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## Ballard wins engagement leader award

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East Carolina University and Chancellor Steve Ballard were recognized by the Leo M. Lambert Engaged Leader Award from the North Carolina Campus Compact at its 16th annual conference at High Point University on Feb. 10.

The award recognizes a NC university chancellor or president who is committed to meaningful community engagement and being a leader in changing their communities.



Steve Ballard

Ballard said when he came to ECU he was “happy to find a university that was so close” to what he thought a public university should be.

“I think engagement with our communities means everything to what kind of university we are,” said Ballard. “I’m humbled and thankful to be part of everything ECU is doing for our community.”

Since Ballard’s arrival at ECU in 2004, “East Carolina has never been the same since,” said Nido Qubein, president of High Point University and chair of the NC Campus Compact Executive Board, in his introduction for Ballard.

Qubein said under Ballard’s leadership, East Carolina has been “an engine for economic development in the region and forged deep partnerships with underprivileged communities.”

As the longest-serving chancellor in the University of North Carolina system, Ballard was recognized for his commitment to making ECU known as the “leadership university,” focus on student and faculty success and service to the state, in particular, eastern NC.

During Ballard’s tenure, he created the Chancellor’s Leadership Academy (CLA), a professional development opportunity for faculty and staff who seek to enhance their leadership capability and the Chancellor’s Student Leadership Academy, in which students interact with prominent campus leaders and discover diverse forms of leadership in the Greenville community.

The award shines a light on a few of ECU’s community engagement accomplishments under Ballard’s leadership such as support of the Lucille Gorham Intergenerational Community Center, a

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## WRAP IT UP

### PITT SEES INCREASE IN STD NUMBERS

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The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has reported that three sexually transmitted diseases [STDs] are on the rise in Pitt County with chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis reaching the highest levels in three years.

There have been a reported 1,733 cases of chlamydia, 493 cases of gonorrhea and 31 cases of syphilis.

These results are an umbrella to everywhere in Pitt County, including ECU. Each health facility in Pitt County must legally report each case when tested positive.

As for why STDs are on the rise, the reason still isn’t quite exact. Brian Cavanaugh, professor for the department of health education and promotion, said a lot of students lack the understanding and seriousness of STDs in general. Additionally, students don’t necessarily want to feel vulnerable.

When dealing with STDs, there must be communication between both parties

to maintain a healthy relationship.

“Relationships in college lack communication as it is, even though it is the most important ingredient to increasing intimacy,” said Cavanaugh. “Communication needs to be a priority in all aspects of a relationship.”

One common misconception about STDs is that one can only get them from participating solely in sexual intercourse, which is inaccurate. Some STDs can be contracted through direct skin-to-skin contact and/or exchange of bodily fluids.

Ellen Goldberg, associate director for Clinical Operations at the Student Health Center, said the numbers are going up for the number of people testing positive for STDs, but the number of people being tested are going up as well. She said health care providers want to see an increase in the individuals being tested.

Goldberg said there is a stigma that goes along with STDs and getting tested, but each generation becomes more open about sex in general. The reason students feel so shy about get-

ting tested is due to a several reasons.

“From a negative viewpoint, vulnerability is seen as weakness, but I’d rather focus on the positive. You may be scared or nervous to be your true self for fear of rejection, judgment, but in doing so you are showing your partner that you are courageous,” said Cavanaugh.

Goldberg compared being tested to getting your blood pressure regularly checked.

“You’re caring about your health. The more open people are, the more open you are with the discussion with partners,” said Goldberg.

ECU’s numbers for positive tests cases do not differ from a school in the UNC system with a similar size. When compared, the schools numbers are all about the same for positive tests, explained Goldberg.

STDs have been around for a long time, though they used to be categorized as a venereal disease, which came from Venus, the Roman goddess of love. The

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A bowl of free condoms, located in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, sits out during last week’s sexual responsibility week.



## Veterans to find relief in paintball

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TEC STAFF

Veterans will be hosting a Paintball and Chill event this weekend to raise awareness for suicide prevention.

“Everyday 22 veterans commit suicide from the physical damage and trauma that they had induced,” said John Hill, a host for the event.

The group held one of their biggest events last fall.

“We walked for 22 kilometers with 22 kilogram of weight for the 22 veterans who commit suicide,” said Hill. “We started in Town Commons and went to different places like Buffalo Wild Wings and Hooters. It was a little over 13 miles.”

Veterans tend to gravitate towards each other while adjusting back to civilian life.

“Once you’re out, you want to search for those people who are used to the camarade-

rie, that group of people you know how to be around and the atmosphere you’re used to,” said Hill. “I know there’s a lot of people at ECU who are having difficulty finding a group of people to be around.”

The purpose of the Paintball and Chill event is to unite veterans.

“It’s getting a whole bunch of veterans in the area together, bringing them out and letting them know that there are other veterans who are there for them,” said Bradley Robison, head of the event.

Hill said it’s a day for all the local young veteran to get together.

“We just want to give people a release from reality and just to realize how many people are out there that are willing to help.”

Aaron McDonald, another host for the event, said they chose paintball because it is something that everyone would enjoy.

“I hope everyone meets someone they

don’t know and [they] exchange numbers and friendship,” said McDonald.

The hosts are hoping these events will create support systems that will help decrease suicide rates for veterans.

“We just want to say if you are a veteran and are struggling or if you just need somebody to talk to, find us and contact the host” said Hill. “We are here for you. There are help. Don’t be proud to ask for it.”

The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at Hematoma Paintball and will be open to the public. The price is \$10 per person, and a cost to split a box of paintballs.

The event will be taking donations to help an organization called Bearded Warriors, that works with veterans to lower suicide rates.

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Stephen Wright (left) fires his paintball gun at Hematoma Paintball, where this weekend’s event for veteran suicide prevention will be held.

