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## Police officers turn to Twitter Pitt County Sheriff's Office kick-off tweet along campaign



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Local law enforcement published their first tweets Thursday morning with the arrests of child support violators.

**ReAnn Melaga**  
TEC STAFF

Twitter users across the world were able to follow along with the Pitt County Sheriff's Office as they sought out and arrested child support violators during their first ever tweet along.

On Thursday, May 29, the Pitt County Sheriff's Office hosted their tweet along from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. During the tweet along, staff were able to create a virtual ride along for followers by tweeting while riding with deputies

of the Pitt County Sheriff's Office Child Support Unit and Probation and Parole Units during Operation Support Your Child.

"We decided to do something that is starting to become a national trend and that is using twitter in

law enforcement," said Pitt County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer, Christy Wallace. "This was a way to involve the community and to let them know what we are doing."

By having staff tweet while deputies are working, the public is able to get a first-hand look at the day-to-day happenings of law enforcement.

"A lot of times people want to ride with us and we don't always have the ability to do that," said Pitt County Sheriff's Office Grants Administrator Melissa Larson. "We want to expose our work to the taxpayers who are very interested in seeing what happens."

While twitter followers are able to experience the excitement of a virtual ride-along, Larson says the agency is able to benefit from the tweet along as well.

"It's all about having the twitter fans be our eyes and ears because we need the community support and we can't do this alone," Larson said.

Throughout the tweet along, the Pitt County Sheriff's Office received positive feedback from local followers and law enforcement agencies. Feedback

was also received from followers in Canada and the United Kingdom.

"I foresee with the success that we had with it, that it would entice other agencies to get on board and try it," Wallace said.

During the two-hour long operation, various tweets were shared with the Pitt County Sheriff's Office followers. Some tweets included pictures of suspects in handcuffs while others mentioned suspects by name, asking followers if they knew of their whereabouts. Six people were taken into custody by the end of the operation.

Wallace says the goal is to host the tweet alongs once a month. In the future, she would like for them to take place from places such as the forensics lab or the Pitt County jail.

Wallace and Larson strongly encourage students to follow the Pitt County Sheriff's Office Twitter and Facebook accounts.

"We just want to reach that population because there is a lot of information we can give them," Larson said.

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VICTIMS RECEIVE JUSTICE

## Pirate takes on human trafficking

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Born and raised in Pitt County, N.C., Andi Justice proves to be anything but an ordinary college girl. As a rising senior at East Carolina University, she has already changed many people's lives.

Justice has recently returned from a two-week community service trip in Belmopan, Belize, in mid-May. This was her fifth time visiting, where she served as an anti-human trafficking advocate and a grade school educator.

The first time Justice went to Belize was in 2009 during a mission trip with her church's youth group. After getting to know the local children, she fell in love with Belize and goes back each summer, on her own expense, to spread awareness on human trafficking.

"I stayed with a family whom I met on my first trip to Belize. They helped me get in contact with the Child Development Foundation of

Belize, which is the organization I volunteer with during my stay."

The CDF is a Christian non-profit organization seeking to mobilize community-based organizations on the growing issue of the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Belize. The organization promotes the awareness of human trafficking in a number of ways - some being the sensitization workshops for care providers and teaching awareness classes at local grade schools.

"We would present at two to three schools a day, targeting students from the fourth to the seventh grade. We would raise awareness of human trafficking, and advise the children what to do if they come in contact with exploitation," Justice said.

Justice reflected on her experience working with the training team, "Morality Matters,"

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## Teachers' tenures cut

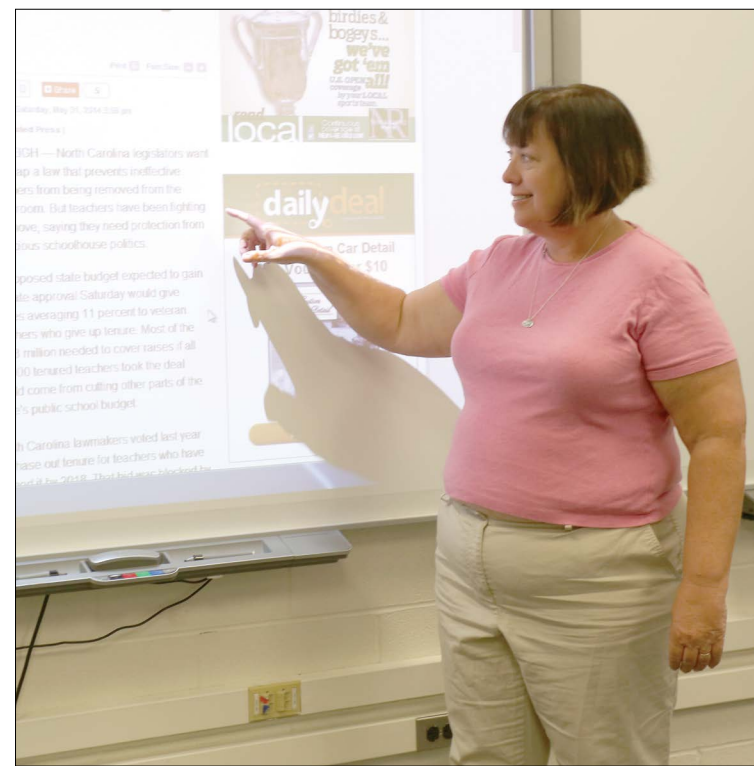
**Micah Molinas**  
TEC STAFF

In a state that ranks 46th in the nation in teacher salary, the North Carolina General Assembly is requesting that teachers now give up their "career status."

