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ECU's Student Government Association members point to their "15,000 Pirates" buttons during last night's SGA meeting in Mendenhall. SETH GULLEDGE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

## Honors College enrollment to double for 2017

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's new expansion plan will double the enrollment size of its Honors College starting in the Fall of 2017, allowing even more freshmen to be part of the living-learning community in Gateway Residence Hall.

"It's going to bring another 400 great, high achieving students to ECU's campus," said David White, interim dean of ECU's Honors College.

White said the Honors College will be accepting 200 incoming freshmen which over four years will increase the capacity of the total program from 400 to 800 students.

White said the plan was part of ECU's tuition increase proposal for 2017, which was approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on Nov. 11. White said not all of the money from the tuition increase will go to merit-based scholarships.

All Honors College students receive a scholarship as part of their benefits, but the amount of the scholarship varies. Of the 100 current Honors College freshmen, 20 are "EC Scholars." These students receive a full scholarship of around \$62,000 for all four years. The other 80 honors students get a scholarship of around \$17,000 to be split over the four years, which will roughly cover the cost of tuition.

The additional 100 students ECU will bring into the program will only receive \$2,500 a year in scholarships, \$10,000 in total for all four years. This will be a total of \$1,000,000 the university will be adding to its budget over the next four years.

White said there is around a 98 percent retention rate within the college, showing most ECU students stay in the Honors College program all four years.

For White, the benefits of the Honors College are evident. He said during his time as interim dean and dean of the College of Engineering and Technology at ECU, he has seen the influence this program continuously has on giving ECU a better academic reputation.

White said these students help raise the academic bar across campus, due to the students' diverse majors and interests on campus.

"All these students major in other areas, and I think the real value of expanding the Honors College is the positive impact it will have across campus, not just in one or two majors but virtually every major we have at the university," said White.

White said these students are role models and are active both in the community and on campus through their involvement in local businesses, industries, non-profit organizations and service projects, as well as the jobs and internships they have during their time at ECU.

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## SGA hosts mental health initiative

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If you see purple buttons around campus, it represents an initiative headed up by the Student Government Association called "15,000 Pirates" that helps raise mental health awareness around campus.

The campaign began yesterday with members of SGA holding a button drive to promote the campaign along with informational flyers with resources inside to aid students who are struggling with mental health and where to get help like the crisis hotline or counseling center. With almost 3,000 purple buttons handed out around main campus and health science campus, senior Ryan Smith, Association of Student Government liaison, feels SGA's initiative has been successful so far.

Smith said while the main goal of the initiative is to raise awareness about mental health, he is hoping to do more.

"Letting students know they aren't alone [and] connecting students with

resources to deal with these disorders," said Smith. "As well as just raising the general awareness that this is a thing. This is something we should be talking about."

Smith, who is leading the campaign this year along with Michelle Kellett, director of Shipmates, and Shipmates Joshua Spears and Brittani Allaman are in charge of heading up "15,000 Pirates" events on campus.

The "15,000 Pirates" events will continue on tomorrow with a passport approved movie screening in Hendrix Theatre about a college student at a four-year institution dealing with depression and prescription drugs. The campaign will end on Friday with a backpack vigil. The vigil will display four backpacks outside of Mendenhall Student Center and Dowdy Bookstore to honoring the four students ECU has lost to suicide in the past few years.

"We kind of want to bring awareness... that suicide is a thing," said Smith. "At the backpack vigil we're taking eight backpacks and putting four in one location on campus and four in another location to really put emotion

into the vigil, saying that these were four students. It kind of gives it more depth."

Smith said more activities and events relating to the campaign were initially planned that would involve other student organizations but due to Hurricane Matthew, SGA wasn't able to do them all.

Regardless, Smith said he hopes this initiative is able to make ECU's student body more aware of the mental health problems that are prevalent on college campuses.

"Ultimately I want to raise awareness," said Smith. "Because I know people who suffer from different mental illnesses and it's not something that you really think about but a lot of people are struggling and I think it's very important to know that 'Hey this is a thing.' And if I recognize the symptoms of depression, anxiety, we do have places on campus, resources to provide students with care to deal with those problems."

ECU's "15,000 Pirates" is modeled after an initiative University of Cincinnati held called "20,000 Bearcats" which

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# Emerge to host Jingle Art Jam

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This week, Greenville community members will have the chance to gather at the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge for its festive fundraiser, Jingle Art Jam, to celebrate the upcoming holidays and raise money for arts education for youth in the Greenville community.

