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The ECU Board of Trustees gathers for session in Sep. 2019 to discuss ongoing topics of enrollment, finances and collaboration efforts.

OSSR strike policy verified

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Earlier this month, Club 519 owners from Uptown Greenville met with East Carolina University Vice Chancellor, Virginia Hardy, to discuss a follow up that turned into a discussion of student discipline in relation to drinking.

Bar owners present at the meeting included StillLife, 5th Street Distillery, Pantana Bobs, Club 519 and Buggy's. Club 519 owner Rob Waldron said the meeting initially began with a general conversation about how to make everyone downtown and within ECU administration happy. Waldron spoke up as the conversation turned to drinking tickets.

"I told them (ECU administration) that I don't trust them. I think if not the university itself, then people working for the university are against downtown and out to get us. Even if it isn't university policy, there are people on campus that have called ALE or Greenville Police to instigate investigations, mass ID checks, and underage ticketing," Waldron said.

A tweet posted by Club 519 after the meeting sparked conversation among ECU students in regard to ECU's policies surrounding underage ticketing. Multiple users commented that they were told by ECU's Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSSR) that if they had over two underage tickets, they would be expelled or suspended. Many cited a "three strike" policy mentioned to them by administration.

ECU Alumna, Jackie, who wished to be identified by only her first name, said she has had a long ordeal with the OSSR. Jackie graduated from ECU with a BS in Anthropology in 2016, and a BA in Criminal Justice in 2019, after beginning her education with ECU back in 2005.

A few months into her freshman year at ECU in 2005, Jackie was written up for drinking in the dorms, but did not receive a drinking ticket. She then got an underage drinking ticket downtown at Element. Two years later, she said she was driving and got pulled over for an incomplete stop. Her official charge was driving after consumption and being under 21, and an underage drinking ticket. She did not receive a DUI.

"My experience with the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities was the worst. I got an email saying that my actions went against the code of conduct and as a result I was being suspended and needed to come in to sign some paperwork. I was told that I violated their three strikes rule, and that my first offense was "so severe" that it counted twice. They told me I was suspended for a whole

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BOT accused of bribery

Members allegedly tamper with campaign

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Monday morning, two members of East Carolina University's Board of Trustees, Phil Lewis and Robert Moore, were accused of allegedly offering financial and political support to a student who may run for president of the Student Government Association.

In a resolution released by the UNC Association of Student Governments (UNCASG), it was revealed that UNCASG received a letter from the leadership of the East Carolina University Board of Trustees on Jan. 18 that claimed that Lewis and Moore had offered a student financial support in order to run for Student Body President.

"These two trustees allegedly offered financial support of the student's potential campaign; and, the two trustees allegedly



offered to use their positions to obtain student information that could be of use to the student's potential campaign," the resolution said.

The East Carolinian reached out to both Moore and Lewis for a statement on the issue and both members gave the same statement, cited below.

"We have been made aware of the allegations and have faith that the University Governance committee of the UNC Board of Governors will gather all relevant information and facts. We have confidence they will make an appropriate decision," the statement from both Lewis and Moore said.

After reaching out to Colin Johnson, ECU's SGA president on Monday morning, he agreed to give a statement, but neglected to follow up.

Lewis and Moore were appointed into the ECU Board of Trustees in early July 2019, along with Thomas Segrave, Angela

Moss and Thomas Furr. Notably, Lewis and Moore are previously cited in the report released by international law firm, Womble Bond and Dickinson, who were hired to look into the events surrounding Dan Gerlach's controversial night in downtown Greenville in September.

On Sept. 30 at 10:04 a.m., the report detailed that both Robert Moore and Phil Lewis received an email regarding Gerlach from John Q Public, the anonymous email account that sent out the original media packages of Dan Gerlach to media outlets, and was subsequently wiped from all records.

The resolution called for the UNCBOT to investigate the situation to determine the outcome for Lewis and Moore.

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East Carolina campus provides recycling bins to dispose of plastics.

Contamination affects recycling

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Contaminated recyclables in Greenville have led to a decrease in available materials for recycling facilities, removal of recycling bins around the community and has cost the county some money.

Recycling coordinator for the City of Greenville, Holly Parrott, said the East Carolina Vocational Center used to process about 900 tons of recyclable material every month, but recently it has only processed about 500 tons every month.

Parrott said the decrease in available recyclable material is caused by contamination, or non-recyclable material being mixed in with the recyclables and added that student living developments are among the worst contaminators.

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International players thrive with ECU

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Moving at any time in your life can be a difficult process, particularly if it is your first time striking out on your own. For many people their first time doing so is when they go to college and many students choose to attend out-of-state universities.

According to a New York Times article by Nick Strayer, as of 2016, North Carolina public colleges take in almost 4,000 students from out of state each year. However, coming in from another state is nothing compared to coming from overseas, especially to play a Division I collegiate sport.

The difficulties many international student-athletes face are in many ways the same as that of coming in from out of state. Being far from home, having to meet new people, having to adjust to doing many things that you hadn't had to do before, from doing your own laundry to maybe preparing your own meals. Add on top of that the cultural differences these students have to adapt to from the food, to style and even the weather.



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Freshman Federico Masetti warms up earlier in the season.

"One of the things I found toughest to get used to was the food," sophomore Diogo Marques of the men's tennis team said. "Also the schedules. Here we start pretty early, in Portugal we start more in the night and I would easily get home at 10 and eat at 10:30."

Division I athletics are famous for the stress and difficulty they put on the athletes. Not only do they have to balance going to class, doing homework, studying, and writing essays or making presentations, their days also consist of meetings, practices, weight lifting, and whatever else their sport demands of them.