Just weeks after being told that revoking tenure was unconstitutional, the NC Senate has now proposed that teachers in grades K-12 who previously have been awarded that status could relinquish it in exchange for a pay raise of up to 20 percent.

"It's just another hit on their profession," said Ann Bullock, Department Chair of Elementary and Middle Grades Education at East Carolina University. "They shouldn't have to negotiate one piece of their profession for another."

Along with no longer being offered the job security that comes with being a tenured teacher, teachers would also only be offered one-year contracts, something comes as a change to the current system of offering contracts of up to three years. This is something that Vivian Covington, Director of Teacher Education, believes can lead to more experienced teachers not being



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Ann Bullock is leading the opposition to North Carolina's newest tenure cuts.

rehired in exchange for a younger and cheaper alternative.

"What they are saying is that if you are good then you shouldn't have to worry about it. You do not need tenure and you can continue to be hired," she said, adding that

the more experienced teachers could be worried that they would not be brought back when the state could hire a new teacher for \$35,000.

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### BRIEFS

#### Choreography of ECU dance professor performed in D.C.

ECU dance professor John Dixon's work was recognized in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, June 7. His choreographed performance was a part of the American College Dance Festival Association's National College Dance Festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Dixon's piece, titled "Consumption", featured nine ECU dancers. Dixon has been teaching at ECU for five years.

#### Local middle school student to play at Carnegie Hall in New York City

Eighth grader and Greenville native Patrick Byrum has been selected to participate in the 2014 Middle School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Byrum is scheduled to travel to New York for five days, which will include site seeing and musical instruction. Byrum's performance will take place on June 28 with the Honors Junior Orchestra.

#### NFL player and former ECU football player starts second annual camp

Dwayne Harris hosted his second annual Youth Football Camp in Greenville on Saturday, June 7. Kids of all ages were able to participate in the camp that included drills prepared by Harris and his staff. Two MVP's were selected at the camp and received autographed memorabilia. Harris is a former ECU wide receiver and currently plays for the Dallas Cowboys.

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# Pub walk takes the town

**Destiny Edwards**  
TEC STAFF

Thunderstorms and cloudy skies came, but it didn't keep people away from downtown last week. The Take the Town Pub Walk brought individuals together last Thursday and Friday for two evenings of food, camaraderie and, of course, beer.

The walk was sponsored by Uptown Greenville, the "Greenville Times" and Coastal Beverage Company. Ryan Webb, publisher and editor of the "Times," was the event's main organizer and greeted everyone at Five Points Plaza, scanning tickets and separating people into three groups. Each group started at a different restaurant and rotated, finally meeting up at Still Life at the end of the night.

Group leaders—identified by their giant straw sombreros trimmed in blue, red and teal—handed out gold-colored whistles and necklaces with crescent-shaped pendants that glowed green. They also offered memberships from Still Life to walkers.

In addition to Still Life, participants visited Winslow's Tavern, Sup Dogs and Chico's. Each restaurant offered reserved seating, appetizers and drink specials, such as Corona Light drafts and bottles of Modelo, to walkers.

At Winslow's, participants were greeted with buttery-soft leather chairs and a surprise—a free Corona Light, courtesy of Coastal Beverage Company. Appetizers included Sriracha

chicken balls, sausage-stuffed mushrooms and bacon-wrapped scallops.

Late '90s alternative permeated the air at Sup Dogs where walkers were given mini tacos, fried green beans and bacon cheese fries. Each table received a pitcher of Corona Light. At Chico's, they were offered chips and salsa, steak quesadillas and shrimp tacos. Chico's also added \$3 sangrias to its list of specials.

Group leader Cathy Hardison said she got involved with the pub walk through her job. She worked for Uptown Greenville, primarily with the Arts Council, until March and that she had participated in pub walks during that time.

"Then I started at the Greenville Times and they sponsored this one," said Hardison.

Hardison said that there isn't a set time of year for the walks.

"We do them whenever," said Hardison. "The last one we did was back in December."

Hardison also said that there is normally a theme for the pub walks, usually a featured brew. This past weekend's theme was Corona Light, to celebrate the beer's recent availability on draft in local establishments.

Most people said they found out about the walk through word-of-mouth. One group said they heard about the event through a Facebook friend. Others, like Devon Reed (graduate-geology), said they discovered the walk through strangers.

"A random girl at the bar



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The pub walk featured Winslow's Tavern (shown above), Sup Dogs, Still Life and Chico's.

last night asked if we were going to the pub walk," said Reed. "We thought it sounded like fun, so here we are."

Walkers were a diverse group, with ages ranging from

21 to mid-40s. In addition to graduate students like Reed, there were a number of professionals, including nurses. One participant even celebrated her birthday at the

pub walk, posing for pictures with a large sombrero.

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which aimed to teach students about puberty, the changes they can expect to see in their bodies and emotions, and a healthy view of sexuality. Justice, and her team members presented to a total of about 700 children in four local primary schools, according to the CDF website.

Not many would trade a life of comfort and security to stay in a third-world country for the sake of other children.

"I lived in a typical Belizean shack, with slats for windows and no air conditioning," Justice said. "That took some getting used to, but it was worth the lives I changed during my stay there."

Her humanitarian ways have exceeded any expectations that one may have for a 21-year-old college student.

When Justice isn't abroad fighting against human trafficking, she's home in Greenville raising money for the CDF by selling her homemade "Sell Tacos, Not Children" t-shirts. All proceeds go to educational supplies for the organization as well as rent costs and office equipment.

When asked what motivates her to keep going to Belize, she replied, "If what I'm doing is changing just one life, and that one life helps another, I feel as though I've done my job."

