I say you will be greatly missed.

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

Our View

Oregon protesters lack civil obedience

Ammon Bundy, an anti-government protester, led a small group of armed men into Oregon, captured a national wildlife area, and has defended the land for over one week. They claim they will not leave until the government relinquishes the land, and are willing to use force if necessary.

In any democracy, a citizenry that questions and challenges the elected government is critical to the nation's success. Peaceful protesting has proven throughout history to be an effective way to incite change.

In this case, however, we as an editorial staff believe the protestors have the entirely wrong idea. Instead of using their voices to start a dialogue, they are violating federal law and using underhanded fear tactics to force the government's hand.

While protests frequently garner national headlines, therefore sending a message to the public, the way they are executed alters public perception. In this case, the violent

nature of the Oregon standoff has cast the protesters, and their cause, in a negative light.

Hashtags including #YallQueda and #VanillaISIS took over social media in the protest's early phases. Oregon locals by and large denounced the group, demanding that they pack their bags and go home.

Law enforcement, meanwhile, has done an excellent job of keeping the protest contained. At any moment, police could overpower the ill-equipped group, but have thus far restrained from sinking to their level by seeking a peaceful resolution.

There is a reason the first amendment is some prominently featured in the Constitution. Being able to vocalize displeasure with authority is a necessity in a democracy. Using violence to send a message is never the best way to get a message across, as members of the Oregon protest are finding out.

Trump nightmare far from over



Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC COLUMNIST

FROM THE OPINION DESK

The American people's excitement was palpable when Donald Trump announced his candidacy for president in June of 2015, although the hype surrounding the campaign wasn't based on the concept of Trump actually earning the nomination.

Trump's campaign was predicted to be nothing more than a joke, a sideshow that would add a little bit of comedy to the dull political process. Still, with Trump managing to grow his lead to 15 percentage points, those once laughable visions of Trump swearing into office are dangerously close to transforming into reality.

Supporters of the businessman and reality TV show host adore their candidate. At every campaign stop, thousands for fans gather to hear Trump speak. With fans so active and vocal, it's hard to imagine Trump having trouble mobilizing voters.

The demographics of his support base back this up. Trump has dominated the key "45-64" and "65 and up" groups that consistently vote more than any other age group. In the 2012 presidential election, for example, just 19 percent of the total national vote came from people

ages 18-29. Fifty-four percent came from folks 45 or older.

Trump not only appeals to people with the loudest voice, but also to people who aren't currently committed to voting for him. With so many candidates in the Republican field, candidates are cutting into one another's base. As candidates drop out, people will be forced to choose a second option. According to a January Fox News poll, 14 percent of the electorate currently has Trump listed as their back-up plan.

With fellow outsider Dr. Ben Carson's campaign losing momentum faster than the time it takes for Trump to incite a national controversy, the front-runner can expect his already high poll numbers to keep shooting upward. Senator Ted Cruz, Trump's closest rival, also is cutting into his target market. According to that same Fox poll, if the businessman can defeat Cruz, he gains eight points from Cruz's current supporters.

Most importantly, however, Trump's supporters have proven to be belligerent. For most, having your entire campaign labeled by Politico as the biggest lie of the year would spell certain doom for a presidential bid. For Donald Trump, however, it means more votes.

Political science experts have explained this phenomenon. Trump's voters are not uninformed, but rather misinformed. They are basing their opinions on real world issues on incorrect evidence.

According to professors James Reifler and

Brendan Nyhan, voters who are misinformed tend to be the most confident in their views. They also refute the facts when they are presented to them, clinging to their inaccurate beliefs with even more fervor. Reifler and Nyhan call this the "backfire effect".

Those who maintain the belief that Trump will not make it out of the GOP primary, including statistical analyst Nate Silver, point to the fact that early polling is not always indicative of who will win a national election.

While that certainly is true, look no further than Michelle Bachmann in 2012, it does not take into consideration anything more than past history. It does not consider just how huge, and well engrained, Trump's lead is. Ultimately, relying on past evidence and treating Trump's campaign as though it's just another doomed attempt by an outsider is an incredibly naive view.

While Donald Trump might not win the GOP's nomination or the general election this November, he has already proven people wrong. Hardly anyone anticipated him making it this far into the process when he first declared his intention to run.

Much to the chagrin of any true conservative, it looks like Donald Trump will be making headlines and pushing the GOP further away from respectability throughout 2016.

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Respectability supresses personality



Kai Jones
TEC COLUMNIST

EVERYBODY HATES KAI

Black men shouldn't wear hoodies because they scare other people. Black men shouldn't wear baggy pants because they might have a gun in them. Black men can only wear tailored suits, because otherwise

they are a thug and criminal. These are the respectability politics that exist within the black communities, stemming mostly from older black males. Legendary hip-hop producer RZA raised a lot of eyebrows with his comments that support respectability politics.

"If I'm a cop and every time I see a young black youth, whether I watch them on TV, movies, or just see them hanging out, and they're not looking properly dressed, properly refined, you know, carrying himself, conducting himself proper hours of the day—things that a man does, you're going to have a certain fear and stereotype of them," said RZA. "Sometimes, you know, button up your shirt. Clean up. Look like a young man."

Respectability politics will not save black people from police brutality and society's unjust treatment of people of color. Respectability

politics undermines an individual's attempt to be different and to be themselves, because they are trying to fit the mold that society wants instead of being themselves.

Leaders in black communities who preach these politics seem to forget their own youth. As a matter of fact, RZA himself wore hoodies and sweatpants a lot, but these days he's singing a much different tune.

RZA is right, there is nothing wrong with occasionally cleaning it up, but his message is coming with bad timing and poor phrasing. The way someone is dressed will never be an excuse for an unjust killing or beating. If a police officer is afraid for his life because of what someone is wearing that officer doesn't deserve to be on the force.

