

Programs' fate heads to Board

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East Carolina University has requested for the UNC Board of Governors to discontinue the Bachelor of Arts in art history and appreciation and the Bachelor of Science in school health education degree programs.

ECU is asking to discontinue both programs “due to low productivity” as the Committee on Educational Planning and Policies and Programs states in the meeting minutes from Thursday. The discontinuation of the two programs will allow for the current

five students in each program to still progress towards their degree completion via the teach-out plan.

Since courses in art history will still be offered as part the Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art education degree programs, the current faculty will be not be reassigned or fired.

However, due to the discontinuation of the Bachelor of Science in school health education, it will “result in the reassignment of 1.5 full-time equivalent faculty to teach in the BS in public health studies” program.

ECU has also requested that

“to improve efficiency and productivity” the Master of Arts in Education in English and Master of Arts in history education be discontinued and the components of these two programs be consolidated into one new program: Master of Arts in education in curriculum and instruction.

According to the committee’s meeting minutes, “students in the current program will experience no disruption in their program of study during the transition to these merged degree programs.”

Students who are currently enrolled in these degree programs

will still be allowed to complete their degrees under the current structure and would allow new students to choose English education and history education as part of their concentrations within the new degree.

As stated in the UNC Policy Manual, the UNC campuses and UNC General Administration “review degree program offerings and bring periodic discontinuation recommendations to the UNC Board of Governors.”

During Thursday’s meeting, the committee reviewed the requests made by ECU and have

recommended the BOG approve both the discontinuation of the two programs and the consolidation of the masters programs.

The regularly scheduled BOG meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather on Friday but a special session will be held today at the Center for School Leadership Development in Chapel Hill. BOG will be presented with the report by the committee at that meeting today and are expected to vote then.

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Members of Student Government Association student assembly listen to a speaker at yesterday's meeting in Mendenhall Student Center.

SGA prepares for 2016 campaign trail

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East Carolina University’s Student Government Association, along with the SGA Elections Committee held an election orientation last night for students interested in running for a position in the upcoming SGA elections.

The main focus of the meeting was to discuss the specific roles of each SGA position, as well as the new election process. Students will be able to run for one of three positions in the spring student body SGA elections: president, vice president and student assembly member.

The Student Assembly will include a total of 60 seats: two for each of the 14 college departments, four upfront positions and 28 at large positions.

“SGA gives you the opportunity to be a voice for students and expand your experience as a student at ECU,” Chelsea Scott, SGA Student Body Secretary said.

SGA recently changed its previous constitution after gaining enough support from students. The new constitution not only changed what was previously known as the senate to the student assembly but it also made all executive positions part of the assembly, other than president and

vice president.

The new constitution also combined the positions of president and vice president, making them part of a one-ticket system, meaning students would vote for both positions as a package deal.

Filing for positions will open at 8 a.m. on Jan. 27 and will close at 5 p.m. on Feb. 5. The candidate debate will be on Feb. 24 in Hendrix Theater at 6 p.m. and will be a chance for all students running for an executive position to reach out to the

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GPD deals with larceny problems

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In the first month of the new year, larceny crime has become a frequent event around Greenville and East Carolina University.

According to the Greenville Police Department, there have been 35 reported cases of larceny, as of Jan. 24. Each of these cases occurred in the Greenville area. Specifically, all of the 35 cases were within two miles of main campus.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Report, in 2014, the city had the ninth highest number of larceny reports in the state of North Carolina. In 2014, the GPD handled more larceny cases than that of High Point, Concord and Cary. Greenville had the fourth most larceny cases of all North Carolina cities with universities larger than 20,000 enrolled students. Only Charlotte, Fayetteville and Greensboro had more reports of larceny than Greenville.

A number of the larcenies since the beginning of the year took place in close proximity to off campus housing. The areas surrounding Copper Beech Townhomes, 33 East Apartments, Pirates Place and other off campus housing locations have seen multiple incidents of larceny.

Off campus students are not the only group susceptible to larceny related incidents. As of Jan. 24, there have been multiple larceny reports filed

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Beer Festival tradition continues

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The Beer Army Foundation’s sixth annual Jolly Skull Beer and Wine Festival featured more than 50 American craft microbreweries and wineries, and offered over 125 beers and wines at the Greenville Convention Center last weekend.

Some of the more common microbreweries featured at the event were Duck Rabbit, Shock Top, Aviator and Carolina Brewing Company.

Adam Shoulars, senior construction management major, said it was his first time attending the festival but he would consider going again in the future.

“I’ll definitely be returning,” said Shoulars. “It was a great atmosphere with a lot of friendly people and good beer for a cheap price.”

Shoulars also said he made it a point

to try different beer and wine he hadn’t tried before and he ended up enjoying majority of them.

Other festival goers, like Merrick Adams, a senior art major, were impressed by the wide selection of breweries participating in the event.

“From small local breweries to nationally known breweries, there was a good selection for everyone,” said Adams. “It was also a great way to meet new people who shared a common appreciation for hand crafted beer.”

Entertainment was provided by DJ Dog with a guest appearance from Nashville recording artist Bryan Mayer as well as a photo booth for attendees to use. There was food available to purchase throughout the day. All proceeds from the day went to the Beer Army Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by Dustin Canestorp, a veteran and self-proclaimed beer enthusiast.

Prior to the event, the Beer Army Foundation was prepared to sell 500 VIP and 3,000 total tickets.

Individuals who bought VIP tickets were able to enter the event over an hour earlier than people who purchased general admission. The VIP ticket holders also received a pint glass instead of a smaller, 4 oz., glass that general admission ticket holders were given.

Although the VIP ticket holders were automatically given the special limited edition large glass for their beer and wine sampling, the full size collector glass was available for general admission ticket holders to purchase.

There was also a designated driver ticket option for a lower price so the event-goers had an easy option to drink responsibly.

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An attendee holds a beer. The festival is in its sixth year.

BRIEFS

SGA funding workshop to be held today

The makeup funding workshop for student organizations seeking funds from the Student Government Association will be held today.

The event begins at 4:30 p.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center, Room 244. In order to apply for funding through SGA, the treasurer of the organization must attend one of the workshops. Today is the final such workshop.

Committee meeting location changed

The location of Thursday's Chancellor Search Committee's meeting has been changed. The Chancellor Search Committee will now meet at 12 p.m. on Thursday in Great Rooms 1 and 2 in Mendenhall Student Center.

The purpose for this gathering is for the committee to meet with senior leadership of the UNC System and to continue planning various aspects of the search process as well as conduct candidate interviews.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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Cervical cancer awareness month brings dangers of HPV to light

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January is the month for cold weather, flu season, but it is also cervical cancer awareness month.

Cervical cancer is uncontrolled overgrowth of the cells of the cervix. Most cases of cervical cancer involve the same type of cells that are found in our skin, the squamous cells.

Although cervical cancer is incredibly rare in women under 21-years-old, this is the time students should be most concerned with prevention.

