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Brody dean announces retirement

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Dean of Brody School of Medicine Paul R. G. Cunningham announced yesterday that he will retire in September 2016.

Cunningham has served as dean since 2008, in which he has led the School of Medicine with opportunities for underrepresented minorities in medical education as well as improving the health status for citizens all over Eastern NC. With the help of Cunningham's work, primary care physicals have become a main focus with the Brody School of Medicine.



Paul R. G. Cunningham

He intends to return to work as a faculty member in the medical school department of surgery, specializing in trauma and bariatric surgery.

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The search for a new dean, similar to the search for the chancellor, is planned to be begin as soon as possible.

Before Cunningham took the position as dean, he served as a professor and as the chair of the department of surgery at University of New York, Upstate Medical University. He has also held a number of positions in the field of medicine during his career, including: hospital chief of staff, surgeon and professor. Along with those positions, in North Carolina he has served ECU as a surgeon and an educator, plus Vidant Medical Center and Bertie

County Memorial Hospital.

Cunningham has shown his leadership by holding not only local positions, but national and regional leadership positions as well. These include: a recent naming as president-elect of the North Carolina Medical society, president of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma in 2000 and the governor of the American College of Surgeons.

Along with his leadership positions he has been a member of the executive board of the National Board of Medical Examiners, chair and member of the

Board of Directors of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine and one of two physicians appointed to the Board of the North Carolina State Health Plan and a representative to the Group on Diversity and Inclusion at the Association of American Medical Colleges.

"Dr. Cunningham has served as a thoughtful and inspiring leader for the Brody School of Medicine," added Dr. Phyllis Horns, vice chancellor for ECU's Division of Health Sciences.

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Bond act heads for primary

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In the 2016 North Carolina primaries, citizens will vote on House Bill 943, commonly referred to as the Connect NC Bond Act of 2015, which would bring \$90 million in funding to East Carolina University.

This money would be used to tear down the current Howell Science Complex and build a state-of-the-art, 150,000 square foot, life sciences and biotechnology building. The new building would be the home for the biology department and several other related programs.

The bond would also result in more than \$300 million for eastern North Carolina counties and \$98 million to

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KEHLANI PROVES HIT AT ECU



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Up-and-coming R&B artist Kehlani performs for a crowd at Wright Auditorium on East Carolina University's campus last Thursday. The 20-year-old singer visited ECU as part of her current tour and the winter concert was hosted by the Student Activities Board.

DIVIDING LINE

Railway tracks divide crime rates

Since the beginning of this year, crime in the eastern zone of the city has outpaced other areas of Greenville.

According to the Greenville Police Department, 308 reported crimes have taken place around Greenville since the first of this year, all within three miles of East Carolina University's main campus. From Jan. 1 to Jan. 30, 164 crime reports were taken in the area of the city located east of the CSX Transportation line. This compares to 144 reported crimes taken west of the railway line.

The CSX Transportation

railway line runs along side with Evans Street, through the city of Greenville.

Between Jan. 1 and Jan. 30, the eastern zone experienced 12 percent more crime than the western zone. The eastern zone contains areas including ECU's main campus, 33 East Apartments, Copper Beech Townhomes and other major locations.

The eastern zone led crime rates in several major categories, such as robbery, burglary and drug and/or alcohol violations.

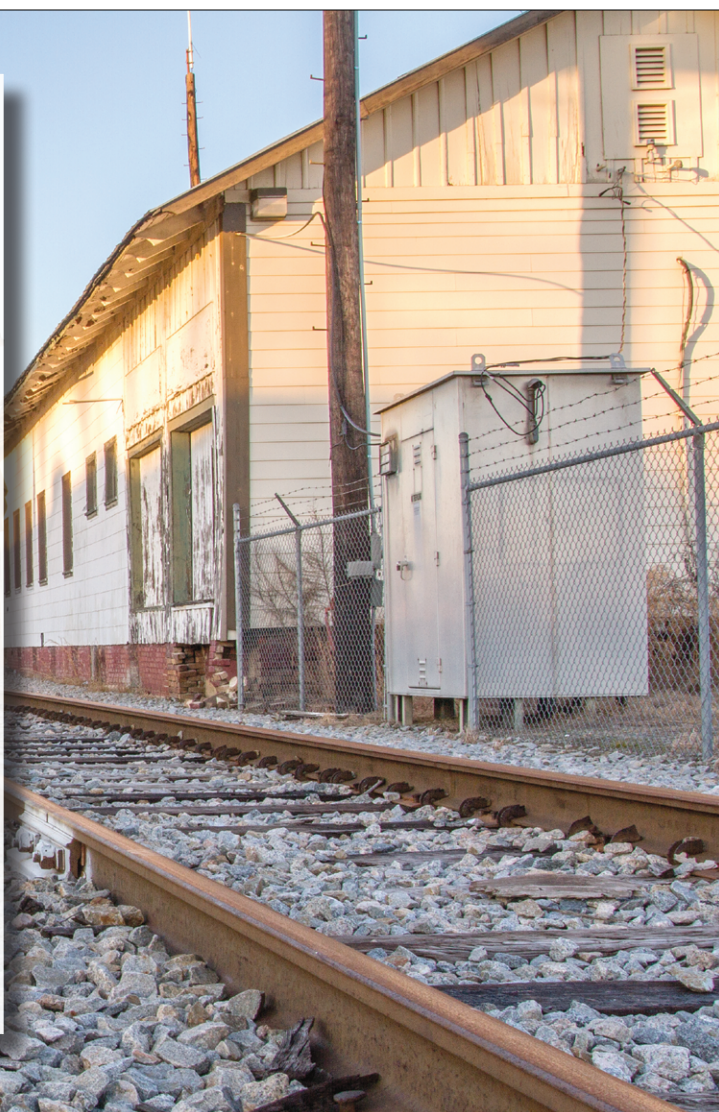
Studies have shown that there is an "unmistakable connection between poverty and crime," according to Poverties.org. In areas where poverty

levels are higher, crime levels are likely to be higher.

According to AreaVibes, a service that rates the "livability" of communities, poverty levels are high in the Greenville area; more than 15 percent of residents in the Greenville community live below the federal poverty level. In the next measured income bracket, 21.7 percent of residents live within or near the federal poverty level.

This crime has not been isolated to outlying communities. It has been an issue around the ECU main campus. There have been 41

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The CSX Transportation railway line is shown running near Dickinson Avenue in Greenville. The tracks divide the east and west side of the city and often the level, frequency and types of crimes committed.