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» SGA Ticket 4 aims to give back to ECU if elected into office

» Bridal Expo hits Greenville Convention Center this weekend

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BRIEFS

ECU to receive state theatre award

On Thursday, Feb. 25, East Carolina University will receive a state award for its theatre program in McGinnis Theatre. This will take place immediately before the 8 p.m. student production of “Assassins.”

This will be the first time ECU has won the NCTC College/University award. The award recognizes ECU for artistic quality, educational excellence, service to the statewide theatre industry and alumni achievement by the North Carolina Theatre Conference.

Dowdy shirt sales to benefit ALS fund

As part of the Keith LeClair Classic, Dowdy Student Stores is now selling shirts to benefit families affected by ALS. Money raised will go to the Catfish Hunter Chapter of the ALS Association. The organization provides grants for respite care, transportation, assistive technology and equipment, and funding for support groups for ALS patients and their families.

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'Cliff's Cab' aims to draw in students

Emily Harvey  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students have been getting rides on “Cliff’s Cab” with head baseball coach Cliff Godwin in his attempt to promote Pirate baseball.

The cab has run every Monday since Jan. 25, with the exception of Feb. 15 due to weather. The Feb. 15 date was rescheduled for this coming Monday, the last day for Cliff’s Cab this season.

“We start on College Hill about 10:30 a.m. and normally run until about 11:15 a.m., trying to get right before the 11 o’clock class and then a little bit after as well,” Godwin said.

Godwin’s main goal with Cliff’s Cab is to educate and excite students about Pirate baseball.

“The biggest reason we’re doing it is we want to get student involvement

at baseball games,” Godwin said. “If we could get a tenth of the Boneyard that goes to the football games, then that would be a thousand people, a thousand students; that’s what we’re looking to do and we’re looking to get students fired up about ECU baseball and just to become knowledgeable.”

Godwin wants students to be as connected and concerned with ECU baseball as students were when he played for the Pirates. Godwin’s final season as a player for ECU was in 2001.

“When I played here, the students were very involved,” Godwin said. “We’re just looking to get the excitement back in the students.”

While riding in the cab, students were asked baseball questions and had an opportunity to win prizes. Sophomore accounting major Rachel

Hill rode in Cliff’s Cab and said it was a great way to start her Monday and she was given a variety of prizes for participating.

“I got a cup full of goodies like sunglasses and a lanyard,” Hill said. “I also got an ECU baseball schedule.”

Hill learned information about ECU baseball and was encouraged by Godwin to attend future games.

“The coach was so nice and made it seem like the games were very enjoyable to attend,” Hill said.

Many students have seen or heard of Cliff’s Cab and wanted a ride, including junior psychology major Jimmy Ledbetter.

“It would be pretty cool,” Ledbetter said. “It’s kind of unique; I think it would be cool, after meeting and talking to him and stuff, it might make

me want to go.”

Godwin said baseball games are “really a fan-friendly environment,” especially for students in the Student Pirate Club (SPC). Members of the SPC can request parking spaces in advance on a first come, first serve basis.

“We have 23 parking spaces for the Student Pirate Club that are right here in the parking lot, so it’s really premium parking,” Godwin said. “You’re able to tailgate out there and then go into ‘The Jungle.’ If you get thirsty or hungry, then you can go back out to your car, tailgate some more and then go back in.”

The first baseball game will be a home game on Friday at 4 p.m.

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term changed in the 90’s because STD’s can be contracted in other ways, not only from sexual intercourse. The term STI was adapted because it is not a disease, because some STDs can be cured with medicine.

Either term, STI or STD, is acceptable, but Goldberg said the name will continue to evolve.

Goldberg also said women are more likely to get themselves tested because women tend to seek more health than men.

“Women are usually the ones who tend to notice things and are more aware of the symptoms,” said Goldberg.

Just last week, the Campus Recreation

and Wellness Center celebrated sexual responsibility week, which is a national movement that occurs typically during the second week of February. The goal of this week is to promote positive sexual responsibility. Throughout the week, CRW handed out safe sex kits, which included condoms and lubricants. The CRW also partnered with the Student Health Center and gave t-shirts as an incentive to get students tested.

“Don’t just rely on condoms. Speak up. If you don’t know your partner’s STI status, you are gambling, and you have a greater chance of losing than winning,” said Cavanaugh.

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campus-community partnership started in 2007 to support children and families in west Greenville, the development of a new School of Dental Medicine and its eight community service learning centers, as well as support of the military with a partnership with the Wounded Warrior Project.

“I can truly say that East Carolina University and the eastern North Carolina community owe a great amount of gratitude to Chancellor Ballard,” said Qubein during the award ceremony.

The award ceremony was part

of the Compact’s 2016 conference, Pathways to Achieving Civic Engagement. According to their website, the PACE conference “offers college and university faculty, administrators and community partners a place to share research, model programs and best-practices related to service-learning, civic engagement and community partnerships.”

North Carolina Campus Compact is a collective network of colleges and universities with a “commitment to educating engaged citizens and strengthening communities.”

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PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants.

No one who happens to flip to an ECU basketball game that happens to be on national television notices whether or not the bottom bleachers are empty.

“Feminism is a socialist, anti-family, political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, renounce religion, destroy capitalism and become lesbians.” - Robertson

You are only realizing how cruddy we have become because of PC crap here on campus? That's the biggest reason I tell all my old friends who are just picking a university or transferring to stay away from ECU.

I bet the German Club membership will skyrocket with your article on budgets.. With \$20,000+ per year they must have an awesome Bierfest! Ich Sprechen Deutsch!

Oh would you look at that. Looks like on their quest to try and not offend anyone, PC idiots are offending quite a lot of people. How ironic.