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# Robbery at Walmart

## Armed suspect chased down by police



WEB PHOTO  
The Walmart on Greenville Boulevard encountered its second armed assailant in less than one year Friday. An arrest was made.

**Byron Goodwin**  
TEC STAFF

Anthony Velasco led police on a pursuit after being suspected for armed robbery of Walmart on Greenville Boulevard on Friday. No one was injured.

At approximately 1:20 p.m. police received a report of the robbery, which took place at the Money Center in the front of the store. Velasco wielded a handgun while demanding cash from the employees. He fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of money.

Witnesses of the robbery were able to identify Velasco, the getaway vehicle and the tag number, leading police to the vehicle the same day. When signaled to pull over, the driver ignored Greenville Police leading them on a chase. The vehicle crashed into a cement pipe off County Home Rd., causing the car to catch on fire.

After attempting to flee the scene on foot, 23-year-old Velasco of Tull Road, who is a known Sureno-13 (SUR-13) gang member according to police, was arrested and taken into custody.

The vehicle the suspect was driving was identified as stolen and had been missing since the overnight hours of last Wednesday.

Velasco faces several charges including



CONTRIBUTED  
Anthony Velasco, 23, was apprehended Friday.

first degree burglary and two counts of assault by pointing a gun. He has been placed under a \$1.2 million bond.

Velasco's alleged armed robbery marks the second time in less than a calendar year that Walmart on Greenville Boulevard has dealt with an armed assailant.

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Bullock says that by taking away incentives such as tenure, and masters pay if the degree was not completed before May, 2014, the state is "taking the profession apart brick by brick."

The cuts that are being placed upon teachers have led many of the state's educators to leave for other states such as Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina. This is something that Covington believes can affect the students in the classroom.

"We already have a teacher shortage," Covington said. "So by losing more, teachers are going to have to come from out-of-state or other routes and there is data that shows that teachers that come from out-of-state are not able to affect student achievement as quickly."

With the amount of

teachers leaving North Carolina for other states, Covington has also found that it is growing harder to entice students to become teachers with the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship no longer being offered.

"We are having people leave at the career end; we are having less people coming in at the front," said Covington, adding that the state may soon be facing a crisis if change does not occur.

The Senate's plan to eliminate teacher tenure comes shortly after the law, backed by North Carolina's Republican leaders, was ruled unconstitutional by Superior Court Judge Robert Hobgood on May 18.

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## PIRATE RANTS

Want more Pirate Rants? Make sure you submit every week at [theeastcarolinian.com](http://theeastcarolinian.com) You could see your rant in next week's issue.

Ladies, don't you hate when a guy stares at you and don't even speak.

Some women don't know the definition of TMI. Strangers don't want to hear how you got drunk, smashed several guys and were on your period. YOU NASTY!!!

Summer time... the weather gets hotter... and the women dress s\*\*\*\*r.

I need to confess that I cannot stop thinking about the guy I met this weekend... but I have a long-term boyfriend. What to do?

Thank you for the words of encouragement as I rescued a feisty beetle from the halls of Brewster.

I'm so over being at school. Fifth year senior status sucks.

We represent the lolly pop kids.

Is anyone else really weirdly emotional about Sup Dogs opening in Chapel Hill...?

That man must have one heck of a navel...

That moment your professor makes a Star Trek reference... You know you're in the right class.

The ring may just be a symbol of my love, but it sure is a big symbol, and she sure isn't complaining.

I was driving on Charles Blvd and stopped at a stop light. This guy was packed in the back seat of his friend's car and tried to holla at me and my sister. Instead of rolling down the window, he opens up the car door and tries to talk to us. Can you say THIRSTY? My sister and I were cracking up laughing when we got to the next light.

Please pull up your pants. Not everyone wants to see your hairy, deep butt crack.

The fault in John Green's Ending.

Don't get on the elevator while I'm Getting off!

Please walk in front of me and move as slow as a snail, not.

ECU buses ran during the summer? Awesome!

Who else cried their eyes out while seeing "The Fault in Our Stars?"

Call me a hipster, but I read "The Fault in Our Stars" in 2012

Rate my mugshot?

I'm sunburned on 30 percent of my body. I don't want to tell you which parts...

Nanny Nanny boo boo we're here and you're not

I strive every day to be as much like Stevie Ray Vaughan as I can. American Cowboy

Can this weather not?

Why is Greenville so f-ing boring during the summer?

How do you talk to girls on the beach? HELP

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# Our view

## Godwin: right time to part ways with ECU

The decision by ECU athletics to forgo the renewal of nine-year, head baseball coach Billy Godwin's contract was not a surprise to most, but it is the view of this editorial staff that it is important to fully understand the situation.

There is a major distinction between getting fired and being laid off, and in context, the marriage between Godwin and ECU ended reasonably gracefully. Godwin was a fine baseball coach for the Pirates, who didn't deserve a dramatic firing. He led the Diamond Bucs to winning seasons in eight of his nine seasons and won a Conference USA Coach of the Year award in 2009 after

winning the regular season league title that year.

Godwin, unfortunately, had back-to-back seasons without going to a regional playoff at exactly the wrong time: as his contract was running out of years. Also, in an era of change with the conference transition, expectations for most of ECU's programs are higher.

It is the opinion of this editorial staff that the recent decision by ECU was the appropriate one because the baseball program could use a spark initiated by change, but Pirate baseball fans should remember Billy Godwin as a winner.

# Let's all go outdoors

## Taylor Talks



**Taylor Davis**  
TEC COLUMNIST

Try and think of the number of bikers you see in Greenville and count how many that there are. Not a lot of people are out and about these days, it seems. Going on a simple run or bike ride in Greenville can really clear the mind and help a person grow. As a person who has grown up and been surrounded by nature, I now realize how impacting it was on me as a person.

