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## CHARGES HIGHLIGHT ABANDONMENT ISSUE

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According to the Greenville Police Department, Calvin Jamaal McLean, 19, of Greenville, has been indicted on multiple charges, including animal abandonment.

McLean is allegedly responsible for abandoning a young white female pit bull last month. Police pieced together the events using tips from various members of the public. McLean was booked in the Pitt County Detention Center on a \$110,000 bond.

Last month, the Greenville Police Department responded to a call involving an approximately 18-month-old, white pit bull named Lily abandoned at an apartment complex. The dog was found with severe injuries to her leg and was transported to a veterinarian for treatment.

According to the People

for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), more than six million animals are lost, abandoned or unwanted each year. According to Michele Whaley, director of Pitt County Animal Services, many calls the department receives during very cold or very warm weather deal with an animal's welfare. During calls, officials check for important parts like water sources and vaccines among other things.

"About 649,000 animals who enter shelters as strays are returned to their owners. Of those, 542,000 are dogs and only 100,000 are cats," according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

According to Whaley, not all animals in shelters have strays from the streets.

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## CRC aids struggling students

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The Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC) made its way to ECU in the fall of 2015 to help students suffering from drug and alcohol addiction.

Preparation began in August, and the first meetings were held in October, CRC coordinator Jarmichael Harris said. ECU is one of six UNC-system campuses that received federal funding to begin CRC.

"It took us several months to get the momentum going, so really all of first semester was a lot of table events," Harris said. "We were at Get a Clue. Of course we did open house and things of that nature, and so eventually we had enough momentum going that we had both CRC members, as well as our CRC allies who are more like our volunteers."

Allies are individuals who have been affected by drugs and alcohol in some way, or are interested in helping with CRC, but are not necessarily in recovery. CRC members are in recovery. Harris said there are now a total of about 12 allies and CRC members combined.

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A dog sits at the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina. According to PETA, over six million animals are lost, abandoned or unwanted each year.

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# ECU repeats as conference champs

Kayla Morton  
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East Carolina's men's swimming and diving team repeated as the American Athletic Conference Champions this past weekend in Houston, Texas in dominating fashion.

The Pirates led the pack by hauling in 907 points in the four-day event, almost 80 points ahead of second place Southern Methodist University who scored 828.5. Following SMU, Cincinnati and Connecticut followed with 680.5 and 645 respectively.

"We told our guys the first day that the championship will be won in the morning," head coach Rick Kobe said. "Prelims start at ten, and finals start at six, so you have to swim fast at 10 to place in the top eight for scoring points. That's exactly what we did."

ECU claimed 29 medal finishes, meaning they finished in the top three of 29 separate events, during the meet. Junior Will Hicks earned gold in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:57.25, 67 hundredths of a second ahead of second place Mark Hunter from Connecticut. Hicks earned another gold in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 53.26, 81 hundredths of a second in front of second place Ludovico Corsini from Cincinnati.

Junior Fran Krznicar earned gold in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:43.24 setting a pool record and was 62 hundredths of a second in front of teammate Boleck De Pawlikowski who took second.

"It's always nice to one-two," Kobe said. "And it's always nice to put a lot of folks in the finals. Nothing really surprised us, we knew we were going to swim fast."

Krznicar also claimed another gold in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:45.72, .02 seconds off the pool record and 42 hundredths off the meet record.

Boleck De Pawlikowski added to the gold count in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 3:47.99, 14 hundredths of a second off of the pool record and 40 hundredths of a second off the meet record.

"We knew we were going to win events,"



Julien Dodu (left) and Boleck De Pawlikowski (right) celebrate after winning an event over the weekend during the conference championships.

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Kobe said. "With 20 of 20 finaling, we had 20 elite swimmers."

Every one of the Pirates finalized in at least one event, with a handful of swimmers racing in the finals for multiple events.

The relay teams were strong for the Pirates again this year with the 800-yard freestyle relay team of Michael Dugan, John Myhre, Krznicar and Julien Dodu claiming gold with a time of 6:27.91. The other men's relay team brought home a silver in the 200-yard medley relay.

"We can't really practice relay starts because of our type of blocks," Kobe said. "I give credit for our kids faster and trying to put in as much

practice as they can when they get there."

Five Pirates claimed gold, adding 15 second place finishes and nine third place finishes. Some of those finishes included NCAA B-zone cuts which have potential to be trimmed down in order to land swimmers in the national championships.

"Most of the people that go to the NCAA zone cuts are on a very strong B-cut," Kobe said. "At this point we have to wait out and see if any of these times play out that way. It will be tough."

Krznicar scored 57 points for the Pirates, followed by Hicks (56), Dugan (51), De Pawlikowski (49), Dodu (48), and Scottie Kent

(46). Notable performances include Adam Dear who was second in the 100-yard butterfly, Shawn Hunter who was second in the 50-yard freestyle, Matt Mullen who was third in the three-meter diving and Myhre who was third in the 200-yard freestyle and on the winning relay team. These swimmers helped block points from being obtained by other teams.

Following the meet, Rick Kobe was named Men's Coach-of-the-Year in the AAC for the second consecutive year and men's diving coach Ryan Hunt was named Dive Coach-of-the-Year.

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**BRIEFS**

**Mendenhall Student Center to host Civility Summit**

The N.C. Civility Summit will be held Saturday at Mendenhall. The event is to promote positive change on campus. Opal Tometi, executive director of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration and co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement, will be the keynote speaker. The event was initiated by students, according to Virginia Hardy. ECU's Black Student Union, Student Government Association, Student Activities Board, LGBT Office and Student Involvement and Leadership work cohesively to support the summit.

The event will begin at 12:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

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ECO-pirates and The East Carolinian would like to remind you to recycle this paper.

# Film screening aims to inform women

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The College of Nursing will host a free screening of "No Evidence of Disease" movie this Thursday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the College of Nursing.

