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## SGA handles controversial motions

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TEC STAFF

Bate Building room 1028 was buzzing with energy at the Student Government Association General Assembly meeting yesterday as two general motions proposed at a recent meeting have undergone scrutiny from a student representative, causing controversy within the assembly.

Representative Alex Prunka, who serves as SGA secretary, sent out an email earlier that day and shared the issues he had with General Motions 10 and Motion 11. Eventually, neither

of the motions were passed by the General Assembly.



Alex Prunka

at any point in their term. Though the legislation

Motion 10, called the Executive Orders Act, proposed giving the student body president the ability to pass Executive Orders. This would mean the president would have the ability to propose legislation without committee action

proposed by the president would have to be up to a vote, a two-thirds majority would have to be met to overturn the proposal.

Motion 10 was not adopted and is now considered a rejected motion. Though both motions were found "favorable and constitutional," by the Rules and Judiciary Committee, several Assembly members raised their voices in opposition to the motions during yesterday's meeting. Several claimed the motions were unconstitutional and unnecessary.

Representative Stuart Small was the primary sponsor of Motion 10 and 11. Small said in the

assembly meeting that executive powers do not give unlimited power to the president nor take any away from the assembly.

"It's only meant to provide structural competence and structural adherence to the constitution in a way that the assembly doesn't have to worry about it," said Small during the meeting. "And if the assembly does worry about it, and does view it as unconstitutional any member of this assembly can contest that."

Small added this is not an idea unique to his

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## CLEANING FOR A CAUSE

### Trollingwood to host Tar River clean up

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Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery will be hosting a River Clean-Up Party Saturday on the Tar River. The clean-up starts at 10 a.m. with an after party at the brewery to follow at 3 p.m., citizens will be rewarded for their clean-up efforts with lunch from Villa Verde.

To kick off North Carolina Beer Month, Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery is hosting the event in efforts to take care of the Greenville community as well as the Tar River.

"I've helped out with a lot of these river clean ups with different organizations in the past and I've been very disappointed with what they've got accomplished," said Justin Smithwick, a general managing partner of Trollingwood Taproom and Brewery. "These are organizations whose entire goal are supposed to be keeping the river clean and you might have 12 boats go out."

According to the event's online page, maintained by Trollingwood, "Beer is over 90 percent water, so we have to take care of our resources."

"There's always going to be a core group of people that really want to do this but what you really want to do is get the whole community involved and sometimes that takes a (incentive), it doesn't have to be a big (incentive)," said Smithwick. "It can be something as simple as nachos and a beer."

On Saturday, boats will leave the Town Common and participants will float or paddle down the Tar River and pick up waste and debris. Following the cleanup, there will be shuttles provided from the port terminal along with refreshments from Carolina Kettle.

"The most I've seen go out there and clean up the river is 12 people and I'm hoping for 100 people on boats to actually get something

done," said Smithwick.

The trash will be sorted and weighed at the Port Terminal with prizes for the most trash collected, the largest item collected and the weirdest item collected. Prizes for each category include East Carolina Massage, Great Outdoor Provision Company and Blue Ox Games.

Nine tandems and 27 single kayaks have already been reserved by individuals who don't own their own boats for the cleanup, according to Smithwick. Boat practice prior to the day of the cleanup is also being provided by River Park North for anyone who is attending the event.

"Bring your own boats. I know there are plenty of people in this town that own kayaks and are psyched about going out there," said Smithwick. "From the port terminal it's a great paddle because you're going downstream."

Along with beer and free lunch, the after party will also feature music by Jessy Esterline and all participants from the cleanup will receive one \$5 gift certificate to Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery, along with various giveaways from local sponsors. The beers featured at Trollingwood vary from imported ales to local NC brews.

"We've got the Roggenbier, the German-style rye ale, the Barrel Tipper, that is the same beer only it's aged in wine barrels," Smithwick said.

The day of the event is set to include various brews, including a jalapeno pale ale and a whistler dry stout, similar to Guinness.

"I hope there's a great turnout and I hope it really gets some more people interested about going out there and keeping this river clean," said Smithwick. "And I plan to do this every year. I think we're going to do this the first Saturday in April the next 20, 30 years at least."

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TOP: DANIEL GAJDA | BOTTOM: ARCHIVED | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Top: Trollingwood Taproom is located on Dickinson Avenue. Bottom: The taproom will host a Tar River clean up excursion this weekend.

## GPD chief aims to stop hate crimes

Melissa Glen  
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East Carolina University's GLBT Student Union gathered Tuesday night to listen to Greenville Police Department Chief Mark Holtzman's plans to increase the severity of hate crime laws within the state.

"I feel as though as a police department, the better we are connected to every different segment of the community religious groups, special interest groups, civic group, the better we can serve and know what's going on," said Holtzman.

North Carolina's current statute only includes "ethnic intimidation," which is recognized as a simple misdemeanor in the state. As the law stands now, any crime that falls under this category could only lead to a maximum of a year in prison.

Holtzman drafted a bill proposing the charge be changed from a misdemeanor to a class H felony, which could mean up to 25 months in prison. He also asked the wording be changed from ethnic intimidation to a hate crime.

"We wanted to call it what it is," said Holtzman.

Holtzman's proposal was reviewed by Greenville's City Council and was unanimously voted in support of. The bill was sent to the state and has been under discussion this week. Holtzman said within the next few weeks he should know if the bill received the support of the State House and the Senate.

"I'm really sticking my neck out as chief," said Holtzman. "This is probably territory I'm not supposed to be in, but I don't care; I don't need a vote to do my job."

Holtzman said the bill protects many minority groups who were excluded from the original law. Some of the traits mentioned in the draft include one's political affiliation, marital status, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion and employment status.

John Cockerham, president of GLBTSU, said he hopes to continue to build the organization's relationship with the Greenville Police Department, as well as the ECU Police Department.

"I'm just happy that they would take the time out of their day to speak to us," said Cockerham. "Oftentimes we go to ECU PD and while that's great, it's still good to have a connection to the city."

Cockerham said he is glad the new proposal includes so many different groups, and he fully supports the hate crime bill.