The event will take place Thursday at the gallery's 404 Evans St. location from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

PCAC is a non-profit arts organization dedicated to promoting local artists, arts organizations and educating making the arts accessible to the entire community.

Formerly known as Emerge Gallery, East Carolina University alumnae Holly Garriott, Christina Miller and Leah Foushee, founded the organization in 2000 when they saw the

need for community based arts organizations in Greenville.

Cathy Hardison, also an alumna of East Carolina University, is the programs and finance director at PCAC and originally began as an intern for the council in 2010.

"Working for a non-profit organization, you have to do a little bit of everything, whatever it takes to keep things running smoothly," Hardison said. "My personal goal related to my position is to keep things inside the gallery running smoothly so that our organization can better achieve its external goals."

In 2005, Emerge Gallery expanded and grew into a full community art center offering classes in a variety of works, such as pottery, textiles and photography, for community members.

PCAC hosts many fundraisers, with some of its biggest including PirateFest, the Jolly Trolley Polar Express, Jingle Art Jam and the Tiny Art Show.

"We fund the program through grants, corporate sponsorships and individual donations," Hardison said. "Increased funding for the program would increase the potential for public art, the ability to meet more dates, and perhaps we could go back to providing transportation to those in need."

This year's raised funds at Jingle Art Jam will be for the Youth Public Arts Project, a bi-weekly program that works to light the way for at-risk youth to create various public art projects displayed throughout the community.

The goal of the program is for the youth

to have a positive impact on the community, to express themselves through artwork and to build teamwork, social and interpersonal skills through the visual arts.

A variety of past projects include murals at the Drew Steele Center and the Humane Society, planter and bench projects and banner designs for Greenville Area Transit.

Jingle Art Jam will have a diverse range of entertainment available, such as live music by Nu Clear Twins, a holiday photo booth by Magnolia Photography and a drop-in ornament painting activity workshop.

The event will also host a few local artists who will be selling their works, food samplings from more than 12 uptown

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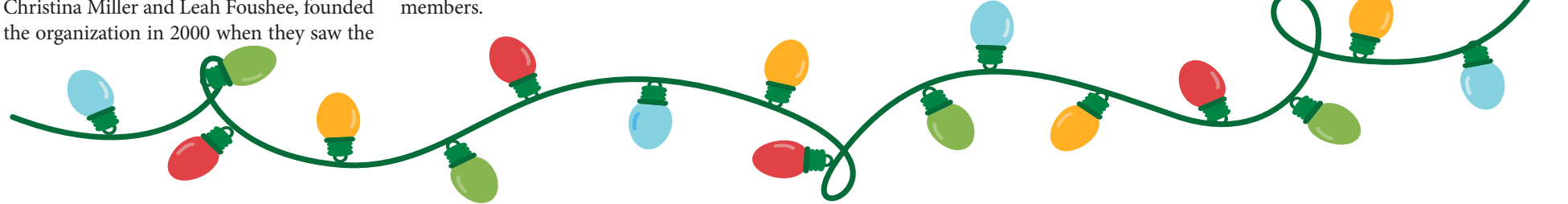
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**BRIEFS**

**Greek Life to host philanthropy event**

Delta Chi Fraternity and Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority will host a philanthropy event at Carolina Ice Zone from 5-7 p.m. today to benefit March of Dimes and Jimmy V Foundation. March of Dimes Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7 which includes skate rental. The March of Dimes is a non-profit organization to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. The Jimmy V Foundation is a cancer research organization.

**City Of Greenville opens new Activity Center**

The City of Greenville will host a ground-breaking ceremony today at 3 p.m. for the new \$7.194 million Greenville Transport Activity Center, located at on the corner of South Pitt Street and Bonners Lane. The new building will provide transfer facility where all local and regional transportation services can connect.

**CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS**

Assistant Professor Joseph Lee took the cigarette butt photo in last Tuesday's issue of The East Carolinian

# Veteran, ECU student loses benefits

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

After being deployed three times and receiving honorable discharge, the last thing Air Force veteran Ashley Bonner said she expected was to be forgotten by the nation she proudly served.

Bonner is a senior at East Carolina University working towards a degree in university studies, which is a program that allows students to create their own degree. Bonner's focus is on Veteran Community Reacclimation where her goal is to help veterans adjust to life after service.