"I love what the police do for our society, I love the idea of it, to serve and protect," said RZA. "It's the image that we portray that could invoke a fear into a white officer, or any officer."

The police are extremely honorable and necessary, but when they are wrong they must be punished. RZA's comments imply that the people who were assaulted or killed could have been prevented by just wearing a button up shirt and slacks.

Martese Johnson, a student at UVA, proved just how wrong that assessment is. Johnson was assaulted and bloodied by cops, because they

“ Respectability politics will not save black people from police brutality and society's unjust treatment of people of color. ”

incorrectly assumed he had a fake ID, despite wearing formal clothing.

Respectability politics exist because people think we must conform because we don't want to make people uncomfortable. But you can't compress people because they want to be themselves. What reasons should anyone assimilate? Because the majority is uncomfortable? There is no reason for someone to feel like they must fit the conventional mold to survive in a land built upon freedom.

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

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Potato bag
- 5 Rod in a grill
- 9 Macaroni shape
- 14 Vintage soda
- 15 Chisholm Trail city
- 16 Red, in roulette
- 17 Mine extracts
- 18 Club used for chipping
- 19 Capital of Ghana
- 20 "Mattress support
- 22 Spoken for
- 23 Skinny fish
- 24 Quick message
- 25 Blue Ribbon beer
- 28 Palm Pilot, e.g., briefly
- 30 Carve in stone
- 33 Attributive menu words
- 34 Parisian partings
- 37 Leave rolling in the aisles
- 38 Sermon topic
- 39 "Light, friendly punch
- 41 Sitter's handful
- 42 What some missiles seek
- 44 Stevenson title doctor
- 45 "I warned you!"
- 46 Gothic fiction author Rice
- 47 WWII espionage gp.
- 48 Bugs and Jags
- 50 "Fire" bugs
- 52 Bourgeoisie and Chablis
- 54 Longstocking of kiddie lit
- 56 Spots for airline magazines ... and, literally, what the first words of the answers to starred clues can all have
- 61 NBA great Shaquille
- 62 Footnote "p"
- 63 Sitter's handful
- 64 Modern mil. treaty violation
- 65 Egg cell
- 66 Humdinger
- 67 Knuckleheads
- 68 Short- or long-sleeved tops
- 69 Marked, as a ballot

DOWN

- 1 Stereotypical "Dahling!" speaker
- 2 Flight-related prefix
- 3 General Mills brand
- 4 Affectionate greetings
- 5 Marble cake pattern
- 6 Capital on the Seine
- 7 Pic to click
- 8 Grab from the grill, as a hot dog
- 9 Poetry Muse
- 10 Tracks down
- 11 "Wishful lifetime agenda
- 12 Storybook brute
- 13 Withdraw gradually
- 21 "He loves me" piece
- 24 Sounding like one has a cold
- 25 Old Turkish title
- 26 Otherworldly
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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Balance physical work with social demands. Consider the consequences of inaction. Can you work from home? Collaborate with your team to spread out the work. Take their ideas into consideration. They come through for you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Important people are watching. Do the homework before speaking. Make sure you

know what you're talking about. You learn quickly. Follow an older person's advice. Don't throw your money around. Reaffirm a commitment. Make a good impression.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Friends help you advance. Check out an interesting suggestion. Keep it practical. You can find what you need. Get family to help. Obtain necessary materials. Feed everyone who shows up. Show a skeptic about love.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Little successes breed self-esteem. Money flows to you. Argue your points in your head first. Don't make anything public yet. Play by the rules. Be willing to get your hands dirty. Flex your artistic muscles.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Make your preparations very carefully. Add structure. Use something you've been saving. Send someone ahead to set up. Keep secrets and confidences. Trust your own good sense. Imagine the whole thing working out perfectly.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Tidying up makes a good impression. Do the work that nobody will see. Move ahead slowly to avoid mistakes. Gain through private transactions. Make sure your partner is in agreement. Show respect and gain love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 5 -- In a disagreement about priorities, get a second opinion. Another obstacle presents itself. Additional financing

is available, through compromise. Emotions could run high. Let associates hold down the fort. Watch your step, and wear the right shoes.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Sort, file and organize papers. Invest in fixing your place. Make plans and secure bids for comparison. Determine budget and materials, and line up financing before knocking down any walls. Get multiple opinions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Travel may include a group event. Ask your network for ideas, and discover practical opportunities. Try not to rush to the conclusion. Spend time with your partner. Get out and enjoy new scenery together. Enjoy the process.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Think about beauty and love. Set long-range goals and create a schedule. Add artistic touches to your home. Enjoy time with dear ones. Share resources and opportunities. Tend the fire. Delegate the details.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Make the commitment. Review your plans for stability. Employ some elbow grease. Keep control of expenses. While you work, think about how to present it. Invent a tagline and short, sassy descriptions. Choose a color scheme.

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Sweet-treat chain opens in Greenville

Danielle Gentry
TEC STAFF

Duck Donuts, an Outer Banks specialty dessert store, has made its way to Greenville, offering some unique treats to East Carolina University students and city residents.

While ECU students were gone for the holiday break, the doughnut franchise opened their doors, giving students an extra incentive to hurry back to Greenville.

Local families packed the Greenville location for the store's opening, where longtime fans said they are excited to have the desserts available locally. Since the opening day, lines have been out the door and the store has been packed full with customers ready to get their hands on a fresh doughnut.

Duck Donuts was named after the city the store originated in, Duck, North Carolina. Known for its made-to-order doughnuts, Duck Donuts offers guests the option to choose their donuts coating, topping, and other additions; such as peanuts and bacon pieces.

After ordering, customers can follow their doughnuts down the line as it goes from batter to fryer, then directly into the hands of the Duck Donut workers, who complete the creation with glazes and toppings of the customer's choosing.

Options are somewhat limited but provide endless combinations. The simple glazed and cinnamon sugar donuts are big sellers, and show off how good the basic donuts are without all the fancy stuff on top.

