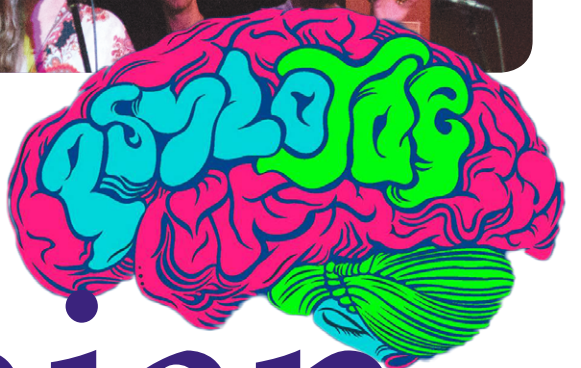




LOCAL BANDS TO PERFORM FOR ANNIVERSARY EVENT

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INCLEMENT WEATHER BLOWS THROUGH PITT COUNTY

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

Around the campus of East Carolina University students and faculty hunkered down for severe weather that pushed through Greenville Wednesday.

Yesterday, multiple severe weather systems rolled through Pitt County. According to the Weather Underground, a meteorology service, the storms that moved over Greenville during the early afternoon produced approximately an inch of rain and wind gusts over 40 mph.

Around 11:30 a.m. yesterday, ECU officials sent out an alert to the community, notifying students that classes starting later than 1 p.m. would be cancelled.

Along with cancelled classes, ECU also decided to close ECU Transit and the Student Recreation and Wellness Center early, due to weather, according to an ECU Alert. The East Carolina University Police Department took the weather situation seriously and tried to keep the ECU community as up to date of the conditions as possible, according to Lieutenant Chris Sutton, public information officer with the ECU Police Department. ECU Police released weather condition updates through social media as developments occurred.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., ECU released an alert cautioning students about a tornado warning. Students were advised to seek shelter immediately in a "sturdy building."

According to Kristen Hunter, public information officer with the Greenville

Police Department, there were not any weather-related incidents. The weather did not affect Greenville and the greater Pitt County area very much. There were very few power outages caused by the weather. According to Noel Lee, Director of Emergency Management with the Pitt County government.

"Everything will be back on normal tomorrow" said Lee.

According to Lee, of the few power outages that did occur, they were fixed and regular service was resumed quickly. Lee said that there should be no delay in any services provided by Pitt County. The Greenville Department of Recreation and Parks agreed with that. According to Debra Betts with the Greenville Department of Recreation and Parks, many sponsored activities had to be cancelled yesterday due to weather.

According to a report published in 2014, by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, nine fatalities were caused by hazardous weather related incidents in the state of North Carolina. Nationally, in the same year, 103 people were killed by lightning, tornadoes and thunderstorm winds.

"This approach provides the public with an average of 13 minutes advance notice before a tornado strikes," according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Severe Storms Laboratory.

Using the "Warn On Forecast" model, meteorologists can now use modern technology in order to better predict weather and especially severe storms like tornadoes. In the state of North Carolina, on average, there are 16 tornadoes per year, according to the Southeast Regional Climate Center.

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Teach-in brings up tuition use

Javeria Salman
TEC STAFF

Several East Carolina University faculty members and students participated in a Faculty Teach In, an event to show students how the University of North Carolina's Board of Governors uses tuition dollars.

The event was hosted by the eastern NC chapter of Faculty Forward, and included representation from ECU student groups such as Aim Higher Now and INjustUS.

The organizer of the event, Amanda Klein, associate professor of film studies, said the purpose of the event was to discuss "issues in regards to tuition increases, where the money is going and also hopefully sharing with students ways they can get involved and have a say in how tuition money is being used or misused" in the UNC system.

In her introduction, Klein said the UNC system, once called the "Jewel of the State" is in a state of crisis due to a series of factors which were covered over the course of the night, such as the corporatization of higher education, student debt, budget cuts and tuition increases, the current situation regarding the UNC system and how the BOG is spending tuition dollars.

While the teach-in was aimed at providing information, Klein said the goal is to get students involved and participating because they are the consumers.

"They are the ones spending their money or their parents on tuition," said Klein. "They have a right to be informed about these issues."

Speaker David Wilson-Okamura, English professor, added that it is helpful for students to understand where tuition and student fees are going and more importantly why is tuition going up.

"A big part of the answer to that is that the state has been withdrawing funding and so it's making up the difference in student tuition and

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A car on 5th street suffers significant damage caused by a fallen branch.

A student walks near the bottom of College Hill Drive while wading through campus. Rain poured down during severe thunderstorms in the city yesterday.

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Couple introduces original folk music to Hilton

Alaina Corsini
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Mercy Creek, an independent folk rock band, will perform at the Villedge Restaurant in the Greenville Hilton this Friday.

The band's members, couple Cheryl Nystrom, singer and guitarist, and Jim Ball, songwriting partner and drummer, have been performing with each other for over a decade and categorize themselves in a genre of their own: aggressive folk rock.

"[It's] folk because of the lyrics and rock because of the way we play together," said Nystrom. "[But it's] aggressive because it's so fast."

Both Nystrom and Ball take pride in their performance of original music. Their songs include elements of world beat, contemporary folk and rock.

"I'm particularly fond of the second [album] we recorded, it's real 'bluesy,'" said Nystrom. "People really respond differently to different genres and a lot of people really like the blues side of what we do."

The duo have performed at countless concerts and festivals nationwide.

"There's a lot of people there to enjoy the music," said Nystrom. "I just enjoy playing when people are into it."

According to Nystrom, festivals may have the larger crowds but Greenville provides a more intimate setting.

"That's what I love, because we get to talk to our fans," she said. "We write a lot of songs that are inspired by people that we meet."

Mercy Creek performs shows across the country featuring songs from the band's seven albums. These independent albums contain original work from Nystrom and Ball, free from any influence of music labels.

