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The artwork of Greenville's Richard Wilson is one of 20 entries in Blue Moon's 20th anniversary bottle art design contest.

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## Once in a Blue Moon Greenville artist enters brewery's art contest

Ashley Federici  
TEC STAFF

When an art representative from Chicago reached out to Greenville artist Richard Wilson over the Internet in January, he thought it seemed almost too good to be true. Wilson was chosen as one of 20 artists from across the nation to be included in the Blue Moon 20th Anniversary Limited Edition case of beer.

Seven months later, his artwork is displayed on Blue Moon bottles being sold across the country.

"It's huge," said Wilson. "I'm very proud, I'm proud of my state and I'm proud to be able to represent everything about North Carolina and the arts."

The Blue Moon Brewing Company decided to celebrate its anniversary by choosing 20 up-and-coming artists to create labels for their Belgian White bottles. The artists are now in a competition to receive the most votes and win a grant to grow their art career.

"Sometimes fine arts don't get that recognition that musicians get and I'm glad I am able to do this," said Wilson. "Blue Moon has come out with this project that is really highlighting visual artists."

Wilson says that he loves to listen to jazz music while working

and the competition required a blue moon to be incorporated into the artwork – his piece shows a man leaning against a wall and playing a trumpet in the moonlight.

"I've been fortunate to win about eight shows a year and sometimes I can do 20 to 24 shows a year," he said. "I try to do about one or shows a month."

Wilson has also achieved one of the highest honors in state history as the first African-American to ever have a painting hung in any North Carolina courthouse. The painting is of George Henry White, the last former slave to become a congressman, and is hanging in the Edgecombe County Courthouse in Tarboro, N.C.

Recently, the set designer for the upcoming movie "Barbershop 3" purchased Wilson's artwork at an art show in Atlanta. Wilson's pieces will be displayed in the home of actor and rapper Ice Cube's character.

Wilson, born and raised in eastern North Carolina, started his art career at a young age, following in the footsteps of his father. Wilson says he remembers placing in the art competitions even in elementary.

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## BOG seeks presidential candidates

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TEC STAFF

The Presidential Leadership Statement has been released by the Board of Governors as the search for the next University of North Carolina system president continues.

The leadership statement was written by the Leadership Statement Committee following four regional input meetings at UNC campuses and an online survey.

The input meetings allowed members of the University system statewide to contribute their ideas as to what makes a good presidential candidate.

According to Joan MacNeill, chair of the UNC Presidential Search Committee, the committee drew directly from that input to create the comprehensive Leadership Statement that was approved by the board.

The statement highlights the skills, experiences and characteristics the committee believes are crucial to the success of the next UNC system president. This is the profile that will be used to advertise for the presidential candidate.

The overall findings of the statement found the most important experiences to the stakeholders were bringing together broad array of constituencies, managing innovation and change in a large complex organization, leadership experience in higher education, and working effectively with legislative and governmental bodies.

Leadership experience in higher education was an important factor to eight of the 11 stakeholder groups polled. This factor was not as important to members of the Board of Governors, members of the Boards of Trustees and businessmen.

The top three skills found to be essential to the job of UNC system president were the capacity to generate enthusiasm and energy for the University and its priorities, working constructively across multiple sectors, and addressing challenges in transformative ways.

Students were the only stakeholder group to find approachability and open-mindedness as an essential skill.

The statement also showed the top characteristics selected by the stakeholders to be demonstrating integrity in word and deed, demonstrating passion for and commitment to public education, and encouraging meaningful input and involvement

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## Frisbee golf course plans raise concerns

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TEC STAFF

Last Wednesday at a public input session for the future of the Tar River Park, attendees were divided on what amenities should be included in the park.

Around 30 people attended the input session, during which many of them voiced their opinion regarding the suggested amenities, specifically frisbee golf.

The meeting started with a presentation from Lamarco Morrison, the parks planner, on two possible site plans created by consolidating suggestions from the previous input sessions.

The current master plan for the park revolves around two plans, A and B, with plan B being referred to as a more "minimalistic" option, according to Morrison.

The primary difference between the plans center around the controversial construction of a frisbee golf course.

Most of the individuals who spoke at the meeting last Wednesday did so about the benefits of the course. Many individuals, such former SGA representative and City Council Candidate McLean Godley, said

they felt the course would be an invaluable commodity for the neighborhood and surrounding city.

Proponents of the course argue that it is an extremely low maintenance and cheap activity that is accessible and enjoyable to a large and expensive demographic.

Other attendees at the meeting spoke against the placement of the course, saying that its intended location could be dangerous for other park-goers, and not a suitable location for regular play.

Max Crofts, president of the Greenville Disc Golf Association, spoke at the input session about why the area is not fit for a disc golf course.

"We all came to the conclusion the property is not fit for a disc golf course, the size of the property as well as the open nature and close proximity to the Greenway would make a disc golf course a significant safety hazard for all park users," said Crofts. "Disc golf can be a great addition to the park property, but only when there is a clearly defined buffer between the course and other park amenities."

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**BRIEFS**

**Suddenlink to upgrade internet service**

Suddenlink announced last Thursday that it will be offering an upgraded internet package for Greenville and Pitt County. The upgraded service ability will offer businesses the opportunity to receive one gigabit per second download speed. Greenville will become one of the first two areas in North Carolina to receive this service.

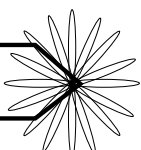
At the press conference, Suddenlink also announced that it will be increasing certain residential services as well. This upgraded service will increase local business capabilities and according to Mayor Thomas, attract new businesses.

**Board of Trustees to meet Friday**

The East Carolina University Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday and Friday this week in public meetings. The Board will first meet Thursday at 9:00 in the morning for an orientation session. On Friday, the board will conduct regular business at its meeting at 9 a.m. to discuss a variety of topics including the next slate of officers and Heritage Hall's construction.

The BOT will also attend a groundbreaking ceremony for the new health sciences student center scheduled for 1 p.m. The ceremony will be located by the future building site at the intersection of North Campus Loop and North Emergency Drive, between ECHI at ECU and Laupus Library.

**ONLINE**



**No leads in Pirates Place home invasion**

*Corrections/ Clarifications*

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**Memorial to be held for late ECU professor**

Staff Report



Linner Ward Griffin

A memorial service will be held Saturday at First Presbyterian Church to honor a former East Carolina University professor.