Some other classic combinations were: Peanut butter icing and chocolate sprinkles, strawberry icing and rainbow sprinkles, as well as maple icing and bacon.

Erin Kelly, senior hospitality management major, said she was blown away with the donuts. "The doughnuts I ordered were amazing, although they were insanely sweet, so I definitely can see why customers classify Duck Donuts as a once in awhile dessert, rather than



Several happy and hungry customers exit the recently opened doughnut location.

their everyday breakfast," said Kelly.

Carly Camilleri, junior physiology major, said she often vacations on the Outer Banks, and she looks forward all year long to a breakfast of freshly made Duck Donuts.

"Now, my doughnut cravings will not have to be limited to while I'm on my vacation time," said Camilleri. Her

doughnut of choice was a classic chocolate icing with rainbow sprinkles.

The Duck Donuts in Greenville is located across from the Greenville Mall, on Arlington Boulevard, and will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., seven days a week.

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ALBUMS to look forward to IN 2016

ARVANNA SMART & KAI JONES
TEC STAFF

Future

In 2015, Future released one solo album titled "DS2" and a joint mixtape with Drake titled, "What a Time to be Alive." Both albums climbed billboard charts as number one. Future became red hot behind the fuel of "Monster," "Beast Mode," and "56 Nights" mixtapes along with the aforementioned albums. "DS2" and other projects helped Future return to his roots. It is expected that Future will keep up the tempo with "Beast Mode 2" and "Ape S---" from 2015.

Kendrick Lamar & J. Cole

In the past couple of years, it has been rumored and begged for that Kendrick Lamar and J. Cole make a joint album as they both have become fan favorites when it comes to hardcore rap about politics, growing up, and social issues. With both on one album, titled "Parental Advisory", it could be a mixture of social issues and everyday stories about growing up that could be an award winning album.

Drake

In 2015, Drake opted out of releasing a solo album and went the route to release a solo mixtape and joint mixtape with Future. He also had numerous hits like "Hotline Bling," "Back to Back," "Energy," and "Jumpman." Drake also gained steam after having a very successful battle with fellow hip-hop star Meek Mill. With the following that Drake has built up, "Views From the 6" should be a very successful album for the 6 god and many expect it to be his best work yet.

Rihanna

Rihanna has not released an album since Unapologetic in 2012. In 2016, Rihanna is going on tour and releasing her newest album Anti. With hit single, "B*** Better have my Money," audiences expect a different more urban sound from Rihanna.

Lil Wayne

For the past couple years, audiences have been clamoring for "Tha Carter 5" to release as the last installment to Lil Wayne's Tha Carter album series. There have been many problems with his label and the album has been pushed back numerous times while Wayne has released mediocre, yet much more inspired, mixtapes than he has dropped in previous years. In 2016, it is hoped that Wayne gets back to the music.

Big Sean

In 2015 Big Sean released "Dark Sky Paradise," his best studio album to date. In this upcoming year it is only expected that Sean continue to venture out and crossover to reach fan bases in different genres, which he started with hits like "One Man Can Change the World," "Blessings," and "I Don't F--- With You."

Kanye West

In 2015, Kanye West had his second child and focused on his fashion ventures with a highly sought after sneaker collaboration with Adidas called "Yeezys." On Jan. 8 he released two songs, "Real Friends" and "No More Parties in LA." These tracks have fans bouncing off the walls with anticipation for his album in 2016 titled "Swish."

Wiz Khalifa

Toward the close of 2015, Wiz released Cabin Fever 3 as the third installment to his Cabin Fever series. Wiz Khalifa also saw much success across genres with the track "See You Again." Khalifa is expected to drop a new album sometime in 2016.

Ariana Grande

In 2015, audiences watched as Ariana Grande dated the rapper Big Sean and stepped into the hip hop genre by doing songs with rappers such as Nicki Minaj and Big Sean. She has removed herself from the kiddie image created from being on television shows on Nickelodeon. With her upcoming album in 2016 titled Moonlight, Ariana Grande will show a more adult like style with her music.

2015 HIP-HOP AWARDS

KAI JONES
TEC STAFF

MVP: Drake

Accomplishments: Multi-million dollar Apple Music deal, 25 singles that charted on Billboard's Hot 100, and only platinum rap album of 2015.

Drake owned 2015, plain and simple. After "giving these boys a shot" in 2014, Drake came out and dominated the airways and boardroom. From charting his entire album on the R&B/ Hip-Hop charts, to signing a deal with Apple worth reportedly 19 million dollars, to bodying rapper Meek Mill, Drake was truly everywhere. Drake proclaimed himself "the King of Pop" and this year built his case, as Drake was arguably the MVP of music in general.

Comeback Player of the Year: Kendrick Lamar

Accomplishments: Best Hip-Hop Album of the Year, 11 2016 Grammy nominations, won 2 Grammy's.

If these awards were based purely on music quality, Kendrick Lamar would easily be the MVP as he released the best hip-hop album in 2015. "To Pimp A Butterfly" incorporated spoken word, jazz, and funk as Lamar crafted an album that examined Lamar's view of his world. While Lamar gave his account of the world, it doubled as a social commentary of the world as a whole. This album made the listener examine their self, and many questioned why Lamar would make an album like this. Why would a platinum selling artist coming off a bonafide classic and 3 year hiatus make an album that was so dense? Lamar was rewarded for his risk with hauling in Grammy nominations that no rapper has ever seen.

Most Improved Of The Year:

Future

Accomplishments: 4 projects, 2 no.1 albums in the year, debuted on Billboard's Artist 100 chart at number 1.