ONLINE

» BSU pageant to give stage to showcase skills, win scholarship

» ECU baseball heads into 2016 campaign with high expectations

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BRIEFS

New apartment complex gains approval

A new apartment building is coming to Uptown Greenville after unanimous approval by the Greenville Board of Adjustments. The complex, which will be at the corner of Reade Circle and Dickinson Avenue, will have 75 out of 120 units reserved for students.

The building will combine apartments and residential space. The development will also include a 271-space parking lot a few blocks away.

NC Institute of Medicine names associate director

North Carolina Institute of Medicine has named Berkeley Yorkery, MPP, as associate director. Yorkery has spent his career with the NCIOM as project director for seven years prior to being promoted to associate director. He earned a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree in psychology and public policy from Duke University.

The institute also welcomed Don Gula, after serving as a temporary business officer for five months, as the director of operations. Gula has over 30 years of experience in business including management of grants and finances and dealing with contracts for the federal government. Gula earned his MBA from Monmouth University.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper please contact Ryan Clancy, editor@theeastcarolinian.com

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



Dallas Owens is interviewed by two members of TEC-TV following yesterday's SGA Senate Meeting.

SGA, TEC-TV host 'Senate in a Minute'

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Student Government Association has partnered with The East Carolinian to finalize a project the SGA has been working on for the past year called "Senate in a Minute."

"Senate in a Minute" was a plan SGA constructed that would allow students to get the main topics discussed at each weekly SGA Senate meeting through a short video.

"We understand that students have busy schedules and may not be able to attend SGA meetings," SGA President Mark Matulewicz said. "Senate in a Minute allows students to stay informed of current events within SGA. Senate in a Minute also aligns perfectly with our dedication to transparency."

The original thought was SGA would film their senate meeting on Monday and send out the highlights to students. However, after further discussion, SGA decided to ask TEC-TV, a news show produced by the multimedia branch of The East Carolinian to help carry out the logistics of the project.

"I know so many people

who do not know SGA's current plans, and I think it is great that TEC-TV can be the ones to help students learn more about SGA," said Andi Caruso, social media manager for TEC.

TEC-TV's role includes attending each Monday senate meeting and picking out a few senate members or guest speakers to interview after the meeting to get a more in-depth understanding of what was discussed. Thursday, TEC-TV also meets with one of the members of SGA's executive board to get a quick run down of the week for SGA and any updates since Monday. The TEC-TV staff then edits and compiles the videos together and uploads Senate in a Minute with their show on Friday.

"I really thought it was a great idea. It was a good way to bring another aspect of campus life to video, which is what TEC-TV wants to do," Caroline West, TEC-TV producer, said. "It may not be a traditional way of putting out the news, but I think it works and is what we want it to be."

Senate in a Minute allows these two organizations together, as well as keeping the student body, aware of what is

happening on campus.

"It is important for there to be a large cooperation between student media and the student government," said Seth Gullede, multimedia director for TEC. "We both play really important roles on campus in making sure the student interests are not only protected, but also respected by faculty and administration and have a say in our community."

With the world of news changing to a more online focus, it allows organizations like SGA to get their information out to a wider audience, which is what SGA Adviser Erik Kneubuehl stressed about SGA's plans for Senate in a Minute.

"As students across the nation and world continue to connect via social media, it is important for their representatives, such as SGA, to engage in transparent leadership," said Kneubuehl. "Senate in a Minute is an example of SGA's continued efforts to increase awareness and advocacy for ECU's student body."

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Rollover accident harms child

Staff Report

A two vehicle accident shut down a major thoroughfare in Greenville, injuring four individuals, including a child.

A major accident shut down Memorial Drive, between Dickerson Avenue and Arlington Boulevard. The crash occurred in front of the Buyer's Market, on Greenville Boulevard.

According to Kristen Hunter, public information officer with the Greenville Police Department, a Lexus was leaving a parking lot when it reportedly cut off the quickly approaching Jeep. The Jeep proceeded to hit the Lexus, spraying the curb and street with glass shards. As a result of the impact the Jeep then flipped, causing which caused the road to be shut down.

According to Hunter, there were injuries associated with the accident. Three adults and one child were transported to Vidant Medical Center. The child was "alert" and "conscious" when first responders arrived on scene. The child involved in the wreck was transported to the hospital, and according to the GPD, has serious injuries and is classified "life-threatening," according to Hunter. The three adults received non-life threatening injuries from the crash.

Vidant Medical Center could not comment on the current status of the child.

"The child was in the backseat of the vehicle, with another passenger, and was not in a car seat," said Hunter.

The driver of the Lexus, which is the child's mother is facing charges related to the wreck. The driver, who has not been identified at this time, has pending child abuse charges against her, according to the Greenville Police Department. The crash is currently under investigation.

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Pitt County specifically.

Due to the importance to ECU and eastern North Carolina, ECU's Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution last November in support of the upcoming bond package. Chancellor Steve Ballard, along with other ECU leaders, have been vocal about their support for Connect NC.

"The Connect NC bond would be critical to our ability to move forward and for economic development for eastern North Carolina," said Ballard. "The bond will also be essential to our students who are pursuing majors and future careers in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)."

Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for student affairs added, "Approval of the Connect NC bond by voters will provide ECU with much needed funding to allow the university to be competitive in the recruitment of the brightest and best students."

"If they expect us, the Biology department in particular, to keep spitting out research that is going to be worth anything, then we need updated facilities," said Chris Lee, junior biology and philosophy major. "The facilities are falling apart and it's not doing anybody any good."

ECU Provost Ron Mitchelson said the new facility can be seen as a hub where the intersection between biology and engineering, the intersection between education and jobs and the intersection between ECU and its regional partners, will be facilitated.

"These learning spaces will emphasize new

technologies and collaborative environments," Mitchelson said. "Students will participate in real-world problem solving with professors and regional partners like pharmaceutical manufacturing."

Ashley Wilford, sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, said, "As an engineering major, I see Connect NC Bond as an opportunity for ECU's Engineering Department to develop its programs and provide opportunities, specifically in biomedical and bioprocess engineering, as well as other biological science majors."

Hardy said the funding ECU would receive as a result of the bond would be "very important to ECU's commitment to regional transformation," because not only will ECU be "producing highly skilled graduates for the workforce, the region served by ECU will also experience economic development."

ECU generates a \$2.8 billion economic impact for the state and \$1.8 billion impact for the eastern region alone.

"Regardless of your major, this bond act will encourage ECU's further growth and Eastern North Carolina's prosperity," said Wilford.

Each year ECU has more than 17,000 students taking biology courses and over 7,000 students in lab sections.

"Our excellent faculty need competitive, quality resources to help our students be as successful as possible," said Ballard.

SGA also supports this bond and all the improvements it could lead to for ECU. It was this bond that funded the expenses of the building what ECU knows now as the Science and Technology Building.

