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## GREENVILLE MOVING 'UP' IN THE WORLD



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**Greenville's first parking deck is finally on the way. Major contributors to the historic project participated in the ground breaking of the site located at the corner of 4th and Cotanche street. The parking deck is just one small part of the initiative to revitalize Uptown Greenville.**

## Common Core reconsidered

**Micah Molinas**  
TEC STAFF

Students and faculty of East Carolina University's College of Education are possibly facing more changes as North Carolina's legislators want to make alterations to the new state standards.

The Common Core State Standards were adopted by North Carolina in 2010 in exchange for Race to the Top funds granted by the U.S. Department of Education. These standards were commissioned by the National Governors Association and were developed to help students become better prepared for college and their careers.

North Carolina's legislators are now pushing to do away with the standards just two years after implementing them. This is something that Ron Preston, an associate professor in Mathematics Education at

ECU, says comes following the fear that the U.S. Government is trying to implement a federal education system.

"There are certain people who are very protective of state rights and others that want to have much more of a nationalistic or socialistic kind of government and I think those forces have been put into play," said Preston. "The debate has been less about what is in the Common Core than this perception of national versus states' rights."

If the change is made, Preston and his fellow faculty members will be left not knowing what they will need to do in order to prepare their students to teach after they graduate.

"We prepare them to teach in North Carolina, and that also

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# 'Dog Days of Summer' returns

**ReAnn Melaga**  
TEC STAFF

Loretta's Frozen Yogurt in Greenville is teaming up with the Pitt County Animal Shelter, the Friends of the Pitt County Animal Shelter and the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina for the third annual Dog Days of Summer event, which provides the community with an opportunity to both adopt a dog and satisfy a sweet tooth.

The event, which lasts from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Monday during the summer showcases dogs that are available for adoption. Visitors are also able to bring their own dogs to get free samples of Doggy Yo, a special blend of no-sugar-added frozen yogurt for dogs.

"We want to provide an atmosphere where you can bring your animal and have fun," said Loretta's Frozen Yogurt owner and Chief Evangelist, Mike Weeks.

Weeks came up with the idea for the event when he began to notice the lack of businesses in the area that allow pets.

"There's not a lot of places that are pet friendly and this provides another opportunity for folks," said Weeks. "We need facilities to go out and take our pets just like you need places to be able to take your children."

Pitt County Animal Control and Shelter Manager, Michele Whaley is one of many who participate in the event. Whaley says that Weeks has provided a great location and a great opportunity for the animals at the shelter.

"He really goes above and beyond for an off-site location for us and the animals," said Whaley. "It is a different place to get more awareness and exposure for the animals that need it."

Whaley believes that along with sending the dogs to good homes, connecting with the community and educating the public is an added benefit.

"Any time you reach one new person who



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**The Humane Society turned to Loretta's Frozen Yogurt for the third year in an effort to help homeless dogs make owners out of frozen yogurt lovers.**

didn't know about us, it's worth the time and effort," said Whaley.

Weeks believes that this event is a good stepping-stone towards educating the public and getting others involved.

"We think these types of outreach for different organizations are good for the community and we want to be a part of that,"

said Weeks. "Hopefully what we are doing to help animals, other business will see and step in to help too."

Those with and without pets are invited to the Dog Days of Summer event, which continues through the last Monday in August.

For anyone interested in helping, contact the Pitt County Animal Shelter, the Friends

of the Pitt County Animal Shelter or the Humane Society of Eastern North Carolina about volunteering. Donations and financial support can also be made at Loretta's Frozen Yogurt, which will be split between the three participating groups.

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## BRIEFS

### Vidant submits proposals to Lenoir Memorial Hospital for partnership

Vidant Hospital is one of three hospital groups to submit a proposal to either partner with or purchase Lenoir Memorial Hospital. Vidant has offered two proposed models, each promising more than \$60 million in profit over the next 10 years. A public hearing will be held June 24 regarding the proposals.

### Campus receives new light fixtures

More safety fences can be seen around ECU's main campus but not for construction. 53 new light fixtures are being installed while existing lamp poles are receiving new lights. The project, which began May 27, will cost \$448,000. The goal of the project is to transition into having only energy efficient LED lights across campus.

### NC Alienation of Affection law ruled unconstitutional under free speech

Forsyth County Judge John O. Craig has ruled that North Carolina's Alienation of Affection law is unconstitutional. Craig came to this decision on the premises that the law violates constitutional protections of free expression and free speech. The law allows a person to sue their spouse's lover if they can prove that person caused the couple's marriage to fall apart.

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NC legislators are leading the proposal for the abolition of NC's Common Core policy.

prepares them to teach in other states," said Preston. "If it is disbanded we will have to adapt and just like we have been trying to gear up for the last three or four years to teach about the Common Core, we will have to do something different."

Preston does not believe that schools would see immediate substantial changes to the standards if the change was made. This is because he has not seen evidence that the legislators have a new plan in place, making him think the change could come as a way to please those against the idea of a national education system.

"There is a possibility I think in reading between the lines of the

legislation, the change might be more about perception than reality and it might be more about well let's take the words Common Core out and lets kind of appease those who are opposed to the Common Core," he said, adding that if that is true, the changes made could be relatively small.

Before the legislators make their decision, Preston hopes the legislators are patient and give the standards the time needed in order to properly assess whether they are effective.

"Give it some time. I would even argue that you should give it enough time to expect that in the first year of national testing, we aren't going to look that good," he said.

Preston explained that the nation needs to have a higher set of expectations for its students in order to compete with nations like China and India.

The United States was ranked 36th in Mathematics, 28th in Science and 24th in reading literacy in the 2012 results of the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA is an assessment that ranks nations by the average scores of 15-year-old students on scales that, according to the Institute of Educational Sciences, are meant to "assess students' preparation for the challenges of life as young adults."

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# Suspects at-large

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Warrants have been issued against David Ja'Sahaun Pope, 18 and Shirone Ford, 21 by detectives. They each face more than a dozen charges for their involvement in a chain of cases.

The suspects have been seen driving a silver/gray Nissan Sentra with a dent in the rear driver's side. The vehicle has North Carolina license plate number CBL-7191.

Greenville Police Department is reaching out to the public asking for

assistance in locating two suspects. Both are wanted for multiple residential break-ins in the city.

Each of these break-ins took place over the last month and are, in many ways similar to one another. The suspects entered each home through either an unsecured window or door, sometimes using a pry tool for assistance. Tire tracks leading to the back of residences were noted in a few of the cases.

