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ECU email authentication to be required

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TEC STAFF

All East Carolina University students with university email accounts will be required to provide a response from their phones in addition to their passphrases when logging in, effective March 22.

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Ray Drake, director of systems and applications support at ECU's Information Technology and Computing Services (ITCS), said the new identification changes only apply when a student is trying to gain access away from the university.

"This will only impact students logging in from off campus," Drake said. "If you're on campus and using your cellphone data, you would be considered off campus."



Ray Drake

Two out of three available identification factors will be required for the user to log in. Drake said this is due to the fact that passwords are becoming more pervious to hacker's methods.

"The impact for the user could be very minimum, such as using a password and saving it through that device," Drake said. "This is an enhancement to the login process (and) another layer that we're going to put in."

Drake says the need for an extra layer of security stems from two major problems which could result from a system hack.

If a student's information is stolen, it will create a breach in the security main frames of ECU's resources. Hackers will most likely attempt to steal a student's access through phishing emails, which is ITCS's major concern, Drake said.

Chris Holcomb, a staffer at ECU applications and systems support, said false emails are increasingly more dangerous because of the varying addresses that hackers use.

"It's really important to pay attention to who the message is coming from," Holcomb said.

Spotting a fake email source can be tricky, but Holcomb said there are things students should explicitly look out for. "(If) it's (fake emails) asking for your username and password, that's the main thing they're looking for," Holcomb said. "ITCS will never ask for your password."

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Logan Cochran, a Grifton resident and Simply Natural Creamery employee, hands an ice cream cone to a customer at the Ayden location.

Simply Natural to expand Ayden creamery to open second location near ECU

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

Greenville residents will soon be able to feed their ice cream cravings much faster, as the Simply Natural Creamery will open its second location in late spring or early summer, bringing natural ice cream, milkshakes and more to the area.

The original Simply Natural Creamery and Jersey Farm is located at 1265 Carson Edwards Road in Ayden, North Carolina, and the second location will be located at 317 Arlington Blvd. in Greenville near Publix and Office Depot. The location in Ayden is currently open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30 to 6 p.m.

Michael Fulcher, the marketing director at Simply Natural Creamery, said the Greenville location may have extended hours since it will be in town.



Michael Fulcher

"We're hoping May 1 or earlier to be open, and of course the goal is just to provide our ice cream more conveniently to the people of Greenville so they don't have to drive all the way out to the farm," Fulcher said. "Our products are so popular... we really want to be able to reach more people and make it available to as many people as possible."

Fulcher said, while he still wants individuals to visit the farm in Ayden, he understands it can be a drive for some, and people may not have the time to get to the location after work during the week. The same products at the Ayden location will be offered at the Greenville location, including milk, ice cream, heavy cream, butter and eggnog when it's in season. From one scoop of ice cream in a cone or cup beginning at \$2.50, two scoops for \$3.50, to regular sized milkshakes priced at \$3.50 and large priced at \$4.50, the creamery offers a variety of options.

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>> CUPOLA CONVERSATIONS

Panel to discuss #MeToo movement

Blessing Aghimien
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East Carolina University's Division of Student Affairs will explore the worldwide culture shift against sexual harassment tomorrow at 3 p.m. with its latest installment of the 'Cupola Conversations' series.

Titled "#MeToo, #TimesUp, #WhatsNext?," the discussion, held in Mendenhall room 244, will focus on sexual violence in society and how it applies to students.

Attendees will vocalize their perspectives on the worldwide movement against sexual assault, according to ECU's Interim Associate Dean of Students Lauren Thorn.

"By providing an outlet for students with this Wednesday's 'Cupola' discussion, I can only hope that they will be urged to take a stand for the kind of

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From left: Rhys Collins and Laura Sweet talk at the last Cupola Conversations about Greek life.

outcome they want from the #MeToo movement," Thorn said.

Tomorrow's "Cupola Conversation" will feature five panelists: ECU Victim Advocate Kat Bursky, Student Government Association Treasurer Haley Creef, Assistant Director of REAL

Crisis Intervention Incorporated Tracy Kennedy, ECU Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Science Jake Jensen and Associate Director for ECU's Office of Student Transitions Lathan Turner.

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>> WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE

Firefighters: staff shortages impact EMS

Matthew Prensny
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In recent months, firefighters at Greenville Fire/Rescue say staff shortages have forced GFR officials to pull ambulances out of service, which could impact service to students at East Carolina University.

GFR department records confirm that since Jan. 1, GFR has pulled EMS 7 and/or EMS 8 out of service 20 times. The consequence of this move, according to multiple GFR firefighters and GFR's TeleStaff system, is a possible delay in ambulances responding to emergencies. The East Carolinian obtained access to GFR's TeleStaff system through a public

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Outreach kitchen provides service opportunities

The Farmville Community Outreach Kitchen is providing service opportunities to willing volunteers.

The Outreach Kitchen prepares and serves meals to the Pitt County community Monday through Friday. The Kitchen averages 25-30 meals a day.

Interested volunteers may come to the kitchen at 3505 Walnut St., Farmville, North Carolina on Monday through Friday during lunchtime at noon to 1 p.m. to learn and observe the kitchen's practices.