It is caused by exposure to human papillomavirus (HPV), which is a virus passed from person to person during sexual contact,

said Keith Nelson, department of obstetrics and gynecology for the ECU Brody School of Medicine.

Nelson recommends that students should get vaccinated against HPV as early as possible. Ideally, students should be vaccinated before they ever have sex for the first time and they should also avoid smoking, which can double a person's risk of cervical cancer.

Having more partners can increase the risk of being exposed to HPV. This suppresses the immune system and increases the risk of HPV exposure progressing to cancer. Methods of contraception, such as condoms offer protection against contracting many types of sexually transmitted infections.

Women should have regular pap smear testing, which begins at age 21. Most cases of cervical cancer can be prevented early by screening programs and HPV vaccination. The purpose of a pap test is to identify people who might have early signs of precancerous changes in their cervical cells, and give them an opportunity to do something about it before it ever turns into a dangerous problem.

The Brody School of Medicine offers a unique referral clinic for any kind of genital tract dysplasia. Dysplasia is a term that refers to abnormal changes in cells, including the types of change that if untreated could lead to cervical cancer, said Nelson.

"Patients from all over eastern North Carolina are referred to our clinic for further evaluation and treatment of abnormal pap testing using the latest recommendations from the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology," said Nelson. "Our hope is to meet each patient's needs for medical care while also ensuring that they truly understand the process of cancer prevention and treatment."

Nelson recommends that patients become vaccinated, protect their body from exposure and maintain a healthy lifestyle to keep their immune systems functioning well.

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Brody researchers seek to track drug use

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Three researchers from the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University are producing online surveys to get feedback from students on drug use in eastern North Carolina.

Thomas Penders, Cornel Stanciu and Peter Ganpat began hypothesizing for their experiment over three years ago.

The idea came from an addiction psychiatrist in London, Adam Winstock, who created an app called Drug Meter that tracks personalized feedback on the user's drug use.

The Brody doctors saw Winstock's experiment and wanted to incorporate the experiment in the United States.

The purpose of this anonymous survey is to gain insight on online drug surveys designed

to monitor statewide trends with substances.

This experiment will help create a map and track where exactly drugs are most commonly used in eastern North Carolina.

When you go to the website, there are three choices to choose from, marijuana, synthetic marijuana and synthetic cathinones, otherwise known as bath salts.

"We choose to pick those three drugs because those are the most problematic substances," said Stanciu.

After selecting a drug, you are asked demographic questions, along with a description of that drug.

The survey then continues by asking how much you use on a typical day and the method of how the drug was taken: smoking, eating, etc. It also examines the amount of money you spend.

"This gives us an idea of how much money is flowing in and out and gives people idea how much they are actually spending," said Stanciu.

After calculating how long you have done this drug, the survey provides feedback on how much money and how much of that drug you have consumed within the past year. This data not only helps researchers, but it helps the user.

"We are hoping this will be an eye opening experience. This isn't just a surgery for us, it's a way to provide some education," said Stanciu.

The survey also asks about the activities one engages in while under the influence of the drug, like driving.

"This shows what kind of risk they are putting themselves in and how often does this happen,"

said Stanciu.

Stanciu along with his colleagues hope this survey becomes viral to collect more data. After a certain number of applicants have completed the survey, they want to activate another feature that would provide more feedback.

The location feature would be customized for Greenville, North Carolina, and you could see the rank and how you compare to the surrounding users.

"Once we have more data, we can provide more individualized feedback," said Stanciu.

In the future, Stanciu and his colleagues want to turn this into a mobile app so users can access it easily.

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students. This Wellness Passport event is a chance for students running for assembly spots to get student body recognition.

The SGA Elections Committee is made up of 12 students that ran for the role last fall.

The committee is overseen by chair Lily Falconer, sophomore political science major, and SGA Elections Committee

Adviser Chris Cooper. The main goal of the committee is to spread the word to students about SGA elections and make students more interested in becoming a part of SGA.

"We want more people to be aware of SGA, so they can have a greater impact on campus," said Alyssa Pleshe, a member of the SGA Elections Committee.

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with the East Carolina University Police Department. The locations of the reports differ from residence halls to Joyner Library but the most common area for larceny was the Student Recreational Center.

At this time last year, ECU Police was dealing with a smaller number of larceny crime. The department has seen a 20 percent increase in larceny crime from the first 24 days of last year compared to that same time frame this year.

According to Lt. Chris Sutton, Public Information Officer with the ECU Police Department, theft of small items such as cell phones, laptops, Beats headphones or textbooks are very common targets. Because of this, larceny crime is a top priority for the department this year.

"A criminal only needs three elements to exist to commit a crime: knowledge, intent and opportunity. Everyone can reduce their own potential of being a victim of a crime if they reduce the criminal's opportunity," said Sutton.

According to ECU Police, leaving a personal belonging even for a few moments can give a criminal the perfect opportunity to make off with valuable property. Sutton said a common example seen at Joyner Library or other public areas.

"If I am in Joyner Library with an iPhone and MacBook and I leave them unattended to go grab a grande soy salted caramel mocha, I have increased a criminal's opportunity to make me a victim," said Sutton.

According to the department, by taking personal belongings or valuable items with you when leaving an area will eliminate the opportunity for thefts to steal. Along with keeping personal items close at all times, the department encourages students to stop theft opportunities by making "sound" decisions.

Along with ECU Police, the GPD is working hard in 2016 to help cut down on the number of larcenies in the area.

Starting in 2015, the department started a new initiative aimed at cutting down on larcenies and shoplifting and since then, the program has seen large success.

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“I want to live in a democracy but I never want to be offended by anything”I’m sorry you are an idiot

When exactly did Pirate Rants become so terrible?

Can we talk about getting rid of Pirate Rants again? There were 5 last paper. I think they have died.

OH NO! Someone submitted a rant that offended me. I must demand that speech like that be banned!

I don’t understand how anyone under 35 could dislike Bernie Sanders. His ideals are ones I am willing to fight for. Equality. Racial and economic. It’s a no-brainer!

Am I the only one who thinks I’m going to die or forever be stuck in Bate elevators?

If black people make up 13% of the population, why does it make sense that they would get equal representation in awards show nominations?

Good job hiring “Additional Parking Control Officers” instead of buying more land to park/build on

Nothing says “I cannot fathom even the simplest concepts in Economics” more than having a Bernie sticker on your car.

True, but stereotyping an entire group of people and then referring to them as “thugs” actually is racist. #checkmate

Here I am, ready to go to the gym. But guess what? I won’t be able to go to the gym because ECU had to take away all the parking space and now there’s nowhere to park!! How do you expect the campus to “stay healthy” when we can’t even park on campus anymore?!

So...I guess I’m failing this semester since I can’t go to the library anymore because I can’t park anywhere

A few men with assault rifles can’t stand up against the U.S. Military? Why the f*** did we spend so much time in Afghanistan?

