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— *Sexual assault victim*

Jessica Gribbon

TEC STAFF

You did everything right. You went to the hospital. You went to the police. You went to the university. Everything the media has ever told you to do—you did it. Your case was dismissed without an explanation. Now what?

With sexual assaults continuing to occur more frequently on college campuses nationwide, a common question many students ponder is, why aren't we doing more?

Just last week, East Carolina University held the “It's On Us” campaign, which was launched by the Obama Administration in September 2014.

During the campaign's inception, President

Obama acknowledged that the trauma and fear inflicted on victims of sexual assault does not disappear over time. Their trauma is often present long after their attack.

“It's there when you're forced to sit in the same class or stay in the same dorm with the person who raped you, when people are more suspicious of what you were wearing or what you were drinking as if it's your fault, not the fault of the person who assaulted you,” said President Obama in his address. “It's a haunting presence when the very people entrusted with your welfare fail to protect you.”

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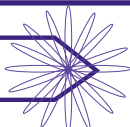
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Greenville wins Riverkeeper Cup

Greenville won the Riverkeeper Cup for the first time in six years last weekend. Ninety-eight volunteers from Greenville collected 1,280 pounds of trash from the Tar River and the downtown area to claim this year's title as Riverkeeper Cup champions.

A total of 169 volunteers from multiple communities up and down the Tar-Pamlico River removed 3,080 pounds of trash from the river, its banks and streams on Saturday. The community that collects the most trash by weight is honored with a Riverkeeper Cup trophy.

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Fraternity hosts concert for brain cancer research

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's NC Kappa Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon is hosting its eighth annual Summit Up event at Pantana Bob's on Saturday from 1 to 8 p.m.

The event features three bands based out of the Carolinas ranging from alternative rock to reggae—Wilmington's Elephant Convey, Wilson's Matty Beggs, and Charleston's Atlas Road Crew—along with catered food. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 when purchased from a member of the fraternity, but are \$15 at the door. All proceeds will go to the American Brain Tumor Association.

The origins of Summit Up began in 2006 when Tom Bolick, ECU freshman and Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, was diagnosed with brain cancer. Bolick's parents, unaware of their son's involvement in Greek Life, were ecstatic about how much support the brotherhood gave to him in his time of need. Bolick passed away on July 1, 2006, at the age of 20.

"The whole event is real close to use because it was a brother that died from



Atlas Road Crew, one of the featured bands at the Summit Up event on Saturday, performs in concert. CONTRIBUTED BY ATLAS ROAD CREW

cancer," said Sigma Phi Epsilon President Whit Beebe. "Even though we didn't know him, all the older guys who come back every year knew him really well so just having a good turnout and showing our respects to him is a big deal."

Mark Falkner, junior industrial distribution and logistics major, headed up the event in Bolick's honor. "All the brothers try to help out as much as they can with support for the event," said Falkner. "We're all going to the Greek community selling tickets and t-shirts. While we're getting the name out, we're keeping it in our

thoughts that the whole event is not to just have fun but to support Tom, his life and memory."

Over the past seven events, the NC Kappa chapter has generated over \$25,000, while raising over \$5,000 last year for the ABTA, which is the only national organization that funds brain tumor research. This year's Summit Up currently has 14 sponsors, an increase over last year's eight donors. The fraternity is hoping to sell 600 to 700 tickets so it can give back nearly \$8,000 this time around.

According to Falkner, Bolick's parents will be in attendance Saturday. He says

it's special that they're still visiting Sigma Phi Epsilon and have a strong connection with the chapter's philanthropy.

"We do host a lot of philanthropic events like the blood drive and golf tournament to project our name throughout the community," said Falkner. "That's all good stuff but this event definitely hits home with all the brothers. It's something we do every year and honestly, it's probably one of my favorite days of the semester. We all come together to put on a great event."

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SGA officers prepare plans for summer

Collyn Sheaffer
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The new executive ticket for East Carolina's Student Government Association is already planning for this summer after being sworn in less than a week ago.

Mark Matulewicz, newly appointed Student Body president, explained that after the next two weeks of final exams, he and his team plan to begin focusing primarily on making some changes that will start this summer. According to Matulewicz, each of the cabinet members and judicial branch members are planning to begin to work collectively on their platform's ideas immediately.

Matulewicz said that his executive team will physically be in Greenville this summer, taking classes online and upholding the roles of their positions. Matulewicz will be attending his first Board of Trustees meeting this summer, which he has already started to

prepare for by going out to lunch with board members and beginning to form relationships with them.

This summer will be when the executive branch follows up with ideas like Pirate Pick Up and the student discount cards. Matulewicz said that he and Jenny Betz, Student Body vice president, have already begun to work on the Pirate Pick Up program and have their follow up meeting with ECU Transit on Monday. He said that at this meeting, ECU Transit will be proposing their plan for the program which will include their ideas of costs and funding.

Matulewicz said the student discount cards are already planned out, but now the only issue is meeting with each business and ensuring their spot on these cards. Some of the businesses that they are interested in include student hot spots like Winslow's Deli and Tavern, Chico's Mexican Restaurant, The Scullery, Sup Dogs and the taco stand,

Villa Verde, which parks on 5th Street and delivers to houses on the grid.

"A lot of these businesses already offer discounts for students," said Matulewicz, "Now it's just a matter of getting them on our physical cards."

Each branch of Student Government plans to go on a retreat at the end of August before school starts in the fall. Matulewicz said that this will be an opportunity for each member of Student Government to come together and build relationships and learn how each person wants SGA to function as a whole and focus on leadership.

Although Jake Srednicki, former SGA president, will not be officially a part of SGA next school year, Matulewicz plans to constantly work with him to gain advice. Matulewicz said that he and Srednicki already have ideas of things they want to accomplish and he is excited to continue their relationship informally.

Carson Pierce, current SGA treasurer, also said that he will be working with former Treasurer Kaitlyn Dutton to meet the new executive branch's goals for next school year. Pierce said that Dutton has already started to assist him with things like keeping Excel records, following up with organizations that they have funded and having conversations about how they can improve the finances of SGA.

"Kaitlyn has been absolutely terrific and she has made my transition so smooth," said Pierce.

Now that each member of next year's Student Government has been officially sworn into their positions, it is time to start seeing their ideas and plans being implemented.

"This summer we are going to be hitting it hard and following through with these ideas on our platform," said Matulewicz.

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Artist Tyree Barnes, ECU senior, puts the finishing touches on his latest work of art, a painting that includes a portrait of the late Tupac Shakur.

Student's visions unfold

Senior hosts art gala for students to express themselves

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Tyree Barnes, senior psychology and religious studies major, is producing art in the hope to inspire students to follow their dreams.

