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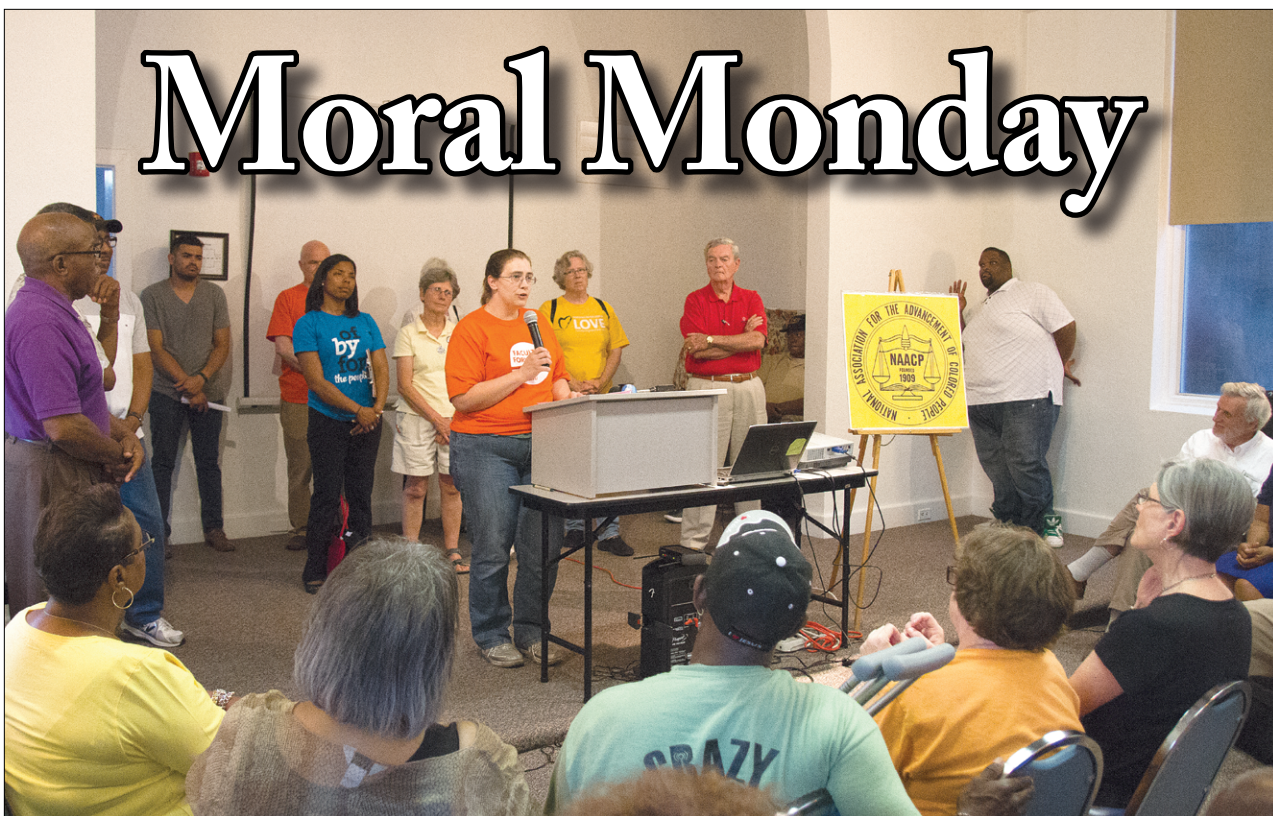


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## Moral Monday

MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU graduate student Christina Bethel spoke about the Faculty Forward movement and its mission at the Moral Monday event.

## NAACP expands 'Hall of Shame' roster

**Seth Gullidge**  
TEC STAFF

A crowd of about 100 people gathered on Monday night at the Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center to induct North Carolina legislators into the "Hall of Shame."

The event, hosted by the NAACP and Faculty Forward, organized community members to induct Senator Louis Pate and State Representatives Brian Brown and Susan Martin into a "Hall of Shame" for their poor "grades."

The grades were gathered from a 'report card' produced by Democracy NC, which scored representatives' voting records on issues like earned income tax credits, state budget, tax changes, unemployment assistance, election changes, racial justice, fracking and water cleanup. According to this report, the representatives inducted on Monday evening were all

graded with a five out of 100 or lower.

The event was focused on rebuking these representatives for their voting records and calling for them to repeal the denial of Medicaid expansion, increase the minimum wage, bolster public education and restore full voting rights.

The members said that North Carolina has adopted the "worst voter suppression laws in the country," referring to house bill 589 which reduced early voting and increased requirements and parameters for voting identification. It also eliminated same day voting registration, out of precinct voting and straight ticket voting. This increased emphasis on the need for a voting ID and voter restrictions led some attendees to refer to the laws as "modern Jim Crow laws."

"North Carolina has the worst voter suppression laws in the country," said

Shoneca Kent, northeast organizer for Democracy North Carolina. "Moral Monday is important because we want the ability for the people of North Carolina to speak out and be heard, just like when they step into the ballot box. It's another avenue for their voices."

The NAACP said that Moral Monday demonstrations, as well as other public demonstrations are important for citizens to express their voice, and show legislators that they oppose their voting records.

Reginald Barrett, a Pitt County organizer, said that concerned citizens must stand up against what they perceive to be unjust and oppressive laws.

"We need [legislators] to do something, we need them to give assets to the poor so they can have health care,

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## Compliance officer added for Title IX

**Seth Gullidge**  
TEC STAFF

On May 12 the Office for Equity and Diversity appointed Malorie Porter as the Title IX compliance officer and senior deputy Title IX coordinator. Porter will serve as the first compliance officer of East Carolina University.



Malorie Porter

This brand new position is responsible for making sure that ECU is fully compliant to all Title IX policies and law. Porter will be responsible for coordinating efforts and practices for responding to reports of sexual assault, sexual discrimination and other forms of sexual misconduct. In addition to overseeing cases involving these misconducts, she will be developing and

implementing a Title IX compliance plan for the university.

"The position was created to demonstrate the university's commitment to Title IX and to making sure that we are fully compliant to Title IX, in all the ways that you can be in prevention and training and awareness programs in the community," said Porter. "It's beneficial to have a full time person dedicated to that."

Porter said that she feels that ECU as a university is handling Title IX compliance well already, and that ECU is already on the forefront of this field. She said that she believes that ECU has a dedicated team and staff, as well as campus partners who are in the position to make improvements to the policies she plans to implement.

"I would say that East Carolina University has a solid effort in place and I know of a number of campus partners who are very dedicated to this kind of work," said Porter.

Porter said that the most important thing is for students to be aware of the resources available to them and to know that there are people prepared to help them in any situation. According to Porter one of her priorities in this new position is to streamline this message and get it out to students and faculty across the campus.

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## Campus rec hosts summer kickoff

**Carlyn Legg**  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Student Recreation Center will host a summer kickoff event this afternoon at 1 p.m. that includes free food, games and outdoor pool activities.

