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Search begins for ECU's new athletic director

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With the accepted buyout of East Carolina University's Director of Athletics Jeff Compher's contract on March 2, the ECU Board of Trustees is now searching for his replacement.

Kieran Shanahan, chair of the BOT, said ECU is in an unusual situation because it is now searching for both a new athletic director and a head basketball coach for the men's team. On Friday, ECU announced the hiring of former ECU Director of Athletics Dave Hart as a special advisor to the Chancellor.



Kieran Shanahan

"We believe his extraordinary experience combined with his knowledge of ECU will be uniquely helpful as we search for the best leadership for our athletics program in the coming years," ECU Chancellor Cecil Staton said in a press release from ECU News Services. "I look forward to working with Dave and gaining from his insight in the coming months."

The East Carolinian reached out to Hart to clarify his duties as advisor and his possible participation in the search for a new athletic director. However, as of the production of this paper, no response had been given.

Shanahan said a new athletic director could help ECU get back to its roots.

"Hopefully, we will recommit to our long and proud tradition of being a football powerhouse," Shanahan said. "The departure of Jeff Compher, our athletic director, was the result of ongoing conversations between Jeff and the Chancellor. Both sides and the Board agreed it was time for him to go."

Shanahan said ECU can hire a great athletic director and coaches, "assuming we can afford them," but that the

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Freshman Payton Galloway rides a LimeBike on the campus of East Carolina University. LimeBike debuted at ECU last Monday.

Riding through ECU Bike-sharing company comes to campus

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LimeBike, a bicycle-sharing company, brought 100 bikes to the campus of East Carolina University last Monday, giving students and faculty the ability to exercise while reducing the university's carbon footprint.

Based in San Mateo, California, LimeBike operates dockless bicycle systems in nine states and more than 30 cities worldwide and nationwide, according to the company's website. Founded by Toby Sun and Brad Bao in January of 2017, LimeBike's service typically starts with a \$1 deposit for a

30-minute traditional bike ride, with users reserving their rides on the company's mobile app.

Students on ECU's campus, such as senior business major Jessica Harnatkiewicz, have enjoyed testing out the bikes so far. Harnatkiewicz said the bikes are "simple and worth the dollar."

"I think it is easy. Just download the app and your first ride (is) free," Harnatkiewicz said. "You either scan the code or enter the code in your phone, and then it unlocks

for you and you are free to ride."

To use LimeBike, iPhone or Android users can download the company's app to rent a bicycle. For users with a valid ECU email address, the cost is 50 cents per hour. Otherwise, the cost is \$1 per hour. There is no designated location for LimeBikes. To locate a bike, the app will show users its GPS location. On its website, LimeBike has suggested sites for leaving a bike once users are done with their ride: near bike racks, on sidewalks or in furniture zones.

LimeBikes are used on 17 college campuses nationwide, with the bike-sharing company launching its first

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Fashion show aims to raise awareness

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

After months of preparation, the big day has nearly arrived for everyone involved in the production of East Carolina University's Pirates for Down Syndrome Awareness Fashion Show.

After the success of the show last year, President of PDSA Allison LoBue, who is the director, was excited to begin working on this year's show. This year's theme is called "A Night to Remember."

The fashion show is open to everyone for free admission and takes place tomorrow, World Down Syndrome Day. Models will hit the stage at promptly 6 p.m. for a strut down the catwalk at Eastern Elementary School, located at 1700 Cedar Ln.

In honor of World Down Syndrome Day tomorrow, the fashion show will be adorned in blue and yellow, the national colors for Down Syndrome Awareness. LoBue said she loved the design Lindsey Jackson, the design chair, created with the quote, "I would change the world for you," because of the way the club is aiming to change how the world views people with special needs.

LoBue said the inspiration behind the fashion show comes from her Uncle Steve, who has down syndrome. She said she is excited for the event as her

uncle will be in attendance.

"(My uncle) means the absolute world to me and will be traveling three hours to be in the show on Wednesday," said LoBue. "The inspiration behind the show in general is to raise awareness for those with special needs. I wanted to start an annual event in Greenville that everyone can look forward to year after year, even after I leave."