Nature helps people escape from the pressures that life comes with and encourages them to get in touch with themselves within. Greenery seems to have a certain effect on people that softens the knots in their minds and energizes them as well. Areas in Greenville that are quite rich in nature are the Green Mill Run Greenway and the Grid. Most college students who are in proximity to East Carolina University make use of these areas by living in houses on the Grid and using the Greenway for exercise or meditation. There have been studies at the College of Ecology at Cornell University conducted on how the cognitive functioning of children and adults living near greener areas had vastly improved as compared to an area with little to no vegetation.

Being around peaceful places can often nudge the heart and mind toward the right path. Many ECU students take pride in living



WEB PHOTO

The outdoors around Greenville provide numerous opportunities for people to explore and get exercise.

on the Grid simply because of how beautiful it is and the sense of community that they receive from their surroundings. Those who use the Greenway say that they feel much healthier and balanced as compared to people who don't utilize the pathways and calming greenery there. These places are encouraging of inner-balance, which is to be taken seriously in today's day and time. The world is a very stressful place and if we, as humans, keep letting ourselves drift away the one element that helps us, there will be nothing left to escape in. Forests are people's secret sanctuaries and places to get away from the weight of their own emotions in.

Nature should be more appreciated and utilized among residents and even non-residents as well. Those who lived near or around nature and used the opportunity proved to be more content and untroubled than the rest. They gave off a vibration of confidence, which is not very common at all in today's society. The best thing for a person is to get out of bed and make time in their day to embrace the natural beauty spread throughout the areas of Greenville.

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# Dangers of being open-minded



**William Franklin**  
TEC STAFF

Something that I've always found troublesome is when people say that they are "open-minded". No one can ever really be completely open-minded; it's a false state of being—something that exists by way of intuitions. People should stop saying that they are open-minded because they are selling themselves short.

The problem with open-mindedness is that it results in mindlessness. No person is capable of being open-minded about everything, so why not actually stand up for the things that are worth believing in? It can be dangerous when people start to accept ideas so eagerly. Ideas that

are adopted should be accepted in the same way that scientific theory is: by way of intense thought, reflection, and experimentation when possible.

When people are influenced by "group-think," the real mistake starts. "Group-think" is what happens when people begin to accept the ideas of others without critical analysis of said ideas. This is what has happened in the United States for years on end. There are large groups like the "Tea Party" or Michael Moore, which causes mass amounts of people to accept a way of thinking because it is attractive and seductive. However, this is part of what's wrong with the United States—rather than people thinking for themselves; most subscribe to the way that the party thinks. They are open-minded enough to accept stances and beliefs without

questioning them—and it results in the acceptance of ideas that are not necessarily right.

People should learn to think critically and to be less open-minded when being presented with new ideas. This is what is lacking in education today—people are taught to be accepting of one another, which is a good thing, but this also carries over

into the way that people are taught about ideas.

Perhaps when people learn those skills the political and social climate of the United States may improve, but until that day we will be stuck in deadlock and inflamed political rhetoric.

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## Poll results

What did you think of the new X-men movie?

Yes - 60%  
No - 40%

## Poll question

Have you been to the beach yet this summer?

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# Music festival celebrates jazz



ECU professor, Carroll Dashiell, will be one of the jazz musicians performing at the Greenville Grooves Musical Festival on Friday to help celebrate African American Music Appreciation Month.

## Surprise artists will perform at festival

Destiny Edwards  
TEC STAFF

This weekend, Greenville will honor the musical style known as jazz as part of its African American Music Appreciation Month celebration.

Friday is the first annual Greenville Grooves Music Festival. The festival will feature music by jazz musician and ECU professor Carroll Dashiell. Dashiell said there will be special guests performing, but that their identities are a surprise.

"You'll just have to come to the show," said Dashiell. "It's an all-star cast and some excellent musicians and vocalists. I'm very proud of them all."

Dashiell said that the set list will be a show that he wrote over 30 years ago and is in the tradition of old traveling shows. The show will feature music spanning from Duke Ellington to Michael Jackson and has been performed in venues around the world.

"I tailor it toward the audience," said Dashiell. "That makes it a lot of fun because its audience participation."

Dashiell said that while this is the festival's first year, he and the City of Greenville have wanted to put on something like it for a long time, but schedules had never lined up to do so.

"It all came together this year," said Dashiell. "The only thing we're a little concerned about now is the thunderstorms this week."

African American Music Appreciation Month started its life as Black Music Month in 1979 under then-President Jimmy Carter as a marketing tool to recognize and promote Black music to increase sales. Eventually, it became less about economics and more about recognizing and celebrating the contributions Black people made to the world of music.

In 2000, Bill Clinton signed the African American Music Bill, officially establishing Black Music Month as a national observance. It received its current name from President Obama in 2009.

North Carolina has a rich history of Black music, which was detailed in the book "African American Music Trails of Eastern North Carolina," written by Sarah Bryan, Beverly Patterson and Michelle Lanier. Some of the artists profiled in the book include funk saxophonist Maceo Parker, best known for his work with James Brown, George Clinton and Prince, and Greenville's own Billy Taylor.

Dashiell said that he has more things planned throughout June to observe African American Music Month.

"It all came together this year...  
-Carroll Dashiell"

"I'm going to be doing some different talks and lectures and just stopping in to be as supportive as possible at other events," said Dashiell.