"It was never the right thing, they always wanted to make it more country or make it more this or more that," said Nystrom. "We didn't want to lose the artistic freedom and the ability to write wherever and whenever we want."

Nystrom and Ball are no strangers to the Hilton crowd. The band has performed several shows at Villedge, including a New Year's Eve performance as one of the feature bands.

"[Mercy Creek] is just her and her husband," said April Wainwright, assistant gen-



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Cheryl Nystrom and Jim Ball, the performers in Mercy Creek, are set to play for audiences tomorrow night.

eral manager of Villedge. "They do amazingly just to have two people." According to Wainwright Mercy Creek is scheduled to perform every two weeks at Villedge.

The group prefers to perform in venues where no ticket is required for entry or the ticket is offered at a low cost. "Because if you're just playing the rooms that you bring

in, the people there are just paying to see you," said Nystrom, "You're never going to really grow that way."

Mercy Creek will perform this Friday, Feb. 26 at Villedge in the Hilton Greenville. The show begins at 8:30 p.m.

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BRIEFS

Sage & Stone hosts grand opening

Sage & Stone Restorative Health, a new massage clinic, will host a grand opening on March 10. The clinic plans to showcase its attention to possible clients with free classes and a chance to educate participants on Reiki Healing and Yoga Therapy. All visitors will receive a gift certificate for their choice of \$10 or a 15-minute extension on their next visit. There will also be food provided at the event and live music from 6-8 p.m. The grand opening will start at 5:30 p.m. and is located at 107-D Commerce Street.

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fees,” said Okamura.

Klein said it’s important for students to be aware of how the BOG is using their money because ECU is a state institution, funded by taxpayer dollars.

“It’s important that the money is being used to serve the students in the best way possible and unfortunately that’s not always the case,” said Klein.

Former ECU English professor John Steen added that “students have such as powerful voice because students are the ones who are our priority.”

Steen talked about the BOG’s current situation and how the hiring of president-elect Margaret Spellings may impact the UNC system.

Steen pointed to the BOG decision to hire The Boston Consulting Group to evaluate the the UNC system before Spellings steps into her role as president.

He said while it is a good thing that Spellings wants to “study up and learn what’s on the agenda,” the decision to use BCG to conduct the study “isn’t alright”.

Steen also gave the audience information and history about the BCG, a multinational management consulting firm that usually works with businesses.

Steen said that BCG has a history of privatizing things that

should be in the public’s hands, stating that in Philadelphia, BCG promoted the closing of 60 public schools and replacing them with charter schools or when the group looked for ways to replace the unionized labor force with private companies.

Steen added that the study, which costs \$1.1 million and was donated by an anonymous donor from Chapel Hill, doesn’t take into account the voices of faculty and students.

“The people who really know what our universities are like -- are the people who take classes, who teach classes, who go to campus every single day,” said Steen. “They’re not the people at the top.”

Steen said BCG isn’t an expert in education, rather they are an expert in helping large multinational corporations make “billions of dollars”.

“We are paying a lot of money to a lot of people to tell us something they’ve already decided, which is that universities should be run more like a business,” said Steen.

In his speech on the corporatization of higher education, Okamura said “the worst part about running the university like a business: it infects our values. Students look around, and they see how money drives everything, even here in this temple of learning. It influences the classes they take and the majors they choose.”

Okamura pointed out the reason ECU offers fewer majors

and classes than they did just a few years ago is because, like many universities in the United States, ECU is a non-profit school that is being run like a for-profit business.

Steen pointed to the hiring of Spellings as an example saying that, “Spellings’ record is a record of looking to corporatize or make colleges more like businesses. And when businesses care most about profits, they cut things that aren’t profitable.”

Okamura gave several examples of how running a university like a business isn’t automatically good for students.

Okamura said while the university saves money by offering fewer, fuller classes, students lose money, if they have to stay in school longer because they can’t get the classes that they need in order to graduate.

He added the classes while they are being cut are the low enrollment courses, those are the ones that “tend to be the more specialized classes” and as a result, making it harder to tell the difference between ECU and Pitt Community College.

Okamura said while PCC does a great job of training workers for jobs that already exist, it doesn’t train people to invent new jobs.

“Programs that are actually really valuable for training students, like the art programs get cut,” said Steen. “We are concerned that similar programs could also be cut”.

He added that universities shouldn’t eliminate majors that are not as popular as practical majors such as business, biology, or accounting because “if we cut less popular majors, there will come a point when nobody in this country can read Plato, understand Shakespeare, perform Beethoven, speak German, or decipher messages from aliens.”

“What our region needs, and our citizens deserve, is a university where you can take advanced classes in subjects that don’t translate into immediate profit,” said Okamura.

Klein added, “just because something isn’t popular or low enrolled doesn’t mean it’s not needed.”

In her talk, Klein said although the UNC system has seen a significant increase in tuition and student fees, “students are actually getting a lot less these days for your tuition”.

She added since 2008 the average tuition in NC is up \$1,759.

“North Carolina funding cuts and tuition increases have made college less affordable,” said Klein. “What’s happening is more and more of these costs are being shifted to the students as opposed to being a state university that is affordable for all students.”

Steen added, “If students stop coming or stop valuing the education that places that like East Carolina give, that’s when people at the top will really have to listen up.”

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In times of extreme weather like yesterday, GPD advises citizens to stay aware of the weather and stay off the roads if possible.

“Stay off the roadways, obviously even if it’s not a tornado, the potential for strong winds and heavy rain can cause really hazardous driving conditions,” said Hunter.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, wet pavement can have a large affect on a driver’s safety. Overall, as the clouds break up in the sky, weather conditions are set to improve over the next couple days around Greenville.

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STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

THANK YOU FOR A RECORD BREAKING FALL!

217,894

A record number of visitors—students, faculty, staff, community, and guests—that have come through and utilized East Carolina’s Mendenhall Student Center.

19,800

The number of service hours East Carolina students have dedicated to Greenville and Pitt County demonstrating how we are leading through civic engagement.