The suspects targeted electronics, jewelry and cash in all of their break-ins.

The work of detectives,

a concerned citizen and the alertness of an off-duty Greenville police officer led to the identification of the two suspects.

Detectives primarily developed a possible vehicle description after a citizen reported a suspicious vehicle in her neighborhood. Surveillance video matched the description.

An off-duty officer spotted a matching vehicle and recorded the license plate number, which eventually led officers to Pope and Ford.

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# Historic site taxes negotiated for state

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The future of a popular state tax that has helped communities across the state save historic homes and revitalize downtowns could be decided this week.

As House and Senate lawmakers negotiate their differing state budgets one of the line items they'll be looking at is the Historic Rehabilitation Investment Program, which provides a 20 percent to 30 percent tax credit to those who restore historic homes and buildings. The credit is set to expire at the end of this year. House lawmakers want to extend the credit, but their counterparts in the Senate do not.

Greg Hatem, whose Empire Properties has used the credit to restore several properties in downtown Raleigh, said it was the catalyst for much of the other development downtown.

"It starts when you renovate a historic building," said Hatem, whose numerous holdings -- all in restored buildings -- include the restaurants The Raleigh Times and The Pit. "What follows is you have office spaces and restaurants, and this creates active uses that bring a downtown back to life."

In cities and small towns across the state, historic rehabilitation also plays a role in cultural preservation by providing context and identity for people from North Carolina, Hatem said.

Organizations like Preservation North Carolina have called for an extension of the program. Robert Parrott, Preservation NC's interim regional director, said the North Carolina economy benefits from the program.

"You can see that these projects have a tremendous effect because when you put

tenants in the commercial buildings, that helps spur the economy of the area," Parrott said. "When you put homes in buildings that were previously vacant, it encourages homeowners to pay taxes and spend money in the area."

He said without the tax credit, property buyers would be discouraged from rehabilitating historic buildings in the first place.

In 2009, Justin Boner and his wife, Kierna McGorty, purchased a house built in the 1860s from Preservation North Carolina. Before they began renovating, the house was deemed uninhabitable by the city of Raleigh. But its location in the Oakwood area made it an appealing prospect.

So far, the credit has reduced their taxes by \$45,000 -- 30 percent of their total expenditures.

If the House and Senate agree to extend the credit, Boner and McGorty plan to continue their renovation over the next five years.

"Having an expiration date has hastened construction for us," Boner said. "It was originally a 10-year period."

If the credit isn't extended, they'll wrap up by Dec. 31, the eve of the credit's expiration.

Smaller towns across the state have taken advantage of the program as well.

Siler City officials transformed Siler City High School, which was built in 1922, into Braxton Manor Apartments 15 years ago with the help of the tax credit.

Jack Meadows, the director of planning and community development in Siler City, said the old building needed to be modernized with heating and air conditioning as well as new electrical systems and plumbing. Meadows said the tax credit "made the deal work."

Supporters of the program point to its economic benefits. The North Carolina Department of Commerce estimates that the credits cost the state an average of \$14.2 million a year but that they bring in \$124.5 million in annual investments.

Overall, the tax credit has generated \$1.7 billion in private investments for the state since 1976, when it was first granted to businesses and developers. The credit was extended to homeowners in 1998.

Gov. Pat McCrory, who backs the program, extended it in his budget proposal but with modifications. The House budget originally did not extend the credit but it was added as an amendment, mirroring the governor's plan. His proposal reduces the overall cost of the program from \$20.7 million to \$13.2 million by reducing the credit home owners and business could receive.

Rep. Dean Arp, a Republican from Monroe, sponsored the effort to include the tax credit in the House budget. He said McCrory's proposed reductions are effective.

"The program is very worthy in terms of economic development, and it provides an increased tax base for revenue," Arp said. "This is a case where we can take public dollars and leverage private investment."

But Sen. Bob Rucho, who co-chairs the finance committee, said eliminating incentives was part of a larger plan to lower tax rates throughout the state. Instead of picking winners and losers when it comes to incentives, he said, everyone would be able to enjoy lower income taxes. Katy Canada is a reporter for The News and Observer in Raleigh, NC. This article was originally published on June 17, 2014.

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## PIRATE RANTS

That moment when you physics professor asks for volunteers as he has them drop a weight from their face & see if it hits them; and someone volunteers.

Drunkards on the grid: PLEASE stop breaking glass bottles and leaving it! I'd really hate to hunt you down with glass in my dog's paw. You'd be paying for the vet visit. Sincerely, annoyed.

Some Minges drivers are a little too Dukes of Hazzard for me

Just saw a guy wearing a bracelet that read "Foreskin is Fabulous"...really? Is it necessary to advertise or were you just seeing how outrageous you can come across?

To the guy asking how to pick up girls on the beach. You go up and talk to them. CONFIDENCE is key!

Who does not give a s\*\*t about the fault in our stars?

Ever since I heard a freshman's mother say "oh look honey even the black people ride the skateboards here! " I feel like I'm doing ECU a service by skating around during open house.

So how many ECU students use Tinder?

Why is it when I tell people I want to be a high school history teacher they make this face like they've just sucked a lemon? The way I see it, I am helping to mold young minds...they can't all be brainwashed liberals!

I envy those who can afford to not take summer classes and still graduate on time.

I'm paying for the class, pass or fail, so why is it that you are penalizing me for not being there by lowering my grade? If my work isn't up to par, that should be penalty enough, caused at my own hands, not yours!

Dark hair, light beard, blue baseball cap, and sunglasses driving Minges bus usually around 11:00...you are the highlight of my day!

What does it say when a student teaches an advisor more about ECU than the reverse?

Why should I be forced by my advisor into a class at 8:00 am next semester when it is being taught 6 other times during the day?

Next time you are in the library, turn your keyboard upside down and shake it. YUCK! Guess that doesn't get cleaned...at all!

A&P TA's I love y'all, but why is it that everything you told me to study is not on the practical?

After reading last Tuesdays pirate rant, it's obvious.... PIRATES' GOT NO GAME! #whypirates

Summer pirate rants. Only true pirates read them

Why is the liberal arts degree deteriorating? Whenever I tell someone I'm an English major they say "Good luck finding a job with that degree!" But yet, writing is the number one skill employers want. Something isn't making sense...

I've got a VHS player and a whole stack of Disney classics, I'm good.