Other African American Music Month events in Eastern North Carolina include the Concert in the Courtyard featuring the Monitors on June 17 in Snow Hill and the Jazz Showcase on June 20 in Goldsboro. The latter will contain readings and discussions about Bryan, Patterson and Lanier's book, as well as a performance by Kinston native Eric Dawson. Dawson's quartet features Dashiell's son on bass.

The Greenville Grooves Music Festival starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Common amphitheater and is sponsored by WIKS (101.9) and WNCT (107.9). Food, drinks, posters and CDs will be available for purchase. The event is free to the public.

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## Rain ruins aqua event

Antonio Jackson  
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The aqua theater was supposed to be wet and wild fun, but turned into just rain and wind. The previously scheduled Aqua Theater was cancelled due to inclement weather. The next Aqua Theater screening will be June 18 at 8:30 p.m. featuring the animated-movie Monster University.

Aqua Theater is a summer movie event series held at the ECU Student Recreational Center pool. Students are encouraged to participate as rumors of extending the series into the fall have been circulating.

The Aqua Theater series is hosted by SAB Films, a student-run organization that is responsible for bringing box-office movies to campus throughout the year. Students can stay up to date with Aqua Theater through SAB Films' official Twitter and Facebook pages.

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## River Jam returns this Saturday

Amanda Adkins  
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Music and entertainment for the entire family will be available at this year's River Jam. The event will be held at Town Commons on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants at River Jam will be able to paddle in kayaks and canoes along the Tar River for free. Cookout style food will be available as well as four hours of live music from local bands.

Active people will enjoy the guided bike tour of the Greenway and are encouraged to stay until the end for the lighted flotilla down the Tar River.

This year's event is focused primarily on getting the community outdoors and on the Tar River.

Greenville Utilities will offer truck rides, North Carolina Estuarium will offer pontoon boat rides, and there will also be bounce houses and face painting. The City of Greenville's Tar River Legacy Plan will be there to present working steam engine models.

A mobile aquarium will be on site to further entertain people who are participating

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Participants will be able to participate in boating activities on the Tar River during River Jam.

# Novel adaption of 'The Fault in Our Stars' rises to #1

## BOOK REVIEW



**Amanda Adkins**  
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**T**he Fault in

Our Stars was released last Friday and quickly climbed to the first spot in the box office. The movie is based off of the novel by John Green that was published in 2012.

The movie starts out with Hazel Grace, played by Shailene Woodley, being told by her doctor that she has depression. Hazel has stage four thyroid cancer that spread to her lungs and causes her to have to carry an oxygen tank with her at all times.

Her mother forces her to attend a support group where she meets Augustus Waters, played by Ansel Elgort. He has osteosarcoma,

but was then cancer-free after having his leg amputated and was only there to support a friend.

Hazel and Augustus instantly have a connection and after spending time together, they agree to read each other's favorite novels. Hazel's is "An Imperial Affliction" by Peter Van Houten, played by Willem Dafoe. Hazel and Augustus quickly fall in love and contemplate how to find out how An Imperial Affliction ends, since the last page cuts off mid-sentence. They decide to contact the author, only to be told that they would have to come to Amsterdam to be told about the secret ending.

Hazel used her wish from the Make A Wish Foundation when she was 13, but thankfully Augustus saved his wish and used it to send himself, Hazel and her mother to Amsterdam.

Weeks before the trip to Amsterdam, Hazel is woken up in the middle of the night from her lungs filling up with water and is told by her doctors that she cannot attend the trip.

Hazel's parents surprised her by allowing her to continue with the trip as long as they only went for three days.

During the trip, Hazel and Augustus share romantic meals and walks throughout the city. Their trip seems perfect until they go to meet Peter

Van Houten.

The author is not who they thought he would be and turns out to be a drunk who hates Americans, even though he ironically is American. He refuses to discuss the book and instead attempts to insult Hazel by not feeling sorry for her.

Hazel and Augustus leave angrily and are followed by Peter's assistant who takes them to visit the Anne Frank house. Hazel exhausts herself by climbing up all the stairs, but shares a special moment with Augustus once they reach the top.

Before they go back to the United States, Augustus informs Hazel of bad news that he recently received. He went to the doctors for a headache and discovered that his cancer had returned.

The couple is faced with possibly only having a few months left together and spends it beautifully. They throw eggs at a wealthy house and have picnics in a park.

The ending of the movie becomes more emotional and includes a special appearance from Peter Van Houten. Hazel learns that her parents will eventually learn to live life again once she passes away and she focuses

on taking care of Augustus while he deals with his reoccurring illness.

The film was emotionally heartfelt with exquisite acting. The movie is about life being told by young people who will soon die. It shows the audience that life is too precious to be taken delicately and that everyone should follow their dreams, even if it's flying to Amsterdam to meet an old drunk.

The movie is a love story for a time where true love is needed.

Woodley and Elgort manage to play their roles perfectly and convince the audience that it isn't a movie and that they are really young adults who are in love while dealing with death as their neighbor.

It is definitely a must see and is appropriate for all ages. Be prepared for the movie with a box of tissues and prepared to look at life differently afterwards.

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## MOVIE REVIEW



**Jessica Richmond**  
TEC STAFF

**T**he Fault in our

Stars is not a book about cancer; it is far greater than that.

In the words of the main character Hazel, "because cancer books suck. Like, in cancer books, the cancer person starts a charity that raises money to fight cancer, right? And this commitment to charity reminds the cancer person of the essential goodness of humanity and makes him/her feel loved and encouraged because s/he will leave a cancer curing legacy."

The novel follows the narration of Hazel Grace Lancaster, a 17-year-old girl with "a touch of cancer," as she joins a cancer support group and falls in love with one Augustus

Waters, a one-legged 18-year-old cancer survivor. This premise could lend itself to the sappy or predictable but author John Green allows it to be more.