"We really want the students to feel like it's summer," said Campus Recreation and Wellness intern Pahoua Lee. "Even though they're taking classes, students should be able to relax."

The summer kickoff will provide free food to students with the help of the ECU Student Government Association. The event is not open to the public, but is targeted at the student audience to provide a more personal experience.

"The summer is here, we want students taking classes to bring their friends and let's have a good time," said Lee.

The outdoor pool is the focus of the event with lifeguards on duty. The food provided by SGA will be prepared on-site in a traditional cookout style with burgers, hotdogs and vegetarian options available along with fruits and other summer foods.

The free food portion of the event aims to provide healthy options for the start of the summer. Healthy recipes will be provided for students on a budget that are looking to incorporate healthy choices into their summer diets.

"We want to encourage everybody to eat healthy during the summer and students to feel comfortable with the wellness center and be able to learn about what we're doing this summer," said Lee.

Included in the event are activities from the adventure department of the recreation center, including the introduction to kayak-

ing course, which will take place in the pool with all equipment provided. The department will have an informational table set up at the summer kickoff along with other tables featuring the different departments of student affairs to let students know what they have planned this summer.

"The goal is to highlight the programs and showcase what the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center and the North Rec Complex have to offer," said Lee.

The games for the summer kickoff will consist of cornhole, ladder golf, spike ball and other fitness-based activities.

"The games are provided to get students to come together and get involved with each other in a safe and comfortable way," said Lee. "We want the students to feel like it's summer."

The wellness department of the Student Rec Center aims to provide a relaxing environment for all students involved in the summer kickoff.

"It's a stress-free zone, everyone needs a little time in their day to just be free of stress and just enjoy free food and games and other activities that are going on," said Lee. "Students can come hang out by the pool, bring friends and enjoy the free stuff."

All summer students enrolled in on-campus courses are eligible to participate in the summer kickoff. This free event will be held at the Student Recreation Center on main campus. The outdoor pool will operate on its normal summer schedule and informational tables will be set up inside the recreation center for the event today at 1 p.m.

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### AAC tourney schedule

- > ECU baseball vs. UCF first round at 11 a.m. today.
- ECU win: second round Thursday at 7 p.m. vs. Tulane/UConn winner.
- ECU loss: second round Thursday 11 a.m. vs. Tulane/UConn loser.

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**BRIEFS**

**Murder trial begins in Greenville**

Daitriyuon Parker's trial began on Tuesday May 19. Parker is charged with the open count of murder of Ceira Clark. Clark died after she was shot on August 17, 2013 at the intersection of Tyson, Flemington and West 14th street.

Clark was a recent graduate of Pitt Community College, where she studied Criminal Justice. She worked for Aramark food service at East Carolina University. Along with Parker, Timothy Edward Reaves and Allysia Parker are also being charged in conjunction with Clark's death.

**New charter school barred from opening**

A charter school hoping to open its doors to elementary to eighth grade students in the fall will not be able to due to zoning issues with the city. Ignite Innovation Academy signed a lease for a building on Staton Road, but had to apply for a special amendment due to the location being in an industrial area, where schools cannot traditionally be constructed.

The amendment went to Greenville City Council for a vote, but has not been approved. School leaders were not informed about the zoning issue until early April.

**Board approves of additional Pitt funding**

An additional \$658,376 has been added to the proposed Pitt County budget for public school, law enforcement and employee pay in 2015-16. The Pitt County Board of Commissioners feel it more accurately represents what they want for the budget.

Some commissioners have commented that additional funds may be necessary for the sheriff's department. The total budget, which totals \$223.7 million will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on June 9 at 7 p.m.



CONTRIBUTED BY MDA

Community leaders participating in the Lock Up event raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**MDA hosts annual 'lock up' 'Jailbirds' raise funds for children to attend camp**

**Kelsey Padgett**  
TEC STAFF

Local business and community leaders will be spending a little time today behind bars in an effort to raise money for Coastal Carolinas Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Participants will be locked up for an hour at the Greenville Hilton, while they attempt to make "bail."

The money raised by the "jailbirds" will be going towards sending 62 children with the muscle disease to Camp Hanes in King, N.C.

Mayo Clinic defines muscular dystrophy as a group

of diseases in which mutated muscle genes interfere with the production of proteins for healthy muscle tissues. This causes increased weakness and a loss in muscle mass.

MDA uses the "lock-up" theme for the fundraiser as a symbol for the limitations of freedom experienced by those who live with the diseases.

This is the 15th year MDA has hosted the event in the area, but nationally the fundraiser has been happening since the 1950s.

In previous years, over 200 "jailbirds" have been detained in an effort to

reach the goal of \$3,200 per participant.

Elizabeth Shirley with the Coastal Carolinas Muscular Dystrophy Association said they often have "repeat offenders" participate in the fundraiser.

"We look for leaders in the community and people who are charitable in the community, who have a history of giving back," said Shirley.

Jersey Mike's Subs Owner Chaise Moore participated in the event last year and said his experience was a fun break from his normal work week.

"I decided to participate,

not because I know someone with muscular dystrophy, but because I consider myself to be a good person," said Moore.

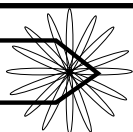
"That's what Jersey Mike's is all about—lending a helping hand to others."

Participants will begin being brought in at 9 a.m. and will stay for an hour before the next shift of "offenders" arrive.

Those interested in donating to the MDA can visit the fundraiser today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greenville Hilton or they can visit the MDA website directly.

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**ONLINE**



Check out our online photo gallery for more campus, sports and event photos.

*Corrections/ Clarifications*

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

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Porter also said that she encourages any input from students and faculty about the practices and policies in place. She said that she thinks such input is important to understanding the student's perspective and to making sure that the Office of Equity and Diversity is performing to their maximum capacity.

"We are continuously working to improve what we have and create the best practices, and if people feel that they have suggestions that they'd like us to consider, we definitely value the student's perspective," said Porter. "Anytime that people want to give us their input, we find that to be valuable and we want them to feel free to do that and feel comfortable coming to

us and letting us know what their thoughts and opinions are."

Porter said that the article published just over two weeks before her recruitment as compliance officer questioning ECU's handling of sexual misconduct cases and Title IX compliance is a great example of student input.

"I think that the article did highlight the student's perspective and their view," said Porter. "I think all that kind of information is valuable to us for improving and adapting our practices for both students and practices."

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Shoneca Kent from Democracy NC speaks at the event.

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we need them to take their hands off our voting rights, to take this voter ID bill out of law, so that we can have equal easy access to voting rights," said Barrett. "North Carolina is the new Selma. The voter ID laws have to be the worst laws since the voting rights laws of 1965."

Faculty Forward, a group fighting for faculty pay increases and job security, spoke at the event as well, stressing the importance of education and further chastising North Carolina representatives for their voting records, citing North Carolina as the 48th worst state in education. Faculty Forward members said that educators in North Carolina are underpaid, and joined the Moral Monday to rebuke legislators who voted against increased funding for education.

