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Installation week to honor Chancellor Staton

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Faculty, staff members, students and members of the surrounding Greenville community have the chance to attend a ceremony Friday in which Cecil Staton will officially be installed as the East Carolina University's 11th chancellor at 10 a.m. in Wright Auditorium.

Installation Week includes events like Pirate Nation Gives Back Day, which will take place Wednesday, to not only celebrate Staton, who became chancellor of ECU on July 1, 2016, but also focus on the importance of philanthropy and service at ECU, according to a press release sent to media members. "Giving back doesn't always have



Cecil Staton

mentoring students or volunteering

to be money — although we certainly welcome your financial support of ECU. You can also impact your community by

at a local hospital," said Staton in the press release. "We at ECU want to set an example of what living our motto — Servire, to serve — looks like and to show how it benefits the greater good."

Additional events taking place during Installation Week include a faculty reception, Pirates Rock the Mall, Pirate Nation Gives Back, a

ribbon cutting ceremony for the Health Sciences Student Center, several lectures, receptions and a gala.

Pirate Nation Gives Back is a way to engage ECU's 12 colleges and schools and its four foundations to represent the "generous spirit of ECU," according to the statement. Those who participate are encour-

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Former chief detained at JFK airport

Melissa Glen
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Former Greenville Police Chief Hassan Aden said he was unreasonably detained, after being forced to sit in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection detention center for an hour and a half.

The story, which is gaining national attention, broke after Aden wrote a lengthy Facebook post describing his experience.

"My freedoms were restricted, and I cannot be sure it won't happen again, and that it won't happen to my family, my children, the next time we travel abroad," Aden said in a post on Facebook detailing his experience.

Aden was returning from visiting his mother in Paris, when he arrived at John F. Kennedy International Airport. He said this is something he has done numerous times since becoming a U.S. citizen, but this is the first time he has been detained by CBP.

"On all of my prior trips, I was greeted by the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers with a warm smile and the usual, 'Welcome home sir,'" Aden said.

The officer who stopped him asked if he was traveling alone and then proceeded to escort him to a back room. Aden told the officers numerous times of his past experience as a police chief, but they continued to hold him saying someone on the watch list was using his name as an alias.

According to Aden, there were around 25 other foreign nationals who were also stopped by the CBP. However, they were released after a few minutes, while he stayed detained longer than anyone else.

"I told him as he avoided eye contact how wrong this scenario was that the only US citizen, career US police officer and chief of police out of the group of

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ANNAH SCHWARTZ | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Caroline Dare (middle), a 15-year-old singer and songwriter, plays at Umbrella Market last summer. She will perform on The Mall today.

ROCK THE MALL

Young musician pursues music

Lauren Sura
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Caroline Dare doesn't let her young age impact her passion and drive to pursue her music career. At just 15 years old, she pushes to develop her skills and influence those around her.

While growing up, Dare, who is set to play ECU Rocks the Mall today, developed a passion for writing alongside her passion for music.

"I grew up writing stories and poems and then when I was 11 it kind of evolved into songwriting and that's what really clicked," Dare said. "When I was writing stories like

in first grade and third grade, people would always ask me if I wanted to be an author but I didn't really want to be an author necessarily."

After she delved into songwriting, Dare began performing a short few days afterwards which began her music career.

While attending Arendell Parrott Academy to the eighth grade, Dare took guitar classes during school hours, which allowed her to pursue her passion alongside her education.

"I'm thankful to be a part of that because I could incorporate music with my everyday school day," Dare said.

Still in high school, Dare now does online

schoolwork to cope with her busy schedule.

"It's a lot because my days can be really busy and my schedule's always changing so I try to fit school in as much as I can," Dare said. "I try to do at least four to six hours a day."

Though her education is important, Dare dedicated all her free time to music and tries to establish a balance between the two.

She describes her music as a combination of country, pop and alternative, with inspiration from a variety of outlets.

"I just kind of look around at things that are happening in the world. Things that make me happy, things that make me mad and I

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ECU opens spring practice eyeing improvement

Sean Finnerty
TEC STAFF

East Carolina head football coach Scottie Montgomery kicked off the 2017 spring practice period with a press conference Monday, where he went over the team's objectives aimed at improving on his first year as a head coach, with the emphasis coming on executing and treating each practice like a game.

"This spring, our focus in all three phases will be directly connected to execution," Montgomery said. "We're going to approach every day this spring as if it's a game. Each one of these practices will have the stress level of a game and that's the atmosphere that I want in the building."

Coming off a disappointing 3-9 season, Montgomery pointed to turnovers, specifically fumbles and tipped balls, as a key problem area on the offensive side of the ball. He said improved vision and awareness can help cut down on those mistakes.

"It was our eyes, our vision, or lack

thereof, that caused us to have most of our fumbles and tipped balls," Montgomery said.

Montgomery went over scenarios where a lack of awareness led to turnovers, such as a running back properly protecting the ball, but getting hit at an angle that caused a fumble because he didn't see the extra defender, or "thief," coming. Montgomery said the focus on making sure where the "thief" is will help the team take better care of the football.

Another offensive issue Montgomery mentioned was quarterback protection. He said fault doesn't fall solely on the offensive line.

"The number one person that's responsible for protection of the quarterback is the quarterback," Montgomery said. "We're going to do a much better job this year of making

sure we get the ball out of our hands, whether we get a big play or not. Our O-line has to be better at this as well, but we're going to give them confidence in them knowing and understanding that we're going to try to get the ball out much quicker than we got it out last year."

While speaking about improving the running game and bringing physicality, Montgomery hinted at having a player in mind who can fulfill the role as a power runner.

"You guys will hear more and more about (the running back position) as we move forward," he said. "(I'm) not going to give him sugar before he proves it. We got a three or four day time frame before we can see him in shoulder pads, but we think we have identified somebody that's going to give us a little bit more of a physical identity on offense running the football."

Speaking about the defensive side of the ball, Montgomery said cutting down on giving up big plays is a big point of emphasis.

He said that can be accomplished through making sure defenders stay in their rush lanes, simplifying communication in the pass defense and getting better at tackling.

A big problem area for the Pirates last year was special teams. Montgomery said improved depth will help ECU boost its special teams play.

"Our special teams play, in the beginning of the year and the middle part of the year, was not what it should be and we take full responsibility for it, and we're going to fix that," he said. "The special teams, the biggest deal that we have to look forward to is more availability of student-athletes. Depth will be a big, crucial part of our special teams."

