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SGA appropriations well runs dry

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The Student Government Association Senate appropriations committee announced at the senate meeting last night that it has spent its entire \$140,000 budget just over halfway through the academic year.

However, at the SGA Senate meeting on Feb. 1, the appropriations com-

mittee stated that the association still had 49 percent, or roughly half of the budget left to give for student funding. Now, only a week later, they are reporting that there is none left, and only a handful of student organizations were allotted funding during this time period.

"There were some errors with keeping up with funding along the

way, so we thought we were at a certain percentage, when in fact, we were not," said Mariah Barber, chair of the appropriations committee.

Currently there are no details as to whether or not there is actually money missing or if it simply a bookkeeping error. Barber said members of the SGA are working on compiling a detailed report regarding how much money

was given to student organizations.

President Mark Matulewicz also announced at the meeting that Treasurer Carson Pierce has resigned from his position for personal reasons.

One of the main duties of the treasurer is to oversee the appropriations committee, which is tasked with allocating funds to various student organizations around campus.

According to SGA policy in its constitution, the role of treasurer falls directly to whoever is the current executive director of financial affairs, which in this case is Garrett Taylor.

Taylor will be sworn into his position today and will begin work immediately after the title is official.

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LiveSafe comes to Greenville

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To help combat crime in and around campus, East Carolina University Student Government Association and the ECU Police Department are testing a mobile safety communications app called LiveSafe, which is set to be launched in late spring or early summer.

The LiveSafe app is currently in demo mode, meaning that it is not live yet.

"ECU staff are working to integrate the technology of the app with ECU-specific information (emergency numbers, resources on and around campus, emergency procedures), specifically integrating ECU CARES," said Lauren Gunter, the continuity and emergency planner for the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

Gunter said ECU Police dispatch are also being trained on responding to the tips and reports made through the application.

"The app is essentially a mobile blue light app which students will be able to download on any smartphone," said Jenny Betz, vice president of SGA.

ECU Police will have a dashboard that corresponds to the app. When a tip is submitted via the app (anonymously or with account information), ECU Police can investigate further with the pictures/videos attached or share the information with responsible authorities on campus such as Housing, Facilities Services or the Counseling Center.

"Depending on the nature of the tip, if deemed an emergency, police may start a two way conversation to obtain additional details," said Gunter.

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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Greenville mourns BMX legend Dave Mirra

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The world is mourning the loss of a man who changed an industry, a small city in eastern North Carolina and inspired people everywhere to reach for the stars.

Dave Mirra was an iconic BMX rider that won 24 medals at the X Games. This made him one of the most decorated athletes to ever compete in the X Games and his monumental success earned Mirra the respect of peers and fellow legends.

Last Thursday, the Greenville Police Department were called to the 200 block of Pinewood Road. Officers found Mirra inside his truck with a self-inflicted gunshot wound at the scene. According to the Greenville Police Department Chief of Police Mark Holtzman, the weapon found in the vehicle was described as a "handgun" and belonged to Mirra.

To many, the news of Mirra's passing came as shock. According to Mayor Allen Thomas, Mirra and he had talked earlier in the day. The mayor described the conversation as normal and said he seemed fine.

Mirra was born in 1974 and he grew up Chittenango, New York, where according to friends, it was hard for him to ride his bike with all the snow and poor conditions.

According to fellow professional BMX

rider Diogo Canina, Dave Mirra decided to move down to Greenville in order to practice more. Greenville provided the climate and resources that helped him become the best at his craft.

Keith King, a long-time friend and fellow rider, remembered watching Mirra's "raw natural talent" when he moved down to Greenville.

Before Mirra arrived in Greenville, it was just another city in eastern North Carolina. Since he arrived in the area in the early 1990s, Mirra developed Greenville into a "mecca" for BMX riders.

He decided to build a 15,000 square foot facility called "The Warehouse." According to

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Parking dilemma wages, SGA requests action



A parking ticket sits on a windshield on ECU's campus as woes continue.

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

After the East Carolina University Student Government Association passed a resolution last week to solve the parking issue on campus, Parking and Transportation has a decision looming.

SGA proposed that all students with parking passes should be permitted to park in certain campus spots beginning at 5 p.m., rather than the normal 7 p.m. time, because most faculty are already off campus by 5, according to SGA Vice Presi-

dent Jenny Betz.

Director of Parking and Transportation Deb Garfi received the resolution at the Parking and Transportation committee's meeting last Wednesday and said that the proposal is being reviewed by various committees and should have a motion soon.

"We received a favorable recommendation from the committee and now getting feedback from other campus groups," said Garfi. "A decision will be made after all feedback is collected. It should be before the end of the month."

Senator Astrid La Cruz Montilla

went to the meeting as a representative from SGA. Montilla said the committee is currently discussing a plan to make two B1 parking lots, one on 10th and Evans along with the flood lot on College Hill, be available to any student with a parking permit after 5:30 p.m. They are also considering putting a ten percent increase on the cost of parking passes next year.

Parking has proven to be an ongoing concern of ECU's students as the school moves forward with its plan to build a new student center

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ONLINE

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» ECU Without Me campaigning launches on social media

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BRIEFS

College of Business named Best for Vets

ECU's College of Business has been named one of the nation's Best for Vets programs due to the opportunities it provides veterans. The program ranked No. 68 on the Military Times' fourth annual survey of graduate business schools nationwide.

NC Connect bond educational event today

The NCEast Alliance Chambers will host an educational event for the \$2 billion NC Connect bond this morning. Representatives of chambers of commerce from Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt, Wayne and Wilson counties were invited to attend.

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"When someone messages ECU Police through the app, this opens a discreet two-way chat with police to assist in situations where talking or calling attention to yourself is not wanted."

She said police can respond to your location while the dispatcher continues to communicate instructions or assist you until help arrives.

Betz said this app could possibly help counter crime in and around campus because "if criminals know that students all have this app on their phones where they can instantly report crime that will cause a reduction in crime."