"Faculty Forward was inspired in part by the movements by low wage workers across the country trying to improve their situation. Non-tenure track faculty are a sort of invisible class of lower wage workers," said Christina Bethel, ECU graduate student and Faculty Forward member.

Local members of the NAACP will travel to Winston-Salem, N.C., on July 13 to march in protest at the federal hearing on North Carolina voting rights.

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**ECU Staff Senate announces new exec committee**

**Kelsey Padgett**  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Staff Senate elected the 2015-16 executive committee at its meeting on May 12.

The new committee officers are Lisa Ormond, chair; Travis Bulluck, chair-elect; Robert Ables, treasurer; and Kimrey Miko, secretary.

The Staff Senate is responsible for promoting and facilitating communication between university employees and upper administration.

Ormond has been working for ECU for nearly 27 years. This will be her third year serving as a senator on the Staff Senate. She is moving up from her 2014-15 position as chair-elect.

The Staff Senate is comprised of 52 senators from eight divisions on campus.

"I'm pretty anxious and excited about this new endeavor that we are all fixing to take," said Ormond. "I do believe that as a team we'll be able to make a lot of strides and do a lot things for ourselves and our colleagues here at the university. We can make a difference."

Ormond, who works in the College of Nursing, represents the Health Sciences division.

Bulluck, who works in the College of Business, represents Academic Affairs on the senate.

He has been working at ECU since August 2004 and is entering his second year as a senator on the Staff Senate.

"Communication and collaboration is pretty much what I have learned over the last 10 years," said Bulluck. "If I don't

know something, there is always someone who does."

Ables will be bringing experience into his new position as treasurer. He represents the Administration & Finance division like his predecessor Penney Doughtie.

Ables has been with ECU for almost three years and is entering his second year on the Staff Senate. He has worked on the scholarship committee and the membership committee in the last year.

"I am going to be the chair of the scholarship committee this year and I am already familiar with a lot of the accounts, so I think as far as treasurer goes it would be a natural fit," said Ables.

Miko, who has been with ECU for four years, is also bringing experience into her new position as secretary.

She works in the chancellor's office on campus.

"I think what makes me a fit for this job is I do this most days in the office," said Miko. "I feel like my communication skills are quite cohesive for this."

She will be filling the shoes of Arlene Bowling.

The new senators for the 2015-16 year were also recognized at the meeting.

The executive committee and new senators will officially take their positions at the first senate meeting of the new fiscal year in June.

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Greenville residents purchase produce at the Umbrella Market. The market is open every Wednesday night during the summer.

## Umbrella Market set for return to uptown

Ashley Federici  
TEC STAFF

The Umbrella Market, Greenville's very own farmers market, will be returning to the uptown district tonight at 5 p.m. and will include a wide variety of foods, crafts and even live music. The market will continue to return every Wednesday evening throughout the summer.

"It's a fantastic way to show off the community, we have a really wonderful town with some really talented people and to be able to get our talents in one place in the uptown and have our community really come and shop and experience all that they have to offer," said Robin Ashley, manager of the Umbrella Market.

Tonight's market will begin with a cupcake contest between local bakers and restaurants. Samples of the different cupcakes will be provided to shoppers who can then partake in choosing a crowd favorite. The market features a new artist or band every week - this

week's performer is local musician Rebecca Todd.

"We have some fantastic bakers who make excellent cupcakes and cakes which are so good you can barely stay away from," said Ashley.

There will be many options of produce to choose from.

"We'll start the market with some fresh strawberries of course because they're in season and then we'll have some cucumbers tomatoes, you'll get into the potatoes peppers and okra too as the season goes on. Blueberries, apples and all kinds of fun stuff," said Ashley.

Along with foods there will be handcrafted jewelry, furniture and art.

"If you can make it with your hands or grow it in the ground it's probably going to show up at the market somehow," said Ashley.

Vendors will be giving demonstrations information on how to use different crafts and tips on gardening or planting. Ashley says the vendors

want to provide the customers with useful knowledge on the products they are buying.

"So it's like you'll actually know what to do with this squash you just bought," she said.

Ashley says the Umbrella Market is an important part of supporting our town and bringing the community together.

"It's a really wonderful experience supporting local artists and our local farms by giving them a way to showcase the creative economy we have," said Ashley.

Many of the vendors return year after year while some gain enough popularity to move to their own storefront. Ashley says she intends to have new vendors coming in each week to change up the options.

The Umbrella Market will be located at the corner of Fifth and Evans Street and will last from 5-8 p.m.

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## Jazz vocalist headlines local music festival

Jesse Deal  
TEC STAFF

Uptown Greenville will be grooving to the sounds of jazz Friday night.

For the second consecutive year, the city is hosting its Greenville Grooves Music Festival with the help of world-renowned jazz bassist Carroll Dashiell.



Vanessa Rubin

Jazz recording artist and featured performer Vanessa Rubin will join the local bassist along with guitarist Scott Sawyer for a free concert beginning at 5 p.m. in the Town Common Amphitheatre on 105 East First St.

"Vanessa is an incredible vocalist. She has been to Greenville before and has worked with the jazz festival at ECU," said Dashiell. "I've had the pleasure of working with her since about 1990. She's a high-demand artist for jazz festivals around the world, because she's an outstanding performer, composer, arranger and educator."

Dashiell, university director of jazz ensemble and string/electric bass professor, headlined last year's event, which was held in honor of African-American Music Appreciation Month in June. He was recently honored by the city for his impact on the community and the success of the Greenville Grooves Festival.

"When we were thinking of an artist to headline it, it was an easy quick thought that Carroll should be the one so this year we named it after him because he's certainly put Greenville on the map when it comes to jazz studies," said City of Greenville Community Development Director Merrill Flood.

"He is known throughout the world for his musical offering and has played with Ray Charles and a little bit of everyone."

Dashiell says he played his first gig with Charles when he was around 16-years-old, touring with him on and off until his passing in 2004. "I loved him incredibly and he was a big influence on my life, he said. "I travelled all around the world with him."

While last year's concert was primarily rhythm and blues, the festival on Friday will be specifically contemporary and traditional jazz music.

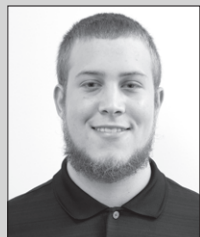
Flood says the idea is to help Greenville and the area residents enjoy musical forms that are found in their own backyard - for that reason, Dashiell and the ECU jazz ensemble will accompany Rubin, a Cleveland-native who has sang in various groups since the 1980s.

"The city started the festival to bring people together and celebrate the music that's right here in Greenville," said Flood. Greenville Grooves is presented by 107.9 WNCT-FM, the Pitt-Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau, Beasley Media Group's KISS-FM, and Beach Boogie & Blues.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

### 'Fury Road' races to acclaim



Jesse Deal  
TEC STAFF

To say that "Fury Road," the fourth installment in director George Miller's Mad Max franchise, is an action film doesn't seem to give it its due justice.

It certainly earns that description but unlike many other movies in its genre, it wears it proudly on its nitrous-stained sleeve.