According to Provost Ron Mitchelson, Linner Ward Griffin, emeritus professor of social work, died unexpectedly on July 5.

Griffin began her career at ECU in 1990 as an assistant professor of social work. In 2000, she became a professor of social work. While with ECU, she served as Interim Dean of Social Work and Criminal Justice, Interim Dean of the School of Communication, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs.

In 2010, she became the Associate Provost for Academic Program Planning and Development. She held that position until she retired in 2013. Upon her retirement, she was granted Emeritus Professor status.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home in Greensboro, N.C.

The memorial service in Greenville on Saturday will begin at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church on South Elm Street.

In lieu of flowers, her family asked that donations be made to the ECU School of Social Work Scholarship Fund.

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Camp counselors walk campers through a group exercise designed to teach them conversation skills and appropriate social behaviors.

**Students hold summer camp for autistic teens**

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A student-run summer camp for teenagers diagnosed with autism began Monday on East Carolina University's campus.

Camp Promise is hosting six campers this year, ages ranging from 14 to 19-years-old, in the Speight Building.

The camp was founded by the East Carolina University Chapter of the Autism Society of Eastern North Carolina. The chapter was founded in October and President Trevor Davis said they've made excellent progress so far.

According to Davis, the camp teaches campers important social skills that those diagnosed with autism commonly lack. These skills involve speaking volume, physical distance and eye contact, but also deal with more complex ideas such as appropriate conversation topics and the exchange of information.

The camp will last two weeks, during which the six campers will experience nine days of workshops and a graduation ceremony next Friday.

The ECU chapter of the organization was founded in October of last year and has since grown to around 40 members. The club holds regular fundraising events and activities for those living with autism in North Carolina.

Davis said while teaching the social skills improves the lives of the campers, it also helps family and friends bond with them.

"They miss getting that connection with not only their friends, but also with their loved ones and the people that care about them," said Davis. "That lack of social interaction doesn't stop with just their peers, it carries over to mom and dad and little brothers. It's hard on the parents, because they don't get that bond that they might usually feel. It's a disorder that affects everyone involved, not just the ones diagnosed."

The camp is staffed by eight students with Davis as the director, Casey Greer as assistant director and six counselors. The staff ranges from special education majors, psychology majors and recreational therapy majors.

This is the first official year of Camp Promise, though last year a preliminary attempt "Camp Kirby" was held with the same objectives, but not affiliated with the Autism Society of Eastern North Carolina.

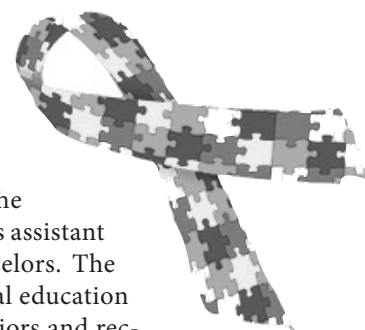
Davis, who participated in the former camp, said organizing through the Autism Society made families feel more comfortable about the camp and brought together campers who may have previously interacted through the organization.

Greer, a senior special education major, said she has been participating in special education activities for around 10 years, and thought the camp was a crucial.

"I think this is important because it teaches them the correct way to be social, and they need that," said Greer. "They have fun doing it, they're learning a lot of information and they're able to take this back to their community, families, future jobs and develop those skills."

Davis said they hope to continue operating the camp whenever possible, as well as host a variety of other events. Davis said they plan to hold many more fundraising events in order to raise money for events like the camp.

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Godley said just because there is a chance someone could get hurt, doesn't mean the park should exclude it. Godley compared the danger of the proposed frisbee gold course to that of the Elm Street Baseball Field, or the chance of someone being bitten by a dog at the off-lease dog park.

"With such widespread support for this project, I can only see this project as being what's best," said Godley. "I know there has been some talk about the safety and other concerns about this project, but I'm here tonight to tell you that someone could in fact get hit with a frisbee, but just because someone could get hit doesn't mean we should exclude it from the master plan."

If the frisbee golf course is not constructed at the park, the current plan is to replace the course with an informal open space to be used for a variety of planned and unplanned activities.

Some controversy also surrounded the placement of a children's park at the location, after the original concept plan placed the playground just south of the river. Some locals spoke out against locating the playground there, saying that the river poses a risk for

the children nearby.

The approximately 16-acre neighborhood park already contains a one-acre dog park and a connection to the Greenway. Both of the currently suggested plans expand the existing dog park into the area south of its location.

Regardless of what is added to the park area, experts and locals agree that additional dedicated parking is necessary, especially if additions to the park attracting more traffic are approved. Due to this, both concept plans include a parking lot placed directly east of the dog park, which will provide between 20-30 spots.

The parks department is also considering placing a kayak landing site, which was well received by the public and local kayak companies during the input sessions.

Kelsey Curtis, one of the owners of Knee Deep Adventures, a Greenville-based company said the landing site would be a huge amenity for people interested in kayaking but not wanting to make a serious commitment to it.

"We would absolutely love to have another access ramp in Greenville," said Curtis. "That is one of the problems we've been facing right now, because there are only two ramps

in Greenville, and they're always very busy, very full and we have a hard time actually using them."

The landing site, in combination with the suggested river overlook, will provide both active and passive access to the Tar River, and provide locals with a place to view the river or fish.

Attendees were also largely in favor of adding a sheltered area or picnic structure to the area adjacent to the F.R.O.G.G.S. garden area, though at least one attendee spoke about his concern about placing tall structures that will obstruct the natural view of the area.

In order to expand upon the park and provide an additional commodity to users of the Greenway, attendees seemed unanimously in agreement about constructing a bathroom facility for usage.

According Morrison, another consolidated plan based on the third input meeting will be available online within the next month. The parks staff and planners will develop a final plan to be presented to the Parks Commission in September and then to the City Council soon after.

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from relevant constituencies before making decisions.

The Board of Governors was the only stakeholder group to highlight knowledge of our state and the University system as an essential characteristic.

Since the approval of the statement, the Search Committee has requested the services of Isaacson, Miller.

Isaacson, Miller is "an executive search firm with an impressive record of success in identifying leaders for higher education institutions," according to MacNeill.

John Isaacson and Ponneh Varho are leading the

search, along with Sabrina Singh.