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

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding rants can be directed to Will Franklin at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

# Our view

## Extorting professors for their tenure jobs

Professors are used to dishing out difficult questions, but now they are the ones who have to answer a tough question. This question centers around pay raises and tenure for North Carolina teachers. ECU professors are deciding their answer to that question right this second. The state of North Carolina has proposed a new system in the teaching profession. The offer on the table is to continue to accept tenure, a goal of many professors, or to disregard tenure and basically say that teaching is just a job and not a professional career by accepting a 20 percent raise. For teachers who have worked their

careers and base their identity off of their performance to the students in the classroom, disregarding tenure is a decision that cannot be taken lightly.

We at The East Carolinian believe that the choice shouldn't be such a clean cut. Why should a professor have to choose something as cherished as tenure over a pay raise, or vice versa? For younger teachers this may not be a problem or a hard decision, but for seasoned professionals, tenure is the final goal of a decorated career and something all teachers talk about from day one.

## Political climate of fracking in NC



**Kathleen Daniels**  
TEC STAFF

It's truly beginning to feel like an Eastern North Carolina summer. I braved the humidity and potential thunderstorms to take a walk on the Tar River greenway the other night. I enjoyed the variety of nature North Carolina has and the chance to take it in on a calm evening. Many people in our fine state choose to relax on a front porch in the mountains, overlooking a vast forest and river, or to sip drinks on the beach. North Carolina is a beautiful state to see. But the calm, soothing way of life here and the beauty of our state is at risk. Fracking is coming to North Carolina, not only at the fault of our General Assembly, but also our federal government.

What the frack is fracking? Recently in North Carolina we've heard a lot of chatter about the controversial drilling method, but very few people understand what it is. Hydraulic fracturing, also known as "fracking" is the process of injecting fluids at high pressures through shale rocks to fracture them and release natural gases. Fracking fluid is full of chemicals

known to carry major health risks, such as lead, mercury, and formaldehyde. During the fracking process, methane gas and chemicals leak from the fracking system and enter ground water systems. These ground water systems lead to well water and rivers, putting our environment and health at risk.

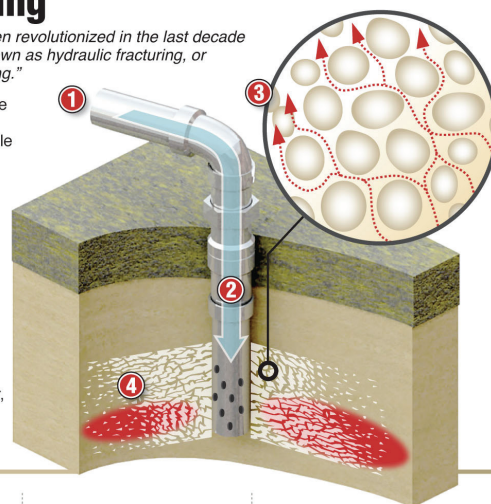
North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory signed a bill into law earlier this month to end a 2012 law that banned fracking permits in the state. Proponents of the bill claim it will lead to economic prosperity and jobs. Opponents of the bill claim it will detrimentally harm our waterways and drinking water. Whatever the case may be, the system is not well regulated when it desperately needs to be. The harm fracking poses to our drinking water is too dangerous to let the industry run rampant, but the potential for jobs and a cleaner fuel is too large to dismiss.

There is a clear need for regulations of fracking. Unfortunately, our General Assembly has chosen the wrong kind. They have made it a felony to reveal what chemicals companies use in their fracking fluid. The fluid and chemicals leaking into our drinking water and rivers. And our federal government has been largely silent on the issue. Except, when

### What is fracking

The oil and gas industry has been revolutionized in the last decade by a controversial technique known as hydraulic fracturing, or hydro-fracking, or simply "fracking."

- 1 Mining companies pump huge volumes of water, mixed with sand and chemicals, into shale deposits deep underground
- 2 High-pressure stream fractures the rock, releasing stored natural gas and oil
- 3 Sand particles hold the cracks open, allowing the fuels to escape
- 4 Fracking creates environmental concerns including the possibility of contaminated groundwater, polluted drinking water, massive water consumption and air pollution



• Technique now accounts for nearly one-third of domestic natural gas production, up from 2 percent a decade ago, and is credited with cutting consumer energy bills and reducing U.S. dependence on imported oil

• U.S. Energy Information Administration says shale deposits could account for nearly half of natural gas production by 2035

• Process, used widely in Pennsylvania, Texas, North Dakota and Canada, has also triggered a frac-sand mining boom in the Upper Midwest

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Fracking is a process by which natural gas and oil is extracted from shale.

hydraulic fracturing is excused from EPA regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, and several other pieces of federal regulations.

I count myself as an environmentalist, but I like to hold myself to facts. Fracking produces cleaner energy and jobs, two things we desperately need in North Carolina. But it also causes environmental damage. Rather than entirely write off this potential

source of energy and economy, we should properly regulate and study it. I do want to continue enjoying walks on the greenway, but I also want North Carolina to prosper. The only way to have it both ways, is to compromise between economy and environment.

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## The value of "the book" in the digital age



**William Franklin**  
TEC STAFF

Reading has begun to take over on tablets and other electronic devices — which many people seem to think is great due to storage and convince, but what is the problem with electronic readers?

One of the truly magical things about books has always been the space that they occupy. An e-reader and a library can contain the same number of books, but the library always has something more special: the physical space that the books occupy. That's what's so magical about having a bookshelf—the actual physical space that the books and the knowledge in those books

occupy. When the book is taken away we lose the space that those books and the knowledge in those books occupy.

This may seem like a trivial or nostalgic reason for wanting to keep books around, but it provides a necessary function—they don't get lost. When books are stored electronically they can be so easily lost. Think how easy it is to delete something off your computer, or save something in the wrong folder never to be found again. It makes it harder for governments to censor material, or prevent the distribution of ideas. This sort of thing couldn't happen with a book—it may be lost for a period of time, but somehow books are always rediscovered.

So while the electronic version of books are by no means bad, the classic book shouldn't be forgotten. The book provides an aspect of

the transference of knowledge that just isn't present in other forms. It allows the reader to feel what is contained in it, and sense the gravity and age of the ideas that are contained within it—have you ever smelt an old book?

The e-reader can provide a good alternative to books, but they can never exactly replace books.

That's why as we move into the future of spreading ideas and we shouldn't forget about the past and the benefits that the old way of doing things presents.