Can any of the opinion writers think for themselves or do they just stick with left wing talking points?

Do you even know the meaning of the word “minority?”

Questions regarding rants can be directed to Tyler Kelbaugh at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Poll results

Are minority films underrepresented in the Oscars?

Yes- 31.7%

No- 68.3%

Poll question

Do you enjoy reading Pirate Rants?

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Our view

Dabbing risks NFL’s admirable reputation

Dear Mr. Newton,

Congratulations on your win against the Cardinals Sunday. You and your team deserve to advance to the Super Bowl.

You may be a winner on the scoreboard, but your actions and behavior on the field have made you a loser. Frankly, you need to quit it. You are a role model, how dare you dab on your defeated opponents like that. Did you not consider their feelings first?

Score a touchdown and give the ball to the ref like every-one else in the God darn league, stop giving these little kids a football. Don’t give a football to one eight-year-old if you can’t give it to them all.

You need to start behaving like Chad OchoCinco and Terrell Owens. At least they were classy when they scored.

They never once celebrated. They were professionals. Don’t express joy and excitement when you score. Matter of fact, don’t even celebrate a win. You need to win like a man.

Your antics on the field show that you’re no different than any of the other law breaking troublemakers that play in the NFL. Dancing on that field is a disgrace to everyone that has ever played the game. You are the first player to ever dance and celebrate after you score a touchdown and frankly you need to stop. I would rather have a proper, clean living athlete like Greg Hardy or Vontaze Burfict on my team.

Forget the criminals in the league, forget the concussions and forget everything that actually matters. The great crisis facing the National Football League is you and your silly dance, Mr. Newton.

Pirate Rant tradition still valuable



Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC COLUMNIST

FROM THE OPINION DESK

For years, The East Carolinian has run “Pirate Rants” on every opinion page. These rants have served as the primary method of interaction between our staff and our readers who prefer to remain anonymous.

In recent weeks, however, there seems to be dwindling interest in both sending and publishing Pirate Rants. Given their perceived loss of appeal, there are some members of our staff who are advocating for the removal of Pirate Rants from the paper altogether.

While one could certainly make the argument that Pirates Rants have outstayed their welcome, I believe that Pirate Rants have been and should continue to be an important East Carolina tradition. They give students a way to anonymously interact with our editorial staff, provide a platform for the ECU community to voice their concerns about problems on campus and give some laughs to our reader.

Pirate Rants have long served as the primary way for our readers to provide their thoughts on the job we as an editorial staff are doing. We read all of them, and, after

editing for brevity, libel and profanity, print as many as we can fit, every week, regardless of whether the rant sings our praises or takes potshots at our journalistic integrity. In some cases, Pirate Rants have a strong effect on opinion articles in the paper.

Pirate Rants also give our readers a chance to speak out on topics relevant to the ECU community, whether we’ve written about it or not. Giving students a chance to give their two cents on the new Title IX policy, gun control and the Oscars protest is important. Rants that disagree with opinion articles or new school policies serve as a reminder that there are two sides to every argument, and, in some cases, start a dialogue on campus.

Last year, a full on debate broke out in the Pirate Rants regarding porn-star Carter Cruise. While at first the discussion was centered around whether ECU should embrace her as a member of our community, it transformed into a conversation about the morality of pornography at large. Pirate Rants made that university-wide conversation possible.

At the end of the day, however, the most beloved Pirate Rants are the ones that make readers laugh. Whether it jokes about a painfully awkward professor or pokes fun at absurd situations college student often find themselves in, a good rant makes people trying to get through the day smile and laugh.

A lot of good has come from Pirate Rants, although occasionally they seem to cause more harm than they’re worth. We publish every rant possible, because ultimately they are the student body’s sounding board, but racism and vitriol has become far too common in the forum. Still, as the opinion editor, I feel these rants warrant publishing. They serve as a reminder that, despite coming from a new generation, society still has a long way to go before we can truly say we live in a racism-free world.

Those who think Pirate Rants should be a thing of the past may have a point. One-to-two sentence rants can’t possibly convey the complex ideas that a person has. Using rants as the primary method of interaction between students and The East Carolinian is a system that could be improved on. I encourage more students who want their voices heard to submit Letters to the Editor, which allow more room for complex ideas.

Still, that doesn’t mean there is no longer room for Pirate Rants. Sometimes a few characters is all one needs to send their message. Pirate Rants have plenty of benefits and I do hope that more students will start taking advantage of them by submitting their own.

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Time renders Pirate Rants irrelevant



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A MODEST OPINION

Pirate Rants: A long, proud, and historic tradition of The East Carolinian providing a medium for students of East Carolina University to express their unique perspective on the conditions, events and conversation around campus and Greenville.

Pirate Rants of 2016: A long, overdone and antiquated feature used almost exclusively for the anonymous attack, vilification and complaint of either other contributors or the sponsoring medium as a whole.

In purpose, Pirate Rants provide a service to both the community and readership by providing an open and “mostly” uncensored forum for discussion. They serve The East Carolinian by encouraging active participation from our readership, therego creating a loyalty that in turn markets our medium through these submitters and eventually increases our own reach, market and ability to solicit advertisement. In both of these aspects however, Pirate Rants represents a resounding failure.

Presently the Pirate Rants are filled with

personal attacks, shameless racist remarks and odd, perhaps even disturbing, random statements. The side of our opinion page often reads like the discarded comment section of some obscure YouTube video complete even with one submitter line by line ‘rick-rolling’ the section near the end of last semester.

The only discernable difference between the majority of these comments sections and the rants is the inexplicable sense that we filtered out any constructive conversation. However, the true failure is that we likely didn’t. Overall, this negative atmosphere discourages contributors, and ultimately harms our marketability.

Luckily these problems are diminished by the lack of overall participation. It is becoming increasingly common for our staff to see nights in which we receive less than even the bare minimum of rants being submitted.

The trend is anything but surprising. Pirate Rants thrived in an era where the expression of one’s personal opinion on a social level was a commodity. With the introduction and popularization of social media, it has become more practical and far more effective to simply tweet or write a facebook status. The rants did manage to survive due to the interest of anonymity, but in the recent year the rise of applications such as Yik-Yak and Yeti have far surpassed the capability and audience

that rants boast. What we are left with are the comments that would otherwise be unfit and voted away on these mediums, but are given life within our pages.

There is something to be said for the ethics of providing your readership a way to publish their opinion about your product on the very product itself. I cannot argue against the value of being accountable to the readership we hope to serve, and personally hope that they will continue to moderate our efforts. In fact, I am so invested in this single laudable aspect that I will take a moment here to empower all of those who wish to continue doing so beyond even the imagination of Pirate Rants: @TEC_Newspaper.

Pirate Rants were once a desired and respected feature of our publication that increased its reach, invited participation and overall served our community as a positive and tangible force. They now serve no purpose other than to offend readers and disgrace the name of our editorial staff. The only question before us is whether we wish to allow it to die a slow and disgraceful death in the public eye or remove it with some dignity; but of course that’s just me ranting.