12,790

The number of East Carolina students that were involved in one of the 425+ student undergraduate and graduate organizations that are registered through Student Activities & Organizations.

\$5,200

This represents the largest amount of money East Carolina has ever raised for the LGBT Resource Office in support of continued programming and support services.

4,565

A record number of events that the Central Reservations Office coordinated within the SIL facilities—Wright Auditorium, Mendenhall Student Center, and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

3,091

The number of ECU students involved in Greek life in all found councils—Panhellenic, NPHC, Multicultural Greek Council, and IFC—representing the largest Greek enrollment in East Carolina’s history.

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PIRATE RANTS

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

ECU, when the hell do you intend to fix your sluggish Internet? Seriously! How the hell can I get my online homework done when it takes 5 minutes to load EVERY PAGE?

We should consider changing the name from Pirate Rants to Pirate Truths. I like the no-nonsense slant of the Pirate Rants as of late. A few great columns on the paper too, not talking about the usual victim narrative. Maybe we're headed towards good change?

It will always be Aycock hall to me.

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

Poll results

Have you witnessed racism at ECU?

Yes- 49%

No- 51%

Poll question

Do you approve of Legacy Hall's name?

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Our view

ECU Alert finally does its job right

ECU Alerts were sent out yesterday, Feb. 24, to alert students and faculty of the dangerous incoming weather. All classes beyond 1 p.m. were canceled, as the university was preaching safety to everyone in the surrounding area. The university treated the situation with care and urgency, something that students have been calling for recently. In total, there were six e-mails and five text messages sent out, showing and getting across to students the severity of the upcoming weather. We as an editorial staff believe that the ECU Alert has finally been used as promised. It seems far too often that the university fails to properly portray alerting information to its students. The alerts for yesterday's storm seem

to indicate that ECU is making a conscious effort to regain credibility to the alert system. Just last week someone was arrested and apprehended on campus for having possession of a handgun, in which no ECU Alert was sent out. Last winter, students were asked to attend class despite slippery and hazardous conditions on campus. Those cases showed the often-criticized ECU Alert, and school officials, at their highest level of incompetence. The bar for ECU Alert had been set pretty low, but the handling of yesterday's storm far surpassed expectations. Officials acted quickly and decisively, conveying genuine concern for the well being of the students.

Feminist ideas misinterpreted



Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC COLUMNIST

FROM THE OPINION DESK

Feminism has existed in many forms throughout the past five centuries, battling stiff resistance from people in power who benefitted from the status quo at every turn. Still, it has survived and succeeded in achieving many of its goals because its critical principle of equality strikes a chord in nearly all of us. While the days of women leading nationwide protests in the streets have passed, or at least are on hiatus, the feminist movement still plays a prominent role in our everyday lives. It's a hot button topic on both local college campuses on and the national 2016 election, with Hillary Clinton proudly proclaiming that she would be the first female president in United States history, while Donald Trump constantly faces new charges of sexism. The issue is polarizing, but it really shouldn't be. Feminism is about equality for men and women, regardless of ethnicity or sexuality, and that is something just about everyone can agree on. Unfortunately, that message has been twisted and misinterpreted by the masses. One of the greatest challenges in breaking down this "anti-feminist" movement is by more clearly defining exactly what the word means. A lot of people, especially guys, hear the word and immediately think "women who

hate men" or "women asking for special treatment" when that truthfully has nothing to do with the movement's ideology. Modern feminism, or third wave feminism, strives to break down barriers between genders. That means challenging and moving past the traditional view of gender roles, allowing women to be seen as strong and independent while also empowering men to live as they are instead of putting up barriers to mask emotional weakness. Third wave feminism also seeks to be more inclusive to minority communities based on both race and ethnicity. Where previous feminist movements benefitted only upper and middle-class white women, third wave feminism seeks to expand the tent to all groups. Breaking down rape culture, a problem that is far too common in the world but especially on college campuses, is another major pillar of the movement. Ignorant folks can deny the facts all they want, but the fact stands that one in every five women has admitted to being raped before. 45% of them have reported sexual violence other than rape; a number that everyone can agree is far too high. Feminists seek to raise awareness about that serious issue in order to bring that number down. If achieving that goal means disturbing insensitive people's consciences by refusing to play along with rape jokes, so be it. Unfortunately, as with any movement, there are a few bad eggs in with the majority that give the movement a bad name. The first

female Secretary of State Madeline Albright's comments on women who aren't supporting Hillary Clinton, for example, give those who wish to detract from the positive message of feminism ammo to do just that. "There's a special spot in Hell for women who don't support other women," she said. It's that divisive language that hurts the feminist movement at large. People should be smart enough to separate Albright's words, and the words of other radicals that echo her sentiment, from the actual meaning of feminism, but nonchalantly throwing statements like that around gives bigots some misleading evidence to support their backwards views of yesteryear. Still, to act like all self-proclaimed feminists hold views as foolish as Albright's would be the same as claiming all republicans hate immigrants, or that all African Americans are thugs. Such views take a huge chunk of the population and turn them into villains for completely unjustified reasons. Feminism is about empowering women to be who they want to be. The facts are indisputable: women are paid less than men for doing the same jobs, are far more likely to be the target of sexual violence and are still seen by some to be less valuable than men. Feminism aims to end those backwards views, not to beat down men.