Monday marked the first day of spring practice and will culminate with the Purple-Gold Spring Game on April 22 at 2 p.m. in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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» **Social Justice Symposium invokes civil discourse at ECU**

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BRIEFS

Signature Drive to enforce new parking regulations

As of yesterday, residents at The Bellamy Apartments and Kittrell Farms neighborhood will no longer be allowed to park their vehicles on Signature Drive between Charles Boulevard and the dead end.

A two-week grace period will ensue March 20-March 31, followed by a warning period until mid-April. Enforcement will begin April 17 with parking tickets issued for two weeks. After those two weeks, towing will officially be enforced.

Lab equipment donated to ECU physics department

More than \$35,000 worth of research-grade optics and biomedical equipment have been donated to East Carolina University's department of physics, courtesy of Optosonics, Inc. When this biomedical engineering company was sold to a Japanese firm, the equipment was donated to ECU.

The department now plans to implement a new optics laboratory into its senior-level optics course in the upcoming fall. The donated equipment includes an optics table, oscilloscope and a research-grade laboratory oven.

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Greenville gives ECU \$270 million

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The City of Greenville recently released its Popular Annual Finance Report for the 2015-16 fiscal year, revealing \$270 million investment in East Carolina University.

This investment included \$120 million for the ECU Student Union, \$60 million for ECU Student Services and \$90 million for the ECU Millennial Campus. This totalled to almost half of Greenville's total city investment of \$546.9 million.

"This investment will improve the city center and lay the groundwork for future growth in trade, investment, commerce and continued improvements in the urban core," according to the City of Greenville in the report. "We expect to see an increase in visitors from surrounding areas traveling to uptown Greenville to shop for goods and services, which will have an even greater positive impact on our city."

In addition to directly funding ECU, the city gave The Boundary \$42 million and Campus Edge \$54 million. These two locations have become huge landmarks of student living.

All of these funds directly go into to promoting the development of the university.

"The school is growing and admissions are up," said Kandie Smith, District 1 council-

woman. "And any time there is an expansion, it's good."

The city also invested in various projects to improve streets, sidewalks and greenways as well funding for buildings that will enhance the uptown area. The report highlights that the "investment in the central city is setting the stage for future economic growth that will further solidify Greenville as eastern North Carolina's place to live, work and play."



Kandi Smith



Barbara Lipscomb

"And we hope young professionals remain and start a family."

Besides relying on students to boost the economy, the city heavily relies on ECU to boost employment rates.

With 5,795 employees, ECU is the second largest employer in the Greenville area only behind Vidant Medical Center, which employs 7,868 people.

"Greenville continues to be one of the state's top performing cities for economic growth with the healthcare and educational industries leading the way," the report stated. "35 percent of those employed in Greenville were employed in a healthcare or education field in fiscal year 2015-16."

With these leading employers, Greenville's unemployment was equal to North Carolina's 2016 unemployment average of 4.9 percent, which fell slightly higher than the country's average.

As ECU and the City of Greenville continue to expand, the economic standing of the city will also continue to evolve.

"Providing comprehensive and quality services while maintaining a sound financial position is a source of pride for the City of Greenville," said City Manager Barbara Lipscomb in the introduction of the financial report. "It is an important part of our financial mission to be transparent in providing you with complete information on the finances of our programs."

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Veterans Writing Workshop hits ECU

Jessica Merklein
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Surrounded by a few of the many veterans whose stories she has helped come to life, photographer Monica Haller spoke passionately last Wednesday about the Veterans Book Project during the 2017 Veterans Writing Workshop which ends this Wednesday.

Haller founded the Veterans Book Project in 2009 with the hopes of reigniting veterans' stories from the Vietnam War to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Not limited to only veterans, close friends and families who have been affected by the stories of war were invited to share the experiences that have changed their lives forever.

"How do we find the language to talk about such things? This process is all about figuring it out," said Haller during her talk.

As a co-author for many of the published books, Haller said, "the books provide a place of 'container'

that slows down and materializes the great archival quantity of ephemeral image files that live on veterans' hard drives and in their head."

Made in traveling workshops throughout the country, these books take four to 10 days to complete. The process includes pulling pictures, contacts and materials that each person wants included when telling their story.

Each workshop is conformed to the needs of what people want to include in their book, whether it be one-on-one editing, scanning or ordering. Some books contain only stories, while others are made up of pictures that date back 40 to 50 years.

Titled "Objects of Deployment," the exhibit Haller brought to Joyner Library's Faulkner Gallery is a collection of over 55 books brimming with various stories, pictures and poetry.

Haller said she enjoys being able to bring these different stories with her as she travels to spread the

word about her project. "The books become more beautiful when they have evidence of being passed around and collected...that's when they become more beautiful to me," said Haller.

Often exhibited as a "reading room" or a place for open discussions, each page of every book houses internal disagreement and relevant memories for each author according to Haller.

"Each book re-deploys volatile images with the aim of rearticulating and refashioning memories. It stands both independent or and in concert with the larger collection," said Haller.

This event was part of the 2017 Veterans Writing Workshop, which includes speakers Ron Capps, Phil Klay, Dr. Frederick Foote, Linda Fox, John Hoppen-thaler and Robert Siegel.

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aged to use the hashtag, #PirateNationGives on their respective social media outlets.

"Thank you in advance for making our inaugural Pirate Nation Gives Back a meaningful day of service and philanthropy," said Staton in the statement.

Special events marking this historic occasion are scheduled for each day during this week. To see a full list of activities and to RSVP for the Installation Ceremony or Gala visit ecu.edu/installation2017.

Those who wish to volunteer or donate time, effort or materials for Pirate Nation Gives Back, can visit ecu.edu/piratenation-gives.

Prior to his position at ECU, Staton served as vice chancellor for extended education for the University System of Georgia which included time as the interim president of Valdosta State University. He also acted as associate provost at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia and served five terms as a Georgia state senator.

Staton grew up in Greenville, South Carolina and attended Furman University as a first-generation college student. He worked to secure a master's degree in Theology and Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a doctorate in Old Testament, Hebrew and ancient Near Eastern studies from the University of Oxford in England.

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detainees was the one with the longest unreasonable detention," Aden said.

He said when he tried to take up his complaints with the CBP, they claimed he was not being detained.

"I was in a room with no access to my mobile phone to communicate with my wife and family about what was happening, my movements were restricted to a chair, and they

had my passport, and he had the audacity to tell me I was not being detained," Aden said.

After being released, he has continued to reach out to representatives about his experience and plans to continue reaching out to as many people as necessary.