When Future came to Greenville just 15 months ago, the buzz behind the show seemed subpar. Had he come to homecoming this year, he probably would've sold out ASAP. Future's buzz was everlasting in 2015. As he released mixtapes "Monster," "Beast Mode," "56 Nights" in a span of five months; the three tapes showcased Future's abilities to make infectious hooks and relatable verses while spitting a wide variety of flows over trap-sational production. That buzz led to Future's "DS2" being his first no. 1 album in 3 tries. By the time, Future and Drake released "What A Time To Be Alive," Future was a pop culture phenomenon as #FutureHive was birthed on Twitter. Future is already currently working on his case for the 2016 MVP as he has "Beast Mode 2" and "Monster 2" and "Ape Sh--" in the works.

Rookie of the Year: Fetty Wap

Accomplishments: Number 1 album, 6 singles charted on Billboard Hot 100, first act to simultaneously chart first four charting singles in the top 10 of Hot Rap Songs.

Fetty Wap hit the scene like a thief in the night. One moment "Trap Queen" was a "pie" on Twitter, the next he has four of the hottest rap songs out. Before Wap was well known to the world, he received notice from legendary artist Kanye West. West let Wap perform at his Roc City classic show in February, then heavyweight artist Drake remixed his "My Way", along with cosigns from numerous artists lead to Wap's huge rookie year. A rookie year that ended with Wap buying his friend and collaborator Monty a brand new BMW i8 for Christmas; a new car for all those times they slept in Monty's old car together.

The Force awoke the 'Star Wars' series

Jennifer Hines
TEC STAFF

From the minute the first note of the classic theme song is played, audiences are transported across time and space. As the biggest movie in the history of ever, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" did not disappoint.

The iconic film franchise continued this past December, after an entire decade of hoping and waiting, with Episode VII after George Lucas handed over the reins to his beloved series to Disney and director J. J. Abrams.

Ken Wyatt, associate professor of film and media production, felt that the production value of the movie was well worth the cost of admission. "I saw it in 3D," said Wyatt. "Many action movies lack a story, but Star Wars still has the story line."

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" is a continuation of the old storyline in a new generation. While new cast members, locations, and villains were introduced, there were quite a lot

" It proves how good the first movie was, ... It's timeless. "

-Ken Wyatt

of parallels to the old movies.

From costumes, planes, and lines, the entire movie paid homage to the movies that started it all. But while there are plenty of hints into the past of the original films, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" stands alone as its own movie.

While many find such parallels distasteful and see it as relying too much on its parent movies to continue the story, not having them would make the movie seem like a rip-off. "You have to have parallels," said Wyatt. "It would be unnatural [without them]."

Wyatt compared movie parallels to a new Apple product. "When a new Apple product comes out, there is always something similar

to the version before it," he said.

The use of the same kind of costumes and tricks from the original 1970's movies just shows how well the series has held up throughout time. "It proves how good the first movie was," said Wyatt. "It's timeless."

Costumes and characters were not the only things taken from the original movies. The classic scroll of backstory appeared in the same old font from years ago.

Wyatt himself was impressed with their use of old 1970's screen wipes and felt that they pulled it off flawlessly for a modern movie.

The original Star Wars movies were known for being light years ahead of its time when it

came to special effects and "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" takes up the helm without missing a beat.

According to Wyatt, those deep space shots are hard to create. "Shooting such big aircraft, especially in deep space, is no easy feat," he said. "But they pulled it off spectacularly."

As a fan of the series, it is hard to not be biased when it comes to a new movie. But, taking a step back, it is easy to see why this franchise has come so far.

"Stars Wars" continues to produce a quality storyline, even over the expanse of nearly 40 years, and has the fans to back it up. "This movie did fans justice," said Wyatt.

From the moment all of the old cast members set foot on screen and all of the old props are revealed, audiences know that they are back home in a galaxy far, far away.

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Community groups host art exhibit

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This Tuesday, young artists gets a chance to shine when The Greenville Museum of Art and The Boys & Girls Club (B&G Club) of the Coastal Plain comes together to showcase an exhibit of their member's artwork.

"What this is, is an exhibition featuring students from the Boys & Girls Club," said Charlotte Fitz Daniels, executive director of The Greenville Museum of Art. "We're gonna display the artwork so they will be in our gallery. We wanted to show what amazing artwork these kids created at the centers."

There are five centers in Pitt County including Dr. Ledyard E. Ross Club in Ayden, the Farmville Unit, Jack Minges Unit in Winterville, Jarvis Unit in Uptown Greenville, and the Grady-White Boats/E.R. Lewis Family Unit.

"[The Greenville Museum of Art's] outreach program has really only served the

Jarvis Street Unit consistently because it's just down the road from us," said Daniels. "We go see them twice a month and work with them to create a mural project."

Since the museum wanted to work with all the other centers, they try to plan an event with the B&G Club.

Daniels said they met with Theresa Barefield, director of development for the B&G Club, and Stephanie Reynolds, director of training of outcome and measurement for the B&G "because we wanted to come up with a plan for us to work with the other centers that we really don't get to see as much."

Since there is an art competition that takes place at the B&G Club, they decided to team up with The Greenville Museum of Art to help the students create the artwork. That's how the decision to start this art exhibit was made.

"The decision was to work with the best art students from each of the centers,"

said Daniels. "So we would have maybe the Ayden center, Fire Tower, and Jarvis come in and learn from Gail Ritzer, our teacher. She was the main person that worked with them on the art projects."

These will be the artwork that will be up on display at the exhibit. It includes a variety of artform that the children have worked on.

"We worked on a colored pencil project," said Daniels. "We did a sculpture day project, we did a painting project. The six to eight year olds worked on a group project together, and the really little kids worked on a mixed media collage."

The main focus of this event is to show the artwork of the children and celebrate the partnership of the two organizations.

"We want to make these kids' lives even richer," said Daniels. "I hope that people see what a wonderful group of kids we have been working with and how talented they are. We want to showcase these wonderful work,

showcase our partnership, and sharing with the community."