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Legacy Hall celebrates racist traditions



Kai Jones
TEC COLUMNIST

EVERYBODY HATES KAI

One of the first stories I ever got to cover as a part of The East Carolinian was the Aycock name change. I was proud how the administration listened to the student body and made a change. But as the decision to rename the building became mired in political bullsh*t, and the board moved incredibly slowly to actually remove the name, my pride became like a raisin in the sun. As the news came in that the board decided it needed 60 percent to remove the name, it festered like a sore. My pride in the board became deferred. When the name change came last Friday, I was disappointed in the name that was chosen: Legacy Hall. As my coworkers wrote in Tuesday's paper, the name is bland, politically correct and reeks of an attempt to avoid controversy. Blandness aside, the name got me thinking: what is the legacy of ECU? ECU's legacy is not one to be proud of,

as just 54 years ago ECU was still a college that did not allow students of color. Why do people in the South continue to celebrate a culture built upon hate? ECU obviously will still allow well-known racist Charles B. Aycock's image and legacy to be a part of the school because his family donates so much money to the school. But Aycock was not a man who stood for diversity, something the school prides itself on having. When the Aycock protests were going on, a lot of Pirate Rants made Aycock out to be someone who made a mistake once, as if he had one drunk night and threw up on someone's carpet. This view makes light of his part in a white supremacy movement that intimidated blacks from voting and used violence to intimidate, which oppressed black people. Yes, Aycock was a man who wanted to educate people, but if you weren't the right color, your education didn't matter; maybe even your life. The school has decided to take blood money because it's business, and business will always be more important than personal feelings. But why must ECU celebrate a legacy built on hate?



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Aycock Hall, formerly named after an alleged white supremacist, was renamed Legacy Hall.

Aycock's legacy of racism extends to all parts of the South. This racist history reared its head again this summer, as people tried to justify flying the Confederate flag. They argued that the flag simply represented the south as a whole. However, that legacy is one of rebellion and division, based on the South's attempt to protect oppression and slavery. ECU should rename the hall Elliot Hall, in honor of the late Laura Marie Leary Elliot. Elliot was the first black student that attended ECU. I do not know if she or her family gave money to the

university, but if ECU is so committed to diversity, why not show it? It's more than a marketing campaign and slogan. Put it out front and foremost that diversity matters to the university. Show the minorities that the school genuinely cares about the community, not just keeping up an appearance under pressure. Make a statement that minorities' feelings do matter.

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Crossbones Tavern
10:30- 11:59 p.m.

The Mikele Buck Band
The Buccaneer Music Hall
9:30 p.m.

Jeanne Jolly
The Turnage Theatre
7:00 p.m

Storytime: in Greenville
Barnes and Noble
7:00 p.m

The Limits
The Breakers
7:00 p.m

Hip Pockets
Tavern On 4th

SATURDAY

Tyler Hammond Band
Tavern On 4th
10- 11:59 p.m.

A Night at the Oscars
The Martinsborough
6:30- 11:59 p.m

Concert acts as music therapy

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

This Monday the School of Music will host “The Power of Music,” a concert which will focus on different types of music therapy as forms to help those with disabilities. The concert will include performances from The Heart and Soul Choir, a choir of adults with developmental disabilities. The concert will also include all of the students of the Music Therapy Department along with a Boomwhacker ensemble, Ukulele

ensemble and a sign language choir and Jazz combo. “I was working with Clayton Cook, the president of the American Music Therapy Association for students, and we decided we wanted to do some big event that let people know about Music Therapy,” Michelle J. Hairston, professor and chair of Music Therapy and Music Education. “The program will be in the form of an actual music therapy session.” The focus of the show will be on motor, cognitive and commu-

nication skills that Music Therapy helps with. “Those are what we focus on with our clients and so we want to present activities that help with those skills,” said Hairston. “It will be a different kind of concert and I think it will be a lot of fun.” Music therapy is the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individual goals within a therapeutic relationship. According to the American Music Therapy Association, this

kind of therapy is an established health profession in which music is used within a therapeutic relationship to address physical, emotional, cognitive and social needs of individuals. Through musical involvement in the therapeutic context, clients’ abilities are strengthened and transferred to other areas of their lives. As stated by the American Music Therapy Association, music therapy also provides avenues for

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Venue hosts free music night

Danielle Gentry
TEC STAFF

In honor of their one-year anniversary, Crossbones Tavern will host one night of free live music this Saturday. The two bands that will be performing for Crossbones’ anniversary celebration are Psylo Joe and The Odyssey, both whom are local groups, as well as regular performers at Crossbones. Psylo Joe band members claim that although they first grew up doing shows at Peasant’s Pub, the support from Crossbones has helped them grow in popularity. The band actually performed for Crossbones’ grand opening one year ago, and has been returning to play live shows ever since. The Odyssey not only performs regularly at Crossbones, but also multiple of their band members come out for other

events, like open-mic nights. Crossbones Tavern, which opened on Feb. 27, 2015, replaced the formerly known “Peasant’s Pub,” which was in business for almost two years. The closing of Peasant’s Pub brought Crossbones’ many customers, on account that many of Peasant’s “regular” customers were pleased that Crossbones also shared the same “laid-back” bar style, which differs from many other downtown Greenville bars. Avery Trump, a junior majoring in hospitality management, said she found out about Crossbones on accident, by trying to go to Peasant’s. “I thought it was still [Peasant’s Pub], but then realized that it was a completely new bar. I really like that [Crossbones] continued the live music trend, and they seem to offer shows more often than

Peasants would. Also Crossbones’ atmosphere and ambiance is so welcoming,” said Trump. “The outside patio with the hanging lights is my favorite place to hang out downtown when it’s warm.” Trump also stated that she has since introduced her parents to Crossbones, and that it was nice to find a bar and restaurant scene that her and her parents both genuinely enjoyed. The bar and restaurant offers a variety of quality craft, import and domestic beers, as well as southern cooking with a self-proclaimed “new age spin”. Other than the “Greenville classic” PBR beer, Crossbones’ most popular drink this year has been their raspberry lemonade. As for entrees, the most commonly ordered are the fried pork chops or southern

smoked chicken. Aaron Carpenter, a former Peasant’s Pub employee, has been working at Crossbones since their opening last year. “I really think that with Crossbones offering a bar and restaurant scene, it has become equal or more popular when compared to Peasant’s,” said Carpenter. “Our popularity has grown, and we owe it to our loyal customers and performers.” Crossbones Tavern wants to extend their gratitude and appreciation to their supporting customers, who have made the bar grow in popularity, and in turn, supported local musicians. The “One-Year Anniversary” free show will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27, beginning at 8 p.m.