"If the idea has faith in you then you must have faith in the idea," said Barnes. The goal of his art is to help people exceed the limitations others have set for them.

Barnes started his art journey in second grade and decided to take it more serious during the previous summer.

"Sometime about a year ago I started feeling this void inside of me and I couldn't figure out what was going on. I knew something was missing," said Barnes. "So then I decided that during the summer that I'd do whatever feels right to me and everything that felt right to me was art."

To celebrate and share his passion for art, Barnes recently hosted his own art gala. He randomly had the idea and just went with it.

"I was at work and I just saw this small scene in my head where it was just art on the wall. Then I thought that would be a [cool] gala," said Barnes. "I just kept that thought in my head and then more and more of the vision came together."

He welcomed students into his home, presented other ECU students' art pieces and allowed people to display their own form of art, such as spoken word, throughout the

night. Barnes said the gala went amazing and he couldn't have predicted it any better.

Barnes believed the gala allowed people to escape the usual mind set. He described this mindset as absolute freedom, mentally and physically. They were able to draw new perspectives and "imagine proactively."

"If you're constantly exposed to the same type of energy or same type of environment over and over again, you'll never get room to expand and grow," said Barnes.

Due to the lack of places for students, particularly the black community of ECU, to relax and hang out, Barnes said the gala was hosted to provide a new outlet for all students to self-develop and have fun in a "safe, constructive manner."

Barnes produces many mediums of art such as canvas paintings, poetry and body canvas art. Sarah Yohanis, sophomore business major, has participated in Barnes' body canvas art.

"The body art is when you are basically his canvas. He paints on you and from my experience, he didn't tell me what he was painting on me," said Yohanis. "It morphed through conversation."

When Yohanis asked Barnes what process he went through to decide what to paint, he said to her that "whatever he feels, he just goes with it."

Since this past summer, Barnes has sold his

art. However, he prefers to teach people how to create art as opposed to creating it himself.

"Teaching art, to me, is teaching how to tap into the subconscious mind... to draw a vision upon the universe and then bring it into the physical realm," said Barnes. "Art therefore, to me, is a required skill for survival. Either we create the world we want to live in or we live within someone else's creations."

Barnes' entire goal is to teach people that dreams are attainable. He says everyone has the potential to make their passion real but one must realize it's possible.

"Inside of everyone is a field of diamonds. I think it's important that we all realize that we come here and we have anything we desire within us. All we have to do is produce it. We got to make it happen. Don't worry about how it's going to happen, you just have to know what you want," said Barnes.

Barnes stresses that individuals should surpass the negative thoughts and stay positive in order to obtain their goals.

"I want everybody to know your dream is literally possible and you can do it," said Barnes. "There's always going to be people, there's always going to be money and there's always going to be support from you regardless but you have to believe in your dream."

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Novelist advises graduates

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Author Ted Bagley's newest novel "The Success Factor: Navigating the Treacherous Waters of Corporate America" provides skitish graduates with advice on how to deal with life after college.



Ted Bagley

Bagley's key points in his novel are as follows: the importance of learning foreign languages, the importance of project management, networking, effective communication both written and oral, branding, mentoring and diversity. The novel also provides readers with a different insight to job hunting, interviewing to get the job and then how to work your way up once a company hires you.

This novel also focuses on the importance of diversity in corporate America and how hard it is to get companies to view diversity as a business entity.

"I think [diversity] has gotten a bad name and people have defined it incorrectly, it's not black or white or male or female, it's inclusion," said Bagley. "Businesses are not doing it because they want to it's because we have to have that quota. We need people to show companies how having diversity on their team will benefit that company."

He also discussed in the book the importance of outside of the classroom skills needed to enable students to prosper once they're not behind a desk anymore.

"Students put too much emphasis on their grades [and] don't get me wrong they are necessary to get you through the door," said Bagley.

Bagley said that professional speaking, courage of candor, and self confidence are necessary skills for students to have.

"Students need those other skills to be able to sell the tools in their tool kits," he said. "If you can't sell that to interview it's no good to you. A lot of kids lose the job at the interview and I talk about that in my book."

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AIMO hosts horror story fashion show

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Tomorrow at the Greenville Convention Center, the Apparel and Interiors Merchandising Organization, AIMO, will host its 11th annual fashion show titled, "Chic Show."

This year the theme comes from the FX TV show "American Horror Story: Freak Show."

"We are doing the vintage carnival theme from 'American Horror Story,' and not like the creepy part of it. We are going from Freak show to Chic show," said Morgan March, senior interior design and merchandising major, and president of AIMO. "We wanted to do something fun and interesting. It's going to be really cool."

AIMO puts on the fashion show every year in an effort to give the students in the organization hands on experience, to open up doors for the students as the organization teams up with local boutique owners and bigger department stores and to allow for the partners that AIMO has joined forces with to gain exposure.

"We partner with the textile department

every year and others including Alexander Paul Hair Institute of Hair Design and 'Her' magazine," said March.

This will be the first year that AIMO is partnering with "Her" magazine, as the magazine will be hosting its special shopping spree on the same day in conjunction with the fashion show.

To include the fashion show into the "Her" shopping spree, which is geared for older women, the students prepared a short video that displays how to turn your business attire from the average day apparel to night apparel.

"It's more in depth then it has ever been but it's kind of exciting because we are doing a partnership with people who can do way more than we can," said March. "They already have billboards up around Greenville and other advertising that we could have never done."

Working on the Chic Show allowed students to create their own style using the clothing from department stores such as Belk.

"Since this isn't my major, I enjoyed participating in it as a stylist," said Kevin Imo, sophomore exercise physiology major. "This

is my first year doing something like this and I have been looking into doing something similar to it."

The students who worked with Belk were separated into women's stylists and men's stylists.

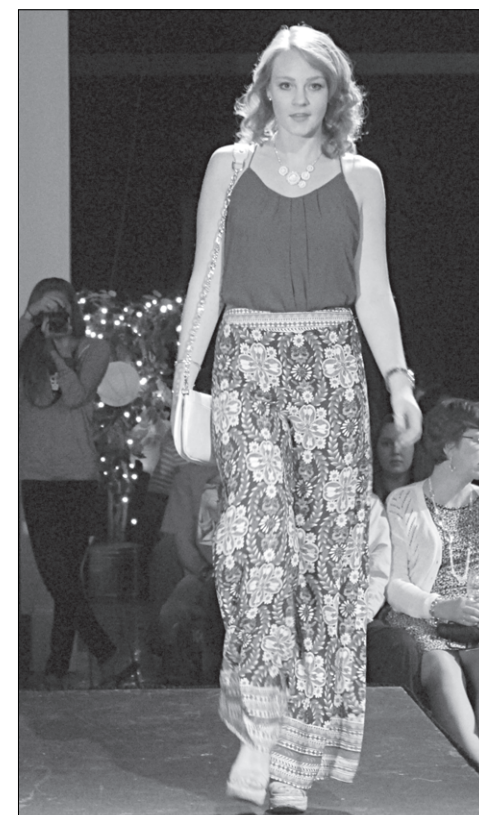
"For the women's section there were seven models and I was able to style three of them," said Kira Lewis, sophomore fashion merchandising major. "I was inspired mostly by Coachella this year, so you could say I chose a more 70s, hipster kind of vibe."

