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Women's history honored through university events



Claire Tart, a Sup Dogs employee, pours a Shamrock Ale during her shift in preparation for St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN



This March, East Carolina University faculty and students express the importance of recognizing women for their progress and accomplishments throughout history in celebration of Women's History Month.

Ashley Harzog, director of the Women and Gender Office (WGO) at ECU, said the WGO typically posts on social media and holds tabling events for trivia of women's history throughout the month.

Of all the public figures recognized in high school history textbooks, 86.5% of them are men, Harzog said. She said most of these textbooks overlooked the great accomplishments and sacrifices women have made for history throughout the years.

Harzog said Women's History Month is an important celebration because the month allows others to see the contributions made to society by women and the barriers they still face today.

"One of the reasons with Women's History Month or any of the months where we're highlighting a specific identity, we do that because that identity is not talked about enough or because we're so comfortable with hearing from one group of people's perspective of history when we were there the whole time too," Harzog said.

The WGO is identified as the leader of celebrations and events throughout Women's History Month, Harzog said. However, the Office for Equity and Diversity will continue to provide educational resources and historic backgrounds throughout March.

The university celebrated International Women's Day as a part of Women's History Month yesterday, Harzog said. She said there was a luncheon that included a panel of both male and female ECU students discussing the advancements made and barriers broken by women in history.

"The Office for Equity and Diversity is putting on diversity and inclusion week, which is the last week of March, so that intersects with this month as well. Their topic is all about gender and intersectionality and engaging, inspiring and acting along general lines, so there will be some of the (women's) history adjacent and related topics within that week," Harzog said.

Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said Women's History Month was created to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions women have made in the United States and throughout the world.



Ashley Harzog

Celebrations set for holiday

Jacqueline Fischer
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Businesses and restaurants in Greenville, North Carolina, look forward to the celebration of St. Patrick's Day with specials, discounts, themed menu items and events in honor of the holiday.

Starting at Stumpy's Hatchet House, a lucky day is already underway where college students can get a discount that night. Bryton Abrahams, the manager at Stumpy's, said special axe throwing parties or family events will be available where people can win prizes.

"Since St. Patrick's Day falls on a Thursday this year, that's already our College Night. It's already going to be 50% off for college students to come," Abrahams said.

"The games will happen all day from 5 to 10 p.m."

For college students, the 50% off deal is \$12.50 for one hour or \$20 for two. To get these deals college students must show their college ID.

At the Carolina Ale House, they will celebrate the holiday with specials on Reuben Sandwiches and a sale on alcoholic drinks such as Guinness. Jack Brown's Beer and Burger Joint will have special beers that day for St. Patrick's Day with food and alcohol discounts.

Stephanie Hall, a crew member at Pitt Street Brewing Company, said there will be attractions such as a Shamrock Hunt for prizes and themed food items.

"We'll have an Irish food truck, green

beer, two new beer releases, and a Shamrock Hunt for Pitt Street Gift Cards. It'll be open regular hours 2 to 11 p.m. The food truck is Rock Springs, and they will have their Irish menu," Hall said.

At Winslow's Tavern, there will be a St. Patrick's Day menu. Some of the items include a Mega Irish Burger, a Guinness Stout Burger, an Irish salad, "Bangers & Mash," Shepherd's Pie, Guinness Bar-B-Que, and Jameson Whiskey Honey Glazed Wings.

The Blackened Kraken general manager Andrew Kirchner said they will take part in the celebrations and with plans to celebrate the color of the holiday.

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ECU encourages student safety

Varun Joseph
TEC STAFF

As St. Patrick's Day festivities quickly approach, East Carolina University officials and staff discuss student safety surrounding the holiday and the consequences of underage drinking, alcohol abuse, crime in the Uptown area and more.

Hillary Liles, alcohol and other drug staff counselor for the Center for Counseling and Student Development (CCSD) said on holidays such as St. Patrick's Day, ECU students should prepare for larger crowds and potentially unsafe conditions in the Uptown

area. She said it is imperative that students who plan to consume alcohol have peers around them to check on each other.

Liles said students should ideally have a minimal amount of alcohol prior to going out to St. Patrick's Day functions and events in order to have as much control over their choices and body as possible.

"I would just say definitely making sure you (students) follow some of those low-risk drinking strategies that we typically share with students like designating a driver, count how many drinks you have had as a means to mo-

derate yourself and know what you are drinking," Liles said.

Bob Morphet, associate director and licensed clinical addictions specialist of ECU's CCSD, said the best choice when going to Uptown Greenville for St. Patrick's Day is to try to avoid alcohol altogether. He said that in the case of an alcohol-related emergency, students have access to Emergency Medical Services, a residence hall coordinator or the ECU Police Department (ECU PD).

At the least, Morphet said students

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ECU Club Ice Hockey heads to nationals

Reyna Crooms
TEC STAFF

For the first time in East Carolina University history, ECU Club Ice Hockey will travel to West Chester, Pennsylvania, from Friday through Sunday, to compete in the 2022 Confederation Cup under the Collegiate Hockey Federation (CHF).

ECU Club Ice Hockey will compete against three other schools as the players strive to earn their first national title. The team will kick off the tournament at 1:15 p.m. on Friday to take on St. Bonaventure University. From there, the team will play in its second game at noon on Saturday against Farmingdale State College. Lastly, the team will wrap up the tournament at 10 a.m. on March 20 game against Penn State Harrisburg.

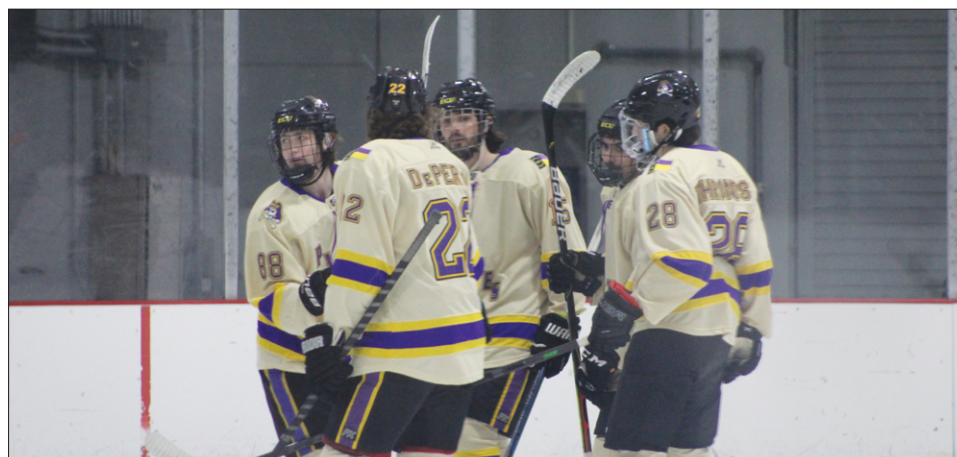
Coach Luc Brozovich has been working with ECU since 2020 and the 2022 CHF National Tournament will mark the end of his first full season with East Carolina. Brozovich originally came from the Uni-

versity of Pittsburgh where he worked as a coach for five seasons. He then briefly worked with Penn State before he made his way to ECU.