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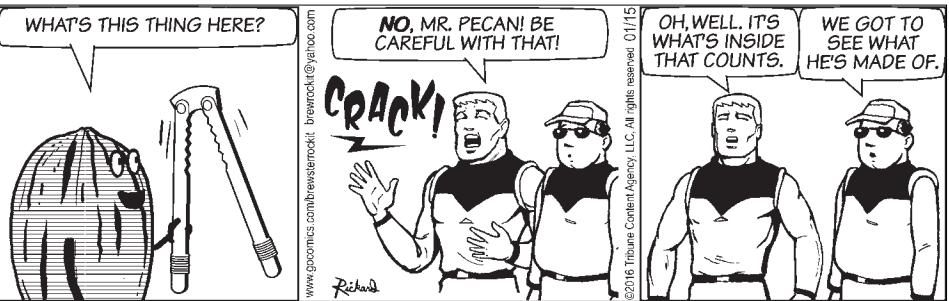
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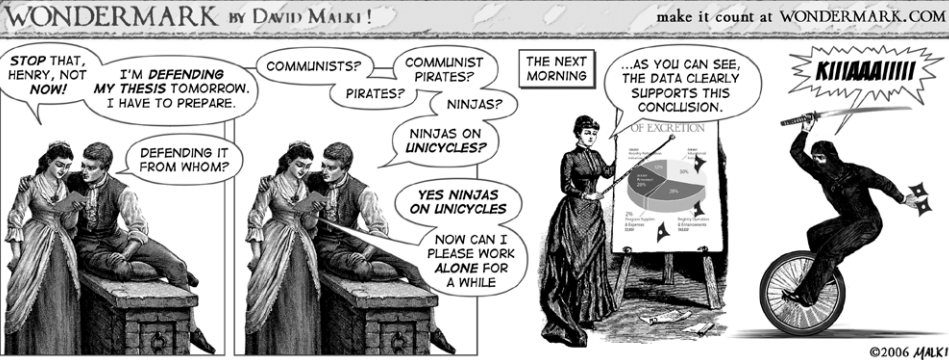
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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Refocus on work today and tomorrow. Dig into a big job. Let others share in the expenses. Avoid distractions. Gamble? Not today. Choose stability over illusion. Practice your talents. Reward yourself with a nature walk.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Come up with creative and unusual ideas. Plan diversions, fun and games. Romance tickles like a feather. Don't assume your secret messages are being received. Get advice from family and friends. Gentle, patient efforts win out.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Domestic projects entice you with delicious flavors and fragrances. Sink into home comforts. Test a new appliance or tool. Insist on the real thing, without straining your budget. A distant acquaintance sparks your imagination. Try exotic recipes.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You're especially clever. Express yourself in words, images and sound. Study the situation. Practice your arts. Send your communications. Welcome contributions from others. Keep things simple and low-cost. Thank everyone involved in the production. Resupply locally.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- The next two days favor bookkeeping and profitable productivity. Keep a practical outlook. Avoid distractions and silly arguments. Resist the temptation to spend all the money you're making. Save up for future dreams. Together, you get farther.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Focus on personal goals, even if you have no idea how. Start with small, achievable steps. Get inventive. Talk to people with relatable experience. Consider a new hairstyle or outfit. Dress for the role you want.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Enjoy privacy and peaceful contemplation. Make plans and organize papers. Talk to your angels. Clear out clutter to create space for what's coming. Pamper yourself with sensual treats like hot water, subtle flavors and fragrances.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Get to work on a team project. Meetings, gatherings and parties go well. Schedule carefully. Work out priorities with everyone in advance, or risk wasted efforts. Build a strong foundation, especially financially, for support.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Enjoy your work today. Abandon theory for practice. Get your hands dirty. Learn by doing. The pace

is picking up, so look sharp and get moving. Keep fulfilling your promises. Don't get stuck on misconceptions or assumptions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Review financial plans, including for the long-term future. Focus on what's in the bag, not what you hope is coming. Keep generating momentum. Replenish reserves, and cut unnecessary spending. Dream big dreams backed by concrete action.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Focus on joint finances. Handle bills, invoices, insurance and investments to keep current. Discover unconsidered savings. Strategize your moves. Collaborate and coordinate efforts for maximum ingress. Completion leads to profits. Beat your deadline.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- A partner's opinion is important, and it's coming straight at you. Push each other past individual limitations. Dance gracefully with unexpected circumstances. Collaborate, negotiate and arrange terms. Discover romance hiding in plain sight.

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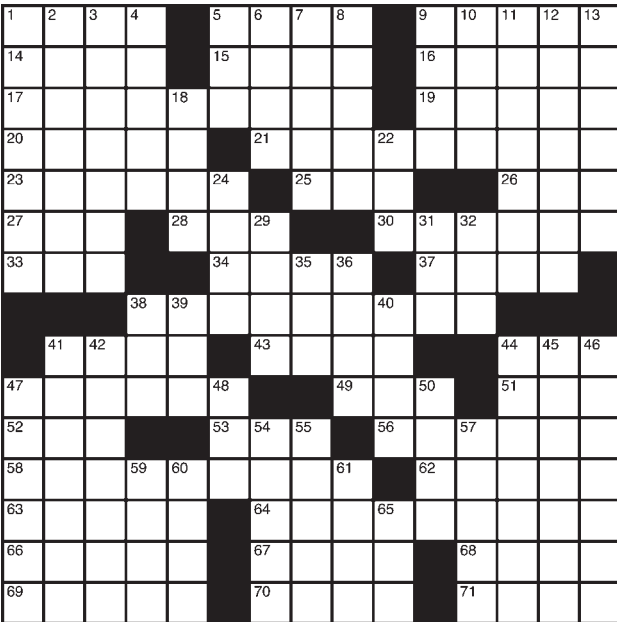
Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Zen garden growth
- 5 Arthur of tennis
- 9 Toss back and forth, as words
- 14 and for all
- 15 Fishing line holder
- 16 Be wild about
- 17 What buck passers "play"
- 19 JCPenney competitor
- 20 Former baseball commissioner Bud
- 21 Holiday song first popularized by Eartha Kitt
- 23 Hits gently
- 25 Arrest
- 26 Maiden name intro
- 27 Holiday threshold
- 28 Weeping, perhaps
- 30 In disagreement
- 33 meat
- 34 "A bit of talcum / Is always

- 37 God of love
- 38 You might stand pat in it
- 41 Auth. unknown
- 43 Back of the neck
- 44 Navig. tool
- 47 Some stoves
- 49 Tailor
- 51 Insistent knock
- 52 Drill insert
- 53 "Mazel"!
- 56 Italian deli sandwich
- 58 Navy stunt pilot
- 62 One with wanderlust
- 63 Countesses' spouses
- 64 Drill sergeant's directive ... and, literally, what the ends of 17-, 21-, 38- and 58-Across can each have
- 66 Rhubarb unit
- 67 Island near Corsica
- 68 Masterful tennis server
- 69 Monica of tennis
- 70 Ultra-fast jets
- 71 Brewed beverages