Daniel's said, "Really, you're as good as the people you work with, partnership is a huge aspect of what makes us a great museum. That's why we wanted to celebrate the partnership that The Greenville Museum of Art and the B&G Club have had since 2003 "

Not only will this exhibit be showcasing the artwork of the children, it is a meet and greet with the new CEO of the B&G Club of the Coastal Plains, Jamie J. Cooper. The Board of Trustees will be attending, and everyone in the community is invited to come.

The exhibit will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the Greenville Museum of Art. Refreshments will be provided, and the event is free.

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Kenwick Thompson

Defensive coordinator/LB coach



Thompson served as associate head coach at Vanderbilt, helping a defense that allowed two points per game.

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Special teams coordinator



Moore helped FIU rank among the nation's best with a 10.8 yard average on punt returns.

Antonio King

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The former head coach of Durham Hillside high school, King led the Hornets to a state championship in 2010.

Phil McGeoghan

Wide receivers coach



McGeoghan was the receivers coach with the Miami Dolphins before joining Montgomery's staff.

Geep Wade

Offensive line coach



Wade served as Middle Tennessee's offensive line coach, helping it rank atop the nation in both rushing and passing.

Deke Adams

Defensive line coach



Adams developed six NFL draft picks since 2013 while coaching the defensive line at South Carolina.

Rick Smith

Secondary coach



A hold over from Ruffin McNeil's staff, Smith was responsible for the defensive playcalling duties for the past three seasons.

Midseason turnaround

Pirates look to put poor start behind

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

The old saying goes, sometimes it's better to be good than lucky, but East Carolina's women's basketball team just hasn't been lucky this season.

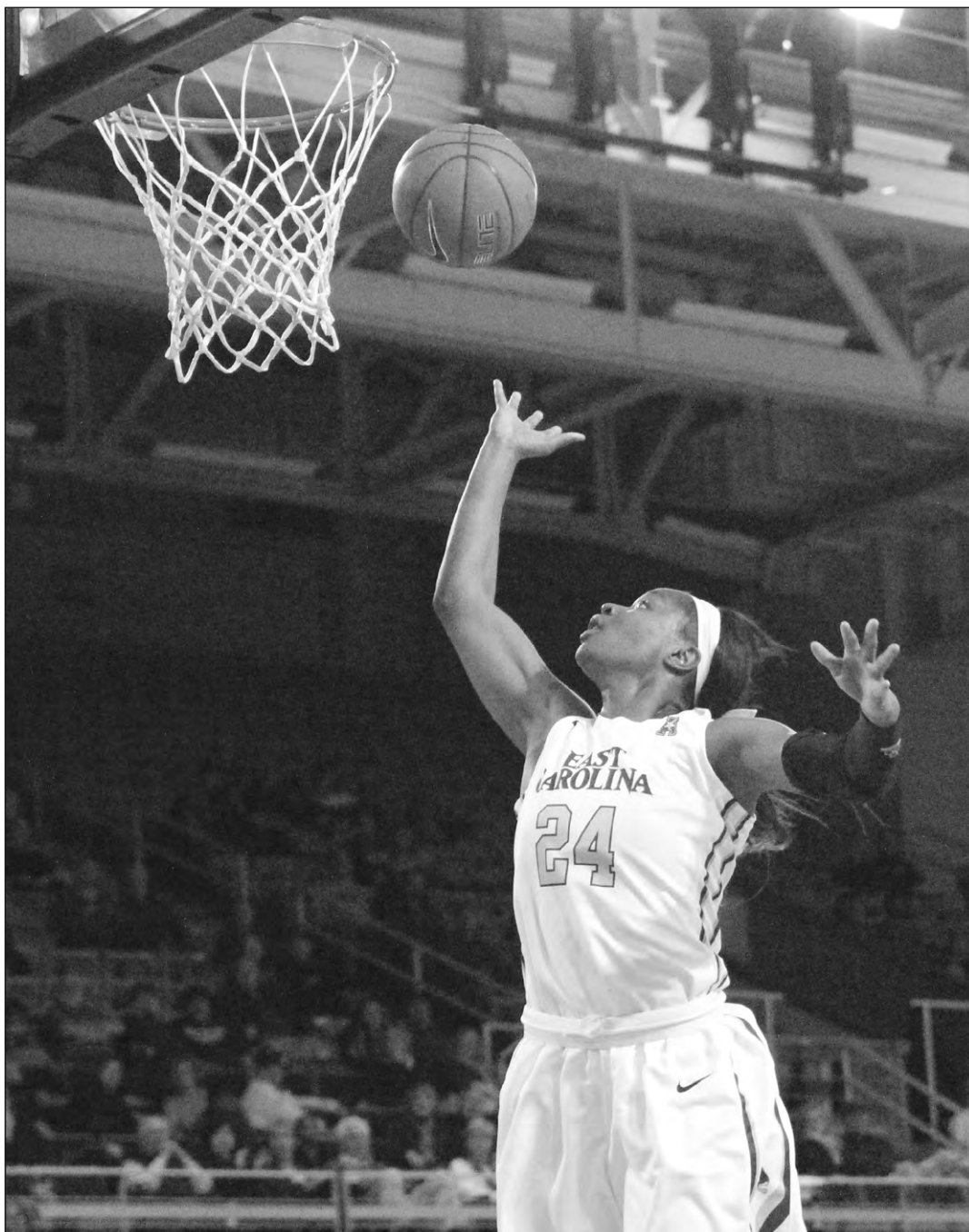
The Pirates have played in 16 games, 12 of which resulted in double-digit victories by the winner. The Pirates pulled in a record of 7-5 in those games. The reason for the Pirates 7-9 overall record is because the Pirates have come up short in tight games.

"We haven't had any bouncing balls bounce our way," said Pirates head coach Heather Macy.

The Pirates are 0-4 in one possession games this season. From I'Tiana Taylor's missed layup against nationally ranked Northwestern to Jada Payne's missed eight-foot jumper to tie the game against Ohio, the Pirates just haven't been able to buy a break. Macy is optimistic about her team's chances going forward however.