The N.E.D. movie follows six gynecologic oncologists, who are also musicians, who form a band and tour the United States. The goal of the movie is to raise awareness for gynecologic cancers otherwise known as "below-the-belt cancers."

"Every hour, one woman is diagnosed with a below-the-belt cancer," said Shelby Donnelly, administrative assistant for the associate dean for College of Nursing.

According to the N.E.D. website, gynecologic cancers are the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells originating in the female reproductive organs. These include the cervix, ovaries, uterus, fallopian tubes, vagina and vulva. These types of cancers can be treated in three different ways being surgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy. The method depends on what stage and type of cancer.

The movie is geared mostly towards women because these types of cancers are sometimes overlooked. There is not a lot of money that is generated towards these types of cancers.

Every woman is at risk with around

**"Every hour one woman is diagnosed with a below-the-belt cancer."**

*-Shelby Donnelly*

80,000 new cases diagnosed and approximately 28,000 deaths from gynecologic cancers in the United States each year.

One of the doctors, John Boggess, a surgeon and associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology will be attending the screening. Boggess, who plays guitar in the band and sings in the band, teaches at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. He will also have a question and answer session following the movie.

"There is so much attention on prostate and breast cancer, this movie wanted to raise awareness for other cancers that are also important," said Donnelly.

The movie follows the six doctors around over the course of three years, while in the hospital with patients and playing in the band.

"I hope that people who watch this film learn something from it and will walk away and think more about it and be aware," said Donnelly.

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**CRC**

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"It's a nice blend," Harris said. "One thing I really enjoy about that is when we have our large meetings, we're all sitting in the room talking and throwing out different ideas for whatever it is we're planning for, but no one really knows who's an ally and who's an actual CRC member."

Monday evening meetings are held weekly for CRC.

"We meet weekly for weekly check-in, and we do some goal setting, set goals for the week, come back the next Monday, follow up, see how well you did on those goals and then set new goals for the next week," Harris said.

Workshops are also offered on the first Thursday of each month. These are called "anchor sessions." Workshop topics focus on stress release, time management, how to study, as well as healthy and unhealthy relationships.

"Six or seven individuals are involved currently and it's at their leisure; there's not necessarily mandated things they have to be at," Harris said. "We do encourage that they show up to our monthly planning meetings because we like to have everybody's input."

The Assistant Director for

the Center for Counseling and Student Development, Bob Morphet, is also an involved leader for CRC with Harris. Campus Recreation and Wellness has also partnered up with CRC.

"It's a collective effort," Harris said. "There's a lot of people working together to make this thing a success."

Harris said CRC abides by four pillars: to maintain sobriety, to educate the campus, to enhance wellness, and to give back.

"We are a recovery community so we want students who are in recovery to feel they are being supported and are successful in their journey of sobriety," Harris said.

Plans for future CRC events that focus on students' needs are currently in the works.

"We want this to be as much about the students as it is about anything else," Harris said. "We can make all the plans in the world, but if students aren't open to these ideas or looking for these things, then we'll move on to something else and make it whatever they want."

Harris said CRC hopes to reach out and help as many students with recovery as possible.

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Many animals are returned or surrendered up to shelters. Reasons for an owner surrendering their animal can vary across many different topics.

For areas like Greenville, a major contributing factor of animal surrenders involves apartment complexes. Multiple apartment complexes around the area have guidelines for pet ownership.

"Violators of the misdemeanor charge of animal cruelty violation can face up to 120 days of incarceration but this is seldom issued against the guilty

parties," said officer Tim Langley, supervisor of the Animal Protective Services, with the Greenville Police Department.

According to North Carolina State Law, the abandonment of animals is classified as a misdemeanor and punishments vary depending on the severity of the crime.

According to a report by the Animal Legal Defense Fund, published in 2014, the state of North Carolina ranks 30th overall in the nation with regards to protecting animals.

Officer Langley said if more violators received a harder sentence than less people would be inclined to commit that crime.

The Greenville Animal Protective Services Unit "actively" investigates all animal welfare complaints.

Greenville Police encourage people to report suspicious or criminal activity to the authorities at any time. For members of the community looking to help an animal in a shelter or donate their time to helping save abused animals, there are many organizations around Pitt County.

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# 2016 SGA ELECTION

The SGA candidate debate is February 24 at 5:30 p.m. and the voting period is February 24-26.

Melissa Glen  
TEC STAFF



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## Don Donaldson and Mona Amin

Ticket 2

Don Donaldson, junior anthropology and business minor, and Mona Amin, sophomore biology major, are running on a ticket together in hopes of winning the upcoming 2016-2017 Student Government Association elections.

Donaldson is running for president, while Amin is chasing the position of vice president.

What is interesting about these two candidates is that they actually did not meet each other until their campaign manager, Eliza Monroe, introduced them. It was then that they said they grew closer as a team.

"She is very sweet. She is a kind individual, which is what first drew me to her," said Donaldson about Amin. "On top of that, her involvement and her willingness to really go out there and put in the work that needs to be done for campus alone made me want to work with her."

The candidates said this initial positive meeting gave them a desire to work together in their race for an executive position in SGA, and that this desire is what makes them a good team.

Amin said the fact that they did not know each other before makes them stronger candidates. She said since they were involved with different organizations on campus and have connections with the majority of campus.

For Donaldson, this involvement includes being the President of Black Student Union.

"Being president of Black Student Union has really given me insight on my leadership abilities and let me know how capable I am to change the things on campus," said Donaldson. "I just want to continue that impact with a greater influence, as student body president."

Amin works for the leadership office and is an Elite Pirate, which provides her with an invitation to every Board of Trustee's meeting. "Through the campaigning period, I have realized how much of the university I already know. Being student body vice president will allow me to apply all that knowledge and create change on campus," Amin said.

Donaldson and Amin's campaign has three main pillars: connection, clarity and community.

Regarding connection, the candidates said this will include not only fixing the Wi-Fi connection problem on campus, but also working to connect with various departments on campus and connect the campus community.