DOWN

- 1 Many a character in "The Godfather"
- 2 Temporarily not working
- 3 Sold for a quick profit, as tickets
- 4 Loading dock trucks
- 5 Chile neighbor: Abbr.
- 6 Salty waters
- 7 Muscle beach dude
- 8 Court colleague of Ruth and Sonia
- 9 The Crimson Tide
- 10 Very little
- 11 "Impossible"
- 12 Signs of prolonged drought
- 13 "I completely agree!"
- 18 Showbiz clashers
- 22 "Check back later," in a sked
- 24 Grandma
- 29 Light before sunup
- 31 Concert shirt
- 32 Bobby of hockey
- 35 Mother's Day indulgence

Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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- 38 Crime family leader
- 39 Genetic letters
- 40 "___ your chin up!"
- 41 "Have we started yet?"
- 42 Without additives
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- 45 It'll cure all ills
- 46 Little web masters
- 47 Convent overseer
- 48 LIRR stop
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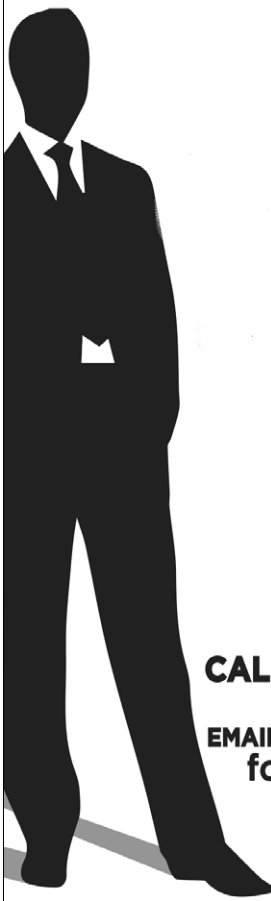
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Career dressing becomes focus for graduates

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For many ECU students graduating this semester, making their first impressions with employers will not only come down to their credentials, but also what they wear. Senior merchandising major and ECU diver, Alex Clark, said wearing the wrong clothing to an interview can make or a break your chances of being hired. "I think that a big mistake young professionals make is that they don't research the company they are getting interviewed," said Clark. "Just like you would cater your resume for a job, you should cater your attire." Clark recently received the Next Generation scholarship and was nominated by the ECU merchandising department to be a part of the National Retail Federation, which allowed him to travel to New York and attend the National Retail Federation "Big Show." "When I was going to the convention, I dressed fairly conservative because you know it is something you're always told to dress and fit the norm," said Clark. The convention allowed Clark to meet with recruiters from big companies like Macy's and make connections for job opportunities. Clark said it gave him some perspective on what to wear and what not to wear. "I realized at the convention that what I was wearing was not going to cut it," said Clark. "I realized I needed to do something that would make me stand out." Trying to stand out from the crowd is important for more creative industries like fashion, but for the corporate setting, standing out is not the way go to. "For those trying to become lawyers or accountants, you're gonna want to dress conserva-

tively," said Clark. A major don't is wearing low cut blouses or over-the-top jewelry to a corporate interview. In this case, going classy is the way to go. "If everyone is wearing a pantsuit, you should too," said Clark. Wearing colorful attire in corporate setting is highly unadvised. Neutral colors and very minimal patterns are the exception. "Especially for men who are dressing professional, wearing pinstripes represents masculinity and power, so when you walk into and interview you'll have the aura of wanting to take charge," said Clark. Clark said paying attention to detail is one of the most important factors when dressing for a corporate career. "Don't walk into an interview and have your shoes unpolished or have chipped nail polish on or even lint on a shirt. Small mistakes like that can be deemed unprofessional easily," said Clark. For those going into the IT field or a start-up company, walking into an interview in corporate attire is not advised. "It is important for this generation to understand that many new companies are trying to break norm," said Clark. "I see many companies leaning towards casual-wear," said Clark. Clark recommended that wearing a suit and tie would not fit in well with this field, but opt for a pair of slim chinos or khakis. For those going into the business-casual fields or office, you don't want to be wearing a casual outfit, but you don't want to be overdressing for the job either. "Think about what you should wear to work and then make it better," said Clark.



KENNA WILLIAMS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

> INTERVIEW page A7 Amber Sturdivant, freshman, prepares for a mock interview.

Local PR group expands business to include music

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

Two East Carolina University alumni continue their journey of success with a new branch to their growing business, Lotus on Demand, or L.E.D., an event planning and promotion firm dedicated to creating unique experiences for people living in the Greenville area, by adding L.E.D. Sounds. Kristopher Montford-Brown, chief operating officer of public relations and event planning for the firm, and Tyree Barnes, chief operating officer of media, started L.E.D. with intentions of hosting events that opened the minds of others. Within the past couple of months the two have managed to keep the promotion firm running while adding new branches to the firm such as L.E.D art and L.E.D Sounds. "I realized we had one source of income, which isn't the way to sustain a business, so I wanted to be able to have multiple branches that way we could be able to implement everyone's dreams," said Montford-Brown. L.E.D Sounds is the most recent branch of the firm, which came about from Montford-Brown's love for music. L.E.D Sounds currently has about five members including one female singer, a male singer, a rapper, a producer and a DJ. "I had previous relationships with most of the members but a lot of them I kind of monitored their talents," said Montford-Brown. "I mainly picked them off of the vision I saw and then I wanted them to feel the vision. I wanted to see if they had the work ethic and it all kind of fell into place. Now we have a pretty strong team." Current members of L.E.D Sounds include female singer, Gabby Masseaux, junior public health studies major, and male singer Corey Ballance, junior information technology major. Ballance first got into music when he was two-years-old when he started to sing at church. "It was a Christmas program in 1998 and that was the first time I had ever sang in life and it kept going from there," said Ballance. Masseaux first had her start in the music industry in middle school. "I went to a Catholic school and sang in the choir. In high school it kind of died down until about 11th or 12th grade when I started to sing in that school choir again," said Masseaux. L.E.D Sounds is headed by Montford-Brown

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Greenville recovers from Aaron's party

Danielle Gentry
TEC STAFF

Many excited Aaron Carter fans crowded into Uptown Greenville's Tavern on 4th this weekend, nostalgically thinking about how excited their pre-teen selves would've been to get the chance to see former teenage pop star Aaron Carter perform. Aaron Carter is best known for his hits "Aaron's Party," "I Want Candy," and "That's How I Beat Shaq," among other pop and hip-hop singles and albums that were released in the late 90s and early 2000s. Madison Laney, freshman accounting major, said she has been an Aaron Carter fan since he got his start in the early 90s. "I used to love Aaron Carter, and so when I found out he was coming [to Greenville], I knew I had to go," said Laney. "I was really surprised by his new songs and how much I liked them." Laney is one of many fans that believes Carter could make a comeback with the introduction of his new "sound" and the support of his early fans. After going through bankruptcy at 18, Carter had to stop performing in concerts, which left many fans heartbroken and confused. Now, over a decade after the pop star was introduced to fame, he is back writing songs for his new tour, and he is bringing along lesser known bands and artists with him to perform as his opening acts. "XANCALLIHAN" and "NEL\$ON," local singers from Wilmington, North Carolina, opened for Carter at his Wilmington concert on Saturday, and were asked to come to open for his Greenville show as well. These upcoming artists sang some of their original songs for the Greenville show, and said that none of the songs that were performed have been released yet.