The statement released by the search firm said "the next president will have the extraordinary opportunity to advance the University of North Carolina by building on the system's nationally recognized academic prominence and excellence, while clarifying its future role as a public good and economic engine for the state of North Carolina and the nation."

The Screening Committee will now be responsible for narrowing the applicant field to those who fit the ramifications set by the leadership statement. The Search Committee will then select one or more finalists for the board to review.

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**PIRATE RANTS**

I would gladly exercise with my female exercise 1000 teacher anytime.

Dear women pirates: nobody is putting the drink in your hand, nobody is making you drink it, and you're well aware that there are bad people out there who are looking to take advantage of you. Don't be a victim, take responsibility for your actions.

If there are two things I learned in last few months it is this: It doesn't take a lot of effort to get ahead of your peers because most of them are not willing to exert that extra effort outside of class. And get used to failure. You will fail several times before you succeed. Doesn't matter if you make straight As. It is called life!!!

TEC has become better than the daily reflector.

Aycock hall hasn't been renamed yet, because they need to make sure not to offend the politically correct crybabies.

to the ignorant young man or woman sharing, the confederate flag isnt offensive. YES it is, it wasnt made to be but racist groups have desecrated it by their acts! #Googlet

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## Our view

# Local elections make a difference

As local politicians check and re-check their stances, establish voter bases and prepare their speeches, the average voter will largely let the November 3 Pitt County municipal election slip by unnoticed.

We, as an editorial staff, believe that local elections are just as, if not more, important than any other election within our government.

Local legislators and administrators affect our lives every day. They are the ones allocating our city budgets, approving plans, building our parks and improving our infrastructure.

Though the men and women who hold these government positions make a profound difference in our lives, very few people take an active role in local politics.

The reason why people lack interest is a complicated issue. Students, for instance, sometimes feel disconnected from the city in which they go to school in, or

feel that local politicians have no real power. Though some students may feel disconnected, anyone who has been legal resident of Pitt County and North Carolina for 30 days can vote in upcoming elections.

Local politicians often make a larger difference in our daily lives than any president or congressman ever will, and yet most of them will go unheard of by the majority, and placed into power by a small minority.

We've all heard the phrase "every vote counts," but this phrase holds more truth with local elections than it ever will on a national scale. On a national level, your vote becomes one in millions, but local legislators get voted in by the hundreds. When casting a vote for a local politician, that vote makes a considerably larger difference in an election that will make a considerably larger difference in your life.

# Women's sports not equal



**Kai Jones**  
TEC COLUMNIST

For decades upon decades, women have fought for equality, but as United States women's national team's goalie Hope Solo knows, they aren't all the way there in regards to athletics.

Hope Solo created a hot take when she tweeted a picture of a fan holding up a sign that said, "Equal Pay 4 Athletes!" Solo commented in the tweet, "Could not agree more!"

This comes right after the U.S. women's victory over Japan, where the women's team took home \$2 million in prize money. Which sounds like a lot of money to an average American, but when it's put into the context that the men's U.S. team made \$8 million to lose in the Round of 16, it looks kind of suspect.

The total money invested into the men's team was over \$500 million, the women's \$15 million. FIFA is being criticized for not putting in the money and time to make the women's game shine like the men's does.

The criticism is somewhat accurate but it's not just on FIFA, it's on advertisers as well. Advertisers missed big on a chance to

capitalize on the women's World Cup final game, which scored record TV numbers.

Advertisers ignored the fact that soccer is a fast rising sport in the U.S. The merchandise is selling more, MLS is expanding and the FIFA video games are the highest selling sports video games. Advertisers did not invest as much money into the women's game and a result the women made less.

That is the reality in athletics. Men's games have more visibility, popularity and history. The WNBA was started in 1996, while the NBA has been around since the 1940's. The 20th men's World Cup was played in 2014, while the most recent women's World Cup was only their seventh.

For the NBA, the average player is making over \$4 million a season, while WNBA players make over \$70,000 a season. It's going to take a long time for basketball to get equal pay, just because the NBA is much more established and beloved. But for soccer, the process can be sped up.

FIFA is an established body that has control over both genders' games. It can certainly make sure that the pay scale is a little more balanced. Soccer has the opportunity to let the women's game grow with the men's game.

Can the women's game ever gross enough revenue and interest from fans to make equality in that sport more than a pipe dream? No one knows.

The fact of the matter is this is not just a problem in soccer but in all sports. The women's games just aren't as attractive to casual fans. The closest is probably tennis because of female stars like Serena Williams and Maria Sherapova.

The onus is on FIFA. Will they step up and make sure pay is equal for both men and women? Who's to say, because there are many things to change and consider, like will the men have to take less despite grossing more? The least that FIFA could do is make sure that the women, like the men, do not have to share a hotel with their opponents and run into them in the elevator.

But the most important thing, is that the women spoke up for themselves and shed light on an issue that would've went probably unnoticed had they not. Sometimes shedding light on an issue is enough to create the pressure to fix it.

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## Poll results

Are you concerned about the recent shark attacks?

Yes-32.1%

No- 67.9%

## Poll question

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# Cuba not a friend to America



**Joseph Perez**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

One of the oldest and most repeated slogans of mankind during problematic times is "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer." Though the U.S. is not at war with Cuba, America has hostile relations with a number of countries and groups that seek to do the U.S. harm. Cuba and the U.S. are not exactly enemies, but our countries are certainly not friends either. After more than half a century of tension, it would be a great time to broker peace, but not a time to promote financial support and friendship. The United States of America should not seek to be close with a country whose leadership has sought to insult, harass and demean us since our failed attempt to oust said leadership during the Bay of Pigs incident of 1961.

While the geography on the map cannot be changed to move Cuba a little further away from the US than the 200 odd miles it sits, the choice to open trading and diplomacy with this nation that was made last week was a poor one. The Cuban government is one America needs to stay away from, the same way the U.S. shuns North Korea; to whom Cuba was caught violating customs laws in Panama in 2013. A Cuban vessel was found to contain over 240 tons of Cuban made weapons, 2 MiG-21 fighter jets, and multiple aircraft engines heading for sale in North Korea. Some Americans think that by opening trade and renewing government interests in Cuba, our nation will be helping the good, hard-pressed and hard-working people of Cuba. The theory is that increased trade will stimulate their economy, fill their bellies and help them build a stronger nation. What many people are overlooking, however, is that this is a

communist nation, a dictatorship run by the same family who "freed" the island from its previous dictator via a revolution.