"This country now feels cold, unwelcoming, and in the beginning stages of a country that is isolating itself from the rest of the world and its own people in an unprecedented fashion," Aden said.

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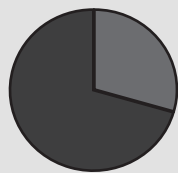


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Our view

Staton celebrates installation week

This week, East Carolina University will hold Installation Week for Chancellor Cecil Staton, a week of celebration featuring numerous events each day leading up to the official installation Friday in Wright Auditorium.

Wednesday also features "Pirate Nation Gives Back," an all-day event focused on services and philanthropy. This is the first stand-alone 24 hour period that is designed to engage students, faculty, staff, family and alumni by encouraging them to donate or give their time for a respected cause.

Every facet of the university is involved in one way or another as all 12 colleges and four foundations will have representatives taking part in numerous community

events. The days will also feature various events including a reception for international faculty, staff and students, a three hour "Pirates Rock the Mall" event which will feature live performances, food, and prizes, the ribbon-cutting for Health Sciences Student Center and ending the week with the Installation Ceremony and evening Gala.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe that the official installation of our chancellor, along with the promotion of all the weekly events, is another great way to bring our community together. We believe that this event has been greatly anticipated by everyone involved with ECU for many months and even since Chancellor Staton was named to the position in July 2016.

McCrory faces backlash for HB2



Matthew Prensky
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Don't Mind Matt

Pat McCrory is the most notable scapegoat in North Carolina right now. Unlike everyone else, McCrory lost more than anyone because of his support for the Public Facilities Privacy

and Security Act.

The man that won his 2012 gubernatorial race by 500,000 votes left in 2016 with a legacy scarred by a law commonly known as HB2.

That scarred legacy, however, has apparently caused McCrory lasting hardship even after leaving the governor's mansion. In an interview with an Asheville-based evangelical Christian news website, the former governor explained how HB2, "has impacted me to this day, even after I left office. People are reluctant to hire me, because, 'Oh my gosh, he's a bigot' — which is the last thing I am."

Beyond that, McCrory isn't the only villain to blame for the consequences of HB2. McCrory took the brunt of the backlash while other parties responsible for HB2 remained unharmed.

In fact, upon some careful consideration it falls upon three groups including McCrory.

First, McCrory himself. His signature was on the law so he had a part to play in passing the legislation and a responsibility in its consequences. He had the chance to veto the bill, amend it to better fit the problem they saw or even convince legislators that this bill wouldn't be worth their time. None of that happen though so McCrory should face the same accountability as the other two groups.

The second group that should be held responsible for HB2 has escaped relatively unharmed from public backlash. That group is the North Carolina General Assembly.

The 114 state representatives and senators who voted in favor of the bill should be held responsible for their actions, yet they aren't. Only three senators and 12 representatives who voted in favor of HB2 aren't currently serving in the NCGA. A majority of them were not reelected to their positions because of retirement, according to Ballotpedia.org.

More importantly, 51 percent of North Carolinians would like to see the "Bathroom Bill" repealed, according to Public Policy Polling, a small research group based in North Carolina.

If the majority of North Carolinians want to see the "Bathroom Bill" repealed then why hasn't anything been done? The answer lies in the third group responsible for HB2, North Carolina voters.

If someone wants change in their government then they should vote for the difference they want to see. The situation with HB2 is no different. If the voters of North Carolina are so upset and committed to repealing the "Bathroom Bill" then they should have elected officials committed to that intention. Instead they elected the same people who created the mess.

It's common in American culture to blame Congress or the General Assembly for the misfortunes of the government. Yet, the point of a representative government is to reflect the interests of their constituency. In this case, that constituency voted in representatives who passed a discriminatory law. If voters don't like that then they should change their representation.

Finally, the reason McCrory is the scapegoat is because unlike the representatives that kept their jobs and the voters who voted for them, the former governor is the most public figure to be blamed specifically for HB2. Unlike the other officials who supported the

law, those who created it or the individuals who continue to support the law, McCrory has been left out to dry.

McCrory became the lightning rod for the storm of criticism. When that storm intensified the former governor continued to stand strong while others backed off, leaving him alone to commit possible political suicide.

At the end of the day this is where we are. NCAA events could leave North Carolina for six years, the state could lose millions in revenue and transgender individuals are discriminated against all because of an impulsive overreaction to a city ordinance. The most outrageous part of all is that HB2 was created purely as a reaction to a city ordinance and in no way to better the interest of the state.

However, there is plenty left to do. North Carolina as a whole, the voters, representatives and McCrory himself need to face the choice of accepting the consequences of HB2 or rewrite the wrong. This time, however, everyone should think through the consequences before calling an emergency session.

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Letters to the editor

Trump's federal budget proposal generates questions of morality

Recently, I've had the great displeasure of reading the federal budget proposal that's been cobbled together by President Donald Trump and his Republican henchmen. While this news is grim and nothing short of incredible, I can't say I'm surprised.

Among the many cuts in the new budget are the following: 1) Numerous after-school programs for children will be abolished. According to The Washington Post, \$1.2 billion in grants that fund after-school and summer programs will be eliminated. That means latchkey kids who have no other constructive outlets when the bell rings at 2:30 will be left to their own devices. Obviously, juvenile delinquency will be on the rise once again. 2) Federal funding for PBS will be history. Educational television is rare in America, and the mindless opt for the bottom of the barrel by watching worthless trash

like Judge Judy, Dr. Phil and Oprah. But for young children, especially, PBS is a breath of fresh air that encourages them to engage in fruitful lessons involving language, math, art and science. All are important precursors to the curriculum they'll encounter later in school. 3) Trump and his conservative brethren are planning to defund the National Endowment for the Arts. This harkens me back to the very dark days when Jesse Helms was a heavy hitter in the Senate, and he did everything in his power to remove funding from the arts. He also held the general belief that artists of all stripes should be burned at the stake. I like to think our society has taken a step forward since that time, but dyed-in-the-wool Republicans continue to prove me wrong.

But, the one that makes my head spin is the GOP's plan to defund Community Development Block Grants, the resource that provides revenue

for Meals on Wheels. This is the only reliable source of sustenance for 2.4 million seniors, 500,000 of whom are veterans. All depend heavily on this government-assisted provision and most have nowhere else to turn. Conservatives created the mythology that said, "death panels" would come with the Affordable Care Act. Since it was ratified in 2010, there's been no evidence of any such thing. But, apparently, it's okay to starve grandma by robbing her of the one hot meal she can rely on daily.