On the men's side, they had six models and three stylists making for a more interesting take on what each student stylist thought would be a good style for work and a good casual look.

"We each were given two people to style so one got the casual look and I gave the other more of a business style," said Don Donaldson, sophomore anthropology major. "The styles I picked fit both of the models very well and I could see them wearing the styles outside of the show."

The AIMO Chic show will be held at the Greenville Convention center at 6:30 p.m.

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A model walks the runway at last year's event.

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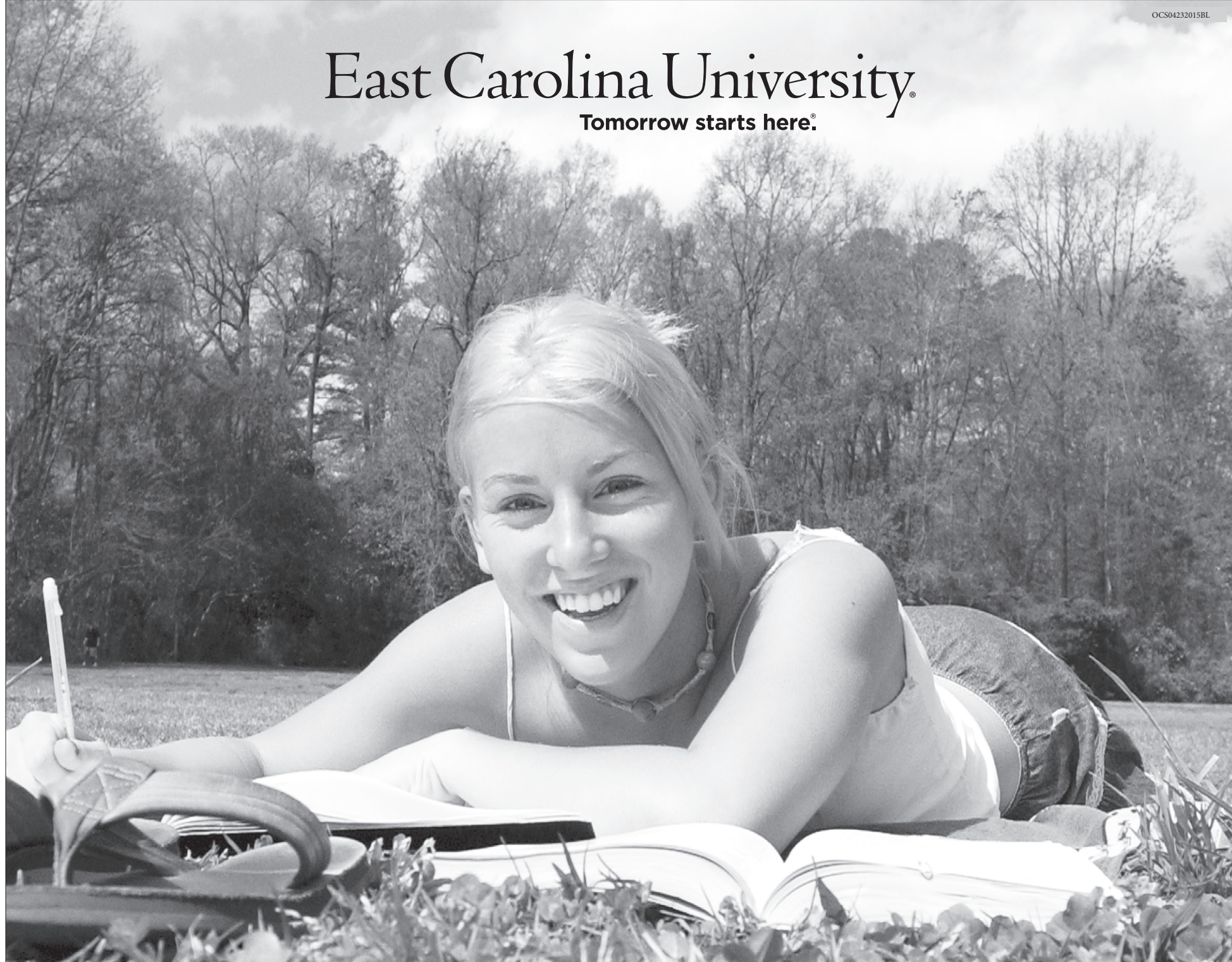
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Sexual assault in question on ECU campus

Shedding Light

Even with the implementation of President Obama’s campaign, according to testimonies of alleged sexual assault victims and further research on ECU investigative procedures, East Carolina University has continuously failed to meet those standards by not treating complainants in a just manner.

The President’s statement sheds light on several ECU student victims of sexual assault, three of whom were willing to publicly share their experiences.

For their protection, the complainants’ names will be replaced with gender-neutral identities.

The first complainant, referred to as Jordan, shared his/her experience after he/she reported the incident to the University. The first meeting with the investigative panel consisted of a chairperson, three faculty members and two staff members.

Jordan expressed feeling uncomfortable during the session, as though he/she was being viewed as the perpetrator rather than the complainant.

“ECU just did not treat me right,” said Jordan. “They straight up asked me what I was wearing as one of the first questions in my meeting. They also continued to ask me if I was drinking; I felt like it kept coming up.”

According to Jordan, the panel spent more time asking about the outfits worn on the nights of the attacks (twice) as opposed to how he/she was coping with the incident.

“It shouldn’t matter what clothing someone has on,” said Jordan.

The second complainant, referred to as Taylor, also noted that one of the first questions asked by the panel was “what were you wearing?”

“I remember when I first started going to the counseling center and we talked about our stories,” said Taylor. “Almost every person in the support group was asked what they were wearing as one of the first few questions.”

Following the panel’s questions, members allegedly began explaining the process in which the case would be handled. All of the outlined procedures can be found on the ECU website via the Title IX page.