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Lead singer of The Odyssey Rebecca Todd performs before an audience at the former Peasants Pub, which has since become Crossbones Tavern.

COLUMN

'Fuller House' brings back 90s nostalgia



Jennifer Hines
TEC STAFF

“Whatever happened to predictability?” As the old “Full House” theme song says, there’s something comforting in the familiar. “Fuller House,” which airs on Netflix tomorrow, is a new take on the classic sitcom from the 90s, which is set to focus on the Tanner sisters, albeit without Michelle, as they raise their own kids in their old family home. While the show will center on D.J. and Stephanie Tanner along with the next door neighbor Kimmy Gibbler, there will be plenty of appearances from Danny, Joey and Uncle Jesse. Together again, the cast will be up to their usual antics, heart-to-heart talks and downright heartwarming moments. It seems that all of the 90s’ kids dreams are being realized. However, as anticipated as this new series might be, it is not the first 90s reboot to grace viewer’s televisions and computers. In 2014, Disney Channel brought the 90s hit “Boy Meets World” to new audiences through “Girl Meets World,” which follows grown-up Cory and Topanga and their adventures in parenting. Now, on top of the premiere



The cast of the beloved Nickelodeon sitcom "Full House" reunites for a spin-off series "Fuller House."

of “Fuller House,” “The X-Files” just finished a mini-season, a “Gilmore Girls” revival is in the works, and the cast of “Friends” minus Matthew Perry had a reunion on NBC. With all of the new remakes of decade old TV, it has become clear that modern audiences are still immersed in television from the 1990s for a variety of reasons, one of the main ones being familiarity. Jonathan McDougle, junior communication major, believes that the push behind all of these 90s remakes lies in the millennial generation. “[Shows from] 90s are definitely prevalent because the millennials are growing up and we’re pushing the demand for a lot of things right now,” he said. “We lived through the 90s so we want things that are relatable to what we experienced in the 90s.” Another communication student at ECU, Khadijah Smith, agrees that nostalgia is the main driving force behind these reboots.

“The millennials are a nostalgic era of people,” she said. “We really like stuff that reminds us of our childhood.” Whatever has brought this new interest in 1990s television back to the forefront of people’s minds, the results will still be the same. Viewers are going to be entranced with and curious about the new plot lines. “A lot of people are going to tune in because they want to stay updated because we lived through that, we feel like we grew up with ‘Full House,’” said McDougle. The curiosity from those already familiar with the story is enough to bring in viewers by itself, but what about the new viewers? Adrianna Infurna, an interpersonal communication major, feels that new, younger viewers will benefit from these new reboots. “It’s bringing kind-of quality family-time TV shows back whereas people look at TV shows today, like ‘Teen Mom’ or ‘16 and Pregnant,’ [and see them as] disgusting and bad,” she said. The accessibility of Netflix doesn’t hurt anything either. “A lot of people have Netflix so they’re

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Exercise fad proves to be dangerous quick-fix

Jordyn Sasser
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Today's society puts an emphasis on maintaining a perfect body shape, and equipment like waist trainers raise the question of how far one will go to achieve it.

Waist training, or waist shaping is a technique where one wears a corset-like band around the waist. By cinching the waist, its goal is to train your body to give a more defined hourglass shape with a flat stomach and defined hips. This trend has come to popularity through many celebrities, but is it actually safe for your health?

Celebrities like Kim Kardashian, JWOWW and Amber Rose have all shown their love for the tool through social media with selfies wearing the product.

Health care professionals and trainers alike have determined

before that spot-reducing, losing weight or fat in one specific area, is not possible, but does this modern-day corset defy the claim?

Caroline Apovian, a M.D. as well as a professor of medicine at Boston University School of Medicine, has taken a look at the benefits and risks of waist training, and told Health Magazine they work if you are looking for more temporary results. On the other hand, if your goal is to trigger weight loss, or spot reduce for an extended amount of time, this product just doesn't cut it.

Dr. Oz has shown on an episode how using the band over an extended amount of time can affect your inner organs. Using a study with MRI's, Dr. Oz showed comparison pictures of a woman wearing the corset and without.

A picture shown to the audience without the shaper presented

a regularly shaped organ system, and then was shown next to the picture with the shaper on, with multiple organs pushed upward, and into the ribcage as well.

"I never actually imagined that these corsets would do that," said Dr. Oz on an episode of The Doctor Oz Show. "But the thought that something is actually molding your inner organs and pushing your ribs into them is an issue for me."

Freshman nursing major Danielle Gibbs stated that she personally would never put one on. "Just from looking at it I don't think it's safe," said Gibbs. "It messes with where your natural order of organs are positioned inside of you."

As well as disruption of the position of the organs, it can squeeze the stomach tight enough where it can lead to an

increase in heartburn and acid reflux by sending stomach acid up the esophagus.

Other than non-permanent results, another positive spin on the use of the trainer is for new mothers. After giving birth, a new mother may want to wear a band not extremely tight while exercising, so it can hold in the extra skin around the stomach area.

All in all, the best way to use the product is for short periods of time for short-term results, so there is no real threat for health problems. As for weight loss, a healthy diet and proper exercise is always the best solution.

"I workout almost everyday," said freshman communications major Parker Burns. "I have never used one, but I'm interested to try it out and see it work."

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Kanye West proves point at Grammy's



Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

Kanye West has never been shy about expressing his feelings, and this month he has let it all hang out.

From beefing with Wiz Khalifa and apologizing soon after, to vaguely admitting he's in debt over \$53 million dollars, West has been putting all out there. But while we slept away on Tuesday night, West blew up twitter with a rant directed at Canadian Hall Of Famer Bob Ezrin, and throwing a shot at the Grammy's awarding Taylor Swift her second album of the year.