The two students also say they want to work on clarity by creating more transparency in the student government.

Community, the candidates say, will center on them working to connect with not just the campus, but the city of Greenville. They want to get students to represent ECU at the city hall meetings, as well as try to have some city hall meetings on campus.

Donaldson and Amin said SGA should be like a heart in a human body. It should be an organization that connects all student organizations.



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## Daniel Barth and Pavinder Basra

Ticket 3

Daniel Barth and Pavinder Basra are running as Ticket 3 in the upcoming Student Government Association, and they say they will be competent, genuine and ethical in the position if chosen.

"We are the honest candidates," said Basra. "We are motivated for change, and that is why we are running."

Barth, a junior economics major and business minor, is running for president while Basra, a junior information and computer technology major, is serving as his running mate for vice president.

The two students said they want to put the students' concerns first and even have a list of issues they have already received from students on campus.

"We are not doing this for our resumes, we are doing this for the students as populists," said Barth.

Both students are involved in a number of student organizations.

Barth is co-vice president of the Economic Society, as well as being involved in Interfaith Pirates Better Together, Film Club, Residence Hall Association and Student Activities Board. He also attends SGA senate meetings regularly, even though he is not currently a member.

Barth said he is running for SGA president in hopes to continue this activism.

"It is a great way to serve the university and improve my leadership skills," said Barth.

Basra was an SGA senator last semester for the College of Engineering Technology. He is also involved with the Indian Student Association.

The two candidates originally met at the dining hall, when they both discussed their plans to get involved with SGA.

The main issues that Barth and Basra say they want to work on if they get in office are giving more parking for students, having a larger printing budget, fixing Wi-Fi, getting transportation to off-campus housing during weekends, allowing more food options, giving certain Greek life organizations housing and improving library hours.

Another major issue for the candidates are Joyner's early closing hours on the weekend. Barth and Basra want to try and make it possible for the library to stay open later, at least during finals. Barth said he has already taken the initiative and joined the new student advisory board for Joyner.

Overall, these two candidates said they want to bring more transparency into the SGA and create a relationship with the students, where the students actually know what is happening on campus and what is available for students.

The candidates said they would also like to see SGA reach the point where more members of the public show up than the officers, and where more people are interested in running or voting during election time.

"SGA should be an organization that advocates the needs of the students," said Basra. "It's there to voice their concerns and just make sure the university has everything it needs."



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## Ricky Tharrington and Jordan Hodges

Ticket 4

Two East Carolina University students are using their passion for ECU and leadership experience to begin campaigning, under ticket four, for the executive board with the Student Government Association.

Ricky Tharrington, a junior mechanical and electrical engineering major is running for SGA president, and Jordan Hodges, a junior accounting major is running for SGA vice president.

Both candidates said they are passionate about SGA and have first-hand experience with the organization.

"My parents went to ECU, and my dad actually served on SGA and inspired me to run for this position," Hodges said.

Hodges and Tharrington are both involved with SGA this year. Tharrington serves as the speaker of the Senate for SGA, alongside Hodges, who is the chief clerk for the Senate.

"I feel like we have a perfect combination of SGA experience and SGA initiatives that I have personally helped with throughout my time in SGA this year," Tharrington said. "We've worked great as a team, and mainly that's our ability to come together and agree on a set plan of actions."

If elected, Hodges and Tharrington said their main goal is to give back to the university as a whole to make life better for the students on ECU's campus.

"I haven't had the opportunity to implement all of those because of my lower role in the organization, but mainly I just want to give back to the university that's given me a chance to learn and develop my own resume," Tharrington said.

Hodges and Tharrington have four main initiatives that they would like to work on next year in SGA that include reforming the appropriations process, improving parking, giving students more meal options when it comes to pirate meals and working on the Wi-Fi issues on campus.

Next year, they would like to implement a new group called the SGA Ambassador committee, which will consist of senators who are trained specifically in the appropriations process.

This committee would help new organizations that may not know how much funding they may want and how to go about requesting funds. This way there is not that initial learning curve that slows down the funding process.

Tharrington currently serves on the parking and transportation committee for ECU and is one of the people trying to get the current restriction changed from after 7 p.m. to after 5 p.m.

Both candidates also do not want to forget certain implements SGA worked on this year, like Pirate Access Line, and continue building and running these ideas.

"If SGA doesn't keep up the funding in some of these things they will die," Tharrington said. "If the wrong people are elected and don't give it money then it will die, but we believe in that initiative and we want it to continue."

Hodges and Tharrington both said they have been actively involved at ECU and have been involved in many different leadership positions in their life which have shaped them to being good leaders.



CONTRIBUTED BY TICKET 1

## Ryan Beeson and Janae Brown

Ticket 1

Two East Carolina University students have taken the first steps in running for executive positions on Student Government Association.

Ryan Beeson, a graduate student majoring in accounting, and Janae Brown, a junior, are running on a ticket together. Beeson is running for SGA president and Brown is running as his vice president.

Beeson and Brown met at LeaderShape, where they connected on their similar goals for leadership at ECU. Both candidates said they feel as though they have experience that qualifies them for the job.

Beeson was secretary of ECU's Shipmates program his freshman year, which is a program for freshmen and students who are interested in SGA. He then served on ECU's judicial branch, making him the only freshman accompanied by four seniors.

"That was a really interesting experience, because we worked on bringing everything up to date in terms of the changes that had happened with SGA's constitution during that time," said Beeson.

Beeson was elected attorney general and served as the head of the judicial branch. Beeson worked as attorney general until December of his sophomore year, when he took a study abroad trip to Finland.

Beeson was elected speaker of the house his junior year and served in that post for about a month but he decided to leave school for a short period to be with his family, after his brother passed away that same year.

This year, Beeson became involved with the leadership team for the Student Conduct Board that is responsible for guiding students through the process before they go before the conduct board.

Brown was a Margaret Chase Smith recipient for the Chancellor's Student Leadership Academy. People in the program picked one person who showed the characteristics of a leader.