LiveSafe has many different functionalities that will help with campus safety, including the ability to assist users trying to find information on Victim Advocacy, allow people to submit tips about suspicious activity, mental health concerns and sexual assault. Other features include location sharing during an emergency, a safety map with helpful places on and around campus, and a "Go Safe" feature that

supplements the ECU SafeRide and Safety Escort programs and use the SafeWalk feature.

"The app will help ensure the proper authorities are aware of the concerns and are making efforts to either correct or reinforce the programs and resources at ECU," said Gunter. "The app is only effective if the ECU community uses it."

Betz said one of the important features that students will find useful is SafeWalk, which allows you to ask friends or family to virtually walk with you to your destination. According to Betz, the person virtually walking with you will be able to track your path and they can call the police if they think something is wrong.

Gunter said the app will provide a way for students to look out for one another, in some cases anonymously if they want.

Whether you're looking after a roommate walking back from the library at 1 a.m., reporting concerning behavior of a classmate, or submitting a tip for a friend who may be experiencing a mental health crisis, Gunter said, the app will benefit the students, faculty, staff and the university community as a whole.

Betz said the app will "give students that peace of mind" if they are ever caught in a dangerous situation.

"It will be a huge improvement to ECU's campus," said Betz.

ECU initially started to look at mobile safety apps after a recommendation from the 2013-2014 UNC Campus Security Initiative report.

Gunter said after some detailed research and demonstrations for different mobile application companies, leadership felt LiveSafe best suited ECU's needs.

"We feel that the app is another step towards making our campus and local community a safer place," said Gunter. "We already have so many positive redundancies in place: police patrols, blue light phones, cameras, exterior lighting, ECU Alert and educational components; the app is another reinforcement for the public safety scheme already employed here at ECU."

Betz and fellow SGA executive board members supported the adoption of LiveSafe last semester when they took office.

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and parking deck, leaving students and faculty eager to find a solution to the one-third of parking that is obstructed in the A1 zone.

"I understand that there is building going on and so forth and that's all for future plans for students' welfare, but if they could be mindful of current students that would be great as well," said Rose McMahon, a graduate student at ECU.

Despite efforts from ECU administration to alleviate the parking situation and move traffic to the Minges Coliseum and the new parking available in B lot, many students have had to adjust their daily routines to cope with the continuous issue of on campus parking.

"I have to leave earlier in order to find a parking spot. It is really a headache to find a parking spot due to other faculty [also parking at Minges Coliseum]," said Valerie Tunnell, junior nursing major.

The parking dilemma around campus has not been limited to just students, as even faculty members have had to confront the difficulty of worrying about parking.

"The main adjustment is the

increased time it takes to walk from the parking lot to my office," said Erin Herrmann, assistant director of the University Writing Center. "With all the parking and sidewalks blocked in front of Joyner Library, I take a different route to get to the University Writing Center, and walking through campus also adds time to the walk."

This issue with parking does not disappear later in the day for students trying to attend extracurriculars and student organizations on campus. All parking spots are available without the need of a parking pass after 7 p.m., but most clubs tend to begin before this time.

"With parking availability not being until after seven, it has been very inconvenient for someone like myself who commutes to town and lives about 30 miles away," McMahon said. "It's very time consuming if you have to pack everything up if you are in the library and then go off to catch the bus to get your car and drive back to campus."

The primary sponsor of SGA's resolution was Randall Owens who is a member of the SGA Senate. Owens wanted this resolution to be an alternate plan for students, rather than having to park uptown or in other places that may not be as safe, in order to get to after-school activities on time.

"I hope from this resolution, it shows the student body support of making parking, on and near campus, more student friendly, all while not inconveniencing the faculty who currently are parking pass holders," Owens said.

As this is only a resolution, all the document does is show the opinion of SGA. However, SGA passed on the resolution to the director of parking and transit, and they discussed it in their meeting this past Wednesday.

"The goal of the resolution is to open all on-campus parking places to everyone with an ECU parking pass," said Ricky Tharrington, a senate member of SGA. "This will allow students to teach their on-campus parking place to everyone with an ECU parking pass."

While the plans for rebuilding are causing a lot of stress for students, in the end it should be worth it. After the parking deck is done, there will be more available spots in the A1 zone.

"It is just kind of a necessary evil for now," said Jared Keever, a junior chemistry major. "It's annoying, but I think it has always been really cool how ECU is continuing to build and continuing to advance."

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many, this facility is one of the best training complexes in the world. Dave Mirra and his "Warehouse" made Greenville into an international hub for BMX riders.

According to Canina, who is originally from Brazil, what Mirra did in Greenville attracted riders from all parts of the world.

Canina recalled a time in 2007 when he, Mirra and about 10 other X Games athletes were waiting for their flight at the Pitt- Greenville Airport; Out of the 20 athletes to compete in the X Games, 13 were waiting with them to board the flight.

Mirra and East Carolina University never had an official relationship, though he was a very loyal fan of the university. Mirra's brother was a student at ECU, and according to friends, Mirra met his wife at ECU.

In 2003, Mirra wore "a big ECU sticker on his helmet" and wore purple and gold shoes, said Tooker, who graduated from East Carolina University in 2009. Mirra created a following of BMX riders who loved the sport, but also wanted an education and ECU was the place many riders chose.

Mirra touched a lot of lives. His friends described him as very humble, always positive and an encouraging person.

"He was always such a positive guy," said Marty Walsh, a friend of Mirra.

According to Walsh, now an eCommerce Buyer, there were times when people would feel scared or skeptical of their abilities to perform a trick. Walsh described how Mirra would encourage people to keep working on a trick, even in some cases, working on the trick with them until it worked. It is something he will miss.

Mirra was one of the best athletes in the history of the X Games. In his years competing in BMX competitions and in the X Games, he earned the respect and love of fellow athlete and X Games legends like Tony Hawk and Mat Hoffman. Both Hawk and Hoffman gave touching condolences through social media to the Mirra family.