Before deciding on a major, Bonner worked at ECU full time but quickly discovered she wanted to do more than work behind a desk. After graduating from Pitt Community College, Bonner started working towards her degree at ECU and although she is driven and passionate about her plan, it has not been easy for her to reach her goals.

As a veteran and someone in the reserves, Bonner said she was supposed to get financial aid to pay for her schooling due the GI Bill — or so she thought.

"I received the GI Bill on and off for a few years and then a [few weeks ago], I received a letter from the [Department of Veteran Affairs] saying that they made a mistake," said Bonner. "I don't qualify for any GI Bill."

This news came as a shock to Bonner, as she was receiving aid for several years before being notified of the mistake. Over this time period, Bonner was receiving 50 percent of the benefits, because she was in the reserves. That means she was receiving money for half of her tuition along with a book stipend and a housing allowance each month. She also was involved in the VA work study where she received a paycheck for teaching a class

"I qualified for the post 9/11 GI Bill. Or was told that I did initially," said Bonner. "I now have to pay the other half of my tuition with the money

that I have saved for myself."

The letter she received said she was not deployed long enough to receive the GI Bill. Bonner, who enlisted in the Air Force Reserves in 2002, served as a medic for 10 years and was deployed three times to Paraguay, Guam and Turkey, and after dealing with medical issues, received honorable discharge in 2012 for her service.



**Ashley Bonner**

Bonner said unlike many students at ECU, she has the responsibilities of an adult not just a student. She has bills to pay and with her financial situation being totally demolished by the news, Bonner is thankful she thought ahead and saved money for after graduation.

"If I didn't graduate in December I don't know if I'd be able to finish," said Bonner. "I would have to quit."

Bonner points out that this isn't a rare situation either. "And that's what sad about a lot of veterans, of course you go in with recruiters promising you all this great stuff and then you get out and you realize no, you don't get any of that," she said.

While those who serve do not join for the sake of receiving benefits, Bonner said it is a shame that as a nation, "we are forgetting our veterans."

"I was lucky enough to be born in this country, I felt like I should give back and thank my country for that," said Bonner. "I never went in the military with a thought or the intentions of getting something back."

Instead, Bonner views the GI Bill and similar aid as a thank you to veterans who have served, she said.

"To be promised something like that and then have it taken away it's kind of a slap in the face," said Bonner. "It makes you feel like you aren't

important enough or what you did wasn't good enough."

Bonner said the VA needs to improve its policies when it comes to helping veterans. Otherwise, it will just lead to more cases similar to Bonner's.

"I just don't understand how the mistake was made," she said. "But the VA definitely needs more training. I think the VA needs to be better."

Multiple attempts by The East Carolinian were made to discuss Bonner's situation with the VA and were met with no response.

Bonner said she is not required to pay back the money she previously received.

Back in October, Bonner asked to represent Student Veterans of ECU at the Chelsea Clinton college affordability forum, and while Bonner doesn't work with groups for political reasons, she said she was honored to be selected to speak and shed light on this issue.

Bonner said even though she was "slighted by the system," she has a passion for helping her fellow veterans and getting them the attention they deserve.

"To get the word out about veterans and benefits that we are or are not getting, anytime I can speak about veterans, I take the opportunity to do so," said Bonner.

Bonner said she hopes to give back to her fellow veterans who have also spent time in the military. Bonner plans to someday work with Rocking Horse Ranch and other non-profits to provide services to veterans suffering from PTSD or other issues. She would introduce these men and women to practices centering around riding and taking care of horses as a form of therapy. According to Bonner, this practice is proven to benefit those with autism and other mental or physical disabilities.

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"You can sense the reach of the Honors College goes far beyond (the) Mamie Jenkins (Building) to all parts of our community and university," said White.

White said current students of the Honors College should not worry about this change

affecting the sense of community within the program.

"Even though we're doubling the size of the college, we are still a fairly small number in the big picture of 29,000 students at ECU," said White. "I don't think the impact of growth will have any negative impact on our students."

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started in 2015 and helped raise mental awareness of the UC campus. Cincinnati conducted a study which found that about half of all students at a four-year institution suffer from some type of psychiatric disorder, whether it be anxiety or depression,

according to Smith. The initiative first went into action at a football game by handing out buttons to raise awareness and with special recognition towards the campaign.

Last year, ECU's SGA asked permission from University of Cincinnati to use the idea to give their own unique spin on it and "15,000 Pirates" was the result.

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Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Seth Gullledge at [opinion@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com).