"As a coach, it's a recruiting thing when you're trying to compete with other in-state universities," Brozovich said. "Players want to play at a higher level of competition and we want to challenge the program more. We are trying to change the program in a different direction, so part of that reason was stepping up and kinda challenging the players on a new level. Even if we don't win a lot of games, you're just playing better teams and you eventually learn from it."

Brozovich said guys on the team often come up with ideas that the coaches let them run with in game time. He said he and the team's assistants preach the idea of just simple hockey. He tells the guys not to be fancy or overdo anything because at the end of the day "a goal's a goal."

"For the whole season we had a really good fall semester, played some good teams



COURTESY OF SAMANTHA KOMOROWSKI

The players of the East Carolina University Club Ice Hockey team huddle up on the ice.

and had some tough games. We had a little of a rougher spring semester, had a tougher schedule. So preparation wise it helps you whenever you play better teams because you have to step your game up and even if you lose you know you can take from it," Brozovich said.

The team will head into the CHF with seven seniors. Goalies Graham Emmett

and David Cavrak are two seniors who have both been with ECU Club Ice Hockey since their freshman year. Both said they are excited for the team to have the opportunity to compete in the nationals and are proud of how far the program has come over the years.

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BRIEFS

CLCE to host Dinner and Discourse

Tomorrow, the East Carolina University Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) will continue its Dinner and Discourse series from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 249 of the Main Campus Student Center.

LGBTQ Center to hold Beyond the Binary event

Thursday, the East Carolina University Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center will host Beyond the Binary in an effort to celebrate gender diversity from 6 to 7 p.m. in the LGBTQ Center of the Main Campus Student Center.

Health expo to offer student opportunities

Monday, the East Carolina University Pre-Professional Advising organization will present its Health Professions Expo from 4 to 7 p.m. in the ballrooms of the Main Campus Student Center.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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CRIME LOGS

Editor's Note: The East Carolinian Crime Logs are derived from East Carolina University Police Department's (ECU PD) public crime logs accessible to all individuals. Crime Logs are not done within the partnership of ECU PD and The East Carolinian, as this publication is meant to act as an additional resource for Pirate Nation.

Mar. 5, 2022

An open investigation is being conducted for Larceny at Ballard East at 11:52 a.m.

Mar. 6, 2022

Underage Drinking was cleared by prosecution, declined and a referral was issued at Greene Hall at 12:54 a.m.

Mar. 12, 2022

A Warrant Service for Other Agency was cleared by arrest at MacGregor Downs Road and 5th Street at 11:40 a.m.

The following charges were cleared by arrest at 4:15 a.m. at Cotanche Street and Reade Street: Speeding to Flee/Elude Arrest (Felony), Careless and Reckless Driving and Failing to Heed to Blue Lights and Siren.

Mar. 13, 2022

An open investigation is being conducted for Second Degree Forcible Rape at White Hall at 1 a.m.



JAYLIN ROBERTS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Located in the Rawl Building, an East Carolina University professor provides in-person instruction for her classroom by sharing a presentation.

Faculty call for resources, support

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TEC STAFF

Rachana Charla
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN



While in-person classes are in full swing, the added stress of online teaching and curriculum has continued to be a topic of conversation among faculty who are calling for more university resources and support.

East Carolina University's online master's degree programs in business, criminal justice, education and nursing have been named among the best in the nation. Despite the university's well established online graduate programs, online classes have posed a challenge as faculty maintain both online and in-person classes with varying expectations from students and the university.

Amy McMilan, associate dean of research and faculty development for the Department of Management, said she mentors fellow ECU faculty members on how to create online curriculum and plan structured courses. McMilan said online classes require a lot of trial and error. For ECU's esteemed online graduate programs, the structured courses took years to develop and offer "breadth and variety" while also focusing on flexibility.

"Online classes look so different, depending on the faculty member. Different professors teach in different ways. It might even be more so because there are different ways you can make it (Canvas) look, different ways you can structure classes, and there are different types of content," McMilan said.

Since the return to in-person instruction in

the fall 2021 semester, Rives Chair of Southern Literature and English professor Margaret Bauer said as the chair of the Agenda Committee for the Faculty Senate, the senate has been more active by speaking out in meetings and committees about the problems professors struggle with on a daily basis.

Bauer said faculty workload at ECU has increased since the pandemic because they have tried to transition back into teaching regular instruction while taking into account those who are absent due to illness.

"You want to encourage them (students) to stay home if they're sick or if they were exposed, so it's like teaching twice and it's exhausting," Bauer said.

The retention of staff has become a large issue at ECU, Bauer said, and the Faculty Senate has stressed that the number of staff members on campus is down. She said there are many students looking for help this semester and though there's not a lack of desire to help, there's a lack of staff available on campus.

During the summer of 2020, many professors weren't able to adjust to the university's transition to online instruction, which led many to retire early, Bauer said. She said ECU professors haven't received raises in years but received budget cuts while going through a "hiring freeze."

"So basically they're (administration) asking faculty to do more with less constantly, and we love our students, so we want to do anything we can to help them," Bauer said. "It's wearing us (faculty) down too because you can

only do so much."

Before the pandemic, Bauer said ECU conducted a salary study for the faculty. She said the results showed she and her colleagues were paid considerably less compared to peer institutions.

"Then this hit (the pandemic) and so not only are we worthily underpaid, but now we're understaffed," Bauer said.

Bethann Cole, teaching associate professor of instructional technology for the College of Education, said in terms of resources and access, faculty have the university to rely on. She said the Office of Faculty Excellence and Information Technology and Computing Services have provided training on Canvas and other software to aid in online teaching.

While these resources are available, Cole said it is a faculty member's responsibility to implement them in the classroom. The university has worked to provide opportunities for faculty to set up structured online classes and with the new Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund grants, Cole said faculty have gained access to outside lesson planners that will be able to update and improve current online course offerings.

"There are a lot of great tools and software out there. The university has granted me any software that meets the criteria," Cole said. "The university had provided unbelievable amounts of support from other faculty, faculty from outside the university, symposiums for faculty."

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should avoid drinking alcohol during daytime events on St. Patrick's Day to avoid the overconsumption of alcohol as nighttime festivities approach. To avoid someone slipping drugs or other substances into one's drink, he said he advises students to keep a close eye on their beverages.

"We always tell students to associate with people that they know and trust at a party," Morphet said.

The pressure students feel when it comes to consuming alcohol hits freshmen the hardest, Morphet said. He said that the first six weeks of the semester are the most tempting for freshmen students.

Morphet said that ECU addresses these issues to not only prevent underage drinking from occurring but to also warn students of the ramifications of consuming alcoholic beverages.

"We do a lot starting at orientation. Typically about 4,300 students are first year students that we talk to all of those students in orientation about alcohol and drug safety and what we say is the safest choice is not to drink," Morphet said.