I didn't like Math 1066 the 1st time, I'm not liking it the 2nd time, and it looks like I'll be doing it a 3rd time.

So if you pay for a woman on a date and she doesn't have sex with you, she's robbing you? As if a woman owes you sex because you CHOSE to open your wallet? And what does that have to do with rape...? Just stop.

There is no way for you to know what their first language is through a text based medium unless the state that it is. I'm not defending poor grammar, I'm defending an individual's right to express their thoughts regardless of their ability to write properly

You are being a grammar nazi in the rants and you are telling other people to get a hobby. ok dude, whatever you say.

#RIPTwitter is cool NOW? Lol, I wrote off Twitter a LONG time ago. Any social media that caters to the bottom tier of users is bound for mediocrity.

Questions regarding rants can be directed to Tyler Kelbaugh at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Poll results

Has America become too PC for its own good?

Yes- 80%  
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Poll question

Have you witnessed racism at ECU?

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Our view

ECU Without Me enlightens viewers

A social media campaign created by a senior communication major has sparked recent conversation about diversity on ECU's campus. Ellen Lee, the director of the videos, founded ECU Without Me in hopes of increasing awareness about the diversity of students on campus. She has partnered with Vice Chancellor Virginia Hardy and other faculty members to create weekly videos promoting student diversity.

ECU Without Me has released two videos on their Facebook after their initial introduction of the campaign. In each video, students are interviewed and asked about their experiences with diversity, racism and judgment.

As an editorial staff, we believe this is an impressive campaign and something that more of the university

should be aware of. The videos are touching to say the least and the fact that the campaign was created by a student should inspire every Pirate.

In a world where people insist that racism and religious intolerance are dead, these stories serve as real wake-up calls. Seeing the faces of Muslim students as they talk about receiving blame for 9/11, reflecting on the Chapel Hill shooting, and having private property destroyed, carries power that just hearing the stories can't convey.

The ECU Without Me campaign has the potential to change the way people view the lives of minority students on campus. With over 5,000 views on each of its two videos, Lee's project shows just how great of an impact a few students can have on campus.

Nothing grand about the GOP



Joseph Perez  
TEC COLUMNIST

A CUP OF JOE

The passing of the honorable and conservative Justice Scalia last Saturday definitely upped the ante for the Republican Party to get a candidate into the White House this fall. By

the time the "Grand Old Party's" candidates hit the stage Saturday night, G.O.P. party members across the country were biting their nails in anticipation; knowing how important this race, and now even this debate, would be for the preservation of their party.

As soon as the moment of silence for Justice Scalia ended, however, a battle began to form, and viewers could tell right from the start that the brief moment of silence would be the last peaceful moment of the debate. What followed was one of the most heated, memorable, and in my opinion, damaging presidential debate to occur in the 21st century thus far.

The disagreements began quickly, flaring into a full out firestorm of personal attacks, many below the belt. Only two candidates, John Kasich and Dr. Ben Carson, managed to stay above the fray, but those two candidates have the toughest path to the nomination.

Jeb Bush, a candidate most people have forgotten about, broke character this debate by firing the first shots. Jeb attacked Donald Trump, accusing him of being too friendly

with Russia in his views on the fight against ISIS. Trump, to the boos of the crowd, aggressively went right back after Bush, going so far as to criticize not only his brother and father, but also 90-year-old Barbara Bush.

By taking shots at another candidate's family, Trump brought the form of a political debate to a whole new low, and weakened not only the debate but the race for president. His personal attacks only served to rile up the other candidates, who are beginning to show that they are willing to fight fire with fire when it comes to being nasty with each other.

When the talk moved to illegal immigration, the conversations got particularly hot, across the stage, which now looked increasingly like sandbox filled with 6 grown men who want to be our nation's president, yet are focused only on knocking each others sandcastles down and blacking each others eyes. While Bush and Trump continued to slug it out, Ted Cruz began to question Marco Rubio's history of immigration reform proposals, many of the candidate's personal integrity began being called into question.

By playing this game, the candidates for the office of president allow slander to help determine who will become our nation's next. Standing on stage and calling each other liars repeatedly only leads people to believe that they are all, in fact, liars. It undermines the integrity of our whole country on national television, and influences voters to cast their votes without the

right knowledge about the candidates.

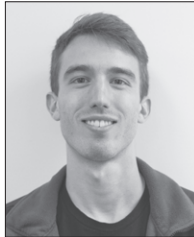
Yes, it was certainly entertaining to tune into the Republican debate last Saturday. In fact, it was one of the few debates to be as funny as the mock Saturday Night Live debate sketches which appear. There is nothing laughable about the consequences of this sort of behavior however. By the time the debates were over, I was thoroughly disgusted with the GOP. There are many conservative ideals I value, just as there are many liberal ones I find important. It seems as though none of these candidates are interested in showcasing good conservative values, preferring to beat each other up.

The only thing found on that debate stage was six candidates I'd be uneasy trusting to run my errands, let alone my country. The GOP is isolating itself from moderates around the country, and in the process ensuring that the 2016 election is lost.

Presidential candidates should hold about them an aura of dignity; they should be credible and reliable, at the very least before they enter the office. By having six unimpressive candidates on national television squabbling with each other like the children in *Lord of the Flies* for over an hour and a half, the Republican Party only dishonors itself and makes itself laughable to both the nation and the world.

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Kerry's heroic efforts go unnoticed



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From Around The World

Over the past few years, we have witnessed many international atrocities: the Syrian civil war, terror in Paris, Turkey's feud with Russia, Boko Haram, ISIS and the largest

refugee crisis for 70 years. Throughout all of these crises, the Secretary of State, John Kerry, has had the world's most impactful job - peacekeeper.