"Students should be aware of the Connect NC Bond Act referendum vote on March 15, 2016, because this bond will be providing the resources necessary to keep higher education in the State of North Carolina a model for the nation," said Student Government Association Senate Member and Rules and Judiciary Committee Chairman Alex Prunka, political science major at ECU. "This Bond Act was passed with widespread bipartisan support, and the funding it is vital to North Carolina's future."

If voters approve the Connect NC Bond package, it will be the first bond referendum the state has seen since 2000.

In the past 15 years, the state has grown two million in population, increasing the state's overall needs.

The bond will provide \$2 billion in investments with the sole purpose of improving NC's education, agriculture, state parks, recreation, safety, water and sewage infrastructure.

About 49 percent, which is more than \$1.3 billion of the bond package, will go towards higher education, leading to renovations at 17 UNC system universities and 58 community colleges.

Overall, the NC Connect Bond will allow the state to afford 50-year assets at 20-year financing.

"You have to take what you can get because when will North Carolina invest in education again," said Murdock Bowman, a senior majoring in health services management.

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recorded crime incidents within a half mile of main campus, according to the GPD. These cases range from motor vehicle theft to drug or alcohol violations.

Like ECU, apartment communities like Copper Beech or 33 East, have also seen criminal activity nearby since the beginning of the year. Since the beginning of the year, Copper Beech has seen 20 reports. All of these cases either occurred on the property or within half a mile of the community and these cases varied widely.

"The elevated skills and status that provide access to lucrative criminal opportunities with little risk of being caught and punished also can motivate people to commit crimes," according to the Principles of Human Ecology by Peter J. Richerson, Monique Borgerhoff Mulder and Bryan J. Vila.

According to the GPD, eliminating the opportunity of being a victim of a crime is as simple as locking doors or windows, or leaving a television on while away. For students on campus, ECU Police recommend making good decisions and keeping prized personal possessions close.

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PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants.

Division Beta this weekend. WOOWOOWO!!!!

Happy Birthday to The Ground!!!!

Trump, a coward? He has the balls to speak about topics that other politicians are too afraid to even bring up because it could hurt their poll numbers. You tell me who the coward is. And I'm gonna laugh if most of the Fox debate viewers ditch the event for Trump's own event. Lol.

A baby's gotta do what a baby's gotta do!

Yoga Pants season is the best season.

I remember getting my first participation award back in high school. Looked at it, wondered why I got an award when I didn't win, then I threw it in the garbage.

AMERICA! F**K YEAH!

I find it quite rude that ECU took away 3 metered lots, but they haven't created any more to compensate for it.

Bernie Sanders looks an awful lot like Mr. Burns. This could be a trick.

I'm not a lemming; that's why I don't like Bernie Sanders.

Only a communist would hate pirate rants

My God, I have never seen so many racists until I came to this school. You all sicken me.

We need the pirate rants! How else was I supposed to know that wanting equality was a sh*t test for men?!!

If Pirate Rants leave, no one will bother to pick up the paper. People read the rants and then peruse the other articles if they're bored/ desperate/waiting for class to start.

As a Pirate alumni, I am truly ashamed of the quality and quantity of pirate rants lately. Come on people, get it together!

Anyone remember the North Campus ninja? You know, back when the Pirate Rants were worth reading, instead of all this uninformed political BS.

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

Poll results

Do you "Feel the Bern"?

Yes- 42.3%
No- 57.7%

Poll question

Should Planned Parenthood receive federal funding?

Visit theeastcarolinian.com to vote.

Our view

It's been roughly three months since one of ECU's own, Samuel Mayo, was struck and killed by a vehicle on 10th Street between 33 East and Copper Beech.

In the months following Mayo's tragic death, the family of the departed started a petition to put up a traffic light and crosswalk in between the two student living complexes. The petition contends that "A traffic light and reducing the speed limit at this location would demand more attention from both drivers and pedestrians which would increase awareness in this statistically dangerous intersection."

An outpouring of support from the local community has manifested itself in the 1,591 online signatures.

10th Street petition deserves attention

However, and likely much to the frustration of the family, the state government has showed about as much awareness to the petition as drivers have to the intersection.

We, as an editorial staff, strongly believe that the North Carolina Department of Transportation is ignoring an important and fatal issue that is robbing one of the state's largest universities of its very own students.

While it's important to recognize that at rush hour 10th Street traffic can be hectic, the safety of the community's people far outweighs the pace at which commuters get across town.

Jury protects Planned Parenthood



Dimitri Dragonas
TEC COLUMNIST

IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

Planned Parenthood has had a busy year. Defending themselves from multiple investigations, having to deal with embarrassing videos of their representatives being released into the public conscience and even having StemExpress, a company that supplies human specimens and organs to researchers, cut ties with them over the numerous scandals. All storms pass, however, and now Planned Parenthood is seeing the sun come out.

A Texas grand jury, in an outrageous turn of events, indicted not Planned Parenthood, but the man responsible for releasing damning videos where members of the group allegedly admit to altering abortion procedures in order to increase profit from selling organs. Both David Daleiden, the founder of the Center for Medical Progress, and his employee Sandra Merritt, were charged with a felony for tampering with a government record. The second charge is solely against Daleiden for buying fetal tissue.

While this entire situation is obviously absurd, the charge against Daleiden for buying fetal tissue stands out as the most egregious violation of common sense. When a cop pretends to be a junkie, for example, we don't actually believe he is trying to purchase drugs for himself. He is doing it to expose dealers.

When an undercover journalist investigates a company from the inside, we assume the purpose was to reveal wrongdoing, not to partake in it. When whistleblowers are punished because they reveal things that organizations don't like, others become afraid to stand up against the wrongdoers. Whistleblowers and investigators should be encouraged to look everywhere for injustice and illegality, not just ones that can get popular support.

The charges against Daleiden also imply that someone sold fetuses to him. Accusing Daleiden of purchasing baby parts but ignoring Planned Parenthood's required role of the seller shows that members of the jury either had an agenda to push, or were emotionally manipulated by an overzealous prosecutor.

Some might say the legality of the actual charges are irrelevant, that the Center deserves to be punished for the fallout stemming from their discovery, including the effort to have Planned Parenthood defunded. A few even go so far as to attribute the Colorado Springs shooting to the fault of the Center and its videos, demanding an apology from the video's leakers.

Of course, this is nonsense. The shooter acted on his own accord, following his own twisted free will. Tons of people got angry watching these videos, but only one became violent. At no point did the Center promote violence. No one of any importance or note has stepped up and supported the shooter. Of course there are some that advocate violence, but these people are few and far between, and

most of society rejects them.

