



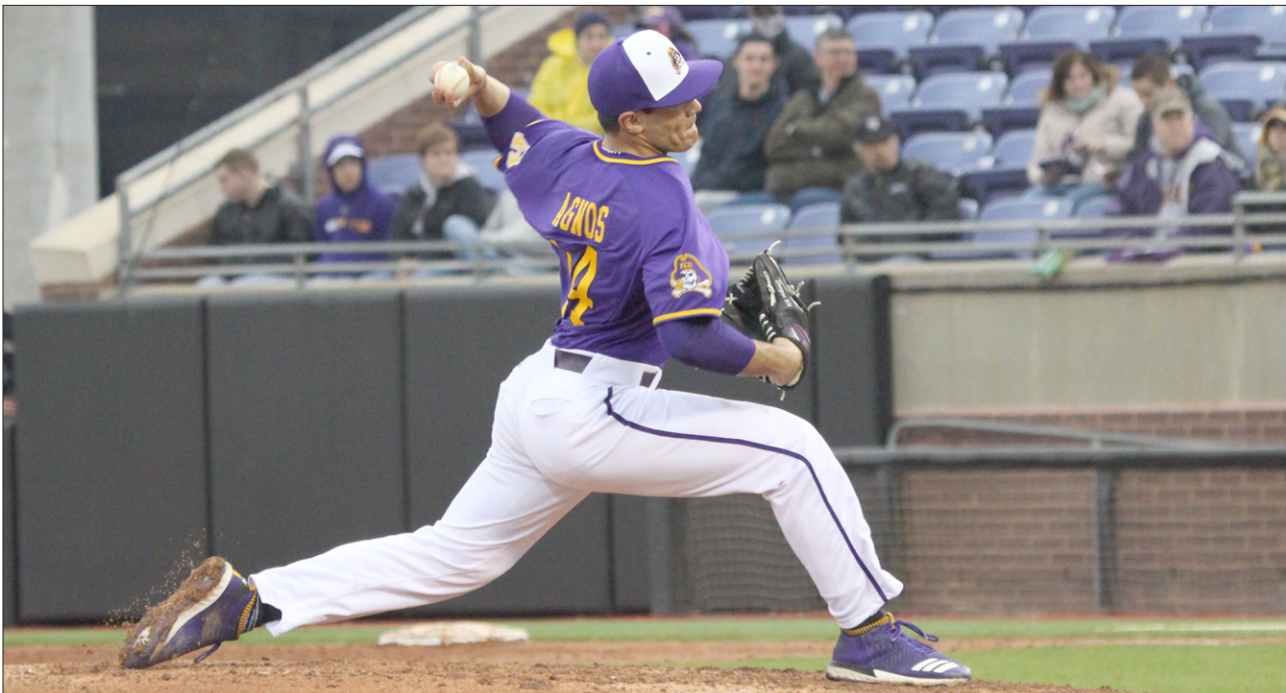
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Sophomore left-handed pitcher Jake Agnos winds up for a pitch in the Pirates opening series against Western Carolina University.

ECU baseball sweeps WCU

Dominant pitching fuels Pirates to 3-0 season start

Robert Romero
TEC STAFF

Things couldn't have gone better for East Carolina University's baseball team in its opening weekend against Western Carolina University, culminating in a dominant Pirates sweep to start the season.

In games two and three, the Pirate offensive exploded in the first innings, jumping out to 5-0 leads in each. A pair of three run home runs from sophomore first baseman and designated hitter Spencer Brickhouse in game two, and junior third basemen Connor Litten in game three, highlighted the scoring of each inning.

The result of game three was never in doubt after ECU tacked on another run in the fourth inning after a WCU error. Later the Pirates scored two more runs, these in the sixth, on sophomore left fielder Bryant Packard's two-run double to help lead the Pirates to a 9-3 victory.

The Pirates went deep in their bullpen with Willy Strong, Austin Covers and Cole Beavin all making an appearance on Sunday, although it was less than an inning each. According to Godwin, he wanted to get as many guys

out there as he could just so they could get some playing time.

"I thought we played well today (and all weekend) and I was impressed with our pitching staff and its depth," head coach Cliff Godwin said. "It was good to get a bunch of guys some playing time this weekend which will help with their confidence and development as the season goes along."

Game two was more of the same, as Burleson smacked a single to bring in second baseman Brady Lloyd earning his first run batted in (RBI) in the second inning to expand the lead to 6-0. Junior outfielder Dwanya Williams-Sutton followed it up later with a sacrifice groundout, scoring sophomore shortstop Nick Barber. ECU handled business again on Saturday, defeating WCU soundly, 8-2.

The Catamounts scored their only first inning run in Friday's game with an RBI double from DH Andrew Bullock. The Pirates quickly responded in the second inning on Brickhouse's first at-bat of the season, a mammoth solo shot to right-center field, traveling over the scoreboard, to tie game 1-1.

The only negative from this

weekend occurred in the top of the eighth inning in Friday night's game. Senior shortstop Turner Brown came up hobbling after chasing a ground ball hit his way, immediately being replaced with Barber due to a tight hamstring, according to Godwin.