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### Poll results

Have you been to the beach yet this summer?

Yes - 63%  
No - 37%

### Poll question

Are you excited for the World Cup?

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# Arts & Entertainment

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## Summer concert series starts

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Little Washington's streets will be packed this weekend as people gather downtown for food, shopping and music. The city's monthly concert series, Music in the Streets, will continue this Friday.

Beth Byrd, director of the Washington Harbor District Alliance, believes that this month's event has something for everybody.

Byrd said there are four bands performing this month covering a variety of genres from blues to heavy metal. The bands include The Southerner's Band, Mixed Breed and Dry Creek Bluegrass, along with a special guest.

"This month we have Squier Red and the Blues Band," said Byrd. "They come out once a year to play for us here in Washington. They're one of the favorites of Music in the Streets."

Squier Red and the Blues Band are a group from Durham. According to their Facebook page, the group performs blues because it is "raw and unprocessed" and "comes from the heart."

The band formed in 2010 and consists of people who got together through a meet-up group. One of their defining traits is that they play for free, though they do accept donations because they perform for the love of music.

Byrd said performing for the love of music



Music in the streets will start this weekend and will feature four bands, food and a lot of shopping.

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is one thing that all Music in the Streets artists have in common.

"A lot of musicians have heard about us through the years and we really owe it to them to be able to put the show on because they perform virtually for free," said Byrd. "Some of the guys are hobbyists and they use it as a

promotional tool to get their name out there."

Squier Red and the Blues Band aren't the only North Carolina natives performing, according to Byrd.

"We have, this month, The Southerner's Band, which is a group of guys that are local musicians that play rock 'n' roll," said Byrd.

The Southerner's Band formed in 2011 and is based in Grimesland. According to the band's Facebook page, its ultimate goal is to "play enough covers to keep the crowd interested" until its original songs are more well known. The band's influences include the Allman Brothers, Eric Clapton and the Eagles.

Byrd said even though the event is called "Music in the Streets," it's not just about the music.

"Music in the Streets is a celebration of music," said Byrd. "But it's also a great time to take some time to discover all the great shops and restaurants that are in downtown Washington."

Byrd said the restaurants are usually the busiest during Music in the Streets.

"It's just a fun time to take a walk down Main Street, listen to some musicians and step into the restaurant and have some dinner," said Byrd.

Music in the Streets is held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Friday of every month between May and October. Byrd said this was the 12th season and that there will be vendors in addition to the local shops and restaurants.

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FITNESS CLASS

## YouTube star comes to town

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YouTube sensation Jessica Bass Byrge comes to show her dance moves and fitness at Greenville Convention Center. "Dance Fitness with Jessica" is scheduled for Saturday, June 21st from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

"The event will be the largest group dance-workout Greenville has ever seen," said Sean Harrison, CEO and Owner of Iron Core Fitness.

Byrge is a dance fitness instructor from Knoxville, Tennessee. She has been teaching dance classes for over three years. Byrge's YouTube channel has almost 200,000 views and over 80,000 subscribers.

"I saw where one of my boot camp girls posted a YouTube video of Jessica and said we should do the dances in my classes jokingly," said Harrison. "I found out Jessica was putting out a DVD, and I reached out to the production company, Drive35 Productions, and I got a call back," said Harrison.

"My goal is to help inspire and motivate to change people's lives one by one," said Byrge on her YouTube page.

At this weekend's event, Byrge will provide a morning dance fitness session, as well as an afternoon session. Joining her will be Craig Arrington, a contestant from Season 15 of the popular television show "The Biggest Loser."

"Arrington lost 162 pounds on the show," said Harrison. "He will be doing a motivational speech and Q&A session," said Harrison.

Harrison hopes the event will motivate Greenville and Eastern North Carolina towards positive lifestyle changes. Harrison's personal life has had its fair share of changes, as well. "I moved to Greenville from Williamston sixteen years ago when I married," said Harrison. "I lost 80 pounds and was featured in Men's Fitness Magazine as a success story. Then I set out to help others."

Zumba instructors will be

## Standup paddleboarding taught

Amanda Adkins  
TEC STAFF

Swimming and relaxing with friends is what participants of the Standup Paddle Board Exploration class will be doing this Saturday.

ECU will be holding this class so that participants can explore eastern North Carolina without spending a lot of money.

Paddlers will meet at the Adventure Program, located inside of the Student Recreation Center near the climbing wall at noon. The class will arrive back on campus around 6 p.m.

"We prefer smaller groups so everyone is able to maximize their experience and enjoy high quality instructions," said Brad Beggs, Assistant Director for Adventure Programs. "We also meet the needs of our participants, which during the summer is often to enjoy family time or time with friends."

This upcoming trip will either take place at Devil's Gut, near Jamesville, Goose Creek State Park or in the Washington area.

"We have not picked an exact location yet, as winds and water conditions change frequently," said Beggs. "Typically, we travel between 30-60 minutes for our afternoon paddles."

For this class, all participants will be using a "SUP Board". These boards provide a unique view onto the water and allow for multiple resting positions. Other trips during

the summer use a 16ft long sea kayak and occasionally a canoe.

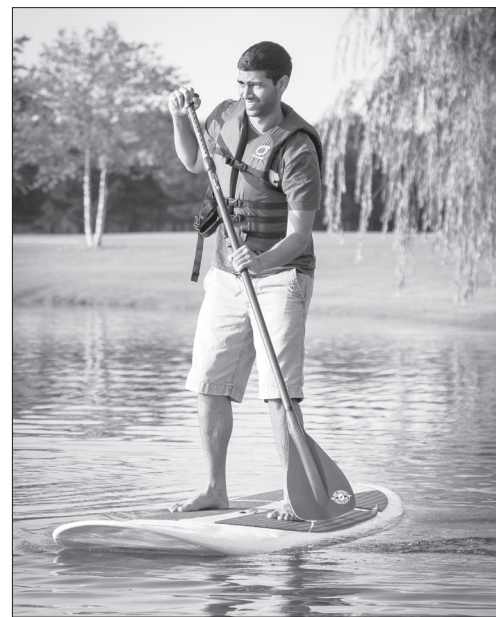
"We want people to become familiar with paddle locations of eastern North Carolina and realize they live in a paddling mecca," said Beggs. "We want participants to relax, and reflect actively or passively on their life, so that when they get back to work, their studies or their family, they are in a better, healthier state of mind."