Hazel and Gus take the reader on a journey through their "little infinity" as they travel to Amsterdam to meet their favorite author, Peter Van Houten. The trip is one of the main plot points of the book but the book never dwells on it. The reader is so entranced by the simple back-and-forth sarcastic banter between Hazel and Gus that you barely even realize that they've flown halfway across the world in search of answers from their favorite author.

The book is not about living with one foot in the grave or fighting for a cure or falling in love in turbulent times. It's about living with the time you've been given, a notion anyone can relate too. You don't have to have cancer to live life to the fullest.

Hazel's personality is another one of the reasons that this book is not the romance novel it's depicted as. Her dry, sarcastic sense of humor combats the darker tones of the book allowing Hazel to be more than her cancer.

Augustus could so easily be dismissed as a manic pixie dream boy with perfect hair and a smile

that lights up the room but everyone has a "hamartia" as Hazel points out, a fatal flaw.

Green allows these characters to have both good and bad sides, dark and light moments and ultimately love.

Green was inspired to write "The Fault in Our Stars" after one of his fans, Esther Earl, used her wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation to meet him. She died at 16 from thyroid cancer before The Fault in Our Stars was finished.

"I could never have written 'The Fault in Our Stars' without knowing Esther. Every word of that book depends upon her. But at the same time, I don't want people conflating Esther with Hazel (they're very different), and it's extremely important to me that I not claim to be telling Esther's story. Esther's story belongs to Esther and to her family, and they will tell it brilliantly and beautifully," wrote John Green on his blog. "Esther helped me to imagine teenagers as more empathetic than I'd given them credit for. And her charm and snark inspired the novel, as did her idea of incorporating an author she liked into her Wish."

John Green has started a phenomenon, a phenomenon that allows young adult fiction to exist as more than trash-lit. He allows substance and actual talent to seep into his books that at first glance would seem like any other cliché novel for teens.

Green's first novel "Looking for Alaska" gained critical acclaim but ultimately he rose to internet fame after his brother and him started Brotherhood 2.0 on YouTube in 2007 which eventually became the channel VlogBrothers which still runs to this day.

"The Fault in Our Stars," his fifth novel (and his first with a female narrator), was released in January 2012. "The Fault in Our Stars" debuted at #1 on The New York Times Bestseller list and remained there for seven weeks.

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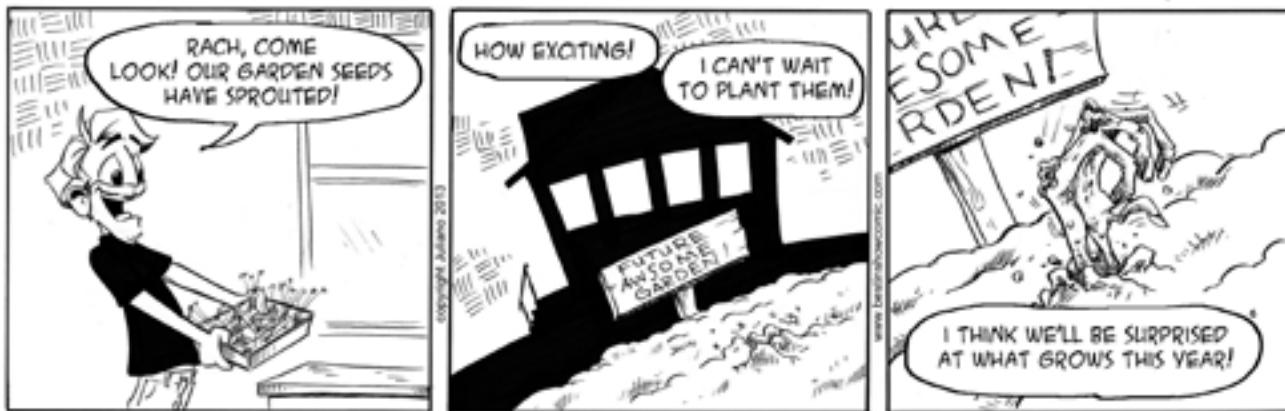
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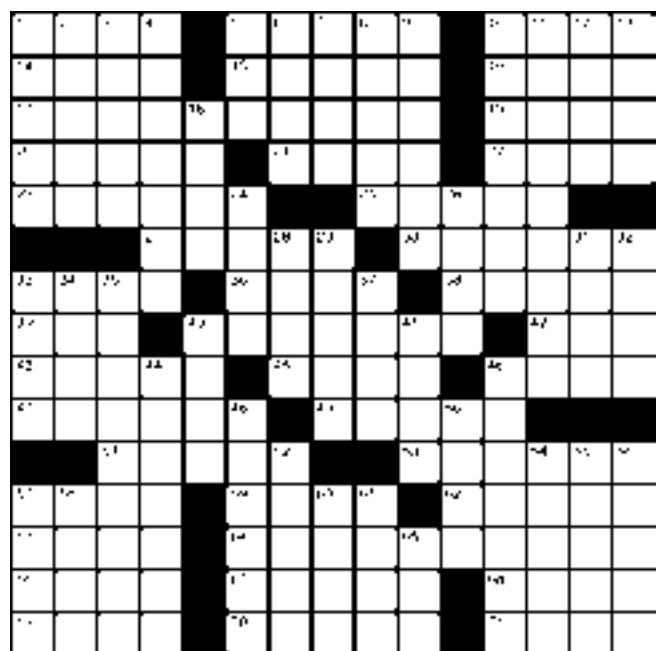
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  - Invite for
  - Land in the ocean
  - "Fire" bugs
  - Get one's back up about
  - Went for a rebound, say
  - Letter flourish
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  - Pledge of fidelity
  - Chef's protection
  - Take the risk
  - Blowhard's output
  - Playground comeback
  - Feedback
  - Unattached
  - Clock sound
  - Spot for a 42-Across
  - "Even so ..."
  - Berry promoted as a superfood
  - Rush-hour headache, components of which are hidden in the answers to starred clues
  - In a dilemma
  - Actress Lenya
  - "La Dolce Vita" setting
  - One opposed
  - College paper
  - Timeline component
- DOWN**
- Elephant in picture books