Brown was also part of the ad-hoc committee that was involved with sending the recommendation to the chancellor for the renaming of Aycock Residence Hall. She is a graphic designer for both athletic marketing and student activities and organizations.

"My hands are in the pot, and it is time for me to now take this pot and share it with everyone else," Brown said. "Yes, I got these opportunities because I put myself in these positions, but a lot of people don't know about them."

The main platform of Brown and Beeson's ticket centers on diversity, inclusivity, and representation. They want to build a safer and better campus and to show people the importance of networking.

"We want students to get involved and to understand it is about vision, unity, dedication, involvement, responsive, transparency, action and inclusivity in that we will always have an open ear," said Brown.

As a team, these two students want to challenge the norms of leadership for ECU and make administration and students think more about who has a say in the university.

"I am tired of the same student leaders sitting at the table, and it is time for us to eliminate the barriers and get a more random selection," said Brown. "If you continue to invite the same people, you are going to get the same responses."

*\*Editors Note: The article on Ticket 1 has previously run in the paper, and the article on Ticket 4 has previously run online. We are re-running these articles as part of our SGA Election coverage.*

## PIRATE RANTS

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

You are giddy about pink post it notes all over the place, but, offended by the nice man in a suit handed you a book with the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs?

Twitter is censoring conservative views after they were publicly taken over by Social Justice Warriors. This is definitely not a surprise. If you use/support Twitter, you are for censoring, no better than radicals who censor women or minorities.

Bernie supporters decry corporate welfare but are okay with the idea of a minimum guaranteed income. This is why you're not taken seriously, anywhere.

False sexual assault allegations became a form of revenge... then a form to extort money... now Ke\$ha wants to use it to get out of a legally binding contract. Before you know it judges will demand that rape be proven by three witnesses like they do in the Middle East. OH SNAP!

News flash, it's been going on for years. And it extends far beyond politicians. A good example is all the race games where if you didn't vote for Obama you were racist. Another example is the pathetic political ads that attack another candidate and leaving the viewer clueless of what exactly the candidate being promoted was trying to say (isn't that right Jeb?). It's nothing new. Dems and Reps have been doing it for years.

White guys, the next time some SJW tells you to check your privilege, kindly remind them that there were white men who fought and died so that blacks and women could have their freedom... you're descended from those too.

If feminism is about achieving equality for all humans, how come feminists only look to make situations better for women? Women are getting most of the degrees, it's been proven that the wage gap is a myth arising from bad journalism, and women are vastly favored in court cases when compared to their male counterparts. Truly confused.

No, you didn't get it. Woman opens legs for man, later regrets it = criminal offense. Man opens wallet for woman, later regrets it = "oops, your choice, so you have to deal with the consequences"

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

## Poll results

Have you witnessed racism at ECU?

Yes- 55%  
No- 45%

## Poll question

Should Obama appoint the next Supreme Court justice?

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# Our view

## Legacy Hall name lacks creative spark

After months of work, Aycock Hall has officially been renamed Legacy Hall as of last week. With help from multiple organizations, the residence hall's name change is something the current SGA board has been working on since elected last year.

We, the editors of the East Carolinian, applaud the name change. The white supremacy views of Charles B. Aycock, a North Carolina governor in the 1900's, are frankly deplorable, and we are proud to see a building named after him is no longer a place for students to call home.

However, we are somewhat confused by the decision to rename the building Legacy Hall. We understand the board's concern in choosing a name that won't have controversy, but there are plenty of people that all of ECU would agree deserve the recognition.

Naming the hall after North Carolina civil rights leaders, distinguished ECU alumni or even departing chancellor Steve Ballard would be a far better idea than sticking with the rather uninspired Legacy Hall.

There are plenty of other great ECU alumni that the school could name the dorm after. Imagine a Vince McMahon Hall, a Sandra Bullock Hall or a Justin Hardy Hall. Then, of course, there's the obvious choice of the Carter Cruise Hall. The aforementioned names might push the limits of good taste and are meant to be facetious, but at least they would offer more character than Legacy Hall.

We applaud ECU's decision to remove Aycock's name from the hall, but when it comes to a new name, we believe they can do better than the bland option they chose.

# Nomophobia plagues students



Emma Caterinicchio  
GUEST COLUMNIST

When we leave the house, dorm or apartment in the morning, we grab the same three things: our wallet, which contains our identification and gives us access to our money; our keys, which give us access to our building, room, car and office, and our smartphone, which gives us access to our social life, music, alarms, calendar, clock, calculator, internet and camera.

Thanks to versatility of the smartphone, many gadgets have become obsolete. *Tech Guru Daily* published an infographic which shows just how many other devices have become unnecessary: the DVD player, a compass, GPS and an electronic language translator.

While this is all great and, in theory, should increase productivity, smartphones haven't truly enriched my life. I can't speak for the lives of others, but we all have had those awkward moments on the bus when we are suddenly aware that everyone around us is staring at their phone. This attachment isn't fulfilling; it's sad.

In fact, we look at and identify with our personal smartphone so much, that we have, what some would call, Nomophobia, short for no-mobile-phobia. It shouldn't be surprising to

many of us. Most of us check it after every class, use it when we're on the toilet and, some of us, even when we are driving. It's not just a safety blanket to avoid socializing or over thinking, it's an addiction.

David Greenfield of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine told *Business Insider*, "Every time you get a notification from your phone, there's a little elevation in dopamine that says you might have something that's compelling..." This effect is essentially a dysregulation of dopamine in the brain and is similar to what happens with other addictions.

So what is a smartphone? A useful, almost necessary tool for the busy modern life? No. It's a drug. We are addicted to it. Our attachment interferes with our social relationships, our school performance and isn't good for our health. Instead of having important conversations, the "we need to talk" ones, face-to-face, we hide behind a screen. Instead of staring into each other's eyes, we stare at each other's profiles. Numerous studies have been looking at how staring at screens all day affects our sleep patterns. Their conclusions? Our sleep patterns are horrific.