"It's a good defense for minorities, as well as people who disagree with others and people who may live a different way than others would prefer them to," he said.

Along with the bill, Holtzman is working on other ways to decrease the number of hate crimes in Greenville. He has delegated one officer to work as a liaison between the Greenville Police Department and the LGBT community.

Sgt. Cachelle Shean, who will be the mediator for this community, was also at the event Tuesday. Shean said she agreed to take on this role, because she feels like it is part of her job as an officer to use her authority to help others.

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East Carolina University's ROTC will be hosting its second 5K Mud Run this Saturday at the West Research Campus. This year's proceeds will go to Eagle Rock Camp to help reintegrate veterans back into society and family. Pre-register at patriotrun.com or submit registration form to 204 Christenbury Gym before 3-6 p.m tomorrow.

**Pirate Nurse 5K to raise money for nursing students**

ECU's College of Nursing will host the Pirate Nurse 5K on April 8 to raise funds for nursing student scholarships. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. for all runners and the 5K begins at 9 a.m. Individual registration is \$25 and ECU student registration is \$15. Participants can register by going to www.runtheeast.com. A Kids' Fun Run will also take place for children between the ages of 3-8 years. Kids registration is free and the Fun Run is set to start at 8:45 a.m.

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# Project identifies racial identity

**Trish Willis**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

It started as a bright and stress free Friday summer afternoon for Alexis James.

She went to the spa to relax before her test but she had no idea her day would include arguing with an employee over her own race.

"I was getting a massage and this lady kept arguing with me about how I'm mixed," said James, a junior education major at East Carolina University. "I kept trying to tell her 'No, my dad is black and my mom is black.'"

James said the employee persisted, saying that her hair was too curly and she was too "light-skinned," a term frequently used in the black community to describe someone with a lighter complexion.

"This is just another thing about the stereotypes and associating certain characteristics with one particular race," James said. "Once I tell you I'm black, I need people to start believing it."

This experience was one of the many reasons James said she decided to present her culture project for her course Elementary 3500 — Teaching Social Studies in Elementary Schools on the topic of "the life of a black girl in a white world."

"The main reason I did this is because I love my culture. When my teacher introduced the topic...that specific day I was faced with adversity about my race, which happens all the time," James said. "I was getting weird stares...I just felt isolated in that moment. That's when the topic 'A Black Girl in a White World' popped in my head."

The adversity James says, however subtle, was still effective.

Following a visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. and having the opportunity to take in the exhibits and learn more about her culture, James said she knew for a fact that this was a message she needed to share.

She titled her presentation, "A Hot Fudge Sundae in a White Paper Cup," after the autobiography of Gwendolyn Baker, in order to catch the attention of her audience. James then coupled it with a subscript of "The Life of a Black Girl in a White World," which she said helped hook her viewers immediately.

"There's a lot of racial tension in many different areas right now," said James. "Even in class there's tension when we talk about presidents."

James said in her class, which was a course on teaching social studies, topics ranging from the current President Donald Trump's administration to police brutality often come up.

Given the current political climate, James said she feels this project was "right on time."

With only two other black students on the roster in her class, James said she stood at the front of her class on the day of her presentation ready to spread knowledge to people who did not share her own experiences.

"They looked at the screen...and the whole class went silent," James said.

She remembered how she pointed out to her peers, "Do you guys notice how you just got silent when you saw that, how this made you feel uncomfortable? That's how I feel everyday."

**Alexis James**

Self reflection brought her to this point but now she had to articulate her words and thoughts to a classroom that, for the most part, couldn't necessarily relate.

"I'm an education major," James said. "And most of my peers are white so I was thinking this might catch a nerve, but, really, in this time, that's the only way we can overcome things."

In the end, James said she decided to just speak from the heart.

**Caught between two worlds**

Aware that the use of the term "white world" could cause controversy, James never missed a beat, being careful to explain that a white world was relative to her personal surroundings and experiences, not her views of the nation as a whole.

"In my powerpoint...a black girl in a white world, that's about me," she said. "I grew up in Loudoun County (Virginia). It's the richest county in the nation. The majority of the people that live in that county do not look like me. I can count on one hand how many black people graduated with my class. So for me, I was a black girl in a white world."

Elaborating on how finding your sense of worth is crucial in the black community, James said, "it is important for children to grow up and see themselves in the world."

James said the black community is "notorious for branching off and founding its own networks and establishments centered around the principle that black people deserve equal public representation."

"When you look at mainstream TV, you are going to see a white family," said James. "So when you have networks like BET, that little girl or boy is now seeing better for themselves."

BET, or Black Entertainment Television, is just one of the many extensions of mainstream media and

foundations that African-Americans have established for themselves. In addition to television networks, African-Americans have spearheaded social media trends such as "Black Twitter" and founded HBCU, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, according to Jones. Schools that are not historically black are typically labeled Predominantly White Institutions, or PWI.

James said that she chose to attend ECU, a PWI, because she felt this campus was a "better fit"

For many students, it would be of no consequence, regardless of race, which college they choose to attend. But for James, the decision was not made without some form of backlash, she says.

James clasped her hands together and exhaled a deep breath.

"I get backlash from the black community all the time. I get backlash on Twitter. I don't even know these people," James said. "I don't have to go to an HBCU to support it...I know how much it helps."

She says people have to remember that HBCUs were created because "we (black people) were not allowed in the PWIs. We were stopped from learning how to read and write and stopped from further education. That happens in the black community all the time."

**Social Media Impact**

The rubric for her project required the presenter elaborate on how social media has influenced their topic and culture. James explained why the social media sector of her project was so important.

"Hashtags are very real for us on 'Black Twitter.' Especially with police brutality...we hashtag what we mean, and for support," James said.

Referencing a quote from a t-shirt she saw on Twitter, the junior said she mentioned in her project, "I am my ancestor's wildest dreams."

"This means that I can overcome all stereotypes, especially 'You sound like a white girl when you talk,'" James said rolling her eyes. "That is an insult and my pet peeve but my ancestors would be proud. They would want me to better myself, to have this education. My ancestors fought to overcome these stereotypes, even as labels are still being put against me. Everything I do, I do it with a purpose. I think that's what my ancestors would have wanted."