According to Beggs, no experience is necessary for this class. The only thing that is asked of the students is that they bring the mindset to explore and enjoy everything that could happen during the trip.

"Most of our participants have no paddle experience and still do well. The Adventure staff are trained to teach beginners through advanced level paddlers," said Beggs. "They have spent over 200 hours in documented training sessions before they are ready to lead."

These trips do not occur throughout the summer since July and August days get too hot to be outside for multiple hours at a time. The outings will occur every weekend during the fall and spring.

This trip is \$20 for students and members or \$30 for non-members. The cost includes equipment, transportation and instructions. Signup must be done by June 19th at 9 p.m. It is suitable for children ages 13 and up.



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Campus Recreation will teach paddleboarding.

According to Beggs, the climbing wall and equipment rentals in the Student Recreation Center are also very popular during the summer. People also take advantage of their "Places to Go Google Map" which shows over 200 places to paddle, camp, bike and hike.

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## Magic comes to campus

### Laupus Library brings in Harry Potter exhibit

Destiny Edwards  
TEC STAFF

The world of magic and the world of medicine have collided on campus. The William E. Laupus Health Sciences Library is currently hosting a traveling exhibit from the U.S. National Library of Medicine entitled "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance, Science, Magic and Medicine."

Kelly Dilda, public relations specialist for Laupus Library, was instrumental in bringing the exhibit to ECU. Dilda said the exhibit has been in existence since 2008, but is just now coming to campus.

"We've been on the waiting list for this Harry Potter exhibit for a couple of years, actually," said Dilda. "So we've been waiting for quite a while."

The exhibit was of interest to Laupus Library because of its medical relevance to campus.

"This exhibit dives a little bit more into the science and magic and medicine behind Harry Potter's world," Dilda said. "They talk about the Renaissance traditions



Harry Potter is showcased in exhibit.

that played important roles in development of western science."

The Harry Potter exhibit consists of six freestanding panels that each focus on an aspect of J.K. Rowling's fictional universe and connects it to real world historical medicine. The six panels are potions, monsters, herbology, magical creatures, fantastic beasts and immortality.

The library also has

complementary displays on the second, third and fourth floors, as well as in its history collection. These displays include books about natural plant remedies from this era.

The potions panel covers the events of the first book and the real-life Nicholas Flamel. It focuses on alchemy and Flamel's attempts to create the Philosopher's Stone and achieve immortality.

The monsters panel centers animals like the basilisk from "Chamber of Secrets" and dragons. Swiss naturalist and physician Konrad Gesner and his book on zoology are featured prominently. Gesner and his contemporaries believed that such creatures existed and he categorized their medicinal uses.

The herbology panel talks about medical applications of plants, such as the mandrake. It explains that while the mandrake is a real plant, 15th century scholars believed that the roots took on a human form.

The magical creatures panel spotlights unicorns and uses for their horns. Doctors during the

Renaissance era believed that powdered unicorn horn was a useful antidote to several poisons.

Fantastic beasts are a panel about differing cultures. The panel cites merpeople and centaurs as part-human creatures that are forced to live on segregated lands and are discriminated against.

Paracelsus, a 16th century physician and alchemist, argued against many medical practices of the day and believed that other cultures could teach him new healing practices that weren't as dangerous as things like blood-letting.

The last panel, immortality, mentions Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa von Nettesheim. Nettesheim was a physician and occultist who believed that magic could be manipulated by those who respected nature.

The exhibit is located on the fourth floor of the library and will run through July 19. It is free and open to the public.

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# Diverse gallery opens for summer



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The City Art Gallery will open a new exhibit this Thursday for the summer.

**Amanda Adkins**  
TEC STAFF

The City Art Gallery will open their new “Summer Salon” exhibit this Thursday. The exhibit will showcase new paintings by John Gaitenby, David Nance, Mike Rooney, Peter Butler, Kim English and Ellen Hathaway.

The opening reception will be held at the Southern Living Showcase Home on 3037 Rolston Road on June 19th. The showcase will then move to the City Art Gallery on June 20th.

According to Jaelyn Morgan, associate at City Art Gallery, this exhibit is a chance to enjoy original artwork displayed on walls and easels throughout a fully furnished home.

While enjoying the artwork, visitors will be able to sip on wine and

see one of the only eleven Southern Living Showcase Homes in the country.

John Gaitenby paints in a style of contemporary realism. His paintings show the countryside of Italy, such as hills and villages.

David Nance has had many of his paintings represented at juried shows and he creates landscapes with expressive brushstrokes and layers of color.

Mike Rooney’s paintings show the effect of light on water, boats and the beach environment. Rooney is more spontaneous with his artwork and he approaches each painting differently so that he never follows a set way of starting his paintings.

Peter Butler is represented in private and public collections throughout the

country. His theme revolves around swimmers and swimming pools. He also paints cows because he finds their blank stares seem human-like.

Kim English uses his paintings to show the beauty in daily life. His subject matter ranges from Mexico street-sides to ordinary people. His inspiration comes from light and shadow.

Ellen Hathaway will also be represented in the upcoming exhibit and her paintings revolve around flowers and intricately painted skies. Hathaway enjoys excessive paint layering and pushing color to create an unexpected effect.

The exhibit is child friendly and will be on shown until July 25th.

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## YOUTUBE continued from A4



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YouTube star Jessica Byrge will teach a fitness class.

helping motivate those participating this weekend, as well as over twenty local fitness-related vendors. Among them will be Miller Motte providing free massages, and The Vitamin Shoppe.

“This may be just the event with the vendors and instructors to get someone started on that path to changing some habits that stick and dance to a healthier lifestyle,” said Harrison, “Bring some workout clothes and come dance it out to Hip Hop and other top tunes of today.”

DJ and vocal performer Country Boy KT will be announcing for the event. “Dance Fitness with Jessica” costs \$20 dollars at the door to participate and \$15 in advance at [www.regonline.com/dancefitnesswithjessica](http://www.regonline.com/dancefitnesswithjessica).

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### Campus Newspaper

The East Carolinian is the award-winning student newspaper covering East Carolina University. The East Carolinian is published Tuesdays and Thursdays during the regular year and Wednesdays during the summer and is distributed at more than 89 locations on campus and in the surrounding Greenville area. For those wishing to join the staff, tryouts will be held during the second week of each semester. See ads in the first issue of the semester. **Rolling tryouts for fall semester currently underway.** Visit newspaper office at 301 Evans Street, Greenville.