On this island, the only people who will receive any income stemming from trade, travel, and tourism are the leaders in the government and the friends they wish to share it with. The citizens of Cuba, those we want to help, are citizens who long ago lost their ability to hold incomes and land, the ability to vote or even the ability to express their unhappiness with their political situation. On this island, you do not ruffle feathers, that lesson was enforced long ago, directly after the Castro takeover when people who did not support the new regime were shot down in the streets, shot down along with the hope Cubans had that they might finally have their own voice.

By opening trade, the U.S. is only fattening the pockets of a dangerous communist dictatorship, not the bellies of the people they say they serve. The government and their staunchest supporters, so few yet speaking for so many, still own everything on this island. The rest of the people are still given their same weekly meager allotment of eggs and milk and told to work harder for the same allotment next week. Communism may no longer be the biggest threat to the U.S., indeed in recent years the U.S. has learned to work with certain communist controlled countries. However, the United States' political views and methods are very different from those of the communist party. The United States should take a long, close look before we bed down with a communist regime that still has blood on its hands and hatred on its tongue from an era that is not too far in the distant past.

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WEB PHOTO

# ECU holds guitar festival at Fletcher

## Annual event showcases local and international guitarists



Former competition winner Alec Holcomb performed at the Fletcher recital hall on Monday night.

**Carlyn Legg**  
TEC STAFF

Four days of master classes, workshops and networking took place at East Carolina University last weekend. The ECU Guitar Festival, held in the A.J. Fletcher Music Center, started Saturday and concluded yesterday evening.

"We started with 12 [attendees in the first year] and this year we have 64," said Dr. Elliott Frank, guitar instructor at ECU and founder and director of the festival. "The progress of an event like this is measured in attendance."

Italian, Cuban, Belarusian and American performers put on concerts each night of the four-day festival. Their expertise in the performance field allowed them to put on successful workshops that were attended by festival participants.

"[We had] some of the most important performers in the world, of guitar," said Frank.

The first night of the show was a concert by Rene Izquierdo following Dr. Frank's performance. Izquierdo is a Cuban world-class guitar player with awards from various competitions. His music degree was earned at Yale University and he currently teaches at Wisconsin State University in Milwaukee.

The second night of the festival the concert included performances by the Kithara Duo and SoloDuo, both guitar duets who are currently Artists in Residence at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Formed in 2002, Kithara Duo is comprised of Olga and Ferdinand Vera, who have traveled the United States as well as Europe and South America as performers. SoloDuo is an Italian duet including Matteo Mela and Lorenzo Micheli, who have played on five continents and won several international titles in guitar performance.

In between workshops and master classes, where students and performers were given the chance to perform with live feedback from professional instructors, there were competitions ranging from a pre-college division – including all ages through high school – to a college division. This year

was the 19th annual solo competition.

"There's a solo competition every year and last year's winner gets to play this year," said Frank.

On the third night of the four-day festival, Alec Holcomb, last year's winner of the solo competition, performed in concert. With audience members from grade school, to college seniors, professionals, and their family members, the house was nearly packed in A.J. Fletcher's recital hall.

Following Holcomb's performance was the Sharpe Zohn Duo, made up of Robert Sharpe and Andrew Zohn. The duo began as a teacher-student relationship, but when Sharpe became a faculty member alongside his teacher at Columbus State University, the two combined their talents. Since its creation in 2012, the duo has performed throughout the U.S. as well as Europe and China.

"[This festival] is well-known in the profession," said Frank. "We're drawing students from as far west as California and Texas."

Richard Nelson, a returning festival-goer, has both taught workshops and participated as a student in the festival. As the cello music cataloger at University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Nelson has been involved with the festival for many years and plans to return in the future.

"There are four different classes of guitarists and I happen to be in group four. It's organized so that the same people are together for the entire festival," said Nelson. "There's a kind of camaraderie that develops in each of these groups."

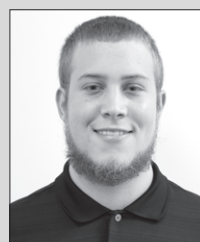
With the conclusion of the 19th annual ECU Guitar Festival, the planning for next summer's event is already underway.

"The youngest student is 7 [years old] and the oldest is about 70," said Frank. "The instruction is specifically for people who play or are interested in paying the guitar, but the concerts are always open to anyone who wants to come."

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# ALBUM REVIEW

## Australian psych-rock band embraces pop



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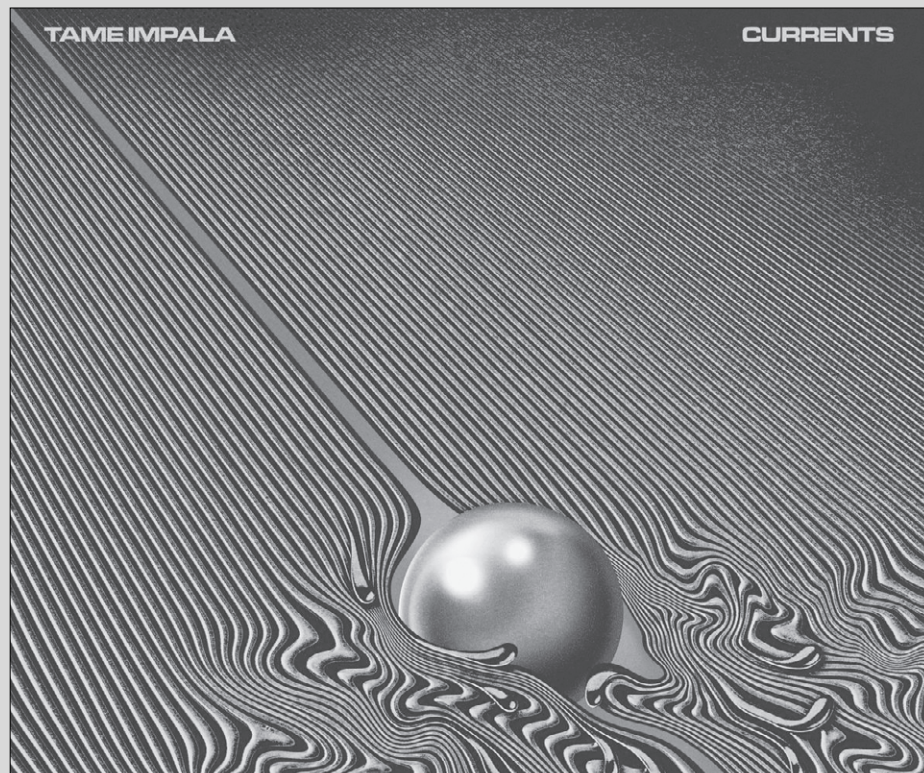
"They say people never change but that's bulls\*\*\*, they do," Kevin Parker laments on "Yes I'm Changing," the fourth track from his third album, "Currents."