Despite what anyone has to say about James, she says she stands firm in her beliefs.

"Work in purpose," she says is her motto. "I stand firm in my decisions. Everything I do is with a purpose."

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sponsorship and that other universities have provided the precedent that the motions are based upon. Small reviewed the structures of student governments at North Carolina State University, Appalachian State University, Western Carolina University and other universities when he worked on these motions.

Prunka took issue with the amount of power that was being reallocated to a new position, chief of staff, as proposed in Motion 11. The position was previously available before the restructuring of SGA, but the vice president had very little responsibility so the chief of staff position was eliminated. The duties of the position were transferred to the person holding the position of vice president. According to the SGA Constitution, no position can be established without a constitutional amendment, except non-standing directors. Motion 11 was withdrawn during the meeting.

"It is my interpretation, as a former long-time

member and chair of the Rules and Judiciary Committee, that these two pieces of legislation are unconstitutional," said Prunka in the statement. "During my time leading Rules and Judiciary, the committee worked with the new Constitution and Bylaws and got to know them quite well prior to their implementation."

Prunka shared his view that most issues dealt with by SGA are not extremely time sensitive and there is no need for executive orders.

"It would be unconstitutional to create an ambiguous power for the president without amending the Constitution," said Prunka. "And it is highly suspicious that such orders could only be overturned with a two-thirds vote of the Assembly. Anything of an urgent nature can be crafted into a piece of legislation and passed in as little as one meeting."

With some details left unsaid during the debate of yesterday's meeting and several pointed arguments made, neither Motion 11 or Motion 10 were passed by the General Assembly.

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"If I can be just one small voice, one small segment," said Shean. "People that might not be willing to come speak out, but they come to me and tell me and then I can take their concerns to the higher authority."

Holtzman said the city has also been focusing on adding more lighting and cameras around The Grid, as well as other areas near Uptown Greenville including the parking deck.

He asked GLBTSU to come forward to the police department and report any activity leaving them feeling uncomfortable or unsafe. Holtzman said the key is to have this open relationship so when people have similar experiences, his

department can put the pieces together easier.

"You need to let someone know," said Holtzman. "Even if you may want to brush it off, it may really affect somebody else or it just might push that person to keep doing that."

Holtzman invited the organization to help in the process of making this bill a law by writing him letters of support, where the club states what they agree or disagree with in regards to the bill.

GLBTSU unanimously voted in favor of the bill following Tuesday's meeting and plan to write a letter of support within the next week.

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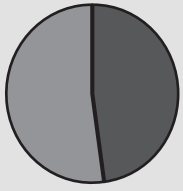
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# Our view

## Joyner gives insight with Human Books

On Tuesday, Joyner Library hosted a Human Library event where students and faculty had the opportunity to check out "human books." Katy Webb, the head of Research and Instructional Services and chair of the Diversity Committee in the Joyner Library, said "I think a lot of time we stick to the same social group that we are part of and this allows you to meet someone you may have never met and hear about something."

We, the editorial staff at The East Carolinian, agree with Webb. For the majority of Tuesday afternoon, about 30 "human books" shared their life experiences with the individuals who took the opportunity to "check them out." As college students, hectic personal lives and

academic schedules can compel us to stay within our own personal bubbles. Events such as these are rare opportunities to grow from diversity and learn life lessons from someone who has experienced something that may be completely outside your own experiences.

Among the 30 "human books" was a witch, mormons, an ECU police officer and others from all walks of life. The Human Library covered topics ranging from religion and spirituality, health-related topics, families and more.

During these short four years of college, it is pivotal to learn as many life lessons as you can. We encourage all students to take advantage of these opportunities to seek insight where ever possible.

# Autistic character benefits all



**Melissa Glen**  
TEC STAFF

### Yout Daily Mel

Imagine turning on the television every day and never seeing a single character you relate with. Imagine feeling so isolated by society just for being who you are. Imagine

finally getting some sort of representation and then having it taken away just because society does not agree with it.

This is what people with Autism are facing everyday, and this is the sickening trend the world will fall into if people do not wake up and get over themselves.

Recently, the popular kids' show "Sesame Street" decided to add a new character to its daytime special. The new puppet, Julia, will join the cast in April and will be the show's first ever autistic character.

As someone who grew up with two brothers who have high-functioning Autism, I was happy to see the world shed some light on the positive qualities people with autism have to offer. However, I was filled with anger when I heard about all the hate and opposition the

show was getting about the character.

Many "anti-vaxers" argue the show is trying to "normalize" Autism and make the disease seem like a good thing; but after almost 20 years with my brothers, it doesn't make sense for Autism not to be a good thing. Autism is part of them and I love them, so why shouldn't it be a good thing?

"What are they nuts? Media will make it look like so much fun — everyone will accept the damage that Big Pharma is doing to the nation's children," said one person on the Vaccine Resistance Movement's Facebook page.

What are you nuts? To think that just because people like my brothers are "damaged" just because they are different than you. Everyone has their own challenges, but because people with Autism are not able to hide theirs as easily, they get ostracized.

People only want to see what they want to see, not the truth. The world wants people to think these differences people with Autism show are dangerous, unnatural and wrong. But I'm done. I'm tired of people only seeing Autism as some disease, some stigma. You won't catch Autism if you socialize with someone who has Autism. It is not the plague.



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Julia is an autistic, 4-year-old girl. The new character will be airing on April 10 on Sesame Street.

Say my brothers and others with autism are "obsessive" or "compulsive." I see them as being smart and passionate about their interests. Call them "weird" or "strange," I see them as being brave and unique — not bounded by the same rules of society I wish I could stop getting caught up in.

To people with Autism this "disease" is normal. It is who they are, and it would be so much easier to be this person if people were more accepting. Wake up, America. Realize just like no two people are the same, no two

with Autism are the same and can be generalized as such.

We watch television, we read books, we listen to music, all for the same reason: to relate with the people and themes in art and to remind ourselves we are not alone. So to, PBS: Thank you for making it a priority to represent all types of people through television.