This year's show will be LoBue's last year as director, and shadowing LoBue in preparation for next year is treasurer Hannah Wisekal.

"I basically help her (LoBue) out with finding models, the place and overall how the show will run," Wisekal said. "I am most excited for seeing the models have fun, their reactions and their talents."

When discussing changes to the show this year, LoBue said her and the team decided to change the venue from Mendenhall Student Center to Eastern Elementary in Greenville to accommodate a larger crowd of guests.

"This year we will hold our event at Eastern Elementary which will hold around 400 seats as opposed to last year," LoBue said. "We hit full capacity at 100 seats so we knew we had to expand."

When it comes to the production, about 40 volunteers from ECU's



CONTRIBUTED BY ALLISON LOBUE
Steve Graham walks the runway last year.

fraternity Sigma Nu expressed interest in the show along with PDSA club members.

"I have to express that I am so proud of all the work members and

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Investigation into GFR to begin today

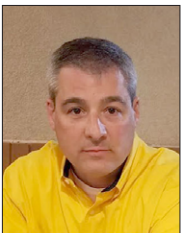
Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

As Developmental Associates begins its evaluation of Greenville Fire/Rescue this week, one firefighter with ties to Greenville says GFR firefighters should take this opportunity to speak up about their concerns.

The city of Greenville announced on Friday that Developmental Associates will come to Greenville to evaluate GFR. The move comes after City Manager Ann Wall spent several weeks interviewing current and former firefighters about their concerns surrounding GFR.

Starting today, Developmental Associates will meet with firefighters at fire stations around the city to get feedback, according to a letter from Heather Lee, senior partner at Developmental Associates. Lee's letter was addressed to GFR firefighters and was given to The East Carolinian by Brian Oliver, a former firefighter with GFR who resigned with four years of service.

Developmental Associates will continue to meet with firefighters this week through



Keith Wilder

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BRIEFS

ECU Greek life to host national hazing expert

East Carolina University's Department of Greek Life and the ECU Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities will host a keynote address from Gentry McCreary tonight at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

Titled "The Five Great Hazing Myths," McCreary, a CEO and managing partner of college consulting firm Dyad Strategies, will present information from his award-winning research that examines the psychological impacts of hazing, the roots of fraternal brotherhood and sisterhood and the moral development of college students.

For more information, contact Director of ECU Greek Life John Mountz.

SGA committee to host marketing crash course

ECU's Student Government Association's Marketing and Communication Committee will host a crash course on marketing tonight with ECU's Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter and ECU's American Marketing Association (AMA) chapter.

Taking place in Bate 1010 at 6 p.m., presentations will be given by representatives of ECU's PRSSA and ECU's AMA as well as ECU professors, tailored to students interested in better self-branding and marketing for their respective organizations.

For more information, visit ECU SGA's official Twitter page, @SGA_ECU.

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university must also provide an athletic director and coaches with the resources to be successful.

"That is what we are focusing on behind the scenes," Shanahan said. "It's truly amazing how much we do at ECU with such relatively little funding, but this is not a sustainable model if we want to become America's 'next great national university.'"

Shanahan said Pirate Nation needs to understand that the University as a whole, and athletics in particular, remain at a structural funding disadvantage. He said in the AAC



Jeff Compher

conference, ECU was outspent by the other schools by, on average, \$18 million.

Compher's buyout came about when both he and the Board agreed it was time to go because Compher's presence was becoming a distraction from the positive things that are being done at ECU, Shanahan said.

"Public perception certainly plays into it," Shanahan said. "There were distractions that just seemed to overwhelm the positives so it was just in everyone's best interest, including Jeff's, to part ways."

According to Shanahan, the buyout comes with an initial savings of more than \$900,000, plus more savings if and when Compher is reemployed. He said the Board has built his amended contract with an obligation that Compher seeks out employment elsewhere.

"Any employment he gets would kick in the clause for the reductions where the payouts

would take effect," Shanahan said.