That statement lays the groundwork for Parker's lyrical themes of dissolved relationships and acceptance as well as his band's stylistic shift from Beatles and Pink Floyd-esque psychedelic rock to synth-pop and R&B, bringing to mind the essence of Michael Jackson and Daft Punk.

While Tame Impala is a five-person outfit when on tour, the group is undoubtedly an outlet for Parker, who writes, records and performs the vast majority of its content. "Currents" is a step towards more independence for the 29-year-old from Perth, Australia, as he recorded the entirety of the project by himself over the past three years.

Earlier this month, he revealed to The Guardian that the electronic disco vibe of "Currents" stems from a revelation of an artistic direction he had while listening to the Bee Gees' "Staying Alive" under the influence of psilocybin mushrooms and cocaine. So, instead of retreading the guitar-centered ground of previous studio efforts "Innerspeaker" and "Lonerism," this project dispenses dancey bass lines, finger snaps and murky synthesizers that act as a time portal to the mid '70s and '80s.

The catchy lead single and opening



Tame Impala's first studio effort in three years, "Currents," will be released worldwide on July 17.

track, "Let It Happen," sets the album's tone in the form of a bouncy and progressive tour de force, clocking in at just under eight minutes and warping along the way.

"The Less I Know the Better" provides one of 2015's catchiest bass lines on a M.J.-influenced tune about jealousy following a breakup. "I was doing fine without ya/ 'Til I saw your eyes turn away from mine," Parker's ethereal vocals soar over a lush sonic landscape. In an interview with Under The Radar in April, the front man

questioned the song's place on the album, referring to it as "dorky, white disco funk." The good news is that the track fits right into "Currents" collection of pop ventures.

Parker's airy falsetto and bright keyboard pads sparkle on "Cause I'm a Man," complete with a sing-along chorus of tongue-in-cheek misogyny: "Cause I'm a man, woman/ Not often proud of what I choose/I'm a human/ A greater force I answer to."

Album highlight "Reality in Motion"

cranks up the trademark reverb on Parker's vocals, resulting in the closest thing "Currents" has to a straight-up pop-rock tune. Parker sounds more like John Lennon than ever, a comparison he has grown tired of but will likely not shake – if a 25-year-old Lennon capitalized on new wave music, it might sound something like this.

"Currents" is not exactly a safe record for a band with a fan base built by a lo-fi classic rock sound as showcased in previous albums, and Parker openly anticipates mixed reactions from the public: "I can just hear them now/ 'How could you let us down?'/ But they don't know what I found or see it from this way around," he sings on the album closer, "New Person, Same Old Mistakes," a track with a groovy drum beat, synchronized bass and resounding, modulated bridge.

Parker's latest release proves that he has the ability to effortlessly combine rock n' roll, funk, shoegaze and even elements of hip-hop – and turn it all into a pop album. While "Currents" lacks the gritty garage-rock ambience of its predecessors, its shimmering, psychedelic pulse is a beast of its own accord.

**RATING:**



**4 out of 5**

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# Boone-based band packs Christy's 'Spazz Presents' summer concert series continues at pub

**Carlyn Legg**  
TEC STAFF

Instead of setting up its equipment on a raised stage with a platform for its audience, The Nude Party from Boone, NC, used a small corner of Christy's Euro Pub as its performance space on Friday night.

The already-packed house created a tight fit for incoming friends and family of the band, who said they were looking forward to seeing old friends at their Friday night show.

"Usually when we play like college towns, it's kind of like a high school reunion of sorts. We look forward to seeing our friends," said Alec Castillo, bass player of The Nude Party.

With limited seating space and its regular Friday night drink specials going on simultaneously with The Nude Party performance, Christy's was packed with bar patrons and music lovers.

The band performed in Greenville earlier this year at Spazz Fest VI as a crowd favorite, and made it a priority to return to Greenville during its summer tour this year.

"Spazz Fest was awesome. It was the first time we ever played Greenville, so we didn't really know what to expect," said Zachary Merrill, keyboardist of The Nude Party. "We played at Art Avenue with Love Language, and the people at the show were really cool."

The 2015 summer tour stretched down and around the east coast for the past couple of weeks.

"This is the last stretch of the tour," said Connor Mikita, drummer of The Nude Party. "This is our fourteenth show after doing kind



The Nude Party, a band from Boone, NC, performed at Christy's Euro Pub on Friday after returning to Greenville for the first time since March.

of a j-shape of the east coast."

The blues-rock sound of the band pleased the crowd, playing both new and old original songs. At Appalachian State University, The Nude Party didn't intend on becoming a band during the early days of its friendship. It wasn't until the summer of 2013 the group got its hands on musical instruments and started to play music together in Lake Norman, NC.

"We weren't ever planning on becoming a real band," said Mikita. "We were just a group of friends and we used to dream about having

a house where we would throw parties where you had to be naked to come, and then we started actually trying to do that once we all moved in together."

Formed with the vision of true collegiate debauchery in mind, The Nude Party planned its summer tour for the east coast with the true intention of building up its fan base as well as meeting up with old friends.

The band definitely brought its leisurely lifestyle out through its music with simple melodies and the occasional harmony, and

while it didn't bring anything new to the table, it still kept bar-goers entertained.

There wasn't much space for a lot of people to stand in front of the makeshift performance space, but the crowd was thoroughly entertained by the dry humor of the band and the bluesy rock-and-roll feeling the band echoed throughout the two-hour performance.

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Local artist Richard Wilson puts the final touches on a currently unreleased art project at his studio in Greenville, NC.

## BLUE MOON continued from A1

"I just had a passion for it and could never let it go," said Wilson.

His business began in high school with a commission piece he did in memory of a friend and teammate who was killed in a car accident.

"His mother saw a portrait I had done of myself in my football uniform and asked me if I could do a painting of him, using my body and drawing his face onto my body," said Wilson. "I did that and I saw how it affected her, and I just knew that that was my calling - this is something I could do to help people."