"He was our Michael Jordan," according to Marcus Tooker, a former professional BMX athlete.

Many fellow riders, professional and amateur, described Mirra as "the best" in BMX, and in many statistical categories, he was the best. According to the Guinness World Records, Mirra set records for winning the most gold medals in X Games summer events, with 14. He set the record for most BMX freestyle medals at a X Games summer event, with 23. He became so dominant in the summer X Games, Mirra won a medal each year from 1995 and 2008.

Mirra is survived by his wife and two daughters. He has millions of fans worldwide and helped raise the sport of BMX onto the national platform. Not only has Mirra left a permanent mark on the BMX community, but on the city of Greenville as well.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Beyonce was so gracious to allow two NFL football teams to play during her concert

Dear Alex Prunka... THANK YOU! beautifully said

So I agree that it was wrong of Sheaffer to complain about body shaming when she takes part in the act herself, but as for the second half of Prunka's piece...wtf else do you expect to be in an opinion section? You started out strong and then tacked on a totally irrelevant argument.

Maybe more students would pick up the paper to read the articles if the writers at TEC weren't a bunch of liberals with specific agendas. There's so much to write about, and these guys just go with the made up narrative fed by the MSM. Look up and find today's true leaders: very few of them are all about the social justice. The ones who do claim to be about it aren't leaders, they are mouthpieces.

The very best Pirate Rants aren't being printed on paper but are available online. Come on TEC, grow a pair. We the students dare you.

Hahahahaha! The Campus Cookies body-shaming scandal is the funniest thing ever. What an entitled girl. AND she called out other students for drinking in her rant. OVER HER.

Here's a novel concept: You can be against federal funding for Planned Parenthood AND against other federal programs too. I don't want to pay for your kids OR your drive-thru McAbortions.

Papers sucked since Ryan Clancy took over. Bring back the old editor.

If Donald Trump is president Mexico will need to build a wall, in order to keep Americans from jumping the border. #politicssuck

If you're wondering why pirate rants aren't as majestic as they once were, it's probably because of all your b***hing and whining. Do the alumni (that you're giving a bad name to) a favor--sfu, step down off your soap box and experience Pirate Life.

Hey TEC, why don't you host a poll asking the ECU community if they want to keep the Pirate Rants? Probably the best way to settle this.

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

Poll results

Is the NFL doing enough to prevent concussions?

Yes- 41.3%
No- 58.7%

Poll question

Will you vote in the upcoming SGA election?

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Our view

Joyner focus group assists students

Last week, it was reported that Joyner Library is creating a focus group to survey students' opinions regarding the amenities and services the library offers. The focus group is being headed by Mark Sanders, assistant director of Public Service, and Heather White, director of Library Project Development.

Their main goal is to create a diverse team that represents all types of students, from those who practically live in Joyner to those who may only go to the library once a semester.

We as an editorial staff believe that Joyner's staff is putting forth the right efforts to improve the library to make it more useful for all students. It is not often that a campus entity goes to great lengths to improve upon

student experiences, and seeing the library attempt to better accommodate students is refreshing.

Hopefully, the Joyner focus group survey will spark a trend that sees the university responding more quickly to students' needs. Students need their voices to be heard rather than ignored, as has been the case with the Joyner parking debacle this semester.

Now that our faculty is making the effort to enhance students' library experience, it is our job as students to comply and make our best effort to participate in this study. The only way change will be made is if students meet White and Sanders halfway and work with them in the campaign to make the library a better place for students to study.

ECU fails international scholars



Erika Dietrick
GUEST COLUMNIST

International scholarships and fellowships bring prestige to universities and provide incredible funded opportunities to both undergraduates and graduates to travel the globe, conduct cutting-edge research, or participate in exciting courses or projects. Opportunities such as the Goldwater Scholarship, Boren Awards for International Study and the Fulbright Program are typically well-known and sought after by small and large universities alike.

Although institutions are structured differently, it is required by these scholarship programs that someone at each university be appointed as that particular scholarship's advisor—someone who is responsible for understanding the scholarship opportunity, the application process, and helping students submit their applications. However, as I quickly discovered while applying for the Fulbright last semester, East Carolina University's current international scholarship support is not only lacking, but actively preventing student success.

I discovered the Fulbright Program by chance in June 2015. I was immediately and completely enamored by the thought of being paid to travel to another country for a year to do what I do best: tell unique stories through

multimedia. Enthusiastic and determined, I e-mailed ECU's Fulbright advisor to learn more about how I could apply for the opportunity through ECU.

What ensued in the months leading up to the deadline in October was nothing short of hellish chaos. Our advisor would not respond to my e-mails, did not keep her office hours, consistently discouraged me and other students from applying, sent passive-aggressive and unprofessional e-mail correspondence, was unaware of the requirements for my particular Fulbright program, did not provide all of the information needed to prepare a strong application, and spent most of our meeting time talking about how disappointing past applications had been. The process of interacting with our advisor was overwhelmingly exhausting, and I eventually decided to apply as an "At-Large" candidate rather than through ECU because of this extremely negative experience.

I documented these incidents in a letter that I then sent to university administrators. I was invited to a meeting to discuss the ordeal, and I was elated to discover that they were highly interested in what I had to say and concerned about the situation. By the end of our meeting, we agreed that a new system of support needed to be put in place for the Fulbright program, including a new advisor, biannual information sessions, and other means of increasing awareness of the Fulbright.

However, it is now the beginning of Febru-

ary, and there is not yet any solid plans for improving the Fulbright at ECU. Despite the unprofessional treatment I received and the fact that we have many faculty who were themselves Fulbright scholars, we have not selected a new advisor. At this time, there has been no progress on hosting an information session on the Fulbright either.