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# Our view

## The detrimental use of local plastic

There are 151,000 plastic bags used in Pitt County alone on a daily basis, according to an environmental advisory committee member Dr. David Ames.

This shockingly high number is one of the reasons the Greenville City Council passed a motion in a 5-1 vote to enhance the city's recycling and make the city more green.

The proposal originally suggested a ban of plastic bags in the county and a fee for those who used them, but did not get passed.

The sight of plastic bags is completely normal to us, mostly because ninety percent of all grocery bags are plastic and estimates for the number of plastic bags used around the world per year vary from 100 billion to 1 trillion, according to the New York Times.

It is no secret that Mother Nature is in trouble, and has been for some time. Your personal collection of plastic bags may seem like no big deal, but the average American family takes home almost 1,500 plastic bags per year, according to the National Resources Defense Council.

If that still doesn't seem like a lot, scientist now estimate that every square mile of ocean contains about 46,000 pieces of floating plastic, according to Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme.

Because of this, Worldwatch Institute says at least 267 different species are known to have suffered from entanglement or ingestion of plastic marine debris.

Pitt County is just one small place, and yet we alone use 151,000 plastic bags every single day.

Unfortunately, our generation can no longer put off these problems like the previous generations did so adequately. If we don't take action, we are going to face the repercussions head on.

Being lazy and forgetting to bring a cloth bag can no longer be an excuse. Making efforts to eliminating the use of plastic bags is the very least we can do to begin a fight against the incomprehensibly large environmental issues we are currently facing.

## The importance of holiday giving



Symone Spaulding  
GUEST COLUMNIST

It's that time of year again when it is the most stressful for us college students. Not only is the holiday season approaching, but so are exams. The word "busy" is definitely becoming an understatement.

For many of us, the pre-holiday prep is just sinking in. Most of us just started thinking about getting our money together, preparing to get gifts for our loved ones, making sure we turn assignments in on time, getting good grades to end the semester, making sure we are happy, staying invested in our faith, not forgetting to eat, not forgetting to sleep, not skipping classes and making sure we have our classes set for next semester. I don't know about you, but it seems like my to-do list is neverending.

As we all travel home for the holidays it is important for us to remember that although we might be stressed out, we are all going through this together.

Yes, the holiday season tends to be my favorite time of year, mainly because I get extended family time, but unfortunately sometimes my overwhelming to-do list takes away from the joy of the season. We have to remember that in order to keep it joyful for ourselves, we must get rid of unwanted stressors.

It is important to remember that the holiday season is all about giving. The holiday season should be less about ourselves, and more about others.

I oftentimes have to keep in mind that yes, I am stressing, but there are always people in need of help.

This holiday season we should all make a point not to just give thanks, but to also give to

others and the surrounding community who may be in need.

Giving can be as easy as volunteering your time at the local food bank, participating in the many canned food drives around campus, spending time with children at the boys and girls club or the local schools or even something as small as paying-it-forward.

Giving should be the common theme of this holiday season, and implementing the importance of giving can strengthen a whole entire college community and even alleviate stress.

So this holiday season through New Years, I encourage everyone reading this to make it a point to give. Regardless of how you decide to give, remember that what you give will always be appreciated.

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## Foundations courses wasteful to some



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For students in this modern world of education, many of the classes they are required to take will not factor into their dream job.

Every student comes to college with no clue or at least a small idea of what occupation will catch their attention or push them through life. Whether that student keeps their original major or not is up to the classes they take. This argument is a hallmark example of why many colleges and universities in this world have adopted the liberal arts degree program.

It is a theory of making students take classes in different fields in order to make them more productive in the civic setting. For example, a student majoring in accounting may be required to take chemistry or a physics major may have to take kinesiology in order to graduate.

However, for a student who comes to college with a preconceived idea of what occupation interests them, a liberal arts degree can be seen as wasteful. If a person is set on majoring in communication, taking courses in mathematics or biology may not be valuable to their future employment. After that student graduates col-

lege, the newspaper they apply to for a job will not care how well they understand biology, they will care about how well that student understands grammar.

The liberal arts degree program is mandatory at East Carolina University. Every student who enrolls at the university must finish all the general education requirements before graduating. For a student who is coming to college for a specific degree in mind, taking all these extra courses can add time, money and effort that could be invested elsewhere.

This may make the university rich, but it harms the average young person who seeks an education. By pushing young Americans to pay for courses they will not need in future jobs, it seems like universities are taking advantage of students instead of giving them a chance to succeed.