However, Trump has no shame about requesting \$54 billion to build up our "small, weak military." Why don't we send a few thousand more young people off to fight more wars we can never win, only to see their bodies come home in boxes?

By way of this criminal budgetary plan, the conservatives' mission is crystal clear: to keep our society and our culture narrow, provincial, conservative and ignorant. What better way to

ensure more Republican votes in the next election than by fostering a population of idiots?

Nearly every day, someone lectures us about the dangers and consequences that come with guns, drugs, alcohol and tobacco. But, I don't think anything is more damaging to the American way of life than our beloved GOP — the Grand Obstructionist Party. I've never been a Democrat, nor do I have any plans to be one. I'd rather have a battery acid enema than be a member of our hypocritical, self-serving political parties. But, I do have a brain, a heart and a conscience, and with these, it's easy to see that greedy, empty-headed, Republicans are leading us down the road to destruction.

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- » **WHERE:** The Mall on ECU's campus
- » **WHEN:** Today, 3-6 p.m.

Riff Raff 'tiptoes' to Greenville

Lauren Sura
TEC STAFF

The rainy St. Patrick's Day weather this past Saturday didn't stop Riff Raff fans from making it to Stilllife for the St. Patty's Day Darty featuring the rapper and DJ Aftersight.

East Carolina students and fans alike lined the outside walls of Stilllife waiting to get in, not letting the rain dampen their smiles and excitement.

Guests were first greeted in St. Patty's Day spirit by a large "Happy Saint Patrick's Day" sign.

The main dance hall was washed in blue, green and purple light from the bar lights and the mirrors were decked with clovers and sayings such as "Official Irish drinking team" and "I'll be Irish in a few drinks."

Party-goers sported a variety of attire, ranging from wearing cornrows in honor of Riff Raff to St. Patrick's Day attire and Hawaiian shirts.

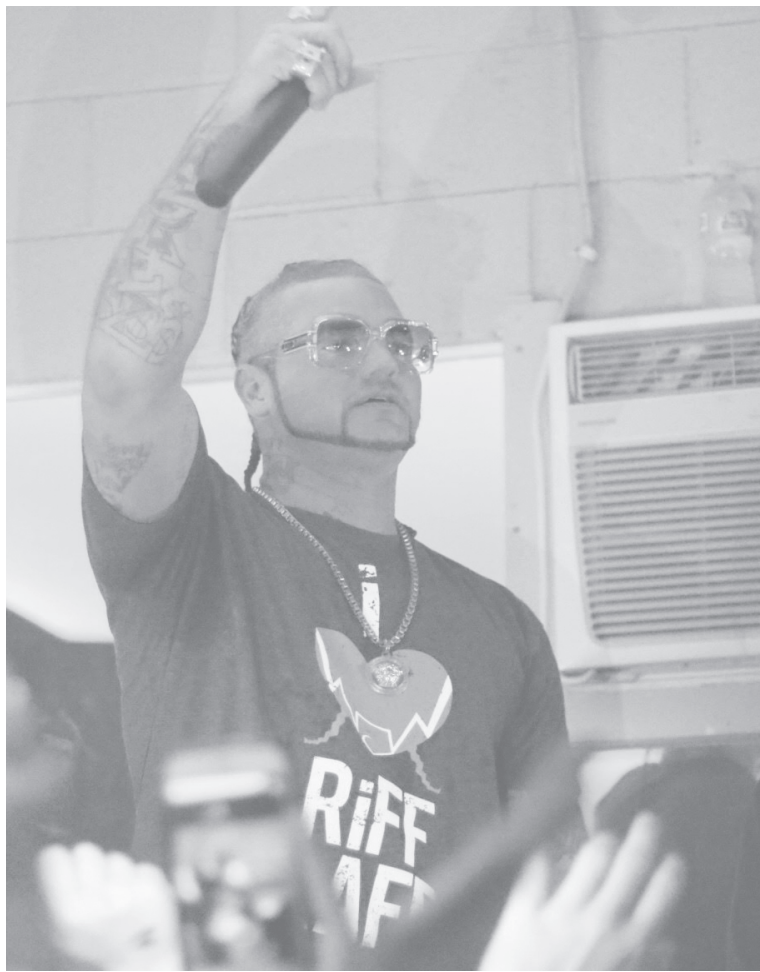
The majority of the party was hosted by the in-house DJ as guests mingled, drank and danced. Crowd favorites, such as remixes to Cascada's "Everytime We Touch" and Icona Pop's "I Love It," were played.

The atmosphere was similar to that of a regular club night, but a bit more casual as the Tiki bar was lit with daylight.

As the party went on, more people crowded the rooms in anticipation to see Riff Raff.

Guests were in high spirits waiting to see the rapper, one guest even did pushups for drinks in the main dance room.

"I was on the fence about going,



Riff Raff interacts with the crowd at Stilllife's Saturday St. Patrick's Day Party. ANDREW CARROLL | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

but I had a great time and was so glad that I went," Anna McKinney, a sophomore child life major, said.

It wasn't until the last hour of the party that Riff Raff graced the crowd with his presence, sporting an "I heart Riff Raff" shirt.

Upon entering the dimly lit main room, flashes of light flooded the area as the crowd pulled out their phones to take photos and videos of the celebrity.

The energy escalated to a whole new level when DJ Aftersight

and Riff Raff began to entertain the crowd.

"The energy from a ton of college students crammed into a small venue made it crazy, but we were up close and personal to Riff Raff which made the experience even better," McKinney said.

The Riff Raff performance included many popular singles such as "My Ice" and his collaboration with Whiz Khalifa, "Test Drive".

Laser lights danced over the crowd while fog machines gave

the atmosphere a little spunk and mystery.

Riff Raff kept the crowd into the performance by holding the microphone out over the crowd and having fans complete the lyrics, also relating to some of the crowd by making a mini-speech about smoking weed.

Once his set was complete, Riff Raff left the stage to the screams of the crowd as the party came to a close.

"Being it was our first live performance I was happy overall," Travis Hixon, owner and operator of Stilllife Greenville, said. "Our customers have been asking for talent so they don't have to drive to Raleigh or Charlotte. We like to listen so we are working at filling that void."