Kerry's performance may go largely unrecognized, but that does not lessen the tremendous effect he's had. Throughout his short four year career, Kerry has reignited peace talks between Israel and Palestine, persuaded Syria's government to destroy their chemical weapons, negotiated the Iran nuclear deal, helped lift the embargo against Cuba, reached a climate deal with China, and is currently engaging in extremely complicated peace talks for Syria.

Kerry has built his impressive resume by relying on his character. He cares deeply about his job, and the people whose lives will be placed at risk if he fails. In an interview

with NPR, he stated the reason for his efforts, "Years ago, when I left college, I went to war. And I learned in war the price that is paid when diplomacy fails". So Kerry "made a decision" that if he could ever make a difference he "would try to do so".

The secretary's devotion to world peace is shown not only with the results, but with the sheer distance he's travelled in office. He's currently set to travel more miles than any Secretary of State in history. Movement is important to Kerry because he firmly believes in the effectiveness of "face-to-face diplomacy."

In Syria, Kerry's efforts are a perfect example of his will to bring about positive change in the tumultuous global climate. Through diplomacy alone, Kerry hopes to prevent the Russians from continuing to bomb innocent civilians. A visit with a similar purpose was made just last year, with modest results. Global political conditions changed, however, and Russia again increased their airstrikes. After another visit from Kerry, Russia has now agreed to a "cessation of hostilities." That is what a victory in international diplomacy looks like.

As with any politician, however, Kerry has his critics. Some criticize him for his devotion to combat climate change, for visiting certain

counties more than others and for his countless diplomatic failures to produce results.

While the first two arguments mentioned above are just typical political bickering, the notion to criticize Kerry's failures is the most profoundly idiotic noise of them all. Diplomacy is both extremely important and extremely frustrating. Years of effort to ease a conflict can backfire; conversely, one meeting with world leaders could stop a war. So to criticize Kerry for trying and failing at peaceful international diplomacy is like getting mad at someone for failing to reason with a drunk.

Speaking of trivial diplomacy, Kerry is currently engaged in negotiations with several world leaders to ease the ever-increasing conflict in Syria. Kerry has been meeting with his Russian counterpart to get the fighters in Syria to temporarily stop fighting, thus allowing much-needed humanitarian aid to reach the civilians caught in the crossfire. If this plan is successful, it will be yet another example of John Kerry saving countless lives.

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Emmerge Gallery & Art Center  
1:30- 3:30 p.m.

Uptown works on new theater

Jennifer Hines  
TEC STAFF

Michael Winterstein  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Plans are still being discussed to bring a new live performance venue to Uptown Greenville within the next two years.

Plans to restore the theater on 5th Street between Winslow's Tavern and Starlight Café have been in the works for at least two years.

Bianca Shoneman, director of Uptown Greenville, said Uptown Greenville is waiting for the letter of intent to be approved by the city council in March before moving any further.

The theater is set to house a variety of live performances ranging from music to comedy and perhaps concert screenings.

"It's highly likely to have a number of musical acts," said Shoneman.

If the Uptown Theater project gets approved by city council, the group CommunitySmith will be taking the lead in the restoration, said Shoneman. CommunitySmith is a business dedicated to revitalizing aging buildings.

"CommunitySmith was responsible for

Public House, the brewery Trollingwood, the Superblock buildings and they have an understanding of Greenville constructiona landscape," she said.

CommunitySmith is working with an operations team from the owners of the Lincoln Theatre in Raleigh, North Carolina. Shoneman said the Uptown Theater will more than likely be modeled after the Lincoln Theatre.

The Lincoln Theatre in Raleigh is another live music venue that currently has a lineup including Never Shout Never, Metro Station, We The Kings, Cee-Lo Green and Elle King.

Construction on the theater's exterior "will be done to the State Historic Preservation office's standards for rehabilitation" according to Shoneman.

Shoneman said it will be "architecturally significant," meaning that it will pay homage to its past.

This project is part of the continuing effort to revitalize the Uptown Greenville district.

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Uptown Greenville continues plans to bring a new theaterp to Fifth Street. The theatre will host an array of performances including concerts and comedies.

How to keep up fitness resolutions

Victoria Schule  
TEC STAFF

As another week comes to a close since those trusty new year's resolutions, more people are losing their motivation to hit the gym.

According to a recent study by Gold's Gym, early February marks the "fitness cliff," where the biggest drop of gym check-ins occurs. Senior health fitness specialist and Vidant

Wellness intern, Edward Terrell "TJ" Blackmon II, knows what it takes to stay on track.

"A big issue is that people don't progress gradually in their workouts," said Blackmon. "They overwork themselves and get too sore to wanna come back and exercise."

Overworking oneself in effort to get fast results is a quick way to lose

motivation. Blackmon said that it's important to set small goals first and to focus on self improving yourself.

"People compare themselves to they way others look. Rather than focusing on their own self-improvement, they worry about looking like the person next to them," said Blackmon.

Another way for gymgoers to feel encouraged in

their workouts is to try to incorporate new activities.

"Have variety in the workouts you choose. The same routine promotes lack of interest and can lead to a lack of motivation and commitment to exercising," said Blackmon.

Doing the same exercise everyday can cause the body to fully adapt to an exercise, making it more difficult to see results. Switching

workouts up a little bit can maximize exercise results and keep things interesting.

"Try taking the exercises classes at the student recreation center. It can help provide new workout ideas and stay active at the same time," said Blackmon. "I personally have taken classes like yoga, bodypump and Zumba and I incorporate

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COLUMN

Kanye proves greatness with disorganization



Kai Jones  
TEC STAFF



Arvanna Smart  
TEC STAFF

Distractions were the key to success, as DJ Khaled would say, for the release of Kanye West's most recent album, "The Life of Pablo."