Shanahan said Compher will serve out his term as ECU athletic director through May 1.

Shanahan said Staton and Compher were having discussions which eventually led to Compher's buyout. According to Shanahan, the Board did not know about these conversations until the buyout was presented to it.

Despite the absence of an athletic director, Shanahan said he has full faith that head football coach Scottie Montgomery is going to surprise ECU with the recruits he's got in place and the team he has built.

"Our players certainly want to win, that much I do know. They have an attitude for winning and Scottie Montgomery is the man," Shanahan said.

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location at University of North Carolina in Greensboro with 125 bicycles, according to ECU graduate student and LimeBike



Dan Hemme

Operations Manager for Greenville Dan Hemme.

"LimeBike is a fun, affordable and sustainable way for college students to get around ECU," Hemme said. "All of our bikes and scooters are GPS and 3G enabled, making it simple for students to find, unlock and pick up a nearby bike."

Hemme's favorite aspect of the bike is how environmentally friendly it is, not just in the way it's made but how it works.

"Biking is already an eco-friendly transportation solution, but when the smart technology is solar powered and the lights are powered by the bike's own motion, LimeBike takes smart mobility to another level," Hemme said.

Students can receive \$1 off their first two rides using the promotional code, "LIMEATECU."

Taylor Meyer, a sophomore nursing major, used a LimeBike for the first time on Sunday. As part of her assignment for her Kinesiology

1000 course, Meyer wanted to invest in a low-cost, easy way to get some exercise.

"I had an extremely pleasant experience using the new LimeBike on campus. The app used for the bikes was super helpful and convenient," Meyer said. "I already used my one free ride, but I don't mind spending a dollar to use the bike again."

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the end of March, according to Lee's letter.

Keith Wilder, a 30-year veteran of the fire industry, said Developmental Associates is one of the best and spoke highly of the team who will evaluate GFR.

"I have confidence in this company that if there is something that needs to be addressed they will find it, but only if these folks (GFR firefighters) will speak up," Wilder said.

In an emailed statement to The East Carolinian, Lee said Developmental Associates is looking forward to working with GFR and emphasized how important it is to have a high quality fire department.

"Systematically and neutrally evaluating the department to identify perceived strengths and challenges will allow a compilation of issues to be identified and prioritized by employees," Lee said. She added Developmental Associates

wants firefighters to give their candid and constructive opinions to make GFR the best department possible.

"If it's going to be a transparent process with the utmost integrity, then nothing needs to be kept under wraps," Wilder said. "In fairness to all, I think everyone should abide by the recommendations."

The East Carolinian contacted Wall and the city of Greenville's Public Information Officer Brock Letchworth to confirm whether or not the city would be transparent throughout the process and make the results public.

After multiple attempts to get any comment from Wall or Letchworth in regards to the transparency of GFR's evaluation, no emails were returned to The East Carolinian.

Wilder said he's concerned about what's

happening at GFR because the department protects his loved ones. Wilder is a parent of two East Carolina University students and a taxpayer in the city of Greenville.

"I own a home here (Greenville), I pay taxes here, my family bleeds purple, I have more relatives than just two of my children who are ECU graduates," Wilder said.

Wilder said he wants Greenville firefighters to work in the same stress-free environment he currently enjoys.

"What I'm hoping will happen is Greenville firefighters will read this piece and it will help them relax their fears in such a way that they will speak freely and openly," Wilder said.

Wilder said if GFR firefighters want to see change then they need to speak up or forever hold their peace.

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OUR VIEW

Rogers should apologize to LGBT

In a video sent to The East Carolinian on Feb. 25, East Carolina University's Student Government Association President La'Quon Rogers is seen making several comments on the LGBT community, referring to homosexuality as a "spirit of confusion" created by the devil to corrupt young people.

These comments are incredibly homophobic and not only reflect poorly on Rogers, but on the ECU community as a whole. When confronted with the video, Rogers made no apology or admission of guilt. Instead, he doubled down on his statements and affirmed that he still believes them today.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe these statements are wrong and betray the trust the ECU community placed in Rogers. As a publication, we endorsed Rogers in his bid for the SGA presidency in 2017, and his refusal to even apologize to the LGBT Pirates he claims to represent flouts the faith we, the students and faculty of ECU, put in him.