Today, most of Wilson's artwork incorporates

people and places that are close to his heart.

"All the girls in my paintings are my daughters, all the boys are my nephews, and the scenes and the landscapes that I use are all eastern North Carolina scenes with majority here in Greenville," he said.

On August 7, the Greenville community will be celebrating Wilson at the "Once in a Blue Moon Block Party" on the 400 block of Evans Street with a keg crawl, music, art and more. Wilson's artwork can be voted on at the Blue Moon website or by visiting his personal website. His art is sold locally at The Art Room downtown and the GK Café.

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Your attention's required at home. Use charm and humor to avoid arguments. Don't waste money on stuff you don't need. Group efforts bear fruit now. Work together. Exercise vigorously dissipates strong emotion. Get outside and play.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Investigate another source of income. Don't assume things stay the same. Make necessary changes proactively. Emotions tug on your heart strings. Don't stir up jealousies. There's a power play in progress. Think fast. Bring fantasies back down to earth.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Consider the big picture regarding what you're working for. Don't spend all your money partying. Pay bills. Get clear on what

you want. Keep confidences. Define and share your public messaging. Get others to support the plan.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Wait to get more information before making a decision. Act quickly when required, but otherwise keep things cool. Find the missing piece when least expected. Keep accurate records. Confer with family and friends for other perspectives.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Travel entices. Set schedules for the youngest person in your party. Reduce pressure however possible, and resist the urge to splurge. Keep it slow and mellow and the journey's fine. Share the load, with love and compassion.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Give loved ones more

attention. Postpone an emotional uproar. Avoid stupid arguments. Things are getting stirred up. Use brains over brawn. Maintain objectivity. Let them know what you need. Get creative. Invest in music, art and beauty.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Charm your way around a problem. Avoid controversy. Teammates come up with clever ideas. A partner adds finishing touches. Take charge. Check your lists, and take deep breaths. Polite persistence is most effective. Smile, you're on camera.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Imagine the perfect scenario. Get help building a dream. Your team can help craft the budget. Work together for a shared vision. Discover hidden resources. Peaceful

meditation or ritual soothes your spirit and focus. Share appreciations.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Things could get awkward or chaotic. Patience pays off. Evolve your game plan. A sibling's crazy idea could work. Accept constructive criticism. Listen for the golden nugget. Uncomfortable moments ultimately empower. Get authentic about feelings. Work it out.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep others on course. Don't respond to coercion. Wait until a pressure point passes to move. Cultivate compassion. Propose a change, gently. Talk honestly. Adapt to new circumstances. A promise made now is good. Leave nothing to chance.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Controversy at work precludes financial discussions. Resolve disagreements about priorities first. Consider the consequences of different options. Keep gathering data. Compare with your goals. Doubt leads to a better investigation. Find a better deal. Prepare your presentation.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- In a moment of doubt or confusion, tell the truth. Defend your position. Huddle with family. Take care of business, without over-extending. Focus on shared goals. Find common ground. Accept what the referee says. Consider the future.

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE 7/15/15

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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)

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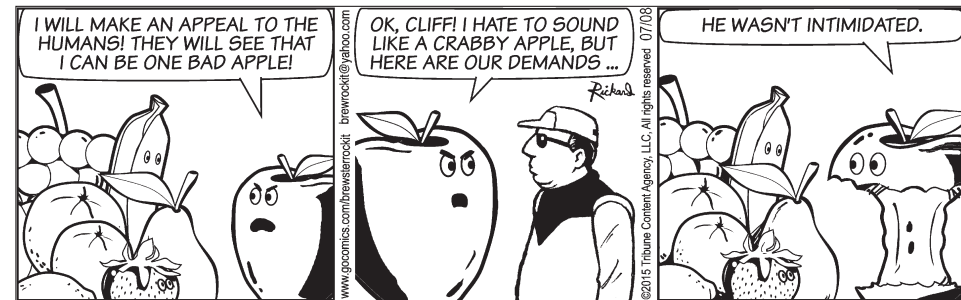
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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- Resort near Arapaho National Forest
  - cracker
  - Feature of some hammers
  - Gun shop buy
  - Valuable rocks
  - Appreciative cry
  - Very best 64-Across?
  - Like some casks
  - All worked up
  - Go later than planned
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  - Words to a waiter
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  - Reward for bravery
  - Devil
  - Battery unit
  - GI's break
  - It has a small charge
  - Doctrine
  - Seating designation
  - Last of a trio of 64-Across units?
  - Lyrical before
  - One using a bypass, maybe
  - Bobby who "thumbed a diesel down," in a 1971 #1 hit
  - Result of a leadoff walk
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- Lovingly, in music
- Standoff
- Didn't finish on top
- Humanities maj.
- Defenseman Bobby with many trophies
- Mower maker
- Not easily misled
- Have a jones for
- Wet floor?
- Typical
- Finished on top
- Shouldered music source
- Sushi fish
- Highlighter tip
- Research ctr.
- Move like a monarch
- Hide-hair link
- Airport on Flushing Bay, in itineraries
- Letter after upsilon
- Sun. speaker
- Saying "somethin'," say

### Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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- Speedometer part
- Staff note
- TV exec Arledge
- Extraordinary
- Brag
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- Some trial evidence
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Mike Corbishley (left) and Zach Blalock (right) show the three bass the duo caught during day two of the College National Championship. They were competing in their second national championship. COURTESY OF SHAYE BAKER OF BASS

## Championship effort cut short

### ECU bass fishing team finishes sixth at national tournament

Corey Keenan  
TEC STAFF

After two grueling days on the rough Lake DuBay in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, the East Carolina bass fishing duo of Zach Blalock and Mike Corbishley were eliminated from the 2015 Carhartt College National Championship Friday after a tiebreaker with Alabama.

Blalock and Corbishley finished sixth in the country, behind Texas A&M, Minnesota, Nicholls State, UNC Charlotte and Alabama.

Blalock said the conditions were tough at the lake and something he was not used to.

"It's very different than anywhere else I'd ever been," said Blalock. "It is a river system, but it's also very shallow, very rocky - we did a lot of damage to our boat and so did a lot of other people. We were hitting boulders and rocks and it took a lot of learning to figure out."

Blalock said most of the big catches came in the tough areas of the lake that he and his teammate missed out on.