"It's been a really tough stretch," said Macy. "[But] we're having some really great practices. I think we're learning a lot. We will be back stronger than ever, and peak at the right time."

Macy also says that inexperience is a big factor in



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> **WOMEN'S** page A11 Senior I'Tiana Taylor lobs a shot in the paint in a previous contest. Taylor averages 9.6 rebounds per game.



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> **WOMEN'S** page A11 Sophomore guard B.J. Tyson drives the lane looking for a score against an opposing defender.

Unbeaten Mustangs up next

Allison Jobe
TEC STAFF

As East Carolina prepares for its first home game since three straight conference road games, it hopes to give Southern Methodist University an end to its perfect season.

The Pirates are looking to put a stop to their three straight conference losses as they host SMU at home Wednesday, January 13.

"On the road, we've had multiple opportunities in the last three minutes of games in close games and haven't been able to finish," ECU head coach Jeff Lebo said. "We've got to have guys who are going to be able to make some plays in the last three minutes of a game."

SMU (14-0, 3-0 AAC) and ECU (8-8, 0-3 AAC) will have their 12th meeting, with the Mustangs holding a 7-4 series lead. SMU won both of the matchups against ECU last season, including a 74-68 victory in the quarterfinals of the American Athletic Conference Tournament.

The Mustangs are averaging 81.1 points, which is the second in the AAC while shooting 51.9 percent, which is first in AAC. SMU also had at least four double-digit scorers in 11 of 14 games.

SMU is leading the American in 10 of 21 statistical rankings, while only second in three others. The Mustangs are No. 15 in the AP Top 25. The Mustangs finished 27-7 last season, winning The American regular season and tournament championships.

SMU's Nic Moore won a gold medal with Team USA at the World University Games over the summer. Last season Moore averaged 14.5 points, which was fourth in the AAC.

The Mustangs are at 51.9 percent shooting while holding opponents to 38.7 percent. SMU also led the AAC and was fifth nationally in a margin between field goal percentage and field goal defense,

ECU falls to Owls

Craig Moyer
TEC STAFF

A close first-half ended in an 18-point loss for the Pirates men's basketball team, as it dropped yet another road game Saturday, this time to conference opponent Temple.

East Carolina controlled the game throughout most of the first half of play, until Temple snatched its momentum on a last-second shot entering halftime, and ran away with a 78-60 win over the struggling Pirates.

The defeated marked the team's third consecutive loss to open conference play, after dropping contests against Central Florida and Tulsa last week.

The Pirates (8-8, 0-3 AAC) turned in a strong shooting performance in the first half to build a 38-33 lead over the Owls. ECU shot 59.3 percent from the field in the half, including 66.7 percent, from behind

the three-point arc.

The Pirates shooting performance cooled off significantly in the second half, as the team only shot 31 percent from the field, including 29 percent from three.

Temple's head coach Fran Dunphy expected the Pirates exceptional shooting performance in the opening half to slow down as his team's defense began to improve.

"I thought they made great shots in the first half, but I thought that it would come down a little bit, but I thought our defense was zeroed in and I thought our guys did a pretty good job in that second half," Dunphy said.

After the Pirates controlled the game for most of the opening half, a buzzer-beating three-pointer gave Temple the momentum heading into the locker room, something that Dunphy said was huge in swinging the momentum

back to his Temple's side.

"I thought that was the biggest play of the game and I thought our defense was good there," Dunphy said.

That momentum carried over into the second half as the Owls started the half on a 9-0 run to take a 42-38 lead over the Pirates.

Pirate freshman Kentrell Barkley seemed to give the Pirates a spark with a strong finish at the rim after being fouled hard. He converted the free throw to finish the three-point play and give ECU a 46-45 advantage with 14 minutes to play, its last lead of the game.

The game was tied 50-50 with 11 minutes left to play before the Owls used a 21-4 run over the next seven minutes to take a 71-54 lead over the Pirates. 21 before a three-pointer by Barkley in

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WOMENS

continued from A10

these close game loses, as last year her team was 2-3 in those one-possession games.

"We only have three returning players," said Macy. "Majority of our team hasn't been in these scenarios. We've missed some crucial free throws, we need to knock down open looks, and get stops in the final possessions."

Before the season, Macy had lofty goals for her team, as she said she wanted to make the Sweet 16, even though the Pirates have never won a game in the NCAA tournament.

Last year's team made the second round of the WNIT, and was 10-6 through its first 16 games. This year's

" We've missed some crucial free throws, we need to knock down open looks... "

-Heather Macy

team has played a tougher schedule however, as the Pirates have already played three nationally ranked teams. And with two games against Geno Auriemma and No. 1 UConn remaining, it will make at least five games against nationally ranked teams, not including who they could face in the conference tournament.

Being on the road certainly hasn't helped, as the Pirates have only played four games at home this season. It's now hard to imagine

that the Pirates can make the NCAA tournament, as last year's tournament only welcomed 12 teams with 10 or more losses, with the majority of those teams winning its conference tournaments or from the Power 5 conferences.

Even if this year isn't the breakout year that Macy imagined, it can still turn things around if the team peaks at the right time.

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SMU continued from A10

The Pirates will rely on junior guard Caleb White, who is one of only two players in the conference to rank among the top-10 in free throw percentage and 3-point field goal percentage.

Last season, White averaged 12.2 points per game and he was ranked third in the American in 3-point field goal percentage.

The Pirates played one of their best halves of the season to start the game against Temple, shooting 59.3 percent from the field and nailed six of their nine 3-pointers.

Junior forward Clarence Williams scored 10 of his career-high 12 points prior to halftime, while White had 11 first half points and finished with 14. In the end, Temple put a stop to the Pirates' and took a 78-60 victory.