While the October deadline may seem far off, the application for the Fulbright (in short) is intense, complex and involves securing an affiliation letter from a foreign university. It is not an application to be taken lightly, and it cannot be completed quickly—which means that if actions are not taken immediately to replace our Fulbright advisor (among other things), this year's applicants will either (a) not have the necessary resources and support to create a strong application, (b) be prevented from submitting their application or (c) not even know the Fulbright exists.

While you can argue that there are currently more important issues on ECU's campus to discuss, this wall between ECU and international scholarships is exactly what is impeding us from further gaining prestige and being nationally recognized, attracting the brightest students and propelling students to greater heights. I strongly urge ECU administration and faculty to take a deeper look into this issue.

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SGA elections deserve attention



Ron Cliff Hinton
GUEST COLUMNIST

What does it mean to you to be a Pirate? To me, being a Pirate means many things. A few words come into mind when thinking about what it means to be a Pirate. Excellence, scholarship, service, leadership, opportunity, passion, loyalty, boldness, football, Sup Dogs... I could go on and on about what I think, however, it is about what YOU think.

Six years ago, I pondered the same question. "What does it mean to me to be a Pirate?" How did I respond? I got involved and also got informed. Outside of the classroom, I got the opportunity to get involved in state-wide Student Government, the ECU Marching Pirates, Fraternity and Sorority life, ECU Student Government Association and even before it was all said and done, when I graduated from ECU in December 2014 I had even interned for ESPNU.

Through years spent in Greenville, one thing remained consistent; my love and undying passion for East Carolina. I really, really love ECU. From our campus, our students, our athletic teams, even our Pirate State of Mind logo. With that love grew dreams and aspirations to help build and

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improve upon a place I called "home." I truly wanted to leave my alma mater a better place in which I found it. I got involved because I cared. I cared because I loved. I loved because I was passionate.

Many people saw my involvements and my actions. I assumed people knew my intentions. I truly just wanted to help. I wanted to make the quality of life better for ALL students no matter their race, gender, ethnicity or background. We are ONE Pirate Nation.

Two years ago, I ran for Student Body President. It was my dream to lead the University I loved so much. I ran a campaign based off of integrity, improvement, love and passion. My ideas were genuine and bold. In that election, I gave it my all. What was the result? A 39 vote loss to another candidate, the closest loss in ECU SGA history. This other candidate did

not have the best interest of ECU in mind. Fast forward through time and that candidate, turned President, failed ECU. He served a term giving minimal effort and eventually resigned from Presidency after a lackluster effort of serving ECU students.

However, his Presidency is not the focus. YOU are the focus, the ECU student body. The ECU student body is ALWAYS the focus. You all as a student body have an obligation coming up. Your SGA elections are on the horizon. As a Pirate, you have a few responsibilities because of this. You have a responsibility to get informed about the issues surrounding your student life. You DO have a voice. You also have a responsibility to get to know your candidates to the best of your ability. Don't just vote for someone because you know them. Vote for them because they have the best to offer for YOU.

If being a Pirate means to you as it means to me; the excellence, scholarship, service, leadership, opportunity... We as Pirates should ALWAYS strive to find the best fit for student leadership. Be informed, be passionate, be a Pirate.

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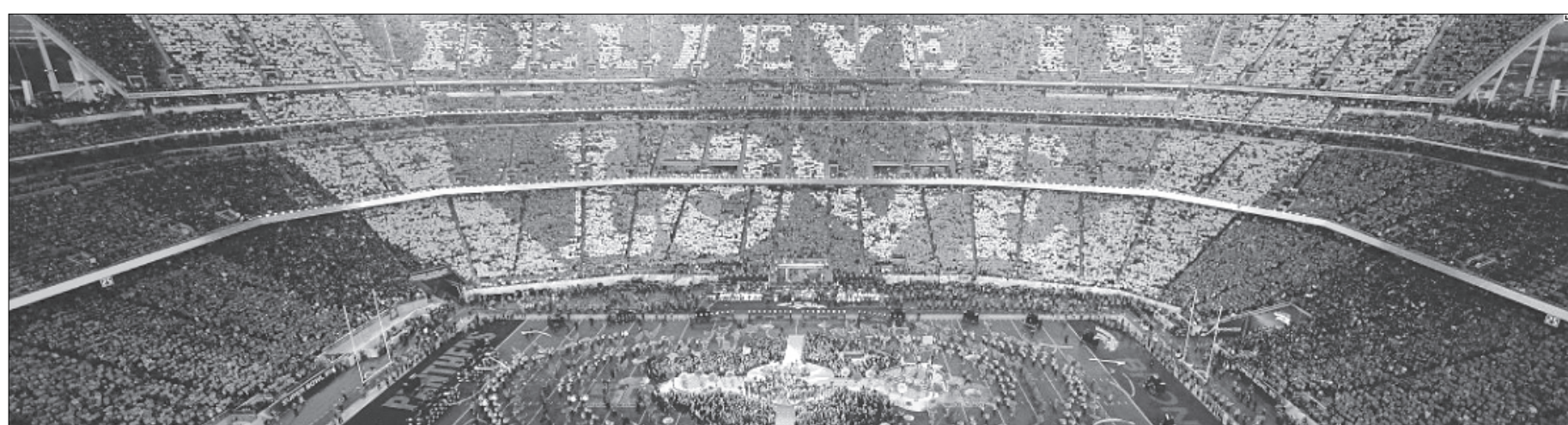
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SUPER BOWL



The unlikely trio of Coldplay, Beyoncé and Bruno Mars delivered the performance of a lifetime by engaging in a dance-off, song mash up and paying homage to past performers.

Halftime concert steals show

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Skeptical and unsure of the outcome for the show, with the questionable mix of talent presented from Coldplay, Beyoncé and Bruno Mars, audiences were shocked when an impressive performance was put on by the three headliners for the Super Bowl 50 halftime show. With a unique theme of past, present and future, this year's halftime show was one for the books.