All the fish that were weighed in by the guys that did well were caught in these backwater channels and creeks that you just had to spend some time trying to get into," said Blalock.

The duo had been in Wisconsin since July 3 to start practicing and scouting out the area. For July 4 and 5, the two tested out the waters in the Stevens Point Flowage, which is connected

to Lake DuBay by the Wisconsin River to the south.

The teams were allowed to start practicing on Lake DuBay for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the opening round on Thursday of last week. Blalock said the weather was consistent throughout the week and a half he was there, except Monday July 6, which had tough weather conditions.

Despite the good weather conditions, the fishing was still tough as teams struggled in the last day of the tournament and few teams were able to make any good catches.

Thursday, Blalock and Corbishley made two catches in a three-fish maximum tournament. They weighed in a two-fish total of four pounds and 12 ounces for a ninth place start to the tournament. In day two, the two found more success and reeled in three keepers and weighed in at six pounds and 15 ounces, good for the third highest day two total.

However, the low first day total hurt the pair as Alabama, who tied the two's total at 11 pounds and 11 ounces, moved on with the first-day total tie breaker.

"This was a very cool experience. This was my third year at ECU and I've made it (to the championships) twice," said Blalock, a senior that is finishing his time at ECU this fall. "This is the biggest tournament for collegiate anglers in the country. What B.A.S.S. (the organization in charge of the championship) does with that tournament is unlike anything else."

The ECU bass fishing team is currently categorized as a club team, but competes against varsity programs that give

scholarships in the national championships. Blalock said club sports at ECU gave him opportunities that he may have otherwise missed out on.

"It's just about getting the opportunity," said Blalock. "It gives a way for these sports to get out there and not cost a ton of money for the school or anybody else. It's great to be able to go out and share the school and show what the sport has to offer. College fishing is the fastest growing sport in college right now."

Blalock explained that Bass Master held its first championship in 2005 and six teams were in attendance.

Today, there are more than 800 bass fishing programs at colleges and universities across the country.

The senior said his angling ability has improved greatly since he arrived to ECU's campus as a transfer student three years ago thanks in large part other fishers he has seen and learned from.

"You get to go out and compete against a bunch of other guys from all around the country and see different fishing styles and techniques," said Blalock. "Then all these tournaments take you to different lakes, it forces you to learn as well. That's what our sport is about: adapting and learning."

Corbishley competed with another teammate in the 2014 championships and earned a 12th place finish. Corbishley and Blalock made a six place jump for ECU this year.

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## ECU football players make watch lists

Staff Report

East Carolina football players have continued to receive award watch list honors as Zeek Bigger, Montese Overton, J.T. Boyd, Ike Harris and Bryce Williams all received award watch list nominations over the past week.

On July 8, Williams, the senior tight end, was put on the watch list for the 2015 John Mackey Award, which is the award for the best tight end in the nation. Williams caught 18 passes for 237 yards and 4 touchdowns as a junior. Williams was also instrumental in run blocking, helping ECU achieve 2,000 rushing yards for the first time since 2009. Williams is most known for his SportsCenter Top-10 play against Virginia Tech, where he caught a tipped pass on a 3rd-and-2 play that turned into a 22-yard pass down to the 5-yard line.

July 10, Boyd, a junior center, and Harris, a senior offensive tackle, were named to the 2015 Outland

Trophy watch list for the country's best interior lineman on either offense or defense. Both blocked for the offense that was fifth in total yards per game in the nation last season.

July 14, Boyd and Harris both were named to the 2015 Rotary Lombardi watch list as well. The Lombardi Award is awarded to a down lineman on either offense or defense or a linebacker who lines up no farther than five yards deep from the ball. Both earned Second Team All-American Athletic Conference.

Bigger, a senior linebacker, was named to his second and third watch list with the Lombardi and the 2015 Dick Butkus Award. The Butkus Award is awarded to the best linebacker in the nation.

Bigger also was named to Bednarik Award watch list. The Bednarik Award is given annually to the best defensive player in the nation. Bigger earned Second Team All-AAC last year. Bigger led the AAC

and ranked ninth nationally with 10.8 tackles per game. Bigger had a team and league-high 140 tackles.

Bigger had a career-best 17 against North Carolina; he also returned an interception 46 yards for a score against the Tar Heels, helping him earn Walter Camp National Defensive-Player-of-the-Week honors.

Senior linebacker, Overton was also named to the Butkus and Lombardi Awards watch lists.

Overton started all 13 games as a junior racking up 68 tackles (34 solo) to rank fourth on the squad in 2014.

All together the ECU has landed six Pirates on 11 watch list spots in six different award lists. The previous high was five Pirates in 2013.

ECU will kickoff the 2015 season at home against Towson in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on September 5 at 6 p.m.

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**#44 Zeek Bigger**  
Rotary Lombardi Award  
Dick Butkus Award  
Bednarik Award



**#51 Montese Overton**  
Rotary Lombardi Award  
Dick Butkus Award



**#65 J.T. Boyd**  
Rotary Lombardi Award  
Outland Trophy



**#69 Ike Harris**  
Rotary Lombardi Award  
Outland Trophy

### TAKEAWAYS

#### VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pirates unveiled its non-conference schedule for the 2015 season, which will open up August 30 against Savannah State.

#### SOCCER

The ECU soccer team announced its non-conference schedule for the 2015 season. It will open with George Mason August 21.

#### BASEBALL

Kyle Roller and Shawn Armstrong, former ECU players, were named to Triple-A All-Star rosters.

#### BASEBALL

Jeff Hofman was promoted from Single-A to Double-A in the Toronto Blue Jays organization.

#### BASS FISHING

The ECU club bass fishing team finished sixth in the College National Championship in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

#### CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Hornets signed guard Jeremy Lin to a two-year contract during the NBA's free agency period.