Captain of ECU PD Chris Sutton said St. Patrick's Day has a lot of similarities to holidays like Halloween in Uptown Greenville, including a significant amount of binge and underage drinkers. He said holidays accumulate a vast number of students intoxicated with alcohol, various drugs or both.

Sutton said that in comparison to Halloween, St. Patrick's Day does not bring as many crime related incidents to Greenville. He said fake IDs are a widespread issue for the university

and added that the punishment given to students caught with one is very severe, including a possible ticket and university disciplinary consequences.

"Be responsible in your behavior," Sutton said. "If you are responsible then there is a good chance that you can likely control or have better control over your outcomes."

Junior education major Carla Medo said in order to avoid consequences and unsafe conditions, she believes students should wait until they're 21 to drink. As far as St. Patrick's Day safety, there are certain rules a student should follow on the holiday like don't drink and drive, know the number of drinks one can handle and don't accept drinks from a stranger.

Mendoza said ECU promotes alcohol safety through the LiveSafe app, a safety application that has direct contact with ECU PD and location sharing with friends. Mendoza said she believes ECU does a great job of promoting alcohol safety in preparation for holidays like St. Patrick's Day, and that at a certain point, it is up to the student if he or she wants to keep themselves safe or not.

"They (ECU) already made an app for you. Now it is up to you if you want to drink and drive," Mendoza said.

When out for the holiday, students are encouraged to utilize transportation services such as Uber, Lyft and the student-driven transportation Facebook group, ECU Student Bleepers.

University services include ECU's SafeRide, which operates from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., and ECU Transit, which has varying hours of operation posted on its website.

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It's unfortunate to only have the month of March reserved to commemorate women and their accomplishments, Hardy said, though it is an important month because it highlights many women who may not get the recognition they deserve.

"It also allows the opportunity to educate and it is to educate where we (women) are and where we're going as a society and in this country," Hardy said. "We have a voice and we have influence and we're ready to use it."

History is hard to change and as a result has left women at a disadvantage to their male counterparts, Hardy said. To be an effective leader through the lens of gender, Hardy said there are many barriers women have to address in order to do so.

Hardy said her mother is an inspiration to her because she was a strong woman when female independence was not largely accepted. As an African American woman, she said she admires American educator Mary McLeod Bethune and civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer for their efforts toward women's rights, especially in the advancement of Black women.

"I feel a sense of responsibility to pay it forward and to make sure that we're helping others and particularly other women," Hardy said.

As a female leader at ECU, Hardy said she takes her title very seriously because of the female faculty and students that look up to her and hold her in high esteem. Events like the Women's Marches in Washington D.C., court cases like Roe vs. Wade, and the #MeToo Movement put women's issues on the forefront, Hardy said.

"I think it's wonderful that we take March to very purposefully celebrate women and women's

accomplishments and achievements," Hardy said. "And let's do that and do it proudly, but let's keep that going 365 days of the year and be very intentional about recognizing whose voice is missing and to include those voices in the various conversations."

Crosby Whittington, a sophomore public health major and program assistant at the WGO, said Women's History Month is a time to celebrate the accomplishments women have made throughout history, but also what they do in everyday life. She said it's a month that gives the opportunity for individuals to be appreciative of the women around them.

Society has taught people to put males and females in gender roles, Whittington said, a social construct she believes women and men alike should learn to combat. She said people need to be more receptive to societal changes, especially when it affects people's livelihood.

"You have to really dig down deep and wonder to yourself, 'Why are you critiquing other women?' and ask yourself 'How can you support other women better and be an ally to those women?'" Whittington said.

Women are considered a minority, Whittington said, and it's important ECU observes months like Women's History Month to highlight minority struggles on campus. She said women in leadership roles represent more than just a high position, they're a voice for all women.

Whittington said women were pushed to stay at home and be caretakers in the past. She said women need to be provided with equal opportunities because they could be the first woman in their families to attend a college or university.

"Making sure that women feel safe and respected and appreciated while on campus and just encouraged as they're pursuing a career," Whittington said.

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Chris Sutton



Virginia Hardy

OUR VIEW

Holiday safety remains vital amid festivities

Tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day, a celebration that originated in Ireland and is notorious for drinking, going out to bars, wearing green, attending parties and socializing. The holiday is known to be popular at East Carolina University as students attend day parties, often referred to as "darties."

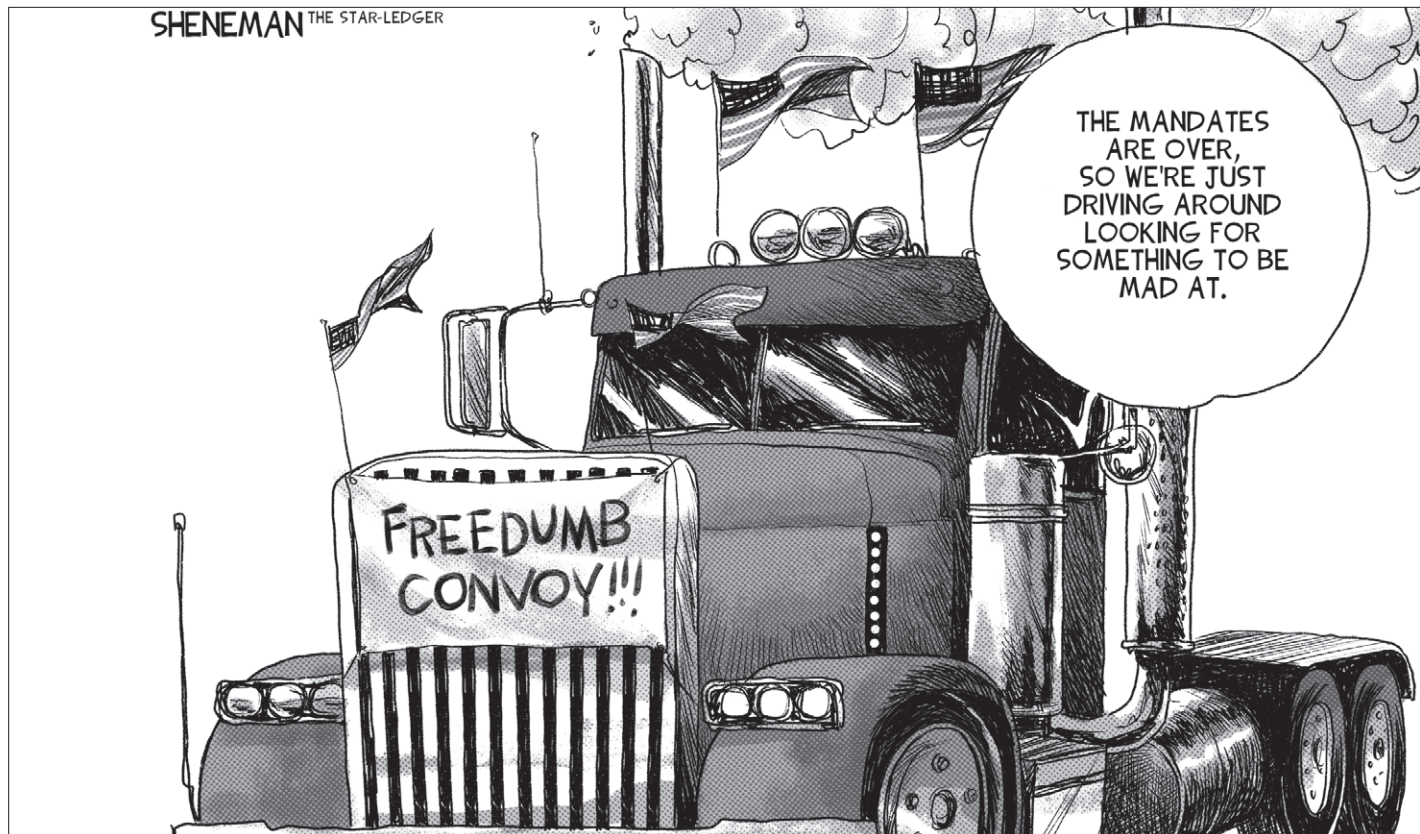
When attending parties that consist of alcohol, it's important for individuals to pace themselves when drinking. Always attend parties with a group of friends to stay safe and do not drink and drive under any circumstances. Uber and Lyft are popular transportation resources that can be used to return home or figure out a sober designated driver who is able to drive everyone home.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, encourage students who plan to celebrate St. Patrick's Day to have fun and make wise choices if they plan to drink or attend events around Greenville, North Carolina.