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Aaron Carter, famous for his early 2000s hits, brought nostalgia and a good time to Tavern on 4th Sunday night. He preperformed for a sold out crowd.

During the concert on Sunday, Carter said he "wants everyone to remember why they fell in love with him, but understand that is not who he is [as an artist] anymore." Carter wants to make a comeback with his new original songs, including his single, "Fools Gold", that he closed his performance with on Sunday. Leslie Williams, junior hospitality management major, said she got the chance to meet Carter her freshman year after attending one of his concerts in Carborro, North Carolina, and has continued going to meet

and greets ever since then. "Aaron was really excited and willing to talk to fans after the show [when I first met him] in Carborro, and a year later me and my friend were invited to go to dinner with him and some of his producers. That's when we told him that he should do a show in Greenville, and how our friends have been giving us really positive feedback when we would post pictures and videos after hanging out with him, so we knew there would be a big turn out," Williams said. Williams said Carter has shared with her

how he is trying to introduce himself as a more mature artist, not just someone who sings about throwing parties when his parents are out of town. "Aaron is really great with his fans and he's a goofy down-to-earth guy," said Williams. The concert Sunday night was Carter's third and final stop in North Carolina, but the singer's comeback tour will continue into March. For questions or comments, contact arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

MOVIE REVIEW

'Supernatural' enters 11th season with major surprise



Jennifer Hines
TEC STAFF

“Supernatural” has been launched into a world of chaos following the events of the mid-season premiere; however, while long-time fans of the show know that chaos is nothing new for the Winchesters, this episode has taken things to a whole new level.

“Supernatural” follows the journey of two brothers, Sam and Dean Winchester, as they rid the world of ghosts, demons and all things spooky.

“Saving people, hunting things, the family business,” as Dean likes to put it.

Sam and Dean, played by Jared Padalecki and Jensen Ackles respectively, have been through the ringer throughout the past 11 seasons of the show. They’ve had their share of injuries and fights and who knows how many times they’ve died.

Along the way, they have faced vampires, werewolves and Lucifer himself. The Winchester brothers don’t let anything get in the way when it comes to saving human-kind, and more importantly, each other.

From the first scene of the show, “Supernatural” has been a show about brotherhood and the Winchester’s bond that knows no bounds. This season’s main predicament came from Sam’s misguided plan to save Dean from the ominous “Mark of Cain.”

After the “Mark of Cain” turned Dean into a demon, he killed Death, one of the four horsemen of the apocalypse, and released the Darkness from her biblical prison.

Sam spent the episode in a predicament that Dean, as well as audiences, saw coming without any sign of how they would make it out. The answer laid within a plot twist that no one saw coming.

The writers did a wonderful job of crushing the hopes of fans everywhere when they wrote Sam and Dean out of their current situation without any clue of how they would make it better. Which, to be brutally honest, is what good writers should do.

With the way the storyline is shaping up, the writers would have an easy time making this the last season of “Supernatural”. While both Ackles and Padalecki have



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'Supernatural' stars Sam and Dean (Ackles and Padalecki) stop in shock during an action packed scene of the hit show.

both stated that they are committed to “Supernatural” for the long-haul, there comes a time when enough is enough.

Sam and Dean are beloved to fans everywhere. In fact, it is their loyalty that brought the show back after it was slated to end after season five.

But “Supernatural” can only keep the storyline going so far without stretching the characters and the plot too thin and the show is drawing definite parallels to season five with the reappearance of Lucifer and the cage in the mid-season premiere.

“Supernatural” has already bypassed fan-favorite shows like “Friends” and “Smallville” with their 10 seasons. What’s keeping the Winchesters alive now is the dedication of their fan base.

The only question now is will the Winchesters prevail

to fans’ delight and continue on to season 12, or will this be it for the brotherly duo?

RATING:



3 out of 5

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Wearing dark colors or a pantsuit everyday is not a necessary thing in the business-casual world; it’s okay to change it up a bit and still be professional.

“Wearing warm colors tend to initiate conversation. You want to have a complimentary-color aspect,” said Clark.

Clark said it’s normal to want to stand out for the interview, but not to over do it.

“Remember that employers don’t want to hire someone who is looking cheap. They want someone who comes off as savvy and professional,” said Clark.

Another big no-no in an interview is to wear an unmatching set of shoes and belts to an interview.

“If you are wearing a brown belt, wear brown shoes, and visa versa with any other color,” said Clark. “You want

to look presentable, but you do not want your outfit to take away from what trying to present to an employer.”

Merchandising professor, Runying Chen, also recommends to never go into an interview without researching the company before hand.

“Never assume and always research,” said Chen.

According to Chen, it is essential for employers to look at their interviewee as someone who can represent their company and fit into the work environment the moment they are hired.

Chen said many young professionals aren’t informed when it comes to knowing what to wear to an interview.

“You have to know the nature of the job and know what the company values,” said Chen.

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but ran by his own team as he wanted everyone to be able to pursue their dreams in the way they wanted to.

“We were friends prior to me being asked to join L.E.D Sounds so once he talked to me about the opportunities of being in L.E.D, which I respected. I thought that it was a good idea for me to explore myself musically in a way other than an acapella group,” said Masseaux. “It is a good source of support because we have a nice family set-up where not only can we explore our music careers but we support one another.”

With L.E.D Sounds, Montford-Brown has been able to create another source of income for his business while still being able to help out other students and people who also have a love for music.

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COLUMN

ECU lacks consistent back court



Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

A team that went 22-11 last year returns its two best players and its most potent 3-point threat, yet struggles to put together wins.

That is the reality surrounding East Carolina’s women’s basketball team this year. The Pirates are now 9-11, 3-5 in the American Athletic Conference after Saturday’s 78-73 loss to Tulane (15-5; 6-2 AAC).

Head coach Heather Macy has attributed her team’s struggles to the lack of returning players, and trying to find themselves and grow. When you watch the games, the recurring problem for the Pirates has been their offense.

The struggles haven’t been about scoring points, but controlling the ball, part of which can be attributed to chemistry issues. Not knowing where your teammate wants to get the ball and not being confident in the team’s sets can lead to turnovers. The Pirates boast just two players with more assists than turnovers.