As a politician and public figure, it is Rogers' duty to represent all students, not just the ones whose beliefs he agrees with. We celebrate Rogers' First Amendment right to speak his religious and personal beliefs, but the freedom of speech does not equate to a freedom from criticism. Rogers' comments were homophobic and he should issue an apology immediately.



"IT'S THE OLD ABANDONED TRUMP PLACE. THEY SAY THAT ON NIGHTS LIKE THIS, IF YOU LISTEN REAL CLOSE, YOU CAN STILL HEAR HIM NOISILY DEVOURING A FILET O' FISH AND TWEETING FOX AND FRIENDS."

Importance of contraceptives

Birth control serves many medical purposes



Faith Dias
GUEST COLUMNIST

Everyone knows that March is Women's History Month. Did you know that it is also Endometriosis Awareness Month?

This condition, which affects one out of every 10 women according to endofound.org, is most commonly treated with birth control pills. However, this isn't the only condition treated with hormonal birth control pills. Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS), which also affects about one in every 10 women according to womenshealth.gov, is also commonly treated with birth control pills. Even some more common conditions, such as migraines, are often relieved by them. Hormonal birth control can even lower a woman's risk for ovarian cancer and can be difficult to obtain because it requires a prescription and can be costly.

Even birth control that is not hormonal has medicinal benefits. Condoms help reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases, some of which can be life-threatening. In places where condoms are not readily available, there have been outbreaks of diseases such as HIV. Condoms are also beneficial because they are not hormonal — which is a benefit to some people for a variety of reasons. Another benefit to condoms is they are easy to distribute and can be

“ However, despite the many medical benefits of birth control, contraceptive rights are on rocky ground in today's world. ”

obtained without a prescription.

In addition to the treatment and prevention of illness and disease, birth control obviously prevents pregnancy, which can also be considered a medical use. Pregnancy puts a toll on a woman's body — they have to carry the baby for nine months, sometimes becoming ill or bedridden in the process. Then, they have to birth the child, sometimes going through labor that can last for days. While some women “bounce back” to their original size and shape, many women are never the same after birth. Birth control makes it so the women who aren't ready or don't want to have children are not forced to go through this physically exhausting process.

However, despite the many medical benefits of birth control, contraceptive rights are on rocky ground in today's world. Many people — of all genders — are worried about where they may get their contraceptives in the future.

Nobody should have to suffer from a painful disease such as endometriosis or PCOS when it can be easily treated. Nobody should risk getting HIV

when condoms are cheap and easy to use. Nobody should have to have an unwanted pregnancy when we have plenty of options for contraceptives.

Contraceptives are for health. Our health is our right. As young people we often feel as though we have no voice. However, when the nation is telling us that our reproductive rights are unimportant, we need to stand as Pirates and let our voices be heard. Cheap and easy access to contraceptives is a right everyone should have in America. Our country is too advanced in the health sciences to let people suffer needlessly from conditions we can treat and prevent due to inaccessibility and outrageous costs. This is unacceptable and we need to put a stop to it.

There are almost 30,000 people here at East Carolina University, and many more at other campuses in the United States.

As an individual, our voices are small. United as the young people of America, we can shout.

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Relationship goals are complete sham



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Robbie's Rumbles

So, most young people in today's society know about “#RelationshipGoals.” Well, as people post this hashtag on social media, usually accompanied with a cute picture, some little story or any other sincere or endearing act/object they fall into this trap. I hate to break it to you, but this trend in today's society is killing relationships.

As a college student, I have seen all types of relationships. Some are good and some are bad, but this idea that we can take an intimate moment and out it on our social media to show how allegedly great our relationships are is a joke.

There have been numerous posts about little moments, gifts and adventures, but in the end, why does it matter that people see the great things in our relationships? A relationship is between two people and seeing that this world has become so consumed with being “goals” is sickening.