San Francisco 49ers cornerback Richard Sherman famously said about student athletes day to day in college, "I would love for a regular student to have a student-athletes schedule during the season, for just one quarter or just one semester and show me how you balance that. Show me how you would balance that, show me how you would

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BRIEFS

Students provided with voter registration opportunity

Today The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement will host a Voter Registration Drive from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Main Campus Student Center. Students will have the opportunity to participate in voter engagement and receive free items after registration.

Josten to display official ECU class rings

Today Josten representatives will preview East Carolina University official graduation rings from 4 to 6 p.m. in Dowdy Student Stores located in the Main Campus Student Center. Students with more than 60 credit hours will be able to size and order their class ring.

LWCC to host cultural film session

Today the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will host "Reel Talk: All in my Family" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. located on first floor of the Main Campus Student Center. The discussion will feature a Chinese gay filmmaker who documents his love while being apart of a traditional Chinese family.

Pirate Media 1 to celebrate publication launch

Tomorrow Pirate Media 1 will host a housewarming party and handout Expressions magazines from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Medenhall Southeast Patio. Students will be provided with free food and a fresh copy of Expressions.

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Three year old beagle Harley protects Vidant Medical Center patient Thomas Radford against Clostridium Difficile while he enjoys her visit.

Beagle sniffs out high risk disease

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Beagles are known for their noses and Harley, a three year old Beagle, uses her incredible nose at Vidant Health to sniff out a life-threatening bacterial infection known as Clostridium Difficile (C. Diff).

Professor of medicine and section head of the Division of Infectious Diseases in the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University Paul Cook said that he first began his search for a dog like Harley when he asked his colleagues if they knew a dog trainer in the area. Cook said he was given Keith Pittman's name who had formerly worked in a lab at the Brody School of Medicine.

Cook said he wanted a dog that could hunt out C. Diff after reading reports from the Netherlands about a dog named Cliff who is able to sniff out patients at his local hospital. He said C. Diff was discovered years ago, but the effects are still taken seriously to this day.

"Clostridioides is what we call an anaerobic bacterium that was discovered almost a century

ago and was determined to be the cause of these patients who get diarrhea after being on antibiotics probably about 40 years ago," Cook said.

Clostridium Difficile is a bacterium that can cause symptoms ranging from diarrhea to life-threatening inflammation of the colon, according to Cook. He said the patient who is on antibiotics has their bacteria wiped out and the bacteria soon becomes resistant to other antibiotics to the point where it builds.

Harley has sniffed for five months at Vidant Health and Cook said what happens is he will go in and ask the patient if it is okay if Harley comes in to sniff the room for C. Diff and so far no one has denied her access. Once Harley enters the room she is given a cue and starts sniffing for C. Diff and if she finds it she will sit down near the spot to alert everyone so the spot is bleached.

"She was trained on a culture of C. Diff from the hospital lab and we gave her a stool that tested positive for C. Diff and a stool that tested negative because we wanted to make sure she wasn't just smelling the stool," Cook said.

Harley's owners Keith and Laura Pittman founded Sniff us Out LLC, a business to train dogs for C. Diff, this past year to start training more dogs to be like Harley. Sniff us Out LLC is Laura said

they are working to develop a string of C. Diff dogs to serve at various hospitals and nursing homes.

Keith Pittman was contacted by Cook to train a dog in the US because of his reputation as a dog trainer and his career at the school of medicine working in the department of surgery.

"We are thankful to be able to give back to the community and help stop the spread of spores and other people getting sick," Laura Pittman said.

Harley is a well loved Laura Pittman dog with an important job that can determine the health of hundreds of people. She does this through her training of sniffing environmental sources that may have been missed by normal cleaning Laura said.

Along with doing her job Harley's owners say that her biggest personality trait is that she loves people and doing her job. With the love for these she is rewarded with treats and love not only from the Pittman's but from nurses, doctors, lab technicians and many more people at the hospital.

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Paul Cook



Laura Pittman

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year," Jackie said.

Jackie said that the thing that frustrates her most about her experience was she watched a fellow student get arrested, for the same reason, who did not receive the same consequences as her due to his status at ECU.

"The most infuriating thing about this is that the same night I was arrested, one of the guys on the football team was also arrested with a DUI for blowing more than twice the legal limit. I don't remember his name, but it was a news-worthy story in the paper and circulated around every other school in our conference. He ended up starting in the game that weekend," Jackie said.

Associate Dean of Students and Director of the OSSR, Leila Faranesh, said that the OSSR does not expel based on a second drinking ticket and doesn't have a three-strike policy. She said OSSR takes each case individually and follows the sanctioning guidelines put into place by ECU.

Faranesh pointed out that suspension and expulsion are different. Suspension is removal or separation from the institution for a designated period of time. Expulsion is permanent removal from the institution, where after five year's time the student can petition to return to the university under suspension, according to Faranesh.

"If a student gets a drinking ticket and they're facing expulsion, it's most likely due to their prior conduct history. Two drinking citations would not get somebody suspended or expelled unless they had a prior record that would warrant it," Faranesh said.

She said she directs students to the Code of Conduct, which she and all of ECU strongly advises students to review.

While the code of conduct at ECU remains clear to students and available online, students replying to Club 519's tweet claim OSSR mentioned a three-strike system to many of them, which according to Faranesh, is not policy.

After informing to Jackie that OSSR does not have a three strike policy, she is still in disbelief about it.

"They're lying, for sure. I was on academic suspension for a couple of semesters after the fact, but the semester had already started when I was arrested for the incomplete stop. It had zero to do with academics. I wasn't in any other legal trouble before or anytime after," said Jackie.