Instead of scrolling on Facebook and Instagram all day and night, we could read a book or people watch. We can make a conscious effort to check our phone less, or just turn them off

for periods of time. My favorite trick when I'm at school is to turn off my phone and shove it all the way in the bottom of my backpack. That way I can ask myself, "Do I really need to go through all this trouble to get my phone?" Usually the answer is no.

But even this tactic gives me some anxiety and I usually convince myself I need to have my phone in my easily accessible jacket pocket. Nomophobia has become so popular that some psychiatrists have proposed adding it to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

If Nomophobia is a mental disorder, then I definitely have it. I get anxious when I can't check What's App or Facebook for a while; I have many friends living abroad and it's our only way to contact each other. If I left my phone at home I'd think about how many messages I'm missing out on, or if I missed an important phone call or email.

But it's not worth it. I can always check my messages in the evening. It's not worth being addicted to a device just because it can be occasionally useful.

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# Scalia's death endangers freedom



Dimitri Dragonas  
TEC COLUMNIST

## IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia has passed away, and the Left has an opportunity greater than even the Presidency. With Scalia gone, Obama and his Democrat allies can place another liberal activist on the court, which will cement an agenda that will slowly but surely strip people of their freedom and force liberal ideology upon the country. Once done there will be no appeal, no higher authority, nothing to stop them.

With Scalia's death the Supreme Court and the future of the country is placed in a terrifying position. President Obama and the Democrats will do everything in their power to place a liberal judicial activist on the court. We've seen this before. Liberal Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan, for example, has said "Hate Speech" is not covered by the 1st Amendment, despite multiple rulings that it is. For contrast, Scalia was so pro-1st amendment he even said flag burning had to be protected. We have seen what liberals call "Hate Speech". It is having opinions the left does not approve of. All across America we have "free speech zones" and "speech codes", to protect people from "microaggressions".

We need judges who pledge to defend the Constitution above all else, not judges who take the job planning to enforce their vision. The Supreme Court exists as the last line of defense of

the Constitution, not as a legislative body meant to further political goals.

If Democrats get their way, we will see a slow rolling crisis. We will see free speech slowly constrained. First, it will come for those corporations with a reversal of Citizens United. Then any "hateful" opinions individuals hold will be censored.

Conservative speakers are disinvited from campus speeches. Recently Milo Yiannopoulos, had his two most recent speeches interrupted by students smearing fake blood on themselves and airhorns. Ben Shapiro has been threatened with violence. Dozens of other speakers have been "no-platformed", denied speaking positions because they hold non-leftist opinions. Women's rights activist Ayaan Hirsi Ali was disinvited because she criticized Islam's treatment of women. Even back in 2006, various anti-illegal immigration speakers had fire alarms pulled on them and students rushing stages. Marvin Stewart, a black man, was accused of being a white supremacist.

Europe is facing what happens when this philosophy goes unchallenged. A Swedish politician was fined for criticizing Islam's treatment of women. In Canada, a man faced six months in jail for "criminal harassment" for criticizing two feminists. Many in the US are already calling for such action here. It will not stop there. Every issue in American politics, including gun control, abortion laws, and the death penalty, will all be determined not by their constitutionality, but by the will of a liberal supreme court.

The Supreme Court is soon to hear a case on Unions using Union dues from members to support Democrats, often against the wishes of the members. Imagine someone taking your money and giving it to someone you don't like. Scalia was the fifth vote against Unions, now the outcome is uncertain.

"But wait" some say. "Perhaps the Supreme Court should be more active in instituting social change if Congress is too slow." This common view is very short sighted. Surely Democrats wouldn't like it if in the future the Republicans regained control of the Supreme Court and began enforcing their will on the country. Practicing judicial restraint benefits everyone. Scalia emphasized multiple times throughout his tenure that it is not the court's job to enforce your policies and beliefs for you. They exist to keep the government in check, protect the Constitution, and the rights enumerated by it.

The Founders warned against what would happen should the court become a body that sought to enforce will, instead of the Constitution. Alexander Hamilton wrote "if they should be disposed to exercise Will instead of Judgment, [that] would prove that there ought to be no judges distinct from [the legislature]. If our founders from centuries ago could see the problems that would arise, then why can't we?"

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# Exhibit to depict artistic process

Anh Ha  
TEC STAFF

This week, the Graduate Artist Forum will host an exhibition to show audiences the effort an artist's expels into completing a finished piece.

"This is the first year we've done this show," said Brett Beasley, second year graduate art student and co-president of the Graduate Artist Forum. "The theme of this event is what it's called, Becoming. It's to see how something becomes something else."

The event intends to show unfinished artwork of graduate students.

"It's gonna be a show of graduate students' works that is in process," said Beasley. "We're not concerned about the finished work. We're just very interested in how to reach that final product."

Although the show is aimed to display graduates' pieces, Beasley said if an undergrad student really wants to be a part of the show, they can have a chance to do so.

There will be a variety of artforms that will be displayed at the exhibition.

"There's going to be sculptures, ceramics, paintings and photos," said Beasley. "There's probably going to be sketchbooks, brainstorm maps and whatever else the individual use to get to their finished work."

The Graduate Artist Forum organization wants to give undergraduates some inspiration through this event.

"[Graduate Artist Forum] is putting on the show, and we're really focused on the graduates giving the undergraduates something to look up to," said Beasley. "I know when I was an undergrad, I used to look up to the grads and think, 'Oh my god, how did they make that so well and make it look so easy?'"

The work and effort behind a finished creation often get overlooked even though it's what makes the project so great. The Graduate Artist Forum wants to show the steps that take place before the piece can move on.

"If I make my medium, for example, I have to go to the store, buy the raw materials, mix and make the clay, then I work on the clay when it's wet, then it dries, [etc.]," he said. "So there's like steps in between all of it."