As a society, we have now made

“ Too often people seem to forget that just because people are happy with a relationship on social media doesn't mean they are truly happy. ”

things that should come without any recognition into some sort of goal because “it's so sweet.” Don't get me wrong, I have posted and will continue to post things about my girlfriend and I, but I don't let social media dictate how my relationship should be.

We as a society have made the unrealistic, and even the bare minimum, into some sort of goal. A significant other texting something sweet and endearing such as “Hey, I'm going to be busy so I apologize if I don't text you back. I love you,” is something that isn't a goal. Well it might be a goal for some, but in reality it shouldn't be. That is something reasonable because it's just being a person and notifying someone that you are busy.

I understand this is a goal for some because they have allowed their standards to drop, or start, so low that the bare minimum appears as something that not everyone is entitled to. The reality is, there are some things we are entitled to and others we strive for, but we can't allow for the first to become the latter.

I also understand that every relationship has its parties who have their own situations, so just because someone isn't posting about every little thing doesn't mean their relationship is any less remarkable than one trending under a hashtag. Too often people seem to forget that just because people are happy with a relationship on social media doesn't mean they are truly happy.

In the end, the main goal anyone in a relationship should strive for is the happiness of themselves and their significant other. Don't let the media make you think any less of the relationship you have and mutate your idea of what your relationship goal is. The only goals you should have are what the parties of the relationship choose to be, not what social media claims they are.

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>> SOFTBALL

Pirates show dominance in Virginia

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The East Carolina University softball team now holds a four-game win streak following a dominant tournament sweep at the JMU Invitational this past weekend.

"We are starting to figure out our identity as a team," ECU head coach Courtney Oliver said.

ECU had everything working all weekend. In its 9-2 win over Ohio University (11-12) on Friday, the Pirates offense recorded 10 hits. Most came in timely situations too, as ECU went 5-for-12 with runners in scoring position and had four RBI with two-outs in the inning.

The Pirates took that performance and built on it in a 16-3, five-inning rout of Stony Brook University (7-10) on Saturday. ECU recorded four home runs, and seven different players contributed with an RBI.

ECU finished the tournament by defeating James Madison University (19-7), the host team, 4-2 on Sunday. Day three was more about the pitching, as Pirates' pitchers stranded 15 runners on base and kept JMU to 3-for-17 with runners in scoring position.

The JMU Invitational marked the Pirates' turning point in the season, with them winning the last five games. Prior to this weekend, the Pirates struggled in the Malihini Kipa Aloha Tournament in Hawaii. That tournament, the Pirates were outscored 25-8 and struggled to string together much offense, never scoring more than four runs in a game.



Tate McClellan

Since then, ECU has scored at least four runs in each of its seven wins, and this weekend it outscored opponents 29-7.

The Pirates' batting average was .329 and they hit seven home runs. Particularly hot players include redshirt sophomore infielder Tate McClellan, who has reached base safely in the last eight games, and freshman infielder Ashleigh Inae, who has a six-game hitting streak.

"The biggest difference is the team is relaxed and confident," Oliver said. "They're not playing the game tentatively, they're aggressive and competing hard every game."

This change has translated to the mound as well. Pirates' pitchers are still allowing opposing players to get on base often, but they're now making big plays to get out of innings without giving up runs. ECU pitchers left 27 opposing runners on base this weekend, including the woes from JMU on the final day, highlighted by when JMU loaded the bases in three consecutive innings but couldn't scratch across a single run.

Freshman pitcher Whitney Sanford has performed much better in the last few weeks as well. Going into the tournament, Sanford had a 3-7 record, picking up tough losses early in the season, but behind strong performances at JMU, she finished 2-0 on the weekend. Sanford came in to pitch when JMU had the bases loaded on Sunday, and calmly got a strikeout and a flyout to end the threat. Sanford believes the team's performance speaks volumes about them.

"It says a lot about our team bouncing back from the losing streak," Sanford said. "We never let that streak define who we are as a team. We are on a rise to where we want to be and we believe in it."