There are various businesses surrounding the ECU and Greenville area that plan to host St. Patrick's Day events. Christy's Euro Pub will serve traditional Irish dishes and have live performances. Pitt Street Brewing Company will have an Irish food truck, new beer releases and a Shamrock Hunt event.

Greenville will provide events for individuals who prefer not to drink but would like to celebrate the holiday. On Thursday's, Stumpy's Hatchet House is known for its College Night, where college students can go axe throwing for 50% off.

With almost a month left until the end of the semester, we hope our fellow Pirates celebrate St. Patrick's Day to the fullest and make memories with their peers in the safest way possible.



Harsh realities of being queer

Homophobic rhetoric continues to be prominent in the South



Zachary Pomeroy

GUEST COLUMNIST

"SMEAR THE QUEER," Collin yelled as he tossed a deflated football to my brother. The glass window of my childhood home muffled his words without offering any form of protection

for my queer heart.

This was one of those humid, summer nights, nestled between the seventh and eighth grade. Who thought this game was a good idea, anyway? If I went outside right now, I would be the tangible target for all their pre-pubescent rage. So instead, I curled up by the window. I was entranced by the gait of those boys running around my backyard. The purpose of the game was simple: tackle any person who got a hold of the football.

I was feeling rather exposed and craved some alone time to recharge my depleting masculine energy. It was easy to lose control of my subtle queer impulses. If I could just observe these neighborhood boys long enough, maybe I could successfully imitate their masculinity.

Part of the work required of folks

"It takes a brave, southern boy to behold the word queer while it is still tainted by a slew of homophobic rhetoric."

-Zachary Pomeroy

who grow up in a cishet, southern worldview involves reclaiming a host of ideas that are littered with hatred towards the other.

I grew up in a context where the term "queer" held such a deeply offensive tone. And still after years of internal work and acceptance, there's a middle school boy who gathers himself at the window of my soul. He peers out into the world with a deep fear of being punished or "smeared" for being queer.

As humans, we navigate life by protecting the soft essence of our humanity. This tactic of survival can be difficult to unlearn in the same environment that taught us to hide. It takes a brave, southern boy to behold the word queer while it is still tainted by a slew of homophobic rhetoric.

This queer journey toward full acceptance is tedious, but necessary if we

hope to thrive in the south. As if finding a place for that middle school boy to belong in a "Smear the Queer" world wasn't painful enough, we now face a cluster of invisible, queer rules with gatekeepers who promise belonging just beyond their approval. We groom ourselves for these rules as a way to fumble ourselves out of possession of that dreaded football. All the while, we are caught in a mindless, never-ending game of "Smear the Queer."

It's time we face the trauma of the past to reclaim the full acceptance we crave. Being Queer in the South is much greater than a foolish game. Are you ready to "Revere the Queer?"

Pomeroy is a photographer in Greenville and a guest columnist. To contact him, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

PIRATE RANTS

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

How hard is it to re-rack your weights at the rec center? I'm tired of lifting 45s before I even start my workout.

Can we please get someone to clean the washers in Scott? Our clothes keep getting stains on them because they're dirty!

ECU's parking biggest mistake was taking away the stickers

Can we please get more food options that are open later than 5?

Really feel like the whole mask optional thing shouldn't have happened right after spring break

Please tell me why professors assign so much homework for us to complete over Spring Break. Isn't it supposed to be a break? I'm supposed to be relaxing, but instead I'm sitting here writing an 8 page paper.

When is the bowling alley gonna be back up??

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Giana Williams at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Submit your Pirate Rants on our website under the opinion tab or scan the QR code.



Letter to the editor

As a program assistant at the Women and Gender Office (WGO), I have learned so much about the incredible work that is happening on our campus to help serve the communities that are often overlooked. Especially in regards to women, people of color, and other gender minorities.

For Women's History Month the WGO has put together an amazing variety of programs to help students celebrate and learn about the contributions women have made to our societies. To not acknowledge the contributions made by women is to sever the complete picture of the human experience. It is also incredibly inspiring to understand the odds that those women

have overcome in order to improve the lives of everyone around them.

Our office is located in the Main Campus Student Center in Suite 108 beside the ticketing office. Even if you cannot make it to any of our signature events I strongly encourage you to make a stop by our office during regular hours.

I speak for all of the program assistants when I say that seeing new faces in the office is one of our favorite things. I personally like to think of the WGO as the epicenter of intersectionality, where everyone who wants to make a difference can start a conversation or find the resources they need to start that change.

Additionally, you do not have to be a

WGO honors women's history

representative of an organization or someone with a large number of people behind you to ask for resources; all you really need is yourself and an open mind. If asking hard questions or talking about the big social issues in our societies is not your thing, we also have a library and a quiet space to lounge in for those who need to do homework or for those who just need a break from the hustle and bustle of the student center.