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# Lahren, Prenskey wrong on abortion



**Dimitri Dragones**  
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### It's all Greek to me

"Lahren shows GOP hypocrisy," an opinion piece published in Tuesday's edition of The East Carolinian, highlights all the incorrect thinking when it comes

to the abortion issue. Not only does it fail to be internally coherent, it does not even accurately represent the debate itself.

The author starts off stating the basis in current events for writing the article. Tomi Lahren recently said she was no longer pro-life because she believed that, as a Constitutional Conservative, she believes in small government.

Lahren said that she is for a limited government, therefore the government should not tell women what to do with their bodies. If this makes your head hurt, here's why. First, conservatives do not care about the body of the woman, they care about the body inside it. If you'd like to argue that women can have two separate

sets of chromosomes, two different blood types, and double the organs, feel free to seek out the nearest biologist.

Second, she seems to be arguing against a proposal that is for a premise she does not believe in, rather than just arguing against the premise. Let me explain. The conservative beliefs, the premises, are that it is the government's responsibility to defend human lives, and the not-yet-born are human lives. Therefore, the government should be involved in protecting these human lives. Simple, right? Pro-life libertarians, who are even more anti-government overreach than conservatives hold to this same concept. Government regulation is not the issue here; it is about whether it is needed.

For decades, the Left has obfuscated the abortion debate, they go back-and-forth between the arguing against the premise to arguing against the proposals depending on which side they are losing from, the whole time straw manning and attacking their opponents as sexists and wanting to control women and a whole host of other arguments often not even relevant to the

central issue. When does "it" become a person? The Left plays this game where they force the hypothetical opponent to accept their premise that there is no such thing as an unborn person then "destroys" the arguments based on a premise they don't believe.

Matthew Prenskey's editorial commits the same crime against political discussion I list above, it starts with the premise that abortion is a simple medical procedure and no life is at stake, then proceeds to attack the GOP's supposed hypocrisy as if the GOP believed his premise. It's an illogical train of thought and borderline arguing in bad faith. I also find his choice of words ironic, since there are plenty of regulations about medical procedures. He also acts as if this has not been a tactic deployed by the Left for decades, that Conservatives have answered time and time again. Less of "blew a huge hole" and more of a "pelted a Battleship with a BB gun."

Matthew talks about how it is "illogical" to believe in a limited government, yet also believes a limited government does things. Maybe I need further infor-

mation, but I don't think the GOP is an anarcho-capitalist party. He draws a comparison to gun control, saying that since the GOP does not want heavy regulation of guns, the GOP cannot "call for rules stopping a medical procedure" even in the cases of late-term abortion, I suppose. Matthew fails to understand what the word "limited" means. A limited government is still a functioning government. The debate is when government should involve itself, not if we should have one.

The editorial commits a multitude of political sins. It ascribes a false premise to an argument then attacks supposed hypocrisy for a position that does not exist, misrepresents what a "limited government" is, makes false equivalences, brings a double standard against Republicans, and acts as though the opposition has no defense or response against the author's claims. Of all the fictions, I think the last one has been made the apparent.

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A shopper browses swimsuit selections. This year's trends focuses on swimwear that make women feel comfortable in their own skin. J'KEYAH HULL | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

## 'Beauty' in pottery painting

**Michelle West**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Being part of a fairy tale for the night is something that doesn't happen very often. Friday, The Painted Peacock will invite everyone to "be their guest" as it celebrates the release of Disney's live action movie, "Beauty and the Beast," with an artsy twist.

"You can register online for it and that guarantees you a spot," said Susan Buccci, the owner of The Painted Peacock. "If you sign up online, we've got some options for a castle that you can buy at a discounted price or you can do Mrs. Potts, Chip or Clocksworth."

The celebration will last from 6 to 9 p.m. Painters will be able to pick their pottery and paint their own masterpieces while listening to the soundtrack of "Beauty and the Beast."

"We are having a creative ball. We are going to have everyone come and if they would like to dress up, they can," said Buccci.

Some prizes are planned to be given out to the people that do come dressed as "Beauty and the Beast" characters to the celebration.

"It's not a competition, just if you go the extra mile, you know, you get in the mood, we are going to give you a little prize," said Buccci.

Buccci promised that the event will be much more than painting pottery.

"We are going to have some themed snacks here that evening, and a little photo prop area so they will be able to take some photos with some props," said Buccci.

Painters can also explore their imaginations with the various images of "Beauty and the Beast" that can be printed off to assist their creative endeavours.

"You know the rose in the case, Chip, Mrs. Potts," said Buccci. "We can print it off and trace it right onto your piece. So even if you are not artistic, there are definitely techniques that we can show you."

Even though younger painters were expected to attend this event, there have also been a deep amount of interest from the children at heart: adults.

"We thought that this would lean more toward the children, but what we are finding is that it is gearing up more for 30-year-olds," said Buccci.

This is no surprise because the "Beauty and the Beast" animated movie was a big part of their childhood for many adults in that age bracket.

"We are definitely going to have some younger kids," said Buccci. "But I think we are actually going to find more a little bit older than we had first expected which we are excited about."

All ages are encouraged to take part in celebrating the timeless classic.

"They are just going to have a good time and hopefully get into the spirit of "Beauty and the Beast" while they are here," said Buccci.

The Painted Peacock also has plans on doing more events like this for premiere of Disney movies such as Frozen 2. Currently, a Harry Potter night is also in the works.

"It's just the whole idea again of just using your imagination, and getting creative," said Buccci. "It's fun. I think that we are all kind of reliving our youth again."

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# Summer Body Positivity

## Swimwear for style and comfort

**Madison Lawsom**  
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For its second year in a row, American Eagle Outfitter's unretouched campaign, AerieREAL, asked females everywhere to embrace their curves this swimwear season.

After months of indulging in comfort food and hibernating away from the cold, many women feel the need to excessively diet and lose weight before summer, according to East Carolina University junior psychology major, Savannah Swartout.

Disagreeing with their practices, Swartout said, "I am a plus-size girl and I never stray away from two piece bikini's. I don't think girls need to diet like crazy in order to look and feel good in a bathing suit."