Even the attempted defunding is not as catastrophic as much of the media and pro-choicers would have you believe. The bill proposed, officially known as S.1881, proposed ending federal funding of Planned Parenthood, leaving state funding untouched, and transferring all funds to be made available to "other eligible entities to provide women's health care services" who do not provide abortion services. This does not erase Planned Parenthood, plenty of donors can easily support them, and other women's health providers would fill any vacuum that develops.

Indicting Daleiden and Merritt, while letting Planned Parenthood itself slide, is an impossible decision to rationalize. The grand jury clearly was either manipulated by an overzealous prosecutor, or allowed their personal opinions to influence their decision making. There's no other reasonable rationale for indicting Daleiden and Merritt. If more juries acted like this many organizations with powerful allies and PR teams would find themselves invincible. Investigators would be scared that all their work could result in nothing, save for their own arrest. Pro-choice activists celebrating this "victory" are focused on the wrong subject entirely. Indicting someone for investigative reporting sets a horrible precedent, helping only those who wish to hide dirty secrets.

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Campus Cookies shames customers



Collyn Sheaffer
TEC STAFF

Let's be honest, on a Friday night, a large portion of students at East Carolina University can be found downtown chugging Bud Lights and vodka sodas. But a couple weeks ago my roommate and I had no interest in that and, for a change, simply

wanted to lounge on the couch and watch movies. In the middle of our hang out session we decided to order snacks from Campus Cookies, something we do embarrassingly often. Needless to say, we were excited for our sober and calm Friday night.

After we heard the delivery man's knock on the door and brought our box of cookies inside, that mood quickly changed. Once we opened the box we noticed a handwritten message on the inside cover. The message said, "Back at shoving cookies in your face!!" This was followed by their twitter name, suggesting people to follow them on social media.

To say that my roommate and I were upset is an understatement. To say that my roommate and I were insulted is an understatement. Seeing this kind of body shaming from a professional business is something that, in my opinion, should not go unnoticed.

“ With constant societal pressures like magazine articles and television shows, I surely was not expecting this kind of judgment from a small chain cookie delivery service. ”

It is no secret that people, especially girls, are put under an enormous pressure to look and act a certain way starting at a disturbingly young age. According to the Heart of Leadership Organization, 53 percent of American girls by the age of 13 are "unhappy with their bodies." This statistic grows to 78 percent by the time girls reach 17 years old.

I know I'm not the only girl at this school who has struggled with self-esteem issues for as long as I can remember. With constant societal pressures like magazine articles and television shows, I surely was not expecting this kind of judgment from a small chain cookie delivery service.

After discussing the message on our box of cookies, we decided the best way to handle

it would speak with their customer service representative and express our unhappiness.

The customer service representative for Campus Cookies responded to my email by simply apologizing. He claimed that they ask campus representatives to "write positive/ happy messages inside boxes to build stronger relationships" with their customers, giving Winnie the Pooh quotes as an example. Although the representative ensured me he would speak to the general manager and the marketing leader about the message that we received, I felt that more could have been done.

Whether or not this marketing leader and campus representative thought this message was an innocent marketing tactic or a friendly joke, my roommate and I were not amused. This continues to show the amount of subliminal body shaming and pressure people are forced to experience.

Although this experience seemed to be demeaning and misunderstood, the world as a whole might be moving in the right direction. With plus size models and, even now, Barbie dolls becoming famous, girls can start feeling more comfortable with their bodies regardless of messages inside cookie boxes.

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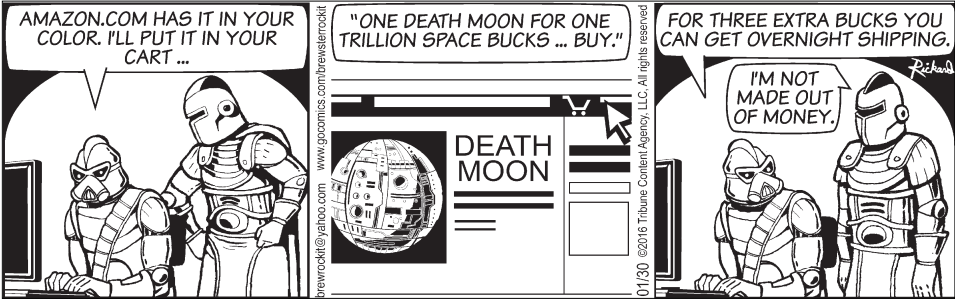
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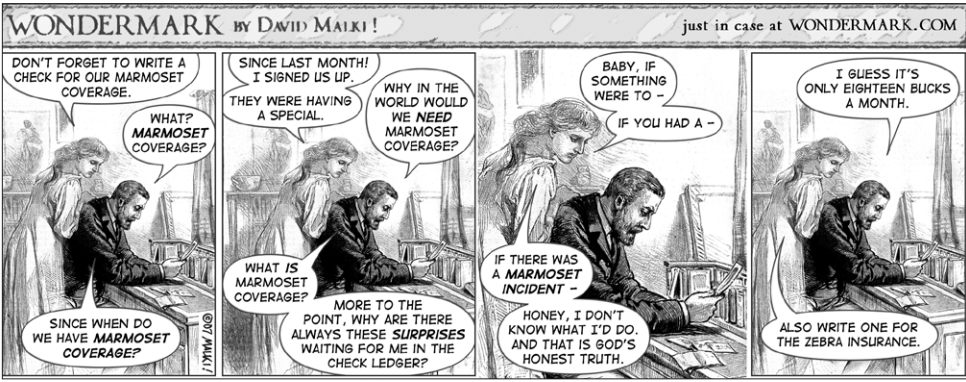
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Libra (9/9). The cash spigot gushes again after autumn eclipses (9/1, 9/16). Provide for the ones you love. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- There's no shortage of opportunities. Think big. Make a commitment you'll enjoy keeping. Don't fall for a con game. The next two days favor travel, studies and exploration. Keep your budget. Expand your boundaries.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Review your reserves over the next two days. Figure out finances and store provisions for the future. Pay a debt. Get a profitable tip from an older person. Consider an investment in your education.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Go further with a partner today and tomorrow. Join forces for a common goal. You're making progress. Negotiate and compromise through adjustments. Share your discoveries. Extend your power base. Let the metamorphosis happen naturally.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- The pace picks up at work over the next two days. Slow down, breathe and prioritize. Avoid arguments for maximum productivity. Focus on details, one at a time. Check prices before committing to buy.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Get into some fun. You're attractive, and attracted, today and tomorrow. Get creative, and play with your talents, skills and