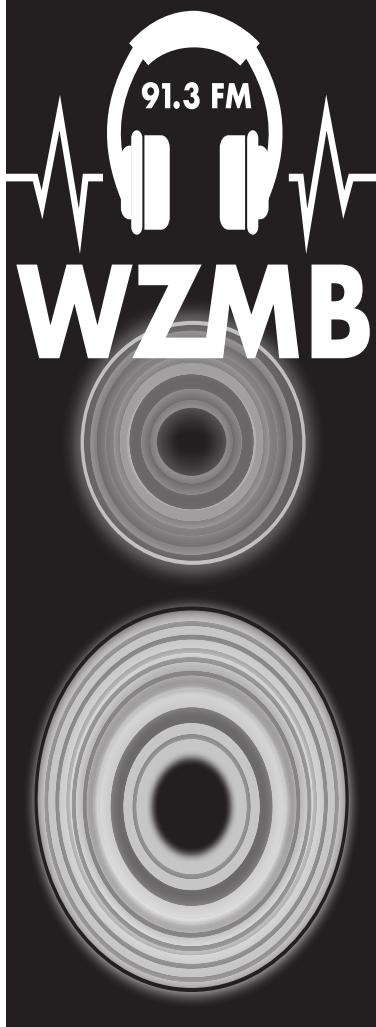
After the show, guests waited outside of the venue hopeful to get a glimpse of the celebrity as he exited the scene, but the celebrity was quickly whisked away as the guests got restless due to waiting and left.

Riff Raff made a comeback visit to the club during the regular night club hours, much to the crowd's pleasure.

"We are planning a big remodel project that will include added space and a new layout that will help facilitate more artists and shows," Hixon said. "Bringing talent to Greenville can be difficult without a major airport, but with my new acquisition of the Stilllife in Raleigh, I plan to streamline DJ's and artists to Greenville in the future."

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ALBUM REVIEW

'HNRXX' offers listeners a reality check

Jose Hernandez
TEC STAFF

Only a week after his fourth No. 1 album "FUTURE," the Atlanta emcee is back yet again with "HNRXX" — the sixth studio album, and an introspective look into Future.

The main difference between "FUTURE" and "HNRXX" lies in the themes: while "FUTURE" is an assortment of Future's past stylings, "HNRXX" is a cold look into who Future is today.

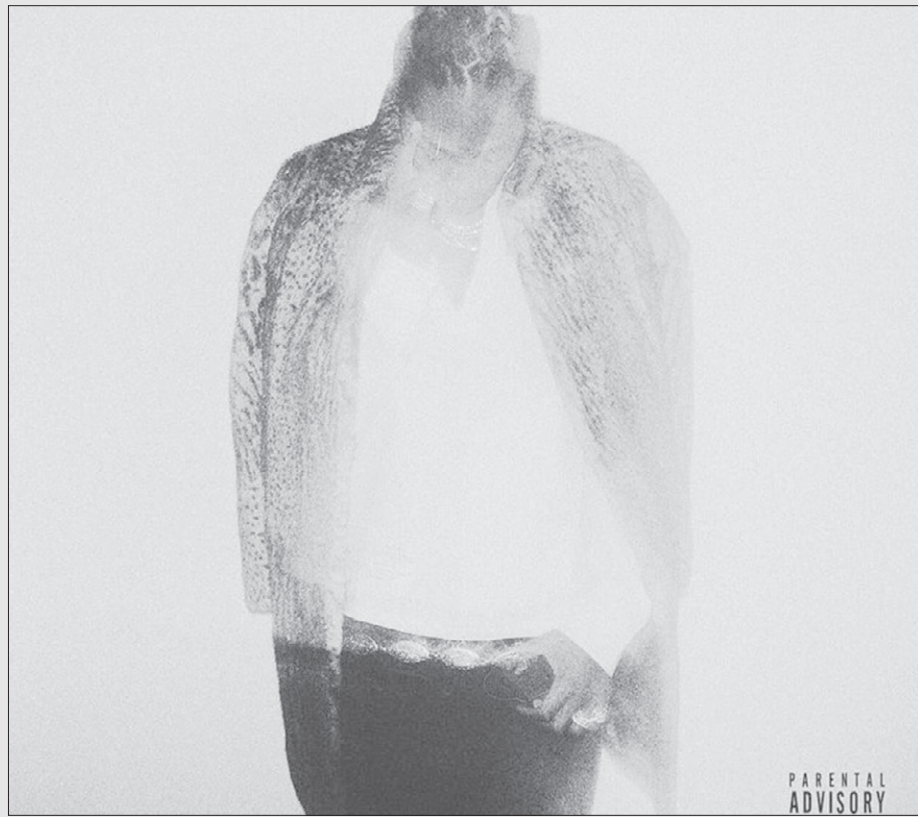
Remaining true to his personal brand of musical prowess, Future uses "HNRXX" as a means to communicate a grittier reality.

Money, women, success, drugs — all key components of the "HNRXX" track listing and of Future himself.

"Comin' Out Strong" is a key example of the somber attitude Future has toward romance. Along with The Weeknd, the duo creates a strong, and at times heartbreaking, ballad about the challenges success brings onto relationships.

With verses such as "I can't give you all my time/Do you know who I am?," Future creates a reality check between him and who he's talking to. He recognizes his success, yet at the same time addresses how said success can damage relationships.

In "Hallucinating," Future acknowledges his rampant drug use: "Oh, you done did more drugs than me?"



Future released "HNRXX" only a week after he released "FUTURE." It is available for streaming. PHOTOGRAPHER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

You must be hallucinating/Oh, you did more perc's than me? Then you must be hallucinating."

Here, Future generates a track full of cold recognition of his habits, for better or for worse.

"I'ma need fresh air/ I'ma need fresh air/ I need to get out on my own/ It's been

too long" is the chorus of "Fresh Air," a song where Future takes a step back and gets a breather from the chaos of his own prowess.

Even with a dramatic shift in tone, Future still manages to captivate the hearts and minds of general populace and critics alike, seeing as "HNRXX" is his

fifth album to take the No. 1 spot on the Billboard 200, replacing "FUTURE."

It should be of no surprise, however, as Future has produced a consistent stream of hit albums, thanks to his own lyrical ability and the production value behind him.

With features like The Weeknd and Rhianna, and producers such as Jake One and Metro Boomin, "HNRXX" was set for success well before its release.

With the help of said producers, the shift between tracks is smooth. The jarring change between melodies is almost non-existent but at the same time, Future provides just enough variety to prevent a monotone bleed after each song, a trap many ill-fated rappers fall into.

Like "FUTURE," "HNRXX" provides a small sense of vulnerability as Future casts a glimpse behind his wildly popular persona; a fleeting glance not at Future but at Nayvadius DeMun Wilburn.

Although "HNRXX" is Future's second album of 2017, there is still a slight hope of more projects to come.