According to its website, AerieREAL ignited this movement because of repetitive self shaming behaviors. As a way of teaching women to love themselves, it vowed to donate \$1 to the National Eating Disorders Association for every woman who posted an unedited photo of herself on Instagram in a bathing suit. With over 50,000 posts on social media using the hashtag #AerieREAL, the campaign has inspired many to bare it all this season.

"I think this campaign is going to touch a lot of people in a positive way," said Swartout. "It speaks wonders that a company like American Eagle is donating not only money but their time and effort to remind girls that they are beautiful

just the way they are."

Just over a week ago, the AerieREAL role model and face of the movement, plus size model Iskra Lawrence, shared a post on Instagram reminding women to go into the warmer months with a positive attitude.

"In swimwear and bikinis it can be difficult sometimes," said Lawrence. "I am here to tell you there is nothing wrong with having cellulite or fat rolls because your body is strong and capable of amazing things."

Echoing Lawrence's statement is ECU senior fashion merchandising major, Rebecca Zabawski, who said society is to blame for these unrealistic summer body goals; women are merely trying to become what they see in magazines.

"Society plays a huge role in what we think is sexy and visually appealing," said Zabawski. "I recently did this project on plus-size model Ashley Graham and found her to be inspirational in that she has made the covers of tons of magazines like Sports Illustrated."

Ashley Graham, American model and U.S size 16, eases the transition for women of all sizes into bathing suit season with her new collection on swimsuitsforall.com. Instead of hiding the tummy in a plain black one piece, Graham's eleven trendy bathing suits are said to be flirty, vibrant and sexy, including various lace-up plunging necklines and side cut-outs, according to Refinery29. The line is also said to offer sizes 6 to 22 and is dedicated to embracing a woman's body, the way every bathing suit should.

In addition to Graham's line, Zabawski said that taking a friend shopping with you while looking for suits can help lessen any insecurities.

"Take your girlfriend with you and let her tell you what she thinks looks the most flattering on you," said Zabawski. "Having that second opinion is nice and can boost your self esteem."

Zabawski also said a good, comfortable bathing suit is key to feeling confident when sunbathing on the beach, adding that her ideal swimsuit has a few characteristics.

"I have been really into one pieces with a low-cut neckline," she said. "You are really able to get playful and show your sense of style while still being modest and sexy at the same time."

Contrary to Zabawski, Swartout said she is more of an ocean lover and spends most of her beach time catching waves. Her bathing suit of choice is a trendy two-toned black and cobalt blue bikini.

"If I had to describe my body type, I would probably be more apple-shaped," said Swartout. "My blue and black bikini is my favorite and makes me feel the best. In all honesty, who is going to be that focused on you at the beach anyways? So wear whatever makes you feel good."

Suffering her fair share of body shaming in the modeling industry, Lawrence summed up her Instagram video about self-love in four strong words: "You are perfectly imperfect," she said

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# 'Just Andy' returns to Greenville

**Jose Herrmader**  
TEC STAFF

New York native and part-time musician Andy Vandruff will return to Greenville later today.

Vandruff, who goes by the styling "Just Andy," will be performing live at Crossbones Tavern at 8 p.m.

With close family ties in North Carolina, Vanduff is no stranger to Greenville.

"I originally moved down from New York a few years ago because my oldest sister went to NC State and my family liked it," said Vanduff.

However, Vanduff is also drawn back down due to family issues that take priority in the grand scheme of things.

"I recently came back because my sister got into a car accident and now she's paralyzed from the neck down, and my mom takes care of her full-time and I came

down to Greenville to help her out," he said.

For Vanduff, music is much more than a hobby or part time gig.

"I do music on the side as just kind of like, something to keep my peace of mind," said Vanduff. "It's the best way for me to express myself in a good way, it's like pure emotion."

Vandruff has been familiar with the music process for much of his life, using it both as a cathartic distraction and medium for his own ideas.

"I've been writing music for years," said Vanduff. "For me, music is the best way for me to peacefully vent and, you know, get my point across."

Even though there is not any major project currently in the works, Vanduff assures that does not mean he has not been working hard on new material.

"I've been working on a few new songs

here and there, I have like 30 songs that I haven't put into an album or anything, I haven't had time to get into a studio yet," said Vanduff.

A veteran of the Greenville music scene, Vanduff is no stranger to on-stage performances in the area.

"I was in a band, Jam-Fu, before I started doing the Just Andy stuff," Vanduff said. "My old band actually played Doggie Jams back in like 2010."

Even though Vanduff has found himself playing among bands, he is not a stranger to solo-performance, just the opposite.

"The thing I've got going is a singer-songwriter thing where I do like a one-man-band thing, with, you know, bass and drum machines and stuff like that," Vanduff said. "For this one I'm probably gonna sit down and tell a little story before each song and

turn a couple covers this time, to appreciate some of my favorite songwriters."

A mix of the best parts of Bob Dylan, Neil Young and The Grateful Dead all rolled into one, it is obvious to tell where Vanduff draws inspiration.

"Jerry (Garcia) was the one who taught me how to play guitar," Vanduff said. "You could always be the other member playing along with the Grateful Dead and I started just doodling around and eventually figured it out and started putting it together."

More than a mere distraction from the stresses of life, Vanduff appreciates music for its ability to heal as well as entertain.

"Music is medicine, that's why it is very important to me," Vanduff said. "Always will be."

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# Event promotes good self-care for all genders

Stevie Dupree-Parker  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

On Friday, Shea Be Natural will be hosting Be Good to Yourself, a campaign designed to promote body care and self awareness.

The event will feature various products from the Shea Be Natural line created by Mecheline Muhammad, including: lip balm, natural hair care, soaps and butters, wet shave products and more. Motivational speaker and author Herlene Ancar will also be in attendance.

Herlene Ancar is the author of "What You Say Matters," a 30-day guide for parents to grow closer to their children.

"This is a showcase of Shea Be Natural and the promotional experience for self awareness with inspirational insight of WhatUSay," said Ancar.

Be Good to Yourself is meant to serve more than just walking in and shopping. Instead, shoppers will come in and learn the importance of mental clarity and mindfulness.

"I stray away from the word 'event.' I prefer to use 'experience' because the after effect will be so amazing," said Ancar. "The experience capitalizes on the essence of the encounter."