"What the f**k does he (Ezrin) know about rap," tweeted West. "I made Dark Fantasy and Watch The Throne in one year and wasn't nominated for either and you know who has 2 albums of the year."

Taylor Swift just so happens to have two awards. West later had another rant on Wednesday afternoon, as he went on another rant and addressed the Grammy's directly.

"I feel the Grammy awarding system is way off and completely out of touch," tweeted West.

West brings up an interesting point. What really is the Grammy's awarding system? The track record isn't consistent.

At the 2015 Grammy's, it looked to be the year that Beyonce would get the Album of the Year award that she so badly deserves. Then Beck snatched it. The thought of the Grammy's seemed to be that artistry and substance overrides sales. Fine, Beyonce will have more chances to win.

Fast forward to 2016, after Kendrick Lamar had dropped one of the most important albums to black culture ever. Surely this important piece of art would win, if the Grammy's really does

reward artistry, especially when the biggest competition was Swift. No disrespect to Swift, who's had one of the craziest economic years that music has ever seen, but she makes cookie cutter pop hits that are simple enough that my seven-year-old niece can enjoy. While Lamar, put out dense music about how the ghetto institutionalizes the minds of the people living there.

Yet somehow, Lamar lost and the general thought is that Swift's sales were too amazing to be denied. So which is it Grammy's?

The fact is that there's something off about the Grammy's and how they reward people. And it's been going on as today is the 18th anniversary of Jay-Z boycotting the Grammy's because DMX, who at the time DMX had two no. 1 albums, wasn't nominated.

Some people would call the issue a race one, I will avoid that route and say that it's a generational issue. The Grammy's don't seem

to respect the place of hip-hop or hip-hop culture, something Beyonce and Lamar are both a part of.

There's no good reason that Future wasn't nominated for a Grammy, besides that he doesn't fit the mold of an artist they want to be associated with.

And when you look at the numbers, since 1989, the year rap received it's own category, of the 81 major awards, such as Record of the Year, Album of the Year, and Song of the Year, rap has received a grand total of one award. There's no way a genre that sells over 10 percent of all music sold every year should only win a little over one percent of the major awards.

I'm not asking for the Grammy's to unfairly reward the culture, but when credit is due, please do the right thing.

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gonna binge watch it, so it's going to succeed regardless," said McDougle.

The only problem that many viewers find with reboots and sequels are issues with the storyline. After a certain amount of time, plots of reboots just get dragged out.

But, viewers have high hopes for "Fuller House" since Netflix is at the helm of this new series.

"Netflix original content is very high quality," said McDougle.

Even though the show has not been released, the continuation of the series is already anticipated by viewers.

"I think the first season is going to be [a hit]," said Smith.

Whatever the case may be for this new fascination with characters and stories that viewers have been familiar with for nearly 20 years, one thing has become clear; your most familiar friends will always be waiting just around the bend.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Today and tomorrow get busy. Wear appropriate clothing for the job. It could be fun. Strengthen your infrastructure at work. With study and a loved one's support, you can win. Get help if you need it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Follow your heart over the next two days. Do what you love, with good company. The line blurs between friends and family. Play and grow your

skills. Make a good impression on someone you care about.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Develop a practical plan for a home improvement. Share details with family. Find clever ways to cut costs. Consider long-term plans. Doing a job right once is less expensive than twice wrong. Get trusted assistance.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Writing and communications projects flourish over the next few days. Craft a persuasive message. Share it with friends. Keep your deadlines and your reputation for dependability rises. Ask for what you want and get it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You can make extra money today and tomorrow. Lucrative opportunities arise. Your friend's experience is helpful. They're saying nice things about you. Ask for what you need. Working overtime could be profitable. Go for it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Things seems to fall into place with a personal goal over the next two days. Stick to the budget. Do the work nobody sees. Nurture yourself with good, simple food, exercise and rest. Follow your heart.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Peaceful introspection suits your mood over the next two days. Make plans toward a big picture goal.

Take time to enjoy the present moment. Express your love in little ways. Listen to elders.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Today and tomorrow favor social connection. Pass along what you're learning. Go public with recent research. Throw parties, hold meetings and participate in group endeavors. Gather advice and then ponder it. Follow a strong recommendation.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Accept a challenge if it pays well. Career matters occupy you over the next two days. Use what you've kept hidden. Get help, if needed. Rely on another's expertise. Grasp the practical implications.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Explore and study new developments over the next two days. Do the work and keep good records. Travel in person or virtually to make an important connection. Discuss shared goals. Hatch new ideas.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Discuss financial priorities with your partner. Get family opinions, and then choose your direction. Teamwork sets the tone. Others see your blind spots. Heed the voice of experience. Listen to someone who loves you.

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ECU Pirates second baseman Charlie Yorgen starts his swing during the weekend series against Longwood. Yorgen notched four hits Tuesday afternoon.

Pirates defeat Aggies

Gerin Honeycutt
TEC STAFF

East Carolina baseball showed off its talented young pitching staff Tuesday afternoon, en route to a 11-2 victory over the visiting North Carolina A&T Aggies.

“One thing that you always guard against is not being ready to play today. Because you got Virginia looming and you know, it’s really challenging to be ready to play. And I think we were ready to play, especially early,” ECU head coach Cliff Godwin said after the victory.

Although it was a game that saw the Pirates

post six runs in the first inning and total 15 hits, it was the dominant performance of four freshmen pitchers that boosted coach Godwin’s confidence.

“Just to be able to get them out there is different, you can put them in inner squad situations,” said Godwin. “But to face another team, you know we’re pretty good offensively so they’ve been facing us and sometimes it doesn’t always work out for them. So tonight for them to go out and put up some zeros I thought it was big for their confidence.”

Junior Kirk Morgan started the contest,

pitching two innings, allowing two runs on four hits and three strikeouts, while recording the win and moving him to 1-0 on the season.