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"As far as college students, I don't blame them for the mistakes they make because a lot of them come from other places where some of these things are recyclable," Parrott said. "The common misconception is that something that is recyclable one place is recyclable everywhere and it's not."

In response to the contamination issue, Parrott and the City of Greenville launched an anti-contamination campaign to alleviate issues and promote conscious recycling.

Parrott said the city has already started placing tags on recycling bins, indicating the quality of recyclable materials. Green means the materials were good, yellow means the materials were moderate, and eventually red tags will be placed to indicate poor recycling, according to Parrott.

"Everything you put in your recycling bin is touched and sorted by human hands, so keep in mind when you're putting something in there that's dirty or even dangerous, someone has to sort through that," Parrott said.

Operations Manager at East Carolina Vocational Center (ECVC) John Coward said he oversees all recycling and janitorial operations. East Carolina Vocational Center provides jobs and training to hundreds of



John Coward

people with disabilities and has material recovery facility that does Greenville's recycling, according to Coward.

He said contamination is an issue in some places, but not in all places of Greenville and reiterated that contamination isn't necessarily harmful to people, but harmful to the quality of recyclable material.

"When contamination and those things get in the waste stream, it increases production time and decreases the amount of material we can produce," Coward said.

Coward also noted that a lot of contamination comes from student living but added that any place with a large recycling bin normally invites contamination.

However, Coward said residential neighborhoods are typically the largest culprits of recycling contamination and its difficult to go house by house inspecting recyclables.

"It's a cost factor, if a material comes to our location that cannot be recycled we have to sort through it to get what needs to be recycled. It's a labor cost to take out all the trash and it decreases the quality," Coward said.

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OUR VIEW

Transition to Canvas poorly timed for students

After 20 years with Blackboard, East Carolina University has put a deadline for all classes to make the switch to Canvas in the fall of 2020.

This semester, however, professors were given the option between jumping to Canvas or using Blackboard for their classes. This has caused a bit of frustration amongst students who are so close to graduation because they have to learn how to use a new software.

ECU has assured both students and professors that the change will be beneficial due to Canvas' sounder technology and more consistent uniformity compared to Blackboard's.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, appreciate the money and effort being put into giving students a better quality learning tool but it could have been better implemented.

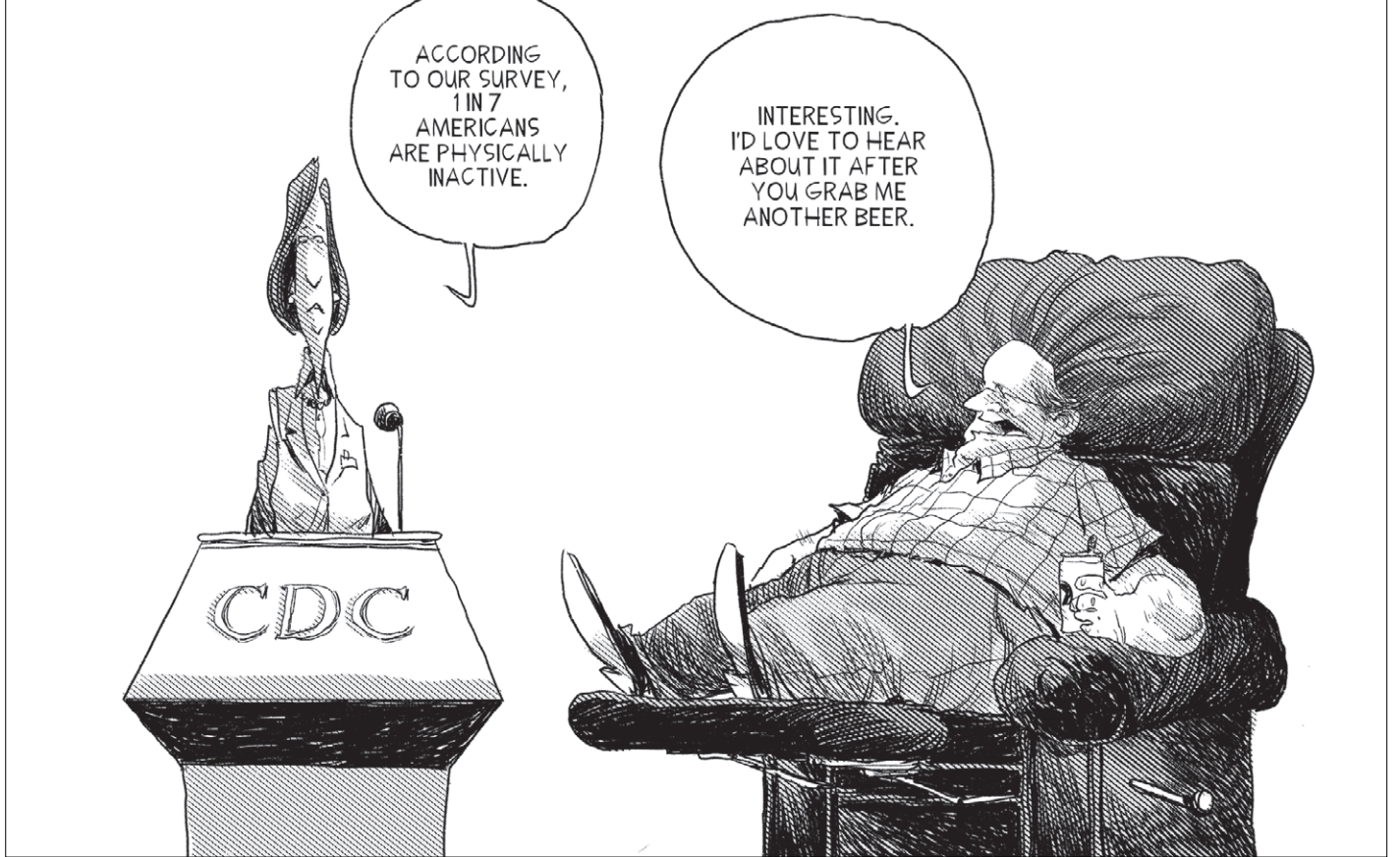
Giving the professors the option of picking one platform over the other this semester has caused frustration and some confusion. We think it would have been a better overall solution to move the entire school over at once.