Striving for women and men to break out of their shell in the networking scene, this event gives the participants the chance to fulfill their self-care needs all while being pampered with samples of skin care products and aromatherapy, as well as an on site masseuse.

There will be a VIP reception from 6-7 p.m. which includes a swag bag and other VIP

specific treats.

"Come out and get into an arena you are not accustomed to, treating yourself. We are to take care of ourselves. We need to take care of what we have been given," said Ancar.

Getting pampered tends to have an automatic tie to being a woman, however Be Good to Yourself is targeted for everyone and anyone interested in treating oneself and gaining peace of mind.

"This is an event not exclusively for women; it is open to the public and free for all. Men are welcome to come in. They can learn what a woman likes, as well as try the products, including the new wet shave products," said Muhammad.

It is not often you find a masseuse, motivational speaker and skin and hair products all in the same place.

"[Self awareness and body care] it's more than just putting on creams and lotions. You need to work on the mental side," said Ancar.

"It is important that people walk away understanding caring for the body is not just physical, we are changing people's perspective so that we can [impact] their lives when it comes to pampering and networking," said Muhammad.

Be Good to Yourself will be a great way to combine the benefits of networking and getting acquainted with yourself and your body.

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Will Brooks manages a show as its director. Along with directing plays, he also writes them.

# Student writer exudes happiness in his craft

Andy Li  
TEC STAFF

Will Brooks will make you smile, no matter what. It's hard to know why. Maybe it's the open nature of his smile, or the crisp, clear blue of his eyes. Maybe it's the soft, kind way he says his words. No one knows. But Brooks will set you at ease and make you feel delightfully happy.

For someone with such a mysteriously calming energy, it's not surprising Brooks feels at home off-stage, directing actors and writing for them. What is surprising is that it wasn't always his plan.

"I came in as an intended musical theatre major and an intended professional acting major," Brooks said. "Had a time in that. I didn't like it but I enjoyed the process, I enjoyed learning what it was about. Lots of life lessons came out of it. It was also around that time that I wanted to be a writer."

Brooks, a senior English and stage management major, is in the process of writing a one-actor show. With the help of Professor Jen-Scott Mobley, Brooks studies several plays a week and analyses their writing style and themes.

"We've come up with a title. It's called, 'Murder Me Gay.' That's all we've got so far," Brooks laughed.

While working on his piece, Brooks is also the assistant director for Fifth Street Players' production of "A New Brain." Directed by Casey

Scarboro, the musical tells the story of sarcastic composer Gordon, played by Drew Wells, who discovers he has an arteriovenous malformation that could kill him before he writes his best song.


"I'm a writer, so I relate to that frustrated, not knowing what to write, having to write something you're not proud of... Having to deal with my mother. If you see the show, it's very much, 'Oh that's my mother,'" Brooks said. "And the music is just so good. Casey and I... figured out how we're gonna end the show and we were both like, 'This is going to be so good.'"

Another project Brooks is working on is Megan Daniel's performance piece, "That's All She Wrote." Brooks described his role as an artistic advisor.

"I'm coming in to give my opinion like, that looks awful, that looks great," said Brooks. "Yesterday, we were designing the poster and I was like, 'This looks good, I don't like this font,' and Megan was like, 'Great!... It's such a beautiful show, the music is so good.'"

Brooks is already talking about another project he's working on, and it seems like he never has a moment's break. But throughout it all, Brooks will tackle life's challenges with a smile.

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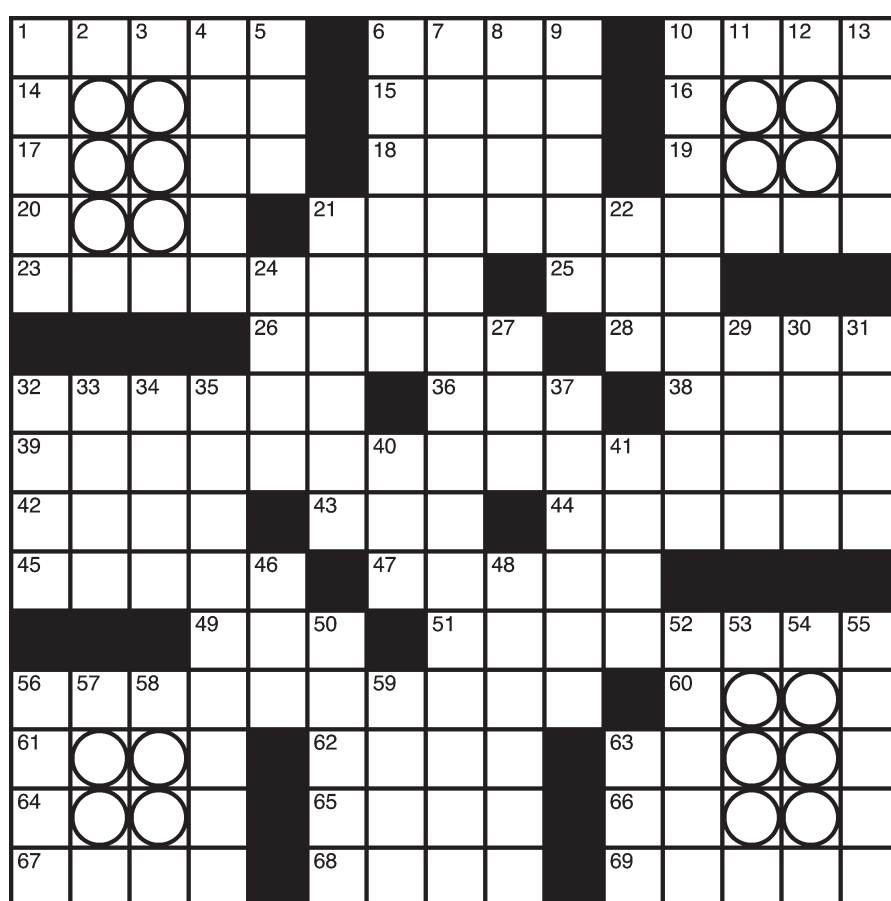
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  - What choir members have to carry
  - Lined up, with "in"
  - 2001 Winslet/Dench title role
  - Hero makers
  - Window shopper's buy
  - Bottle part
  - Double-helix molecules
  - Stat for which Babe Ruth's 457 is the single-season record
  - Site of many Ansel Adams works
  - Online chortle
  - Wide awake
  - Joan
  - Aplenty
  - Carmelite, perhaps
  - Muffin topper
  - What the groups of circled letters graphically represent
  - Labyrinth
  - Plop down
  - Legal scholar
  - "Obsessable series" movie channel
  - What "two" meant to Paul Revere
  - Bow
  - Billboard charts
  - Tart vodka cocktails
  - Petunia part
  - Greenish blue
  - Use the escalator, about half the time
  - Plant swelling
  - What a stet cancels
  - Alternatively
  - Cheap mags
  - Old jet-set jets
  - Bob or dog attachment
  - Canines, e.g.