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### Last Week's Puzzle Solved



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- Beachwear portmanteau
- Comforting words
- Prepare quickly, with "up"
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- WWII enlistee
- Andean hauler
- Wabbit hunter
- "Toodle-oo!"
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- They may be saturated
- Colgate-Palmolive shaving lotion
- Baldwin's "30 Rock" co-star



Right-hander Jeff Hoffman became the highest first round draft pick in ECU history when he was taken ninth overall by the Toronto Blue Jays last Thursday. ARCHIVED | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

## ECU duo sets sail for the Cape

**Corey Keenan**  
TEC STAFF

With ECU's baseball season coming to a close, many Pirates will take off for summer league – and none more important than the Cape Cod League.

While Cape Cod, Mass., is a vacation destination for many people during the summer, college baseball players look past the long beaches and only see the Major League scouts that will inevitably be at their games. This year, Pirates' first baseman Bryce Harman and catcher Luke Lowery will look to fine tune their skills and catch scouts eye this summer in the Cape.

Harman, a member of the All-Conference USA Freshman Team, will be playing for the Bourne Braves after struggling to hit for average in his first year (.244). Despite the low average, the 6-foot-6 rising sophomore led the team with seven home runs and finished tied for fourth on the team with 21 RBIs.

Lowery, a rising junior, is one of only two catchers listed on the Brewster Whitecaps roster. Lowery started the season at first base before an injury to starting catcher Travis Watkins and proved to be serviceable

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## Four Bucs taken in MLB Draft

**Brian Wudkwyh**  
TEC STAFF

Trying to evaluate the potential of 18-21 year old players, and determine how valuable they might be to one's organization is another thing.

The MLB draft is by far the deepest and most complex draft out of the four major North American sports leagues (NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL) and it's not even close. With 40 rounds in this June's MLB draft the next closest competitor as far as length goes to the NFL and the NHL with seven rounds.

The best high school players often times get drafted before they are even finished with their senior year of high school, then are given the choice to take advantage of a salary and a signing bonus or forgo all of the money and play college ball with their next chance of making that kind of money coming in three or four years when they are, once again, eligible to be picked by one of the 32 teams in the MLB.

ECU right-hander Jeff Hoffman, who was selected ninth overall on Thursday by the Toronto Blue Jays, wasn't given that opportunity the first time around.

Not only did Hoffman become the highest

drafted player in ECU's long history of baseball, but of all of the school's sports — doing so after undergoing Tommy John surgery, which was at one point considered to be a death sentence for a pitcher.

When you get selected in the first round out of college, odds are that you were highly sought after coming out of high school; this, however, was not the case for the lanky 6-foot-4 righty from Latham, N.Y.

Despite having a solid high school career, in which he struck out 75 batters in 63 innings during his senior year, not many big-time colleges were interested in Hoffman and not a single Major League club called Hoffman's name during their 40 or so chances to pick him.

Look at him now. A top-10 selection after three seasons in the purple and gold, poised for a bright future ahead of him. That's not too shabby for a player that wasn't even among the 1,530 players called during the 2011 MLB Draft, his first year eligible.

Considering Hoffman will need a year to recover from surgery, his track to the MLB probably won't be a fast one.

Even with three years of college experience

in which he recorded a 12-12 record with a 3.72 ERA and 211 strikeouts, Hoffman will have to work his way up through at least three levels of minor league ball before he even gets a whiff of the big leagues.

However, Hoffman wasn't the only Pirate taken in this year's draft. The other three draftees, like Hoffman, not selected out of high school.

Pitcher Ryan Williams was the second highest Pirate to be picked as the Chicago Cubs chose him in the 10th round (289th overall). He finished up his ECU career with a 17-5 record and a 3.13 ERA and was a Third-Team Louisville Slugger All-American this past season.

Third baseman Zach Houchins, who finished his 2014 campaign with a .347 batting average with 16 doubles and 148 assists in the field, while garnering First-Team All-Conference honors as well, was selected in the 13th round by the Los Angeles Angels.

The last Pirate selected was pitcher Tyler Bolton who was taken by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 33rd round. Bolton made 13 starts for the Pirates in 2014 and had a 2.52 ERA.

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# Voice of Pirates receives award

## Jeff Charles awarded N.C. co-sportscaster of year honor

**Jesse Deal**  
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The "Voice of the Pirates," Jeff Charles, was awarded North Carolina co-Sportscasters of the Year honors along with David Glenn, the host of the David Glenn Show, at the annual National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association of America banquet on Monday.

Charles, who also won the state's sportscaster award 14 years ago, is going into his 27th year as ECU's play-by-play announcer. In addition, he hosts three shows on Pirate Radio 1250 & 930.

His "Morning Drive" show kicks off the weekday programming from 7-8 a.m. On

Wednesdays at 6 p.m., he anchors a one-hour show called "From the Booth" and before Saturday home football games, he hosts the "UBE Pirate Preview."

Charles recently overcame stage-three colon cancer after multiple surgeries in December, 2012. However, just a few months later, he was back in his courtside seat and back on the radio to call ECU basketball.