Currently it seems like many professors are still using Blackboard and are hesitant to make the jump to canvas, because they, like many of us, don't know the software either. However, some professors have made the move and are having to not only learn the software themselves, but teach it to their students.

This takes up a lot of time and causes frustration in both professors and students. A better solution to this might have been to allow access to professors who wanted to learn Canvas and how it works, give students the option of watching an online tutorial before use and moved the entire university over in the fall 2020 semester.

As of now, we have a little under 200 days before the switch is made completely and with the semester well underway whichever side was chosen

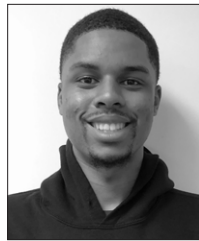
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Live life like Black Mamba

Kobe Bryant inspired many both on and off the court

Doing the Dan thing



Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

People all over the world have heard the news of the passing of National Basketball Association (NBA) legend Kobe Bryant Sunday due to a helicopter crash. The death of Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter Giana has hit fellow athletes, sports fans and spectators, both young and old, hard. I believe and know that the legacy of Bryant, aka the Black Mamba, will live forever not only among athletes but also among those who aspired to have that "Mamba"-like mentality.

When I first heard the news I was in complete disbelief. Bryant was just on Instagram and Twitter congratulating current NBA player LeBron James on moving ahead of him on the all-time scoring list Saturday night. TMZ first reported the death of Bryant. When I saw, I along with many others most likely wanted to wait until ESPN and NBA reporter Adrian Wojnarowski confirmed the reports to fully grasp and at least try to accept the thought that Bryant was gone.

We all remember what Bryant did for the game of basketball when he won his five NBA titles in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2009 and 2010 winning finals MVP in both 2009 and 2010. He was the most valuable player in the NBA in 2008, an 11-time member of the All-NBA first team, a two-time member in both All-NBA second and third teams. Bryant was part of the NBA All-Defensive first team nine times, and second team three times. He was also a two-time scoring champion in his 20-year

career that went from 1996 to 2016. He was third on the all-time scoring list with 33,643 points before being surpassed James on Saturday.

Bryant was enjoying retirement, still staying close to the game enough. He had written books such as "Mamba Mentality" and "Training Camp." He had his own show called "Detail" where he took a look at different players and analyzed their respective games.

While we as sports fans may focus on what he did on the court, it was what he did off the court that cemented his legacy as a legend and icon to everyone that looked up to him. He was a great father to his four children, he was a great husband to his wife Vanessa Bryant, and was a great role model to everyone that looked up to him and aspired to be like him whether it was on or off the court.

"It wasn't just about basketball with him, it was about life and that 'Mamba Mentality' wasn't something that was reserved for just basketball players or just for athletes," Stephen A. Smith said on ESPN and Sportscenter on Sunday. "It was for any human being out there who had a dream or who felt the need to be inspired about something, who wanted something so badly, it was about going out and getting it and he was just that kind of guy."

What Smith said about Bryant helps cement and show what type of human being and the guy he was throughout his lifetime, especially during his NBA career and life after that. I know many of us remember tossing away a piece of paper or trash in the trash can yelling "Kobe" when we did that. We also remember how Bryant introduced to us the Mamba Mentality, which was basically the killer instinct we had to have to make our

dreams become realities.

Seeing how Bryant passed away only a few years (almost four) after he retired from playing the game of basketball put a lot of things into perspective. Bryant said in an interview back in 2008 with CBS, "Have a good time. Life is too short to get bogged down and be discouraged. You have to keep moving. You have to keep going. Put one foot in front of the other, smile, and just keep on rolling."

One post I saw on Instagram that started to trend was the idea of changing the NBA logo to Bryant shooting his signature jumpshot. Considering the type of player he was and the fact that he has left so suddenly due to unfortunate events, I would not be opposed to that idea at all.

Students and faculty at East Carolina University get to rock the same colors Bryant wore during his 20 year NBA career, purple and gold. I can't speak for anyone else but what I can say for myself is that I am going to take the Mamba Mentality Bryant created and those words Bryant said back in 2008 and instill those same two concepts into my mindset as I move forward. As Bryant said back in 2016 to end his career, I want to say the same thing to end this piece as I cope with this loss, "Mamba out." He will be missed and his legacy as a legend and an icon on and off the court will be remembered forever.

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Hair does not define work ethic



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If you have been following the news other than the big ones like the coronavirus, the impeachment trial, or the 2020 presidential elections, then you may or may not know about the controversy over the high school senior in

Texas who was told he couldn't walk with his graduating class unless he cut off his dreads because it didn't "follow school rules."

Now you may be wondering why this issue is a big deal. "It's just hair, why does it matter?" or "It was part of the school rules, he should've followed it." The reason why it was a big issue is because for many years workplaces and schools have often discriminated against African-American hairstyles.

According to an article by The Washington Post, Black hairstyles have a long history of being politicized and stigmatized in workplaces for both men and women. In the past, African-Americans had to conform with the "Western beauty standards" by wearing wigs, relaxing or straightening their hair, or simply getting haircuts.