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EVENTS

TODAY

**Faculty Artist:
Elliot Frank**

A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall
7:30 to 9 p.m.
(252) 328-6851

**Look Again:
Discovering Historical
Photographs**

Janice Hardison Faulkner
Gallery
Joyner Library
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
(252) 328-0382

MFA Thesis Artist Talk

Leo Jenkins Fine Arts Center
Room 2000
5 to 6 p.m.
(252) 328-6665

Open Mic Night

Pitt Street Brewing Company
630 S. Pitt St.
8 to 10 p.m.
(252) 227-4151

TOMORROW

**Therapeutic Thursdays -
Oils**

MCSC Well-Being Hub
128 E. 7th St.
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(252) 328-5770

**Guests Artists:
Rucco-James duo, 19th
Century Guitars**

A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall
7:30 to 9 p.m.
(252) 328-6851

**Vitaly:
An Evening of Wonders**

Wright Auditorium
212 Wright Circle
7:30 p.m.
(252) 737-5444

FRIDAY

International Coffee Hour

International House
306 9th St.
3 to 5 p.m.
(252) 551-6947

Handbuilding Workshop

Emerge Gallery and Art Center
404 Evans St.
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
(252) 328-0382

SATURDAY

ECU Symphony Orchestra

Wright Auditorium
212 Wright Circle
7:30 to 9 p.m.
(252) 328-6851

**Slippery When Wet-
The Ultimate Bon Jovi
Tribute**

The State Theatre
110 West 5th St.
7 to 11 p.m.

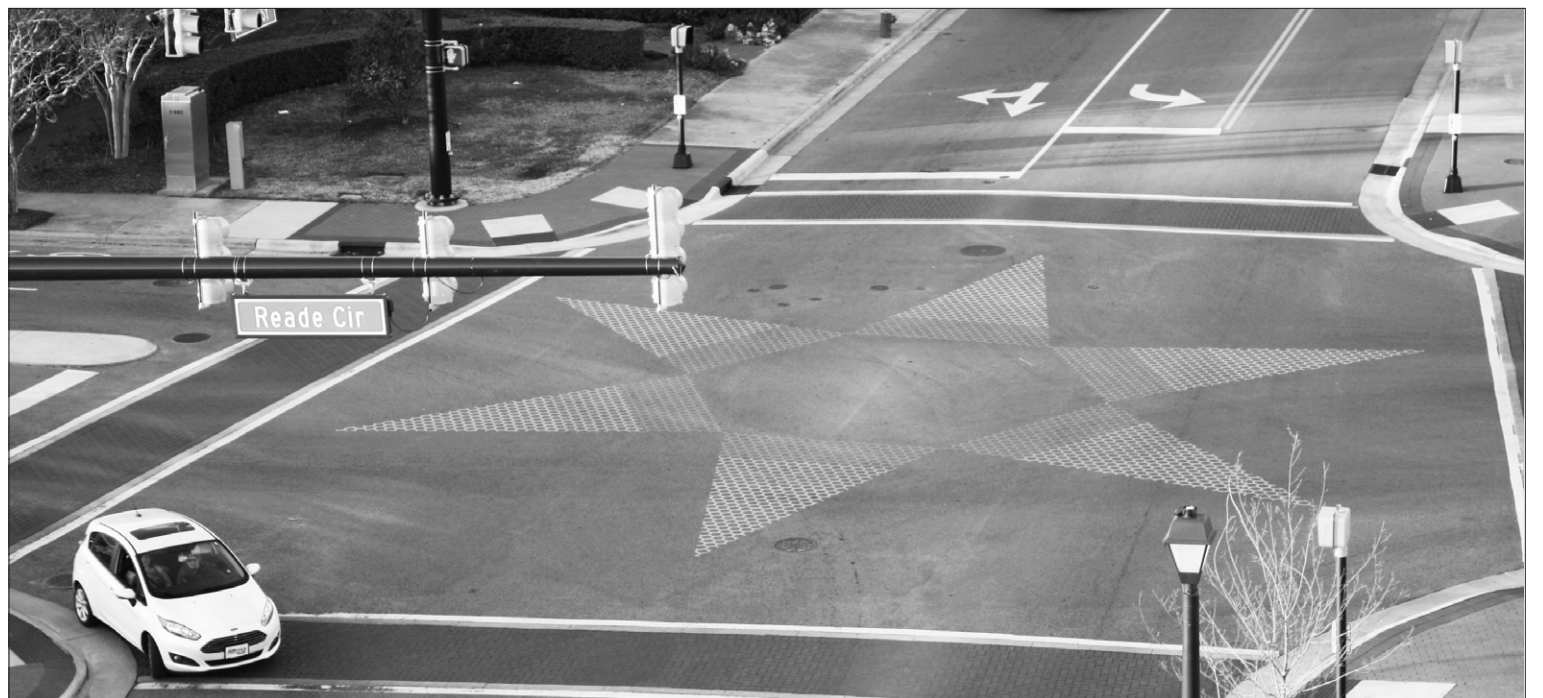
Pitt Street Monthly Market

Pitt Street Brewing Company
630 S. Pitt St.
1 to 5 p.m.
(252) 227-4151

SUNDAY

**VOCTAVE:
The Corner of Broadway
and Main Street**

Wright Auditorium
212 Wright Circle
4 to 11:59 p.m.
(252) 328-6851



NIA CRUZ | TEC STAFF

A mural located at the intersection of Evans Street and Reade Circle, which is included in the Gateway Street Paving Treatment part of the Emerald Loop Project.

Emerald Loop Project continues

City of Greenville plans to debut new street mural in Uptown

Noelle Edwards
TEC STAFF

Olivia Williams
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN



Emerald Loop, a project created by the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge and the City of Greenville, will welcome a new mural to the streets of Uptown in late May or early June at the intersection of Cotanche Street and Reade Circle in Greenville, North Carolina.

Executive Director of Emerge Holly Garriott said the new mural will be similar to a hexagon but take a different shape, just like the other murals that already exist and will exist in the future. Garriott said in order to create the mural, the asphalt needs to be heated.

"When you are driving over it or walking by it, you notice it, but it doesn't overwhelm you," Garriott said. "The aerial images are so incredible, and once they are all completed it will be an amazing drone image from above."

Garriott said Emerald Loop will give an opportunity for the community to improve its quality of life. Garriott said the plan for the completed project includes more than six intersection murals, a district-wide artistic lighting plan and the Emerald Express Trolley. A full plan can be found on Emerge's website.

The Emerald Express Trolley is open to the public from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday free of charge. Riders will pass over the new mural at the Cotanche Street and Reade Circle intersection once it is complete.

"The community will gain a comprehensive arts plan that will positively affect our city both

aesthetically as well as economically," Garriott said.

The Emerald Loop plan was approved by the Greenville City Council in August 2020. The new mural is designed by Laura Haddad and Tom Drugan and will be installed by the contractor Cactx, Garriott said.

Haddad and Drugan are an artist team based in Seattle, Washington, and they have worked together on public art installations since 2001. Haddad and Drugan were hired in 2019 by Emerge and the City of Greenville in order to create the Emerald Loop Vision Plan for the project.

"We (Haddad and Drugan) are excited to be part of such a visionary and transformational project," Haddad said. "We hope that once this first set of projects is in place, it will create momentum for others to include public art in their projects."

Haddad said all of the street murals act as "gateways," in that when one passes through they will feel as though they are on the way out of the Emerald Loop. She said all of them share a hexagonal shape due to it being similar to the shape of an emerald.