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- Irrigated grain field
- Courtroom figure
- Hippy dances?
- Italian cookie flavoring
- Filmmaker Craven
- Holly Golightly's creator
- Place for annual pledging
- Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
- Balloon
- Elite Eight survivors
- War god
- Target of many a New Year's resolution
- Poses
- Floor installers
- Savior of Scout and Jem, in "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- Filly, eventually
- Mild rebuke
- End of a ball game?
- Great American Ball Park team
- COLA component
- 69-Across holders

## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- Vet school subj.
- Joel's "Cabaret" co-star
- Hinted-at hidden meanings
- AFC East team
- Sis or bro
- Grade of excellence: Abbr.
- Cab alternative
- Opposite of guzzled
- Cube's dozen
- Expectant mom's words
- Inscribed pillar
- Lead on
- Blockbuster
- Some TV screens
- They work better when they focus
- Dairy Queen order
- Lucky streak
- Skillful, facetiously

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## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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## Pirates put out Flames

Sean Finnerty  
TEC STAFF

Even with two delays totaling 63 minutes, the East Carolina baseball team's offense couldn't be slowed down as it amassed 16 hits, including two Dwanya Williams-Sutton home runs, in an 8-6 home victory against Liberty Tuesday night.

Lightning in the area pushed back the start of the game 45 minutes. Shortly after, Williams-Sutton brought the thunder. With Liberty (14-9) already leading 1-0, he led off the bottom of the first in the best way possible, a solo shot over the left field wall on a 1-1 count from Liberty's pitcher Zander Clouse.

"It (hitting the home run) felt good, the crowd got me into it," Williams-Sutton said. "My batting practice today wasn't very good and being able to do that, coming out and give our team one run when they scored in the first inning, it made me feel good."

Before tying the game for ECU (18-8) with his second home run of the season, Williams-Sutton put a little scare into the home crowd. The centerfielder looked a little shaken up after fouling off a ball, requiring ECU head coach Cliff Godwin and an athletic trainer to take a look at his thumb. Luckily for the Pirates, Williams-Sutton and his thumb passed inspection and he stayed in the game.

"When I fouled off the first pitch, I was a little nervous because it felt like the pain that I did when I first hurt my thumb," Williams-Sutton said. "But I got back in the box and I competed and ended up with a home run."

Williams-Sutton further demonstrated his thumb was fine by leading off the second inning with another blast to left field, landing it in almost the same spot as his first home run.

The talented sophomore wasn't the only Pirate to have a good night at the plate. Including Williams-Sutton, six ECU players



Senior Eric Tyler has started all 26 games for the Pirates and recorded a hit in 23 out of 26.

had at least two hits on the night. Spencer Brickhouse, Charlie Yorgen and Eric Tyler picked up three a piece, while Williams-Sutton, Tyler and Bryant Packard, had two RBI each.

Walks were an issue for the Pirates' pitchers, who issued seven of them. Starting pitcher Jacob Wolfe walked five Liberty batters while West Covington also handed out two free passes.

"Wolfe definitely wasn't sharp and put a lot of free base runners on," Godwin said.

The Liberty players who were walked came home to score twice; the first was

brought home on an Andrew Kowalo double and the second scoring off a ground ball to the shortstop after getting in scoring position because of two Covington wild pitches.

Heading into the eighth inning, up 8-3, ECU seemed to be cruising to victory but the Flames wouldn't allow themselves to be extinguished so easily. They started the eighth with back-to-back singles. Matt Allen then crushed the ball, seemingly destined to sail over the left field wall, but Packard leaped high into the air, reached over the wall and

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### TAKEAWAYS

#### BASEBALL

East Carolina defeated the Liberty Flames with the help of a 4-run first inning Tuesday, 8-6, and are now 18-8 on the season.

#### MEN'S GOLF

The Pirates' men's golf team will return to action Monday at 8 a.m. when they host the East Carolina Intercollegiate at the Brook Valley Golf and Country Club.

#### SOFTBALL

After dropping two of their first three to Memphis in the opening series of conference play, the Pirates look to bounce back against Central Florida Friday at 6 p.m.

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

East Carolina sophomore Celia Ruiz has been named American Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week after posting a 2-1 singles record over the week.

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## Track and Field coach mentors throwers

Robbie Milton III  
TEC STAFF

Since coming to East Carolina University in 2004, coaching has continuously changed throwing coach David Price's life ever since he made the transition from competing to coaching.



David Price

"If you don't change you'll keep doing the same thing that you're doing," throwing coach Price said. "So in order to get better you have to take risks."

This is the biggest part of competing in the throwing events for ECU. Price, a Western Carolina University graduate, has helped change throwers who came from high school with lower academic standing, as well as less developed skills, into All-American athletes while in college.

Price said he doesn't look to recruit the top

throwers, but instead pursues athletic individuals who were talented but not the most skillful. They come to ECU and are helped to improve their skills which make them more successful.

"We have developed a culture here of having a chip on our shoulder," Price said. "Saying that we are going to beat the schools that didn't recruit us."

Price takes a different coaching strategy to help improve these student-athletes' skill sets. His patience is what he believes has helped these athletes become as successful as they are. His patience revolves around not getting on athletes when they commit fouls while throwing, but instead wants his throwers to understand that it's a work in progress.