Starring Tom Hardy as Max Rockatansky and Charlize Theron as a rebel named Imperator Furiosa, "Fury Road" is a high-octane, adrenaline injecting thrill ride through Miller's post-apocalyptic wasteland. And I mean that quite literally - the film kicks off with a bang and rarely lets off the gas for two hours.

When Furiosa decides to flee with five pregnant "wives" from vicious king Immortan Joe and the debilitated War Boys at the water-deprived Citadel, a series of car chases ensue through a hellacious Australian desert. Along the way, Max, a vagabond haunted by his past, gets caught up in the mayhem. It's a tale of martyrdom, redemption and the triumph of the human spirit, particularly for the female characters who are searching for freedom in a perilous society.

The film's plot, while simple, is effective enough to carry its fiery collection of

carnage and outrageous humor that has been scripted by Miller since 2001. There's certainly a bizarre and surreal quality to the action sequences - a mutated freak wielding a double-necked guitar as a flamethrower is a notable highlight.

Even with a limited knowledge of the Mad Max series, I was immediately drawn into the film with its beautifully toned landscape and thunderous soundtrack, not to mention its white-knuckled, pedal to the metal road scenes that make "The Fast and Furious" look tame. Spitting gasoline into roaring engines has never looked so cool.

The R-rated 3D frenzy has grossed a worldwide total of \$110.4 million since it opened up on May 15 and it has been rightfully heralded for its excitement and convincing acting performances by Hardy, Theron, and Nicholas Hoult, a War Boy named Nux.

Three decades have passed since Mel Gibson starred in the last Mad Max film and it is obvious that Miller developed a more-than-worthy follow-up for his franchise. On May 22, he tweeted that there will be more Mad Max on the way. If "Fury Road" is any indication of the series' new direction, movie fans are in luck.

"What a lovely day!" Nux exclaims in the film as a desert pursuit evolves into an electric dust storm chase. What a lovely day, indeed.

Editor's Note: I saw the film in regular



COURTESY OF IMBD

"Mad" Max Rockatansky, portrayed by Tom Hardy, continues his journey through a wasteland.

2D but some critics have noted that the color palette in "Mad Max: Fury Road" remains more intact with the 2D version than with the 3D effects.

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RATING:



4 out of 5

## PIRATE RANTS

Social Justice Warriors are taking over TEC.

As an ECU alumnus with a boring desk job who lives vicariously through pirate rants, I do not appreciate rants being suspended during exam/graduation time. Tighten up TEC!

Don't want the automatic flush to cover your bum in toilet water and who knows what? Take the ad of the stall door begging for an apartment sublease and tape it over the sensor. I give this advice as my final good deed before graduation.

The fact that we didn't have Tuesday Pirate Rants during exams saddens me.

I graduated on May 8 and this is my first Pirate Rant. Shame on me!

It's funny to think all seniors know that they're graduating except nursing majors.

Who made the decision to turn The East Carolinian into a tabloid? If I wanted fake news and non-relevant information I'd go watch TMZ.

My time at ECU has been the loneliest years of my short life.

Harvard Business Review survey says only 12 percent of young people think the media (like The East Carolinian) can be trusted to do the right thing. After last week's front place puke, I can totally agree with that.

Can we stop it with the anti-male agenda? Last time I checked, 97 percent of combat deaths were men, and so were 76 percent of homicide victims and 80 percent of completed suicides.

I waited 30 minutes for the 805 bus only to have it pass me and leave Christenbury as fast as it entered. Thanks for nothing!

The writers for the TEC are all jokes. Stop trying to be TMZ.

Dear disgruntled ranter: Thank you for informing myself and other readers of rants about all the pirate bootys on Sup Dogs facebook page, I'm sure they appreciate the exposure as well. #sexsells

To the girl whose belly I rubbed and asked when she was due, I am so sorry!

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding rants can be directed to Ryan Clancy at [opinion@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com).

## Our view

# ECU police leaves students in the dark during bomb threat

We, as an editorial staff, believe the ECU Police department dropped the ball by ignoring the blatant need to keep the campus community informed about the threats made during the final weeks of the spring semester.

On April 28, an ECU Alert was sent out reporting the existence of an unsubstantiated threat on campus, asking students to report anything suspicious regarding the threat. In a press conference later that morning, Lt. Chris Sutton refused to comment on the nature of the threat but reported additional law enforcement would be on campus along with explosives dogs.

We understand that in certain situations some information cannot be released to the public for security reasons. However, after social media exploded about a possible threat to the library on Reading Day, police should have taken the opportunity to better inform the public and alleviate concerns.

In an attempt to prevent panic in students, the police inadvertently added some by withholding information from the ECU community. By increasing law enforcement presence without stating a specific cause, ECU police created unfocused fear in students who were already under a lot of pressure from approaching exams.

The ECU Police twitter account called our student body an "Army of Eyes," but how does the department expect that request to be fulfilled if we are ignorant to the threats?

We believe the ECU police have a responsibility to not only physically protect us from harm but also to create a sense of safety around campus. This ideal cannot be reached if they continue to keep information a secret, causing the Student Body to feel distressed rather than comforted.

# Letter from the new EIC

**Ryan Clancy**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Welcome to all Pirates staying over the summer! This is the first 2015 summer edition of The East Carolinian, which will be published every Wednesday. Whether you are here working, taking summer classes, or just binging on Netflix for a few months of responsibility-free bliss, we are here to be your source for ECU and Greenville news. I am proud to introduce myself as the new editor-in-chief and I am looking forward to providing you with the upcoming year's worth of news.

Our goal at The East Carolinian, or TEC as we call it, is to consistently produce accurate content that is both insightful and entertaining. This year, we plan to improve upon the content we currently put out as well as evolve our paper into an important source of digital media.

There will be an increased focus on investigative reporting that illuminates problems and issues that affect the ECU community. We will continue to broaden our perspective by including more coverage of local musicians and artists. In order to give you all the relevant information you need to decide what to spend your time and money on in the community, there will be reviews of new movies, albums, restaurants, theatre productions and art exhibitions. The paper will continue to exist as a forum for the opinions of the ECU community, and we encourage all students and faculty to become involved in the discussion. And of course we will cover Pirate sports, not only in the paper, but also through video and the web so you don't miss a moment of coverage.

Nearly as important as the content TEC produces is the way that content is distributed to you. Our goal is to make the paper convenient for you to read. If you are reading this wondering how you can have even more TEC in your life, check out our website, Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. We're working to utilize our website in the most innovative way possible, so that it will not just exist as an online version of the paper, but become its own unique medium to tell stories.

We are also committed to the continuation of our video department and you can check out our videos on our website or Youtube channel.



The new editor-in-chief Ryan Clancy takes over for Jessica Richmond, who was EIC from 2014-2015.

“ **There will be an increased focus on investigative reporting that illuminates problems and issues that affect the ECU community.** ”  
-Ryan Clancy

For those of you wondering about TEC TV, it will return in the fall. For those of who have absolutely no idea what TEC TV is, it's our weekly TV show, and you can find in online with the rest of our video content.