The creators of the event hope to give the general public a chance to come and see what is what.

"It'll give everybody a chance to know what steps it takes to get where we're at," said Beasley.

Beasley said the artwork will not be for sale; however, interested viewers may individually contact the artist if they wish to do so.

The Becoming exhibition will be displayed from Feb. 22 to Feb. 27 in Burroughs Wellcome Gallery. There will be a reception at 5 p.m. on Feb. 25.

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The Graduate Artist Forum, which will be held until Feb. 27, will detail how artists create works of art from simple mediums, much like the art that is displayed around Jenkins Fine Arts Center.

## COLUMN



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At the SAG Awards, Idris Elba used his acceptance speech as a platform to speak against the lack of diversity in the Oscar's nominations.

# Awards season packs drama



Jennifer Hines  
TEC STAFF

Award season is in full swing and with less than one week until the Oscars, everyone is abuzz with speculations and anticipation for one of Hollywood's biggest nights.

The most talked about controversy so far is the lack of African-American nominated actors and directors. A-list celebrities like Jada Pinkett Smith and Spike Lee have announced that they plan to boycott the Oscars instead of attending the prestigious event.

Their individual protests have spawned thousands of others across the nation including the #OscarsSoWhite movement on social media.

The hashtag was created over a month ago by April Reign, who used Twitter as a way to voice her opinion on the matter. Now, she is uniting viewers again with a counter-programming protest using her famous hashtag.

During the airing of the Oscars on Feb. 28., Reign and her fellow supporters of the cause will be watching "The Wood," a coming of age movie starring Taye Diggs and Omar Epps, instead of giving the Oscars any viewership.

"I think they automatically play it into a race thing just because there are no black people being put up for awards," she said. "I just think that people who deserve awards and put effort into their career... they deserve to be put up for awards. It doesn't mean it's a race thing."

Kayla Hilliard, a nursing major, felt

as though the talent available might have something to do with the nominations.

"I do think that there a lot more white actors that are really super famous right now," she said.

Jasmine Edwards, communication major, thought that Reign's choice of protest was lackluster.

"I wouldn't compare the two, the Oscars versus a movie on Netflix," she said. "'The Wood' isn't even a good movie."

The rest of the award shows this season have not had their lack of controversy either. During the Golden Globes on Jan. 10, Quentin Tarantino came under fire for using the word "ghetto" in his acceptance speech.

Jamie Foxx quickly called Tarantino out when he got back to the microphone by simply saying, "Ghetto?" The rest of the night was filled with big winners including Sylvester Stallone as Best Supporting Actor in the movie "Creed," Taraji P. Henson as Best Performance by an Actress in a Television drama for her role as Cookie on "Empire," and Denzel Washington who won the prestigious Cecile B. DeMille Award.

A week later, the Critic's Choice Awards were less than eventful. Stallone won Best Supporting actor again here and Leonardo DiCaprio won Best Actor for "The Revenant."

DiCaprio's win here, and at the SAG awards on Jan. 30, have viewers speculating that he will finally take home an Oscar for Best Actor in a Leading Role, an award that many feel is long overdue for DiCaprio.

Also at the SAG Awards, Viola Davis, Queen Latifah, Brie Larson and Idris

Elba all took home big wins. Elba himself even had something to say about the lack of diversity in the Oscar nominations during his acceptance speech for Male Actor in a Supporting Role.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "welcome to diverse television." The SAG awards were praised for being a better representation of diverse talent than what was reflected in the Oscar nominations.

Most recently, the Grammys took place last week on Feb. 15. The Grammys had its fair share of drama but for different reasons.

Demi Lovato, Luke Bryan and John Legend joined forces to pay tribute to Lionel Richie and Lovato's vocals stole the show. Another fantastic performance was that of Lady Gaga paying tribute to David Bowie which used cutting edge technology to transform Gaga into Bowie through the years.

One performance eagerly anticipated was Adele's return to the Grammy stage. While her voice mesmerized audiences across the world, technical difficulties detracted from her beautiful melodies.

"Adele sounded terrible," said Edwards. "She was so off the entire time, which made me sad genuinely."

With the Oscars quickly approaching, not only will it be interesting to see who takes home the top awards of the night, but also to see how any diversity related boycotts affect this year's ceremony.

Tune into the Oscars hosted by Chris Rock on Feb. 28 at 8:30 p.m. on ABC.

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# Wearable tech provides style, functionality

Victoria Schule  
TEC STAFF

For sophomore nursing major Diana Njenga, the new fitness trend for this year isn't a workout or new exercise, but a new aesthetic you can wear: fitness trackers.

"My Fitbit definitely has helped inspire me everyday to push myself harder in my workouts or just being active," said Njenga, who bought the Fitbit Flex in effort to get in shape.

The water-resistant tracker comes in different interchangeable bands, making it easy to fit it into everyday-wear. Inside the the bracelet-like band is a high-tech tracker that sends how many steps, calories burned and miles covered to an iphone or computer.

Njenga said she was surprised when she realized she was actually reaching a little under the recommended 10,000 steps while following her original daily routine.

"I tried challenging myself to reach beyond that goal by taking longer routes to class or taking the stairs. Now I usually reach around 12,000 plus steps a day while including some exercise," said Njenga.

Njenga mentioned how she often goes out of her way now to reach her step goal.

"Sometimes when I realized I have a small amount of steps left, I might walk around the mall on campus a little longer after my classes or even take a walk-break after studying all day in the library," she said.

The Fitbit is convenient for those who are on-the-go but want to track their progress without the hassle. Tracking exercises can raise awareness of progress, habits and generate new health goals.

"It is worth the the money," said Njenga.

Depending on the Fitbit, the price tag can be a little pricey for those looking to have the tracker. The cheapest one, the Fitbit Zip, is \$60 and tracks distance, steps and calories burned.

The most expensive Fitbit, Fitbit Surge, which goes for \$250, keeps track of sleep activity, heart rate, GPS, all-day activity and sleep.

