

Education Job Fair provides opportunities

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East Carolina University will host the Education Job Fair for students to learn about job opportunities from 255 representatives from 9:30 a.m to noon today at the Greenville Convention Center.

Art Rouse, dean of the College of Education (COE), said the event is an opportunity for alumni and undergraduate students alike to explore various school districts in different locations, as well as explore their housing options.

"It's really to expose our students and to help them really know and understand the school districts in North Carolina," Rouse said.

The goal of the event is to display the talent of ECU students and allow them the opportunity to present themselves in front of various school leaders looking to hire teachers for a number of school districts, Rouse said.

One of the many benefits attendees can expect from the event is the opportunity to talk with superintendents, Rouse said, as well as explore the resources available to connect them with leaders in the school system for hiring opportunities.

"One thing that I can say is that our school districts really want ECU graduate students and again that's because of the talent and the quality of the students that come to ECU," Rouse said.

There will be school districts from out of state, Rouse said, such as Virginia and South Carolina. Although recruitment is focused in North Carolina, he said that ECU wants to give students job opportunities outside of the state.

"The districts (Greenville and other participating districts) look forward to it too, they use that as a huge recruitment to come in and they want their district in front of our students too, so it's a really great event to host for our students," Rouse said.

Tom Halasz, director of ECU Career Services, said the Education Job Fair is an opportunity for ECU students and alumni to meet potential employers within the education field.

The career fair met its goal of 100 registrations, Halasz said, and the event received a record number of around 125 organizations that registered to attend this year's event.

"Other goals are that the registered organizations will be pleased with the student turnout and that the students will be

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President-elect Ryan Bonnett and Vice President-elect Emily Yates sit in the SGA office of the Main Campus Student Center.

SGA leadership to change Candidates prepare for upcoming roles

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East Carolina University's Student Government Association (SGA) upcoming President Ryan Bonnett and Vice President Emily Yates anticipate their new roles in leadership with a transition from the current SGA President Chandler Ward and Vice President Savannah Slade.

Bonnett, a junior biology major, said he found out the recent election results when a student announcement was released to the ECU community. He said he was excited yet anxious to hear the results while he waited three hours after voting closed.

"I think the students made the absolute right choice. I'm somebody that's going to be actively listening and really take that up to the highest level and really work to get things done because there are things that need to change and so we're ready to get to work and do that," Bonnett said.

In the past couple of weeks, Bonnett said he and Ward have started to

have lunches with different ECU administrators prior to his formal induction. On March 23, he said he was invited to attend a party at Chancellor Philip Roger's house to celebrate his installation ceremony, where he met many Board of Trustees members.

During the campaign, Bonnett said he and his running mate were "fighting an uphill battle" against the opposing ticket but came out on top with a 789 vote lead. He said he ran a "clean" campaign that highlighted what his ticket could do for the students of ECU.

Since the election, Bonnett said he has yet to develop any concrete plans, but as students' concerns and ideas come within the next year, he is ready to get new initiatives started. He said assembly members have ideas they've held off on that he's ready to embrace and can expect great change to come under his leadership.

The candidates ran on four platform points during the campaign: sexual assault prevention and survivor advocacy, improved mental health

resources on campus, student engagement, and inclusion of the student body.

"Having that drive to make the change and putting in the hours and being able to focus on what's important as well as being able to hear what they all have to say," Bonnett said. "I think that we were the right people for the job and that's what we're going to do."

Yates, a junior biology major, said once she and Bonnett won she was relieved to have had all her hard work pay off. She said their platform puts students' needs at the forefront and the two felt a lot of support throughout the campaign process.

To prepare for her new leadership role, Yates said she has had meetings with faculty members and various student groups that she wants to build upon as vice president. She said she talked with Slade to discuss her responsibilities, how SGA and its policies work and how to effectively utilize the voices of students

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East Carolina University football head coach Mike Houston observes his team during its annual Pro Day in Greenville.

ECU hosts annual Pro Day

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East Carolina University football conducted its annual Pro Day yesterday before the NFL draft on April 28.

The Pirates had 12 participants, including graduated junior wide receiver Tyler Snead and graduated sophomore cornerback Ja'Quan McMillian. The events began at 9:30 a.m. with indoor testing before transitioning outside to the Cliff Moore Practice Facility to conclude testing.

The players were measured physically before participating in the vertical jump, bench press, 40-yard dash, shuttle drill, broad jump and position specific drills. There were 28

of the 32 NFL teams represented at the Pro Day as well as members of the XFL and Canadian Football League.

Following the scheduled events, Snead and graduate student wide receiver Audie Omotosho were asked to display route running ability through drills. Senior quarterback Holton Ahlers was present to connect passes with the wide receivers one final time.

"It's awesome," Snead said. "Seeing these guys, being out here, competing with the brothers again. This has been home for me the last four years and I've loved every second of it so it feels awesome to be back."

Eyes were focused on McMillian who, coming into Pro Day, was the

highest ranked player at ECU, projected to have a ceiling of getting picked in the sixth round and a floor of being undrafted in the NFL draft. McMillian participated in all of the drills and was listed as a nickel corner during his Pro Day to fill in the slot role at the next level.

"I think I had a pretty decent day," McMillian said. "I feel like my 40 could have been better. I don't feel like I got out and ran, but for the most part I think I did pretty good."

None of the participating Pirates were invited to the NFL Combine on April 28.

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Doggie Jams makes return after two years

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After two years of postponement, Doggie Jams will be held on Friday at the Five Points Plaza hosted by Sup Dogs located in Uptown Greenville, North Carolina. Shaquille O'Neal, also known as DJ Diesel, will perform this year at the outdoor concert.

The event will be held from 3 to 7 p.m at Five Points Plaza, Evans St. The show is hosted by social media influencer Brianna Lapiagla from Barstool Sports and will include a performance by Just The Tiiiiiiiiip in addition to O'Neal's performance.

Doggie Jams is an outdoor concert with a DJ headline that is held every year in April. Doggie Jams started in 2010 and is a celebration for the restaurant and for Uptown Greenville. It is also an emotional day for the owner Bret Oliverio and his family.

Oliverio's brother, Derek Oliverio passed away in 2011 after he created his dream of Sup Dogs in 2008. Derek came up with the idea of Doggie Jams in 2010. After he passed, Oliverio wanted to keep the legacy of his brother and continue running Sup Dogs.