For more information, contact Janet Heath at 252-917-4563.

Student Leadership Board to host Lessons in Leadership

East Carolina University's Student Leadership Board will host a discussion on the use of critical thinking tomorrow at 5 p.m. in Bate room 1029 for students interested in business and leadership.

For more information, those interested can contact the Director of Social Marketing Bryce Volkay at volkayb16@students.ecu.edu.

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City to update drainage systems

Pipe renovation to close major Uptown Greenville roads

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The City of Greenville will begin work Thursday on a project to improve pavement failures and severe flooding areas in the Uptown Greenville area, closing some major roads for up to two and a half years.

The Town Creek Culvert is a \$33 million project that aims to improve the city's outdated drainage systems in the Uptown area, according to Joe Durham, the director of community development for Greenville.

Durham said The Town Creek Culvert is not a sewer system, but a pipe that begins near West 9th Street and Ficklen Street and continues to Reade Circle and South Summit Street, and is responsible for draining stormwater from the Uptown area. Durham said this project is in response to the city's severe flooding at the intersection of Cotanche Street and Reade Circle.

Durham said while parts of Uptown will be heavily inconvenienced by the construction of this project, which is estimated to take around three years to complete, it is necessary to prevent future damage to the city's main roads brought on by flooding.

"We've been plagued by that (flooding) in the past and it is a significant project and we're very fortunate to receive funding for



The planned construction for The Town Creek Culvert project in Greenville.

it," Durham said. "It will definitely make a difference in downtown Greenville."

Councilmember Rick Smiley of District 4 said the council approved the project in 2017 and the city is now gearing up for a major public information process regarding the project and the inconveniences

that the city will face.

"It's going to tear up traffic downtown for two and a half years and it's going to be a major project," Smiley said. "It's got to happen, it's the reason that Uptown often floods, because that's not big enough."

Smiley said the state is going to

give the city around \$30 million in loans. Smiley said these loans will save the city \$10 million over the course of 25 years.

Some businesses directly in the path of the Town Creek Culvert Smiley mentioned are Sup Dogs, Shepard-Memorial library, the Dickinson Avenue area bars, Tasty Thai and University Book Exchange.


"Town Creek was, a long time ago, a major stormwater place for a lot of Uptown. A 100 years ago, we put a big pipe in it and we covered it back over," Smiley said. "Well, that was 100 years ago, so we have to dig it up, put new pipe in there and then cover it back over."

Smiley said the urgency of the project is driven by the 10th Street Connector project, which is currently under construction. The Town Creek Culvert is one of the main drainage areas for the Uptown area and the 10th Street Connector.

Smiley said the project could theoretically take only a year to complete if the city could close the surrounding streets for the entire 12-month period.

"The reason it's going to take almost three times as long is because you can't do that," Smiley said. "You close this road up, you have to open it up again by the morning."

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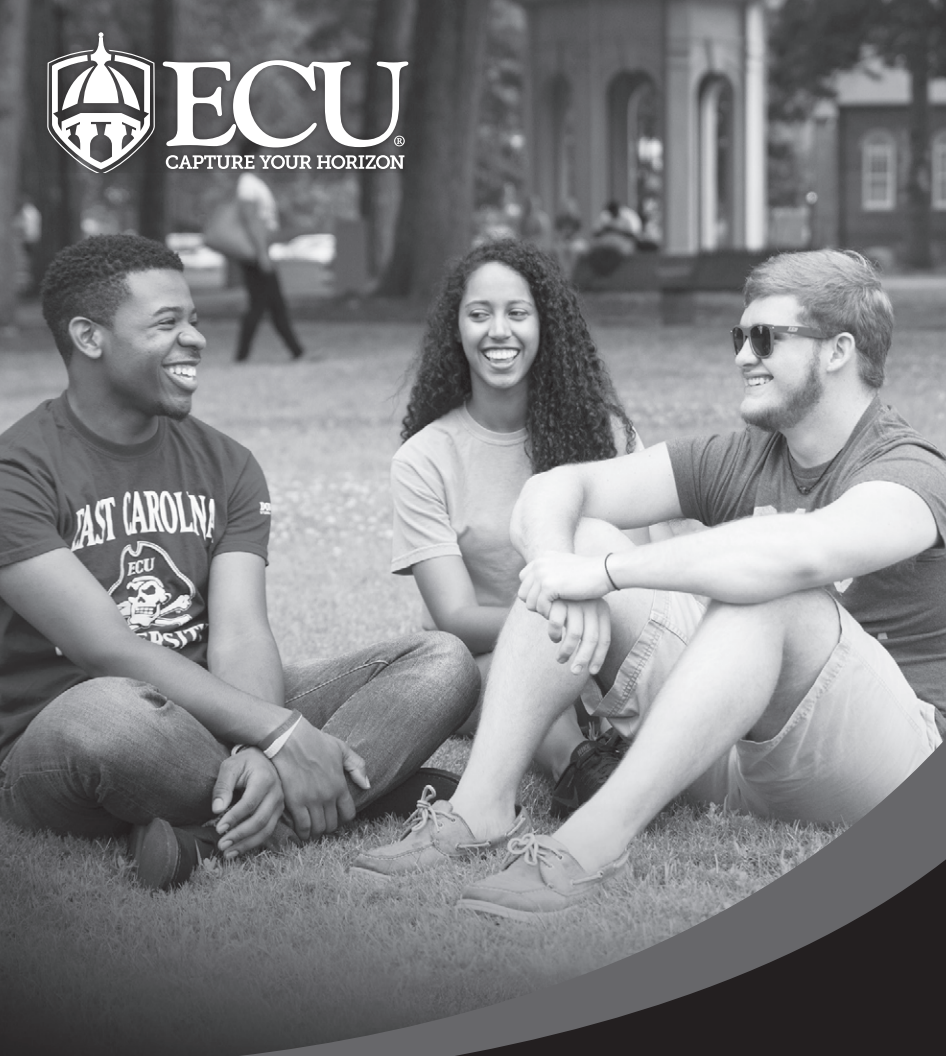
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records request.