hobbies. Practice, to take your game to tougher competition. Kindle a romance. Dance together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Energize your home base. Family and home issues take the forefront today and tomorrow. Get into domestic projects, and adapt to changing circumstances. Fix something before it breaks. Clean up after making a mess.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You can learn what you put your mind to over the next two days. Catch up on reading. Collect the facts, and sift through them. Write your discoveries. Friends cheer you on. Practice with renewed vigor.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Focus on making money today and tomorrow. Go

for your objective boldly. Don't stir up jealousies or rely on nebulous uncertainties. If in doubt, confer with trusted family or partners. Angry words get expensive.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You're strong and especially creative for the next few days. You're attracting positive attention. Keep to practical priorities. It's a good time for personal transformation. Get outside and move your body. Make an amazing discovery.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Contemplate your next move. Rest and recuperate today and tomorrow. Draw inspiration from afar. Get into an intuitive phase. Favor home over travel. Hide away a treasure. Nostalgic retrospection suits your mood. Settle in.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Friends give you a boost. Team projects go well today and tomorrow. Provide leadership. Schedule meetings and gatherings. Advance through social means. Use your connections and networks. Talk about what you'd love to see realized.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- The next two days bring lots of career movement. Being well organized helps. Crazy dreams seem possible. Prepare for inspection. Don't get distracted by old fears. Do what you promised. Listen to someone you trust.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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22 North Carolina university
23 Place to buy a Nikon
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44 Stuns
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46 Ballerina artist Edgar
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56 Message from the teacher
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19 Not as costly
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Garret Freeman Jr. practices his DJing for WZMB. He will perform for students on Feb. 5 in Mendenhall.

Student to share passion for music

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

From DJing big events such as the Student Activities Board winter concert with Kehlani, to DJing events for student organizations, East Carolina University student, Garret Freeman Jr., has started to live out his dreams.

“DJing for Kehlani was a different type of feeling. The energy you got from the crowd and from her was different from anything I have ever felt,” said Freeman. “That was top ten best things I have ever done in my life.”

A disc jockey is a person who plays recorded music for an audience, either a radio audience, if the mix is broadcast, or for the audience in a venue such as a bar or nightclub.

“I started DJing because it was something I really wanted to try for a really long time,” said Freeman. “My uncle is a DJ as well and he DJed at my aunt’s wedding when I was thirteen, from there on I wanted to try it.”

Freeman said there are a few different types of DJs.

“You have the event DJ, which is what I want to do, then you have the tour DJ, who just goes on tour with an artist,” he said. “There is also the club DJ, who just DJs at parties or club type venues.”

From there, Freeman has teamed up with other ECU alumni Kristopher Montford-Brown who started of his career as the main DJ for the musical branch of L.E.D Sound.

“I feel like my life will be complete if I could do this as an actual career,” said Freeman.

Other than his uncle, Freeman looks

“The music is the hardest part. When you walk into a venue you have to get a feel for the crowd”

-Garret Freeman Jr.

up to friends such as North Carolina DJ, DJ Lowkey and more mainstream DJs.

“My favorite local DJ would have to definitely be DJ Lowkey but if you are talking national or celebrity wise it would have to be DJ Jazzy Jeff,” said Freeman.

While most think of DJing as a simple career, the difficulties of being good at the job come from knowing the equipment, the type of crowd and even down to the music selection itself.

“The music is the hardest part. When you walk into a venue you have to get a feel for the crowd,” said Freeman. “It’s not just playing music or hitting play/pause. Your transitions have to be on point as well. That’s what makes you a good DJ.”

Freeman will be DJing his next event at the Unfinished Business Student Rec party on Feb. 5. Tickets are on sale now at Mendenhall Student Center for \$10.

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EVENT REVIEW

Dance 2016 captivates, entertains audiences



Anh Ha
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University’s School of Theatre and Dance’s performance of Dance 2016 captivated its audience with commendable choreography and effects.

Dance 2016 consists of a showcase of six routines that contained different styles of dance, including tap and ballet, and each dance was constructed by a different choreographer.

“Skulk,” a sexy and seductive routine, had a sinister and scary touch to it. This passionate performance left the audience with an eerie and mysterious feeling. On the other hand, “Come Snow, Sleet, or Shine” was warm, spiritual and very tribal. There was a sense of worship for this performance that seemed bright and admiring.

The dancers were powerful and soulful when they leapt across the stage and stomped to the beat. During one of the routines, individual dancers ran across the stage while rapidly swinging their arms. The harsh but graceful movement stood out because it was very unexpected. Moments like this kept the audience’s mind from wandering.

Combined with singing and slight humor, the show did not fail to entertain. The vocals in this show were a great touch, the variety of sounds range from menace screaming to a cover

of “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.” The singers have strong voices that resonates through the crowd and added a touch of flair to the dances.

Dance 2016 can attract any type of audience. Viewers can see a colorful upbeat 80’s tap dance routine, followed by a soft yet powerful contemporary piece. Each dance is unique in style, and the viewers will leave with at least one new memorable favorite.

Beside the movements and vocals, what captures the audience’s attention are the costumes. Each outfit was suitable for its piece and emphasised the movements of the dancers. “A Sacred Dream,” had the performers wearing rag-like clothing when they performed to complement the despair and distopic emotion that it had.

The music correlated with the routines so well that if one were to be listened to again, the audiences will be transformed back to the moment they were watching the choreography.

The most important contribution

RATING:



4 out of 5

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Cuba Gooding Jr. stars as the infamous O.J. Simpson in the new series that will air on FX tomorrow.

Simpson trial to air on TVs once again

Rich Heldenfels
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

In 1995, Fox aired “The O.J. Simpson Story,” a TV movie taking advantage of the Simpson frenzy of the time. It was cheesy, clearly lawyered-up because Simpson’s murder trial was in progress, so misguided that the director had his name taken off it.

Justifiably dismayed by Fox’s movie, a critic for Variety said hopefully that “someday, someone may write a strong script about the tale, which touches on the issues of spouse abuse, racial relations in America, our Byzantine legal system, the nature of fame and celebrity and the Greek-tragedy plot of a fall from great heights.”

Although it has taken more than 20 years, a new production largely grants that critic’s wish.

The production is “The People v. O.J. Simpson,” the first in a planned series of dramas under the “American Crime Story” banner.

A 10-part series, it comes from writer-director Ryan Murphy (“American Horror Story,” “Glee”), based on Jeffrey Toobin’s book “The Run of His Life,” and premieres at 10 p.m. Tuesday on FX.

While this alone would make the argument that there is much still to be talked about and pondered in the Simpson story, it is in fact not alone. ESPN has a five-part documentary about Simpson due to air in June; it has already been previewed at Sundance.

For people who were not paying atten-

tion then, or who have been numbed by the way social media creates a daily or hourly scandal and sensation, it may be hard to understand how huge the Simpson case was.