"Doggie Jams started off with like 50 people and one guy with a guitar and some jam bands in our parking lot, serving Busch Light and over time we have been able to transform it into a mainstream musical event," Oliverio said.

In the past, Doggie Jams has gone from bands playing, to cover bands, to different DJ artists, and now Shaq will be performing this year.

All of the money that is made from the sales of beer and liquor goes to Uptown Greenville, which is a nonprofit.

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BRIEFS

International House to host study abroad informational

Today, East Carolina University's Office of Global Affairs invites students to learn more about study abroad opportunities from 4 to 5 p.m. at the International House. The information session will cover how to find study abroad programs that fit a student's needs, various programs offered by ECU, available scholarships and information on financial aid. Attendees will have the chance to speak with an Education Abroad Advisor.

ECU to celebrate transgender visibility

Tomorrow, East Carolina University's Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center will host a luncheon to celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 249 of the Main Campus Student Center. The luncheon will feature a panel discussion that focuses on the experiences of transgender ECU community members and the importance of advocacy.

Campus walk to raise suicide prevention awareness

Saturday, Greenville's Sabal Dojo will hold the East Carolina University Out of Darkness Campus Walk and Fundraiser from noon to 3 p.m. on the Main Campus Student Center Lawn. The event will raise funds and awareness for the North Carolina Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Water bottles will be provided for participants in the walk.

LWCC to encourage healthy civil discourse

Tuesday, East Carolina University's Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC) will encourage discussion and civil discourse between students from 5 to 6 p.m. in the LWCC Conference Room.

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. Below are listings of criminal activity that has occurred on or within proximity of main campus.

March 24, 2022

Three Possessions of Marijuana greater than half an ounce and a Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia were cleared by citation at 14th Street Gravel Lot at 1:54 p.m.

An Intoxicated and Disruptive individual was cleared by arrest at Fletcher Hall at 3:14 a.m.

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A Possession of Marijuana greater than greater than half an ounce was cleared by citation at Sub Lot PVA at 4th Street at 12:19 a.m.

Two charges of Simply Affray and a Possession of Marijuana greater than half an ounce were cleared/victim refused to cooperate and cleared by citation at Legacy Hall at 3:47 a.m.

Red light camera program challenged

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The North Carolina Court of Appeals deemed the City of Greenville's red light camera program unconstitutional on March 15 due to an inadequate amount of its proceeds being given to Pitt County Schools.

NC Court of Appeals Judge Jefferson Griffin wrote in *Fearrington v. City of Greenville* that according to the NC State Constitution, cities with red light programs are required to turn over a minimum of 90% of its fines and fees collected to school boards.

In Greenville's responses to interrogatories, a list of questions one party in a civil suit sends to another as part of the discovery process, Griffin gave a summary of what amounts of the revenue from red light tickets changed hands between the City of Greenville and the school board.

Griffin wrote that the program generated \$2,495,380.46 from 2017 through June 2019. Following a payment of \$706,986.65 to the City of Greenville in program expenses and fees, Griffin wrote that the school board received a net total of \$1,788,393.81, which is only 71.66% of the total amount of fines and fees collected by the program.

"Plaintiffs argue that various aspects of Greenville's Red Light Camera Enforcement Program ("RLCEP") are illegal and unconstitutional," Griffin wrote in *Fearrington v. City of Greenville*. "After review, we hold that the funding framework of the RLCEP violates the Fines and Forfeitures Clause contained in Article IX, Section 7 of our State Constitution."

Paul Stam, attorney of plaintiffs Eric Fearrington and Craig Malmrose, said the case began with concerns regarding the timing of the yellow lights before he and the plaintiffs discovered an inadequate amount of funds being turned over to Pitt County Schools.

Stam's clients originally argued that there isn't enough time to stop at the red lights they received fines from, he said. The plaintiffs' expert witness, a registered engineer with a focus in physics, testified "without contradiction" that the traffic lights do not use a proper equation that



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Cars drive through an intersection with a red light camera off of Charles Boulevard and 14th Street on Tuesday night.

allows drivers a fair amount of stopping time.

Following this point, Stam argued that the City of Greenville initially turned over 100% of the red light camera program's fines and fees collected to Pitt County Schools, then billed the schools about 30% of the proceeds in expenses and fees. Though initially all fines and fees are received, Stam said this violates Article IX, Section 7 of the NC State Constitution due to the final amount received by the school board only totaling 71.66% of total revenue.

"Cities always justify this, that this is a great help, you know a thing to protect safety. Every ticket says, 'This is designed to prevent accidents,'" Stam said. "And the studies show that they're really conflicting on whether they really prevent any accidents or not."

Red light camera citations are much more likely to affect individuals who live in urban areas rather than the suburbs, Stam said, which can therefore have a greater effect on those with a lower economic status.

There are 532 cities, towns and villages in North Carolina, Stam said, and only four cities utilize red light camera programs.

There will be an additional hearing on the case on April 7, Stam said, and each party will have more clarity on the future of the case then. The City of Greenville and the Pitt County Board of Education could petition the case to the NC Supreme Court for a review, Stam said, but the outcome is uncertain currently.

"I don't know, you know they (the defendants) won in the trial court and we (the plaintiffs) appealed," Stam said in response to the possibility of the City of Greenville petitioning the case to the NC Supreme Court. "We won in the (NC) Court of Appeals and they could appeal, or petition for review. I don't know the answer to that."

Brock Letchworth, public information officer for the City of Greenville, said although the NC Court of Appeals deemed the city's distribution of funds unconstitutional, the operation of the red light cameras is still fully legal and ongoing. If individuals in the city receive a citation, Letchworth said they are still required to pay any fines associated with the violation.

The next steps to be made by the City of Greenville are still undetermined, Letchworth said, and the city will continue to discuss the ruling with the city's Attorney Office. He said the city could appeal the ruling, renegotiate the contract with ATS, stop the operation program, or take another direction altogether. It is yet to be determined if Pitt County Schools will be reimbursed, Letchworth said, considering the ruling didn't express that the money had to be paid back.

All of the fines and fees collected from citations were turned over to Pitt County Schools, Letchworth said, and the school system then reimbursed the City of Greenville in program expenses and fees. He said these expenses went

to ATS and a Greenville Police Department officer who reviewed the citations that were issued to ensure violations were given out legitimately. Letchworth said Pitt County Schools has not spent any of the revenue given to them due to the ongoing litigation.