Perhaps the most encouraging result from Virginia is that ECU returns home, 2-1 against a 19-7 JMU team, with the Pirates picking up back-to-back wins this weekend. Oliver knows with conference play coming up, they need to continue to improve in every area in order to keep up this level of play.

"I think we are right there on our peak," Sanford said. "You can definitely see the progress on the field. Our bats have come around greatly which was a huge obstacle to get to the peak."

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Courtney Oliver



Former East Carolina University volleyball player Natalie Montini (7) attempts to score from a kill in one of her games during the 2017-18 season. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

>> VOLLEYBALL

Former Pirate inks deal

Robert Romero
TEC STAFF

For four years, senior Natalie Montini has dedicated her heart and soul to the volleyball program at East Carolina University, and because of her love for the game, she wants to take the next step in her career playing overseas after signing with professional agent Joost Kooistra.

Since there is no professional volleyball league in the United States, Montini will pursue her professional career in Europe and said she loves the idea of potentially playing for the Switzerland league.

"I have known Natalie since she was 16 and I am just so proud of her," head volleyball coach Julie Torbett said. "To watch her develop, improve and be the tremendous volleyball player that she is is such a great feeling as a coach."

Montini was introduced to Kooistra during her 2016 season by former assistant coach Ladislav Lelkes. Kooistra is the same one that represented former ECU volleyball and basketball player I'Tiana Taylor, helping her sign with the Sharjah Ladies Club in Dubai last season.

Over the span of the last year, Montini kept in contact with the agent, learning what she needs to do and what the process of becoming

a professional is like. After finishing her collegiate career, she finally became eligible to go pro, and Kooistra agreed to represent her.

According to Montini, she is more than grateful for this opportunity, considering she never thought going pro would be a possibility for her. However, she says she is more thankful for her parents and teammates, believing they are the reason for this exciting new chapter in her life.

"I'm just so excited for the opportunity. I know it's kind of cliché but I have to thank my parents," Montini said. "They have been with me since the beginning, taking me to practices and lessons, so their time, support and love has been a huge part of it. As for my teammates, those girls are my sisters. We have been with each other 24/7 over the past four years and they are always there when you need them."

For anyone who's followed ECU's volleyball team over the past four years, it's clear just how skilled Montini is. She finished her ECU career with 921 kills, 2.62 per set, 1,130 points on 2.70 per set and 196 digs. In her final season, Montini was named first-team all-conference, posting 60 digs, career highs in points (399.5), kills (325) and hitting percentage (.34), good for third in the American Athletic Conference.

Torbett and Montini have had a unique relationship over the past six years, with

Torbett meeting Montini in a club she ran in Asheville, North Carolina, in 2012. Their paths crossed again when Torbett got the head coaching job at ECU in 2013 and Montini joined the program the following year.

Torbett said it has been a privilege coaching a player such as Montini, whose love for the game not only made a positive impact on her team, but on the winning culture ECU's volleyball team established.

"She's just a player that exudes joy when she's playing and that's very contagious to the team," Torbett said. "Anyone who watched her play and doesn't know anything about volleyball knows she stood out from the other players because of her genuine enthusiasm about the game."

But, Montini knows her volleyball career won't last forever, and believes that one day she'll get to do what she came to ECU for, working with special needs kids in a therapeutic position.

"If volleyball doesn't workout I want to become a physical therapist," Montini said. "I want to work with special needs kids, so I would probably take a year off and go back to school. I just think God has a plan for everyone and it can go in many different directions, so I'll just wait and see what happens."

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ECU grabs series sweep over Maryland

Daniel Roberts
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The No. 18 ranked East Carolina University baseball team showed why it's nationally ranked by sweeping a home weekend series against the University of Maryland behind clutch pitching and timely hitting.

ECU (16-4) welcomed back sophomore outfielder Bryant Packard, and junior shortstop Turner Brown to the lineup after various injuries kept them out for more than a week each. Their presence rejuvenated a lineup that struggled through its last mid-week games, a 3-0 loss to Virginia Commonwealth University on Tuesday and a 2-1 victory over Elon University the next day.