"HNRXX" is now available in stores and most streaming services.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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DARE

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just kind of write how I feel and it could turn into a good song," Dare said. "I love listening to other artists as well, there's so many influences that you can study and everything."

Over her years of performing, Dare has performed at some open mics in the Greenville area and still goes to some when she is available.

"I love going back and doing the acoustic and stripped down version of like an open mic," Dare said. "I love Greenville music. I'm friends with like a lot of local musicians they're very talented and I think there is like a lot of room for new ideas and things to do music-wise."

Before even forming the group, Dare and the other members were already friends.

"It's really fun playing with them and hearing how your original music will sound with a full band behind you," Dare said.

Downtown Disney, The Bluebird Cafe & The Commodore Grille in Nashville and The Coca Cola 600 Speed Street Festival in Charlotte are some of the events and venues Dare has played.

"It's crazy. I never really thought that I would play at Downtown Disney but I was so excited when I was able to play there," Dare said. "I just get really excited and I love engaging with the crowds and everything and I'm trying to work on my live performance as well."

Past performances of Dare's have been for the Humane Society and the children's hospital.

"It's so nice to be involved with that kind of stuff. It just makes me feel better as a person," Dare said. "I kind of like perform the same but I make sure that when I'm singing I give more emotion just because I really want to make an impact on anyone who's listening."

Dare's music is a family affair, as she is an independent artist whose dad manages her bookings. However, she is working towards a possible signing if the opportunity comes.

"I just dedicate a lot of my time, most of my time, I don't really do anything else other than music," Dare said. "At first I did kind of see it as a hobby, as I grew a little bit older I realized that this is really what I want to do because it's pretty much the only thing I can actually see myself doing."

Though she is young, Dare has always known

music is her passion and continued to chase her dreams of becoming a songwriter and performer.

"If it's something you want to do, then totally do it. Don't be afraid to take part in it and just be original and write what comes from the heart," Dare said. "Don't try to be a certain way just because that's what's considered popular. Just be different."

Dare's band will be playing today at 3 p.m. on The Mall on East Carolina University's campus/

"I just hope I can inspire as many people as I can. I hope that my music can make a difference somehow, whether that's making people feel better or feel something at all," Dare said.

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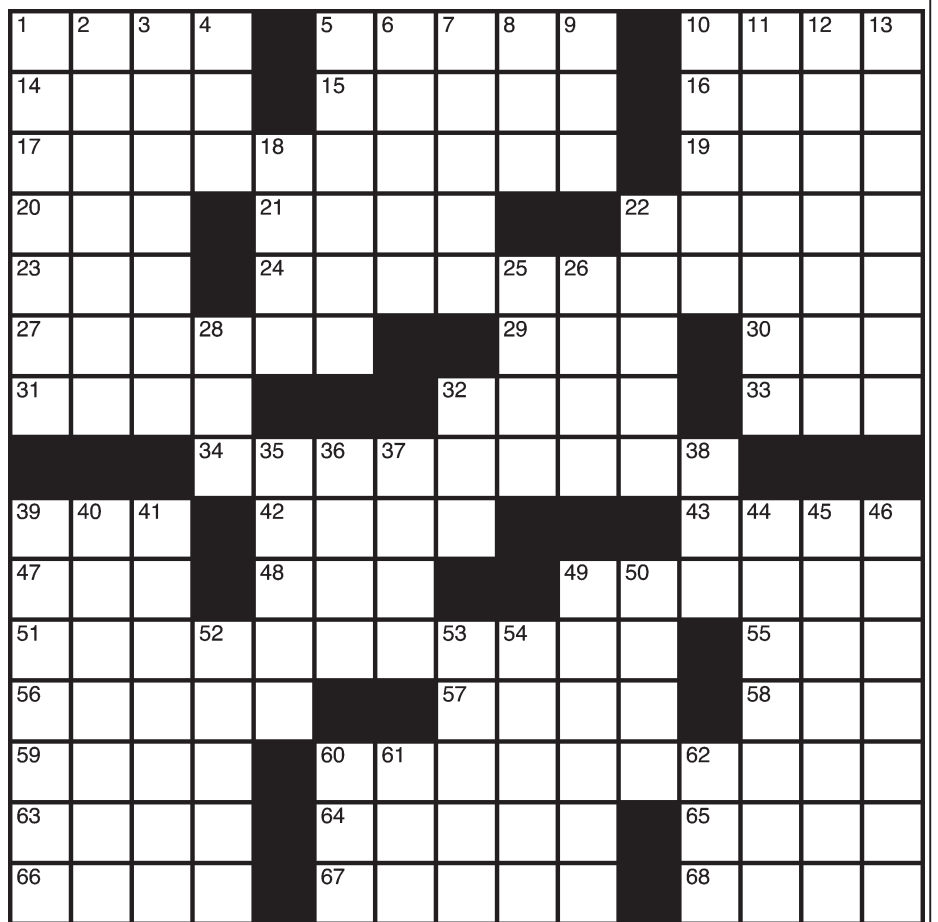
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PUZZLES

- ACROSS**
- 1 ___ torch: party light
 - 5 Gone from one's plate
 - 10 "Eleni" author Nicholas
 - 14 Nailed, as a test
 - 15 Came ___: taco filling
 - 16 Loads (of)
 - 17 *Home of baseball's Royals
 - 19 Online journal
 - 20 Terminate
 - 21 Sign light
 - 22 Dutch cheese
 - 23 Federal hush-hush org.
 - 24 *Diagonally
 - 27 Lament
 - 29 Clod
 - 30 "Silk Stockings" actress Charisse
 - 31 Wine collector's datum
 - 32 Gumbo vegetable
 - 33 Laugh half
 - 34 *Large venomous snake
 - 39 Young fellow
 - 42 Opposite of spicy
 - 43 Nile wading bird
 - 47 Here, in Haiti
 - 48 Santa ___ winds
 - 49 GI's mess work
 - 51 *Hang out (with)
 - 55 X, in old Rome
 - 56 Cultural spirit
 - 57 Not on base when req.
 - 58 Org. whose awards ceremony Vince Gill hosted or co-hosted from 1992-2003
 - 59 Indian bread
 - 60 *Martial arts move
 - 63 Raison d'___
 - 64 Exchange suggestive glances, say
 - 65 Cub scout units
 - 66 Marries
 - 67 Strikeout victim of poetry, and a phonetic hint to the answers to starred clues
 - 68 Canadian tribe