The Pirates received solid starting pitching from their weekend rotation of junior right hander Chris Holba (game three), sophomore left hander Jake Agnos (game two) and sophomore right hander Trey Benton (game one). The trio combined for 12.2 innings, pitching to a 2.95 earned run average (ERA), allowing 14 hits, three walks (all from Agnos) and striking out 19 batters.

Godwin knew going into the series the starters wouldn't be able to last as long as they will later in the season. This resulted in ECU going deep into the bullpen through the series, giving a glimpse of just how devastating it can be.

"This is one of the best bullpens in the country," sophomore right-hand reliever Tyler Smith said. "I mean the way we work everyday I don't think

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>> WHERE'S THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE

Firefighters disappointed by alleged plan

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

For many current and former firefighters of Greenville Fire/Rescue, the words "disheartening" and "disappointing" are accurate depictions of their feelings toward City Manager Ann Wall's alleged plans to make policy changes over personnel changes to GFR.

In a Feb. 14 meeting with one former firefighter, Wall allegedly said she doesn't plan to make any personnel changes to the department, according to the former firefighter who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity due to his working relationship with GFR in his new job. Instead, Wall allegedly said she plans to implement policy changes to GFR.

The East Carolinian attempted to confirm Wall's alleged comments with the city manager herself, Mayor P.J. Connelly, and the city of Greenville's Public Information Officer Brock Letchworth. Instead, after 28 days of not responding to The East Carolinian's request for comments, Letchworth provided an emailed statement on behalf of Wall.

"For the past three weeks, city leadership has been meeting with current and former employees of Greenville Fire/Rescue to get a better understanding of some of their concerns related to the operations of the department," according to Wall's statement. "To be respectful of the process and conversations, we have no intention of commenting publicly."

However, neither Wall nor Letchworth commented on whether or not the former firefighter's story was inaccurate. In multiple emails, Letchworth referred The East Carolinian

back to Wall's original statement.

For one current EMS Specialist at GFR, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, Wall's alleged statement was disheartening.

The EMS Specialist said he wasn't sure what policy changes would accomplish and described the move as a way to avoid the real problem, which he said is GFR's management. He added the news was disheartening to hear not only for him, but for many other firefighters who have been hopeful city leaders would act on their concerns.

"It's not like it's cloudy water where she (Wall) can't see what the problem is," the EMS Specialist said. "I know she's



Ann Wall

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SGA to host election week events for students

Presidential tickets to meet potential voters leading up to 2018-19 voting period



From left: Lillie Rhodes and Jordan Koons of Ticket 1 explain their platform at the SGA debate.



From left: Harper Rhodes and Stuart Fletcher of Ticket 2 discuss campus issues at the SGA debate.

Austin Kinlaw
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Student Government Association will hold elections this week, with voting beginning 8 a.m. tomorrow and polls closing 5 p.m. on Friday. During this time, candidates will make their final appeal to the student body.

SGA Elections Committee Chair Erick Jenkins said there are still events students can engage in to get to know the candidates better, such as 'Dining with the Candidates,' 'Voice Your Voice' and a final 'Meet the Candidates' event.

"That event (Dining with The Candidates) is going to be in Todd and West End (dining halls)," Jenkins said. "The candidates can have one representative enter the dining hall and campaign in there for them."

'Dining with the Candidates' took place yesterday from 4 to 7 p.m. and was the first time the SGA Elections Committee allowed campaigning to take place inside the dining halls, according to Jenkins.

'Voice Your Vote' will take place outside of Mendenhall tomorrow from 3 to 5 p.m. and will feature music and food, according to Jenkins. He also said the 'Meet the Candidates' meeting will be inside the Mendenhall Great Rooms on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.

For this spring's SGA elections, students do not need to vote for every position to

submit a ballot, according to SGA Advisor Hank Bowen.

"You don't have to vote for anything in particular," Bowen said. "You can vote for just president, but you don't have to vote for every seat."

Students can go online to view the minutes at SGA meetings and stay engaged in the elections by going online to SGA's website, www.ecu.edu/cs-studentaffairs/sga/.

"All the minutes should be updated up there," Jessica Jeffreys, secretary of SGA, said. "To stay engaged, the public can come to our meetings and if they have any questions, they can email one of our executives."

Jeffreys, a senior sociology and health major, said she was elected to her position by the student body. Jeffreys said her job as SGA secretary is to maintain notes which help the student body understand what SGA is doing and why.

Jeffreys encourages students to come out to all the election events to become well informed on who they are going to vote for and enjoy the activities.

Students can vote for SGA spring candidates on PiratePort, in the "Voting" section that is listed under "Student Affairs" in the Toolbar.

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‘She’s The First’ to discuss #MeToo, sexual harassment

East Carolina University’s chapter of She’s The First will host a discussion of sexual harassment and the #MeToo social media movement tonight at 6 in Bate room 1015.

She’s The First is a non-profit organization that supports girls’ education in low-income countries. Refreshments will be provided.

Career Services department to sponsor career development event

ECU Career Services and Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement will host a workshop to focus on helping students describe their campus experience to future employers tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center’s Great Room two.