Instead, universities should make foundation classes or general education requirements optional. If schools gave students the option of taking biology or mathematics, then those individuals can decide what courses they really need. This would be more cost-effective for students and save universities money on employing staff and faculty for courses that are not popular.

Another plus to an optional liberal arts degree program is it will allow students to be

trained quicker and enter the workforce sooner if they choose so. Also, for students who are undecided or may have multiple interests, this will give them the option to take specific classes in order to find out what their passion is.

In any circumstance, a liberal arts degree is not a bad for society. Having young working Americans coming into the world as well rounded individuals benefits everyone. But, students should not be forced to take classes if they do not want to. Many people may elect to take these extra courses, but universities should not force a decision on everyone when it may only benefit a small group.

More students at universities are drowning in debt because of the expense associated with getting an education. The basic idea of getting educated and landing a high paying job has become more treacherous than it needs to be.

Education should be individualized to the student. If a student wants to learn about dinosaurs then let them. Although, if a student wants to get their degree as soon as possible so they do not accumulate crippling amounts of debt then let them.

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## ALBUM REVIEW

# Mars brings funk with '24K Magic'

**Arvanna Smart**  
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After giving us "Uptown Funk," Bruno Mars had some big shoes to fill.

The pop artist had over 10 million downloads and the song quickly rose to become one of America's favorite hits among all generations. Mars created a universal record and with the release of "24K Magic" last Friday, many wondered if Mars would could live up to his outstanding track record.

Fortunately for listeners, "24K Magic" didn't fall short of what Mars has previously produced. The first single and title track, "24K Magic" instantly pulls listeners in with its luminous sounds.

Mars's style beams as he uses the intro track as his welcome back record after being away from the game for four years. "I'm a dangerous man with some money in my pocket/So many pretty girls around me and they waking up the rocket," Mars sings on the track.

Throughout the album, Mars radiates a classic 80s R&B feel as each track takes you through a time cap-

sule with the instrumentals and beats.

With his second track, "Chunky," Mars gives us a twisted version of the New Edition '80s hit, "Candy Girl," breaking through with edgy lyrics of a man finding the girl they were looking for all night at a party. "If you ain't here to party take your (expletive) back home/If you getting naughty, baby here's my phone/Slide with your boy to the bar/Slide with your boy to the car/I've been searching everywhere and now here you are."

The next track, "Perm" speaks to all generations, where Mars sings about trying to get to know a girl without all the clutter of technology. He humorously relates trying to get her to relax with metaphors related to getting a perm, a process that relaxes curly hair. "Throw some perm on your attitude/Girl you gotta relax, ooh/Let me show you what you got to do/You gotta lay it back."

On "That's What I Like," Bruno takes a step back from the man of the house role and promises to allow his leading lady to set the pace of the night. "You deserve it baby. You deserve it all."

Mars later slows down the tempo of the album with "Versace on the Floor" and "Straight Up and Down."

"Versace on the Floor" brings in a sensual feel, as Mars sings about a moment of intimacy. "So baby let's just turn down the lights/And close the door/Oooh I love that dress/But you won't need it anymore."

Similarly, "Straight Up and Down" is another adult-oriented favorite with a smooth instrumental. "This liquor got both of us faded/So gone, so gone, so gone/But your booty deserve a celebration."

Mars is well on his way to creating a timeless career. With "24K Magic," Mars embodied a whole era of R&B and pop music while still relating to today's generation as well as generations past.

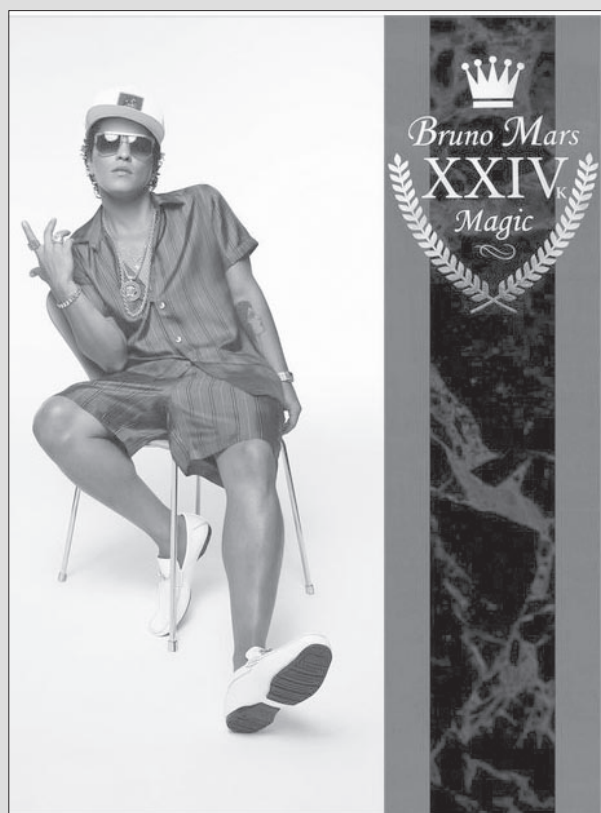
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Bruno Mars on the cover of his latest album, "24K Magic."