The show started off with Coldplay performing "Yellow" as a live band entered the stadium and revealed the lead singer Chris Martin. The next song played by Coldplay was "Viva La Vida" as the camera switched angles and showed an overhead view of the stage. With the stage being a circle, there was no room for a visual in the background as audiences are used to at a regular concert. Instead, audiences were immersed with color from Martin's custom rainbow Jordan Spiz'ike sneakers to his live band of children dressed in rainbow jumpsuits. Along with wardrobe choice, the visual theme of Coldplay's

performance was also consistent with the vibrantly colored theme of the new album cover, "A Head Full of Dreams."

The next performer to hit the stage was Bruno Mars. Mars started his show with his hit song "Uptown Funk." While Mars was able to keep the audience engaged with his fun energetic song, he also kept up the energy up from Coldplay with a dance routine to go along with his song, which shortly transitioned from the stage to the field as the music blended together smoothly to transition into Beyoncé's new song "Formation."

In the field, about 50 African-American women were dressed like the notorious Black Panthers Party while Beyoncé paid homage to Michael Jackson as she wore a military inspired black jacket very similar to the one Jackson wore during his performance in the 1993 Super Bowl.

The Black Panthers Party practiced militant self-defense of minority communities against the U.S. government, and fought to establish revolutionary socialism through mass organizing and community based programs. This uniform and structure of the dancers worked perfectly with the message of Beyoncé's

song "Formation" with lyrics like "My daddy Alabama, my momma Louisiana. You mix that negro with that creole make a Texas Bama. I like my baby hair, with baby hair and afros. I like my negro nose with Jackson Five nostrils."

After a short dance routine to "Formation," the concert went back to a less political tone as they made yet another easy transition back into Mars's "Uptown Funk" where Beyoncé hit the stage with Mars and a dance battle between the two crews commenced.

Beyoncé did a few new urban dances including the milly rock and the whip, Mars continued his 90s theme with some MC Hammer moves. The two performers were able to bounce off each other's energy and even competed in a dance battle. The audience was engaged so much that it no one seemed to notice when Beyoncé tripped during the battle.

To end the concert, Martin re-joined the stage with Beyoncé and Mars to perform Coldplay's song "Fix You," which paid tribute to past Super Bowl performers, including a special moment for performers who have passed away such as Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston

and James Brown.

The show ended as it started with another hit Coldplay song "Up and Up," which brought back the underlying political tones that were prevalent throughout the show. As the three sang the uplifting song with lyrics like "We're gonna get it, get it together right now. Gonna get it, get it together somehow," the camera panned out so audiences at home could see the viewers in the stands spell out the phrase "Believe in Love."

The very last image that viewers were left with was a historic one with Beyoncé on the left side resting her hand on the shoulder of Chris Martin, who was in the middle, and Bruno Mars on the right side of Martin as they sang Martin's "Up and Up" together. After the performance ended, the three artists looked out at the crowd and then each other, almost as if to acknowledge to one another that they knew they had just delivered a performance of a lifetime.

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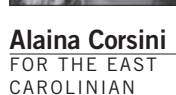
Students discuss O.J. relevancy



Jennifer Hines
TEC STAFF

Even though it's been more than 20 years since the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, the world is still fascinated with O.J. Simpson and the infamous murder trial.

"The People vs. O.J. Simpson" premiered on FX last Tuesday night, reigniting the same spark Americans had for the case in 1994. Since then, numerous debates have been conducted on why this case is just now coming back to light.



Alaina Corsini
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Destiny Teasley, communication major, grew up hearing about the O.J. Simpson murder case from her parents and was eager to watch the new mini series.

"My parents would make comments and tell me about it, so I kind of knew about it but I did my own research before this came out," she said.

Teasley's personal research consisted of going back and reading articles from the time of the trials and watching the old police deposition videos of Simpson's interrogations. Her original opinion was that Simpson was



O.J. Simpson pushes past the press during his infamous trial for allegedly killing his wife.

guilty, but viewing the episode made her rethink her first notion.

"I thought, personally, that he was guilty. There was no doubt in my mind that he did it," said Teasley. "But watching it, there were some things that made me feel like he wasn't guilty. The way he presented himself was like he wasn't guilty, [but] the actions that he did... was really sneaky."

While "The People v. O.J. Simpson" made Teasley take a closer look at Simpson's actions, the show strengthened her original opinion and made her wonder about the psychological factors that played into Simpson's trial.

Simpson was acquitted of both counts of murder in the end, but was sentenced to 33 years in prison for robbery and kidnapping in 2008. So, why the new fascination with a 20-year-old criminal case?

Danielle Henderson, communication major, said the timing of the show is linked to the trial's 20th anniversary.

"I think they're just now turning it into a TV show," said Henderson.

Also, with television full of crime dramas and true crime stories, from "Criminal Minds" and "Law and Order: SVU" to "Making a Murderer" on Netflix, crime shows are gaining popularity in pop culture.

"I think that [we] as Americans have a fascination with American crime stories because we like things that have conflict and impact," said Teasley. "I like to see the f-ed up part of people's minds. I feel like that's also why we have a fascination with this. [It helps us see] we're 'normal' people and not crazy."

Fashion lines blurred; men have choices

Victoria Schulte
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With the closing of men's fashion week, an obvious trend in the industry that is gaining momentum with each season is that there are no longer definitive rules labeling certain fashions as strictly masculine or strictly feminine.

"Fashion is fashion," said junior communication major and fashion blogger Jonathan McDougale. "Who says a man can't wear crop tops the same way women can't wear a [men's] baggy polo shirt?"

The gender-neutral trends coming in 2016 may come off as a surprise to some, but they've actually been around for quite some time.

"Trends re-occur in certain stages, but people who are naive to it, tend to react to it differently than those who do know about fashion, and have knowledge about trends when they were shaped and formed long ago," said McDougale.

From ancient times to the 19th century, heels were originally in men's fashion before it became the feminine shoe that it is today.