The album went through three different name changes, multiple track list changes and a two-day release push back for what West refers to as "the album of life." The lack of organization with the basics for the album brought in a bunch of buzz, distraction and anticipation, which only can be related back to the creative process that West holds himself.

"TLOP"'s biggest problem is the cohesiveness and organization

as tracks are scattered and no real sound dominates the album. While the album gives off a messy vibe, it seems to be done purposely as a clever way to show how cluttered and disorientated West's life is at the moment. "My psychiatrist got kids that I inspired" raps West as to tell how his only outlet is the studio because even his psychiatrist is there just to suck up to him.

West left behind the narcissistic and anger of "Yeezus," in "The Life of Pablo," follows mainly underlying fears and worries that West has when it comes to how the public views him, the pressures of his new family, and breaking into fashion. On "FML" the world sees West almost spiral out of control under the pressure and anxiety of his life in the spotlight. While on "Wolves" he is seen as a guilt-ridden son calling out for his late mother. West reminisces about life before

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TV REVIEW

2016 Grammy Awards surprise viewers with new controversies



Collyn Sheaffer  
TEC STAFF

emotional tributes to legends who have fallen, to powerful performances and speeches by some of the year's best artists, this year's award show reminded viewers about the elegance and diversity in the music industry.

Taylor Swift stole the show, starting with the night's opening performance of "Out of the Woods" and ending with her tasteful yet unforgiving acceptance speech for Album of the Year.

Swift used her acceptance speech to quiet the usually loud Kanye West after his song "Famous" dropped and claimed that he made "the b\*\*\*\* famous," referencing his infamous encounter years ago onstage with Swift.

Although it seemed to be Swift's night, it is safe to say that Kendrick Lamar came in as a close second. Lamar shut down the Staples Center with a hip-hop performance that was just as much theatrical as it was political, giving the audience a music history lesson while

Monday night, the Staples Center hosted one of the most influential nights in music, the 58th Annual Grammy Awards.

From honoring the death of Trayvon Martin. Lamar was able to give the audience the energetic performance they wanted while still referencing an obvious societal issue.

Lady Gaga was another artist who sparked conversation with her Grammy tribute to David Bowie. Gaga showed up on the red carpet dressed as Ziggy Stardust and even got an Aladdin Sane tattoo days before her performance. When having to honor someone as entertaining and powerful as David Bowie, it was apparent that Gaga was ready for the challenge. As much as she was celebrating his music, she was also portraying the life of a man as dazzling and over-the-top as Bowie was.

Glenn Frey was also honored at Monday's show nearly a month after The Eagle's co-founder and singer-guitarist died. Don Henley and Bernie Leadon took the stage with guitarist Joe Walsh, bassist Tim Schmit and Jackson Browne to perform the hit, "Take It Easy."

Aside from Adele's mic troubles, the night was almost predictable. Justin Bieber gave girls everywhere another reason to love him by bringing his younger brother as his date and Carrie Underwood was everyone's inspiration. And to make the night even more predictable, the majority of the 101 categories winners were already

announced before the show started.

As much as I loved watching Taylor Swift's Instagram video of her BFF Selena Gomez reacting to Bad Blood's win before the Grammys aired, I couldn't help but feel disappointed at the lack of surprise. I understand that in order to honor every recipient during the show it would never end, but this gives the apathetic person one more reason not to actually watch the live show. If people can YouTube the performances the next day and simply check Twitter to read the winners before the show, why would anyone still watch the Grammys?

The night was beautiful, don't get me wrong. But if The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences wanted to just air a concert of powerful performances, call it something other than the Grammys. As much as I loved the fashion and cinematics of Monday's show, all it seemed to be was a glamorized concert.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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that into my workouts today.”

For those who can’t make it to the gym everyday, the upcoming spring weather is perfect or running or jogging outside.

There are also options for workouts at home.

“There are plenty of mobile apps and visuals that display workouts that you can do at home instead,” said Blackmon.

Blackmon stresses that staying physically active plays a big key in the longevity of one’s life.

“By exercising you are not just enhancing yourself physically, but also mentally and spiritually,” said Blackmon.

Having a positive mindset increases motivation. Blockman said he relies on a

couple of motivational quotes to stay motivated through the day.

“You have the opportunity to be successful so don’t be afraid for success and the challenges that come with it. Each challenge can make you a stronger and better individual,” said Blackman.

Blockman said it is important to educate oneself and receive advice from those who have an understanding of exercise and knowledge in programming work outs. By reaching out and looking for ways to get more involved in exercising, it can help renew those fitness resolutions.

“Get involved with intramural sports, take exercise classes, or sign up for personal training,” said Blackmon. “The resources are out there so take advantage.”

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these newfound pressures on “Father Stretch My Hands, pt.2.” and a manipulative phony cousin, who’s at-times used by his family, on “Real Friends.”

“I Love Kanye” is another track that reflects on West’s life as he speaks metaphorically on the things he has created and the paths he has opened up as people tend to copy him with lyrics like, “See I invented Kanye, it wasn’t any Kanyes / And now I look and look around and there’s so many Kanyes.”

The one thing the “The Life of Pablo” seems to lack are the old lyrical styles of West from previous albums such as “College Dropout” and “Late Registration.” West seems to stick to his comical pompous on the track, “Famous” as he

rap’s controversial lyrics. “I feel like me and Taylor might still have sex why? I made that b\*\*\*\* famous.”

To further highlight the fact that the album lacks any significant lyrical value, West raps the most absurd lyrics, “If I f\*\*\* this model/ And she just bleached her a\*\*hole/ And I get bleach on my T-shirt/ I’mma feel like an a\*\*hole”, on “Father Stretch My Hands, pt. 1.” But this song is saved by the fantastic hook by Kid Cudi and beat by Metro Boomin’.