## >>STYLE SPOTLIGHT

# Student talks male fashion

**Alaina Corsini**  
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In a quiet classroom on the second floor of Joyner East, Matthew Talbot strolls into his lecture with iPhone in one hand and a coffee cup in another. Sporting a sleek black Nike hat, designer jeans and an olive oversized sweater, he takes a seat towards the front of the class.

Talbot, a senior majoring in communication with a minor in fashion merchandising, sees fashion constantly playing a major role in everyday life.

"Fashion is how people initially tell the world who you are, regardless of how much you care about fashion or your appearance," he says.

For Talbot, influences for his outfits extend over various mediums, including social media, fashion bloggers and the environment around him.

For further inspiration about current styles and trends Talbot stays up to date with New York City fashion and lifestyle blogger Joel Moore.

"A friend of mine runs a blog and Instagram, 'Moore His Style,' that I also get great inspiration from because he's always pushing the button on what's acceptable and trendy," Talbot says.

Talbot's personal outfit ensembles often contain various neutral colors including blacks, blues, olives, creams and whites though, he says he occasionally likes to incorporate "a pop of color to switch it up."

"My wardrobe is a weird collection of pieces," Talbot says. "I am obsessed with jeans and sweaters....I rarely find a pair of designer jeans that I don't fall in love with."

Talbot attributes a lot of his style to finding a piece that he enjoys the fit and look of and adopting it as a staple

item. His wardrobe contains many of these same staple items but in different varieties, colors or styles.

"I also have a weird mix of high and low end pieces. There are certain things that are worth the investment, basics in particular are things to invest in," he says. "You're going to wear [them] again and again versus trendy items that you may only wear once or twice."

Around campus, his typical outfits for classes include a pullover, t-shirt, slim fit jeans, desert boots, a Nike Golf hat paired with oversized designer sunglasses and a watch.

"I cannot leave the house without sunglasses because I literally cannot see without them or a watch because I feel naked without one on," Talbot says.

When it's time to head for a night out downtown Talbot's outfit is dictated by the weather as the temperatures alter.

"Generally I love an all

black outfit because it's slimming and effortlessly chic," Talbot says. "One of my favorite outfits is a black Michael Kors sweater with leather details on the shoulder and elbows, black skinny Topman jeans with single slits on the knees."

For accessorizing, Talbot pairs the look with black Cole Haan Chelsea boots and an all black Michael Kors Bradshaw watch.

While Talbot's wardrobe includes a variety of styles ranging from staple items to designer denim, the biggest key for him is dressing not only to impress but also dressing for his own self-confidence.

"Dressing for success is so important, the better you feel about how you look the better you feel about yourself," he says.

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Talbot sports a sleek black outfit with sunglasses and a hat.

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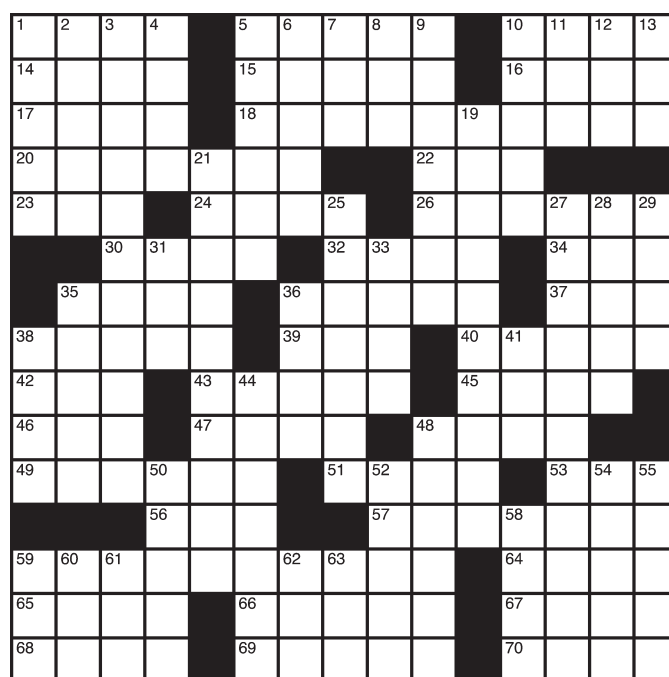
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## PUZZLES