"We were disappointed in the ruling, but it has not stopped the program currently, because the ruling was not necessarily against the operation of the red light cameras itself, it was in regards to the way the funds are distributed to the school system," Letchworth said.

Having received a red light ticket violation in the past, senior communication major Garrett Willoughby said he felt his citation was deserved.

Overall, Willoughby said he believes red light camera programs are generally beneficial for traffic safety, though the recent ruling made by the NC Court of Appeals has created some cause for concern. He said he believes if he must pay a sum of money for such a violation, Pitt County Schools should receive an adequate amount of those funds as determined by the state.

"At least if I'm going to be paying a ticket, that no one wants to do," Willoughby said. "At least I know that's going to benefit the local school system."

Pitt County Schools and the NC Judicial Branch declined to interview or make a comment.

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pleased with the registered employers," Halasz said.

Students who attend the job fair will receive the benefit of learning about various opportunities with different organizations, Halasz said, as well as interviewing with potential employers the day of the event.

Halasz said the out of state organizations participating in the event need to hire employees in the field of education.

"ECU's education program is very well known and the largest producer of teachers in the state," Halasz said. "So it's not surprising that we have a lot of organizations who are recruiting here."

Halasz said the job fair, which is partially led by the Career Services Center, can benefit students of all majors through resume preparation and interview practice.

Halasz said there are many majors that can be assisted by the Career Services Center.

"The schools and organizations coming to the event hire students from a variety of majors, so I wanted to get that across as well," Halasz said.

Daniel Stevens, assistant director of employer

relations at ECU Career Services, said the Education Job Fair focuses on those who want to go into the profession of teaching. He said most employers at the event will be recruiting for the position of teacher, as well as other occupations in education.

Stevens said the career fair's goal centers around connecting K-12 schools with as many current and graduating students as possible that are going into the field of education.

"That's what I love to see, each deeper level of connection. The introductions, the entries, and of course I love to hear about hires. So that's the goal, connection. Student to employer connection is always the goal," Stevens said.

The Education Job Fair can benefit students and attendees, Stevens said, by allowing them to make career decisions and learn more about various careers and opportunities for the workplace.

Stevens said the COE will also hold presentations at the job fair on teacher benefits and other useful information for students in the first few years of their position.

"So there's an educational component to it (the presentation) aside from the career fair. Of course

the other benefit is to actually get that job so that you know where you'll be working before you ever even reach graduation date, so that's always nice," Stevens said.

Stevens said all students are invited to attend, regardless of major, and the COE and ECU Career Services work closely together to make the opportunity as useful as possible for students and attendees.

Students who have an interest in working in the education field are highly encouraged to attend, but everyone will be welcomed. Overall, there will be around 125 school systems at the event, including the ECU graduate school and its departments, Stevens said.

"There will be actually 255 representatives there. We're going to have 50 of those systems conducting interviews afterwards, some of them having more than one interview going on at a time," Stevens said.

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to invoke change.

"At first it was very exciting, it was just like 'Oh wow, we won' and then it was like 'Okay, let's see what we have to do, let's see what work we have to do,'" Yates said. "It shifted from, 'Oh wow, we want to' to 'Oh well, now we get to make the change.'"

Yates said she is eager to be able to do something on campus that matters while she grows as a leader so that she can expand on what makes ECU a desired institution.

As the right hand woman to Bonnett, Yates said she will serve as the primary resource to students, as Bonnett will heed to administration. Since Bonnett will take on a large number of responsibilities, she said she will relay what is requested from the student body to Bonnett to create an equal partnership among the pair.

"I feel like we're both passionate people and

I feel like having strong leaders is the only way to do anything and get things done," Yates said. "I feel like for me personally, I'm not afraid to tell people no and I'm not really afraid to speak."

Bonnett and Yates will be officially sworn in at the SGA banquet on April 7 and Bonnett will lead his first assembly meeting on April 30, Ward said.

Ward said he's taken Bonnett under his wing and has invited him to several meetings with ECU administrators.

"The most important thing is for him (Bonnett) to start those relationships early because a year will absolutely fly by and the summer is certainly a big time as well," Ward said.

After being elected in 2021, Ward said his role as president came with a lot of responsibilities that were not part of the job description.

Ward said he advises the electees to remain grounded and maintain their studies, but also

to stay motivated in the tasks at hand.

"Try to create those reminders for yourself on what your service is doing for the university and how big of an impact you can really make, I think that sort of kept me going throughout the year," Ward said.

As president, Ward said he is proud of the effort he and Slade made throughout the university campus, especially through social media. Throughout his presidency, he said he has tripled SGA's social media following in an effort to provide transparency inside SGA.

Ward said he advised Bonnett to begin meeting with SGA directors and representatives.

"I think that one of the biggest things about this job is if you gain perspectives from constituents all across the university, that'll only better equip you to lead," Ward said.

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OUR VIEW

Ukraine news must continue to be followed

Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to affect outside countries and their citizens with support being offered to individuals who were affected and lost their lives in the tragedy.

East Carolina University had offered its support for the victims of Ukraine with a vigil on March 2. The Pirate community coming together to give their thoughts and support on the situation was an impactful moment on campus as we were all able to unite and offer our condolences on a situation that is not directly impacting us.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, offer our thoughts and support for those who are affected by the Russia-Ukraine conflict and encourage students to continue following the situation through trustworthy news sources and continue to keep up with how the conflict plays out as time progresses.

There have been journalists who have lost their lives reporting the news on the conflict. Their dedication to report live from such a gruesome environment should not go unnoticed by the public as they risked their lives to make sure viewers received news on the conflict truthfully.

Although the Russia-Ukraine conflict is not directly impacting the United States, it's important for individuals to still pay attention to international news and what goes on outside of the country. Being in the know of what is happening globally is the best way to be more culturally aware and understand how global news can have an effect of the U.S.

PIRATE RANTS

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

Stop harassing students to fundraise and support Pirate Nation Gives. I pay the university enough money as it is, their budgets are not my problem.

love the chancellor and all but those banners from the installation ceremony were not ideal in the background of my grad photos lol

Shoutout to the students campaigning for not using confetti y'all rock

How many times do I have to rant about y'all not using the walk up stations in the parking garage. Just do it. Please.