It wasn't until recent years that several states including New Jersey, Tennessee, Michigan and several others called for a law to be passed to ban discrimination against

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race-based hair in workplaces, schools and other public places.

Hairstyles such as afros, box braids or dreadlocks, are often seen as some of the following words: unprofessional, unclean, tuggish and many other words that may not be appropriate for this article. But let me tell you that a person's hairstyle DOES NOT define their work ethic and capability of being a genuine human being.

I had my dreads for almost a year because of many reasons; a lot of people in my family has them, I thought they were cool and unique, I despised getting my hair done almost every month and it symbolizes my culture of being an African-American woman. To be 100% real about all of this, when I first decided to get my dreadlocks, I was afraid that one day I would be turned down from a great opportunity just because of my hair because it's seen as "unprofessional" or "unkempt." I do not have that mentality today because I was able to step out of the western beauty standards and learned

to love my natural hair, to be unique and embrace my black culture.

I know you might be still be thinking "Why should anyone care about this?" or, "How does this pertain to me?" Well, it's to highlight the racial discrimination that is still going on in 2020 that the media is not always willing to talk about. Whether you believe that this is still happening or not, let me tell you it is.

Please recognize that people are not conforming to the old societal beauty standards anymore because we realize that any hairstyle, not just for African-Americans, does not affect how we do our jobs or how we act and that we should be able to express ourselves in our own way. Admire the individuality and always remember this wonderful quote I like to tell people: Do not touch my hair.

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'I'm a college baseball rat so to speak'

Jason Dietrich brings past coaching experience to ECU

Daniel Shepard
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"I'm a college baseball rat so to speak," East Carolina University baseball pitching coach Jason Dietrich said during his team's media day last week.

Dietrich, the Pirates' first-year pitching coach, joins the program following several successful seasons on the west coast, bringing a wealth of experience with him to the east coast. Tabbed as the 2016 Collegiate Baseball Pitching Coach-of-the-Year, Dietrich spent the last trio of years guiding the University of Oregon pitching staff.

While Dietrich, as well as the entirety of the Ducks' pitching staff was let go after a 27-29 season and a 5.93 staff ERA in 2019, the veteran coach still brings plenty to the table.

"He was national pitching coach of the year, that's pretty cool," ECU head baseball coach Cliff Godwin said. "I saw that pop out on his resume. He's been to Omaha, he's coached in the World Series. He's an unbelievable pitching coach."

In 2015, Dietrich directed Cal State Fullerton's pitching staff to post the best strikeout-to-walk ratio in the country for the third consecutive year as they accumulated a sparkling 2.89 staff ERA that season.

On that back of a superior pitching staff, Cal State Fullerton advanced into the College World Series, defeating the University of Louisville in the Louisville Super Regional. Against Vanderbilt University, however, Dietrich's squad ran into two future Major League draft picks in right-handed pitcher Kyle Wright and right-handed pitcher Alex Lange and was bounced from the series.

Nevertheless, Dietrich was part of four Regional and two Super Regional wins that baked plenty of experience into the future Pirate.

Dietrich was hired on Aug. 1, 2019 to fulfill Godwin's coaching staff with both parties crediting Greenville, North Carolina native and former ECU player Bryant Ward in making the connection possible.

"When you know one of your best friends Bryant Ward has an unbelievable relationship in him (Dietrich) and you can trust what Bryant says and you know he's a great person, that's what sold me. I knew he was going to work hard and be invested in our program," Godwin said.

Ward, who now coaches at the University of California, Los Angeles, as well as another former ECU player, Brett Lindgren, helped Dietrich make his decision to switch coasts and join Pirate Nation.

Lindgren, whose name is etched in ECU lore as the first player to steal a base in Clark-LeClair Stadium on March 4, 2005, now coaches at the University of California, Davis as the Aggies' assistant coach.

"The chance to talk to those guys numerous times, they've always spoken highly of the program," Dietrich said. "The intensity of the atmosphere, everything about the program."

In his first year on the job in Greenville, Dietrich garnered at least one look from a major league franchise interested in adding him to its coaching ranks. Fresh from the west coast, Dietrich declined to entertain an offer from the San Francisco Giants and instead chose to



Cliff Godwin



Redshirt senior right-handed pitcher Cam Colmore delivers a pitch in an ECU baseball scrimmage during the fall of 2019.

stay with the Pirates.

An ECU pitching staff that posted the second-best ERA in the American Athletic Conference returned a great deal of experience for 2020. While names like Jake Agnos, Sam Lanier and Evan Voliva have moved on, left-handers Jake Kuchmaner and Alec Bursleson and right-handers Gavin Williams and Tyler Smith project to eat up sufficient innings for ECU this season.

Nevertheless, a slew of newcomers greet Dietrich who spent the entirety of the fall attempting to build relationships with his pitchers.

"It's been continuously going," Dietrich said. "As soon as you get here, my job has been to get to know these guys. Coach Godwin, coach (Jeff) Palumbo, they've filled me in, they've given me all the information on each guy. So my job is to continuously grow and build that individual relationship with each guy."

Having gained experience in the past coaching some of the best collegiate pitchers in the country, Dietrich will once again be afforded that opportunity. Kuchmaner, the only pitcher to throw a perfect game in program history, posted a 2.99 ERA across 87.1 innings in 2019. Bursleson, one of the nation's top two-way players, boasted a 3.28 ERA and 68 strikeouts over 60.1 frames one season ago.

While Williams, the flame-throwing righty, and Smith struggled, another year of development and some new ideas could make all the difference.