The title "Emerald Loop" comes from North Carolina's gemstone being an emerald and the "green" in Greenville, Haddad said. She said all the intersection murals have the colors green, yellow and some purple.

"Emerge's vision for how art can act on a city-wide scale to create experiences that connect the

community with its cultural assets, such as lighting existing structures, and spur economic development is so impressive," Haddad said.

Sophomore fine arts major with a concentration in photography Justin Foureau said he didn't know about the mural before but wants to know more now that he has found out.

Foureau said he thinks art always helps bring a community together and he is excited for the project and the final results. He said he hopes the new mural's purpose is one that the community will take an interest in.

"Since I've been studying art since high school, I've seen many ways people can come up with an idea with a strong meaning behind it," Foureau said. "I think people who even don't show interest in art should pay attention because it can touch them the same as it touches the next person."

Foureau said he thinks the mural will add a nice touch to Greenville. He said he has envisioned there being a mini art museum outdoors somewhere Uptown and he has high hopes of the finished project of the new mural.

Foureau hopes the artwork will also entice community members to engage with the businesses and artwork in the Uptown area, he said. Foureau said as an artist, it's nice to see other artists being able to express themselves and bring the community together at the same time.

"I can't wait to see it and see how it connects to me as a person and an artist," Foureau said. "I always think any kind of art will attract people."



Laura Haddad

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CRW takes eight students to new heights

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East Carolina University's Campus Recreation and Wellness Center (CRW) has partnered with Crystal Coast Skydiving to hold the semesterly skydiving event Sunday that was previously held in September 2021.

The Adventure Leadership Program offers many opportunities for students to be a part of a high enjoyment physical activity while at ECU. The program offers multiple events such as trips, clinics and workshops throughout the year. The program is available to students who enjoy outdoor activities or for students that are looking for an exciting experience while in college.

Adventure Leadership Graduate Assistant Adam Forsell said the skydiving trip is a way for students to meet new people and do something fun together. The CRW only allowed the first eight students that signed up to go on the trip because Crystal Coast has many reservations throughout the day.

"Students skydiving have a chance to air mingle with other students they don't know," Forsell said. "Bringing students together for a new experience that they haven't done before."

The marketing team of the CRW, prepares for the trip by letting Crystal Coast know what date and time they want to arrive. From there the trip leaders have a pre-trip meeting where they discuss all details of arrival and departure. They send an email of the date and time to the participants who signed up through the CRW website.

Grace Krell, a senior engineering major, said she found that she was not utilizing everything ECU had to offer. She said she decided to look at the activities held by CRW and came across the skydiving trip, which she attended in September.

"I guess it was really terrifying but it was also a lot of fun, so I guess there wasn't much preparation other than being super terrified and getting ready and going up in the air," Krell said.



Adam Forsell



CONTRIBUTED BY GRACE KRELL

Senior engineering major Grace Krell traveled with the CRW in September to take part in the skydiving experience.

"After that it was awesome, it was the best thing I did at ECU."

The participants involved in the trip went through the proper training needed in order to skydive and once they were ready, the participants went two at a time into the plane with instructors, Krell said.

The cost for the trip, both last year and this year, is \$199 for students, which includes transportation to and from the skydiving location, Krell said. She said the students were strapped to one of the instructors and went up about 9,000 feet in the air, and then the instructor jumped out of the plane and took the lead until it was time to open up the parachute.

"I think an event like this, made me come out of my comfort zone a lot, it made me look back and realize I can do basically anything I wanted to," Krell said. "It kind of pumped me up for the rest of the year and I think it gave me a big morale boost."

The CRW does many more events and activities that are free and easy to participate in such as horseback riding, camping trips and hang gliding, Krell said.

Kellie Proctor, senior communication major, said she has gone skydiving in the past outside of ECU, and she did it because she felt like she was

in a slump and needed something to uplift her. She said skydiving gave her a sense of freedom that she had never felt before.

"If I were to have gone with them (CRW), I would say it would be a good way to make friends and to bring you closer together in the community," Proctor said. "Vulnerability, I think, is the best time to reach out and make friends."

By participating in trips like this one, everyone included will be able to explore new relationships that would never have been made before, Proctor said. Going skydiving is also a great conversation starter in interviews and it is a way to stand out from the majority when asked about yourself, she said.

In order for the experience of skydiving to be as enjoyable as possible, Proctor suggests participants not eat too much the night before and get enough sleep. She also suggests they make sure they do not wear clothes that are too baggy because there is a chance of the clothing getting caught in the equipment.

"It's always a really cool story to tell and it's cool to go with someone else as well because you can share that story together," Proctor said.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — Slow the pace to avoid pitfalls. Reassess physical conditions before launching. Expect misunderstandings or traffic blockages. Rest, recharge and care for your health.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Compute expenses. Income challenges require adaptation. One door closes and another opens. Lucrative opportunities hide under the wings of change. Seek and find one.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — A professional challenge has your focus. There's a test. Avoid conflicts. Crazy dreams seem possible. You're especially clever; you can solve the puzzle. Get inventive.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — A creative or romantic barrier is dissolving or becoming unimportant. Still, it could seem confusing, stressful or chaotic. Relax and have fun with loved ones.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — A shift in context puts things in a new light. Focus on personal matters. Misunderstandings spark. Read the room. Keep it simple. Clarify and revise.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Your investigation takes a twist. Consider another direction. Explore potential subjects and possibilities. Don't choose yet. Stay flexible and keep your options open.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 7 — Stay close to home and conserve resources. One domestic phase ends and another begins. Adjust structures and spaces for the next. Provide extra family support.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Get productive behind closed doors. Peace and quiet suit you fine. Clean messes. Indulge nostalgic reflection. Follow intuition. Look for inspiration and find it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Put away provisions for the future. Financial changes require adaptation. Coordinate and collaborate to invent possible solutions. Share resources and ideas.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Consider suggestions and ideas from others. Don't gamble or go shopping. Gather and evaluate information. Monitor news and conditions to adapt plans. Clarify communications.