“They told me that the university allows for a 60-day investigation,” said Jordan. “Once the investigation began, they only had 60 days to complete it before they would call me back for another meeting to hear their decision. However, it took four months for me to hear something back, and when I did, it was through a generated email.”

Title IX Involvement

The University’s website provides a definition of the legal doctrine Title IX:

“...mandates that no person shall be excluded from participation in or discriminated against on the basis of sex in programs or activities at educational institutions that receive federal financial assistance. Acts of sexual violence, harassment and/or misconduct are forms of sex discrimination. The U.S. Department of Education maintains an Office for Civil Rights to enforce Title IX and ensure that institutions comply with Title IX.”

The Title IX Rights and Procedures state that the university must provide an update to the parties involved at day 30 and day 60 after the complaint is received; however, it mentions nothing about going past the timeline stated.

LaKesha Alston, Title IX coordinator at East Carolina, shared the process the University takes when dealing with sexual assault cases and some of the recent changes they have made.

“The interview panel previously included students,” said Alston. “This changed after the UNC General Administration convened a safety committee. One recommendation was to have only faculty and staff once Title IX was brought in.”

When asked about the 60-day investigation timeline, Alston was unable to speak on specific cases but did say that both parties “are supposed to be notified if an investigation exceeds the timeframe.”

The procedures list also states: “Deputy Coordinator will provide a written summary of resolution to all parties within 10 days following the completion of the investigation.”

This written summary, which was referred to as an “official notification,” is released in the form of an email.



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“ I think if any person is assaulted, even if it's just one, it's a problem.”

-Dr. Virginia Hardy

Tamika Wordlow, director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, also responded, regarding how students are notified when their investigation concludes.

“There is a typical layout,” said Wordlow. “As per university policy, there are certain things that must be included in the email.”

The items that the university requires to be included in the email are the names of the parties involved, dates, etcetera. However, depending on the case, more information may be provided according to Wordlow.

“The fact that they sent an email just blows my mind,” said Jordan. “You wouldn’t know the effects that that could have on someone.”

While an email is a written document, a template email does not reflect the “summary of the resolution” stated in the rights and procedures of Title IX.

“Students do have access to further information if they wish to access it,” said Wordlow. “FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) allows them to view their file, and we encourage them to speak to us if they want further information.”

Taylor also said that in addition to his/her case being dismissed, the other complainants’ cases in the support group were also dismissed.

“Every single person that I am in counseling with has also had their case dismissed by the University,” said Taylor. “Every single one.”

When The East Carolinian requested information regarding statistics on the number of cases submitted to the University and the number of cases that were dismissed, a safety brochure, consisting of no statistics, was sent in its place.

The ECU Police, however, released a Main Campus Crime Report (the most recent being in 2013) that can be seen in Graphic A.

Both Alston and Wordlow did not comment specifically to the, “what were you wearing” question but did mention that questions asked by the panel are contingent upon the incident in question.

N.C. State Law

According to North Carolina state law, any sexually based offense that occurs without consent or where the complainant has been under the influence of alcohol, is classified as a second-degree sexual offense.

The law is as follows: “Second degree sexual offense (sexual act committed by force and against the will of the other person; or against someone who lacks mental or physical capacity, such as someone who is mentally defective): Class C felony; 44 to 182 months in prison.”

The state law has also been incorporated into university policy. Under code 2.1 Campus Security Authority (CSA) in Regulation on Responding to Complaints of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct and/or Discrimination on the Basis of Sex:

“2.7.2.1. Involvement without consent in any sexual act in which there is force, expressed or implied, or use of duress, or deception upon the victim. Forced sexual intercourse is included in this definition, as are the acts commonly referred to as “date rape” or “acquaintance rape.” This definition also includes the coercing, forcing, or attempting to coerce or force sexual intercourse or a sexual act on another.”

reviewed the case, it would not go to trial as the jury would not find the story believable.

“A few weeks after I gave my statement, I received an email from the Dean’s Office which stated that after reviewing my case, speaking with the involved party and consulting the Greenville Police Department, they were not going to pursue my case,” said Taylor, “which of course was frustrating and disappointing, especially since they said that the police investigation would not be considered or influence the university’s investigation.”

The third complainant, referred to as Sam, also had a case dismissed by the District Attorney’s Office.

“I was told that given the circumstances of my case, a jury would believe I consented,” said Sam. “The DA’s Office took a year to review my case and found that my story would not be believable in a courtroom.”

While Sam’s case never made it in front of a judge, the University’s investigation called for the suspension of the attacker, who was 22-years-old at the time of the attack.

“I was told that my attacker would be suspended and that upon their return to campus, I would be notified via email,” said Sam. “Unfortunately, the University never sent me that email, and I ran into my attacker in public which was devastating.”

The District Attorney’s Office and Special Victims Unit did not get back in contact with The East Carolinian prior to this story going to print.

Administrative Perspective

Administration does not have an active role dealing with sexual assault cases. However, they are seeking student input to better the system and make the process better for persons utilizing it, according to administrators.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Virginia Hardy stated that enhancing university policy and the reporting system will “take a village.”

“We want people to report it, one, so that we can provide whatever resources we need to—not only to the individuals but also to do whatever we need to, to those who are committing those offenses,” said Hardy. “So is it an issue on ECU’s campus? I think if any person is assaulted, even if it’s just one, it’s a problem.”

With policy continuing to change and universities nationwide acknowledging the increase in on-campus sexual assaults, Hardy said without student feedback, the system could not be enhanced or altered.

“[Sexual assault] is an ever-moving target,” said Hardy. “So we’re always adjusting and tweaking things from what’s being told to us from the federal government or whomever, but also feedback. We want to know if it’s working and if something isn’t working... How do we tweak it?”

Dean of Students Lynn Roeder said she wants students to feel comfortable coming to administrators for further guidance and support.

“I want them to feel that their case is taken seriously and that we did everything and we support them in anyway we can,” said Roeder. “We don’t know if they don’t come to us. I really want them to feel okay to come.”

Hardy said that while the University does provide employees with training, more should be done, particularly with training as many first responders as possible.

“I think that those first responders on the front line do get a lot of the training and I’m going to broaden that and not just include the employees,” said Hardy. “[ECU] talked about resident advisors. To me, they’re first responders. If you’re living in a resident hall, the first person you go to might be your RA. So how does the RA respond?”

“This is a big thing. It’s not a small group of people we’re talking about. There are a lot of people that need to have their hands in this. We’re working our way through all of this and understand that as we do so, there may be, unfortunately, some dips or some missteps. We want to correct those missteps and make sure they’re not constant.”