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Dowdy to host spring Grad Expo

Stephanie Carrea
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University’s Dowdy Student Stores will host a three-day event for students graduating this spring to pick up graduation paraphernalia starting today and ending on Thursday.

The Grad Expo will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and tomorrow, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday. This is the first time students graduating in May can pick up their cap and gowns, according to Dowdy’s website. Students can also order class rings and purchase invitations at the Grad Expo.

**Bryan Tuten**

Bryan Tuten, director of Dowdy Student Stores, said the annual Senior Send-Off and Grad Expo will be combined for today only.

“We’ve been doing the Senior Send-Off from the student store Grad Expo for about a year now,” Tuten said. “Outside they will also be giving away Senior Send-Off T-shirts to the first 500 people to get there, and the first 100 (to arrive at the Grad Expo will) get a big metal ECU sign.”

This celebration is a special one Tuten said, as the student stores expect about 3,000 students to attend over the course of three days. Students will see the Registrar’s Office in attendance, which Tuten said will help to ensure each student is in good standing with the university and has no holds that prevent graduating.

Other ECU services in attendance include the Alumni Association for students who would like to become a member, Career Services aiding in job resources and ECU Student Media, where members of The Buccaneer will pass out yearbooks.

Holly Melton, a junior working for The



Ian Flynn tosses his cap in the air outside Joyner.

Buccaneer, said seniors should not miss this opportunity to stop by the different booths while shopping for caps and gowns. She will be at the expo helping pass out yearbooks for the event.

“I am excited to pass out yearbooks so our

seniors can have something to look back on. Our staff has worked hard on this yearbook, so it is exciting to see what everyone thinks about it,” Melton said.

Bob Walker, the associate director of Dowdy Student Stores, said this event was a tremendous help for the last graduating class.

“It helps them because it’s a one stop shop where they can take care of everything,” Walker said. “Jostens (the class ring manufacturing company) will be here with the whole new official class ring and there is a whole new ring ceremony that will take place on April 22.”

**David Smith**

David Smith, a senior finance major graduating in May, said he plans on stopping by Dowdy Stores on Thursday.

“I’ve heard that the Grad Expo is a multi-day event at Dowdy that gives students a chance to purchase cap and gowns and other accessories,” Smith said. “I’m looking forward to the expo because it will give me a chance to find necessary graduation items.”

The deadline for purchasing caps, gowns and class rings is March 9, and is required for students attending the official ring ceremony in April. Students will get a chance to customize all medallions, plus get their initials and major on their graduation stoles, according to Tuten.

ECU’s Director of Marketing for Business Services Leslie Craige encouraged seniors to attend and said the event is “extremely heartwarming.”

“Every year is exciting because we get a new set of students and we get to see them graduate,” Craige said.

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had enough interviews to know what the common answer as to what the problem is, and I don’t think anybody has gone there and said, ‘I think we (need) new policies to fix the problem.’ They’ve all said it’s management.”

Another current GFR firefighter said policy changes won’t work in a department where its management picks and chooses which procedures to enforce. The current GFR firefighter, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, added policy changes won’t fix anything in the department.

Matt Cox, a former lieutenant at GFR who resigned in 2016 with 11 years of service, said it seemed as if the city manager was taking the easy way out of dealing with the fire department’s alleged issues. Cox added, that as the months progressed with no action from the city, he became less hopeful changes would be made.

“It’s very disappointing. It (GFR) is a place I worked at for more than a decade and I still have a lot of love for,” Cox said. “I feel it is heading in a bad direction and I see the biggest solution to this problem just being ignored.”

In other meetings with current and former firefighters of GFR, Wall didn’t specifically mention making policy changes, but did in fact talk about changing certain aspects of GFR.

A current GFR firefighter, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, said Wall discussed making changes to the squad trucks and EMS response system at GFR. The GFR firefighter said Wall specifically mentioned changing the GFR Squad truck system to limit firefighter’s time on the vehicles to only 12 hours.

However, Wesley Taylor, a former firefighter at GFR who resigned with 14 years of service, said these policy changes won’t fix anything and will only be detrimental to the city. He added firefighters will continue to leave GFR even if city leaders make policy changes.

“The GFR problems are absolutely personnel issues, they are not policy issues,” Taylor said. “You can change policy all day long, but the problem is they (GFR management) don’t follow policies so it’s not going to do any good.”

Taylor said firefighters want to see new management which they believe will fix their concerns.

Taylor said it’s a “no brainer” for city leaders to address GFR’s management because of how many firefighters have spoken out and talked about similar issues. He added trying to make policy changes to address firefighters’ concerns is similar to trying to make a quick fix to a much larger problem.

“The department is hemorrhaging (employees) right now and they (city officials) are trying to patch that by putting a bandaid over it and it’s not going help, it’s not going to work,” Taylor said.

As a current GFR firefighter put it, Wall’s alleged plan to make policy changes signaled to firefighters that she doesn’t care, hasn’t listened to them and is playing the same game as other officials.

“How many people have to say the same thing before she (Wall) is finally going to do something about it?” the GFR firefighter said. “Making a policy isn’t doing anything but putting stuff on paper to make certain people happy.”