- DOWN**
- 1 Impressed with
 - 2 Words when the blindfold comes off
 - 3 Japanese ball-and-cups toy
 - 4 Passports, e.g.
 - 5 Enter slowly
 - 6 Foppish neckwear
 - 7 Besmirch
 - 8 Summer hrs. at Yankee Stadium
 - 9 Thumbs-down vote
 - 10 Eva or Zsa Zsa
 - 11 Out for a midday meal
 - 12 The one without the patch, for Bazooka Joe
 - 13 Dueler's cry
 - 18 "Puppy Love" singer Paul
 - 22 Excel in one's career
 - 25 Ono from Tokyo
 - 26 Low-___ diet
 - 28 Mork's planet
 - 32 Med. condition that may involve excessive hand-washing
 - 35 Apple desktops

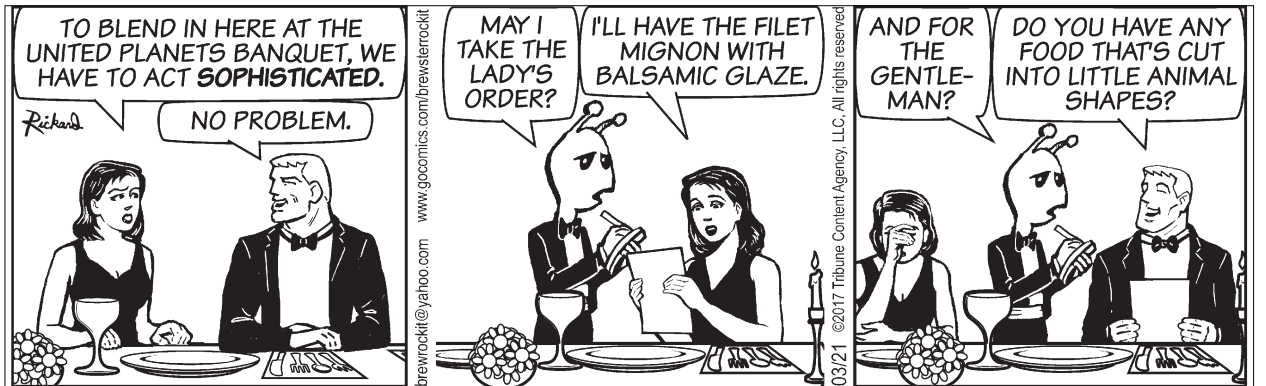
Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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- 37 Glittery rock genre
- 38 Help
- 39 Refurbished
- 40 Protective plastic film
- 41 Fanatically devoted
- 44 Cleaver user
- 45 Agenda start
- 46 Neural transmission point
- 49 ___ pine: paneling wood
- 50 Gomer of TV
- 52 Corn breads
- 53 "Les Misérables" city
- 54 Not clueless
- 60 Col. Sanders' chain
- 61 ___ carte
- 62 Atlanta-based public health org.

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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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

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Pirates suffer first sweep at home

Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF

JT Thomas and the Mercer Bears came into Greenville and knocked the ball all over Lewis Field in their weekend series with the now-No. 25 East Carolina Pirates, winning the final game Sunday after a Friday doubleheader to finish off the sweep.

After dropping both games of a doubleheader Friday, Jacob Wolfe carried over the pitching struggles the Pirates were suffering from and allowed Mercer (17-4) to jump all over ECU in the first inning. Wolfe allowed five runs on four hits with just one walk and two strikeouts in one inning pitched. Behind a triple and a home run, the Bears took a controlling five-run lead before ECU (13-7) ever got to step up to the plate.

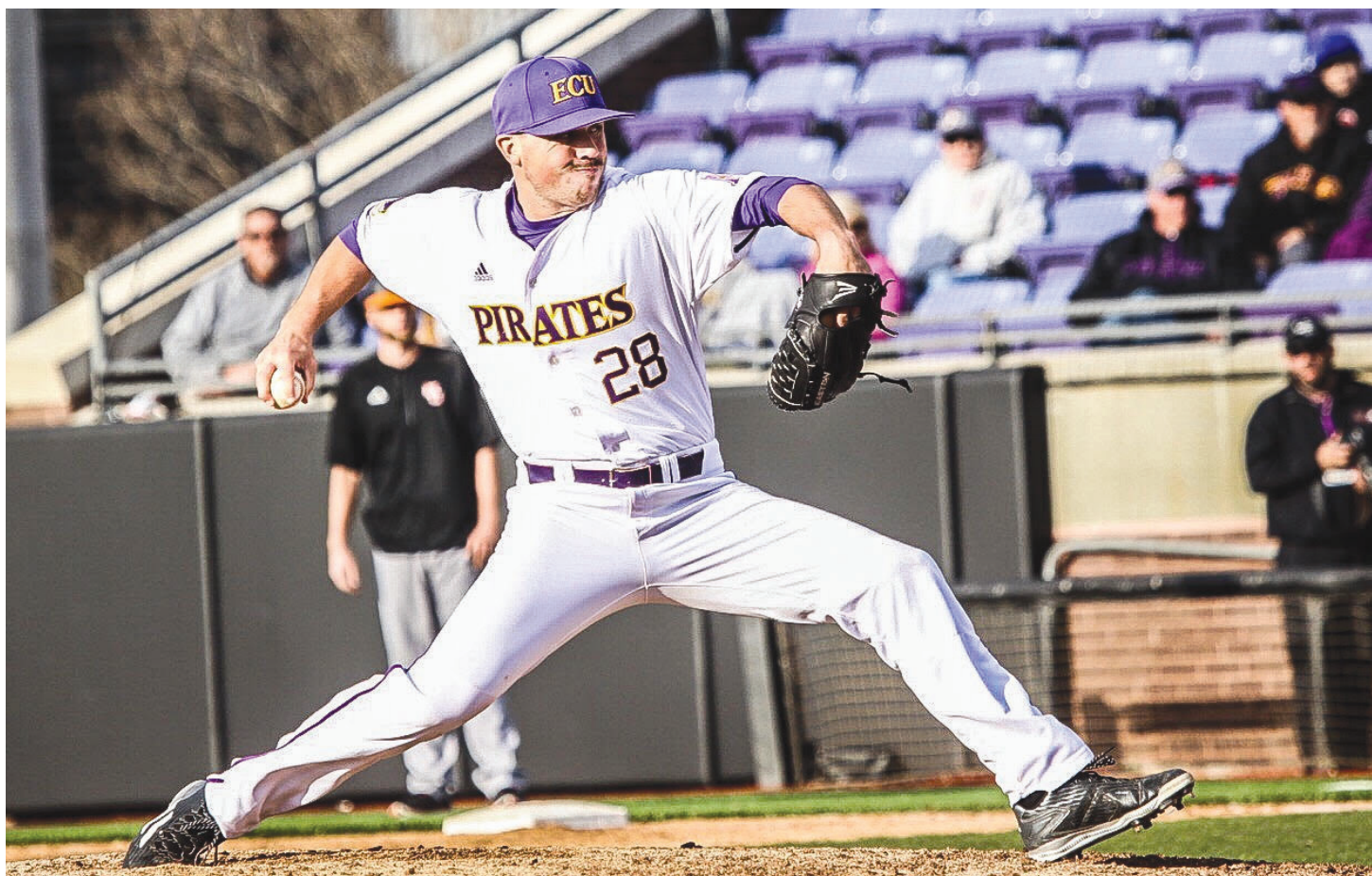
"We can't give up five runs in the first inning and expect to win," ECU head coach Cliff Godwin said.