It consumed hour after hour of live TV, commentary and debate, and an accompanying pile of print. (Just about everyone, including peripheral players, published a book.) It elbowed into other parts of our lives, for example when an NBA Finals telecast went split-screen so NBC could also show viewers Simpson’s Bronco chase.

When in 1995 the Cleveland Indians were in their first postseason game in more than 40 years, they had to jockey for national attention because the game took place the same day as the Simpson murder-trial verdict. “Saturday Night Live” would eventually fire Weekend Update anchor Norm Macdonald and writer James Downey for making too many O.J. jokes _ since their boss, Don Ohlmeyer, was a loyal friend of Simpson’s.

That aside, seemingly everyone connected to Simpson or the case was expected to have an opinion. In 1994, about a month after the murders, Dan Dierdorf was at a news conference for “Monday Night Football,” where he bristled when asked for comment about Simpson. “Half of what I see on television now is inappropriate,” he said. “So I don’t

TV REVIEW

'Grease: Live' honors 1978 classic



Jennifer Hines
TEC STAFF

With plenty of singing and dancing, “Grease: Live” hand-jived it’s way into the hearts of a new generation while ingeniously combining the thrill of a live performance with the magic of television during Sunday night’s performance.

“Grease: Live” was a giant melding of the classic 1978 movie and the modern Broadway productions. It did a fantastic job of standing alone as its own production while paying homage to the movie that started the sensation, not replacing it.

Following the well-known storyline, bad-boy Danny Zuko and good-girl Sandy Young spent the entire production fighting their hearts’ desires and bending to everyone’s expectations only to be true to themselves in the end. Along the way, the Thunderbirds and the Pink Ladies can be found at the soda fountain, the sock hop and many more well-loved 1950’s hotspots.

This production of “Grease” was changed to meet the expectations of today’s audience. There were a good chunk of changes throughout the production, including changed lyrics, new songs and a completely diverse cast, but these changes were necessary to fit in with modern values.

More importantly, all of the fan-favorite moments from the original movie remained intact. From “Summer Nights” to “Greased Lightnin” to “You’re the One That I Want,” all of the classic scenes were nearly carbon copies of the 1978 movies, much to fans’ delight.

Thomas Kail, most known for his recent

direction of “Hamilton” on Broadway, put together a spectacular show with the help of amazing costume designers and choreographers.

The star-studded cast was constantly jumping between indoor and outdoor stages as giant sets folded back and rolled away right before the audience’s eyes. The cast even had to be shuttled back and forth on golf carts from dressing rooms to set.

On top of the incredible set changes, the technology used to present this live performance in such a format was unparalleled. Camera operators were constantly on their toes, following the cast around every corner and even hanging from the ceiling.

Modern technology allowed FOX to make parts of “Grease: Live” in split screen and in black and white as if it were on a 1950’s television screen. Putting “Grease: Live” together was no easy feat.

That being said, it was still a live show and live shows are not complete until there is a mishap. During the famous dance-off scene, FOX technicians dropped the ball and lost audio for at least 30 seconds and brought it back with a lot of static.

Although, compared to past live performances produced by NBC, such as “The Sound of Music” with Carrie Underwood and “Peter Pan” with Allison Williams, FOX blew NBC away set the bar pretty high for future productions.

The ones who did not disappoint with their live performances was the all-star cast. Most of the time, when the majority of a cast is comprised of such famous names, there is less attention on the talent that it takes to create a production and more on the publicity of the show.

With “Grease: Live,” this was not the case. Well known actors and Broadway veterans



The cast of the musical rendition of "Grease" sing in harmony together during a scene in the show.

littered the cast all the way from the Thunderbirds to The Pink Ladies.

Vanessa Hudgens, “High School Musical” alumni, delivered an amazing, complex performance as the bad-girl Rizzo just hours after her father died from stage four cancer.

Carlos PenaVega, from the boyband Big Time Rush, wowed audiences as he stepped up to the plate to play the greaser Kenickie.

Carly Rae Jepsen, known for the summer hit “Call Me Maybe” played the beautician Frenchy but fell short with her performance. Amidst the talent on stage, she easily fell flat with her solo performance.

Stealing the show was none other than Danny and Sandy themselves. Aaron Tveit, most known for his role in 2012’s “Les Miserables,” and Julianne

Hough, from “Dancing With the Stars” and “Footloose,” embraced their characters delivered outstanding performances.

To top of the live evening, guest appearances were seen by Jessie J, Boyz II Men and Joe Jonas’ new group, DNCE.

While “Grease: Live” had its share of mishaps and let downs, it was certainly a spectacle to behold. “Grease: Live” excelled as both a live production and a television movie.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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feel obliged to toss any more on the heap.”

But as big and gripping and appalling as it all was, so is the FX series. I have seen the first six hours and they for the most part wonderfully follow the strategizing, miscalculations, near madness and social upheaval that accompanied events following the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, specifically those involving the lawyers on both sides of the case.

In addition to Cuba Gooding Jr. as Simpson, you have John Travolta as Robert Shapiro, Courtney B. Vance as Johnnie Cochran, Sarah Paulson as Marcia Clark, Nathan Lane as F. Lee Bailey, David Schwimmer as Robert Kardashian and Sterling K. Brown (known to viewers of “Army Wives”) as Christopher Darden. With the exception of Travolta, who tends to reduce Shapiro to a single expression, they’re all excellent _ Vance in particular.

And regardless of where you stand on the Simpson verdict, the deeper you go into the drama, the more you will ask, How could this have happened?

In his book, Toobin argued that the Simpson case “at its core ... was a horrific yet routine domestic-violence homicide. It metastasized into a national drama, one that exposed deep fissures in American society, for one reason: because the defendant’s lawyers thought that using race would help their client win an acquittal.”

In Toobin’s book, and in the new drama, race was an issue well before the lawyers seized on it. Simpson’s trial took place in an environment scarred by race through Los Angeles law enforcement’s unpleasant relationship with the African-American community, especially evident just a few years before in the Rodney King case and subsequent riots.

Already that puts us into a present-day issue, as repeated controversies over how police treat people of color keep arising. Similarly, the Simpson case illustrated how blind some of the principals were when considering race _ especially Clark, who misread how African-American jurors would respond to her and to Simpson, and who underestimated the impact of detective Mark Fuhrman’s racial attitudes.

Making this even more fascinating is that, two decades ago, Simpson had built for himself a prosperous but seemingly race-neutral life (one of the much promoted quotes in the TV version is his declaring, “I’m not black. I’m O.J.”). Then his arrest

reminded at least some observers that, in the eyes of the white power structure, black is black no matter how much green you have. In one of the more telling scenes in the drama, Simpson’s defense team redecorates his home before the jury visits, replacing most of his own memorabilia with items meant to convey black consciousness.