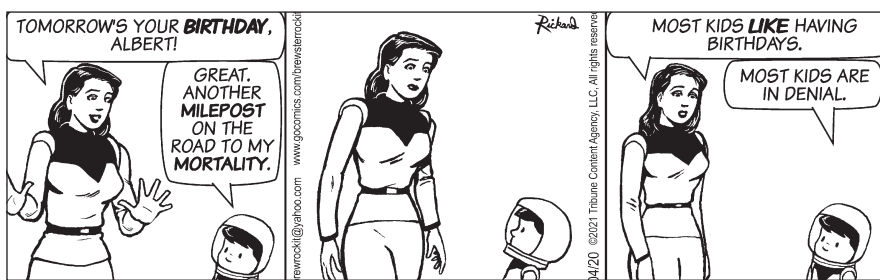
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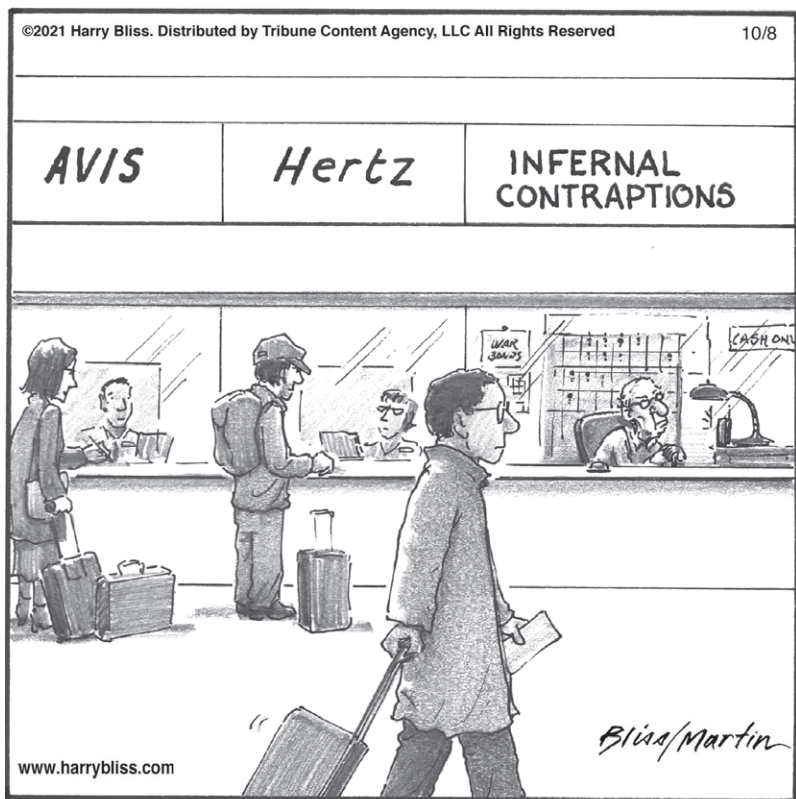
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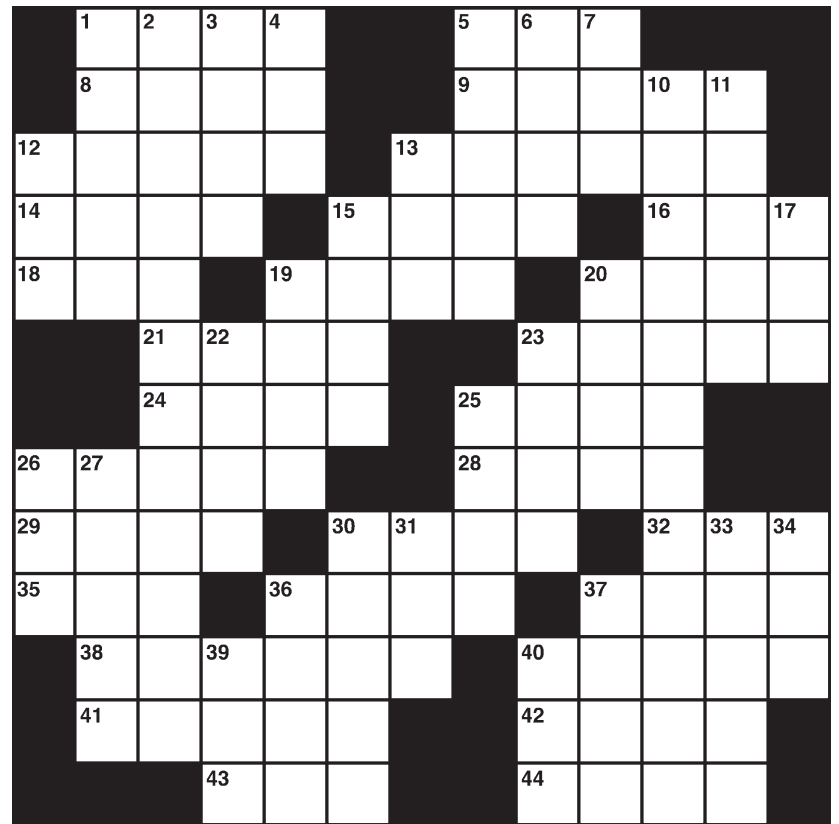
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 1 Actor on "Law & Order: SVU"
 5 "The ___ and I"; Fred MacMurray movie
 8 ___ Donahue
 9 "___ This Mess"
 12 Lower leg parts
 13 Do a slow burn
 14 Role on "Bonanza"
 15 "___ Free"; film about a lioness
 16 "Ice ___: Collision Course"
 18 Baseball's Mel
 19 "White Men ___ Jump"; Wesley Snipes film
 20 Arkin or Alda
 21 Frankenstein's assistant
 23 "___ Support"; Fred Savage game show
 24 Orderly
 25 "___ Like Love"; Amanda Peet movie
 26 "___ Wonder"; 1980s sitcom
 28 Role on "Speechless"
 29 Charles & Romano
 30 "The ___ Bishop Show"
 32 Chew the fat
 35 Paul's cousin on "Mad About You"
 36 ___ and groan; complain
 37 Actress Kathryn
 38 "Law & Order: Criminal ___"
 40 "Wagon ___"; old western series
 41 "Never Say Never ___"; 007 film
 42 Dinner beverage
 43 "___-Baby"; Johnny Depp movie
 44 ___ up; misbehaves

DOWN
 1 "Some Like ___"; Marilyn Monroe film
 2 "Grey's Anatomy" role
 3 Long periods
 4 Cobb & Burrell
 5 Siskel's cohort
 6 "The ___ Campbell Goodtime Hour"
 7 "How to ___ Away with Murder"
 10 "NCIS: New Orleans" actress
 11 Actor George ___
 12 HBO competitor, for short
 13 "Sanford and ___"
 15 One of the Simpsons
 17 Finish
 19 "___ Miner's Daughter"; Sissy Spacek film
 20 Nabisco's Chips ___!
 22 Becomes firm
 23 Potter's material
 25 Sherman Hemsley sitcom
 26 ___ Lanka
 27 Shriver or Bello
 30 ___ Lee Miller of "Elementary"
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 33 "___ Irish Rose"
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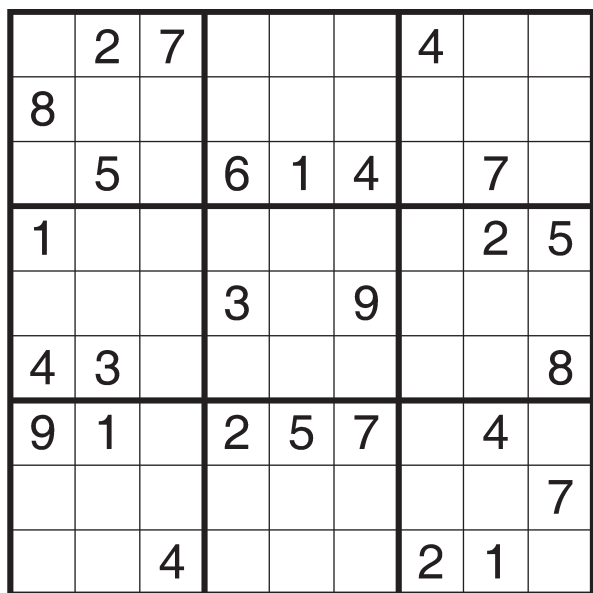
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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's baseball matchup

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ECU vs College of Charleston Friday to Sunday Who wins? 1-2 CofC
So far, the Pirates have proven to play down to their

competition, especially at the end of the game. ECU has not had a great showing on the road this season either.