"I think all college students should at least find a way to track their exercises or diet. I think that keeping track of my exercises has definitely been keeping me motivated, especially with my Fitbit"

Njenga said she notices the popularity of Fitbits among the East Carolina campus this year and its positive impact on students.

"I notice more and more people are wearing this thing, and doing the same thing I'm doing," Njenga said.

"Having just a little more motivation can make all the difference," said Njenga.

Next week, Fitbit is releasing the Fitbit Alta, an improved version of the Fitbit Flex.

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 Egg-shaped tomato

5 Molecule part

9 Winter outerwear

14 Suit on a board

15 Plumber's piece

16 Playful trick

17 One raising a hand (TN)

19 Pedro's "I love you"

20 Answer (for)

21 More confident

22 Wedge-shaped arch piece (PA)

26 Byzantine or Roman (NY)

27 Many California wines

28 Motel charges

30 Hockey legend Bobby et al.

31 Milk: Pref.

32 Abbr. for some Garden State senators

35 Piled-high hairdo (UT)

38 Fictional Korean War surgeon Pierce (IA)

40 '60s radical gp.

41 Loved ones

43 Tribulations

44 Coeur d'... Idaho

45 One of the Musketeers

46 At an earlier date (OK)

49 Word in a fair forecast (FL)

52 Part of USDA: Abbr.

53 Top grade

54 Below, poetically

55 What seven puzzle answers are with reference to abbreviations in their clues

60 Colorful tropical fish

61 Genealogy diagram

62 Course with ratios

63 "Save me..."

64 Ranch group

65 Seek divine intervention

**DOWN**

1 Sermon giver: Abbr.

2 Tic-tac-toe loser

3 Actor Gibson

4 Puncture prefix

5 Likely will, after "is"

6 Attach with string

7 Tennis period since 1968

8 Trivial

9 "Bee's knees" equivalent

10 Gets the better of

11 Video game pioneer

12 Microwave beeper

13 Composer's creation

18 Washington MLB team

22 Drawer openers

23 Dog-...: folded at the corner

24 Belgian city where the In Flanders Fields Museum is located

25 Window framework

26 James of jazz

29 German cries

**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- A turning point arises in your service, health and work efforts. Discover a structural problem. Handle responsibilities on time. Expect an emotional impact at work. Define the schedule carefully. Speak from the heart.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Choose private over public responsibilities. Be patient with a resister. Make no assumptions. Something you try doesn't work. You don't need to respond. Wait and recharge. It takes discipline to refrain from automatic reactions. Listen.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Changes at home interrupt your routine. Don't

strain the budget. Consider potential costs or ramifications before taking on new projects. Can you use something you already have? Ask family for ideas. Finish what you begin.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Take on a challenge. Go for substance over symbolism in your report. Present the pros and cons. Don't skimp on fact checking. Include your discoveries in a larger conversation. Share with your networks.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Review your finances. Consider and plan for big changes in the future. Tailor your budget to account for your plans. Determination works. Keep your word and business grows. Slow,

steady steps reach the goal.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- What would you like to learn? Dream up a plan. Find out what it would take, and begin. It probably won't go as planned. Let people know what you're up to. Envision personal goals.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Slow down and think it over. Take time to absorb recent news. Rid yourself of a thorn. Old assumptions get challenged. A new conversation has your interest. Use your own good sense.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Group efforts take a new direction. Clarify priorities and goals, and then sort out who will do what. Create a fun game to play. Find common-

alities and share resources. You can do more for less together.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Doubts come to the surface. Your professional limits are being tested. Don't make expensive promises. Make things easy on yourself. Follow the money trail. Avoid stepping on toes. Ask nicely. Keep it respectful.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Travel calls. It doesn't need to be distant. Begin a new phase in an exploration. Outdoor recreation is in the realm of possibility. Gourmet dining is on. Keep your feet on the ground.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 6 -- Work together on financial matters. Get the paperwork done and filed. Resolve priority differences. There's a conflict with the status quo... something needs to change. Determine best options. Look for hidden opportunities. Align on purchases.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Begin a new phase in a collaboration. A crazy scheme could work. Think it through before committing time or money. Get expert coaching. Think fast under pressure. Remain sensitive to another's feelings. Test theories.

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## TAKEAWAYS

## BASEBALL

The Pirates (3-0) will play host to N.C. A&T today at 3 p.m.

## SOFTBALL

The Pirates (7-5) won four of seven games in the second annual Pirate Clash over the weekend.

## BASEBALL

Freshman infielder Turner Brown was named to the AAC weekly honor roll.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

East Carolina (10-17; 2-12 AAC) dropped its sixth straight Sunday, losing to No. 21 SMU 74-63.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (10-17; 4-11 AAC) fell to No. 1 ranked UConn 84-41 Saturday.

## CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes (27-23-10) lost to the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-2 Sunday.

## ONLINE

## Men's hoops falls to SMU on road

Southern Methodist's size and strength on the inside proved to be too much for East Carolina.

## ODU topples men's tennis

ECU failed to exact revenge on a previous loss to ODU as it dropped the match on the road.

## Powerful Huskies dominate Pirates

The Pirates faced adversity throughout the contest, as they were forced to play without Alex Frazier.

## Baseball looks ahead to N.C. A&amp;T

After the ECU baseball team got its opening weekend sweep over the Longwood Lancers, it would be easy to focus on next weekend's trip to see the defending national champions UVA. But first the Pirates are focused on today's meet against N.C. A&T.



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East Carolina sophomore relief pitcher Joe Ingle throws a pitch to the plate during the Pirates' opening-series sweep of the Longwood Lancers.

# Season-opening sweep

## ECU takes three wins from Longwood

Gerin Honeycutt  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina baseball team opened its much-anticipated 2016 campaign with a sweep over the Longwood Lancers this past weekend in Keith-LeClair Stadium.