Sophomore pitchers Trey Benton and Chris Holba, as well as junior pitcher Tyler Smith had great starts in each game, giving ECU the opportunity to win all three games against the Terrapins (9-10). Senior pitcher Ryan Ross had two saves after getting called into the game by head coach Cliff Godwin for prolonged outings. Two of the three games in the series were shutouts, and the third was a 14-run blowout. The only flaw that worried the Pirates was the number of hits given out in the series.

In game one, in front of 2,725 fans, Benton and Terrapins' starter Taylor Bloom dueled to a close game the entire way, but ECU strung together enough hits to squeak out a 4-0 win. Benton allowed nine hits and zero runs in 6.2 innings pitched, while throwing eight strikeouts and no walks. Ross came in and put the finishing touches on the game, with four strikeouts and only one hit in the final 2.1 innings.

"Coach Rozel always tells me that when runners get on you, get tougher," Benton said. "When they got on, I tried to make better pitches and I threw better stuff."

Game two of the series was where the ECU batters put on a show. It looked like the Pirates were scoring a run every inning after they finally etched across their first run in the second inning. When the bases were loaded, senior left fielder Drew Henrickson started a scoring rampage with a ground out to bring sophomore center fielder Brady Lloyd around to score the first



Senior pitcher Ryan Ross throws the ball during a game for the Pirates, ECU is now 16-4. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

of 18 total runs. Lloyd finished 5-for-5 at the plate, accounting for almost one-third of the team's 16 hits.

Holba only solidified the Pirates' blowout by allowing just two runs off seven hits in his 5.1 innings pitched. He exited the game up 12-2 after striking out five with just one walk.

"It was nice to be able to see the game on Friday. I was able to learn a lot about the offense of Maryland," Holba said. "No matter what Benton did, I had to flip the page and it was my day to do my thing. I was able to see their approach and what they had as a team."

ECU finished off the series with another shutout, completing the sweep with a 4-0 victory. Godwin went back to Smith, who is attempting to solidify himself as ECU's third starter. He earned the victory after pitching 5.2 innings, allowing no runs on six hits and one walk, while striking out seven.

Ross came in again and recorded his second save of the series and season by striking out four, allowing no runs, no hits and no walks in the last three innings to preserve the ECU sweep.

"It was awesome to play in two of the three outings. It was easy to take over with the eight guys I had behind me," Ross said.

The team got major production overall from both the pitching staff and lineup. The batters tallied 28 hits in 93 at-bats, a combined batting average of .301. The pitchers surrendered just 27 hits in 103 at-bats for Maryland. They struck out 32 as a team and allowed just five walks in the series. ECU demonstrated for the second consecutive series why it is nationally ranked. Times will get tougher for the Pirates as American Athletic Conference play begins this weekend against the University of Central Florida.

"It was a great team win, I don't think you can credit anybody really," Godwin said. "Our pitching and defense were good all weekend. Offensively we were really good (Saturday). You have to score to win, and we scored four runs on Friday and (Sunday). I thought our guys had tough at-bats the entire weekend."

Before AAC play starts, the Pirates will travel to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington for a game tomorrow at 6 p.m.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- You're coming into your own, with the Sun in your sign this month. Achieve personal objectives. You rule. You're in your own element.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Today is a 6 -- Complete old projects, with the Sun in Aries. Rest and organize your thoughts, files and plans. Meditation and peaceful privacy inspire you this month.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Begin a social phase, with the Sun in Aries. Team projects go well. It's an excellent month for community activities, networking and sharing support.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Advance your career. Apply yourself to gain respect and authority this month, with the Sun in Aries. Reach a new professional level.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Begin a month-long travel and expansion phase. Indulge your curiosity, with the Sun in Aries. Get obsessed with a fascinating study. Spread your wings.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Support a partner over the next month, with the Sun in Aries. It's a good time for financial planning. Invest for long-term growth.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Devote yourself to someone you love. Partnerships grow stronger this month, with the Sun in Aries. Work together and magnify results exponentially.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Expect an intensive work phase, with the Sun in Aries. Walk outside. Exercise, eat well and rest. Help yourself so you can help others.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You're lucky in love and games this month, with the Sun in Aries. Compete and have fun. Someone finds your energy attractive. Deepen a romance.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Focus on home improvement, with the Sun in Aries. Give home and family more attention this month. Resolve domestic priorities for satisfying results.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Storytelling and communications flourish with the Sun in Aries. Words come easily and creative expression flowers. Paint, record or write. Share your views.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- This month, with the Sun in Aries, it's easier to make money. Track cash flow and save some. Make hay while the sun shines.