While the album is all over the place with West’s emotions and random thoughts, most fans got what they were looking for with the production of “The Life of Pablo,” but were disappointed at the lack of lyricism and the lack of easy access to the album.

“The Life of Pablo” can be streamed now only at tidal.com. West is trying to help

Tidal get it’s subscriptions up, as Tidal’s business model relies on subscribers.

While this is a great album at industry standard. For a Kanye West album, this does not meet the bar. This is West’s seventh album, and four of his seven are considered classics; even “808s & Heartbreak” helped redefine hip-hop

as hip-hop’s leading sound mimics West’s “808s.” West did not make the “album of the life”, but he made an album worth multiple Grammy nominations; most likely not the Album of the Year that he so badly wants though.

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

1 "Pay attention!" (Ford)  
6 Time for new growth: Abbr.  
9 Minute Maid Park player (Chevy)  
14 Select group  
15 Eastern ideal  
16 Absolute  
17 Summer Olympics competitor  
18 Symmetrically placed Monopoly sqs.  
19 Bambino's parent  
20 Musical narrated by Che  
21 Squeeze (out)  
22 Cosmetician  
23 Info-gathering mission  
24 Entanglement  
25 Guffaw evokers  
26 Way up the mountain  
29 Slowpokes  
33 1945 battle setting, familiarly  
34 "Macbeth" witches, e.g.  
38 Car mishaps that occur at this puzzle's four circles  
41 Jabbers  
42 Lip-reading alternative: Abbr.  
43 Subtlety  
44 Writer who used his actual middle name as a pen name  
46 Venomous snake (Dodge)  
50 Place for a key: Abbr.  
51 Atlas, for one (Nissan)  
56 Pianist known for his Beethoven interpretations  
57 Most preferred, in texts  
58 RollerCoaster Tycoon World publisher  
59 Pope after John X  
60 Seine sight  
61 Can't be beaten  
62 Not yet up  
63 Yalie  
64 Calf-roping loop  
65 Monopoly stack  
66 67-Acr. has one  
67 Show contempt

### DOWN

1 Sound mixing control  
2 Bar staple  
3 Type of pride (Honda)  
4 Be of \_\_\_\_: help  
5 Suppress  
6 Scattered  
7 Subject to ticketing  
8 NCAA's "Granddaddy of them all"  
9 Capital of Eritrea  
10 Lewis with Lamb Chop  
11 Beat (Ford)  
12 Convened again  
13 Educational hurdles  
27 Prize for a picture  
28 Beef cuts  
29 Rooting place  
30 Larry O'Brien Trophy org.  
31 "Fine with me!"  
32 Connections  
34 Familia member  
35 Harry's Hogwarts cohort  
36 Firm ending?  
37 Verb ending  
39 Hardens into bone  
40 Keeps up  
44 Ancient Celtic priests  
45 Present to the public  
46 Well-founded  
47 Adler of Sherlock Holmes lore  
48 Space explorer (Ford)  
49 Like many roofs  
52 "Challenge accepted!"  
53 Western skiing mecca (Chevy)  
54 Got up  
55 Gunpowder ingredient

### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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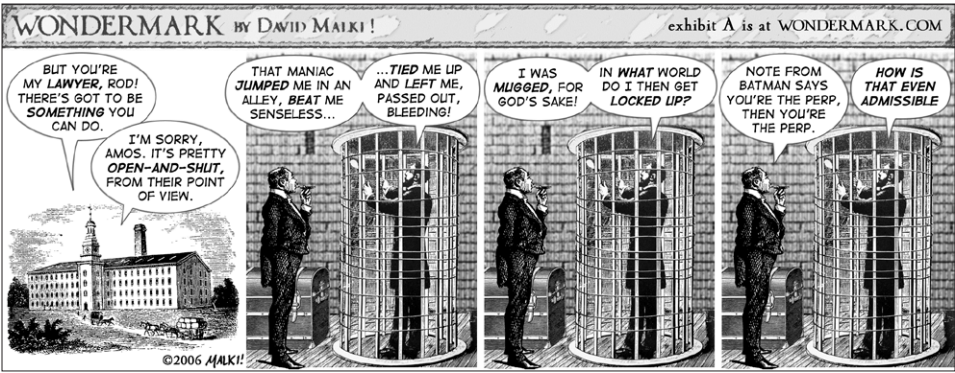
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**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Get social this month, with the Sun in Pisces. Find what you need in your network. Get out and explore, especially today and tomorrow. Study and practice your latest obsession. Learn like a child.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Advance in your career this month, with the Sun in Pisces. Today and tomorrow get especially profitable. You're

especially persuasive. Make a firm offer. Sign contracts and file papers. Amp up professional creativity.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Higher education, studies, research and travel provide avenues of exploration over the next month under the Pisces Sun. Follow a personal dream today and tomorrow. Make reservations and set the itinerary for growth and expansion.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- This month could prove lucrative for shared accounts, with the Sun in Pisces. Collaborate to grow assets and reserves. Finish old projects today and tomorrow. Make long-term plans, and review budgets. Creative possibilities abound.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Friends are a big help over the next few days. Support each other through changes. Begin a partnership phase this month, with the Sun in Pisces. Share the load. Provide what's needed when you can.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Your work is in demand this month, under the Pisces Sun. Pay attention to your health. Monitor medications carefully. Get rest and exercise. Don't take things personally. Parting is sweet sorrow ... let bygones be bygones.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Expand your territory. Pursue a passion where it takes you this month, with the Sun in Pisces. Relax and play with

people you love. Practice your skills to attain mastery. Romance feeds your spirit.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Collaborate to grow family finances. Monitor expenses and income, especially regarding home improvements over the next month, with the Pisces Sun. Anticipate changes and pad the budget. Make a mess for long-term benefit.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Writing, research and communications projects go well this month, with the Sun in Pisces. Words come with greater ease. Study and practice. Challenge the generally held opinion. Get your partner's illuminating view. Discuss plans.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Your work is in demand. Concentrate on making money during a peak month, with the Sun in Pisces. Take advantage by expanding infrastructure. Strengthen and build support. It's all for love and family.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Take time for love. Family comes first. Stay out of another's argument. You're in your element this month with the Sun in your sign. Take advantage of power and confidence to advance personal dreams.