Like aspects in everyday life, Price said if the athlete is worried about making a mistake, they're not going to progress and do well. His goal is to get them to learn the skill along with patience so they can put the pedal to the metal without having a foot on the break.

It is this process that has helped to develop the veteran throwers that the Pirates have on this season's roster. The veteran throwers are helping younger throwers improve and adjust into a collegiate athlete, because Price knows the change from competing on the high school level to the collegiate level is a large jump.

"If you put a plant in the ground sometimes that plant looks like it withers away and dies but then later it may come and spring up and become this wonderful work of God," Price said. "And what happens is that the plant has to adjust to the soil and environment and that's the way athletics goes."

Price looks for the throwing discipline to continue to improve in this outdoor season. Having only competed in one meet so far, some athletes have already made improvements from last year's outdoor season.

Athletes such as sophomore Ryan Davis has already improved six meters in his hammer throw and Price expects him to improve another six meters to reach a personal

best. Senior Adam Manns has improved in the hammer throw as well which he didn't compete in much last year and looks to surprise a lot of people, according to Price. The throwers have taken the necessary time which meant missing last week's meet to train for the upcoming Pepsi Florida Relays.

"We (the throwers) kind of just hid out in Greenville," Price said. "We hid out in our pirate's lair and worked on our craft. And we are going to come and show out."

Throughout the track and field season, the athletes improve and grow closer and become more like a family. Price has a large family outside of track and field with his wife and six children but he enjoys his family that is the track and field team as well. The track and field team knows it is there to push one another to improve. Though like any family, you don't always get along, but in the end they make up and move on to help each other improve.

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## ECU baseball set to kick off conference play

Staff Report

	Records	Strengths	Weaknesses
<b>ECU</b>	18-8	The Pirates are led by senior Travis Watkins, who ranks first on the team with 24 RBI. Since Dwanya Williams-Sutton returned last week he's had two 3-hit games and a game with two home runs.	Senior starting pitcher Kruczynski is currently out indefinitely with an ankle injury, but had posted a 5.52 ERA before that point. Fellow senior Jacob Wolfe's record is 3-2, he leads the team with 19 walks and has an ERA of 4.60.
<b>UConn</b>	12-9	The Huskies are led by 6-foot-3 right-handed pitcher William Montgomery who is ranked second in the AAC in strikeouts (57), third in innings pitched (38) and eighth in opposing batting averages (.222).	UConn is lacking on offense as it holds a .256 batting average. In addition, the Huskies are second to last in the conference with 134 strikeouts.
<b>Houston</b>	19-5	Houston stands as a dual threat with strong batters as the team holds a .305 batting average and 32 stolen bases as a team. Second baseman Jake Scheiner leads the team with a .436 batting average and nine home runs.	It's difficult to find a weakness with this consistent powerhouse in the conference. The Cougar's bullpen depth may be the only foreseeable problem with Houston as just four pitchers have seen consistent innings as relievers.

# Brickhouse steps up to bat for Pirates

Tyler Gavin  
TEC STAFF

It may seem strange to see a freshman start every game of the season for a nationally-ranked baseball team that features a wealth of senior leadership, but for East Carolina, a team that's endured a slew of injuries, Spencer Brickhouse has been a godsend.

Just days before the season started, the Pirates' returning first baseman Bryce Harman went down with a wrist injury that allowed Brickhouse to get in the lineup from day one. The freshman didn't waste his opportunity, hitting a home run in his first collegiate game and recording a hit in all three games of the opening Ole Miss series.

"I didn't really look at it as trying to take over for Bryce," Brickhouse said. "I looked at it more as filling in for him because no one can take over Bryce Harman's position. He's a really special baseball player and leader."

Brickhouse is starting to look more like a special baseball player by the game. While the Pirates may not have the record they wanted through the first 26 games, 18-8, the freshman has lived up to his expectations. Leading the team in home runs (7), slugging percentage (.604) and total bases (61), it has been Brickhouse who has shouldered the burden on offense while the Pirates try to recuperate.

The 6-foot-4 first baseman has shown his potential long before arriving to Greenville. Growing up in Zebulon, North Carolina, Brickhouse attended Bunn High School where he carried the Wildcats to four-straight North Carolina 2A Conference regular season titles, including a pair of Johnston County Invitational championships. He finished his high school career hitting .548, the second-highest batting average in NCHSAA history, along with 25 homers and 131 RBI.

He may not be putting up the same numbers he did at the prep level, but the practice he's put forth since arriving to Greenville has made him successful against tougher pitching.

"It's different than what I was used to when



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Freshman Spencer Brickhouse swings in one of his games. He leads the Pirates in home runs (7) and total bases (61) going into conference play.

I first got here," Brickhouse said. "The guys are smarter. Pitching coaches know you better. Fastball's (are) harder, curveball's (are) a lot sharper. So (Harman) has helped me work on the mental side of things and what to think about at the plate."

All his practice came to fruition when the Pirates travelled to the College of Charleston. In the two-game series, Brickhouse batted .625 (5-for-8) with three home runs, six RBI and six runs scored. The freshman helped ECU hit

its way to a two-game sweep over the Cougars and extended the Pirates' winning streak to 10 games.

Now, with the Pirates starting to get healthy again, Brickhouse is starting to transition from his spot at first base to the designated hitter. On a team full of upperclassmen who could be filling the designated hitter role, it's been the power of the freshman that has thrust him into the everyday lineup.

East Carolina will continue to rely on the

power hitting from Brickhouse as the team moves into to conference play this weekend against Connecticut. If the Pirates want to make a run to Omaha they will need all their freshman, maybe Brickhouse more than anyone else, to stay healthy and live up to the preseason expectations of the highly-touted class.

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completed a miraculous catch to rob a three-run home run from Allen.

Perhaps noting Packard's ability for the spectacular, Sammy

Taormina then came up to the plate and hit a three-run home run over the right field wall, cutting the Pirates' lead to 8-6. However, Liberty's rally ended

there, as the Flames didn't record another hit the rest of the game as Joe Ingle came through with his second save of the season.

ECU will next begin con-

ference play with a home series against Connecticut, with Game One on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

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