One current GFR firefighter, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, said GFR is losing firefighters faster than they can be replaced.

"We (GFR) are just so short on staff right now that they (GFR management) literally don't have enough people to staff all the units that we got currently," the current GFR firefighter said.

The current GFR firefighter is referring to EMS 8, stationed at Station 2 near Vidant Medical Center, and EMS 7, stationed at Station 1 in downtown Greenville.

GFR's Station 1 is already equipped with EMS 1, but EMS 7 serves as an additional resource for the fire department because of its high call volume, according to multiple current GFR firefighters. The same is true for Station 2 with EMS 2 and EMS 8.

Station 1 is primarily responsible for some of the apartment complexes north of the university's main campus, along with ECU's dormitories and some classroom buildings, said a current GFR EMS Specialist, who also spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity.

"If you're at Station 1 and you're on EMS for the day and the other EMS unit (EMS 7) is out of service then absolutely you already know when you come to work that you're going to have a busier day and night," the EMS Specialist said.

Another GFR EMS Specialist put it in much simpler terms: on days where EMS 7 is out of service, EMS 1 has to cover an entire territory which includes a 29,131-person university.

The East Carolinian reached out to the city of Greenville's Public Information Officer Brock Letchworth and City Manager Ann Wall about this story. However, after multiple attempts to get any comment from Letchworth or Wall, no emails were returned to The East Carolinian regarding any part of this story.

The East Carolinian also contacted ECU for a comment in response to the current GFR firefighters' allegations.

Jamie Smith, assistant director of News Services at ECU, said the university does not have a new statement for The East Carolinian. She said the university believes its original statement from Bill

Koch, associate vice chancellor of Environmental Health and Campus Safety at ECU, doesn't need to be changed.

"In response to your requests for comment in September Mr. Koch said, 'We



Bill Koch

have no evidence or reason to believe there are any issues with the Greenville Fire/Rescue response to campus for emergencies," said Smith in an emailed statement.

Smith said she spoke with an official from GFR and was reassured that services to ECU haven't been impacted. She added ECU would revisit The East Carolinian's request for a comment if the firefighters' allegations were confirmed by GFR.

Station 1 and Station 2 are equipped with two ambulances each because of the higher call volume, according to multiple GFR firefighters. However, those GFR firefighters also said when one of the two ambulances are pulled out of service, it puts greater stress on firefighters and can possibly cause a delay in responding to emergencies.

Multiple GFR firefighters said if one of the ambulances at Station 1 or Station 2 are tied up on a call and another medical call comes in, usually the second ambulance would respond.

However, on days where EMS 7 or EMS 8 are out of service, an ambulance from another station must respond which could take several minutes, according to the second EMS Specialist.

A current GFR lieutenant, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, said the department's leadership tries to use data to find times when the call volume is lower.

A second current GFR lieutenant, who also spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, said the staff shortages have forced the department's leadership into a tough spot. The second current GFR lieutenant said GFR leaders must decide whether to pull units out of service or rely on overtime and blow through GFR's overtime budget.

"As far as I've seen, they (ambulances) have only been taken out of service when the call volume was low," the second GFR lieutenant said. "So, rather than spend the money on overtime and have ambulances not run calls, we'd (rather) take some units out of service and save money on the overtime budget."

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OUR VIEW

Compher situation handled poorly

The outgoing East Carolina University Athletic Director Jeff Compher's new five year deal with ECU was cut short on Friday when the university's Board of Trustees met to finalize his buyout. After a year of sports where the public became critical of his leadership, ECU split ties with Compher in the most expensive, poorly managed and embarrassing way possible.

It hadn't even been a year since Compher inked a new five-year deal where he was given a raise. In the press release announcing the renewal, ECU Chancellor Cecil Staton was singing the praise of Compher's expertise and competitive spirit. Would Staton make that same comment today?

The truth of matter is Compher should have never gotten that new contract. By giving Compher a new deal, the university only made the break up more costly. We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the lack of thought last April cost ECU \$1.2 million on Friday and that isn't acceptable.