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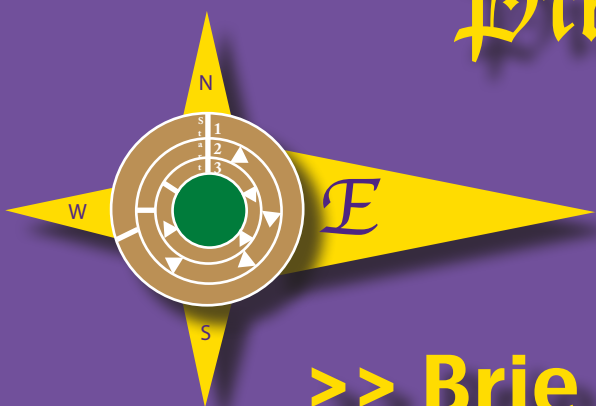


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# Pirate Profile



## >> Brie Berkowitz

“ Not only teaching them to run fast and jump far, but also to be become well-rounded individuals. ”



**Kai Jones**  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolinian continues the special series of profiling former athletes who now work for East Carolina with assistant cross country and track & field coach Brie Berkowitz.

Berkowitz came to Greenville in 2003 from York, Penn. She attended Red Lion Area Senior High School before making the decision to attend ECU. She said that the weather was a big factor.

“I’m a warm weather person for sure,” said Berkowitz. “They had a great exercise science program. I was being recruited by ECU, and I took my initial visit here. I fell in love with the campus. I fell in love with the coaches.”

Berkowitz competed from 2003-07. She competed in the 400-meter hurdles

and in the pole vault. In 2007, Berkowitz and her relay team set the ECU record in the 100-meter shuttle relays at 1:01.59. She said that track and field events are like a circus event with all that’s going on.

Berkowitz came from a pedigree of not only athletes, but coaching as well. Darla Berkowitz, her mother, ran cross-country at York College in Pennsylvania. Marvin Berkowitz, her father, is a former Penn State weightlifter. Her father coached at her former high school in Pennsylvania for 38 years teaching multiple subjects including physical education, health, anatomy and physiology before retiring last year. Berkowitz’s father coached for 31 years as a head cross country, head girls track and field coach, and assistant boys track & field coach. But Berkowitz says her father is good person to go to for advice.

“My father was a distance coach, so it’s really neat to be able to coach an area he coached so well,” said Berkowitz. “He’s always been a great resource.”

Berkowitz said that despite following in her father’s footsteps, her father hasn’t put any pressure on her.

“He’s my number one supporter,” said Berkowitz. “He never pushed me into coaching. He’s never forced me to do anything that was something I wanted to do. He’s probably one of the most knowledgeable people I know. To be able to fall into his footsteps is really indescribable.”

Berkowitz graduated in 2007 with a bachelor’s degree in physical education and a master’s degree in sports management. Afterwards she began working at the University of Miami before working with the Miami Heat. Finally, she went on

to the Florida Panthers before returning to ECU in August 2012. But Berkowitz said that she was always a Pirate.

“It’s been a great experience helping the student-athletes on and off the field,” said Berkowitz. “Not only teaching them to run fast and jump far, but also to be become well-rounded individuals.

Preparing them for when they leave East Carolina to be ready for the real world.”

Berkowitz explained that she is just happy to help the athletes.

“I’m thankful to be back coaching at my alma mater,” said Berkowitz via text. “This is about the success of the student-athletes and the ECU track & field program.”

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# Lady Pirates’ golf trio honored as All-American Scholars

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The East Carolina women’s golf team recognized Katie Kirk, Lisa Petterson and Nicoline Engstroem Skaug as they were named 2014-15 Division I All-America Scholars.



**Katie Kirk**

The golfing trio was announced to the list by the Women’s Golf Coaches Association. Kirk is the fourth Pirate to be named to four-straight All-American squads in ECU program history.

“Having a third of our team on academic status is pretty remarkable. It speaks a lot to the types of student-athletes we have with this program,” said Head Coach Kevin Williams. “It makes your job easier having student-athletes who are not only successful on the golf course, but also successful in the classroom.”

Skaug takes home her second consecutive honor, while Petterson made it on the list for the first time. This is the 11th-straight year that at least two Pirates have made the All-America Scholars list in the same year.

The criteria to be named to the All-America Scholar Team is a strenuous process. Each student-athlete must maintain a cumulative grade point average no lower than a 3.50 and have completed at least 50 percent (Division I) of the institution’s regularly-scheduled competitive rounds during the year.

Kirk was an All-Conference USA Third-Team selection in 2012. She finished her four-year ECU golfing career posting a 75.50 stroke average, which ranked her second on the team. Kirk competed in three-straight NCAA Regionals and won the 2014 Carolinas Women’s Amateur Championship with a three-day score of 220 (4-over par). She finished her career with a 76.61 average, ranking ninth on ECU’s all-time list.

Kirk completed her undergraduate degree in three and one-half years, graduating Summa Cum Laude. She is currently attending graduate school to pursue a master’s degree in mathematics. Showing off her academic skills, Kirk is a three-time C-USA Commissioner’s Academic

Medal Winner, three-time C-USA Honor Roll recipient, a 2013-14 C-USA All-Academic Team selection and seven-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll member.

“It speaks volumes for the athlete that she is. She finished in three and a half years and started grad school, so I’m real proud of her,” Williams said.

She was awarded the 2015 Dinah Shore Trophy, which recognized female collegiate golfers who excel both in academics and athletics. Kirk was also named ECU’s Most Outstanding Female Athlete for the 2014-15 athletic year. In the same year she also earned the Pirate Service and Leadership Postgraduate Scholarship and the Walter and Marie Williams “Spirit of the East” Post-Eligibility Scholarship Award.

“I think we had the overall GPA of a 3.7 and that’s probably at the top in the country. That will be our fourth time in the top 25 in the last three years,” Williams said.

Skaug played in 10 events posting the third lowest stroke average on the squad with a 75.83. During Skaug’s three-year career for ECU she owns a 74.78 stroke average, which ranks second all-time among Pirate golfers. The Norway native was named to the 2014-15 C-USA Commissioner’s Honor Roll and is a four-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll recipient.

For her first appearance on the list, Petterson finished her freshman season participating in all 10 events for the Pirates. She posted a 76.57 stroke average collecting a 10th place finish in her first collegiate tournament. The Sweden native is a two-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll member and is the 12th Pirate to earn WGCS All-America Scholar honors in program history.

“For freshman this is such a high honor. It shows a lot to a future employer that you’re able to handle your time. We stress to them that this is an honor that you want to have. You hate to lose players, but the nice thing about graduating players is that you bring players in,” Williams said. “When you don’t lose any players, you don’t gain anyone and it’s just the same team. We lost three, but we gain two, so that’s the exciting part. We will obviously miss our seniors, but look forward to what the next year holds.”



**Lisa Petterson**

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