Williams has said he is working on a slider to pair with his fastball and curveball combination while using mental drills and shadow bullpens to help with his control issues (4.2 BB/9 in '19).

Smith, who struggled to the tune of a 5.57 ERA in 74.1 innings last season, looked good during fall scrimmages as the staff adapts to Dietrich's style.

"Just everyday him telling us how to go about our business, giving us our own freedom but then him going back to what has helped him in the past," Smith said. "Giving it to us and then giving it to the new guys and letting the seniors and juniors, guys with experience, teach them about the game."

No doubt one of the more experienced groups in the country, ECU's weekend rotation is shaping up to be comprised of two juniors and a senior, a fact that could make Dietrich's job

an easy one.

Nevertheless, the Pirates' bullpen figures to be packed with junior college and freshmen talent, making leadership at the top crucial.



Jason Dietrich

"Coach Dietrich, coach (Austin) Knight have done tremendous jobs, the newcomers have learned how to work consistently, which is the most important thing," Godwin said.

As Opening Day in the collegiate ranks draws near, Dietrich can be spotted strolling from dugout to dugout as his pitchers participate in spring scrimmages. Calling out number sequences that correspond to pitches and pitch location, Dietrich seems to have settled into his new job.

Nearly six months into his tenure, Dietrich is also beginning to learn the surrounding area and its citizens' hunger for good baseball from the Pirates.

"Just seeing how much support there is and just hearing how much is baseball, baseball town," Dietrich said. "The buildup for me is continuously growing how much people love and follow baseball."

Fresh off a Super Regional run and a historic 20-4 mark in league play, Godwin's squad is shooting for something more. With a thinned hitting core, a huge portion of success for the Pirates will come from its experienced and battle-tested starting pitching.

In a year that involved a cross-country move and the promise of a fresh start at a traditionally successful program, Dietrich has brought postseason experience and knowledge to a team with growing expectations.

"It's just uprooting the family and coming out here and going for this great opportunity that coach Godwin presented," Dietrich said.

The Pirates' 2020 season begins on Feb. 14 when the College of William & Mary visits Clark-LeClair Stadium. First pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m.

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schedule your classes when you can't schedule classes from 2-6 p.m. on any given day."

For many of the student-athletes who go and play Division I sports, their recruitment starts early into their high school careers and with today's social media, that is where a lot of them go to put their names out there. Highlight videos and sports edits are an incredibly popular way for young players to make a name for themselves and it is relatively easy to do. However, for international players there is an additional step.

"I got in contact with an overboarder back home in the Netherlands, who was from Belgium and actually played college tennis as well," junior men's tennis player Wisse Jonker said. "I had a meeting with him and we made a video, and then he basically modified the video and everything and sent it across all the United States to all the universities with his company."

Agencies like the National Scouting Report (NSR) and Athletes USA are two of the biggest recruitment agencies based in the U.S. but have expanded to be global organizations. Agencies like these help domestic and international students get their names out in hopes of helping the students receive scholarships and eventually make it big in their respective sports.

"There are international showcases, recruiting agencies, and videos that they can place on Youtube on their own," women's tennis associate head coach Kristen Burgess said. "But it is often hard to truly judge what a player is like in a video so the showcases are definitely our top choice."

Tours and face-to-face meetings are standard for any recruitment for any athlete but being able to meet face-to-face with an international player obviously presents its own set of challenges.

"We are big fans of doing our best to try to explore every means to get to know them that we can as far as the financial ability to do that and the timing, because sometimes just being in season makes it a little more difficult," men's tennis head coach Shawn Heinchon said. "In a perfect world if we can go see them where they are from, that's what we like to do maybe more so than even having them come here, because that way we can see them play more, we can see them practice and train in their environment."

For the coaches though, they know that making sure the students are able to adjust and feel comfortable in a new country is the most important thing.

"We are their home away from home, their parents away from their parents," Burgess said. "I think it is most important for them to know that we are here for them and we care for them like our own children."

Overcoming the cultural differences and adjusting to a new life is difficult for anyone, but as athletes, it is just another obstacle they need to overcome to be able to become the best they can be.



Kristen Burgess

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Sophomore Simon Labbe and freshman Nelson Stafford playing doubles against NC Central on Friday.

ECU improves to 2-0

Brendan Cavazos
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University (2-0) men's tennis team battled the University of North Carolina Asheville (1-1) on Sunday afternoon, giving it its second win of the weekend. The team crushed its opponent, barely giving up any matches. The Pirates swept the doubles and dominated the singles as well, finishing with a 6-1 win over UNC Asheville.

"We lost to Asheville last year so it's very rewarding to see us get through this one today," head coach Shawn Heinchon said. "I thought from the moment we started our energy was unbelievable, our focus was even better, and it showed in our performance."

The Pirates dominated the doubles matches, winning two in a row leaving the third unfinished. The first ECU win came from sophomore Simon Labbe and junior Agustín Tamagnone with a final of 6-1. Sophomore Diogo Marques and freshman Frederico Masetti won their match 6-3 to secure the doubles point for ECU.

Marques was able to continue winning in his singles matchup where he defeated his opponent in straight sets 6-2, 6-2. This win gives Marques a 10-0 record in singles matches this year. Senior Javier Renones defeated his opponent in straight sets, also sinning 6-2, 6-2.

UNC Asheville scored its first and only point after Labbe took a tough loss. The matches were tightly contested and ended 7-5, 7-5 in favor of UNC Asheville. The Pirate victory was soon claimed by Tamagnone, who defeated his opponent 6-1, 6-4. Junior Wisse Jonker followed up by winning his match 6-2, 6-3.