ECU officials should provide some clarity as to why the university decided to split ties now, where the financially-strapped athletics department will go from here, how the university will pay for Compher's buyout and what does the buyout mean for the \$60 million renovation to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium?

Compher's exit was a debacle. It cost the university financially, made university officials look bad and provided little transparency to a public angry with ECU.



Misinformation is the problem

Guns aren't to blame for the violence in the US



It's all Greek to me

As is tradition following a mass shooting caused because Government officials failed to even lift a finger to stop an obvious and immediate risk to the community, we quickly get to work laying the blame on the scary big black guns that look like the bad ones in the movies. First, some background.

Nikolas Cruz had, for a decade, engaged in erratic and deranged behavior, bragged about acts of violence toward animals and people and threatened to shoot up schools constantly. The FBI and the local police must have had better things to do than stop the world's most obvious potential school shooter. Even after such a spectacular failure, many activists demand the solution to be slap on another waiting period or produce arbitrary bans on whatever the definition of "assault weapon" happens to be this week. Some of the more honest among them advocate for full scale gun confiscation such as Australia's.

After all, homicidal maniacs have no hang-ups about executing teenagers, but having to wait for a gun or smuggle one in? Well that's just a step too far!

Democrats have begun their extended "Two-Minutes Hate" marathon. The latest evolution of this hysteria is the inclusion of high-schoolers as shields from criticism, admittedly a genius tactic. Whatever naivete comes forth can be ignored, as any critics must not care about the plight of the survivors. Demonization is the name of the game, and whichever side makes you feel better must have the answers. CNN's Town Hall is the perfect example of this. A student tells Marco Rubio that looking at him is like looking down the barrel of a

" Whatever naivete comes forth can be ignored, as any critics must not care about the plight of the survivors. "

gun. Angst and tears being celebrated while replies of logic and solutions are rejected with boos and jeers from the crowd. Accusing politicians of being "bought and paid for by the NRA" is a good one, as if Democrats have never accepted money from special interest groups. Perhaps it is just completely unfathomable to Democrats that pro-gun organizations (or more accurately, organized citizens with money) would prefer to donate to politicians that don't accuse them of the complicity in child murder. Mocking "thoughts and prayers," reveling in their self-endowed status as intellectuals, as problem-solvers, as if true sympathy and solutions are irreconcilable.

This is probably the part of the editorial where I lay out some good alternatives, maybe cite a couple studies and say, "All we have to do is pass a law against X and make the Government do Y and mass shootings are solved forever!" Well, sorry to say I don't have the answer to what ails us, and in all likelihood neither does anyone reading this paper nor writing for it. "We need change" is the cry of a man in a valley looking for an elevator, instead of starting the climb.

So, what are we to do? We need some base from which to search for solutions, some handholds to start the ascent. First things first, stop lying, stop fear-mongering. Many of those proposing change don't even know what the words "automatic" and "semi-automatic" mean. CNN wanted to show what a bump stock is, and showed a picture of a rifle with a

grenade launcher and a suppressor on it, but no bump stock. Stop associating every rifle with "the military."

Second, the AR-15 and similar guns are not magic death machines compared to other firearms. Virginia Tech was done with two pistols, in fact nearly all gun-related homicides are done with pistols, and many mass shooters carry pistols with them to use after they use a rifle. One could argue the AR-15's popularity in mass shootings is caused by media hysteria over it. A prime example is Lawrence O'Donnell, an MSNBC news and opinion pundit, saying AR-15 shoots bullets three times faster than a handgun, so how could a retaliator fight that? NBC news correspondent Stephanie Ruhle asked, "How does the best marksman in the world with a handgun take down a shooter with an AR-15 (bullets travel three times faster)?" What would a killer do with that information? If I was as ignorant as these news reporters and wanted to kill someone, I'd think an AR-15 turns me into a living tank.

Lastly, stop ascribing evil motives to your opponents. When you accused conservatives of not caring about dead children because they didn't agree with this hour's proposed method of gun control, you've lost the ability to speak intelligently on the issue. Conservatives want the same outcome you do, fewer dead people. We just don't want to trample people's rights and demonize upstanding citizens while we do it.

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Rogers' homophobic comments bring shame



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In a video sent to The East Carolinian on Feb. 25, current Student Government Association President La'Quon Rogers is seen making homophobic comments while preaching. He not only spoke disparagingly about the transgender community, but compared homosexuality to a "spirit of confusion" used by the Devil to confuse the young generation.

Make no mistakes, these comments belong in 1950. These comments bring nothing but shame unto the office Rogers currently holds and nothing but derision to the campus he claims he represents. They make my stomach sick

and I hope Rogers feels the weight of my disappointment and the disappointment of the entire LGBT community.

The fact that Rogers stood his ground and reaffirmed his beliefs is a credit to his integrity, but not his character. I can admire his personal code of conduct while still finding his words both disgusting and insulting. I may roll my eyes at the fact that you didn't even try to cover your mistake up but perhaps that's because I'm a bit more Machiavellian than you.