SEX OFFENSES 2013 (FORGIBLE)	
ON CAMPUS	8
ON CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL FACILITY	7
PUBLIC PROPERTY	0
NON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	3

DESIGNED BY CELIA DONOHAN

GRAPHIC A

Student Perspective

The “It’s On Us” campaign, brought to campus by the Student Government Association, encourages student victims to get their message across to University officials as well as their fellow classmates.

University programs and safety seminars have been scheduled and hosted by the University as well as the ECU Police Department. Still, attendance is poor, as previously mentioned in news coverage by The East Carolinian.

“I think that they (ECU) try, but at the same time, I think that sexual assault is a very touchy subject,” said Alexis Kovolenko, sophomore political science major. “Taking it into the classroom to try and educate people is a big step. Instead of saying here’s the truth, here are the facts, we need to learn something from it.”

Even students who weren’t victims of sexual assault or aware of the current issues regarding the system — many expressed strong opinions on the matter.

“Part of it may be to cover the reputation of the school,” Sadie Crocket, junior political science major. “They (ECU) don’t want parents or possible boosters to think that the school is dangerous in any way. I think that they could do more, but they’re being very passive about it.”

Jake Srednicki, former SGA president and active leader in bringing the “It’s On Us” campaign to campus, believes that students should encourage each other to speak up if they witness an injustice.

“It is important that we are emphasizing how students can be active and take an active role, and not be bystanders when these incidents do take place,” said Srednicki.

Srednicki said that by becoming active peers, students could help prevent said peers from putting themselves in risky situations.

“If you see [suspicious behavior] happen or if you hear about [suspicious behavior] happening, be proactive,” said Srednicki.

The Next Step

It is the responsibility of victims and bystanders to come forward, but it is also the responsibility of the university to conduct an investigation that does not question a student’s character, according to the Obama Administration’s initiative regarding campus sexual assault.

“The fact that Student X is aware enough that he or she says that this is not right, something’s not right here and I’m going to report this,” said Hardy. “We’re glad about that because now it’s the community taking care of the community.”

The only thing that stands in the way of change is speaking up and making a difference. All of the victims had this goal in common.

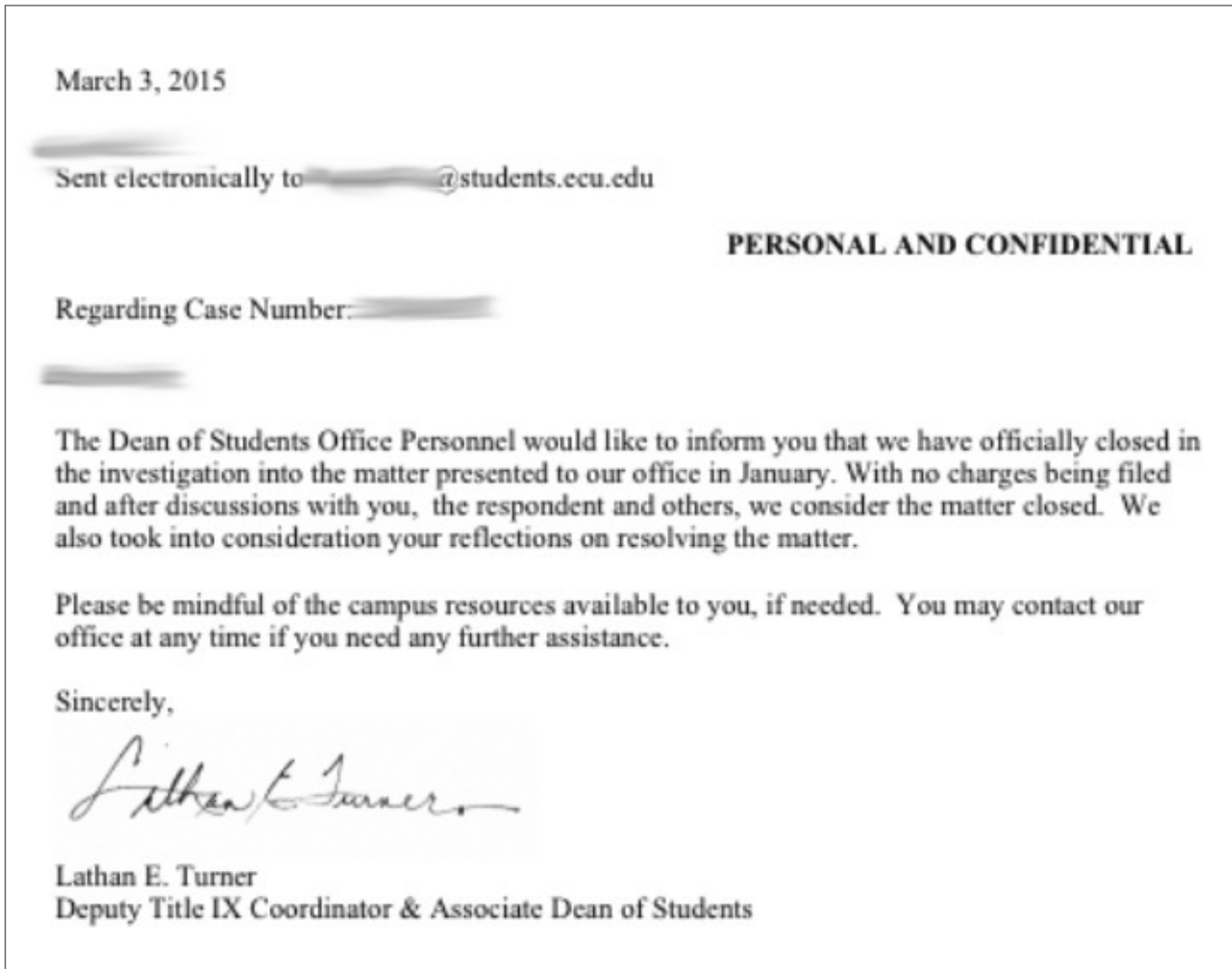
“I just want something to change,” said Taylor. “Something has to change.”

TEC Staff members Jessica Richmond, Nick Hilliard and TEC Candidate Seth Gullede contributed to this report. These writers can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

“ Every single person that I am in counseling with has also had their case dismissed by the University. Every single one.”

-"Taylor"

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The “laid out” email, “written summary”, that is sent to complainants and respondents notifying them that their case is closed.

“ I was told that my attacker would be suspended and that upon their return to campus, I would be notified via email. Unfortunately, the University never sent me that email, and I ran into my attacker in public which was devastating. ”

-"Sam"

PIRATE RANTS

It was too big to be called a paper. Massive, thick, lengthy and far too wordy. It was more like heap of encyclopedias

To sum up the girls on campus: The ones who dress nice are single. The ones with yoga pants, and a t-shirt are not.