With the Mustangs being led by hall of famer Larry Brown, they will have to bring the pressure. Brown is the only head coach to win both an NCAA title and an NBA Championship. However, the team is ineligible to make the conference or national tournament, following an NCAA investigation.

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OWLS continued from A10

the closing seconds.

The Owls tied their season-best shooting performance, shooting 50 percent from the field, including 39 percent from behind the arc.

Caleb White, 14, and Clarence Williams, 12, were the only two Pirates to score in double figures, while the Owls had four

players in double figures, led by Quenton DeCosey with 24. White and Williams both shot the ball well as they were a combined 10-of-18 from the field including 6-of-9 from three.

Kentrell Barkley and B.J. Tyson, two of ECU's top three scorers this season, only recorded six points each on a combined 5-of-13 from the field.

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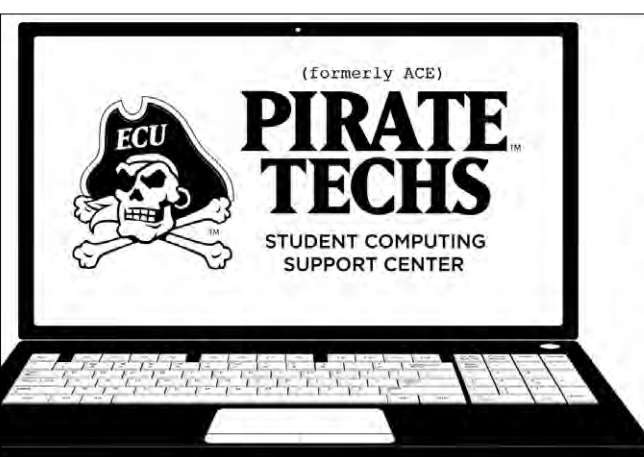


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ECU high jumper Avion Jones gets ready for a jump. Jones is looking to replicate his production in order to repeat as an All-American.

Jones eyes senior year

Gerin Honeycutt
TEC STAFF

Senior high jumper Avion Jones is eyeing success as the 2016 indoor track season approaches, although there aren't many more accolades he can add to his collection on the collegiate level.

That success, however, won't be dictated on anything other than hard work. The All-American has worked his way to the top of the ECU rankings throughout his career.

"You don't become an All-American by luck," said coach Curt Kraft.

After clearing a personal best of 7 feet 4 inches and being named a first team All-American for the second year in a row, Jones has noticed the tables have turned his way since transferring to East Carolina from Virginia Military Institution post freshman year.

"People are after me now, I'm not at the bottom chasing them now. I can't procrastinate and play games with it," Jones said.

Although Jones might have a target on his back, if he improves like he has each year since his sophomore year, which is an average of about two inches, then he shouldn't have a problem with anyone

catching up to him.

A high jumper is lucky to improve two inches during his whole career. Compare that to Jones' five and a half increase, or two per season and it signifies how he earned his All-American honors.

"He sets an example for other people on the team, he's kind of a quiet leader," said Kraft. "He raises the level of expectations for everybody else on the team. Actions speak louder than words with him."

Jones seems to be gifted in what he does, so much so that during indoor season, when it is raining, he doesn't have anywhere to practice his steps for high jumps due to the lack of an indoor high jumping pit. Since he doesn't have that luxury, he'll spend the whole week practicing his other event, the triple jump.

Jones has arrived to plenty of indoor track meets without having practiced his steps or found a rhythm, yet still manages to dominate against quality competition. Jones puts in the time and effort outside of practice and most teammates know he probably wins most of his meets through his work outside the pit, in the weight room.

"The weight room was really a big part," Jones said. "The days I wanted to not go and skip, I just

thought about other people, they're not taking any days off you know, so in order for me to get to that next level I just got to stay on top of it and make sure I'm doing more than everyone else is doing."

Jones also said even though he stayed in the weight room constantly, it wasn't the big weights that made him the athlete he is. It was the high reps, stretching and great training program he is involved in.

"Once you're comfortable and actually believe you can do it, one day you'll wake up and everything you put together will finally come together," Jones said.

Being a conference champion and an All-American are huge feats as it is, but Jones isn't done and knows the last collegiate honor he will seek will be a National Championship.

After Jones graduates many Americans could be seeing him in the 2020 Olympic games, as he competed in the junior Olympics and managed to come within five inches of Olympic high jumpers last year.

"He's the best all time I've ever had in my 31 years of coaching," said Kraft.

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Tennis ready for spring

Corey Jones
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina Pirates men's tennis team prepares to open its 2016 spring season on Jan. 18 against Longwood in Greenville, NC.

The Pirates wrapped up their fall season in early November, as they are coming off of a two-month break from competition.

"Over break we have just been running, trying to stay in shape for the spring season and playing tennis back home," sophomore Kasey Countee said. "Nothing too special, just trying to maintain physical shape and gain momentum."

One standout player to watch for the spring season will be senior Tendai Tapfuma, as he concluded his fall campaign with a team-best 7-2 overall singles mark, which left him with confidence entering their dual match season.

"I had a great fall season, played well and it was probably one of my best fall seasons as I went 7-2," Tapfuma said. "Being a senior I felt

more experienced and confident going through each match, which helped me a lot."

The Pirates finished their fall season with a 41-29 record in singles and 10-13 in doubles.

Some key opponents for the spring are Georgia Southern, George Washington, and UNC Greensboro.

"Each time we faced these teams we either beat them but it was close or we lost to them and it was close and we are playing them at home this year," Tapfuma said.

The Pirates lost a close, 4-3 match to George Washington last spring season at the Southeast Tennis Center. ECU kept the match close before Cahit Kapukiran defeated the Pirates' Fredric Lehfeldt in three sets to give George Washington the win.

"I was proud of our guys, they always put in great effort," ECU head coach Shawn Heinchon said. "We fought hard out there, just came up a little short."

The Pirates cannot wait to get back on the courts for actual play, as Countee says he is confident and

looking forward to the season.