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OUR VIEW

TEC staff endorses Ticket 1

As students at East Carolina University, it is important to make sure we are represented by student government leaders that are responsible, show initiative as leaders and have our best interests in mind at all times.

With a campus growing in diversity, it's important the Student Government Association president and vice president are willing to promote that and unify the campus as a whole.

Upon thoroughly reviewing the platforms of each ticket, and hearing both during the debate, we, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, endorse Ticket 1 for president and vice president of SGA.

We believe presidential candidate Jordan Koonts and vice presidential candidate Lillie Rhodes have a better grasp on the campus community and specific needs of the student body, as well as what needs to be fulfilled in the coming year. Koonts and Rhodes put an emphasis on diversity, mental health awareness and transparency by demonstrating feasible plans if elected.

Beyond their thorough platform, Koonts and Rhodes seem to have a true grasp on what's achievable along with how to use their experience to accomplish their objectives.

A very encouraging idea Ticket 1 spoke about was creating a board of non-SGA students to provide feedback to how SGA is performing. We believe Ticket 1's proposal for this board is important for SGA because it provides a creative avenue for students to speak for or against initiatives being considered by SGA.

While both Ticket 1 and Ticket 2 demonstrated great thought to their platforms, we believe, based upon the platforms both tickets presented, that Koonts and Rhodes will be the best choice for students.



Division fuels shootings

Don't Mind Matt


Matthew Prenskey
TEC STAFF

I'm tired of this. I'm tired of school shootings, gun debates and Americans arguing with each other about whether or not we can own guns. I'm just sick and tired of all the fake sympathy and condolences for something we as a nation can clearly not handle as adults. Above all else, I'm ashamed to be an American.

It's exhausting to check my phone in the morning and see another school shooting. I roll over, grab my smartphone, open Twitter, and it seems that too often these days I'm seeing news of teenagers fleeing schools— a place that should be considered a safe space.

The velocity by which these school shootings seem to happen has numbed me to the true horror of these massacres. School shootings are disheartening, alarming and frankly, a very apt indicator of where we are as a country.

Altogether, I'm just tired of being an American. If the pinnacle of democracy is a nation where children die because adults can't sit down with one another and debate

politely to reach a compromise, then the America I love is a pure fantasy.

I'm not sure where the common ground is anymore. As someone who lives in the zone of compromise, it appears as though my centralized political opinion is no longer welcomed in a nation where the freedom of thought and expression is supposed to be a sacred right.

Because of this nation's inaction in the face of dozens of school shootings, it seems as though it has become the new norm. If we as a nation are comfortable with children dying because adults aren't mature enough to compromise, then let's skip the fake sadness, hashtags and calls for Congress to act.

If people were genuine with their feelings, horror and messages on social media that exclaim their shock, then we wouldn't be here. School shootings aren't new in this nation, so if people truly wanted them to stop they wouldn't continue to happen.

If people wanted to protect children and see the day where no school becomes the site of a massacre, sitting down and discussing a way forward wouldn't be impossible.

The blood-soaked walls, floors and minds of our youth should be enough

motivation to force any American into a room to talk about the common ground between all of these different political opinions. If we, as a nation, truly cared about this problem, finding a common understanding wouldn't be this hard.

A common ground we can all agree on is the idea that children shouldn't die anymore in school shootings.

I live in an ideal world where a democracy is filled with patriotic, kind and mature citizens willing to give a little to create some greater good. More often these days it seems as though the United States of America is no longer that crowning achievement of democracy.

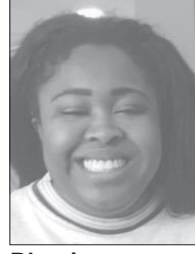
In my estimation, we are increasingly becoming a nation divided, violent and unwilling to concede any territory with one another.

I hope to God that this opinion I hold is wrong. I hope the issues this nation faces are only nightmares and the America I grew to love in school is alive and well. However, each day I find myself becoming more of a pessimist rather than an optimist and it's a tragedy in itself for anyone to lose faith in his or her nation.

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Congress to blame for gun carnage

Bless The Press


Blessing Aghimien
TEC STAFF

A 9-year-old's mind is a narrow mind. From being reckless at recess, taking the bathroom pass to get out of class and crossing their fingers for a good snack in their parent-packed lunch boxes, memories made at that age tend to be blissful and innocent.

I'll never forget when my memories of innocent bliss were marred by a moment of silence for death and bloodshed.

April 17, 2007. The day after a shooting on the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University campus. The Virginia Tech Massacre, where 32 lives were taken at the hands of a school shooter. The principal's choked-up voice rang over the intercom and filled the boisterous cafeteria of elementary schoolers with solemn static, telling us all to bow our heads for a moment of silence to honor the victims of the massacre.

Like my peers, I did what I was told. I bowed my head, closed my eyes and said not one word.

One by one, I thought about each name of the fallen while the principal called them out. Her once strong voice now ridden with shakiness. I thought about the families that would never see their loved ones again, and the degrees they would never walk across the stage to receive. I'll never forget the emotion that made my little chest ached with. Sorrow

and the rare, un-childlike feeling of rage.

By the fifth name, my eyes were burning and welling up. By the eighth name, a few tears dropped onto my favorite sweater. By the final name, I was sobbing uncontrollably, surrounded by concerned teachers and confused peers of mine.