However, La'Quon, as president, it is your job to represent the interests of the student body. It is your job to voice their concerns. How is any LGBT+ student ever going to feel safe approaching you or your administration knowing you consider them creations of the Devil? How can you be trusted to hear our fears

or protect us in a world that wishes us harm when you are a part of that world which seeks to erase us? How are you any different from those who actively seek to harm us? Homophobia is alive everywhere, including this campus. Do you want to know how many death threats I get for being gay? And your statements have just validated all of them.

Honestly, I don't know how I am really feeling, La'Quon. I know I'm angry. I know I'm scared. And I know I deserve an apology. So, here's my challenge to you, President Rogers. Look into my homosexual eyes, eyes crafted in God's image, and apologize to me and my people. Let's start there, shall we?

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Brew Works Tap Takeover

Christy's Euro Pub
6 p.m.

ECU Faculty Chamber Music Recital

A.J Fletcher Recital Hall
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Team Trivia

Fire American Tavern
8 p.m.

Bodypump

Fit for Life 24
5:30 p.m.

Great Desicions: Turkey: A Partner in Crisis

Rivers (RW-105)
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How to Start a Business Workshop

Willis Building
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Lipbone

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6 p.m.

Fleet Feet Running Club Pub Run

Uptown Brewing Company
6 p.m.

William Seymour: Live Music

Dickinson Avenue Public House
7 p.m.

Karaoke

Fire American Tavern
9:30 p.m.

Finding positivity in style

Artist uses unique designs to spread good vibes

Angel De Jesus
TEC STAFF

With today's social climate heavily focusing on negativity, Greenville artist Trevor Van Meter uses his talents in art and printmaking for a greater purpose.

Working out of his home in print and animation for 10 years, Van Meter decided to push more into the local art scene by making custom T-shirts, pins, bags and hoodies using his designs.

Opening his shop, Heytvm Arts and Apparel, on 817 Dickinson Ave. this past October, Van Meter said he uses his art and apparel to encourage others to have a more positive outlook on life.

"Pretty much I want to be a purveyor of positive vibes," Van Meter said. "A lot of times that can be seen as being cheesy but I want to make being positive a cool thing."

T-shirts range between \$28 for short sleeves to \$34 for long sleeves, and accessories can be bought anywhere between \$6 for decals to \$10 for pins.

Van Meter's designs can be described as vibrant in an effort to spread happiness and laughter, seeming to pop off of whatever canvas it is being displayed from. Whether they're on a screen, T-shirt or print, the bold lines and bright colors are inspired by memes and pop culture, according to the artist.

Things such as pizza, hamburgers and general pictures that make people happy can be used as humorous material, which are often incorporated in his work. One of his more popular designs displayed outside his shop, a pineapple with an eye, is playful at first, but according to Van Meter has a much deeper meaning.

"Everyone has their own idea of paradise, such as a beach with pina colodas," Van Meter said. "So, I used a pineapple to represent paradise and the eye means to keep an eye on your paradise because, in life, it can knock you down and this is a reminder for others out there to just keep going."

Greenville local Rodrick Daniels, a fan of Van Meter's work, said he appreciates the artistic



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Local Greenville artist Trevor Van Meter stands behind a counter in his store on 817 Dickinson Ave.

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-Trevor Van Meter



style and hidden messages behind his work.

"I'm a huge fan of cartoony animation, you know, especially ones with almost grotesque

animations," Daniels said. "Seeing this done but with a positive message behind it is really sick and offers a different perspective on the art."

Using "Bella Canvas" for T-shirts, Van Meter said he wants to use quality products when creating apparel to give it a more comfortable fit. Along with making custom prints, Van Meter's background in animation offers a unique aspect to his art.

The artist said he tries to make designs that can seamlessly go from print to animation. With his art, he said he likes taking popular ideas or images and putting his own spin on it for people to recognize what they are looking at, but at the same time noticing slight abnormalities.

More examples of Van Meter's method can be seen on Heytvm's Instagram page, heytm. Heytvm.store is the place find items such as T-shirts, hoodies, prints and pins for purchase online.

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'Junie B. Jones' show to highlight literacy

Jenna Price
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One of East Carolina University's community outreach programs will continue to bring laughter and lessons to the community as it hosts Theatreworks USA's production of "Junie B. Jones."

The show will debut in Wright Auditorium on Friday at 7 p.m. The event is open to the public, with tickets ranging in price from \$8 to \$11, which can be bought at the central ticket office. Though the program is geared toward children, the performance is based on a popular children's book series many people are familiar with.

The presentation of the popular Barbara Parks book series, "Junie B. Jones," is part of S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Art Series called Family Fare. The program, which began in 1989, is an effort to further ECU's involvement in the community.

Literary Specialist in ECU's School of Education Elizabeth Swaggerty said by encouraging children to read, they are also encouraging children to succeed. Statistically, children who read are more likely to achieve their goals, she said.

"Research tells us there is a correlation between reading and achievement," Swaggerty said.



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From left: Adam Overett, Mary Faber and Michael McCoy perform in the show.

"So, we know a love of reading encourages children to want to achieve. "Junie B. Jones" appeals to children because she's relatable and funny."

Swaggerty said she is excited for children to have the chance to see this story come to life on stage. She hopes that by children seeing this production it encourages them to look deeper into Park's stories.