### Yearbook

Buccaneer is the East Carolina University yearbook. Students who work on the book staff gather facts, write articles, take photos and capture the year’s memorable moments for the sake of their fellow students and history. In the process they gain experience in editing, writing, advertising and production.



### Arts & Literary Magazine

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### Magazine

Expressions magazine is a yearly publication that comes out in the fall. Its mission is to provide a voice for ECU’s minority populations, and it does so through open submissions and its band of reporters and designers. Expressions accept poems, short stories, opinion pieces and feature stories from students across campus.

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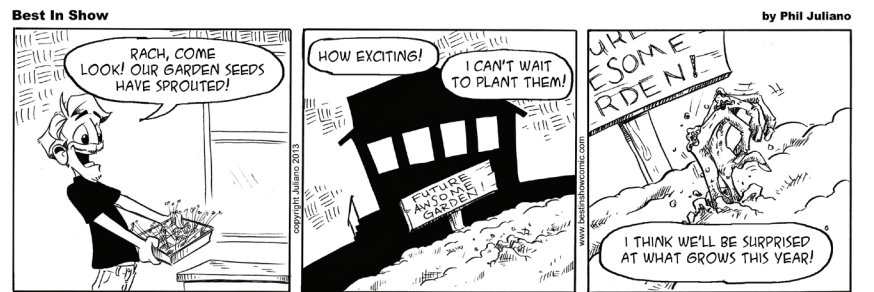
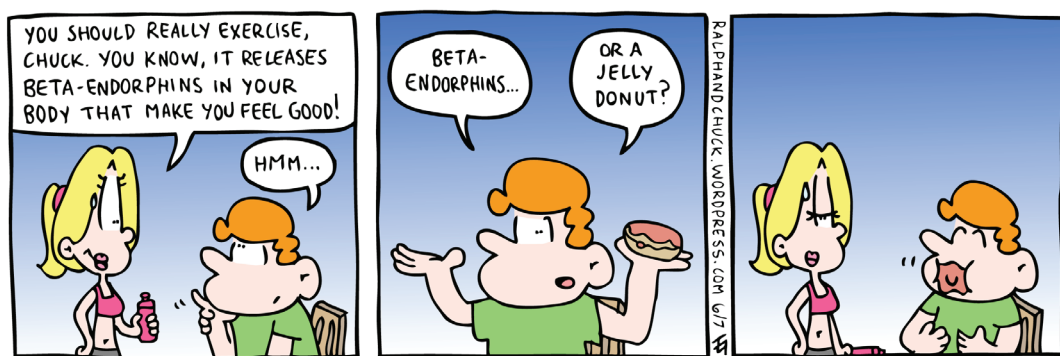
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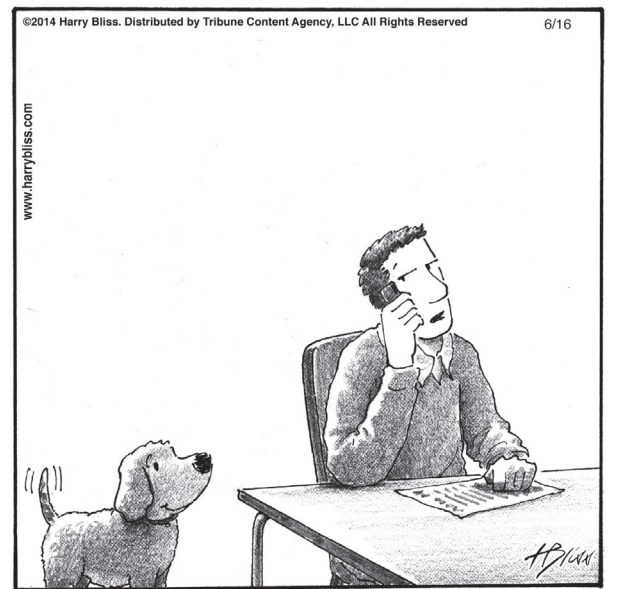
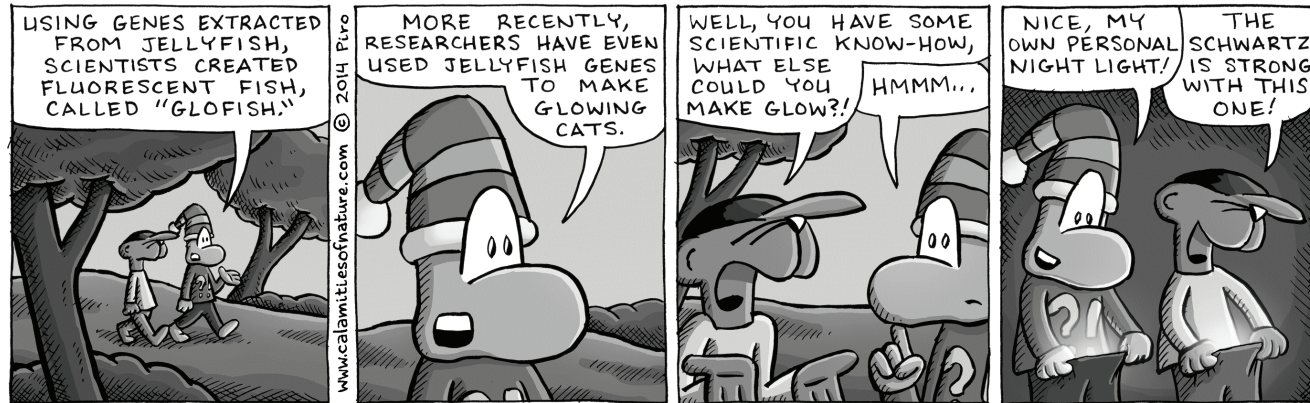
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## COMICS



## Calamities of Nature by Tony Piro



## BRAIN TEASERS

# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

6/18/14

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- Part of a Genesis-inspired costume
- Tom in an alley
- Good-natured
- Vivid language
- Rolling Stones guitarist
- Fuddy-duddies
- " said it!"
- Cross at a frat
- Bloke's bathroom
- "RUR" playwright
- Harpers Ferry raider
- Trash emanation
- Sponge, as a smoke
- TNT part
- Chain including the Matterhorn
- Cancel, NASA-style
- "Oh, wow!"
- 1976 horror classic ... and, read another way, group that appears at 17-, 25-, 50- and 61-Across and 20-Down
- "Huh?"
- Weed control giant
- George Orwell or George Eliot
- Hoppy brew, for short
- Road surface
- Re-re-re-re-shared link on Facebook, e.g.
- Legendary Manhattan restaurateur
- Fall beverage
- Roadie's unit
- Dawson in the first Super Bowl
- Soft slip-on
- More prepared
- "The Joy of Painting" artist
- Suitable for tweens, usually
- Weaken from disuse
- Ancient provincial governors
- Suffragist Elizabeth Cady