To end the day, Masetti battled for three sets against UNC Asheville's Quinn Fender. Masetti initially led the first set, but fell 5-7 to Fender. The second set was taken quickly by Masetti by winning six games straight. To end the match, Masetti took the final set 1-0 (10-5).

"I'd like to compliment our senior leadership in [Renones], I think he's doing a great job," Heinchon said. "All through our line-up our guys are performing and trying as hard as they can, but it really starts with our senior."

The Pirates opened their season Friday against North Carolina Central University (0-3). ECU dominated the matchup, winning all of the singles matches and losing only one doubles match.

East Carolina will host the United States Naval Academy (2-2) next Friday at 2:30 p.m. at home.

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Greenville Little League is seeking baseball umpires for the 2020 season. No experience is

necessary however it is helpful to have some baseball background. An informational meeting for prospective umpires will be held Sunday, February 9 from 5:30-6:30 at Elm Street Park (1055 South Elm Street). Questions may be directed to Brian Weingartz at baawein@aol.com or 252-341-5680.

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Reconsider upcoming events and actions. Plot your moves in advance. A dream can be realized with discipline and practical efforts. Keep costs down.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- A team dream appears within reach. Don't take action out of peer pressure. Plan, strategize and coordinate your moves for practical ease and efficiency.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Pursue a professional dream with unreasonable persistence and patience. Reinforce foundational structures. Balance numbers and schedule concrete actions. Discuss future options and plans.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Make sure plans, reservations and coordinated connections are set before embarking on a journey. Monitor weather and conditions for smooth sailing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Discuss long-term dreams and fantasies with your partner. Speculate and then align on practical possibilities to pursue together. Adjust budgets for this new reality.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Things could get dreamy with your sweetheart. Talk about hopes, dreams and visions. Listen with heartfelt emotions and indulge imaginative speculation for new possibilities together.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Assess physical progress. The rules could seem to change mid-game. You can accomplish great things; monitor conditions closely. Articulate and refine an inspiring mission.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Romance sparkles. Make sure that you and your sweetheart are on the same wavelength. Patiently share respect and kindness. Practice your persuasive arts and charms.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Put in more time planning before committing to an expensive overhaul. Domestic renovations can realize a dream; you don't need frills. Simplicity adds elegance.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Edit and prepare your creative project before presenting. False hopes get shattered. Don't reveal a surprise before it's ready. Beautify details, refine and polish.

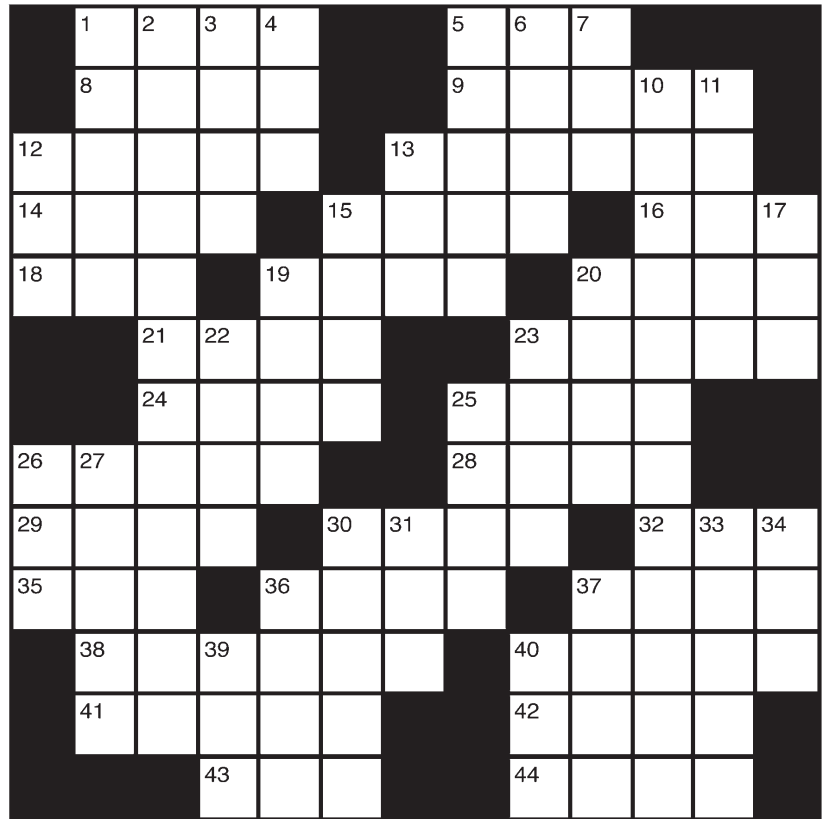
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Plug financial leaks and leave your money where it is. Avoid expensive extras. Provide a generous spread without extravagance. A dream is worth saving for.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Review plans for a personal project. Illusions could distract your view. Hold your temper and consider consequences before acting. Pursue a dream with practical steps.