To the person that submitted the masturbation rant, you did a great job of sounding like a disgusting creep.

Please don't blast your music and sing at the top of your lungs in the study rooms on the third floor of Joyner (designated quiet floor).

Just because the second floor in Joyner isn't a quiet study floor, doesn't mean you have to be loud as f*** in the small study rooms.

Shout out to the girls who wear the right sized shirts.

Don't want to pay NCAA athletes? How about we stop paying the SGA officers their biweekly stipend for whatever it is that they are "doing to help the student body."

You know what really burns my bacon? Computer labs that force printing on both sides of the page.

Making software is like building a cathedral: first you build the software, then you pray that you managed to fix all the severe bugs and that it works decently.

Nowadays I memorize information for exams because I made a C in the classes where I actually tried to learn the material.

Nothing like reading Friday Pirate Rants on Tuesday; that's Jimmy John fast!

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding rants can be directed to Zach Elsam at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Our view

Many of you will find some ink from our blacked-out front page stuck to your hands. This ink is representative of the responsibility we all carry to speak on behalf of all of the suppressed voices. To not make a decision is to make a decision. Carry it with you today. It's on you.

ECU dining discriminates



Annah Schwartz
TEC STAFF

Despite the fact that diversity is one of East Carolina University's most promoted core values, ECU seems to be lacking when it comes to the diverse dietary needs of its students. This is especially true for students who live on campus and are required to purchase meal plans.

Those who do not abide by strict diets usually have no problem adapting to campus' dining options. After all, if students get tired of the dining hall they still have Chik-fil-a, Subway, Chili's Too and many other popular options to choose from, right? But for those who do follow restrictive diets, this isn't such an easy reality.

Each alternative eatery on campus provides students with several pirate meal options. Most of the time though, these options don't take into consideration those who are vegetarian, vegan, or living with a gluten or dairy intolerance. This leaves those who fall into these sub-groups with little to no variety to choose from, making pirate meals seem pointless.

Using one's precious pirate bucks in lieu of a meal is another option in these situations. Students can use them to purchase menu items that aren't offered as pirate meals, such as salads and other items that accommodate the student's dietary needs. However, using these pirate



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Todd Dining Hall is the only gluten-free dining hall.

bucks can add up quickly due to overpricing of goods sold on campus. This leaves students having to spend their own money to purchase adequate meals.

While these students still have the dining halls to eat at, options for restrictive diets at each location vary greatly as each dining hall offers a separate menu daily. So while a vegan or vegetarian entrée may be offered for dinner at West End, the same option may not be available to students dining at Todd.

The most noticeable difference between West End and Todd Dining Hall is the fact that Todd is the only place where student's with Celiac's disease or other similar gluten intolerances can get meals that suit their needs. When I asked a member of the West End dining staff if they had any gluten-free substitution items, I was told that this was now only an option at Todd dining hall.

Students living on campus, paying for the same meal plan as those who live on the hill, shouldn't have to worry about fitting a trip up to college hill (and vice versa) into their schedule just to make sure their dietary needs are met effectively. Not to mention that some students would have to go out of their way to do this on days when the weather is less than spectacular (e.g. rain, sleet, snow), which turns the trip into a safety hazard.

If campus dining is going to advertise meal plans as something that is convenient for students, at least make sure that this is true for the entire student body. Gluten and dairy intolerances are becoming more prevalent in today's society, and to be a vegan or vegetarian is not uncommon. A meal plan is no longer convenient for these students if they are having to search high and low on campus for suitable meals that meet their needs.

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Poll results

Should medicinal marijuana be legalized nationwide?

Yes - 72.3%
No - 27.7%

Poll question

Do you feel like ECU is properly handling cases of on-campus sexual assault?

Visit theeastcarolinian.com to vote.

The TEC Scavenger Hunt



Elizabeth Buehler
TEC STAFF

After four and a half years, nine semesters and two summer sessions, I'm finally saying goodbye to East Carolina University. There were times where I never thought the homework, classes and deadlines would ever end — times when giving up seemed like the only option. That's the thing about time though. It passes.

Time slipping along has its advantages. The good is able to wash away the stale taste left by a bad day. I've discovered the best way to overcome a bad day is to spend time with those you love and who love you. The people I've met here have undeniably changed me. I have had the privilege to meet friends that have challenged me to become something more than I was. I met a few jerks along the way too.

Another never-fail cure for bad days is to get outside. I would like to share my favorite outdoor spaces, so I leave you all with this scavenger hunt. The goodies I'm leaving behind and the places in which I've hidden them relate directly to my time here. The places — I will always hold closely to my heart. And the gifts, well, those are for your enjoyment. This hunt is like your collegiate career: you don't know what you're looking for, but the journey may just be worth it.

Clue #1

Go to the paved trail at the bottom of the hill.
There is a sheltered haven frequented by lonely stones.
Here you will begin your hunt.

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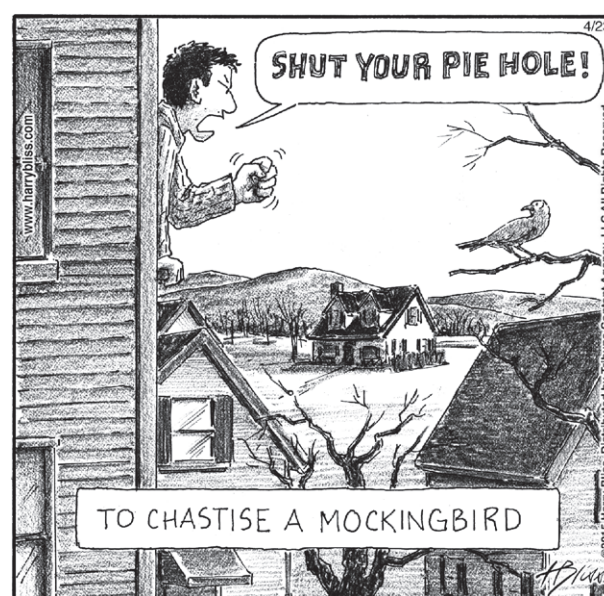
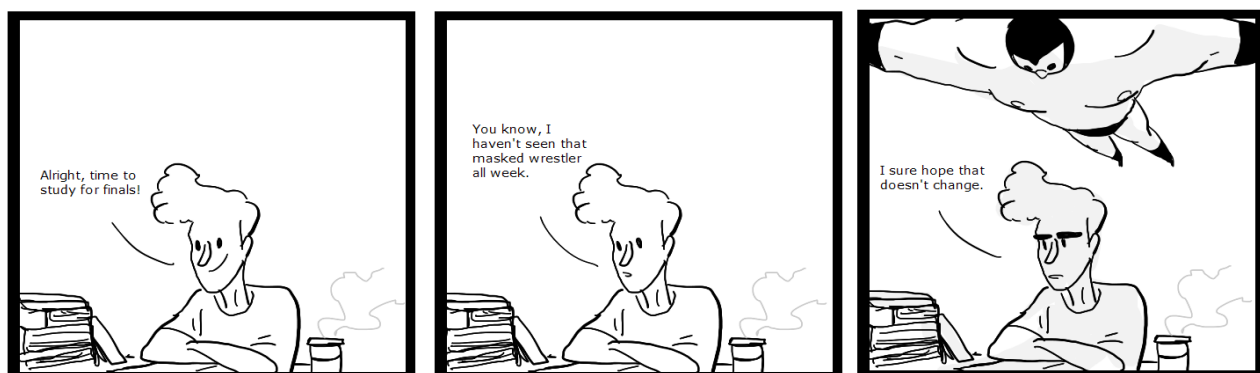
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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE 4/23/15