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By Andrew J. Ries

6/18/14

### DOWN

- Not within walking distance
- "I'd say," in texts
- Rickey ingredient
- Ones doing case studies
- Tablet download
- Baseball's Moises
- Gave lunch to
- Old Testament prophet
- PayPal figure
- Young chap
- Quiche base
- Hip-hop star
- Green
- "This way" symbol
- "The Pluto Files" author Neil deGrasse
- Regular on Bob Newhart sitcoms
- Fruity cocktail, familiarly
- Pitching duel?
- Writing end
- Minty Derby cocktail
- Product name
- Baby-back goodie
- "Dang it!"
- Local stations
- Makeup mishap
- Didn't lease

### Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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- Sample, for example
- Worker with show tigers
- 31-Across locale: Abbr.
- Bomb opposite
- Greek for "little O"
- Dreaming, say
- Canvas covers
- Greek for "big O"
- Mesmerizing designs
- Steers the steers
- Deadly snake
- Suffragist Lucretia
- Patriotic women's org.
- Feminizing Spanish suffix
- English lit degrees
- Choose
- "Homeland" airer, briefly
- Specimen, for example: Abbr.

## Pirates finish season strong

Wayne Hall  
TEC STAFF

With four days of competition on track's biggest stage behind them, the Pirates may not have been successful in crowning a national champion in Eugene, Ore, but fifth year senior Tynita Butts took home the next best thing. The red-shirt senior tied for second in the women's high jump during the 2014 NCAA Division I Outdoor Championships.

The six-time All American made her mark both by registering a clearance distance of 1.86 meters in the women's high jump. A mark good enough to tie her for second along with Kansas State's Alyx

Treasure. Butts' mark was also one inch shy of Georgia's national champion Leontia Kallenou, who tallied a mark of 1.89 meters.

Butts' second place finish during the Outdoor Championships marks the highest finish for a Pirate at the championship level. Also, with her career at ECU coming to a close, Butts finishes as the school's record holder in both the high jump (1.91 meters) and the long jump (6.22 meters), while also holding the distinction of qualifying for the NCAA Championships every year in which she competed at the collegiate level.

Although Butts made history

at the Outdoor Championships, a handful of other Pirates made some noise as well.

For instance, Pirate seniors, Tania Minkins and Tyshonda Hawkins represented the Lady Pirates well in the women's 200 meters. Minkins finished 13th with a time of 23.61, while Hawkins brought up the close rear; finishing 18th with a time of 23.70.

For the men, sophomore Cameron Hudson helped the Pirates to a 16th place finish after recording a distance of 7.26 meters in the men's high jump.

Sophomore Avion Jones also got into the mix as the Virginia

Beach native helped himself to the men's highest finish of the Championship — placing ninth in the men's high jump finals after turning in a mark of 2.15 meters.

With an end to the NCAA Championships, this also brings an end to an incredible season by both Pirate squads. With solid performances by the men all season, backed by two C-USA championships held by the ladies, look for Pirate Head Coach Curt Kraft and his team to come out next year and build off of a very successful 2013-14 campaign.

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## Richmond works out in Houston

Brian Wudkwyh  
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Akeem Richmond's time as an ECU Pirate may have ended when the team was ousted from the CollegeInsiders.com Postseason Tournament in March, but his career as a professional basketball player could be just starting.

Richmond was just in Houston for a pre-draft workout with the NBA's Rockets and even if he doesn't get drafted, his shooting ability and stellar collegiate track record make him a legitimate prospect for the NBA.

"The workout went really well and I'm satisfied with the results," Richmond said in a phone interview. "We did a series of things, finishing at the rim, coming off pick and rolls, and we also did some three on three and one on one games...it was tough, I won't lie."

Richmond, who finished his collegiate career ranked seventh all-time in three-pointers with 416, does not lack confidence. After all, he did drain arguably the biggest shot in school history: a buzzer-beating three to lift the Pirates to a CIT championship in 2013.

But despite having a history of staying cool in pressure-packed moments, Richmond admitted nerves were still part of the process.

"I was crazy nervous," he said. "When I first got there I was shaking because it's a big opportunity, it's what I've been waiting for so I couldn't go out there and miss the point."

Richmond's role with whatever team he joins will undoubtedly be that of a three-point specialist considering more than 80 percent of his points in college came from beyond the arc.

However, his athleticism has been a question mark as professional teams look to see if the six-foot Sanford native can score in a variety of ways.

"I can do more than just shoot the three," said Richmond. "I can drive the ball off the dribble and I've been working a lot on my mid-range as well, so I feel I can do all of that."

Other NBA teams have been in contact with Richmond and his agent, including the Minnesota Timberwolves, Boston Celtics and Charlotte Hornets, and he plans to showcase his ability that helped him get to this point.

"I've been waiting and talking about this for 17 years now," he said. But with success comes naysayers and Richmond admitted to having his fair share. "I can remember being in elementary school talking

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## NC golf course hosts major title

William Franklin  
TEC STAFF

Sunday at the United States Open Championship was truly one of the most wonderful experiences I've ever had. Between playing Pinehurst No. 2 a handful of time and being out there with my dad on Fathers Day few things I have experienced have ever been so great. The number of kids with their fathers is something that put a smile on your face everywhere you looked.

The golf tournament was a bit of a run away. Even though my dad and I were both hoping that there would be a putt that would have decided the championship, or a Monday playoff—we could both sense that we were witness to something special. It was a performance that very few golfers have ever been able to accomplish and we were lucky enough to be witness from the first tee shot to the final put dropping.

As the Open was winding down it became clear that Martin Kaymer was running away with the championship. But given the fact that the winner was pretty clear, the Open still found a way to have its special moments—on Justin Rose's final putt of the day, a birdie putt from about 20 feet, he struck the iconic Payne Stewart pose that was etched into the history of golf 15 years ago.