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ECU outfielder Garrett Brooks follows through after a swing during a game last season. The Pirates open their season against Longwood this weekend.

# Baseball set for opener

**Kai Jones**  
TEC STAFF

Opening day is a special day for baseball, with the freshly cut grass, the roasted peanuts, the popcorn and the excitement of the first game all mixed together to create the perfect baseball atmosphere.

East Carolina's baseball team will have its opening day series starting this Friday at 4 p.m. against Longwood.

ECU will get immediate contributions from freshmen, something that they aren't used to. Turner Brown will start at shortstop and Dwanya Williams-Sutton will likely get a lot of time this year in the outfield and possibly this weekend, getting his first experience as a collegiate athlete.

"I never thought I'd be playing college baseball," said Williams-Sutton. "It's just surreal coming out here and maybe getting a start in the lineup."

Of the 30-plus players on the Pirates team this year, only five are seniors, and of those five, only Garrett Brooks and Nick Durazo have been in a Pirate uniform for all four years.

"I try not to really think about that," Durazo said talking about his last opening day as a Pirate. "Just live every game to the fullest. It's definitely one of those years that you want to go out there and give it all you got."

Durazo will likely be in the Pirates deep bullpen, that will help set up the electric closer Joe Ingle. Ingle last season posted three freshman records with 32 appearances for 31.2 innings and eight saves. Ingle has been named to the 2016 Stopper-of-the-Year Watch List.

The Pirates will send out junior pitcher Evan Kruczynski to start on the mound on Friday. Kruczynski was the team's opening day starter last year, and comes into this season as last season's win leader. Jacob Wolfe will take the mound on Saturday. Wolfe put up a 5-2 record last year.

The Sunday starter hasn't been booked, but all signs point to senior Jimmy Boyd. Boyd was mostly used out of the bullpen, but made four starts last season, finishing with a 5-7 record and 4.73 ERA.

The Pirates' pitching staff will have to face All-Big South performer Connar Bastaich

who finished with a .314 BA and 22 RBI last season. The Lancers' offense nearly averaged five runs and nine hits per game in 2015.

On the defensive end, Longwood put out a .959 fielding percent and 86 errors last year. As for pitching, the Lancers lost all-conference performer Aaron Myers, as well as their Sunday starter Brandon Vick. Longwood has just one starter from their regular rotation last year, Travis Burnette who boasts a 5.23 ERA and 3-3 record.

At the plate the Pirates have lost key players Luke Lowery, Reid Love, and Hunter Allen. Allen was the leading hitter, Lowery was the leading power hitter and Love was a two-way star. But the Pirates return Kirk Morgan, Bryce Harman and Travis Watkins as leaders at the plate. Morgan hit .293 with 17 RBI, Watkins hit .292 with 36 RBI, while Harman had a down year but shows a lot of potential, hitting .244 with seven home runs and 27 RBI last season.

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# Softball ready for tourney

**Allison Jobe**  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina softball will look to continue its impressive start to the 2016 campaign, as it hosts the annual Pirate Clash this weekend.

The Pirates (3-2) will welcome Massachusetts (0-3), Bucknell (0-0) and Saint Francis (3-2) to kick off the tournament, which features 11 games over the weekend.

"We're definitely feeling confident now after this past weekend," head coach Courtney Oliver said. "It's going to go really well for us this weekend. I'm expecting to come out of here this weekend with a winning record."

ECU faced Bucknell last season in the Pirate Clash, taking a hard 16-2 loss. The Pirates surrendered eight runs in the second inning and committed six errors in the loss.

The Pirates got on the board first, but Bucknell took advantage of the three Pirate errors in the top of the second to plate eight runs, taking a seven run advantage, something that they would never look back from.

With a new coach and new aura surrounding the team, look for ECU to play the Bison more competitively. The Pirates will see their first games of this year's Clash against UMass and Saint Francis, hoping coming out on top in front of their home crowd.

"I think it's going to be great for us to play in front of Pirate Nation. Any time you get to play home is a home advantage and it is just a welcoming feeling," Oliver said.

ECU is coming off of a long weekend in Arizona where it finished 3-2, picking up wins over Virginia (9-1), Seattle (6-0) and UC Riverside (6-2). The Pirates also fell to No. 20 Arizona State (9-1) and Nevada (2-1).

Look for ECU junior catcher Alex Mycek to continue her pace from last weekend, as

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## TAKEAWAYS

### SOFTBALL

The Pirates (3-3) dropped a road contest to UNC Charlotte 5-0 Wednesday afternoon.

### MEN'S GOLF

East Carolina signee Blake Taylor won the inaugural Dustin Johnson World Junior Championship.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pirates (10-16, 2-11 AAC) lost to South Florida, 69-52 Tuesday.

### BASEBALL

ECU opens the 2016 campaign this weekend at home against Longwood.

### MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates will face Old Dominion Friday afternoon.

### CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes defeated the Winnipeg Jets 2-1 Tuesday night.

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# Hoops' struggles continue

**Craig Moyer**  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's losing streak was pushed to five games, as South Florida snapped its own four-game losing streak, defeating the Pirates, 69-52, Tuesday night.