"Men actually wore heels back then as a sign of wealth, but obviously that trend has changed," said McDougale.

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McDougle said just because something different is breaking society's standards of what is feminine or masculine, it does not mean the person wearing those trends are challenging their sexuality. In fact, they are more than likely trying to make a fashion statement, according to McDougle.

McDougle mentioned celebrities like Jaden Smith are making those fashion statements when breaking the gender-norms.

"He's one of the new faces for Louis Vuitton's womenswear, but a lot of people are questioning why he is the new face for that, and people are saying that he is putting his sexuality on the line," said McDougle.

McDougle said fashion does not define sexuality, but it is way to express one's style.

"Just because someone wears a trend that makes them stand out, it does not mean they are putting their sexuality on the line," said McDougle. "They're just doing what they think is in fashion and in style."

As bizarre as it may seem to see men wear a crop top or a dress in high fashion, these styles are only just repeating and being revamped to make a fashion statement.

"Crop tops have been around since the 60s and 70s. Rock musicians and entertainers wore them in their shows. It was very prevalent in punk rock," said McDougle. "I wouldn't wear a crop top per-say, but in my favorite shows like 'The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air,' Will Smith wore a crop top. That was when people started thinking it was cool and wearing it too."

Off the runway we see these trends are flowing into a everyday attire.

"One trend I notice at ECU is skinny jeans that are stressed with the cut in them," said McDougle. "It is a trend that can come off as feminine, but a trend that is really prevalent in men's style."

In men's fashion, feminine colors such as pink and purple are being used to make a bold statement on and off the runway this spring.

"Real men wear pink," said McDougle. "That's my take on the matter of wearing certain colors."

Even men's hairstyles are breaking the norms.

"I know man-buns were a trend this past year, but I saw man-braids becoming a big trend for hair this year," said McDougle.

Instead of sticking to a traditional short hair-do, it is becoming more apparent in men to grow out their locks and braid it up.



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Jaden Smith, who is notorious for breaking gender norms, experiments with men's fashion by layering a skirt over a pair of skinny jeans.

"For women, I know baggier clothing and even tattoos will become more apparent in style in the future," said McDougle.

No matter the trend, breaking those gender barriers and bringing a new and different trend to the table is what makes the fashion industry successful.

"As I said before, fashion is fashion," said McDougle. "In for order for business to be made in the big world of fashion, fashion statements need to be made."

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On top of the fascination with crime stories, there are certain topics in the media that resonate with Americans that can be found in "The People v. O.J. Simpson," one of the most prominent being domestic violence.

Simpson's ex-wife had called the police on several occasions about domestic violence disputes, a fact made well-known in the opening episode, yet nothing was ever done to follow up those incidents.

Parker Knox, staff member at Cru, feels that domestic violence tends to be glossed over. "You just don't talk about it," he said. "But the need to stop domestic violence in sports is often ignored."

Teasley feels that domestic violence and sexual assault problems bring "The People v. O.J. Simpson" right back to campus.

"With our friends, we see signs of something that's wrong or something that's off, but if they say they're fine, you brush it off because you don't want to push on something that's gonna hurt them," she said. "It has a lot to do with Pledge Purple. It kind of relates to

that because we can't keep turning a blind eye if we see these signs."

Henderson also feels that issues of violence are a problem on ECU's campus.

"Issues like that aren't brought up on campus [because] they're kind of considered taboo," she said. "If more was said about it, it wouldn't be taboo. But this will bring more light to the issues which is necessary if we do eventually want to make it something that's not a taboo subject."

Along with domestic violence, racial tensions that are going on everyday are called into question in "The People v. O.J. Simpson."

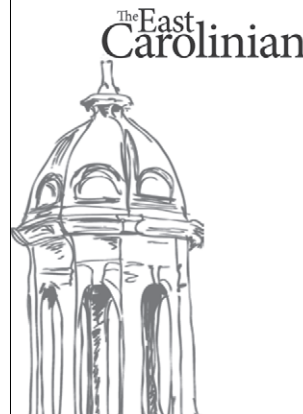
"It's also relevant because there's a lot going on in the black community and, me being a black person myself, I feel like I can say there's been a lot of injustice done," said Teasley. "But I feel that this [series] is going to show a lot of different sides about race because... here you have this black football player and his white wife is dead. Race is always going to be relevant."

The next installment of "The People v. O.J. Simpson" will air tonight on FX at 10 p.m.

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59 Dubai bigwig

60 "MASH" setting

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65 Sheep's cry

66 Candy heart message

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10 Texas or Ukraine city

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43 It's a scream

45 Picking-up-the-tab words

47 Song words before "with a little help from my friends"

48 Husk-wrapped Mexican food

50 Pay

51 Concrete-reinforcing rod

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Friends are especially helpful over the next two days. Talk about future goals. Be patient with a silly request. A crazy scheme could work. Check public opinion before launching. Make an outrageous request.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Work takes priority today and tomorrow. Assume more responsibility. Expect a test. Don't overspend. Advancement

may require bold action against high odds. Imagine the result achieved, and then look to see how you got there.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Your wanderlust is getting worse today and tomorrow. Travel and studies quell your jones for exploration. Pursue a dream. Look outside the box. Close the books on an old deal. Chart your long-term course.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Handle financial matters with your partner today and tomorrow. A lack of funds would threaten your plans. Take inventory of your valuable talents, and put them down on paper. List dreams and desires, too.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Work together to go further today and tomorrow. Prioritize common goals and delegate tasks. Family matters vie with work for your attention. Consult a good strategist. Improve your process and increase your yield.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Begin a busy few days. Take advantage of a rise in demand. Write down the wildest fantasies. Don't believe everything you hear. Fulfill your promises. The rules seem to change mid-game. Adapt gracefully.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Relax and play over the next two days. Enjoy the game, without expensive gambles. Diversions include art, beauty and

romance. Practice what you love. Get out in nature and move. Take the roundabout route.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Focus on domestic changes over the next few days. Choose what you want, after researching options. Get into interior decoration. Play with color. Create an inviting place for family to come together. Provide home-cooked treats.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Concentration comes easier today and tomorrow. Study, research and write your discoveries. Revise the budget to suit on-the-ground realities. Collect what's due, pay bills and settle accounts. Talk things over. Communication provides simple resolution.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- There's money coming in today and tomorrow, and you're on a mission. Tap an available source of revenue. It could get quite profitable. Stick to your budget. Write down your dreams, including implausible ones.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Personal matters demand attention today and tomorrow. Gain strength and options. Keep your faith and sensitivity. Ditch the cynicism. Take charge for desired changes. Consider consequences, and don't let them stop you. Assertiveness works.