Abbie Clavijo

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ECU vs College of Charleston Friday to Sunday Who wins? 2-1 ECU
The Pirates have the ability to take the series if they can get

the ball into play and keep their defense strong throughout the weekend. Two games shouldn't be too hard.



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Right handed pitcher Garrett Saylor winds up for a pitch against Bryant University in the opening series of the season from Feb. 18 through Feb. 20.

Baseball gears up for Cougars

Abbie Clavijo
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University baseball team (9-8, 0-0 American Athletic Conference) prepares to take on the College of Charleston (9-7, 0-0 Colonial Athletic Association) in a three-game series Friday through Sunday.

The matchup will be the second series the Pirates have played away from their home field at Clark-LeClair stadium this season. The first series the Pirates played on the road was against No. 11 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (14-2, 0-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on Feb. 25 through Feb. 27. The Pirates only managed to grab one win in that series where they shut out the Tarheels 5-0 after losing, 4-7 and 0-4 in the first games.

The Cougars will have the home field advantage against the Pirates as all but one of their wins this season have been at home. The College of Charleston will play six straight games at home before it hosts the Pirates. Those games include back-to-back games against the

University of Pennsylvania (7-5, 0-0 Ivy League), a series against the University of Massachusetts Lowell (4-10, 0-0 America East Conference) and a mid-week contest against No. 1 University of Texas (13-4, 0-0 Big 12 Conference).

The Pirates will head to Charleston, South Carolina, after a mid-week game on the road. ECU faced the Monarchs of Old Dominion University (14-1, 0-0 Conference USA) yesterday in Norfolk, Virginia and lost 9-8.

So far this season the Pirates have also seemed to be more successful on their home field. In their most recent series ECU hosted Saint Mary's College (13-3, 0-0 West Coast Conference) on March 11 through March 13. Though the Pirates were unable to sweep Saint Mary's they were able to win the series, defeating the Gaels in two of the three games.

ECU came out on top on March 11, 7-2, to open the series with a win. Due to unfavorable weather conditions on March 12, the teams were forced to play back-to-back games on March 13 to close out the series. The Pirates fell 5-6 in the second game of the series but redeemed

themselves as they fought to finish the weekend with a 4-3 win.

The weekend series will kick off at 4 p.m. on Friday. The teams will clash again at 2 p.m. Saturday and will close the series out at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Fans can expect to see the Pirates showing off their mustaches on and off the field as Mustache March continues. Coaches and players have agreed to grow out their mustaches, to the best of their ability, to raise money and awareness for ALS research. The team will grow out their mustaches until the end of the month with the goal of raising \$10,000 with Pitt Community College, Michigan University and Memphis University.

The Pirates, and their mustaches, will take the field to fight to gain what could be their second series sweep at 4 p.m. on Friday in Charleston, South Carolina. The Saturday and Sunday games can be watched live on FloSports.

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Michael Schwartz rumored as potential coach

Staff Report
TEC STAFF

According to information circulating among various local news sources, East Carolina University is expected to hire a new head coach for the men's basketball team in place of former head coach Joe Dooley during its special called ECU Board of Trustees meeting at 3:30 p.m. today.

Dooley was released from his position on March 11 after four seasons with the team. Director of Athletics Jon Gilbert made the announcement on the afternoon of March 11 and said ECU is

dedicated to a winning mindset going forward.

Although the university has yet to make an official statement of who the new head coach will be, the BOT meeting was announced on Monday during which the approval of the new coach is expected to take place.



Jon Gilbert

Associate head coach of the No. 2 University of Tennessee Michael Schwartz is rumored to take over the position.

“ We are committed to building a winning program and developing young men who are leaders on and off the court. ”

-ECU Director of Athletics Jon Gilbert

Schwartz has been with Tennessee since 2016 where he spent three years as a scout and floor coach before he became an associate head coach at the university.

This season the Volunteers are the No.

2 ranked team in the country right before the NCAA Tournament and, for the first time since 1979, won the Southeastern Conference championship.

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Basketball season ends, leadership to see change

Chris Long
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University men's basketball (15-15, 6-11 American Athletic Conference) began the season 3-0 before losing to Oklahoma University (18-15, 7-11 Big 12 Conference) for the first loss of the season. From there, ECU continued to win at home and stay competitive on the road. The Pirates began the season 10-0 at home, undefeated against out-of-conference teams.

Leading into conference play, the Pirates were 9-3. The only losses out of conference came against Oklahoma, Davidson University (27-5, 15-3 Atlantic 10 Conference) and Liberty University (22-11, 12-4 ASUN Conference).

The first in-conference game was an overtime win over Tulane University (14-15, 10-8 AAC) in Greenville, North Carolina, for the ninth home win of the season. That game was also the first for the Pirates that led into overtime. After the Green Wave, the Pirates traveled to Temple University (17-12, 10-7 AAC) where they were the victims of a buzzer beater 3-point loss.

The momentum continued to spiral, which led the team to regroup after they lost to the Owls and Cincinnati.

Following the back-to-back losses, ECU stunned Memphis University (21-9, 13-5 AAC) at home when sophomore forward Brandon Suggs hit a step-back game winner with time expiring in regulation. The shot went viral online, getting reposted to Bleacher Report and ECU's Barstool Sports affiliate pages. The fans stormed the court following

the buzzer beater, leading to an electric 10th home win of the season and 11th win of the year.

In the loss to UCF, both Suggs and senior guard J.J. Miles went down with injuries, causing a 19 point lead to turn into a 7 point loss in overtime. The loss of scoring at all three levels was difficult for the Pirates to recover from, leading to the most significant loss of the season against No. 10 University of Houston (28-5, 15-3 AAC).

Houston defeated the Pirates 79-36 in the worst shooting performance from ECU on the season. The Pirates shot 8-50 from the field and 1-19 from 3-point range. Sophomore guard Tristen Newton led ECU in scoring with 14 points, filling in the role as the leading scorer for the rest of the season.

The season continued to sink for ECU and the Pirates lost the next four games before they rebounded back with a win over the bottom of the division in Tulsa University (11-20, 4-14 AAC). The season ended up and down, finishing 3-3 to round out the regular season.

Going into the AAC tournament, ECU faced the University of Cincinnati (18-15, 7-11 AAC) on March 10 as the underdog. The Pirates lost by a score of 74-63.

The season has ended with the termination of head coach Joe Dooley's contract. His contract was terminated with one season left on his five-year deal. The first step going into next season will be finding a new head coach.

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