Hosted by the ECU's School of Fine Arts, the show has been a part of Family Fare since 2005, according to Michael Crane, the associate dean of research, marketing and outreach in SOFA. He said his No. 1 goal through continuing the program is to encourage children

to read and show how fun engaging in literature can be.

Theatreworks USA, a large traveling company that currently has 17 shows on the road has been a part of this program for several years now. It produces these plays with the target audience of children to help expose kids to literature.

Touring since 2004, Theatreworks USA usually headline with a well known title, such as "Junie B. Jones," and then it will throw in some classics or lesser known works such as "Aesop's Fables." The company structures the show in a way that ensures children have a well-rounded, lively experience when attending

its programs according to Crane.

Brittney Peters, a Theatreworks USA company member, is currently playing the titular character of Junie B. Jones. Peters said she grew up reading the books, and is very excited for the opportunity.

"I grew up reading 'Junie B. Jones.' It's been really exciting getting to portray this character," Peters said. "It's really been about focusing how she talks, and the expressions she uses. For example, her most recognizable catch phrase, 'Wowie, wow, wow!' It was important for me to make sure I captured that."

Family Fare is a long standing tradition that ECU is proud to continue to provide to the Greenville community, explains Crane. He said he is excited to see generations of attendees, from parents to children to even grandchildren in some cases to watch a timeless series come to life.

"Two or three years of coming to every show and then maybe you got too old to come or you outgrew it, but now we're seeing those kids bringing their own kids," Crane said. "It's really cool to see that it's just what you do. It's a Greenville pastime."

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CREAMERY

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Simply Natural Creamery employee Jana Anderson, a freshman accounting major at East Carolina University, said she is excited about the Greenville location. She said it will be great for business and will bring in more people who live locally.

"I think the original (shop) will attract families with young kids who want to see the farm and go on the hayrides, while the new one attracts teenagers and college students living in Greenville who just want delicious ice cream," Anderson said.

Fulcher said one thing individuals don't realize is the creamery is also creating jobs by opening the new store. He said the creamery

will be able to employ people who may not have had the chance to have a job before, especially younger people and students, adding it's a great opportunity for a first job.

"We realize there are other ice cream shops available, but we truly are the only local dairy and creamery so we really want to make that available," Fulcher said. "Of course the whole natural aspect of it, how we treat our animals and grow all the food ourselves, is just another plus."

Blackbeard Coffee Roasters, Coastal Fog, Dickinson Avenue Public House and The Scullery are

just a few places in Greenville where individuals can already find its farm-fresh products, according to the Simply Natural Creamery website. While the creamery offers products at more than thirty locations just in Greenville, and more locations in other surrounding areas, employees and customers are excited for the second creamery location.

Erika Lee, a barista at Blackbeard, said the coffee shop uses Half and Half, heavy cream, skim milk, whole milk and vanilla ice cream from the creamery. As a senior hospitality management major with a concentration in food and beverage, Lee said she wants to open her own local restaurant one day and loves supporting local businesses, adding when individuals support local, they're supporting families.

"I think that Simply Natural is a place that so many ECU students and local people in Greenville want to go to but don't always have time to drive all the way out there," Lee said.

Winterville residents Mark and Vickie Tripp sat in the Simply Natural Creamery enjoying ice cream cones. They said they will continue to go to the Ayden location for ice cream because it is closer to their home, but are excited the business has the ability to open a second location.

Vickie Tripp said they love to bring their granddaughters to the Ayden location, adding that the kids love to see the calf and play on the playground and that the creamery is "a good place for a family."

"We come out here during the summer time but we don't come out here on Sunday no more because

we know it's impossible," Mark Tripp said. "So, we come during the week since we live so close. Saturdays and Sundays, it's backed up."

Anderson said having two locations may make the Ayden location where she works a little less busy this summer. She hopes this will help customers get their ice cream faster.

"I've worked some long, busy days during the summer and there are long lines that wrap around the store and create a long wait for ice cream," Anderson said. "The original Simply Natural Creamery gets incredibly busy so I have no doubt the one in Greenville will also be busy."

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Grab an unexpected professional opportunity. You're making a good impression. Can you mix business and pleasure? Creative collaboration surges naturally in a social setting.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Good things come from unconsidered directions. Take a spontaneous trip or seminar. Investigate a hot lead. Visit interesting people and places.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Revise the budget to embrace an unscheduled opportunity. Provide creative solutions to handle responsibilities and take advantage of a chance to grow your enterprise simultaneously.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Do something fun with your partner. It could get romantic, even. Accommodate the needs of the youngest family member without sacrificing a quality connection.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Dig into a big job. Physical efforts provide satisfying results. Feed your body, mind and spirit. Smooth rough edges before showing your work. Keep practicing.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Settle into a relaxing spot to savor something (or someone) that calls to your heart. Love feeds your spirit. Socialize and play with interesting people.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Family has your focus. Save money, and cook at home. Try a new recipe; or get an old one from a long-distance connection. Use quality, simple ingredients.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Get the word out about a good cause. Your past work speaks well for you. Creativity comes easily. Express new ideas. Polish and edit.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Your wallet grows fatter as you keep producing results. You have more than you thought. Stash some away before it evaporates. Position yourself for change.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Take charge to make things happen. You know what you want. Check for scheduling conflicts before compromising. Allocate resources. Be cool; you're attracting attention.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Meditate on what your heart wants. Imagine your own version of paradise. What might you do? Where? And with whom? Invest in an investigation.