But race is not the only current rolling through “The People v. O.J. Simpson.” There is as well the matter of how the legal system can fail, how as Toobin observed a trial about one issue became about something entirely different.

There is the issue of how society views celebrities, embodied not only in Simpson’s dealings with the police even before the murders but in Judge Lance Ito’s embrace of his fame and Clark’s getting mocked by TV audiences and tabloids over her hairstyle.

There is the notion of “reality TV,” in which a court case becomes a serialized drama and creates its own characters. Then TV itself turned increasingly to real people for its stars; perhaps the most awkward element of this drama is the shoehorning of scenes of Kardashian with his children, as if these future reality-TV/social-media icons were getting schooled in the art of inadvertent fame by the Simpson case.

There’s the matter of money and the law. Simpson’s “dream team” clearly outspent the prosecution, assembling a fractious group of gifted (and in many cases flawed) personalities who could attack the outnumbered prosecution from a variety of directions. And, on that score, the drama (like Toobin’s book) shows that one of the best things to happen to Simpson was the addition of the brilliant, win-at-any-cost Cochran to his defense team, especially in contrast to Shapiro.

Vance is the standout in the production, capturing Cochran’s canniness, charm and, when needed, ruthlessness. It’s tough to pay attention to anyone else when Vance is onscreen. But the film works well structurally, moving chronologically through the case but taking time to deal with a single topic, such as Clark’s tabloid woes or Darden’s struggle with his place in the case and his community.

Over time, as I’ve said, we see that this case spotlighted issues that we are still wrestling with as a society. I still think Simpson got away with murder. But as a culture, we are all still on trial.

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East Carolina guard Prince Williams dribbles the ball down the court in a game against Temple earlier this season.

Hoops drops thriller

Craig Moyer
TEC STAFF

Prince Williams spoke in an excited tone after his team's thrilling, last-second 64-61 victory over Temple, stating he is looking forward to his team's next opponent, Houston.

"Hopefully we can ride this wave and stay confident and come out Saturday with another win," Williams said.

Williams has been a huge con-

tributor for the Pirates (10-11; 2-6 AAC) with a combined 38 points in the team's two conference wins and said the two-game winning streak feels great after opening with six-straight conference losses.

ECU is coming off back-to-back wins over Memphis and Temple, giving them its first two conference wins of the season. The Pirates will look to push their winning streak to three games when they face the Tigers on Saturday inside Minges.

The Pirates and Cougars (14-6; 4-4 AAC) played each other twice last season, trading wins, as they both won their games at home.

In the first matchup in Greenville, the Pirates came away with a 66-61 victory, resulting in their first ever American Athletic Conference victory.

This season the team will be

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Owls explode in second half to beat ECU

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

Even with four players scoring in double figures, East Carolina still lost 83-63 to the Temple Owls in Minges Saturday afternoon.

The Pirates (9-12, 3-6 AAC) dominated in the beginning of the game, jumping out to a 13-2 run on the Owls (13-7, 7-2 AAC), with junior transfer post Marina Laramie dropping back-to-back three pointers during the scoring run. Temple began to get its offense clicking after a TV time out to close the gap between the two teams to finish the first quarter with a score of 19-16.

"I loved the way we came out to start the basketball game," said ECU head coach Heather Macy. "We came out ready to play and the sustainability is needed throughout a 40 minute basketball game."

The Owls started to play very well in the second quarter, playing through sophomore guard Alliya Butts, who hit three big shots from beyond the arc in the quarter.

Butts scored 17 of Temple's 39 points in the first half to give the Owls a 10-point advantage over ECU with the halftime score of 39-29. The Pirates lack of depth came to play in the half when Laramie and junior guard Khadijah Toure got into foul trouble.

"Well that hurts us," Macy said. "When we got into foul trouble at the beginning of the second quarter and when the kids had to sit for an extended period of time, that's when the game was gapped, and

then they play differently."

Temple jumped out on ECU scoring the first six baskets of the third quarter, forcing Macy to call a timeout to slow down the Owls momentum. The Owls continued to dominate, despite the timeout, the rest of the quarter leading by 21 with a score of 63-42.

ECU was unsuccessful slowing Temple in the fourth quarter as well. The Owls got their largest lead of 27 at the 4:01 mark with the score at 81-54. The Pirates closed the gap to 20 points to finish out the game.

Temple handed ECU its 12th loss of the season and the team has now lost consecutive games.

"We need to improve our sustainability on defense," said Macy. "We gave up 16 offensive rebounds and that's a lot of offensive rebounds to give up."

Senior forward Devaughn Gray led the Pirates in scoring with 14 points. Senior guard I'Tiana Taylor grabbed a double-double with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Senior guard Jada Payne and junior post player Laramie also put up double figures in points, with 11 and 12 respectively.

The Owls were led by Butts who scored 25 points and snatched seven steals against the Pirates.

"[Temple's] go to players were doing what their go to players should be doing," said Macy. "They made big buckets, you have to give Temple credit, they did a nice job."

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TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

The Pirates will officially announce the signings for the 2016 recruiting class.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (10-12, 2-7 AAC) lost to Houston, 97-93 in a double-overtime thriller at home Saturday.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates (4-0) swept a doubleheader over Winthrop and Chowan Saturday afternoon.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (9-12, 3-6 AAC) dropped its second straight Saturday, losing 83-63 to Temple.

SWIMMING & DIVING

The Pirates split a tri-meet with South Carolina and Williams & Mary.

TRACK AND FIELD

ECU totaled five top-three finishes at the Camel City Invite over the weekend.

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An ECU swimmer makes her way across the pool in an event earlier this season. The Pirates beat William & Mary in a tri-meet over the weekend.

Pirates split final meet

Kayla Morton
TEC STAFF

East Carolina split its final meet before the conference championships, defeating William & Mary and losing to South Carolina Saturday in Greenville.

ECU's men's and women's teams beat William & Mary, 151.5-142.5 and 180-107, while falling to number 17-ranked South Carolina 193-105 and 170-129 respectively.

Both Pirate teams jumped to an early lead against William & Mary, only to fall behind against South Carolina just as quickly. The Gamecocks dominated in the meter diving as well as the various 1000-yard freestyle events.

In the women's 200-yard medley relay, ECU's Bailie Monahan broke away from William & Mary's Jessie Ustjanauskas on the butterfly leg and Anastasia Amoiroglou maintained the lead on the final leg to give the Pirates a commanding three-second victory.

"Any time you win it's just a team effort," head coach Rick

Kobe said. "Bailie Monahan swam fast as always."