Also how many times do I have to cry about Greenville not having a Trader Joes :((((

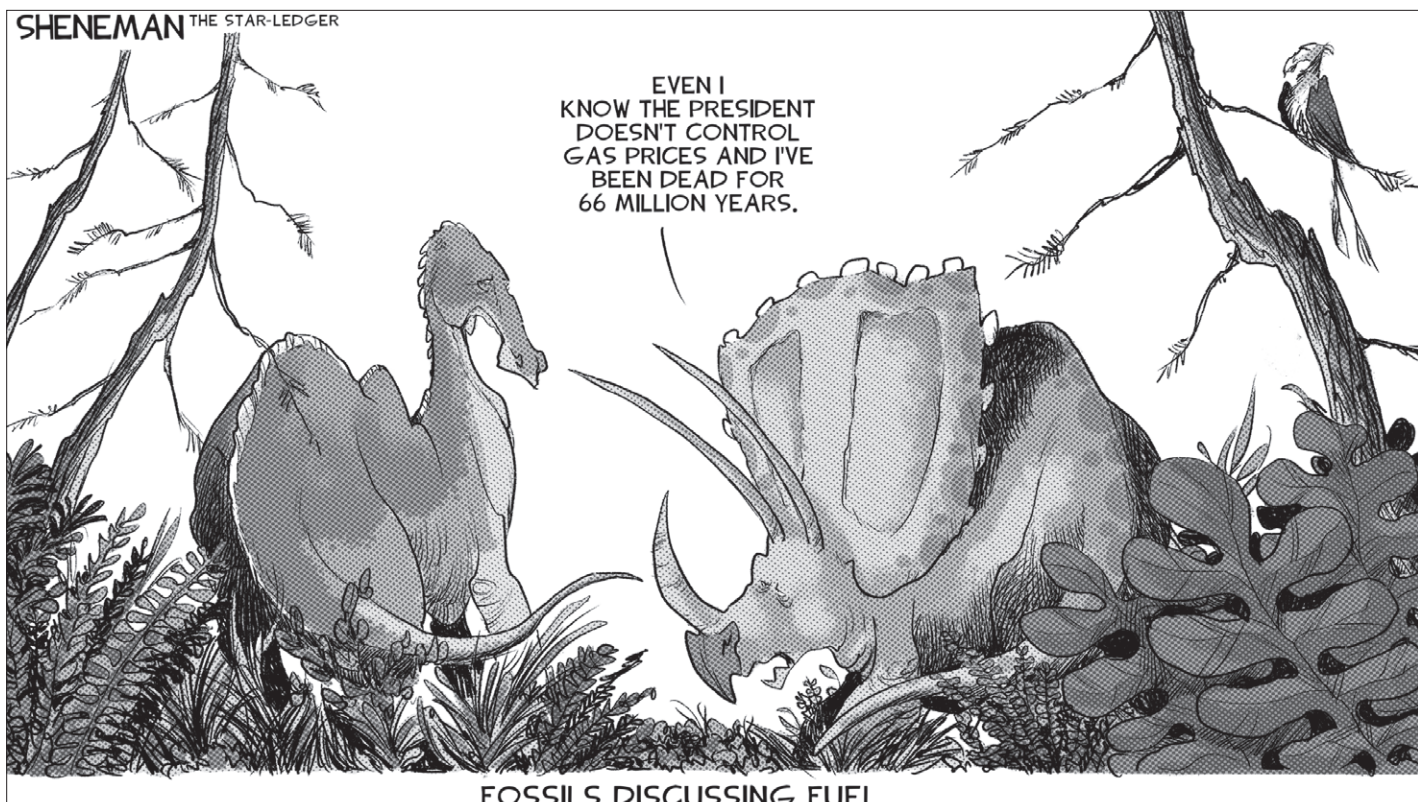
Do any students watch Faculty Senate? They don't want to respond to students, not within 48 hours, not ever if they could help it. Ridiculous! Why are you even wanting to teach?

Greenville needs more Uptown restaurants that stay open past 9 pm... some of us work until 8 pm and don't want McDonalds every night.

The Blackened Kraken sucks. That's all.

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

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Griner's arrest teaches lesson

Individuals must be aware of their actions, follow country rules



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Women's National Basketball Association athlete Brittney Griner faces the possibility of five years in a Russian labor camp over a vape found in her luggage. Something that I see so often used by my peers could land this woman in a place arguably worse than prison here in the United States.

Griner was detained in the Moscow, Russia, airport on Feb. 17 for having a vape on her that contained oils derived from cannabis, which is illegal in Russia. Possession of it could result in a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

Griner plays center for the Phoenix Mercury in Phoenix, Arizona, where cannabis is legal for people aged 21 and older. While we may see nothing wrong with someone who resides in a place that has legalized the drug using it, Russia has strong anti-drug policies that counter these views.

The issue with the situation, however, is that this was not Griner's first time traveling to Russia. She and about a dozen other WNBA players play overseas for UMMC Ekaterinburg, in Griner's case, for almost seven years. Having experience in Russia and knowing the intolerance the country has for things like drug use is something that she



Brittney Griner attempts to shoot the ball in a match against Japan in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. COURTESY OF ARIS MESSINIS | TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

should have taken into consideration before carrying the vape on her.

A lot of people treat weed, which federally is an illegal substance, as not that big of a deal. People use it as nonchalantly as college students and use fake IDs to drink or vape underage. For those kinds of people, it's easy to forget that what they're doing is not legal despite the fact that they've made it part of their everyday lives.

Griner's detention could not have come at a worse time either. With the war between Russia and Ukraine in full swing, Griner and the U.S. representatives working on her case cannot play her case politically. If her detention becomes political she will be worse off than she already is as it would leave her in

the hands of the Russian president.

By the time Griner's detention is set to end she will have been detained for over four months, and if her case does not improve, even longer. The longer they drag her case out the more unfairly it seems she is being punished.

Despite the negatives and extremes of her case, the situation does serve as a reminder for not only athletes with a platform but for everyone, to be aware of their actions and surroundings. Things that seem like not a big deal or are a part of our everyday lives can backfire in an instant.

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People should live life to the fullest



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There are two certainties among every living person. The same has been true for everyone who has lived and everyone who will live. Those certainties are that we each have one life and we will all die. With that being the case, the question remains. How will you use your time?

Life is short. I realized the brutality of how brief life is when I blinked, and my younger sister was taking driver's education. That was the moment when I took a look around me and realized that I am not 17 anymore. Though I remember the day that she was born, that little girl is not so little, and the days have passed as grains of sand in the hourglass.