We're always looking for fresh talent, including reporters, photographers and videographers. So if working at TEC sounds like something you want to do, and it should, email away at [editor@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:editor@theeastcarolinian.com).

We've been the student-run newspaper since 1925, and we want the opinions of ECU

students and faculty in our paper. Submit Pirate Rants, comment on our stories online or submit a guest column. If you think we are awesome or terrible, let us know. I'm looking forward to this upcoming year and so is the rest of the TEC staff.

Hope everyone has a great summer,  
Ryan Clancy

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### Poll results

Do you feel your professors properly prepared you for exams?

Yes - 38.2%  
No - 61.8%

### Poll question

Do you feel ECU police adequately informed students of threats to the campus during finals?

Visit [theeastcarolinian.com](http://theeastcarolinian.com) to vote.

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# Technology makes superhero movies soar



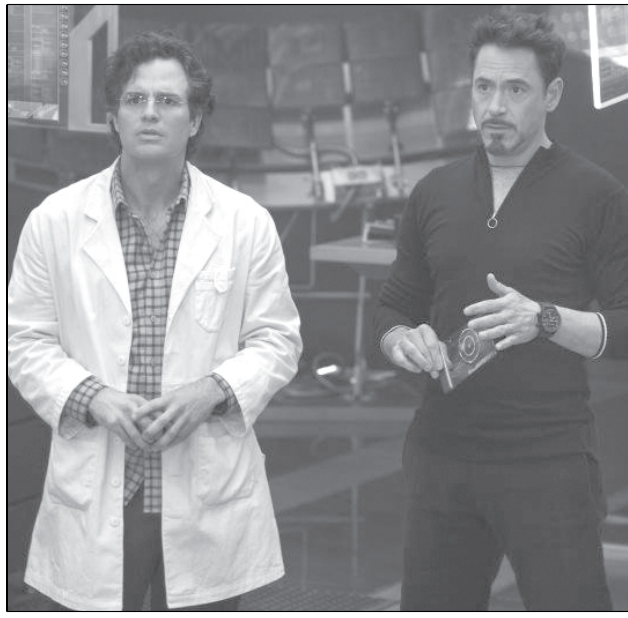
**Tyler Kelbaugh**  
TEC STAFF

Shocking no one, Marvel's "Avengers: Age of Ultron" is a smash hit. The film pulled in \$187.7 million domestically in its opening weekend in the United States alone. Combined with overseas revenue, "Age of Ultron" raked in \$627 million before its May 12 debut in China.

Superhero movies have been setting records year after year since Marvel's first big cinematic hit "Iron Man". But why? What does the clamoring over 50-year-old fictional heroes say about us as a society? The concept of superheroes appeals to almost everyone's inner desires, but technological advancements in the film industry really are what make these movies so successful.

There is a superhero for everyone in the Marvel Universe. Spider-Man was immediately treasured by teenagers who could relate with the nerdy kid whose personal life was a struggle. For others, Iron Man's seemingly perfect life in the spotlight captured their dreams for their future. People like what they can relate to, and with all the different personalities found in the Marvel Universe it's tough to not find one that suits your fancy.

For proof of our love for relating to heroes, one needs to look no further than their own Facebook feed. It seems with each new movie released, newsfeeds become filled with people's quiz results from websites like Buzzfeed declaring which superhero they'd be. People love answering those silly questions that rarely reveal anything about their character, just so they can proudly boast their inner hero. Your favorite element is lightning? Congratulations! You are Thor!



Mark Ruffalo and Robert Downey Jr. in the new Avengers movie.

Moving away from the psychological side of the superhero phenomenon, it's important to acknowledge that these movies have been around for a long time yet didn't become such a trend until recently. The 1978 movie "Superman" was a smash hit, earning \$300 million on just a \$50 million budget. Still, the success of the franchise was short lived, as Superman III barely managed to break even and was very much a critical failure. These movies don't hold up at all by today's standards, and it's really thanks to the massive technological leap we've

experienced over the past several years that has allowed Marvel to turn out hit after hit.

Thanks to IMAX cameras, motion capture and a multitude of other improvements, it's possible to make Iron Man look realistic on screen. Instead of seeing Christopher Reeves awkwardly get dragged across a clearly manufactured sky, we see Thor traveling between realms in with effects so real that even the absurd premise seems completely believable to an audience in theaters. The special effects today are so good that there is no longer such a divide between fiction and reality, making the movies much more immersive and entertaining to a wide audience.

Even people who have never read comics can enjoy Marvel's movies. They appeal to our desires, yes, but truthfully they're just really well made movies. With each new release, fans fear that their luck will run out as Marvel finally releases a clunker that ends the momentum its cinematic universe has built. That simply won't happen until they run out of stories to tell. Technology today makes everything look real, and there will always be an audience for movies filled with explosions and happy endings.

Perhaps the worst named hero of all-time, Ant-Man, will have his own movie released later this summer. He's another hero only the most devoted comic book fans know anything about, but I guarantee theaters will be packed to watch yet another Marvel blockbuster.

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ECU students place their orders in the buffet line at Todd Dining Hall. Todd will re-open this fall.

## ECU Dining Services rebuts TEC column



**Stephanie Sumner**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

On April 23 an article entitled, "ECU dining discriminates" ran in the The East Carolinian. East Carolina University Dining Services feel that we were misrepresented in the article and would like to have an opportunity to share the facts with the Pirate community.

In the article Schwartz said, "ECU seems to be lacking when it come to the diverse dietary needs of its students." Our team actually prides ourselves on being sensitive and very accommodating to students with specific dietary needs.

Two years ago we asked Campus Living to add a section to the housing contract for this specific purpose. We wanted students to identify themselves so that we could better meet their needs.

In the beginning of each fall, Janie Owens, RD, reaches out to this group and schedules a presentation on how to navigate campus dining to meet special dietary needs. This meeting is a great time for these students to connect with our dietician and staff to ensure our team is working closely with our food allergy students. The dietician has an open door policy and also provides free nutrition consultations.

In addition, each of our stations in the dining halls is essentially "made to order." This allows students to customize their meals in order to better meet their specific needs.

Pricing often comes into question with our student body. In the article, it said bucks have to be used as a supplement to Pirate Meals but "can add up quickly due to overpricing of goods sold on campus." At each national brand we follow the exact street pricing that the national brand implements for our region. If you go to Subway on the corner it will be the same price as a campus Subway. Same with any other national brand.

For all regional brands like Cupola's, we do competitive pricing with our like competitors. In our CStores all food items are priced at the MSRP pricing that is dictated by the vendor. We also do competitive pricing on our top 25 items in our CStores.

Schwartz accused us of not carrying the same items at the dining halls. "So while a vegan or vegetarian entree may be offered for dinner at West End, the same option may not be available to students dining at Todd." Actually both dining halls run the same four-week cycle menu. There are very little changes and that is based on the equipment one location may have over the other.