### ACROSS

- 1 Energizes, with "up"
- 5 Onetime TWA rival
- 10 Lucy's co-star
- 14 "Star Wars" princess
- 15 Bakery draw
- 16 "That's so true!"
- 17 Misfortunes
- 18 Las Vegas loser's complaint
- 20 ["Get off the stage!"]
- 22 Word with dog, horse or lion
- 23 Bank acct. posting
- 24 Critter "in the headlights"
- 26 Worked hard
- 30 Spoken
- 32 Make on the job
- 34 Explosive emotion
- 35 Eight, en español
- 36 Like some committees
- 37 Martini ingredient
- 38 Jack of nursery rhymes
- 39 "Give \_\_\_ chance!"
- 40 Grate residue
- 42 Chinese-born architect I.M. \_\_\_
- 43 Techie's hangout
- 45 "Doggone it!"
- 46 Dada pioneer Jean
- 47 Speak hoarsely
- 48 Landmark on Missouri's state quarter
- 49 Georgia, but not Florida
- 51 Vatican City currency
- 53 Uncanny claim
- 56 Crime syndicate leader
- 57 What a judge may do during an arraignment
- 59 Grecian Formula competitor
- 64 Invention beginning
- 65 Roughly 30% of Earth's land area
- 66 Fall zodiac sign
- 67 Denim pioneer Strauss
- 68 Chimed



- 69 "No bid," in bridge
- 70 Perfect spot

### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

B	I	O	M	A	S	S	S	A	M	B	U	C	A
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### DOWN

- 1 "I was home alone" isn't a very strong one
- 2 Breakfast fruit
- 3 "Screenwriter's work for the first episode"
- 4 Merit badge holder
- 5 Analyzed, as a sentence
- 6 Got out of bed 7 " \_\_\_ again!"
- 8 Invoice no.
- 9 Leader with a baton
- 10 \_\_\_ Lama
- 11 Big bird from Down Under
- 12 "Hold on a \_\_\_!"
- 13 Pentel filler
- 19 "Orangy Crayola color"
- 21 "Simple-to-use"
- 25 "Symbol of bureaucracy"
- 27 Dizzy ... and a hint to the starts of the answers to starred clues
- 28 Great Lakes natives

- 29 Lairs of lions
- 31 "Of course!"
- 33 Ill-fated whale chaser
- 35 Rossini creation
- 36 Is home sick
- 38 Stretch across
- 41 Cul-de-\_\_\_
- 44 Tubular Italian pastries
- 48 Concert milieus
- 50 Suitcase tie-on
- 52 App downloaders
- 54 Kitchen strainer
- 55 Opposite of everything, in bageldom
- 58 Rancor
- 59 Jelly holder
- 60 Land "across the pond" from the U.K.
- 61 Gluttony, e.g.
- 62 Tear (into)
- 63 Exec's degree

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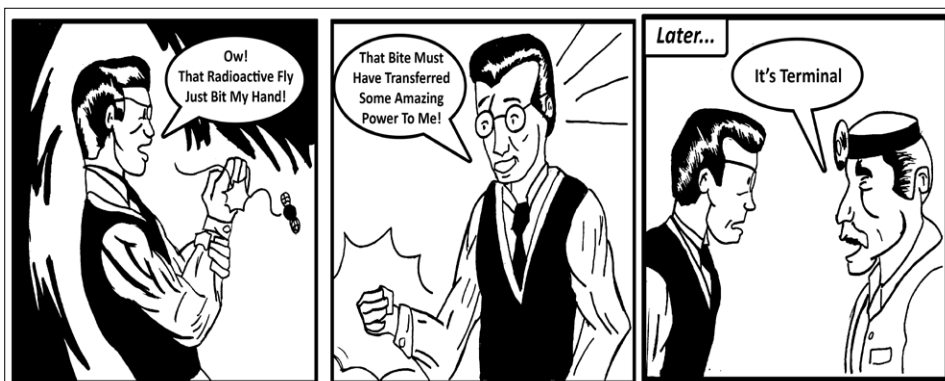
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## TAKEAWAYS

### FOOTBALL

ECU dropped its season finale at Temple 37-10 to finish the season at 3-9, its worst record since finishing 2-9 in 2004.