“We need to start valuing the ball,” Macy said following her team’s 63-60 win against Cincinnati. In the game, ECU turned it over 17 times while only assisting on 15 baskets. On Saturday, it was much of the same with the Pirates turning it over 17 times with 15 assists.

The play reflects the stats. Watching the ECU offense has been painful at times this year. The team regularly telegraphs passes and is careless, leading to turnovers or disruption of its rhythm. And when the Pirates do make solid passes, the ball movement is stagnant.

The one positive has been the success of their sets, but their struggles shooting negate that. As a team, ECU shoots 39 percent from the field, 29 percent from the 3-point line and a 69



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ECU guard B.J. Tyson goes up for a layup in a game against Southern Methodist.

Pirates upset Tigers

Allison Jobe
TEC STAFF

Following a six game losing streak, East Carolina earned a surprising, 84-83, win over Memphis Sunday, marking its first conference win and its first-ever road victory against the Tigers.

The Pirates (9-11, 1-6 AAC) brought their best performance to knock the Tigers (12-7, 3-3 AAC) out of the game, calling on senior guard Prince Williams to make two clutch free throws with 4.1 seconds left to give ECU the hard fought victory.

Sophomore guard B.J. Tyson was expected to be out of the game after injuring his shoulder against Tulsa, but surprisingly led the Pirates by making a career-high, six 3-pointers, matching his career-high with 26 points.

Junior forward Caleb White wasn’t as fortunate, as he was sidelined in the contest after taking an elbow to the head against the Green Wave last week.

“[Tyson] has a small separation in his shoulder, so he’ll be doubtful for the game,” ECU head coach Jeff Lebo initially said Thursday. “Caleb got a concussion, is out probably for the game.”

Despite a sprained left shoulder, Tyson brought the Pirates momentum as he scored 14 points in the first half.

“We were quick sand in that first 20 some odd minutes of the game, you have to give East Carolina credit and Jeff Lebo and his staff,” Memphis head coach Josh Pastner said. “They hit a bunch of three’s and on the first play when B.J. Tyson got up confidence and hit a three, he was fire ever since.”

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TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates (9-11; 0-6 AAC) earned their first conference road win Sunday, defeating Memphis, 84-83.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sophomore B.J. Tyson has been named to the AAC Weekly Honor Roll.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (9-11; 3-5 AAC) fell 78-73 to Tulane Saturday.

TRACK AND FIELD

The Pirates did not compete in the Hokie Invitational this weekend due to inclement winter weather.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Charlotte Hornets topped the New York Knicks, 97-84 Saturday night at home.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Carolina Panthers defeated the Arizona Cardinals, 49-15 Sunday to clinch the NFC title and a spot in the Super Bowl.

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Senior Pirate swimmer Bailie Monahan takes part in an event earlier this season. Monahan hopes to compete in the Olympics after her ECU career.

Monahan seeks Olympics

Kayla Morton
TEC STAFF

As the NCAA Conference Championship approaches, many swimmers and divers are preparing for their final meet of the year. But East Carolina senior butterfly specialist Bailie Monahan has a goal past the biggest meet of the season.

After the Conference Championship, Monahan will join a club swim team in order to work on her times for the Olympic trials. Her goal every year, but especially this season, has been to travel to an away meet and break a pool record. With that mindset, she’s able to push herself just a little quicker than many other swimmers, which gives her the confidence that she can get under the qualifying times that the United States Olympic team has set, hoping to make it to Brazil this upcoming summer.

“This year is an Olympic year. I’ve always wanted to go to Olympic Trials,” Monahan said.

The Olympics are obviously the pinnacle of any swimmer’s career. For Monahan, however, her path from childhood swimmer to Olympic-hopeful started years ago.

Monahan grew up in southern Virginia, where she began swimming for her neighborhood swim team at the age of five. She quickly found a love for the water, which compelled her to ask her mother if she could join a year-round swim team. Once her parents agreed, she began swimming for the Quantico Sharks at the age of six.

Monahan shuffled around other teams in Virginia as she grew up, in order to get different styles of training, and swam for a team in Florida when she lived there during third and fourth grade. Even with the ongoing changes every few years, the relationships she made have lasted and propelled her to stay on her training regimen.

“Teammates, coaches, and

family, I loved being with them,” Monahan said. “I made great friendships along the way that I still have today.”

Growing up, Monahan was an avid breaststroker. She went to the Zones Championship and won the 600-yard breaststroke at the age of 15. Zones is a meet that features the top regional swimmers in certain areas and swimmers only qualify if they can meet “time zones” for the different events.

Although she was an exceptional breaststroker, Monahan began doing more and more butterfly to help her train for breaststroke pacing and ended up beginning to swim butterfly in meets. She quickly developed skills for the stroke, which ended in her being recruited by ECU for the 100-yard butterfly event. Her college career shifted with a new focus on the 100 and 200-yard butterfly.

Butterfly has developed into Monahan’s domination of events

for the Pirates over the years. During the Jan. 16 meet at Old Dominion, Monahan won all four events she swam in. Along with the 100 and 200-yard butterfly, she helped her teams claim victory in the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay.

“I wouldn’t win multiple events without my teammates behind me, love my relay teams. Cheers for me really get me going,” Monahan said.

For the conference championships, Monahan will be in a race that she hasn’t swam much of this year, the individual medley. Monahan is a true talent in the sense that she is at the top of her game in butterfly, breaststroke and freestyle. She has always trained for this event, but because she’s placed on two relay teams, as well as the butterfly, it’s rare for her to swim an individual medley

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Left: A list of East Carolina’s important dates and games for the upcoming season. Above: Baseballs mark the important game days on a calendar.

Pirates preach culture as pursuit of Omaha looms nearer

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

“We should go to a Regional, Super Regional and make it to Omaha every year,” said senior outfielder Parker Lamm at East Carolina’s media day.

This attitude echoed through every player and coach as the word culture was thrown around like a ball in catch during Monday’s meeting with the media.

“Culture wins, I’ll preach that ‘till the day that they tell me I can’t coach here anymore,” said second-year skipper Cliff Godwin.

“The culture that we’ve built in this program [is] no one’s better than the other,” said last year’s team leader in wins Evan Kruczynski.

Most of the players from last year’s team stayed back this summer and built upon the team chemistry and camaraderie.

“We all live together, so we’re around each other all the time,” said

catcher Travis Watkins. “On the field, we’re playing with our best friends. A family atmosphere, that’s really important to be successful on the field.”

The Pirates went into last year with a lot of uncertainty, after the firing of longtime coach Billy Godwin. The latter of the Godwins entered and turned in an impressive turnaround job. This year’s team has a solid foundation built upon last year’s success.

ECU returns 17 players from last year’s team that won 40 games and an American Athletic conference championship.

While returning 17 players, the Pirates lost big pieces from last year’s, including its best two-way player Reid Love, hits leader Hunter Allen and RBI and home run leader Luke Lowery.