I'm obviously no longer in the fourth grade and I now tend to keep my bouts of sobbing at a minimum. But, with the news of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting that took the lives of 17 people in Parkland, Florida last Wednesday, that decade-old memory resonates with me more than ever.

April 17, 2007. The first and final day I emotionally reacted to the mass loss of life by an automatic weapon.

The preservation of human life should not be a partisan issue. There is no valid reason why politicians, regardless of party, should not come together to compromise and discuss the necessary steps toward smarter gun control. Yet, here we are, with lawmakers, such as Florida Senator Marco Rubio, standing firm in their well-funded habits of doing nothing.

In response to the high school shooting in Parkland, Rubio said last Thursday, on the floor of the Senate, it was "not fair to blame lawmakers after the attack."

"If we do something it should be something that works, and the struggle up to this point has been that most of the proposals that have been offered would not have prevented just yesterday's tragedy, but any of those in recent history," Rubio said.

Rubio's remarks on Thursday are nothing

but the kind of rhetoric one would expect from an A+ rated fixture of the National Rifle Association, such as himself.

The NRA's political pocket-stuffers range from Speaker of the House Paul Ryan to the Floridian senator and professional water sipper himself, who, according to The New York Times, has received \$3.3 million from the NRA as of October 2017.

To Rubio's defense, I'm certain the steady flow of cash warrants a lot less work than "jumping to conclusions" about gun control measures. Measures which could have prevented shootings such as the one that took the lives of educators and high schoolers in Rubio's very own state.

Instead of learning from deadly mistakes, representatives on Capitol Hill, such as Rubio, choose to commemorate murdered juveniles with "thoughts and prayers," and honor their legacy with a "nay" vote against gun reform, putting the lives of their living constituents in limbo as a result of the NRA's helping hands of wealth.

Now, if only the NRA's blood money could dry the countless tears of grieving parents, school violence survivors and a 9 year old in 2007 who could have never foreseen the unfortunate state of our union as of 2018's second month. Maybe then, the national outcry for change will cease.

That is until the next hashtag is born and ready to trend in the wake of more death, more money and more problems.

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TODAY

African American Historical Figures Interactive Exhibit

Joyner Library

5 p.m.

Art is a Good Medicine: Japanese Stab Bound Books

Emerge Gallery

6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Film & Discussion Series

Willis Building

6:30 p.m.

ECU Concert and Symphonic Bands Concert

Wright Auditorium

7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Fleet Feet Running Club Pub Run

Uptown Brewing Company

6:30 p.m.

Backcountry Cooking Workshop

Student Recreation Center

7 p.m.



ECU student Parker Justice reads over the posters in the Faulkner Gallery. Tonight, an interactive exhibit will debut in the gallery in honor of Black History Month.

Figures in Faulkner

Black history to come alive in interactive exhibit

Trajan Warren
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This Black History Month, the likes of Martin Luther King Jr., Maya Angelou and Harriet Tubman will make an appearance on East Carolina University's campus, personified by student actors.

Tonight, Motivating & Uplifting Via Exercise (M.U.V.E.) will sponsor the African American Historical Figures Interactive Exhibit at 5 p.m. The exhibit will be held in Faulkner Gallery on the second floor of Joyner Library. ECU student actors will portray historical black figures and share their historical significance.

The actors will discuss the accomplishments of these figures and the impact they made not only on black history, but American history. The actors will share the struggles, hardships, triumphs and achievements endured by these important figures in black history

to willing spectators wishing to learn about their respective lives.

The event is open to all who want to learn more about black leaders of the past. This is the first event of its kind to grace ECU, according to Joyner Library Programs and Events Coordinator Charlotte Fitz Daniels.

The exhibit was started by Tionna Jenkins, president of M.U.V.E. She collaborated with other organizations in the Greenville area for this event, along with co-sponsors The National Council of Negro Women, Queen in You and Geared Up. Her plan was to create a new and engaging way to learn history.

"Tionna Jenkins reached out to me right before (this past) Christmas and it seemed like an interesting concept," Fitz Daniels said. "You can walk up and talk to Maya Angelou. You can talk to Dr. King. It's a really creative way to

get to know a person who's really made an impact on our history and our culture."

Jenkins said the school needs different ways to learn about black history rather than just reading about it.

"I wanted to have an event that was interactive and caught interest of students on campus to teach them our black history in an interesting way," she said.

The student actors who are participating in the event will depict historical figures of their choosing, allowing them to personify who they feel they can relate to most.

Salena Vaughn, a senior majoring in public health, will portray Angelou

for the event. Vaughn, an artist herself, chose the famous poet because she says she can relate to the many hardships Angelou faced throughout her career.

"I did a lot of research about her. I looked up a lot of her most famous poems and listened to her perform them and watched her mannerisms," Vaughn said. "She is extremely inspirational and important to our history, so to play her, even if it's on a small scale, is big to me."

The objective of this event is to entertain while educating people about the rich history of African Americans, according to Vaughn.

"I hope that any people who come through (the exhibit) really get an idea of what it means to us," Vaughn said. "(This) is not just black history, it's American history."