### SOFTBALL

The ECU softball program has been ranked with the No. 22 recruiting class in 2017 according to Flosoftball.com. It is the program's first national ranked recruiting class.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates (5-2) defeated the Air Force Academy (5-2) Saturday night, 70-63 to conclude the Savannah Invitational.

### VOLLEYBALL

East Carolina dropped its last game of the season, losing to the Memphis Tigers 3-0 Saturday afternoon.

## ONLINE



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East Carolina first-year head coach Scottie Montgomery looks on to the field in disappointment during this year's Navy game.

“...Virginia Tech beat us up a little bit, and we never really responded from that. I knew it, saw it, and we tried to adjust and do the things we could but couldn't get the bleeding stopped after that game.”  
*Scottie Montgomery*

# Football ends frustrating season

Tori Poole  
TEC STAFF

Several East Carolina Pirates saw their college football careers come to an end Saturday, but for some, the 37-10 loss at Temple to end the season is just one small blip on the radar in relation to what lies ahead.

After what seemed to be an impressive start to the season in a blowout victory against Western Carolina followed by a win over in-state rival NC State, the Pirates' season quickly began to derail. After the two wins at home, ECU lost nine of its last 10, showing its undoubted struggles this season.

“Just a hard season,” ECU head coach Scottie Montgomery said. “Altogether, we started well with Western Carolina and NC State. And as the year went on, Virginia Tech beat us up a little bit, and we never really responded from that. I knew it, saw it, and we tried to adjust and do the things we could but couldn't get the bleeding stopped after that game.”

Throughout the season the Pirates struggled with maintaining a healthy roster, but ECU's largest downfall was self-inflicted wounds on the field.

The Pirate offense did not take care of the ball, turning it over 24 times on the season. The defense lacked the attacking style needed to pressure opposing teams into turnovers and only generated eight sacks all season. ECU rarely started possessions on a short field or benefitted from a score and ended up second from last in FBS turnover differential.

“Our offensive front will be a priority, defensive front will be a priority,” Montgomery said about the upcoming offseason. “You've always got to have playmakers. We'll spend a lot of time making sure that we add some competitive depth in places. We're going to have to have some people who can come in and make plays on our defense really, really quickly.”

There were times when the Pirates' offense seemed to click this season, moving the ball effectively down the field. On the other hand, when ECU reached the red zone the offense often floundered and struggled to put points on the scoreboard — ranking it in the bottom six percent of FBS teams in red zone percentage.

The week prior to ECU's trip to Philadelphia, the least amount of yards the offense had compiled throughout the season came in the Pirates' blowout 66-31 loss to Navy with

414 yards.

Although ECU did not have many of those mistakes in its final game against Temple, the Pirates were still completely out matched against the No. 3 defense in the country, as they only generated 225 yards offensively and scored a season-low 10 points.

A week after breaking the FBS career receptions record, ECU senior wide receiver Zay Jones reeled in seven catches to break the FBS single season receptions record, showing his dominance for the Pirates this season.

Moving forward, Montgomery is determined to learn from his bumps and bruises in his 3-9 season as a first-year head coach.

“I'm not giving in whatsoever,” said Montgomery. “You'll get the best out of me, I can guarantee you that. I'm on the road Monday recruiting. I'll be evaluating the whole time. We'll be a better program and a better team [next year]. I can guarantee that.”

Montgomery will need to figure out how to improve without several graduating seniors, including the record-breaking Jones.

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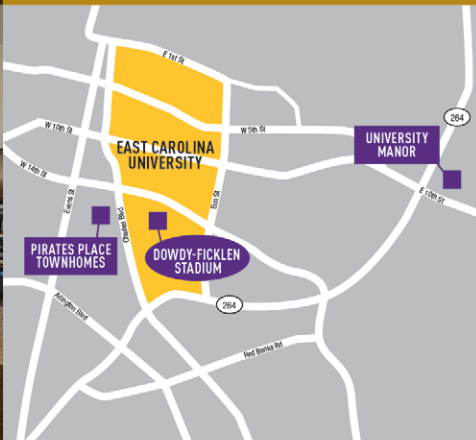
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