Of the four freshmen pitchers, none of which allowed a run, Sam Lanier took the mound in the fifth inning, relieving sophomore Evan Voliva and was followed by Chris Holba, Matt Bridges and Cam Colmore. Holba, Bridges and Colmore all made their collegiate debut.

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ECU travels to florida for the John Hayt Invitational over the weekend.
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East Carolina (4-4; 0-1 AAC) will face the Richmond Spiders at home Thursday.
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ECU (4-0) beat N.C. A&T 11-2 Tuesday inside Clark-LeClair Stadium.
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Softball heads to Florida

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The East Carolina softball team prepares to travel to Kissimmee, Florida, to play in the Citrus Classic II, along with Notre Dame, Bryant, North Florida, Yale and Morgan State.

The Pirates (7-5) are coming off a 4-2 record this past weekend in the second annual Pirate Clash where they took wins over Massachusetts, Bucknell, and Saint Francis (Pa.).

ECU is off to a winning start in its 2016 campaign, as they have taken victories over Virginia, Seattle, UC Riverside, UMass, Bucknell (twice) and St. Francis (Pa.) under first-year head coach Courtney Oliver.

“I think we’re going to try and stay in our routine that we have right now. We’re taking an off day to let them clear their heads,” Oliver said.

ECU last saw No. 23 Notre Dame in February 2013 in the Pirate Invitational, where it lost both matchups to the Fighting Irish (7-3). The Pirates took a hard 9-1 loss in the first contest against Notre Dame of the invitational and another loss followed, as the Fighting Irish topped ECU, 6-0.

The Fighting Irish are riding high on a three-game winning streak, which includes wins over Cal Poly, UCLA and George Washington, by a combined score of 26-9. Collectively, Notre Dame is hitting .347 with nine home runs through its first 10 games. Melissa Rochford, Caitlyn Brooks and Micaela Arizmendi each have two home runs for the Fighting Irish.

The last matchup between ECU and North Florida (2-8) was in March of 2008 in the Bulldog Invitational when the Pirates lost the first game, 6-3, but then turned things around in the second pairing, taking a 5-3 win over the Ospreys.



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ECU junior pitcher Lydia Ritchie starts her motion as she prepares to throw a pitch to the plate.

For both Bryant and Yale, this will be the start to its season, while Morgan State (1-4) just earned its first victory of the season in its last game.

“What’s nice is that we don’t have a mid week [game] this week, so we have a couple extra practice days where we can really work out some of the thing that needed working out this weekend,” Oliver said.

Junior pitcher Lydia Ritchie was named to the second American Athletic Conference Weekly softball Honor Roll of the 2016 season, according to an announcement made by the league on Monday. The selection is Ritchie’s second career weekly honor by the AAC.

Ritchie compiled a 2-0 record and 1.38 ERA in 20.1 innings pitched in the Pirate Clash. She tossed her second complete-game shutout of the campaign in a 1-0 victory over Bucknell Sunday afternoon and earned the win in an 8-5 victory over St. Francis. She struck out 13 batters in six appearances and allowed two hits or less in four of her outings.

Ritchie ranks first in the American in saves (1), appearances (10), games finished (5), wins (3) and relief appearances (5) while she is ranked second in strikeouts looking (9) and third in both innings pitched (33.0) and strikeouts (30).

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ECU readies for Cavs

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When East Carolina revealed its schedule back on Oct. 5, it was hard not to circle the second weekend series of the season against National Champion Virginia Cavaliers on the road.

143 days later, the time has come for the Pirates (4-0) to travel to Charlottesville, Virginia, and face judgment weekend. While the Pirates have a tough schedule this year, it doesn’t get much tougher than Virginia (3-1) in its home ballpark.

“Do you think we need any motivation, when Virginia has beat us six straight times?” ECU head coach Cliff Godwin said when asked how he will motivate his team for this tough test. “If I need to motivate them, then they’re not competitors. They’ll be ready to play.”

Godwin, a second year coach, knows all too well about the Cavaliers, as his first three games as a head coach were against Virginia last year. The Pirates were swept in Greenville last year, handing Godwin his first sweep as a coach. ECU has gone head to head with Virginia 14 times since the 2010 season. The Pirates have lost eight straight games to the Cavaliers and are 2-12 in those 14 matchups.

Virginia comes into the series with the Pirates off a dominant victory against VMI, 18-1. UVA’s surprising loss to start the season was to No. 19 Coastal Carolina last Sunday.

The Cavaliers boast a strong lineup.



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ECU Pirates golfer Lisa Pettersson follows through on a drive during an event earlier this season.

FOREIGN FOCUS

Pirates look overseas for talent

Tori Poole
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIANS

Being homesick and being a college student seem to go hand and hand, but for more than half of the East Carolina’s women’s golf team, home is more than just a simple car ride away.

“I think just not being able to go home just for like short visits whenever I feel like is hard,” senior Nicoline Engstroem Skaug said. “I have friends here who live four or five hours away but they still have the opportunity of going home, but for me I can’t. It’s just the fact that it’s that far away.”

Of the seven golfers on the team, four are international athletes. Frida Gustafsson Spang and Lisa Pettersson are both from Sweden, while Skaug is from Norway and Kate Law hails from Australia.

The sophomore, Pettersson said the hardest part about being so far from home is not being able to see her family and friends.

“Just you know, when you have to cook food for yourself,” Pettersson said. “And you don’t have your parents there, or just like every day normal activities that I used to talk to my parents about.”

Some may wonder what would make someone come to ECU from another country, something that the international players agreed was because of head coach Kevin Williams.

“I was lucky that coach [Williams] came over to Europe and saw me play in a tournament,” Pettersson said. “Then I got to come for an official visit, and then after that I just liked the environment and the weather and the people. That’s when I knew I wanted to go here.”

Being the head coach, Williams has played a big part in ECU’s recruiting process and has managed to be a deciding factor for many players.