According to Schwartz, "Todd is the only place where students with Celiac's disease or other similar gluten intolerance can get meals." Todd Dining Hall did introduce a new station in Fall 2014 that not only provided foods that did not contain gluten but also removed seven of the big eight allergens from the menu to better meet the needs of all food allergies. In order to safely prepare foods without cross contact from these allergens, it is important to have dedicated food prep, cooking and storage areas. Todd Dining Hall best met this need.

Both dining halls offer many foods on their menu daily that are naturally gluten free (such as steamed veggies, carved meats, Healthy Ones deli meats, Chobani yogurt, omelet bar with fresh veggies). In addition West End Dining Hall does offer individually wrapped gluten free options such as gluten free breads, pizza crust or pasta. These items can be prepared while the student waits or ordered ahead of time by working with the managers of the dining hall.

"Todd Dining Hall is the only gluten free dining hall" We do not promote either of our dining halls as being "gluten free," due to the risk of cross contact that may occur in a self-service dining hall as well as foods being prepared in an open facility where other food allergens may be present. This is always discussed with students that are eating in our dining halls.

It is very important that we provide correct information to our student population. There are several resources available to students: MyFitnessPal, Campus Dish 2.0 App, digital touch screen boards in the dining halls, "Simple Selections" station, and much more. Please visit our locations to see all the amazing things we are doing to help manage your dietary needs.

Stephanie Sumner is the District Marketing Manager for ARAMARK at East Carolina University.

## Broadcast news not worth your watch



**Craig Malmrose**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I grew up during a turbulent time, and witnessed endless news coverage concerning the Vietnam War, Civil Rights, Patty Hearst, The Black Panthers, Charles Manson, Watergate, Three Mile Island and the forced

resignation of one criminal president. And a nation wept when we watched reports about the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and John F. Kennedy. Since at least the time of Edward R. Murrow, CBS radio and television were the undisputed leaders in broadcast news. Each night before dinner, my parents would tune in and listen to Walter Cronkite and his colleagues delivering a dependable, daily update of worldwide events. This coverage was reliable, credible, insightful and always well crafted. And it was information free from wanton opinion and empty conjecture.

But, with the creation of CNN in 1980, television news took a dramatic downturn — and it's one from which we'll probably never recover. A cavalcade of "pretty people", led by the chronically inept, has replaced the seasoned journalists we once knew and respected. These are reporters who don't know the difference between apples and oranges, and have little, if any knowledge of historical facts. They're inclined to form opinions about subjects they've never studied, and insist on telling me exactly what I should believe when it comes to politics, economics or social issues. CNN has a streaming banner of text at the bottom of its screen that's continuously filled with misspelled words and bad grammar.

When Michael Jackson died in 2009, his was the only story covered by CNN for nearly four weeks. Questions remain as to whether Michael's tragic story warranted

this kind of relentless news coverage. However, a report soon followed that galvanized my opinion of CNN's shaky position in the news business. In one of his final radio essays, at the age of 93, Daniel Schorr made the overdue observation that "CNN has nothing to do with news — it's all about ratings". And yet, CNN continues to reek of misguided self-assurance with the slogan, "World Leader in News".

Although TV news was once based upon the premise of fair and even-handed reporting, those days have all but disappeared. We now have a legion of stations, all with their own biased brands, making it possible for me to immerse myself daily in the kind of reporting that strokes my ego. I can shutter myself in the lopsided coverage coming from Fox News or MSNBC, and anything resembling a balanced report can be easily dismissed with the push of a button. And while the Republicans have done their best to defund and destroy respectable public news outlets, *Frontline* and *PBS NewsHour* have managed to stand their ground, unfettered by The Right, and continue to provide us with nothing less than the uncensored truth.

There's no question that 24-hour cable access has caused broadcast news to evolve. But we should never presume that "evolution" means a positive or progressive change. Television news has become a fly-by-night carnival, propped-up by the antics of Justin Bieber, the Kardashians, and every other conceivable freak show that helps to improve ratings. Manners and decorum disappeared decades ago, English grammar is fleeting, and facts no longer have any redeeming role in the dissemination of information. With such a substantial decline, I can only imagine what the news business will look (and smell) like just a few short years from now.

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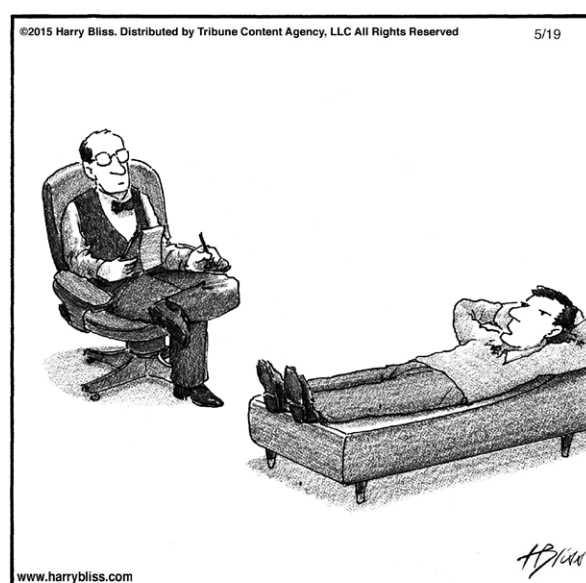
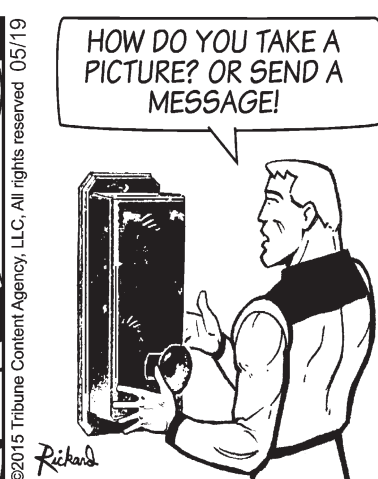
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The Town of Windsor is offering a variety of unpaid internships, mostly in the Parks and Recreation Department. Please call Max for more info, 252-367-0367.