“We’re not looking for one guy to replace those guys, we’re looking for everybody to play a little bit better,”

“We’re never going to be satisfied with just a conference championship...”

-Cliff Godwin

said Godwin. “Luke [Lowery] and Reid [Love] will be missed, but we just got to pick up the slack from a bunch of different guys.”

The Pirates also return the same expectations from last year: win 40 games, win the AAC, host Regionals, host Super Regionals and go to Omaha.

“We’re never going to be satisfied with just a conference championship; they’ve won 24 of those here at East Carolina,” said Godwin. “We’re looking for bigger and better things.”

ECU brings in 17 new players. Coach Godwin seems excited to have the new players, because it creates

depth that he didn’t have last year.

“We have 17 returners, they’ve done a great job transitioning the 17 newcomers into our program,” said Godwin.

Just like culture, the word leadership was stressed. Parker Lamm, as an upperclassmen stressed the importance of leadership to the new guys.

“When they’re not doing something right, we go over there, take their hand, (and) walk them through it,” said Lamm. “Just keeping everybody up for the games, because some of the new guys that come in they may not be playing, and they’ve been playing their whole life. Just letting

them know if they just keep fighting and playing hard, and showing the coaches they are good and can play, they’ll get there chance.”

ECU’s schedule looks difficult going into this year. Inside the conference, the Pirates will face No. 12 Houston in a weekend series. In the non-conference, the Pirates will head to Charlottesville, Virginia, to play the reigning national champion Virginia Cavaliers that are currently ranked No. 4 in Baseball America’s poll.

The Pirates will also have to play No. 19 North Carolina State, as well as perennial powers Rice, North Carolina, and Duke.

“Our guys, they’re ready to play good competition, and our schedule will definitely give them that,” said Godwin.

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The second half took a toll on the Pirates performance as Memphis took off on a 20-9 run midway through the second half to snatch the lead. The Tigers however, couldn’t extend their lead past one possession.

In the final six minutes of the second half, there were five lead changes, with three ties before Williams made the game-sealing foul shots.

“It’s frustrating, it’s just a bad loss,” Pastner said. “I didn’t see this coming. I thought we were ready to go, and obviously we weren’t ready to go.”

Williams scored a season-high 20 points and added a career-best 10 assists for his first

career double-double to help ECU finish out on top.

Freshman guard Kentrell Barkley made his first career start and scored 15 points to go along with four rebounds, four assists and two steals. Senior forward Michael Zangari added 11 points off the bench, making two 3-pointers in the closing minutes of the game.

The difference in the game came from beyond the arc, where the Pirates shot 53.4 percent while the Tigers shot 23.8 percent.

The Pirates will try to keep their newfound momentum going, as they host Temple Wednesday evening in Minges Coliseum.

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COLUMN continued from A7

percent from the free throw line.

The Pirates get a good amount of points from offensive rebounds. ECU has put up double-digit second chance points in all of its conference games except one, which is part of the reason its three best scorers are its three best rebounders as well.

ECU could improve if it had a point guard to successfully lead its offense. Last year’s point guard, Janesha

Ebron, was very solid for the Pirates, as she averaged 4.4 assists per game while giving up the ball 3.2 times. This year’s point guards, Khadija Toure and Alex Frazier, have struggled in that category, putting up 4.5 assists and 4.9 turnovers per game.

Macy seemingly has noticed and has moved Toure to the bench because she has been better off the ball. If freshman Alex Frazier can keep a positive assist to turnover ratio, the offense will improve.

If the Pirates can start protecting the ball and

continue to get Jada Payne, I’Tiana Taylor and Marina Laramie, it will bring consistency to an offense, capable of putting up points. If so, the Pirates should be able to get above .500.

The team has 10 games left before the conference tournament. Other than the two games against the dynasty, Connecticut, the Pirates realistically could go 8-2 to wrap up the regular season with a 17-13 record.

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in dual and tri meets.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, she focuses on aerobic workouts for butterfly, and focuses on kicking on Tuesday and Thursday, followed by full circuit workouts and work from the blocks during the afternoon. Monahan has been a part of head coach Rick Kobe’s training group all four years and she says she owes all her success to him.

“He’s been the perfect coach for me. I don’t think I would’ve had the career and training without him,” Monahan said.

Coaches prepare their swimmers for the big meet of the season, and then have a cooling period before training for the next season begins. However, the conference championship isn’t where Monahan plans to stop this season.

If you traveled to away meets, you shouldn’t be surprised to see the name Bailie Monahan on an opposing team’s record board. With everything she’s already accomplished, adding the Olympics to her resume is just that much closer.

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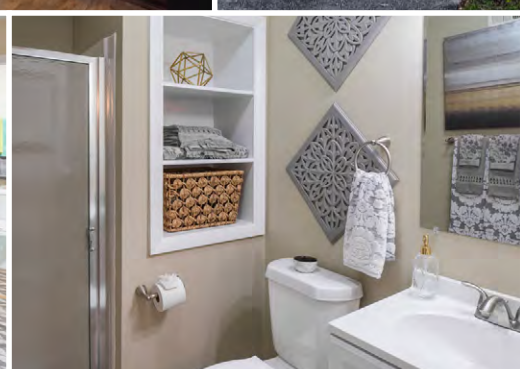
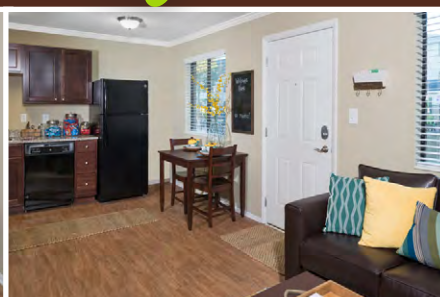
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East Carolina University

January

Men's Basketball vs. Temple

January 27 • 7:00pm • Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum

ECU Winter Concert featuring Kehlani

January 28 • 7:00pm • Wright Auditorium

Fresh Food Friday

January 29 • 8:00am • SRC

Men's Basketball vs. Houston

January 30 • 12:00pm • Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum

Women's Basketball vs. Temple

January 30 • 2:30pm • Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum

February

Heather Macy Radio Show

February 1 • 12:00pm • The Galley

Munchie Monday

February 1 • 4:00pm • SRC

RHA Battleship

February 1 • 6:30pm • SRC

RHA Underground

February 2 • 6:00pm • MSC

RHA with the Humane Society

February 3 • 12:00pm • MSC Brickyard

Women's Basketball vs. Tulsa

February 3 • 7:00pm • Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum

S.H.O.E.S. on the Mall

February 4 • 10:00am • The Mall

Black History Month Opening Celebration

February 4 • 6:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

Wear Red for Heart Health

February 5 • All Day • SRC

Free Guest Day

February 5 • All Day • SRC

Fresh Food Friday

February 5 • 8:00am • SRC

Wear Red Super Class

February 5 • 4:00pm • SRC

Big Game on the Big Screen

February 7 • 6:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

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