So often I see that people, particularly in our western civilization, are chasing money, or more relevantly what the result of money is; that is comfort. My challenge to you today is to break that cycle. Live in

a way that makes culture scratch its head. Live for one another. Be uncomfortable.

Selflessness actions are ones taken from the heart and soul rather than the ego, which allows us to reach into the depths of the morality that all are capable of. A life lived out of selflessness is one that will leave you overall happier and healthier. Instead of expecting your relationships to make you feel a certain way, shifting your focus to the other person significantly improves communication, happiness and fulfillment.

“ It takes one small act to make another person's day. ”

-Chris Long

It takes one small act to make another person's day. Selflessness compounds in much the same way that selfishness does. What if, instead of choosing ourselves

daily, we choose to love one another? A legacy that is based off of hoarding monetary value or tangible things is empty. Those things do not travel with you past death.

Far greater than anything physical that you may acquire is your legacy. How will you be remembered?

My charge to you today is to live for one another. Love your neighbor as yourself. Become comfortable with being uncomfortable. Reach out to that person that you owe an apology to. Hold the door open for someone. Have a conversation with your neighbor.

Every life is precious and there is something that everyone is going through. Do you think it would be easier to navigate this dangerous and toxic world with just a sliver of change? Be that change. Make someone's day. As cheesy as it sounds, treat others how you want to be treated.

Life is short. Live it for someone else.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Discover extra benefits with a shared venture. Unexpected perks or windfall fruit could appear, rope for the picking. Develop lucrative possibilities together.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Domestic dreams are within reach. Make a change you've been long wanting. Choose upgrades for lasting quality and value. Nurture family with delicious flavors.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Pull together and a team dream comes into focus. The odds are good for success. Take advantage of unexpected opportunities. Long-term benefits develop.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — Explore a mutual attraction. Strategize and coordinate for greatest ease. Give and take. Share support, love and comfort. Acknowledge another's talents and skills.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — You're especially creative. Express your brilliant ideas. Grab an unscheduled opportunity to take your craft to the next level. Luck advances a long-held dream.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — Professional priorities have your attention. A lucky break deserves enthusiastic action. Drop or postpone what you can. Rising status and influence is available.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — Maintain healthy practices like exercise, good food and rest. Equipment upgrades can increase performance levels. A pleasant surprise provides lasting benefit. Enjoy nature.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — Lucrative opportunities develop naturally. You can realize a dreamy possibility. Harvest a bountiful windfall. Conserve some for the future. Replenish stores and provisions.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 9 — Your adventure could take an unexpected twist. Stay flexible and it could get magical. Spontaneous deviations can develop into lasting rewards. Expand your exploration.

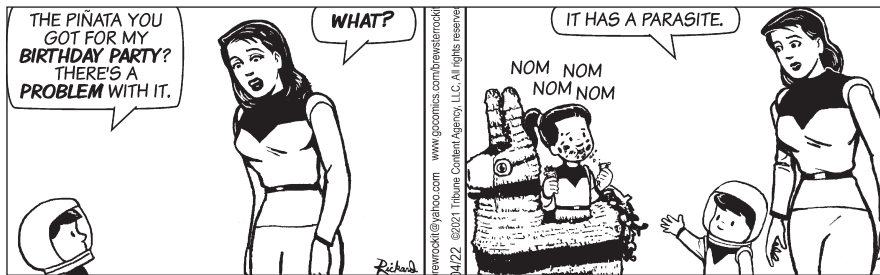
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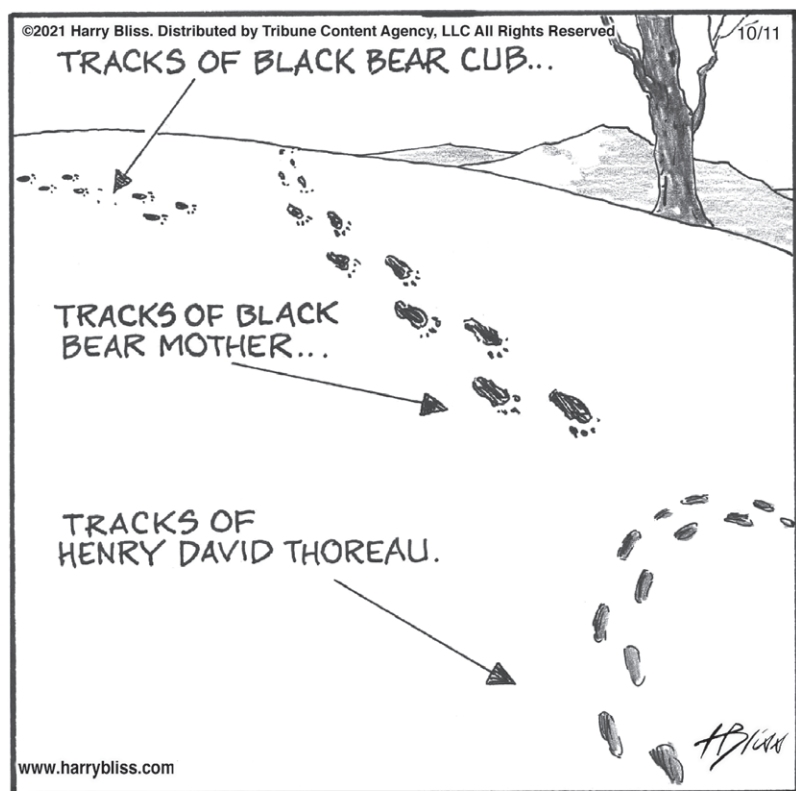
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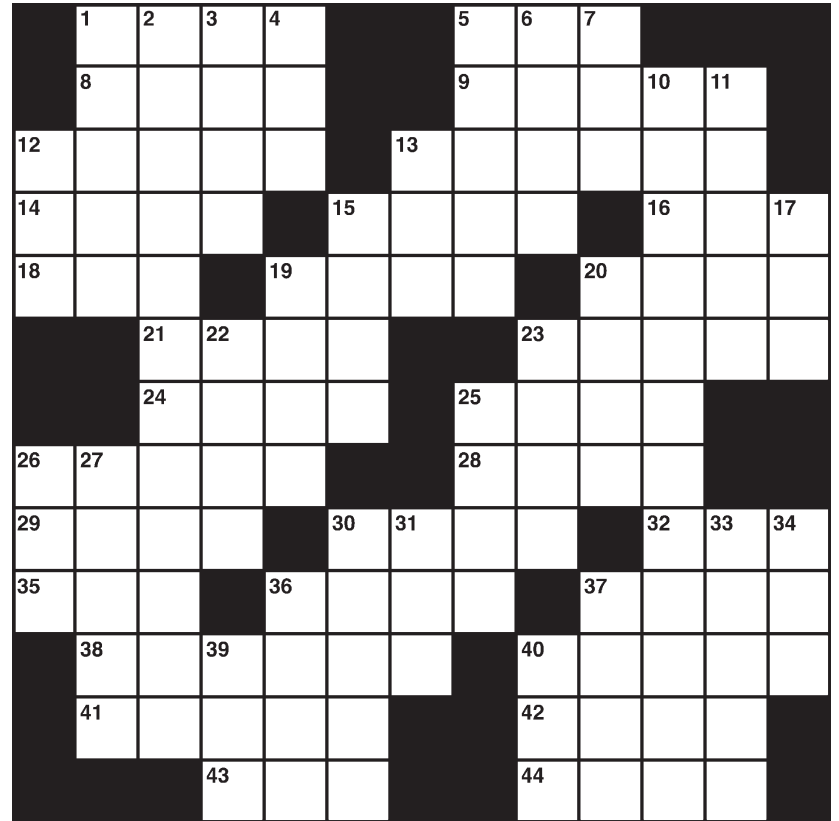
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ACROSS