Players that we had only seen on T.V. were there right in front of us playing and practicing. The United States Golf Association



WEB PHOTO

Martin Kaymer (above) hoists the trophy after winning the US Open, on Pinehurst golf course, by a wide margin.

had converted the first hole on the number 5 and 3 course into the driving range for the week. And they were dropping shots on each flagstick and almost driving it to the green at the end of the range. Which is impressive for the accuracy that these guys possess

rather than the sheer strength.

The hoards of crowds gathered around the 18<sup>th</sup> green on number two—some sitting in the grand stands others sitting in the rocking chairs—to watch the final putt being sank and then the presentation of the trophy. As the crowds

dissipated and the sun began to set on the greens it was satisfying and memorable experience that I have no doubt my dad and I will remember for the rest of our lives.

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### FINAL STANDINGS

- 1 KAYMER, Martin -9
- T2 COMPTON, Erik -1
- T2 FOWLER, Rickie -1
- T4 BRADLEY, Keegan +1
- T4 DAY, Jason +1
- T4 KOEPKA, Brooks +1
- T4 JOHNSON, Dustin +1

### Wednesday 6/18

Cape Cod Baseball  
Bourne vs Cotuit  
Buzzards Bay, MA  
6 p.m.

(Bryce Harman, ECU 1B, plays for Bourne)

### Thursday 6/19

Carolina Mudcats  
vs Frederick Keys  
Zebulon, NC  
7 p.m.

### Friday 6/20

Carolina Mudcats  
vs Frederick Keys  
Zebulon, NC  
7 p.m.

### Saturday 6/21

Carolina Mudcats  
vs Frederick Keys  
Zebulon, NC  
7 p.m.

### Sunday 6/22

World Cup  
United States  
vs  
Portugal  
6 p.m.

## CALENDAR

### TAKEAWAYS

#### AKEEM RICHMOND

ECU's career leader in three pointers worked out with the Houston Rockets. He has multiple workouts before the NBA draft.

#### TRACK AND FIELD

ECU concluded the National Outdoor Championships in Eugene, OR over the weekend. Tynita Butts finished second in the nation.

#### CAROLINA LEAGUE BASEBALL

The Carolina Mudcats and the rest of Carolina League baseball will return to action on Thursday after their all-star break concludes.

#### WORLD CUP

The United States beat Ghana 2-1 yesterday in their first match of pool play. They play Portugal on Sunday.

#### NBA

The San Antonio Spurs won the NBA title over the Miami Heat, four games to one. Kawhi Leonard was named the NBA finals MVP.

#### US OPEN

Pinehurst golf course was the host of last weekends US Open. Pinehurst is located in Pinehurst, N.C. near Fayetteville.

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# Pirates ready for AAC jump

**Brian Wudkwyh**  
TEC STAFF

A lot can be said of ECU's imminent jump to the newly formed American Athletic Conference, which will become a reality officially on July 1.

The Pirates are taking all 19 of their varsity sports to the new conference and subsequently, will end their membership with Conference USA.

Among one of the most exciting aspects of the school's move to the American is a perceived increase in the level of athletic competition, primarily in ECU's most popular sport: football.

And there is no doubt that

teams like UCF, Cincinnati, Houston and Connecticut are all upgrades for a football team looking to place itself squarely in contention for a top-25 ranking and potentially more. But are the two other "main" sports — baseball and men's basketball — suffering from the move?

The men's basketball team is coming off of a season in which transfers and injuries ultimately cost the team going into conference play. The team was often times thoroughly outmatched, especially down low, even by the underwhelming size of C-USA competition.

Then, in the offseason,

the loss of leading-rebounder, sophomore forward Brandon Stith, doesn't help a team that went 5-11 in a conference featuring just one NCAA Tournament team (Tulsa).

The basketball team will have to face the likes of Cincinnati, SMU, Memphis and UConn, all teams that get recognition on the national stage and all teams that garnered some form of postseason berth last season. After all, let's not forget that the Huskies won the national championship last season.

There will certainly be growing pains for ECU's basketball team, especially considering the team won the CIT just two seasons ago and had bigger goals going into last season.

It will be a difficult conference schedule for Head Coach Jeff Lebo this time around, but the Pirates will return several players from last year — including starting forward Marshall Guilmette, who was lost for the season after five games — along with some promising newcomers.

The challenge facing the baseball team is almost completely the opposite. Instead of facing competition that could be potentially overwhelming, the Diamond Bucs may be downgrading their strength of schedule by facing a lesser caliber of teams.

Considering that Louisville, who just won the conference outright, is bolting for the ACC after this season, there will only be four AAC baseball teams that finished above .500 in the conference when the Pirates join the league (UCF, Houston, Rutgers and Memphis).

C-USA, on the other



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ECU athletics should expect to be competitive from the start of their time in the American Athletic.

hand, boasted nine teams above .500, with seven of those teams within five games of each other. Rice is a team that has made the NCAA tournament every year since 1995, including seven College World Series appearances and a National Championship in 2003.

The closest team to matching Rice's consistent success in the AAC is Houston, but they haven't been to the College World Series since 1967.

ECU is a team that struggles to get national

recognition as it is, and with the decreased caliber of teams that will be in the AAC, their non-conference schedule will carry even more weight.

That being said, there are some positive aspects of the teams move to the AAC. With the decreased talent comes a higher chance for the Bucs to make a run for the conference crown, thus, will theoretically have an easier route to the NCCA Tournament.

Despite missing the tournament the last two years, ECU has qualified for a regional in 12 of the

last 15 years. The move to the AAC may energize the team and allow them to find consistent success, especially in the conference.

All and all, the AAC provides greener pastures for a number of different sports, most notably football, but sports like basketball and baseball face different challenges that may hinder their success moving forward.

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to my classmates...and telling them that I was going to get a legitimate shot, and so many people laughed at me and now it just makes me smile."

Richmond now has the chance to put himself on the NBA radar and perhaps doing so for ECU's basketball in the process. If drafted, Richmond would be one of five Pirates to do so, with Blue Edwards being the most recent back in 1989.

No matter where Richmond ends up, he will always be remembered as one of the best shooters in school history.

"I definitely want to go down as one of the best ever to put on an ECU jersey," said Richmond. "That's no disrespect to any of the former players but when the fans think of me I definitely want to be in the top-3 with Blue Edwards and whoever else."

The last Pirate to play in



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Richmond could be the first Pirate to play in the NBA since '01. The NBA was Jonathan Kerner in 2001. The NBA Draft is set to begin Thursday, June 26.

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