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By Julian Lim

4/23/15

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- Nice pen
- Firestone Country Club city
- Spam holders
- Lilly of pharmaceuticals
- In a way
- Played the part of
- Asset in a castle siege
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- Shower problem
- Beating heavily, as with a sledgehammer
- Post-apocalyptic Will Smith film
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- of Mexico
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- Singer Quatro
- Church attachment?
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SOLUTIONS TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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- 1930s migrants
- Journalism VIPs
- Worthiness
- Far from fails
- Composer
- It's often bought at an island
- Org for strays
- Horror movie sounds
- Place that gave its name to a cat breed
- Dam-building org.
- "Say that's true ..."
- __skelter
- No for the health-conscious
- First fratricide victim
- Retired NBAer
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APRIL 23, 2 PM - 6 PM

ECU walks off twice in midweek

Morgan, Lowery pull off late-inning heroics in wins over State, Duke

Adam Decker
TEC STAFF

After back-to-back walk off victories against in-state rivals this week, two Pirate baseball heroes received special treatment from their teammates, getting a bloody lip and a shaving cream pie to the face.

Luke Lowery received the shaving cream facial after converting on a tenth inning single up the middle against Duke to win, 3-2 and Kirk Morgan was aggressively mobbed by teammates after he ripped a single down the first base line to top NC State, 6-5.

“Back to back walk off victories, that’s something that you come here to East Carolina to play for,” Lowery said. “Two in-state rivals right there. Those are big wins for us and it’s just something that everyone wants to be a part of.”

Wednesday’s matchup with Duke started with both teams scoring a few runs by stringing together hits in the first couple innings. Both offenses then hit a standstill as it turned into a bullpen pitchers’ duel.

The game consisted of 12 pitchers as it became apparent that both teams were thin on their mid-week pitching staffs. The Pirates had to resort to using Sunday starter, David Lucroy to eat up some innings, leaving this Sunday’s starter in question.

Then in the tenth inning, co-captain Reid Love beat out an infield single. Head Coach Cliff



Luke Lowery (24) gets swarmed by teammates after his 10th inning walk-off single against Duke. The Pirates won, 3-2.

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Godwin then put in sparingly used Cam Snow to pinch run for Love.

Snow and the pitcher played cat-and-mouse on pickoff attempts for several minutes, drawing boos from the crowd. Snow then broke and stole second base to get into scoring position.

After an Eric Tyler walk, Lowery got to the plate and hit a single over the second baseman’s head. Duke made numerous unbelievable plays

in the game, causing Snow to hesitate before beating the throw at home.

“The number one thing was don’t get picked off right there, we need that run. It was gut wrenching,” Snow explained. “They have been playing hard all game so I wanted to make sure I saw it through first before I went (home).”

Tuesday’s game against N.C. State saw three lead changes, including two in the ninth inning, ending

in more dramatic walk off victory.

To add to the excitement, the game was in front of 3,821 fans, a Clark-LeClair Stadium season-high.

With ECU leading by one, NC State’s Chance Shepard hit a two-run home run off Nick Durazo in the top of the ninth to take the one run lead.

The Pirates then battled back and collected two runs in the next half inning and won with a Morgan walk off single down the first baseline.

Senior co-captain Reid Love lead off the bottom of the inning with his first career triple and two batters later, Luke Lowery tied the game on a sacrifice fly that was misplayed by left fielder Brock Deatherage. The run tied the game and made it first and second with no outs.

Morgan then entered the batters box and squared up to bunt for the first two pitches. He did the same on the third pitch, but once both corners of the Wolfpack infield crashed towards the plate, Morgan pulled back and ripped one past the charging NC State first baseman for the walk off victory.

“I was thinking that I wish I could relive that. I mean that’s something that you’ll never forget. I got busted in the mouth, my mouth is bleeding but I don’t care, it was worth it,” Morgan explained. “That’s why we come to ECU. That’s why you play the game of baseball, for stuff like that.”

The Pirates made it consecutive games with a big hit late to secure the victory, showing their resiliency and willingness to battle back.

“I would challenge any baseball team in the country to say they have worked as hard (as us),” Godwin said. “The guys that we have on the team want to be here. They want to wear the purple and gold and they know what it means. I’m proud of them.”

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Baseball midseason report card