- Garfield's housemate
- "Murder, ___ Wrote"
- Chops down
- Actor Ledger
- Capital of Morocco
- Washington or Stewart
- Hockey's Bobby & his kin
- "Chicago ___"
- "A Nightmare on ___ Street"; Johnny Depp film
- Sheep's cry
- Danny DeVito sitcom
- Flirt with
- Lunch or dinner
- Made cow noises
- "Resident ___"; Milla Jovovich horror movie
- TV clown
- Ford flop
- Ridiculed
- "Bless This ___"
- "A ___ of Two Cities"
- Shriver or Dawber
- Prefix for form or cycle

DOWN

- "Yours, ___ & Ours"; Dennis Quaid film
- Insulting remark
- Cartoon beagle
- Yogi & Boo Boo
- Actor Richard & his family
- Peruvian Indian
- Starr or Panabaker
- Elegant poems
- Actress Maureen
- "Will & Grace" actress
- "___ a Male War Bride"; Cary Grant film
- Suffix for mean or lean
- Lewis or Belafonte
- "From ___ to Eternity"
- "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
- Ted Danson series
- Actress Berry
- Lowe or Estes
- Recipe verb
- "The ___ Guy"; Lee Majors series
- "Chicago ___"
- "An American ___"; film about Fievel
- Seep out
- Arden & Plumb
- Sulk
- Actor Christian
- Large awkward bird
- Thickheaded
- Slightly drunk
- "___ Given Sunday"; Al Pacino film
- Invisible emanations
- "___ Doubtfire"
- "___ Lisa Smile"; movie for Julia Roberts
- "___ Me No Flowers"; Doris Day/Rock Hudson film
- Furniture wood
- Brief life sketch

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Solution from 3/23

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 501 E. 10th St.
 7 to 8:30 p.m.
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TOMORROW

Therapeutic Thursdays - Lacrosse Ball Muscle Tension Relief
 MCSC Well-Being Hub
 128 E. 7th St.
 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 (252) 328-5770

Zip Thursdays
 North Recreational Complex
 3764 US-264
 4 to 7 p.m.
 (252) 328-1577

ECU Violin Studio Recital
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Friday Floats ECU CRW
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Reimagining A New Model for Student Success
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First Friday ft. Virginia Sweet
 Christys EuroPub
 301 S. Jarvis St.
 8 to 11:30 p.m.
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As part of East Carolina University's Alexander Series an opera comedy group will travel to Wright Auditorium to perform at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

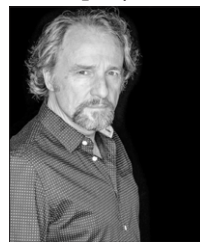
The Opera Locos come to ECU

Audrey Duke
 TEC STAFF

The Opera Locos, an opera comedy show originated in Spain, will perform for the audience a combination of storylines filled with comedy, romance and excitement as part of East Carolina University's Alexander Series at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Wright Auditorium.

Joe O'Curneen, creator and artistic director of The Opera Locos, said this show originated in 1991 when he and a few friends decided they wanted to create a theater company called Yllana.

Yllana was known for physical comedy, and they wanted to create a never-before seen show so they created The Opera Locos, O'Curneen said.



Joe O'Curneen

"Basically the formula was, let's try and get together the greatest hits of opera of all time and we'll start from there," O'Curneen said. "From there we started creating a narrative and some characters."

An individual ticket to one of the performances in the Alexander Series is \$35 but anyone is able to purchase a subscription to all five performances of the series for \$100 as part of the "restart the arts" subscription. O'Curneen said the upcoming performance is the group's first time touring in the United States, and they will be doing shows in North Carolina as well as Florida.

When auditioning, O'Curneen said they were looking for five different voices: soprano, tenor, countertenor, mezzo soprano and baritone. He said they created characters around the theme of love and entertainment.

"This is truly an example of the kind of work we do, so I would recommend that if people do like the show, to check our website and see the other shows that we have and get to know us a little bit," O'Curneen said.

At most opera shows, the singers do not use microphones, and the background music is played by a live orchestra. However, The Opera Locos do use microphones and their background music is a recorded track, which makes this show different, O'Curneen said.

Daniela Scarabino, production manager of The Opera Locos, said she is in charge of all the international bookings for each show. She said the show is a non-speaking performance and the group is made up of five singers who each must be able to act on stage as well as sing opera and rock-pop music.

"It is hard finding someone very good in classic opera, in rock and be able to play on a stage with some sort of comedy face and a behavior that is very comic, so to say," Scarabino said.

Since this is a show with no spoken words, Scarabino said, it was born to be international. There are three different productions of The Opera Locos currently performing worldwide at about the same time, one in North Carolina, one in France and another in Mexico.

International bookings for these shows happen about two years in advance, so they are currently booking shows for the 2024 season, Scarabino said. She said the group has been waiting to come to North Carolina for a long time because of cancellations from COVID-19.