A little bit of a shock came during the 200-yard butterfly event however. Monahan usually dominates in both the 100 and 200-yard but fell to South Carolina's Paige Maynard by 0.6 seconds. Maynard caught Monahan on the sixth lap, and kept the slim lead until the finish. Monahan countered the loss when she defeated Maynard later in the 100-yard freestyle by .25 seconds.

Also on the women's side, Julie Lajoie stunned attendees when she climbed and finished second in the 500-yard freestyle, just a mere .40 milliseconds off of a first place finish.

Teammates Megan Sellers and Vendela Norrman dominated the 100-yard breaststroke, claiming a first and third finish, with Norrman falling .13 milliseconds out of a second-place finish. Norrman also claimed a strong second place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke. Sellers added another first place finish to her resume, when she was on

the winning 200-yard medley relay team.

"It was a very bizarre meet because six meets were going on between the guys and the girls at the same time," Kobe said. "We held our own against South Carolina, and on the William & Mary side we were pretty dominant."

On the men's side, Boleck De Pawlikowski had a strong day for the Pirates, finishing third in the 200-yard backstroke in a very anticipated race because of its competition. The top seven out of twelve swimmers for this event finished within two seconds of each other.

"[De Pawlikowski] was probably our best guy, and his 1000 free, great swim," Kobe said.

Probably the top highlight for the men's side happened in the 400-yard freestyle, when all three of the Pirates relay teams knocked off South Carolina. The Gamecocks' top relay team would've grabbed a second place finish behind William and Mary, had it not disqualified. South Carolina's second slated relay

team also disqualified when trying to keep up on the final leg with Pirates' Zach Darden. ECU looked to have narrowly won, but the disqualification sealed the deal.

New this semester, Esteban Araya was noted by Kobe to be a come-up athlete heading into conferences. He didn't compete in the meet but will be used as a secret weapon during the Houston meet starting on Feb. 17.

To the surprise of many, the Pirates have withdrawn themselves from this weekend's upcoming meet in Chapel Hill, due to injuries. The Pirates have had a smaller squad competing in the last few meets, and this upcoming weekend was going to be for swimmers and divers who were not invited or did not qualify for conferences. However, because of these injuries, Kobe decided to send every eligible and able swimmer to Houston to compete in the conference championship.

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Softball set to start new season

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Entering its second year of membership in the American Athletic Conference and its first under head coach Courtney Oliver, the East Carolina softball team is preparing for the start of its 2016 season.

Oliver spent her last three seasons as the pitching coach at NC State and helped the Wolfpack to their first-ever NCAA Super Regional appearance in 2015.

“Being the new coach has been full of a lot of fun challenges, but I’ve been very fortunate to take over a great staff and the team is just awesome, they’re a great group of girls,” Oliver said.

Last season, ECU finished fourth in the conference standings, taking victories over South Florida, Memphis and UConn, in its first time as a member of the AAC. The team struggled in part because of uncertainty in the coaching staff but Oliver’s hiring stabilizes the position.

“I think our goals are the same as everyone else’s in the country,” Oliver said. “You want to make the NCAA tournament, you want to go far at supers and world series, but right now I kind of keep them grounded and keep them focused for game one. Get that one under our belts and then we’ll go from there.”

The Pirates were selected fifth in the preseason AAC coaches poll, according to an announcement made by the conference two weeks ago. ECU returns 15 players, 13 positional and two pitchers from last season’s team. First-Team All-AAC selection Casey Alcorn is back, along with junior right handed pitcher Lydia Ritchie, who boasts a team-best 3.29 earned run average in 68 innings pitched last season.

Four newcomers will begin their collegiate career on the field for the Pirates. Pitcher Mary Williams who posted a 22-1 record in the circle with 235 strikeouts while also



A group of softball players gather around the mound for a team meeting during a game last season. The Pirates open play February 12 in the Kajikawa Classic.

batting .508 with 52 RBI and seven home runs while at Cape Fear High School. A pair of infielders, Tate McClellan and Morgan Halo will also take the field. Also adding to the roster is local outfielder Ashley Weingartz, who spent her high school career at nearby J.H. Rose.

“Right now they’re warming up to one another. I think the biggest challenge we had to face was teach-

ing them softball IQ, and they’re finally starting to get the hang of it,” Oliver said.

The 2016 campaign begins Feb. 12 at the Kajikawa Classic hosted by Arizona State. ECU will play against Virginia, Seattle, UC Riverside, Arizona State and Nevada while at the Classic.

“We’re almost about ready for the season to start, we just need

to get those first games under our belt,” Oliver said.

The Pirates will host 17 home games, kicking off with the Pirate Clash on Feb. 19, where Massachusetts, Bucknell and Saint Francis will compete. The team will return home March 24 to March 29 to host USF and Longwood, and April 8 to April 10 the Pirates will host Memphis, continuing the Under

Armor Showcase. “[Fans] going to see a lot of fun, it’s not going to be the same team that they saw last season. This year there is going to be a lot more energy, their fundamentals are going to be a lot better and just overall their softball IQ is great game, mentally,” Oliver said.

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looking for another high-scoring performance from B.J. Tyson, who led the team to victory last season. Tyson led ECU with 16 points on 7-of-14 shooting in 33 minutes off the bench. Both squads met again in Houston for the teams’ final conference game of the season, resulting in the Cougars coming away with a 72-54 victory. Tyson and Caleb White continue to be the only two Pirates averaging double digits per game. Others will need to step up and assist with the scoring load in order to keep up with the Cougars, who have four players averaging double digits per game. ECU lost its first six conference games this season, only getting double digit performances seven times from players outside of White and Tyson. In the team’s first conference win of the season against Memphis, the team recorded its highest scoring total in conference play, even with White sidelined due to a concussion. Tyson led the team with 26 points and received big contributions from Williams with 20 points, Kentrell Barkley with 15, Michael Zangari with 11.

Houston is coming off of a loss at home to South Florida, who entered the contest with a 3-17 record. ECU head coach Jeff Lebo knows that despite its recent struggles, Houston is a talented team and will be a tough matchup for the Pirates. “They play a different style than we’ve seen, so we’re going to have to try to find a way to figure out how to guard them here in the next couple of days,” Lebo said. Houston is averaging 78 points per game so far this season, while the Pirates are averaging 69 points per game. The Pirates will likely need to exceed their average scoring total in order to keep up with the high-scoring Cougars. The Pirates are 8-1 when scoring at least 70 points this season. Lebo is pleased with his team’s efforts in both practice and games and is happy to see their hard work finally paying off with back-to-back victories. “We’re just trying to get better every day, they’ve stayed together, they’ve worked hard,” Lebo said.

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