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

POSITION	GRADE	REPORT
STARTING ROTATION	B+	The Pirates’ rotation has been largely effective this season. The staff has been led, for most of the season, by Evan Kruczynski (6-2), but southpaw senior Reid Love has been the team’s most dependable weekend starter. Sunday starter David Lucroy, however, has been inconsistent. His 2.03 ERA is best on the team, but Lucroy has won just two games this season. The junior leads the staff in walks allowed, but if he improves his command the Pirates weekend rotation could become the most fearsome in the American Athletic Conference.
BULLPEN	B	Freshman Joe Ingle highlights a shallow Pirates bullpen that, thus far, has managed to mask some of its major weaknesses. Ingle has appeared in 18 games, and his 23 strikeouts are the most of any Pirate exclusively pitching out of the bullpen. As excellent as Ingle has been, there is no true closer amongst the Pirate relievers. Reid Love did a fine job closing games before he proved that his talents were better utilized starting on Friday nights, although his transition has left a glaring weakness that has been exposed twice in the past week alone.
CATCHER	A	Travis Watkins has proven to be a reliable all-around player for Pirates’ head coach, and former catcher, Cliff Godwin. Watkins’ defense behind the plate has been excellent. He has thrown out 15 runners trying to steal this season, tied for second most in the conference. Offensively, Watkins has produced consistently all season. He is batting .312 on the season, third highest amongst Pirates, and his 45 hits are the most on the team. Named to the Johnny Bench Award watch list, Watkins’ work to recover from an injury last season has paid off fully.
INFIELD	B	Senior shortstop Hunter Allen, despite a thumb injury limiting his offensive capabilities, has done a fantastic job anchoring the infield. His .391 on-base percentage ranks third amongst Pirates, behind Luke Lowery and first baseman Bryce Harman. Harman started the season swinging a hot bat, although conference play has cooled him off considerably as his batting average is now at .284. The rest of the infield has performed well offensively, with great contributions coming from third baseman Kirk Morgan. However, the unit needs improvement defensively. Freshman Jackson Mims’ 10 errors lead the team, and Hunter Allen’s nine certainly have made things more challenging for Pirate pitchers.
OUTFIELD	B-	Garrett Brooks does a great job in center field defensively. The junior has yet to make an error this season, although his bat limits his impact on the team. Brooks is hitting .244 on the season, a slight improvement from his .207 average a year ago. Eric Tyler has done a good job at the dish, hitting .279, although he has hit into a team high 10 double plays. Tyler is a reliable glove in the field, although his below-average speed hurts his overall performance. Reid Love is not quite as prolific in the outfield as he is on the mound, but his bat has delivered for the Pirates in close games on more than a few occasions. Love is hitting .314 on the season, and the captain is capable of producing wherever Godwin places him in the order.

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TAKEAWAYS

BASEBALL

ECU topped Duke and NC State in midweek games. Kirk Morgan and Luke Lowery each recorded walkoffs to move the Pirates to 26-16 on the season.

SOFTBALL

The Pirates (13-35, 5-10 AAC) will face North Carolina today in a midweek matchup.

MEN’S GOLF

ECU will compete in the American Athletic Conference tournament this weekend in Ocala, Fla.

WOMEN’S GOLF

The Lady Pirates finished fifth out of nine teams at the American Athletic Conference Championships. Spang, Kirk and Gakeler finished in the top-15.

TRACK & FIELD

The Track & Field team will compete in the Tom Jones Memorial Invitational Friday in Gainesville, Fla.

PAINTBALL

The ECU Club Paintball team finished first out of 51 teams in the Class-AA National Collegiate Paintball Association National Championship last weekend in Lakeland, Fla.

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Softball to face UNC in midweek

Andi Caruso
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina softball team is taking a break from conference play to face in-state foe North Carolina tonight.

The Tar Heels (33-11, 15-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) are currently ranked No. 2 in the ACC and a Pirate win would provide some much-needed momentum as the season is winding down.

"In-state rivalry, just because its in-state, were looking at is as a game of preparation going to the conference tournament," said Interim Head Coach Steve Jaecks. "It's a matter of just looking at it as a game to just go out and do what we're supposed to do."

Both the Pirates (13-35, 5-10 AAC) and the Tar Heels have faced in-state rival N.C. State. UNC won two out of three games against the Wolfpack this season. The Tar Heels most prominent game of the series was the final battle where UNC hit five home runs to give it the series victory.

Conversely, the Pirates lost its non-conference game against the Wolfpack earlier this season, 6-1.

UNC currently has seven players that have a batting average over .300. This season, the Tar Heels set a program record with a combined 27 home runs this season.

"They're always well prepared," said Jaecks on the Tar Heels.

Freshman Taylor Wike has the Tar Heels highest batting average, at .433. This season, Wike has 50 runs and 55 hits. The freshman has nine doubles, three triples, six home runs and 24 RBI. Wike also holds a .693 slugging percentage.

Kristen Brown leads the Tar Heels with 59 RBI and holds an .860 slugging percentage. Brown has 48 runs with 49 hits and 20 home runs so far this season.



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Casey Alcorn loads for a swing. She has 18 career home runs.

For the Pirates, Casey Alcorn leads the team with a .284 batting percentage. This past weekend when the Pirates faced conference-foe South Florida, Alcorn was written into the program record book as she belted her 18th career home run.

"Alcorn was on a roll," said Jaecks. "Alcorn had a phenomenal weekend this past weekend. That's the type of game she can play every single weekend. She's got that type of talent and ability."

Despite the Tar Heels' notable offense, pitcher Lydia Richie has shown improvement for the Pirates.

This past weekend, she garnered her second collegiate victory.

"Lydia, at this point in time in her development, she keeps us in the game," said Jaecks. "She keeps the batters off stride and competes"

Richie pitched a complete game against the Knights. The right-handed pitcher gave up three runs off seven hits and struck out three. She dropped her ERA to 3.67.

"I think the girls have a lot of confidence in her, and she really stepped up," Jaecks said regarding Richie. "I'm real happy where the pitching staff is at."

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Track and Field heads to Florida

Pirates to compete in Tom Jones Invitational during weekend

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The East Carolina men's and women's track team were originally slated to compete in chilly weather in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa., but instead the team is heading south to the Sunshine State for the Tom Jones Memorial Invitational in Gainesville, Fla.

This meet is the last regular season track meet the Pirates will compete in before the postseason American Athletic Conference Outdoor Championship.

At the previous meet, The Virginia Challenge, certain Pirates stood out



Avion Jones

ago with a time of 8:33.45.

Montes's 3000-meter time is only three seconds shy from last year's Tom Jones Invitational winner, which was run by Flagler's Corey Mundy with a time of 8:30.51.

Freshman Galissia Cause is another

including sophomore Jorge Montes who broke the 5000-meter run by six seconds with a time of 14:40.36.

Montes also broke the 3000-meter run time at the Bill Carson Invitational two weeks

player to look for this weekend at the invitational. The freshmen has had a very successful season including winning the shot put event at the Florida Relays with a throw of 14.75 meters.

At the 2014 invitational the winning throw of shot put was 14.32 meters thrown by Florida Internationals Raqurra Ishmar.

Junior Rodney Johnson has excelled in sprints and in hurdles for the Pirates so far this season. He will look to continue his success in the upcoming meet.

Junior Avion Jones is another athlete to watch out for. He has earned many accolades this season including a high jump

record of 7-foot-4.

If Jones jumps his best, he has a good chance of securing the victory in the high jump. At the Tom Jones Invitational last year, the winner of the high jump jumped a height of only 7'1.

The track team has had a strong couple of weeks and with the success of both teams the Tom Jones Memorial Invitational should bring many victories and new personal records.

The meet begins Thursday and will continue Friday before it concludes Saturday.

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