But it was the same story for ECU (13-7) at the plate all weekend. After getting runners on base the Pirate bats went cold, and they only managed to hit .213 with runners on base in the series.

"We just didn't play good baseball and that's it. That's a good team," second baseman Charlie Yorgen said. "We didn't execute at the plate, on the mound, in the field, base running. We didn't do anything to win."

The Pirates' best opportunity to cut into the lead that expanded to 6-0 came in the bottom of the second inning with Dusty Baker at bat with the bases loaded and only one out. And as if on cue, on the second pitch, Baker grounded into an inning-ending double play. These untimely plays summed up ECU's weekend.

After getting off to a quick start, the game slowed down with the only run coming off a home run from Danny Edgeworth until the ninth inning. With the Bears up 7-0, Thomas led off the ninth inning with his third homer of the series for Mercer's 25th and final run of the series. The Pirates didn't allow the Bears to complete



ECU sophomore Sam Lanier winds up Friday in one of the doubleheader games. The Pirates fell in all three contests to the Mercer Bears at home.

the sweep without a fight, however. With the final three outs, ECU tacked together Bryce Harman and Brady Lloyd singles to score for the first time Sunday. Yorgen doubled home the first run and Turner Brown's ground out was enough to score the final run of the series.

"They're good, we just didn't do enough. We didn't execute enough pitches," Godwin said. "Look, anybody who comes in here and sweeps us, hats off to them."

The doubleheader was no better than Sunday's game. Thomas, the Bears' catcher, crushed Jake Agnos and the ECU pitching staff in Game 1, the closest game of the series. After trading runs back-and-forth all game, it was tied 7-7 in the ninth inning

with a man on and Thomas coming up. It took just one pitch for him to crush a home run to left field and break the tie, carrying the team to an eventual 10-7 victory.

After the 45 minute break, former ECU receiver Zay Jones was on the mound to throw out the first pitch of game two and try to energize his school for the second game. His strike carried the Pirates for six innings but wasn't enough to get them through the game.

In the seventh inning Mercer used two of ECU's six walks to get runners on, then two doubles and a single from the top of the order to score four runs and take a 6-4 lead. After Turner Brown hit a home run in the bottom of the inning to cut the lead to

just one run, the Pirates only got one more hit and lost 7-5.

"We didn't play good enough to win," Godwin said Friday. "Everybody is going to point the finger at the pitching, but we had plenty of opportunities to score more runs in the second game."

ECU will have plenty of opportunities to forget about the weekend sweep with five games coming up this week. Up first will be a road game Tuesday at Elon before returning home to take on North Carolina on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This weekend the Pirates have their final non-conference series against Towson at home.

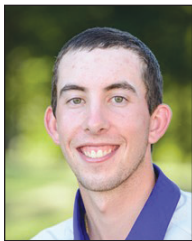
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Conover leads ECU in junior campaign

Robert Romero
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Tim Conover is already considered one of the best golfers to play for East Carolina in a very long time, and the way he has played over the past couple weeks has added to his star-studded career.

Conover was named American Athletic Conference Men's Golfer-of-the-Week for his performance at the Cleveland Golf Palmetto Intercollegiate. This is his first weekly honor of his career and second overall from the AAC after being named Golfer-of-the-Month last October.



Tim Conover

Conover led the Pirates to a fifth place finish among 18 teams as he shot a 3-under-par 67. He tied for fourth at 2-under-par (208) and was the only player in the top six to not to be ranked in Golfstat's Top 100 individuals.

With what Conover has accomplished in his career, it's astounding that he has never been ranked in Golfstat's Top 100. In his junior year, he is currently averaging a career-best score of 71.44 strokes per match and finished in the top 10 in seven of nine events he has played in this year, including three top-five finishes and a No. 1 overall finish.

"There's been plenty of golfers to come through this school, especially Harold Varner, who's on tour right now," Conover said. "I'm just really happy to play for this school and I'm just working hard everyday to keep getting better."

Over the past decade, head coach Press

McPhaul has had success with his tenure at ECU, including four NCAA Regionals and a NCAA Championship finals appearance. During that time, McPhaul has seen many great players come through the program, but even admits that a player like Conover only comes around every so often.

"Tim is a powerful guy that hits the ball a long way," McPhaul said. "He gets lots of wedges and short clubs into greens and he is also a very good putter. It's not all that uncommon to see long drivers with the golf ball, but it's more uncommon to see really good putters so it's kind of rare to have someone that drives it really powerfully and putts it really well."

Conover grew up in an athletic household, as his older brother Wes was his former teammate on the golf team at ECU last season. His father and grandfather both played college basketball and he had four cousins play baseball. Although his brother is the only golfer in the family, his family has had a huge influence on his life that helped him pursue the career that he has chosen.

"Probably the biggest influence in my life has got to be my dad," Conover said. "He's the one that got me started in the game because when I was really young I would watch TV with him and I loved golf the most. He ended up cutting down a wedge for me to my size, so I could chip around the background so my dad definitely got me into the game the most."

With Conover only in his junior campaign, and the season not over yet, there's no saying what his ceiling is in terms of going down as potentially the best golfer in Pirates' history.

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GENDER AND THE NEXT GEN

**Thursday, March 23
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A provocative evening showcasing three emerging leaders on contemporary gender issues.

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Forbidden: Undocumented and Queer in Rural America

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The Wellness Passport Event is sponsored by the Department of Sociology to celebrate the launch of ECU's Gender Studies Program (GENS) next fall. Join the conversation in Hendrix Theater from 6:30 to 8:30pm on Thursday, March 23.

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