"We are really looking forward to coming to North Carolina and it will be a big adventure. I think that it is something very new for

you (ECU) and we are sure that you will like it," Scarabino said.

The songs that are being sung by the performers are songs by extremely well-known artists such as Mozart, O'Curneen said. He said the audience will have the experience of an entire opera performance in an hour and a half.

Mackensie Moore, freshman psychology major, said she has always been interested in live performances and theater so this show sounds like a very interesting experience.

"I think more students on campus should utilize the access they have to these types of shows because it's not often you get to see an opera performance like this," Moore said.

Most opera shows are typically very emotional, so the ability to bring in the aspect of comedy is not something people would be expecting, Moore said. She said making the show more entertaining for a younger audience might be helpful when performing in this environment.

Moore said The Opera Locos is something easy and fun to go to with your friends and family that might bring everyone closer together because it will be another life experience everyone will be able to share.

"ECU is such a great place to try and experience new things so going to different shows on campus is something you could tell your friends and family and that may be a good way to spread the word about these shows," Moore said.

Tickets for The Opera Locos are available on the ECU College of Fine Arts and Communication website.

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"Since the event costs a lot of money but since it's not a money-making event, it's just great for the Sup Dogs brand, downtown and the community," Oliverio said.

With the show being postponed for two years, those that originally bought tickets will still have their honored this Friday. Doggie Jams is usually full of ECU students, alumni and locals. The hotels stay booked at this time and tickets aren't cheap and are sold out for this upcoming show, Oliverio said.

"We always see students and football players downtown, but to see Shaquille O'Neal walking down Fifth Street to me is going to be really cool," Oliverio said.

Senior public health major Trya Harrison wanted to go to Doggie Jams but couldn't since the tickets were sold out, since she found out about the event too late.

"I wanted to go because it's my senior year and I haven't done a lot of stuff out here at ECU and I know typically they do a good job of putting on big events, especially at the mall on campus," Harrison said. "So I'm expecting pretty good things."

Manager of Sup Dogs John Huie has been working at Sup Dogs for almost 10 years. Doggie Jams has been postponed for two years due to COVID-19, Huie said. There are going to be over 4,000 people there and it started out as something small that grew every year, Huie said.

"I don't know if there was any specific reason it started other than to have some outdoor music, I don't think it intended to be as big as it is today," Huie said.

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New confectionery introduced in Uptown

Jacqueline Fischer
 FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A new confectionery shop named Over the Top Sweet Shop recently opened in Uptown Greenville, North Carolina, where the owners enjoy making their goods "over the top" with their distinctive creations.

Although the shop is labeled an ice cream shop, the owners offer various desserts. According to the Over the Top Sweet Shop website, the shop offers high-end chocolate, special made donuts, gelato, candies and kettle corn.

Alex Ballejos, co-owner of Over the Top Sweet Shop, said he and his wife, Lorri, are the owners of the shop. He said they have been open for three weeks so far but wanted to open much earlier, even as early as September 2021.

"The pandemic had slowed everything down, even the working of the building. We were planning on opening last September here at this spot, and then we planned on opening again around New Year's," Ballejos said.

As for the location, Ballejos wanted something that Uptown Greenville did not really have; something that is shock-worthy and is also family friendly. The shop has various tables in to for families and friends to be able to sit at while enjoying their treats.

The shop includes a wide variety of treats and they are especially proud of their gelato. There are plenty of ice cream shops, but gelato was something that was not offered in other places, Ballejos said. The sweet shop is bringing "freakshakes" to Greenville, which are milkshakes piled with combinations of desserts. Ballejos said he is excited to add these soon.

The shop also offers high-end chocolate and truffles. Lorri makes various "concoctions" with their candy apples as well. They offer chocolate-covered strawberries, marshmallows and different kinds of truffles as well as coffee and fresh donuts, Ballejos said.

"This is Uptown Greenville, there's nothing like this here (in Greenville). We found a hole that needed to be filled and this is just a great



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Over the Top Sweet Shop offers various desserts from donuts to gelato to the Greenville community.

location," Ballejos said. "I know that the foot traffic isn't very heavy in Uptown Greenville, but I know that one day we can get enough shops here, other than the bar scenes."

Ballejos said that they are planning to make the shop more family-friendly, such as adding a kids' corner. He said he wants it to be all about families who can enjoy their free time. They also have plenty of adults who bring in their computers to use the Wi-Fi.

In the future, they may add outdoor seating to make it more cozy. They want to leave it as is for now and wait for what comes next for them, Ballejos said.

Maria Talbert, a current employee at Over the Top, started working at the location when it opened in early March 2022.

"It's not very busy in the mornings, but around lunch time it does get pretty busy. We're not open very late right now, but we might be thinking about opening later," Talbert said. "It's a really nice environment and everyone comes in here and people talk and do work here."

On March 26, there were quite a few people at the shop ordering different items. Taylor Banfalva, a recent customer at the shop, said that it was her first appearance at the location.

"It is very interesting. It smells really good as soon as you walk in, and their donuts are



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Employee serves one of the shop's many flavors.

actually really cool looking, so that's what we're interested in," Banfalva said.

The shop is closed on Sunday and Mondays and is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The shop is located at 409 Evans St. in Uptown Greenville. It is located across from the Emerge Gallery & Art Center and around the corner from Buggy's Bar.

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TEC 'spertZ

The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's events

Max Lukas

News and Sports Reporter with WZMB



Baseball three-game series at Cincinnati from April 1 through April 3
Score Prediction?
3-0 ECU

Why? After one game vs NC State, I expect ECU to realize the level they will have to perform at to compete this season. I expect ECU to sweep a lackluster Cincinnati team.

Anthony Bove

Host of Inside the Lines with WZMB



Baseball three-game series at Cincinnati from April 1 through April 3
Score Prediction?
3-0 ECU

Why? I would say they have a legit shot of sleeping the series at Cincinnati. ECU is better than their record shows and they should be able to capitalize on this matchup.

Reyna Crooms

Sports Reporter @reynacrooms



Baseball three-game series at Cincinnati from April 1 through April 3
Score Prediction?
3-1 ECU

Why? The Pirates are improving as the season advances. The team will be prepared for the game against Cincinnati.