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Huskies send Pirates packing

UConn proves too tough for Macy and Co.

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

East Carolina continued its downward spiral Saturday, as it dropped its fourth straight game and fifth of its last sixth, with a 92-46 loss against the undefeated reigning national champion Connecticut Huskies.

The Pirates (9-14, 3-8 AAC) put up a season low in points, as their offense has only averaged 59 points a game during the four game losing streak. ECU averages 67.3 points-per-game on the season.

The defense has been lacking in the four-game skid also, as the Pirates have been giving up 77 points-per-game. ECU had been giving up 67 points-per-game in conference play before the skid.

The Pirates have played the Huskies (22-0, 12-0 AAC) four times in the last 15 months, with this meeting being the first time the Pirates kept it within 50 points. ECU's first three losses were by an average margin of 52 points.

"We cut the gap," head coach Heather Macy said. "We saw some really good things down the stretch, some toughness, some togetherness."

Macy said her team showed heart by cutting the gap to 29 in the third quarter. Ultimately, UConn showed why it is the three-time defending national champion and pushed its lead to 45 to end the quarter.

Jada Payne scored 15 points with three rebounds and two steals. After hitting her lone 3-pointer Saturday, Payne moved into a tie for the second most 3-pointers in ECU school history with 178 made in her career. Payne needs 23 to tie and 24 to pass Allison Spivey, who holds the record with 201. With seven games left in the regular

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Left: ECU basketball head coach Heather Macy gestures towards the court. Right: Pirate hoops head coach Jeff Lebo stands with his arms folded.

Poor second half dooms ECU in road battle

Craig Moyer
TEC STAFF

East Carolina failed to support the scoring efforts of Prince Williams, as the high-scoring Connecticut Huskies pulled away in the second half en route to a 85-67 victory Sunday afternoon.

The Pirates were led in the first half by Williams, who continued his hot streak, recording his fifth-straight double-digit performance. Williams scored 10 of ECU's first 15 points and finished the first half with 14 of the team's 33 points, leading all scorers in the opening half. He finished the game with 21 points on 7-of-14 shooting including 4-of-6 from behind the arc.

Connecticut was led in the first half by

Jalen Adams and Shonn Miller, who both recorded 12 points in the half on a combined 11-of-13 from the field. The Huskies finished the game with five players scoring in double figures, led by Miller and Rodney Purvis with 16 points apiece. Contrary to UConn, ECU finished the game with just two players scoring in double digits, with B.J. Tyson assisting Williams by finishing the game with 11 points.

The Huskies shot the ball well throughout the first half, finishing at 65.4 percent, 17-of-26 from the field. The Pirates were not as successful from the field, finishing the opening half at 33 percent from the field.

The Huskies strong shooting performance in the first half was helped by the team's ability to get high-percentage shots from inside the

paint. Connecticut dominated the Pirates inside in the first half, outscoring ECU 28-6 on the block in the first half.

UConn proved to be much more talented down low than ECU, as the Huskies finished the game outscoring the Pirates 50-22 in the paint and also outrebounding them 21-17.

The Pirates kept the game close throughout the opening half behind their strong performances from the free throw line as well as from behind the arc. ECU shot 41.7 percent, 5-of-12, from three and 80 percent, from the free throw line.

ECU was keeping the score within a couple points of UConn and had tied the

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TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates (10-13, 2-8 AAC) lost 85-67 to the UConn Huskies on the road Sunday afternoon.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (9-14, 3-8 AAC) couldn't keep up with the undefeated Huskies during Saturday's 92-46 loss.

WOMEN'S GOLF

ECU's Frida Gustafsson Spang is tied for first at the UCF Challenge with 4-under par.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates (5-1) fell to Xavier, 4-3 Friday but dropped Presbyterian by the same score Sunday.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ECU (2-2, 0-1 AAC) beat both Campbell and Norfolk State at home over the weekend.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers fell to the Denver Broncos, 24-10 in the Super Bowl Sunday night.

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Men's tennis tops Presbyterian



ECU men's tennis player Tendai Tapfuma lines up a shot during a match earlier this season. The Pirates improved to 5-1 after defeating Presbyterian.

Corey Jones
TEC STAFF

A big win over Presbyterian on Sunday afternoon helped the East Carolina men's tennis team boost its momentum as it now turns its attention to conference play with a 5-1 record.

"Our first seven matches being at home is always an advantage, the more people the more energy there is in the indoor courts of ECU. This gives us even extra motivation to go deeper in our strengths," freshman William Himpe said.

Tendai Tapfuma and James Ling recorded a 6-4 victory over Joel Roberts and Ben Kelley, while Vlad Anghel and Fredric Lehfeldt improved to 4-1 as doubles partners, with a victory of 6-4 over Brandon Mills and Danny Bruce. The doubles wins allowed ECU (5-1) to seal an early 1-0 lead over the Blue Hose.

"We had some very good practices the last couple of days trying to work on some little things we could have done better against the other teams, especially in doubles," freshman

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Ronny Georgi said. "The results definitely showed as we faced Presbyterian, but we as a team still have a lot to work on and master."