In a four-year time frame, The David Glenn show, which airs on Pirate Radio on weekdays from noon to 3 p.m., has evolved into the largest sports radio program in



WEB PHOTO

> VOICE page A8 Jeff Charles, who was recognized Monday, will begin his 27th season as ECU's play-by-play announcer this fall.

### TAKEAWAYS

#### BASEBALL

Four ECU baseball players were selected in last week's MLB Draft, including right-hander Jeff Hoffman, who was taken ninth overall by the Toronto Blue Jays.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU senior shooting guard Akeem Richmond will have a pre-draft workout with the Houston Rockets.

#### TRACK AND FIELD

Head Coach Kurt Craft was named Southeast Region Women's Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

#### USA SOCCER

The U.S. men's soccer team defeated Nigeria 2-1 in its final friendly until its World Cup opener against Ghana next Monday.

#### PGA TOUR

The U.S. Open golf championship will be held at Pinehurst No. 2, beginning Thursday morning.

#### O'BANNON vs. NCAA

Former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon opened his lawsuit against the NCAA Monday in Oakland, Calif.

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CALENDAR

# Track nationals on the horizon



A school-record 10 Pirates will compete in the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Ore. CONTRIBUTED BY ECU MEDIA

## Ten Pirates take aim for Outdoor National title

**Wayne Hall**  
TEC STAFF

The 2014 ECU Track & Field season has already proved to be one of the most successful in school history, but it's not finished yet.

The team's coach, Curt Kraft, who was named the Southeast Region's Women's Coach of the Year for the first time in his career by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association, put the finishing touches on his 11-day preparation as his team gets set for the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

The Championships, slated to begin tomorrow in Eugene, Ore., will pit 10 Pirates against the nation's best, which is the most ECU has sent. Although the competition is sure to be stifling, Kraft believes his team is right where they belong.

"They need to go in there and they need to

look at themselves," Kraft said. "It's the same as any of those other universities that are there. Just because LSU is there, or Florida, or Florida State, they have to understand that they qualified for this meet just like everybody else. And their chances of doing something special are just as good as anybody else."

Among those 10 Pirates with as good a chance to bring home a national title is Cameron Hudson. The sophomore from Charlotte has been lights out for the Pirates all season and going into the NCAA Championships, will have to show his worth once more as he competes in both the men's long jump and also as a member of the men's 4x100-meter relay team.

"The atmosphere around this team has really been all about making sure we go out there and we do what we're supposed to do," Hudson said on his

team's mindset. "We all want the same thing. All of our ambitions are matching the same, so everybody will want the same thing. And when everybody wants the same thing, everybody can accomplish the same thing."

Although he is soft spoken by nature, Hudson was also quick to claim that having 10 Pirates contend for a national title is the ultimate way to finish off any season.

With four days to make their presence felt, Kraft and his team look to use the Outdoor Championships as not only a final goal that they've yet to accomplish, but also as an opportunity to re-tell the world what ECU Track & Field is all about.

Or as Hudson likes to put it, "It's our time to bring it back. It's time to put our name back on the map as a big track & field powerhouse."

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defensively at both first and behind the plate as he posted one of the team's best fielding percentages (.977).

Lowery was also among the team's top hitters, finishing with a .288 average, 19 RBI and four home runs.

The Cape Cod League has given rise to a number of high draft picks over the years, including recent Toronto Blue Jays draftee and ECU right hander, Jeff Hoffman, who was picked ninth overall in the first round.

Hoffman burst onto the national scene in 2012 in the league following his freshman year. In 30 innings for the Hyannis Harbor Hawks, the right hander posted a 2.40 ERA with 30 strikeouts and just 10 walks. Scouts started to take notice and his performance last summer solidified him as a top 10 draft pick. In 2013 for the Harbor Hawks, in just 24 innings, Hoffman struck out 33 batters to just five walks.

Like Hoffman, Lowery will have to prove their worth to scouts in a short two-month period from the middle of June to the first week of August. The young Harman will still have a couple seasons to be noticed by scouts.

The wood bat summer league is the most prestigious college summer league in the country and attracts more scouts, fans and high level talent than any other summer league. Players from all major collegiate conferences are represented and most first-round selections in the MLB Draft that attend college have, at some point, played in the Cape Cod league.

Both Harman and Lowery will begin their summer seasons tomorrow in Bourne and Brewster, Mass., respectively.

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David Glenn

the state. Based in Raleigh, the show is syndicated on 14 stations throughout the state and is projected to grow even more by the end of the year.

Glenn is also the editor and publisher of the ACC Sports Journal. Under his time covering the ACC, his publication has become the most popular college athletics magazine.

"It's an honor to be associated in any way with Jeff Charles because he's a guy that even before knew I knew him a little bit personally, I admired him afar as someone who appreciated his work," Glenn said.

Through his show, Glenn feels he has developed a strong relationship with Pirate fans throughout his many years of coverage.

"Greenville in particular is special

to me because I feel like it's one of those relationships that have been almost entirely positive," he said. "Part of the beauty of my connection to the ECU fan base and my connection to the greater Greenville area and the listeners of Pirate Radio is that I've experienced the Pirates as a fan as I have as a hardened journalist."

The NSSA hosted the nation's finest media members at the 55th Annual Awards Banquet in Salisbury, N.C., on Monday, which included Marv Albert and Rick Reilly, who were both inducted into the association's Hall of Fame.

Among other national award winners were Peter King for Sportswriter of the Year and Mike "Doc" Emrick for Sportscaster of the Year. The Fayetteville Observer's Sammy Batten was named NC's Sportswriter of the Year.

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