The Bulls entered the contest with a 5-21 record, having lost their last four conference games by an average of 21 points, including two 30-plus point losses to Cincinnati and SMU. However, despite their struggles, USF pulled away and defeated the Pirates by 17.

The losing streak is the Pirates' second five-plus game losing streak of conference play and drops their record to 10-16 and just 2-11 in conference. The loss was also the team's seventh loss of 15 or more points in conference play and moved them to last place in the AAC.

The Pirates struggled shooting throughout the game, while the Bulls (6-21, 3-11 AAC) had one of their best performances from the field on the season.

"We did not play very well offensively, that's maybe one of the worst offensive games we've had all year," Lebo said.

ECU shot just 34 percent from the field, including 30.4 percent from behind the three-point arc. The Pirates were also hurt by one of their worst performances of the season from the free throw line, finishing the game at 47.4 percent, 9-of-19.

The Bulls were much more successful from the field, finishing the game at 47.4 percent, including 40 percent from three, 6-of-15.

USF freshman Jahmal McMurray leads the Bulls in scoring on the season with 15.5 points per game and finished the game with 21 points on 7-of-14 shooting. McMurray was supported by the scoring efforts of Nehemias Morillo, who finished with 18 points on 7-of-12 shooting, including 4-of-8 from behind the arc.

The Pirates' struggles on the offensive end were centered around the struggles of their outside shooters.

B.J. Tyson finished the game with nine points on 4-of-11 shooting, his first game without scoring in double digits since Jan. 9 at Temple. In that nine game stretch, Tyson was averaging 17.5 points per game, bringing his season scoring average up to 15.3 points per game.



Senior guard Prince Williams dribbles the ball up the court during a game earlier this season.

Senior Prince Williams also finished with nine points on 3-of-9 shooting and snapped his streak of seven straight games scoring in double figures. Williams had averaged 18.7 points over his last seven games, bringing him to a double-digit average on the season at 10.3 points per game.

Kentrell Barkley and Caleb White, the only other Pirates averaging in double figures on the season, were the only two Pirates to score 10 or more points against the Bulls. Barkley finished with 10 points on 4-of-10 shooting, while White finished with 13 points on 5-of-13 shooting.

"We gotta have three or four perimeter guys playing at a high level and offensively

we just didn't get that, we have been getting that, but we didn't get it tonight," Lebo said.

Another big difference throughout the game was rebounding, as the Bulls outrebounded the Pirates 44-30 on the game. At one point in the first half, ECU was being outrebounded by USF 18-3.

As the Pirates head into their final five games of the season, players and coaches are trying to move on from the tough stretch of losses and improve every game.

"We play at SMU, just try to play better, so it's one game. We've been really playing a lot better, but just didn't have it tonight," Lebo said.

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she notched two home runs in six at bats for a 1.333 slugging percentage and recorded five RBI as well as eight total bases.

Mycek missed all of last season due to an injury and was named to the first American Athletic Conference softball Weekly Honor Roll of the 2016 season, according to an announcement made by the league Monday. This is Mycek's first weekly honor of her career.

ECU currently has eight players hitting .300 or better and owns a .303 team batting average, earning it second in the AAC. Seniors Meredith Mitchell and Kelsi Briggs lead the Pirates, checking in with a .417 mark each.

The ECU pitching staff has compiled an ERA of 2.54 over five contests and has struck out 35 batters on the young season. Junior Lydia Ritchie leads the Pirates with a 1-1 record, one save, 2.21 ERA and 17 strikeouts, holding her opponents to just a .224 batting average, allowing just one extra base hit.

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SWIM AND DIVE

ECU seeks second AAC title

**Kayla Morton**  
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Fifty of East Carolina's swimmers and divers are traveling to Houston, Texas, this week for the American Athletic Conference Championships, competing from Wednesday to Saturday.

Joining the Pirates at the big meet include five of their division rivals, Cincinnati, Connecticut, Southern Methodist, Houston and Tulane. As a whole, the Pirates only lost one full meet this season, at Navy, where both the men and women's teams lost. Both teams did not lose at the same meet, giving them only one loss for the year combined.

On the men's side, the Pirates are favorites for the 200 and 400 individual medleys.

"Our junior Fran [Krznaric] is an NCAA B qualifier in the 100 and 200, and we also have a transfer from Costa Rica, who is very strong in that event," senior Trevor Irish said.

The women's team is coming in with more talent than it had in previous years. Six women are slated to be front runners in their events.

"Bailie Monahan has been a big point scorer at our dual meets and is seeded well going into this meet to win some events," women's captain Megan Sellers said. "Julie Lajoie will also make a big contribution in several events."

Both swimmers are projected to place in the butterfly events. Sellers and Vendela Norman are also strong favorites to win individual events based on competition. Two out-of-country

transfers, Anastasia Amoiroglou and Anna Maria Svanbergsson look to sneak in on freestyle events and take spots away from some other front-runners during the meet.

"We do have some potential events we can win, hopefully we'll have a really great meet and get as many girls into finals as we can," Sellers said.

Many of SMU's meets were invitationals, where it faced off against more than one or two other teams. Houston will show them the same atmosphere and they should feel the most comfortable, especially since they already competed, and won there, earlier this season.

"SMU is definitely the frontrunner of our conference," Sellers said. "The girls won it last year and they always put

a really strong team together."

The men's team for the Pirates, who are the defending conference champions, thanks to Trevor Irish out-touching SMU in the final relay last year by one one-hundredth of a second, should have an easier job than last season.

"I still believe SMU is our biggest competition because we barely beat them last year and they'll remember that," Irish said. "Whenever we swim against them, it's for the championship. It's what both teams have trained for all year, so it'll be close for sure."

Houston comes into the meet looking for vengeance. The majority of meets they have lost this year have been by just a handful of points.

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