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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>> BASEBALL ANALYSIS

ECU remains hot over break



Robert Romero
TEC STAFF

If there's anything we've learned about East Carolina University's baseball team, it's that it has showed an impressive amount of grit, heart and mental toughness at various moments throughout the season so far, earning them a top-25 national ranking in the D1Baseball.com poll.

ECU grinded out six games over the ten day break, with one against the College of Charleston being cancelled, but the Pirates did not come out with their usual intensity in the first game, resulting in a 12-2 beatdown at the hands of underdog Pepperdine University (7-9).

According to head coach Cliff Godwin, the Pirates weren't ready to play because they assumed it would be an easy win based on the poor performances of Pepperdine early this season.

"The guys looked at the score from the Campbell-Pepperdine game (15-2 Campbell) and thought we could just roll the balls out there and win," Godwin said. "The best team doesn't always win, it's the team that plays the best that wins and Pepperdine played way better than we did."

ECU lost the next day to Missouri State University (8-5), the first back-to-back losses this season. But, instead of getting discouraged by the losing streak, the Pirates showed their resiliency, rolling through the rest of week with five-straight victories.

The Pirates overcame adversity in their



Sophomore Spencer Brickhouse runs to first after making contact with a pitch in a game for ECU.

first double-header, on the road at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (8-7) on Saturday afternoon.

Freshman right hander Alec Bureson, who pitched the ninth inning, eventually recorded the final out after the Pirates nearly blew a four run lead to secure the win.

Then in game two of its double-header, ECU let go off all the previous mistakes by dominating Charlotte 12-2 and completing the series sweep. Bureson, who shouldered the pressure of closing out the last game, embodied the resilience of the team with his offensive performance in game two, recording a game-high four RBI on three hits and one run scored.

Overall, ECU proved why it earned its

top-25 national ranking since being named No. 18 in the country following its 2-1 series win against then No. 6 UNC Chapel Hill (8-7) on Feb. 26. The Pirates were 4-0 before that series, but all wins came against lowly Western Carolina University (1-14) and Campbell University (6-9) teams where they had at least a five run lead by the fourth inning in each game. At the time, nobody was sure how good of a team ECU was.

In game one versus UNC back on Feb. 23, 5,382 fans were in attendance at Clark-Leclair Stadium, the third most in stadium history. That kind of passion from the fans creates the opportunity for ECU to have a noticeable home field advantage for the team to feed off. ECU maintained just

a one run lead for most of the game, with starting sophomore right-handed pitcher Trey Benton and sophomore right-handed reliever Tyler Smith remaining unfazed by the pressure and threw up almost all zeros to secure a 2-1 victory.

ECU rode the momentum to the Durham Bulls Athletic Park for game two, but were unable to rekindle the hot pitching from game one. Even though UNC jumped out to a 3-0 lead early, the Pirates showed their grit and climbed out of the hole to grab a brief lead before eventually falling 5-4.

This tough loss led to a 12-0 demolition of the Tar Heels the next day on their home field of Boshamer Stadium.

"We're a gritty blue-collared team and that's the identity that we want to create. We couldn't have played worst in the first four innings (in game two) but we got right back into the game and I'm really proud how we handled that this weekend," starting pitcher Chris Holba said after game three versus UNC.

In their first game as the No. 18 team in the country, the Pirates lived up to their ranking, beating Old Dominion University (5-9) 10-3 in a relatively easy victory for ECU.

ECU looks to add to its winning streak when it starts a five-game homestand this afternoon at 4 p.m. in a weekday battle against Virginia Commonwealth University with sophomore left-handed pitcher Jake Agnos (1-1, 6.39 ERA) set to take the mound for the Pirates.

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>> WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ANALYSIS

Road games remain biggest obstacle



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With its season now over, the East Carolina University women's basketball team must improve its play away from Minges

Coliseum to take the next step as a top contender in the American Athletic Conference.

Keep in mind this Pirates team, which had its season end March 4 after an 80-44 loss to the University of South Florida in the second round of the American Athletic Conference tournament is in the middle of a head coach Heather Macy's second rebuild at ECU. It finished in the bottom half of the AAC three years in a row, including a last place finish last season. All sport teams obviously have an advantage playing at home compared to on the road, but the best teams find a way to be get it done no matter where the game is played.

ECU's improvement from an 8-7 home record last season to 11-5 a year later proves ECU



Freshman guard Lashonda Monk drives the lane against Temple University.

is doing its part at home. Where it has failed is road play, evident by an 8-22 record in away and neutral site games over the last two seasons. On the bright side, that record went from 3-12 in 2016-17 to 5-10 this season, showing progress that is minimal but in the right direction.