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Emerge to offer outlet for creativity

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

Aiming to offer a sanctuary for Greenville locals to express themselves, the Emerge Gallery & Art Center offers free workshops once a month, with Japanese stab bound books being the focus tonight from 6:30 to 8.

Emerge Art Gallery is located at 404 Evans St., and the "Art is Good Medicine" programs, which are free to anyone affected by cancer, take place each month with a different medium each time, according to Paula Rountree, the program's director. Rountree said the classes are open to anyone and are a way for individuals to relax, do art and focus on other things.

"This is our second time doing bookmaking but our first time doing the Japanese stab bound books," Rountree said. "Liz Steiner, who is going to be teaching, makes amazing books herself and she was like, 'I would really love to do a bookmaking workshop with the 'Art is Good Medicine' program.'"

Participants at tonight's class will learn the unique art of Japanese stab bound books. According to ibookbinding.com, stabbing paper together is a unique technique known for its cost effectiveness and simplicity. Used primarily in Asian countries, such as China and Japan, the technique dates back to the conception of books and is still used today, mainly for those who want to publish their work.

"As for the 'Art is Good Medicine' workshop this Tuesday, we'll be making basic Japanese stab bound books," Steiner said. "This is a great technique for anyone new to bookmaking or anyone who just wants to learn a new skill. Everyone will leave with a blank book for sketching or journaling."

Steiner said all the materials and tools will be provided. She added she thinks 'Art is Good Medicine' is a "fantastic program" and she is happy to have an opportunity to give back to the community through it.

Individuals can reserve a ticket for the class through the "Art is Good Medicine:



Japanese stab bound books on display at Emerge. The Gallery will host a binding class tonight.

Japanese Stab Bound Books" Facebook event on Emerge's page. Rountree said it's nice to have a headcount beforehand but no one will be turned away at the door as long as there are enough supplies.

Steiner, who mainly teaches art appreciation and metalsmithing at Pitt Community College, said when she's not teaching art, she's usually in her studio making it.

Steiner has taught jewelry and metalsmithing for adults at Emerge for about a year and half. She will also teach a six-week session on book making for adults beginning in a few weeks, which she said will be new to the class line up.

Rountree added that classes such as these allow participants to express themselves in a stress-free way.

"People really enjoy making books and being able to make something and maybe not think about it right then, but possibly use it as another therapeutic aspect later on," Rountree said. "Maybe they make this book and then it becomes their journal to express their emotions, their feelings and just ways of life."

Maya Pittman, a staff counselor at the Center for Counseling and Student Development, said they encourage students to do things that open up the gateway to mindfulness, adding art is perfect for that. She said art activities are rooted in mindfulness, which is something often taught at the counseling center.

"I think a better way to look at it, in a simpler form, is just noticing when we become distracted from the present moment, so there's actually something called 'mindful

observing,' where people can notice and appreciate seemingly simple things in their environment," Pittman said. "It's a really great way to pull ourselves from maybe a distressing past or a worriful future."

The upcoming "Art is Good Medicine" events include a handbuilding class on March 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and an embroidery class on April 17 during the same time. Rountree said in past handbuilding classes, students have made large serving bowls they are able to use functionally in their life.

She added the embroidery class will be held for the first time in a couple years. Another class that has been offered in the past is pressed flower collages. Rountree said it's a simple but beautiful technique that leaves the participants with something they can walk out and take home with them.

"Not just our 'Art is Good Medicine,' but any of our classes or one day workshops like 'Sip, Savor and Create,' offer a time for someone to take maybe an hour and a half or two hours out of their busy schedule and just be creative," Rountree said. "A lot of people find that therapeutic...it's a couple hours where you're not thinking about, 'Oh, what do I have to do tonight?' or 'what exam do I have to study for?'"

The "Sip, Savor and Create" workshop will return on March 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with the class making mitten mugs.

Roxanne Bay said she started taking pottery classes at Emerge in August 2016. She said she mostly takes the Thursday night pottery class with Julie Rogers.

Bay said she takes the classes as a hobby and for the fun of it. She added she comes to the studio two or three times a week to practice and do different things in addition to the Thursday night class she normally attends.

"I started by learning how to sit down and turn on the wheel. I knew nothing," Bay said. "Slowly but surely I've taken classes on making bowls...and just learning the techniques."

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- You wear your confidence well. You're making a good impression on someone you care about. Make an important decision for a personal project.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Consider things from a higher perspective. Changes a level up affect you positively. Visualize everything falling into place. Organize and plan.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Teamwork propels your project to a new level. Hold meetings, attend classes and participate in your community. Together, you're an unstoppable force.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Take charge to surmount a professional challenge. Extend your area of influence. Friends have useful suggestions and resources. Reach out

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Education and exploration have your focus. Research and study. Attend conferences, classes and seminars. For real insight, go directly to the source.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You have more patience with numbers. Take advantage and reconcile shared accounts. Practical actions pay off. You're gaining respect from someone you admire.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Work with a partner to go further while having more fun. Negotiate who will do what. Keep your promises and strengthen your relationship.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Your physical action is required. Keep practicing to grow your capacities and skills. Focus on details and technique. Steady work pays off.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) --Today is a 7 -- Relax and enjoy time with family and friends. Get advice, but make your own decisions. Let them know how much you appreciate them.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 5 -- Stay home and take it easy. Conserve resources by consuming thoughtfully. Cook up a simple feast for your family. Clean, organize and beautify your space.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Make agreements, negotiate bargains and sign contracts. Research, write and publish. Invite participation, and promote an opportunity. Communication channels are wide open.