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- Game show host __ Carey
- __ Life to Live
- Actor __ Auberjonois
- Role on "Leave It to Beaver"
- Actress Diana and her family
- Entice; charm
- "Resident __"; Milla Jovovich sci-fi horror movie
- Max of "Barney Miller"
- "Message __ Bottle"; Kevin Costner movie
- __, Dear
- Gentle; easy to handle
- Quantities: abbr.
- "Dr. __"
- Sword fights
- __ Improvement
- "My Three __"
- Loses one's footing
- Nobel-winning African bishop
- "A __ of Two Cities"
- Popular '70s carpet style
- Mexican Mrs.
- Type of sandwich, for short
- Actress Helgenberger

- "Planet of the __"; Charlton Heston/Roddy McDowall movie
- Joan or her daughter Melissa
- "My Big Fat __ Wedding"
- Lt. __ Van Buren; role on "Law & Order"
- Many ballpoint pens
- Slangy refusal
- Fill completely

DOWN

- Carey Mulligan/Ryan Gosling movie
- Kelly Ripa's longtime cohost
- High school subj.
- Jazz guitarist __ Montgomery
- Stan Laurel's pal, familiarly
- Not valid
- Large bird that cannot fly
- Series for Maria Bello
- Barbra Streisand movie
- Alejandro __ of "The Flying Nun"
- Initials for Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
- Storm or Gordon
- Donkey
- Conway and Russell
- Bee, to Sheriff Andy Taylor
- Actress Lange
- Role on "The King of Queens"
- Male deer
- Easy and Sesame: abbr.
- Melissa Gilbert's role on "Little House on the Prairie"
- __ Michelle Gellar
- Clock divisions: abbr.
- Actress Della __
- "__ This Old House"; home repair series
- "As I was going to St. Ives, I __ man with seven wives..."
- Opera solo
- Actor __ Diesel
- Playwright Shaw's monogram

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8 p.m.

TOMORROW

Highland Flight Night
Dickinson Avenue Public House
5:30 p.m.

The Blue Jackal Under The Tree
Greenville Museum of Art
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12th Annual Joyner Library School of Art and Design Graduate Student Art Exhibit
Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery
8 a.m.

THURSDAY

Live Music at Jack Browns
Jack Brown's Beer & Burger Joint
7 p.m.



East Coast Collection owners, Rece Tuten and Vaughn Tate, poses with vintage East Carolina University jackets inside their shop located in Winterville, NC.

Affordable vintage fashion

East Coast Collection hopes to leave an impact on ECU

Hannah Bolick
TEC STAFF

From thrift-shops, roadside shops, family members, friends and even strangers, Rece Tuten and Vaughn Tate, owners of East Coast Collection, are always on the lookout for new clothes for their shop. East Coast Collection is based primarily on Instagram where Tuten and Tate post pictures of available merchandise and people can DM them to claim items. In addition to the online shop, they also have a physical location that is open by appointment only. The shop got its start when Tuten and Tate were in high school together at South Central located in Winterville, NC. Tuten said that he was always trying to keep up with the latest trends and eventually decided that he wanted to develop his own style. "I kinda wanted to like be different and branch off so then I kinda just started thrifting a lot and just

collecting a lot and trying to get old clothes from just any way possible," Tuten said. Even before East Coast Collection, Tuten said he had always had an interest in selling things, starting with honey buns and knock-off Supreme stickers. When he started collecting and selling snapbacks at school, his friend and now business partner, Tate, began helping him run the operation. Soon after, the pair began selling clothes in addition to hats. "That's how I started with him (Tuten), just getting into the clothes on him. Like we'd been friends but when he started doing the clothes, like I dipped in with it. And like just started going to thrifts with him and like so we both knew we had an interest in it, and just started doing it together," Tate said.



Rece Tuten

Now the shop sells a wide variety of items, including puffer jackets, sneakers, hockey jerseys, basketball jerseys, name brands like Champion and Tommy Hilfiger, lots of ECU themed clothing and more. Not only do they offer a variety of options, Tuten and Tate said that everything they sell is totally authentic and much of what they sell are the kinds of things that consumers aren't really going to be able to find anywhere else. In the future, Tuten and Tate said they are hoping to open a storefront location of their shop and in the meantime plan to do more pop-up shops to draw attention to their growing brand. Tate said they are hoping "to take on Greenville at large and leave an impact on ECU." This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

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Local artist uses music to improve yoga lessons

Olan Bryant
TEC STAFF

Purple Blossom Yoga Studio will host local music artist Lawrence "Lipbone" Redding as part of their vinyasa lesson tonight at 6. Vinyasa is a form of yoga that links breathing and body movement. Redding, an avid practitioner of yoga who has studied in India, will guide the lesson through the practice of om prana, which strengthens the breath through meditation. According to his website, Redding grew up in Washington, NC and moved to New York City at the age of 21 where he became a subway musician and adopted the nickname Lipbone. Styling himself as a one man orchestra, he performs around 200 engagements a year and has traveled abroad, living in India where he studied yoga and has incorporated Indian classical styles into his music. Redding occasionally returns to North Carolina and has frequently played at the Purple Blossom, actively participating in the lessons. He has also given om prana lessons at the Profound Sound Festival in Tarboro. When asked, Redding explained why he uses his talent to help improve the learning of fellow yoga students. "My purpose is to help facilitate the flow of the lesson. I can help people move through the lesson by easing the struggle," Redding said. Redding also commented on the need to incorporate new methods of learning while also respecting the traditional practice of yoga. "We're trying to create something different with the yoga class, but also sticking to the tradition," Redding said. Purple Blossom opened its doors in 2013 and has been used by East Carolina University students and Greenville residents alike as a place to open their hearts and minds through yoga.



Lipbone Redding poses for the camera with his guitar.

Owners Jess and Jack McNally strive to provide a stress free environment for their students in order to help them grow. Jess McNally spoke on the vinyasa lessons the studio offers and how Redding's music has helped boost the efficiency of the students. "People really enjoyed the fact that it's a form of melodic relaxation while putting in a little work," McNally said. McNally also commented on the fulfillment she draws from watching her students grow in both yoga and life, despite the stresses of ownership. "It is so fulfilling and rewarding to meet people where they are and watch them grow in their day to day lives. As far as relaxation goes, there's never a dull moment," McNally said. For more information on the lesson, visit the Purple Blossom Yoga Studio Facebook page. This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.