"I am excited and have been looking forward to the spring season for a while," Countee said. "We have a young team so I think it is going to be a challenge but again, I am excited. I am really looking forward to playing George Washington because I have some friends on the team and I want bragging rights."

Standards are set high this season, as the team and coaches are already looking forward to being seeded high for the conference championship. Another key opponent is Tulsa as ECU expects to face them again in the American Athletic Conference Men's Tennis Championship.

The Pirates' spring season last year ended with a 4-0 loss to No. 2 seed Tulsa in the quarterfinals of the 2015 AAC Championships. The seventh-seeded Pirates dropped straight-sets ending the match on the top three positions during the match.

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Pirates utilize winter training

Kayla Morton
TEC STAFF

Every year, college swimmers and divers across the country return early from winter break in order to embark on a winter training trip, preparing them for the conference championship that is just five short weeks later.

The East Carolina swim and dive team returned December 28, traveling to Jupiter, Florida, helping it get a jump on training for the conference championship in Houston, Texas on February 17.

These winter training trips are designed to give competitors more strenuous workouts and test physical as well as mental toughness by doubling normal workouts every single day.

“Coaches are really trying to keep motivation and team effort high because we are training so much more and it is easy for some people to get discouraged early on the trip,” captain Julien Dodu said.

ECU attended a local 50-meter pool in the heart of Jupiter, Florida, along with Johns Hopkins College located in Baltimore, Maryland. The NCAA protocol requires any team that goes on a training trip to compete in some sort of competition. Johns Hopkins made it simple on ECU, allowing the Pirates to compete against it.

“Since we are on break we can really focus on our swimming and group dynamics,” senior swimmer Austin Taylor said. “The most helpful part about



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A member of the ECU swim and dive team swims the butterfly at a previous meet. The Pirates trained in Jupiter, Florida, this winter.

[the] training trip is the amount of hard work we put in during our practices.”

However, the meet that both teams competed in was nothing like any college-level meet. According to Taylor, the NCAA does not have any type of requirement for how many events or how many swimmers must compete. The league basically wants to focus on key fundamentals that will be more strictly stressed in the upcoming meets, such as the conference championship.

According to USA Swimming, new regulations were created during the 2013 season, but were updated further for the 2015 season. Although only minor adjustments, swimmers as well as divers were given this time to get acclimated to the new adjustments.

On September 1, 2015, a new officiating program designed to educate swim & dive officials provided

various resources that introduced and explained the new guidelines.

ECU and Johns Hopkins only competed in four events at the meet, a men’s and women’s 200-meter medley relay and a men’s and women’s 200-meter freestyle relay. Normal meets would incorporate all four individual strokes, an individual medley, and the relays that were practiced at this training

meet. But because this meet was not official, it was not scored nor was it timed, which only emphasizes the fundamental work.

“This trip helped [us] get in shape, and since we were doing long course, it helped with endurance for distance races,” Dodu said.

With not having to worry about a real meet for times during the trip swimmers were able to focus on personal things

that they felt they needed or wanted to improve. Many made changes with body

positions, stroke counts, turns, starts and more.

“The training trip has been a big change in terms of how I fixed my body position while swimming freestyle,” Dodu said. “During other training trips, I’ve put a lot of emphasis on my shoulders and this year I’ve focused more on overall body position for power.”

After returning back to Greenville from their Florida trip, the Pirates will face Old Dominion on January 16, allowing them to showcase their new training techniques in their first real meet of the new year.

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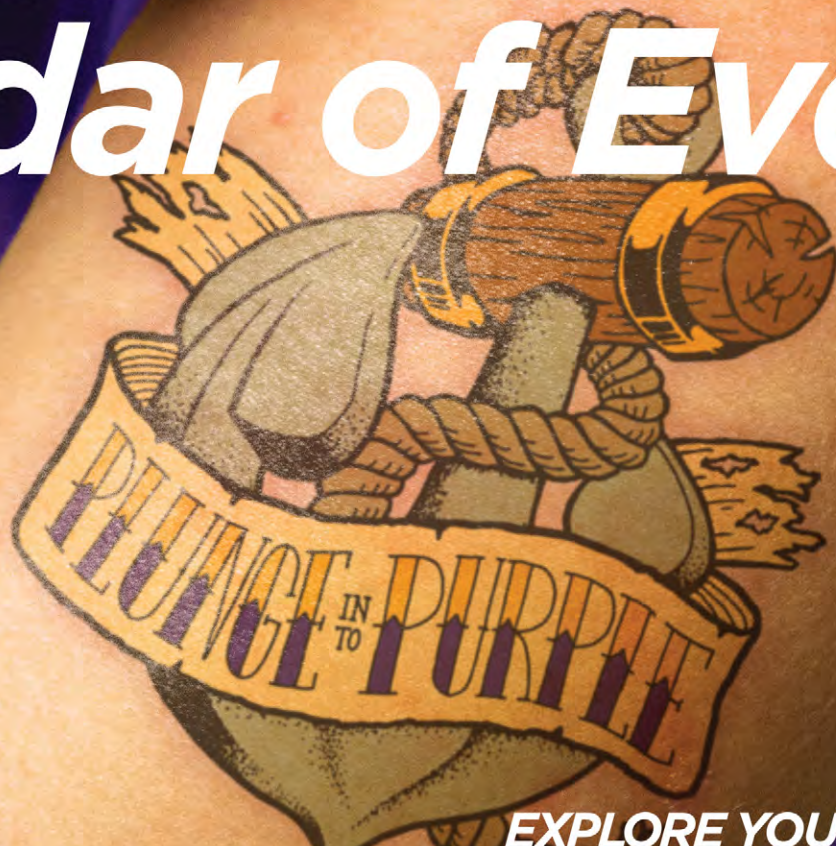
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January 25 • 12:00pm • The Galley

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January 25 • 4:00pm • SRC

More events to come during **January and February**

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