"It feels awesome. We had a great crowd, they really helped us out today, and any time you can sweep a team, that's awesome. And Longwood's pretty good," ECU head coach Cliff Godwin said.

This was the first time the Pirates swept a season opener since 2012 against Milwaukee and Godwin credits it to the resiliency of his team.

"We had nine two-out RBIs on Friday night," said Godwin. "Our guys pride ourselves and we talk about two-out RBIs win championships and you've got to hit in the clutch, and our guys did a good job of that this weekend."

ECU totaled 12 two-run RBI this weekend and only trailed for a half inning, after Longwood got off to a 2-0 advantage in the top of the first of game three. The Pirates immediately erased the Lancer's lead in the

bottom half of the inning, batting in three RBI by three separate players, Bryce Harman, Eric Tyler and Dwanya Williams-Sutton.

"We have a saying; it's relentless and energy Sunday," catcher Travis Watkins said. "The team that normally has the most energy on Sunday wins. That's really what we try to do is come out here with energy, kind of get the momentum on our side early and push through."

Watkins caught a variety of pitchers this weekend, as Godwin made sure to test his bullpen early. It started on Friday with pitcher Evan Kruczynski (1-0) getting the win with bullpen help from Nick Durazo.

Starters Jacob Wolfe(1-0) and Jimmy Boyd(1-0) then closed out the weekend, earning victories on Saturday and Sunday. Joe Ingle picked up where he left off last season, earning two saves by closing out the games two and three.

"It's an awesome feeling to get called on again today," Ingle said after Sunday's victory.

As a freshman last year, Ingle noted his arm getting a little sore down the stretch, so seeing him close two games in a row is a good

sign for Godwin and the Pirates.

"I feel really good this year. Elbows, I had a little problem down the road with, but now it feels fine, it feels incredible, best it's felt all year," Ingle said.

Leading the way on the hitting end for the Pirates was Harman, who went 5-for-9 with three RBI, and a duo of freshmen. Outfielder Williams-Suttons, went 5-for-11 with a team high five RBI and shortstop Turner Brown four hits with three RBI, not touching the field in game three.

The Pirates recorded 38 hits through the three games, to the Lancer's 20, and are now preparing to play home to North Carolina A&T on Tuesday afternoon, before traveling to Charlottesville to take on the defending national champion Virginia Cavaliers in a three-game series.

"We're going to do the best we can to be as strong early in the season as we are late in the season, so we're going to get out there and have a good practice and get ready for the middle-week game," said Watkins.

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# Softball hosts annual Pirate Clash

## Oliver and Co. win four of seven over weekend tournament

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East Carolina softball hosted the second annual Pirate Clash this weekend, welcoming UMass, Bucknell and St. Francis, and finishing 4-3 in the tournament, including a walkoff victory in the opening-game courtesy of a Karlie Smith double in extra innings.

"Overall I think the weekend went awesome," ECU head coach Courtney Oliver said.

Game one against UMass (2-6) started off strong, as the Pirates (7-5) took a 6-5 win over the Minute Women. ECU sophomore third basemen Smith ended the back and forth contest by hitting the eventual game-winning two-run double to give ECU the 6-5 win in the bottom of the tenth.

Freshman pitcher Mary Williams picked up the first win of her collegiate career, tossing seven and two-thirds innings, allowing just three runs on three hits with four walks and 10 strikeouts.

To end the first day, ECU faced Bucknell (2-3) and collected its first loss of the weekend, as the Bison toppled the Pirates, 6-1.

Sophomore pitcher Ashley Cruise dropped

to 2-2, giving up all six runs while striking out seven batters and allowing three walks.

"They learned lessons from every loss and they came back and capitalized on the mistakes that they made prior to," Oliver said.

ECU then turned around and defeated Bucknell, 8-3 to start day two, as Sloan Bradford muscled a 3-2 pitch over the wall for a grand slam and her fifth career home run in the bottom of the fourth, propelling the Pirates over the Bison.

Williams recorded her second victory of the weekend to improve to 2-1 overall as she tossed four and two-thirds innings, allowing three runs on five hits with three walks and three strikeouts.

The Pirates lost their momentum during the second game of day two, as they dropped a 7-2 decision to St. Francis (6-5).

The Red Flash took over in the top of the second, scoring five runs, to take over the lead, 5-1 over ECU. In the top of the seventh, St. Francis earned ECU its more run and in the bottom of the seventh, the Pirates closed out the night with an additional run, giving the Red Flash the 7-2 advantage.

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-Courtney Oliver

ECU started the final day of the tournament by taking the series against Bucknell, winning 1-0. Both ECU and Bucknell were off to a sluggish start on the day, as the game saw three scoreless innings.

The Pirates rallied behind the pitching of junior righty Lydia Ritchie, who tossed her second complete-game shutout of the season, striking out two batters.

"It was just a great effort. We played pretty good defense. Pitching by Lydia Ritchie was phenomenal and our hitters stuck to their approach at bat," Oliver said.

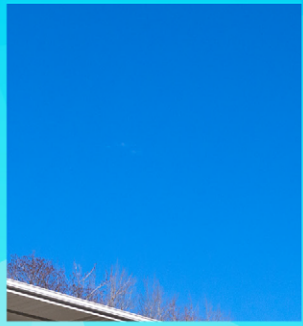
Closing out the Pirate Clash, ECU added an 8-5 win over St. Francis. Casey Alcorn hit a homer to start things off in the top of the first, 2-0. The Red Flash then tied things up in the bottom of the inning, as they also hit a homerun to tie things up 2-2.

In the bottom of the second, the Red Flash managed to get three more runs past the Pirates, giving them a 5-2 advantage.

In the top of the fourth, junior right fielder Kacie Oshiro and Alcorn strung together hits, allowing ECU to tie things back up, 5-5.

Sophomore first baseman Kerry Butler helped get the Pirates regain the lead with an RBI base knock that allowed Smith home, followed by Briggs who brought two more runners home, putting ECU up, 8-5, in the top of the sixth.

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