Tapfuma was the first to finish on court one in singles play, as he won the match in two sets over Alejandro Bejar. Although down early, Presbyterian did not let up, as it recorded wins on courts two and three to tie the overall score at 2-2.

Bruce then defeated Anghel in three sets on court two, while Diego Manzanar defeated Kasey Countee, also in three sets, on court three.

Georgi and Lehfeldt picked up the missing pieces for the Pirates, winning their singles matches over Mills and Roberts. The two singles wins brought ECU to 4-3 over Presbyterian.

"As a player I can just say we are very happy about everyone who is coming to watch us play and I can promise we will give our best to perform some great tennis," Georgi said.

Georgi has set the tone early for himself as his win over Mills allowed him to improve to 6-0 on the year in singles matches. He has now won nine straight matches dating back to the end of the fall season.

"I do not like to think of momentum, because we are still very early in the season, we just need to stay focused for every game, and keep giving 100 percent every day," Himpe said. "Sunday's match did give us some confidence though, so let's hope that we can continue this trend!"

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Swim and dive defers rest to competition

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With the American Athletic Conference Championship less than a week away, many teams took this past weekend to travel to Chapel Hill to get one last practice run in. East Carolina, however, chose to remove themselves and not attend the competition.

Due to numerous injuries, the Pirates accumulated a smaller roster to use for the conference championships in Houston. Four swimmers on the girls' side alone cannot attend the big meet, with two of them being ECU's top swimmers, Tori Angermeier and Lauren Baker. Angermeier has been sidelined all year with Baker more recently being ruled out indefinitely.

"Tori's our 200 freestyle record holder," head coach Rick Kobe said. "These [girls] are multiple-event finalists. Those guys would have scored a lot of points"

The two other swimmers who join Angermeier and Baker on the sidelines have not been named by Kobe, however one is out due to health reasons, and the other obtained a concussion last week and is questionable for the Houston meet.

"At this point we have four scorers who will not be going and out of sixteen, that's twenty-five percent," Kobe said. "But we have other kids now, that have the opportunity to come up and score; they'll just have to step up."

Helping to fill in the spot of Angermeier was Anastasia Amoigroulou, who specializes in sprints, and more specifically freestyle sprints. Amoigroulou, who is originally from Greece,

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said she sticks to sprinting instead of long distance because she was so used to metered events instead of yard events before she came to the United States. Showing that suddenly training for something brand new after years of experience is not a fix overnight.

Sophomore Bridie Burke helps in the freestyle as well, normally swimming the 200, along with swimming a few butterfly events.

"We've had a couple jump in there and get the job done," Kobe said.

The Pirates have struggled to fill Baker's shoes, but have been helped by another sophomore, Julie Lajoie, who is the Pirates top 500-yard swimmer. Lajoie also stepped up earlier in the season and swam the 200-yard butterfly event, and has since continued swimming the butterfly throughout the season.

"Baker was one of the best flyers in the history of our program, fortunately we have two other really good flyers that were able to continue on," Kobe said.

Along with Lajoie, senior Bailie Monahan has been a consistent threat in the 100 and 200 yard butterfly. She has placed in

the top five during every meet so far this season.

Earlier in the season the Pirates traveled to Annapolis, Maryland for a tri-meet between Navy and Old Dominion, with the women's side losing by only 1.0 point, 150.5-149.5. The Navy women won events that normally Angermeier or Baker would've swam. Because they were out, and the lineups were shifted, it took strength out of certain events that could've had more potential for ECU points.

"If everyone could have been healthy, maybe we could've won that meet at Navy," Kobe said.

Teams are allowed to take up to thirty swimmers for both the men's and women's teams to conferences. Instead of splitting up the teams and sending only a handful to Chapel Hill and a handful to Houston, Kobe and his other coaches decided to send them all to Houston even though all the swimmers won't be able to score. This way, the teams will have stability in case any more injuries arise.

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season, Payne will need to average over three 3-pointers a game to break the school record.

Payne's 15 points also put her as the school's fifth all-time scorer. Payne has scored 1,580 in her three years at ECU and 1,852 in her college career. With 11 points, Payne will move into fourth all time. Payne would need to average 30 points over the Pirates last 7 games, to solidify herself as the school's 2nd highest scorer ever. She is currently averaging 19.5 PPG.

The Pirates currently sit at 8th place in the conference. The 8th seed plays the 9th seed in the conference tournament, which right now would mean that the Pirates will play Cincinnati (7-15, 3-8 AAC).

Of their seven remaining

games, only three are against teams with a winning record. One of which is against the Huskies. But with two games remaining against SMU (10-12, 5-6 AAC), who are currently two games ahead of the Pirates, the Pirates could move up to the 7th seed and avoid playing UConn in the second round of the conference tournament.

ECU hasn't beaten a team with a better conference record than them yet. The team's three wins came against Cincinnati, Houston and UCF, which are the three worst teams in the league. If the Pirates can't beat a team above them in the conference, the team will finish 5-13 in the conference and 11-19 overall, which would be Macy's worst regular season finish as ECU's head coach.

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game at 17 before the Huskies went on a 9-0 run over 2:36 to take a 26-17 lead with just over eight minutes left in the first half.

"We really got back to playing really solid, good defense and then our offense came alive in the second half," Huskie head coach Kevin Ollie said. "I'm very proud of the guys. We prepared very, very hard for this game."

Connecticut finished the game shooting 55.6 percent from the field, including 36.8 percent from behind the arc. The Pirates struggled from the field, finishing

the game at 37.1 percent, and 31.8 percent from three.

UConn sophomore, Daniel Hamilton, finished the game with a double-double, scoring 12 points and grabbing 16 rebounds. Hamilton credited his strong rebounding skills to growing up playing basketball against his brothers.

"I credit it to playing my brothers in my backyard and having to go up and get your own rebound," Hamilton said. "I think that's what I did tonight just go up and get the rebound."

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