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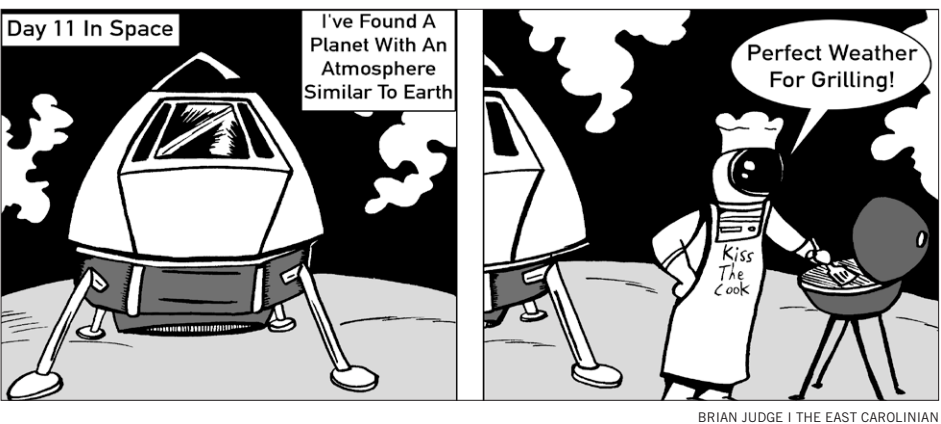
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>>ANALYSIS

Macy, team display good play at home



Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

The difference a month can make to a season was apparent in the East Carolina University women's basketball team's 75-62 win over Memphis University on Valentine's Day, a little more than a month after losing 72-36 to the same team.

The last time these teams played was on Jan. 6, when Memphis dominated ECU in every facet of the game. Now, ECU has won five of its last seven games, making tonight's game against Tulsa a much different game. According to ECU head coach Heather Macy, it's also a much different Pirate team.

"We're better. We have gotten better progressively as the season has gone on," Macy said.

There are many differences between last month's loss and last week's win. Last time Memphis out-rebounded the lackluster Pirates 44-36 in the first match up. This time, a rejuvenated ECU team out-rebounded the Tigers 42-35, including 22-8 in offensive rebounds.

Another difference the Pirates have made in the past month is smarter decision-making on both ends of the floor. ECU turned the ball over only 14 times in last weeks win, way down from its season average of 18.5 turnovers per-game. The Pirates not only forced the Tigers into 23 turnovers, up from their average of 19.5, but also turned those turnovers into 31 points in transition.

ECU could not keep up that level of success on Saturday in a 97-81 loss at the University of Houston. Similar to the season series against

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Moving forward coach Macy knows these final three games are especially important for a young team.

"If we can just continue to focus on that same growth and be a better team in March than we are now, we are accomplishing what we want to accomplish," Macy said.

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Heather Macy



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ECU redshirt freshman Shawn Williams attempts a shot over Huskies' forward David Onuorah, as the Pirates came short of comeback victory.

UConn defeats Pirates

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University men's basketball team welcomed the University of Connecticut to Minges Coliseum Sunday for an exciting matchup where ECU came up just short in the end, losing 84-80.

The second largest crowd of the season, 4,524 fans comprised of a mix between ECU and UConn, was treated to a back-and-forth game. Through the first 25 minutes, it appeared as though the Pirates (10-15, 4-10 AAC) were ready to take control of the game, leading 57-48 with 14:11 remaining in the game. The Huskies (13-14, 6-8 AAC) turned up their defense a notch and forced ECU to commit five straight turnovers, delaying the Pirates enough to take a 61-60 lead with just 10 minutes left.

Still swapping baskets, ECU was down 82-74 with 30 seconds left, until freshman guard Shawn Williams scored six straight points to bring the Pirates within two with 19 seconds to go. ECU failed to finish the late push after UConn knocked down two free throws to seal the 84-80 victory on the road.

"It was definitely a tug, but I have to give it to our guys for fighting to the end," senior guard B.J. Tyson said. "We shot the ball great, and they shot the ball great too, but we had to have defensive stops and if so we could have won this game."

The Pirates had momentum entering the game along with being at home in Minges. Tyson has had extra fuel in his last games as a Pirate, even more so after becoming the American Athletic Conference's all-time leading scorer on Wednesday against the University of Tulane in the 82-80 road victory. Tyson led the way against the Huskies from the beginning, knocking down two of the teams first four three-pointers of the game.

Three-point shooting was the main focus of the game from both sides for the first 20 minutes. ECU guards combined for seven made threes, Isaac Fleming (1), Williams (4) and Tyson (2). The Pirates made five more three pointers in the game to bring their three-point field goal total to 13 on the night, with Williams knocking down seven in total enroute to a 26-point performance.