### COMICS



### BRAIN TEASERS

# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE 5/20/15

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

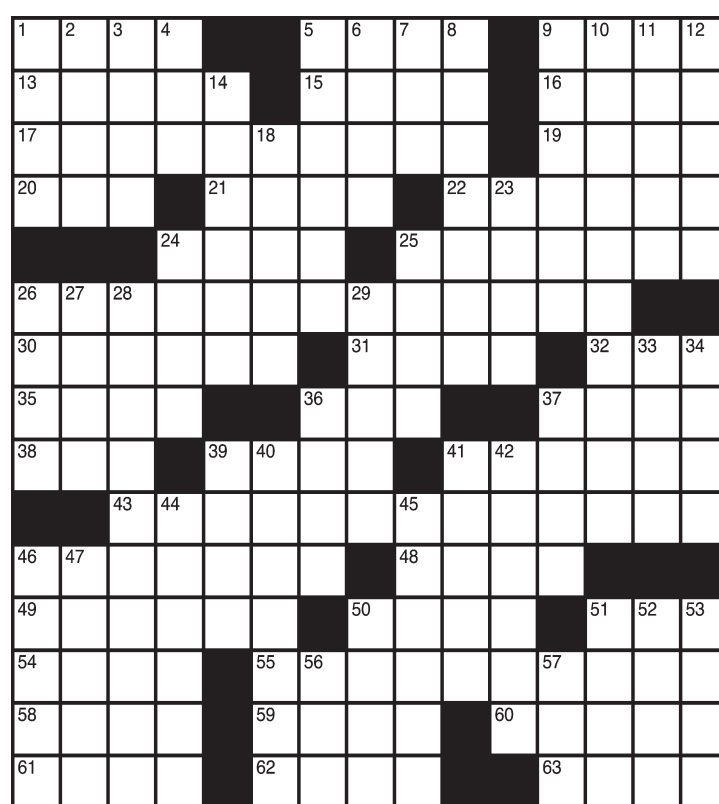
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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

#### ACROSS

- 1 Swerves
- 5 Decorated one
- 9 Selects, with "for"
- 13 Hockey violation
- 15 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
- 16 Pebble Beach cry
- 17 Complete set of recollections
- 19 Elite Eight letters
- 20 Nile snake
- 21 "\_\_\_ to please"
- 22 Check
- 24 Written words
- 25 Price-regulating blocs
- 26 Den fixture
- 30 Screenplay units
- 31 Extinct flightless bird
- 32 Pledge
- 35 Start to fall?
- 36 Olive \_\_\_
- 37 Spot to grab a bite
- 38 South, in Soissons
- 39 Sweater material
- 41 Fries in a little butter
- 43 Climber's aid
- 46 Vacation options
- 48 Rover exploration site
- 49 Bit of fruit in a box
- 50 Rubberneck
- 51 Consumes
- 54 Pay for a hand
- 55 Thrill-seeker's leap
- 58 Headliner
- 59 In unison, on a score
- 60 Steadfast belief
- 61 \_\_\_ d'oeuvres
- 62 Revolutionary sewer
- 63 NBA scoring attempt, which can be preceded by the ends of 17-, 26-, 43- and 55-Across



By Michael Dewey

5/20/15

#### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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#### DOWN

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- 3 Graph line
- 23 Thereabout
- 24 Camping shelter
- 25 "Sweet!"
- 26 Recipe amts.
- 27 Color similar to sand
- 28 Rock band soloist
- 29 Rustic writing
- 33 Faux butter
- 34 Tide rival
- 36 "Careless me!"

- 37 "Stupid me!" syllables
- 39 "What \_\_\_ thinking?"
- 40 Holiday party perk
- 41 Hogwarts potions master
- 42 Settled
- 44 Steplike platforms
- 45 Computer desktop array
- 46 Computer headache
- 47 Totaled
- 50 Bearded antelopes
- 51 Romcom actor Grant
- 52 BBs, e.g.
- 53 Trivial tiff
- 56 Japanese salad veggie
- 57 "\_\_\_ Boys": "Little Men" sequel

## ECU set for AAC tournament

### Pirates to face Knights in first round matchup in Clearwater

Corey Keenan  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina baseball team will kick off its inaugural American Athletic Conference tournament with a first round matchup against the seven seed Central Florida.

The two-seeded Pirates (36-20, 15-9 AAC) swept the Knights (31-25, 10-14 AAC) in late April. Despite the sweep, ECU narrowly edged out UCF in each game with three one-run victories including a walk-off in the first game of the series.

The Knights boast five All-Conference players including First Team members Dylan Moore, Tommy Williams, Erik Barber and Zack Rodgers. JoMarcus Woods was named to the Second Team All-Conference on Monday.

Rodgers is the Knights' ace and garnered a 10-0 record with a 2.18 ERA. Rodgers had one of his worst outings of the season against ECU on April 24. He lasted just four and two-thirds innings and surrendered four runs (three earned) on seven hits and recorded just one strikeout.

Moore is the leading hitter for the Knights and holds a .330 average and a .412 on base percentage entering the double-elimination tournament. The senior belted nine home runs and had 41 RBIs on the season. He also led the team in stolen bases with 14 on 16 attempts. Williams batted .324 this season and hit eight homers, good for third on the team, and drew a team-high



David Lucroy (21), Mason Keen (34) and Jacob Wolfe (33) celebrate after an ECU scored-run.

33 walks.

Barber, a senior outfielder, notched a team-high 11 home runs in 54 games. Barber is a typical power hitter and drew just 20 walks compared to 47 strikeouts. Woods

held the team's second highest average with a .329. He was also second on the team in on base percentage at .415. Woods is also strong defensively and has just two errors compared to four outfield assists.



The Pirates will likely counter Rodgers with fellow First Team All-Conference member Reid Love. Love bounced between the Friday and Saturday starter, but earned the final Friday start of the season against Cincinnati. Love threw in 20 games while starting nine and tossed 80 and two-thirds innings. He held a 2.79 ERA during the season and garnered a 7-3 record.

The senior threw two complete games and earned a shutout against Tulane in early April. Love excelled at the end of the season while typical Friday starter Evan Kruczynski struggled down the stretch.

After the Pirates kicked off the season relying on the long ball, ECU started to use a more station-to-station approach as the power cooled off. Lead off hitter Hunter Allen leads the team with a .339 average and gets on base with ease at a .397 clip. Third baseman Kirk Morgan has improved vastly over his freshman season and has the team's second highest average at .317. The Pirates power will come from junior Luke Lowery, who led the team with 12 home runs, and Bryce Harman who clubbed seven homers with 27 RBIs. Harman started off the season

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## Frida Spang finishes 35th in Regional

Allison Jobe  
TEC STAFF

Frida Gustafsson Spang has proven that she is a top competitor to keep an eye on in the women's college golf world. Spang's performances this season led her to compete at the 2015 NCAA Women's Golf Raleigh Regional.



Frida Spang

"She's the best athlete I've ever coached. She's tall, she's thin, she's athletic and creates lots of speed and that's what sets her apart from other people," Head Coach Kevin Williams said.

Spang, the Sweden-native, competed against 18 teams and was one of the six golfers selected to play individually. Out of the 384 participants, 132 advanced to the championship finals. Six teams and three individuals advanced from each regional.

"I had a really good season. I was hoping I had a spot [in Regionals] and I got one, so I was excited," Spang said. "I wasn't putting the ball as well as I usually do, but I liked the course and I felt comfortable."

She is the third player in ECU history to earn an individual invitation. This was Spang's third-straight NCAA postseason event.

"I'm proud and I'm happy that I can have an impact on the team. I'm happy that I could represent my school," Spang said.

Spang ended the season taking a share of 35th place at the Raleigh Regional, but did not advance to the NCAA Championships.

"I didn't do as well as I wanted too, but I learned a lot about what I can improve in my game. I had a good time," Spang said.

Head Coach Kevin Williams said Spang did not play to her normal ability. She drove the ball well, but her putting held her back.