Schwartz joins Pirate basketball

Head coach begins career with East Carolina

Chris Long
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University men's basketball team officially found its new head coach in former Tennessee University assistant head coach and defensive coordinator Michael Schwartz.

Schwartz has been coaching since the 1999-2000 season, when he started his career at the University of Texas as a graduate assistant. From Texas, Schwartz went to Long Beach State University, preceding the 2001-2002 season to fill in the video assistant role.

Following one season with Long Beach State, Schwartz returned to Texas where he served as the video coordinator for two seasons from 2002 to 2004. His first NCAA coaching job was as an assistant at the University of Texas at San Antonio during the 2004-2005 season.

After the single season at San Antonio, Schwartz moved to the University of Miami where from 2005 to 2007 he served as the coordinator of basketball operations before he was promoted to assistant coach following the 2006-2007 season.

Schwartz served as an assistant coach in Miami from 2007 to 2011 before a new opportunity landed him a role as assistant coach at Fresno State University from 2011 to 2014. He continued to work his way up the ladder with a promotion to assistant head coach at Fresno State in the 2014-2015 season.

He then moved to Tulsa University ahead of the 2015-2016 season where he stayed for one season before he followed Tennessee head coach Rick Barnes to that program in 2016. Schwartz was an assistant coach at Tennessee from 2016 to 2019 before he received a promotion to assistant head coach in 2019.

From there, Schwartz stayed with Ten-



The Pirates' baseball team warms up on Lewis Field inside of Clark-LeClair Stadium.

nessee as the assistant head coach for two seasons until he was hired by the Pirates to lead the program in his first head coaching role following former head coach Joe Doolley's termination in March.

"I've wanted to be a head coach and I've felt ready for quite a while," Schwartz said in an interview on March 24. "I'm not an assistant coach that's been doing this for five, six, seven or even ten years. I just completed my 23rd season in Division I basketball."

The pairing comes together following a season that finished 15-15, 6-11 in conference for the Pirates. In the past two seasons, Tennessee has finished fifth and third in Kenpom's defensive ranking. His leadership was one of the factors to acquiring the No. 3 seed in the NCAA Tournament and winning an SEC championship.

"Regardless of what your personnel is, you can be a great defensive player and you can be a great defensive team, because to me defense is heart," Schwartz said. "It's toughness. It's as much mental as it is physical and so, to me, that's where if you can

build that foundation, then you can always hang your hat there."

After his hiring was announced, Schwartz continued to coach for the Tennessee program through its NCAA tournament run. Following the Vols' loss to Michigan University in the round of 32, Schwartz traveled to Greenville, North Carolina, to join ECU's program.

"When you really look at my time at Tennessee, being there over the last few years, I really knew that I was ready and it's just waiting for the right opportunity," Schwartz said. "You don't know before, but when it happens you say 'Oh, now I know,' and no one else can really understand it until they experience it. When this opportunity happened, I knew."

The next responsibility for Schwartz as he heads into the offseason will be the recruiting process and management of the transfer portal.

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Suggs, Newton enter transfer portal

Staff Report

The East Carolina University basketball team will lose two of its double-digit scorers from this past season as sophomore guard Tristen Newton and sophomore forward/guard Brandon Suggs enter the transfer portal.

Newton announced his plan to end his three-year run for the Pirates on Monday. With two years of eligibility left, the 6-foot-5

guard will enter the transfer portal to finish out his collegiate career somewhere else.

"ECU, thank you for welcoming me in with open arms," Newton wrote in a Twitter post. "I want to thank my teammates and coaches because without you guys I'm no one! With that being said, I will be entering the transfer portal for my last 2 years left of eligibility. Love forever Pirate Nation."

Suggs, who also has two years of eligibility remaining, followed shortly after, announcing

his plan to leave ECU and enter the portal on Tuesday. The Pirates fell in all five games Suggs was unable to play in this season.

"I want to say thank you to all my coaches and teammates over the years. We will always be locked in for life. With that being said, I have decided to enter my name in the transfer portal for my last 2 years of eligibility," Suggs wrote in a Twitter post.

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Softball hosts doubleheader against Blue Devils today

Kiarra Crayton
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University softball team (17-13, 2-1 American Athletic Conference) awaits a doubleheader with the Blue Devils of Duke University (23-5, 8-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) with games at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. today in Greenville, North Carolina, at the Max R. Joyner Family Stadium.

ECU will head into the games off a win from a three-game series held over this past weekend. The Pirates faced Memphis University (13-20, 1-2 AAC) in the series and pulled the win 7-4. This series launched the conference season for the Pirates.

In the first game of the series, the Pirates fell to the Tigers 8-9. While ECU had more overall hits during the game, it committed too many errors to come back from. Memphis was able to draw seven walks against ECU, which was the determining factor as to who was the winner of the game.

The Pirates were down most of the first half. In the second half, sophomore infielder Jocelyn Alonso hit a grand slam with a hit over the left center wall to propel the Pirates into the lead

8-7. A hit by the Tigers allowed them to regain their lead by two. ECU had an opportunity to get back up in the top of the seventh with two runners in position, however, the team was unsuccessful.

In the second game, the Pirates evened the series with a 12-5 win over the Tigers. ECU started off hot and established its 11 point lead in the first inning. The pace

slowed down after the start and ECU didn't score again until the top of the seventh inning. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Madysyn Davis (6-1) had three scoreless frames against Memphis. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Taylor Smith (3-1) had three earned runs in the game and pitched one inning.

Alonso and sophomore outfielder Logyn Estes both had triples in the first inning. Sophomore catcher Sophie Wools aided the team with a double to left field and gave the opportunity for three other runners to score.

ECU secured its first conference series win in the last game of the series March 27, 7-4. This was the first series the Pirates won in Memphis since 2015. Junior outfielder Faith Jarvis led ECU offensively going two for four at bat with two runs scored and a pair of doubles.

The last time ECU met Duke was April 23, 2019, in Durham, North Carolina, at Duke Softball Stadium. The Pirates lost to the Blue Devils 1-4. The Pirates came up short with hits and only produced three while the Blue Devils had nine. ECU's only run was scored in the top of the seventh inning.

After this week's game, ECU will host the University of South Florida (28-10, 0-3 AAC) in a three-game series from Friday through Sunday. The series will take place in Greenville at the Max. R. Joyner Family Stadium. The first game is scheduled for a 5 p.m. first pitch, followed by the second game at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and the third game at noon on Sunday.

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