With 2:55 to go in the first half, UConn jumped out to a nine point lead, 40-31, but ECU responded with a quick 11-0 run to take a 42-40 lead going into halftime. The Huskies and Pirates each played clean first halves, combining for 17 three pointers and just 11 turnovers, only five from ECU.

ECU shot 48 percent from the field as a team (28-for-58) and 52 percent from deep (13-for-25). The Huskies finished the game shooting a stellar 58 percent from the field and 50 percent from the three-point line.

Tyson finished the game with 20 points, six rebounds and five assists, moving into fourth on ECU's all time scoring list with 1,491 points. He has the opportunity to move into third tomorrow, needing only 15 points to pass Darrius Morrow (2008-12). Fleming recorded his second triple-double of the season, the second in school history, finishing with 13 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

"Fleming is showing us that he is getting better as a player," interim head coach Michael Perry said. "Getting him to put his energy in the right area is something that has been a challenge for us all year."

Williams was named the AAC Rookie-of-the-Week yet again, earning his conference-high fourth of the season after averaging 27.5 points-per-game in the two matchups against Tulane (29) and UConn (26) this week. Williams shot a stellar 68 percent from the field (17-of-25), and an absurd 68.4 percent from deep (13-of-19).

"They pass me the ball, want me to shoot it and I will," Williams said. "I always say in practice that if it comes out my hand there is a 50 percent chance that it will go in."

ECU looks to bounce back tomorrow in its second-to-last home game versus the Southern Methodist University Mustangs (15-12, 5-9 AAC) at 7 p.m.

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ECU freshman midfielder Megan Pallozzi attempts to clear the ball from the Pirates' zone in their Feb. 10 game against George Washington.

Lacrosse secures first victory

Staff Report

History was set on Sunday for the East Carolina University lacrosse team, as its 15-14 overtime win over Gardner-Webb University marked the first ever win in program history.

Sophomore midfielder Mackell Schultes tied the game at 14-14 with just 50 seconds remaining in regulation to save the team's first chance at victory. Freshman midfielder Megan Pallozzi followed that up 40 seconds into the overtime period, scoring the sudden death goal to clinch the Pirates (1-2) win. Pallozzi scored a team-high four goals in total on the day, and Schultes added two of her own to help lead the Pirates.

"Megan Pallozzi was fantastic all over the

field for us, on the draw and finishing on the last possession," head coach Amanda Barnes said, according to a press release.

Along with Schultes and Pallozzi, freshman attackman Nicole Legar recorded a hat-trick (three goals) for the ECU offense. Freshman midfielder Casey Sullivan added two goals, and assisted on two others. Sophomore attackman Emma Bowman also added a goal and two assists of her own.

Freshman goalie Abby Smith was the anchor in ECU's first ever win, holding down the goal with 12 saves in total.

"Abby Smith made a lot of big time saves for us which really helped spark our defense and keep momentum at different stretches," Barnes said.

The Pirates were aggressive, attempting

38 total shots compared to the Bulldogs' (1-2) 31. ECU also converted on the clear outs of its defensive zone, converting on 14-of-18 clear opportunities.

Barnes said the Pirates' takeaways from the win will be an increase in their confidence to execute, as well as scrap for loose balls, with the game on the line.

"This was a team win and an absolute battle until the end," Barnes said. "We showed a ton of hustle to get the ball back and win the draws down the stretch."

The Pirates will look to build a winning streak as they host Liberty University tomorrow in Johnson Stadium at 4 p.m.

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anyone else is doing that, so we trust any of our guys that go out there to get it done."

The bullpen pitched lights out, combining for 14.1 innings and allowing just three earned runs on 12 hits and 11 strikeouts while not surrendering a single walk. Smith came in for relief of Agnos on Saturday and pitched four scoreless innings to pick up the win. In game three, ECU fans saw senior left hander Ryan Ross in relief for the first time, pitching 1.2 scoreless innings to take the pressure of Holba, who was dealing with arm soreness for two weeks before Sunday's start.

"It feels awesome knowing that you have a great bullpen behind you," Holba said. "Of course I don't want to be taken out, but when I see Ryan Ross coming I have more confidence than anybody that he's going to get the next guy out."

Fans also saw the star power of freshmen first baseman and pitcher Alec Bursleson and six-foot-six-inch right-handed pitcher Gavin Williams. In one appearance each, Bursleson struck out five batters over two innings in game one, and Williams devastated Catamount hitters with his fastball as he retired the side in the ninth inning in the series finale.

Paired with the exceptional pitching was entertaining hitting. Godwin tweaked the lineup in all three games, which didn't matter since the Pirates kept pouring it on, combining for 30 hits and 25 runs scored in the series.

"It's just part of our lineup, I mean from one to nine we got good hitters," Litten said. "Even the players on the bench that didn't get a chance to hit or play in the game, they're good hitters too. We work on our swing for hours every day on field and in the cages, so it's really starting to pay off."

The Pirates will hit the road for the first time this season tomorrow, looking to remain undefeated against Campbell University (0-3). The Cammels were swept by St. John's University last weekend. First pitch is scheduled at 5 p.m at Jim Perry Stadium.

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