“I talked to coach, and I really liked him,” Skaug said. “I liked the program here, how we practiced and our tournaments. I liked his values and what he found important. So I think coach and the program are definitely what caught my eye with ECU.”

One of the best parts of going home for college students is being able to enjoy a home cooked meal, something that Kaug and Pettersson both confirmed.

“The food is very different here, so it’s nice to go home and be able to have some Swedish food,” said Pettersson.

North Carolina is known as being a state where you can experience all four seasons, but if you grew up somewhere as warm as Australia, like freshman golfer Kate Law, you might not care for the cold weather too much.

“Winter has been very cold here for me,” said Law. “At home it usually doesn’t get this cold.”

Even with the cold weather, North Carolina still has its perks. According to Pettersson, the weather here is far from the worst thing. In fact she stated the weather was her favorite part of North Carolina.

“If I would’ve stayed back home in Sweden, I would’ve never been able to combine golf and school. So this is a great opportunity for me to get a good education as well as being able to do my sports too,” Pettersson said.

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Holba and Bridges each recorded two strikeouts and Colmore one upped them in the ninth, recording three punchouts.

On the offensive side, it was second baseman Charlie Yorgen that propelled the Pirates. Yorgen went 4-for-5 and put the Pirates in scoring position on several occasions. He was also responsible for sparking momentum during the six-run first inning.

“A bunch of us on the team like Kirk Morgan, Parker Lamm, Garret Brooks and Hunter Allen, we’ve all kind of had a battle and now we keep it on our board in the dugout who has the most bunt-base hits. I try to get a leg up on them,” Yorgen said.

The Pirates also got a great effort at the plate from the center fielder Brooks who went 3-for-3 with a RBI and a was just a home run short of a cycle. Bryce Harman added to the offense, going -for-4 , registering a game-high three RBI, giving him six on the season. The six RBI tie freshman

Dwanya Williams-Sutton for the team lead. Williams-Sutton went 2-for-3 with one RBI in the victory.

“I think this team came into the season feeling confident, and I think we’re still confident,” Yorgen said. “I mean, like we say it’s not who we play, it’s how we play. We’ve got to focus on us, control what we control, and not worry about who’s in the other dugout.”

Next on the schedule for the Pirates is defending national champion and No. 3 ranked Virginia.

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Of the nine batters with at least 10 at-bats, five bat .400 or higher. Nobody in the Cavaliers lineup has a hotter bat than Pavin Smith. Smith was a big contributor to last year’s national championship team as a freshman and there’s no signs of a sophomore slump, as he is batting .692 with nine RBI and a home run.

Through four games, both team’s offenses line up well against each other, with both lineups having produced over 35 runs. The Pirates are batting .384 as a team, the Cavaliers, .359. The game will most likely come down to pitching, and as ECU senior outfielder Jeff Nelson said, you are not going to see much better pitching than Virginia early in the season.

Starting pitching has looked solid for both teams on the young season, with both weekend starting rotations only surrendering two runs each. The Pirates used a similar but less experienced rotation last year.

“It was my first start, didn’t really know what to expect,” Friday starter Evan Kruczynski said. “I’m excited to face them again, reigning national champions and it’s always a good time in Charlottesville. Hopefully, we can pull a couple out of there too.”

With both starting rotations seemingly pitching well, the series has the potential to come down to the bullpens. The Pirates could rely on sophomore closer Joe Ingle. Ingle has only allowed four earned runs in his career. If the Pirates get in a tight spot, Ingle knows how to play with fire.

“Every weekend, everybody gives us their best blow everyday, so we got to be ready for that, especially next weekend at UVA,” Ingle said after his second save of the season on Sunday.

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Freshman standout

Ruiz continues to shine in first year at ECU

Brianna Deel
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Celia Ruiz has been an essential component to the East Carolina women’s tennis team, having traveled overseas from Pontevedra, Spain, leaving everything she knew behind her — everything except her tennis talent.

“Everything was pretty different, and the language was pretty hard at first,” Ruiz said. “But having teammates that could speak the language really well helped out so much.”

The fall was Ruiz’s first time in the United States, who started the end of the fall season on fire. She boasts a spotless 11-0 singles record to her name and hasn’t lost a doubles match in the spring season along with partner Nicole LaDuca.

Her impressive statistics are only helping her get closer to reaching her goal of becoming nationally ranked.

“I really want this team to succeed, and do our best at conferences,” Ruiz said about her many other goals for this season.

As does every other collegiate athlete, Ruiz has her own little quirks to prepare her for her matches. For the most part, these are nerve driven and while most seem normal, some are a little bit more strange.

“Before every game, I have to have my watch. No matter if it is working or not, I have to have it any ways,” Ruiz said. “And I have to go to the bathroom right before I play too.”

Although she plays an individual sport at times, Ruiz revealed that her team is on her mind on a day-to-day basis, as she takes on the hard practices and tough matches.

Though she is just starting her career here at ECU, Ruiz has already formed a special bond with her teammates and loves the traveling that she does while on the road with her team.

Ruiz said she has played since she was eight years old, which has allowed her to accomplish all the things she has today. She is the only ECU freshman to make its 2015-16 roster.



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Tennis freshman Celia Ruiz prepares to return a shot during a match earlier this season.

“In my head I’m trying to do better stuff for me, but that also helps my team because I am trying to win for them too,” Ruiz said.

Being the youngest player on the team hasn’t slowed her down however, as Ruiz plays the No.1 spot for single’s and double’s matches, a huge accomplishment for anyone.

Having been in the United States for less than a year, Ruiz is still adjusting, saying that the biggest difference about playing for ECU is having a team in general, as tennis is more of an individual

sport in Spain.

“Over there you are by yourself. You don’t play for a team,” Ruiz said. “My goal after playing four years of college is to play professionally,” says Ruiz.

So far, Ruiz is off to an exceptional start to her ECU career and as she continues to settle into the different culture, her play could improve.

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