For ECU, the struggles it faces on the road comes down to the team seeming to play with less energy than it does in front of its

home fans, scoring a season-low 36 points at the University of Memphis on Jan. 6 and losing by 41 points at South Florida, Feb. 7.

First, the offense was not nearly as productive on the road as it was at home. At home, ECU averaged 67.4 points per game. In games that weren't at Minges, that scoring average dropped to 62.4 points per game.

ECU averaged 16.4 assists per game at home compared to

just 11.8 assists on the road in the regular season. This is most exemplified by ECU's assist leader, junior guard Alex Frazier, who's season average of 3.8 assists a game, seventh in the AAC, dropped to 2.5 on the road.

ECU ranked first in the AAC in opponent turnovers per game at 21.9. The biggest part of their forced turnovers came from steals, where ECU ranked second in the AAC with 10.8 per game. For blocked shots, ECU ranked third in the AAC with 3.8 per game. Every one of those stats dropped for ECU when playing on the road versus playing at home, something it has to improve on.

Freshman guard Lashonda Monk, who ranked fourth in the AAC with 2.4 steals per game, is considered by coach Macy to be the team's tone setter in terms of defense and effort. Monk spoke about the challenge in playing on the road versus at home being about the atmosphere.

"The atmosphere at home has been different than on the road. You know at home everyone is cheering for you and wanting you

to do good, and then on the road it's the total opposite," Monk said.

All in all, ECU's scoring margin in the regular season was 5.5 points per game better than opponents at home, and 10.5 points per game worse than opponents on the road. Late in the season, coach Macy adjusted everything about the team's travel routine. Everything from who roomed with who, what they ate on the road, to gameday shootarounds for road games had changed in an attempt to improve road play.

Macy says that playing on the road has definitely been a challenge for her team, and acknowledges that a young team's unfamiliarity on the road can contribute as well to the team's road record.

Moving forward this team will be fine, especially as many of the key players grow together as a core. They can grow together and become more familiar against AAC opponents and improve on its road play, something it will need to do to make that next step in its climb of the AAC in years to come.

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FULL STORY

Men's hoops looks to take positives into next year

Daniel Roberts
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The East Carolina University men's basketball team wrapped up its season on Thursday in the American Athletic Conference Tournament with a 66-52 loss to the University of Central Florida.

The team faced a lot of adversity during the season, starting with the news of sophomore guard Jeremy Sheppard's ineligibility then the resignation of eight-year head coach Jeff Lebo on Nov. 29. Once Lebo resigned, assistant coach Michael Perry took over as interim head coach. Before Lebo resigned, the team started off 2-4 in non-conference play, starting the season extremely sluggish.

Joining Sheppard on the list of

removed players were sophomore guard Raquan Wilkins who received his release from the program on Nov. 3, then star junior forward Kentrell Barkley who was suspended indefinitely on Feb. 23.

After Perry took over, the team showed promise, going on a three-game win streak and winning four of the last five non-conference games to enter AAC play at 6-5. However, the Pirates stumbled into conference play, going 1-5 in the first six games. The team only won three more games finishing just 10-20 which includes the loss in the tournament.

"The team continued to get better through the season," Perry said. "We are a much better basketball team now than we were when I came in. We were competitive in a lot of games this year. We had to get out on the court and win the basketball games we did because there probably was not one game where we were favored to win."

Some members of the team

reached milestones despite the underwhelming season. Unanimous conference Rookie-of-the-Year, redshirt freshman guard Shawn Williams took the AAC by storm. Averaging just 8.4 points per game in non-conference play, Williams became a primary scoring option for the Pirates throughout conference play, averaging 14.6 points per game. He surpassed the 20-point mark four of 18 times in conference play, and surpassed the 30-point mark once against the University of Memphis on Feb. 3. He added four AAC Rookie-of-the-Weeks, then winning the yearly award for the first time in ECU's history.

"I feel like I played well this year," Williams said. "I could of played better at the beginning but I

accomplished a lot of goals I had set coming in, and I got Rookie-of-the-Year at the end."

Junior guard Isaac Fleming recorded the school's first two triple-doubles during conference play. The first came on Feb. 3 against the University of Memphis when he registered 11 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists in an 88-85 overtime victory. The second was against the University of Connecticut back on Feb. 18, when he scored 13 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, and dished out 10 assists in an 84-80 loss at home.

Another big headline regarding the men's basketball team was senior guard B.J. Tyson graduating and playing in his last season. Tyson finished his career fifth on the school's all-time scoring list, registering a career total of 1,570 points. He faced adversity throughout his career with injuries, but managed to get out in front of the faithful fans of Minges Coliseum for his senior season.

"I want to thank the fans for standing behind us whenever we fought through adversity," Tyson said. "We have been through a lot with injuries, players leaving the team, me being injured as well as coach Lebo stepping down. We have a lot of true fans out there and I want to thank them for being there."

Even though ECU is not in the NCAA tournament, the program has managed to get four prospects to sign national letters of intent, committing to play at ECU next season. Come next year, fans and spectators will determine if the team put in the necessary effort in the offseason to improve themselves entering the 2018-19 season.

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Michael Perry



Shawn Williams



B.J. Tyson