"I'm sure she was disappointed [in her performance],

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## Award Winners



**Luke Lowery**

**First Team All-AAC**

Kai Jones  
TEC STAFF

Lowery has followed up his productive freshman and sophomore year with an even stronger junior season. He had a team-high 12 home runs and a .313 average with a .416 on base percentage, good for another team-best.

Lowery has set career-highs in just about every category including batting average, on base percentage, slugging and on base plus slugging. He also tripled his home runs and more than doubled his RBIs. He is also in the top-five of nearly every offensive category on the team.



**Cliff Godwin**

**AAC Coach-of-the-Year**

Godwin became the fifth manager in East Carolina history to win the conference's Coach-of-the-Year. Godwin played for ECU as a catcher from 1998-2001.

Godwin, the first year manager, joins Monte Little (1977), Gary Overton (1990), Keith LeClair (1999 & 2000), Randy Mazey (2004) and Billy Godwin (2009) as managers that won conference Coach-of-the-Year. Godwin has led the Pirates to a 36-20 record and the No. 2 seed in the AAC's conference tournament.

Godwin also led the team to the first road non-conference sweep since 1966.



**Reid Love**

**First Team All-AAC**

Love is top-five in most offensive categories for ECU. Love is also top five in most pitching categories. In his second year at the Division I level, Love is having a much-improved year at the plate, which earned Love the unanimous selection at the utility spot.

While improving at the dish, Love has also stayed consistent on the mound. He lowered his earned run average and walks plus hits per innings pitched. Love earned four saves and seven wins on the season. He was named First-Team All-Conference as a pitcher and was the only player in the league to earn Player and Pitcher-of-the-Week honors.

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### TAKEAWAYS

**BASEBALL**

ECU will take on UCF today at 11 a.m. in Clearwater, Fla. in the first round of the AAC Tournament.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

JUCO guard Charles Foster became the fourth commit to the 2015 recruiting class, joining Deng Riak, Kentrell Barkley and Clarence Williams.

**TRACK & FIELD**

The men's and women's Track & Field team finished sixth in the American Athletic Conference Championships over the weekend in Storrs, Conn.

**BASEBALL**

Reid Love and Luke Lowery were named to the First Team All-AAC Monday. Head coach Cliff Godwin was named AAC Coach-of-the-Year.

**WOMEN'S GOLF**

Frida Gustafsson Spang finished 35th in the Raleigh Regional over the weekend. She was the lone Pirate to make the Regional.

**CHARLOTTE HORNETS**

The Hornets took home the No. 9 pick in Tuesday night's NBA Draft Lottery after a 33-49 season.

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Junior Avion Jones takes a leap in the high jump at ECU's home meet earlier this season. Jones won the high jump with a height of 2.15 meters.

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# ECU finishes sixth in AAC

Andi Caruso  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina track and field team had five event victories during the American Athletic Conference Championships held in Storrs, Conn. Both the men's and women's sides earned sixth place finishes, and earned 89.50 points and 77.50 respectively.

"I am proud of both teams on their accomplishments from this past weekend," Head Coach Curt Kraft said.

On the last day, the team won three individual events. Senior Aiesha Goggins won the women's 400-meter dash, while junior Cheyenne Hutchinson finished in first for the women's 100-meter hurdles. Both Goggins' and Hutchinson's times earned them a spot in the Pirates school record book.

Goggins' time of 51.48 earned her a First Team All-Conference and also set a new AAC record. Goggins, Hutchinson each earned a First Team All-Conference spot.

The men's 4x400-meter relay team was also honored First Team All-Conference. Desmond Dowling, Quay Johnson, Chandler

Chase and Rodney Johnson earned a first place spot as they ran their way past Conference foes Memphis and Cincinnati.

"We showed vast improvements on both sides from the indoor championships to the outdoor championships," Kraft said. "Both teams had numerous PRs and lifetime bests. Anytime you are setting school records and have individual conference championships, you've had a great meet."

On day three, Avion Jones was honored with First Team All-Conference because of his first place performance in the men's high jump. Jones finished with a 2.15-meter (7' 0.5") jump, and was the only athlete that was able to pass the seven-foot mark.

An exceptional performance was also displayed in the field on day two when freshman Mohogany Baker placed sixth in the discus with a 45.39-meter mark, her career best. Her performance moved her in the record book up into a tie for sixth place. On the men's side, Adam Manns placed fifth in the discus throw with a 50.85 (166' 10") mark. Aminah Ghaffar set a school record in the heptathlon with a

ninth place finish. She set a career-high 4,845 points. For the men's team, Dylan Spadaccini placed in fifth in the decathlon and earned 6,634 points. He beat his previous school record by 128 points.

On day one, Kaylee Redon won first place in the hammer throw, and earned a place in the First Team All-Conference. She threw a heave of 58.30-meters (191' 3").

In the 10,000-meter run, Shewit Weldense beat her personal record with a time of 36:00.65 that earned her a spot in sixth place.

For the men's team, Thomas Lehman finished in third place in the hammer throw with 56.83-meters (186' 5"), his career best. He also moved to fifth in the Pirates record book.

"Now we have to turn our attention to the regional championships and try to advance as many people to the National Championship as we can," said Kraft.

The Pirates have a two-week break before the NCAA Preliminaries in Jacksonville, Fla.

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as one of the top hitters on the team, but he hit a deep slump as conference play began and saw his average sink to .250 by the end of the season.

Pirate catcher and Johnny Bench Award Semifinalist Travis Watkins is the Pirates third top hitter with a .316 average and has driven in the second most runs for ECU with 34.

Like the last matchup against Rodgers and the Knights, head coach Cliff Godwin and the Pirates will have to rely on base hits more than the long ball, as Rodgers has allowed just 13 extra base this season. The Pirates and Knights face off today at 11 a.m.

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but I'm sure she was proud of the fact that she made it to the regionals, and we were proud of her. She's better than 35th," Williams said.

Spang carded an opening round four-over par 76 during the first round at the Raleigh Regional. She shot a five-over par 77 in the second round, leading her into a tie for 50th with a two-day total of 153.

Spang carded a one-over par 73 during the final round, for a three-day overall score of 226. She moved up 15 spots in the standings after collecting 15 pars, one birdie and two bogeys on the final day.

"She has a tendency to play really well, or kind of struggle. When she struggled this season she managed to get it together," Williams said.

Spang has recorded eight top-15 finishes this season. She owns a team best 73.83 season stroke average that is tied for the fourth-lowest single-stroke average in the Pirate record books. She has the lowest career average in school history, owning a 73.64 in 43 events.

"My game is so much better. I've been very consistent this year. I've developed all the parts in my game. I feel like I've had a good year," Spang said.

Despite not competing in the NCAA Championships, Spang has had a remarkable three years playing for the Pirates.

"We don't have anything like this at home. So if I played at home I would have had to go pro. I've just learned so much and we've played against some of the best players in the nation," Spang said. "Playing for ECU is great, we have such great team spirit and I'm proud to be a Pirate."

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