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 1 Blair Brown series, "The Days and Nights of Molly ___"
 - 5 Same old routine
 - 8 "___ 911"
 - 12 Sheriff Taylor's kid
 - 13 Rowboat rower
 - 14 "White Wedding" singer Billy
 - 15 Buttons and Barber
 - 16 Horsley of "Matt Houston"
 - 17 Petty of "A League of Their Own"
 - 18 Belushi comedy, "___ House"
 - 20 Wynn of "Dr. Strangelove"
 - 22 "The Big Red ___"
 - 23 Danny or Sammy
 - 24 Sanguillen or Ramirez
 - 27 Take a chair
 - 28 Manhattan or Maui: abbr.
 - 31 Slugging 3rd baseman
 - 32 Even score
 - 33 "My ___ Heaven"
 - 34 Part of MPH
 - 35 Black goo
 - 36 Evans and Earnhardt
 - 37 Scorsese film, "___ Streets"
 - 39 "Cheers" setting

- 40 Gless or Stone
- 42 DeCarlo of "The Munsters"
- 46 Michaelson of "Gimme a Break!"
- 47 Make a mistake
- 49 Coward or Harrison
- 50 "Ghostbusters" director Reitman
- 51 Kanga's kid
- 52 "My Name Is ___"
- 53 "Solid Gold" host Rick
- 54 Religious offense
- 55 "Tenspeed and Brown ___"

- DOWN**
- 1 "___ the Explorer"
 - 2 LaPlaca sitcom, "___ House"
 - 3 Conn of "Grease"
 - 4 Norma of "Sunset Boulevard"
 - 5 "Good Times" star Esther
 - 6 Abu Dhabi, Dubai et al.
 - 7 Captain Kirk follower
 - 8 "The Life of ___"
 - 9 "Married...With Children" star
 - 10 Mrs. Nick Charles
 - 11 Ken or Lena
 - 19 "___ Given Sunday"
 - 21 ___ your heart out!
 - 24 Chart
 - 25 "Chances ___" (Mathis hit)
 - 26 Sally Field movie
 - 27 "To __, with Love"
 - 29 Mystery-writer Grafton
 - 30 Paul of guitars
 - 32 Family on "ALF"
 - 33 Family on "...Raymond"
 - 35 "The ___ of Steve"
 - 36 Injured war heroes grp.
 - 38 Gray and Moran
 - 39 Former talk show host Allen
 - 40 Lose traction
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Local camera store to host event

ASAP Photo and Camera to collaborate with photographer for class

Angel De Jesus
TEC STAFF

Throughout history, photographs have been said to capture exact moments in time, specifically with long-exposure photography, where capturing elements moving through time is the focus.

ASAP Photo and Camera, located at 3701 Charles Blvd., is collaborating with photographer Jamie Konarski Davidson, of New Life Photos, to teach others about the practice of long-exposure photography. The class is today from 7 to 9 p.m. and is designed to teach techniques about this form of photography. The class costs \$49.99, but is free for customers with an ASAP Class Pass.

Davidson said she has taken photographs for about 20 years and started shooting in 2005. Now, with her New Life Photos, Davidson uses her passion for photography to show others nature's beauty.

"I lean more toward the artistic style of photography," Davidson said. "Most of my work is outdoors; nature and rural images that represent that style of work."

According to Davidson, long-exposure photography is all about being thorough and detail oriented. She said long exposure requires pre-visualization, knowing what is being shot, as well as camera knowledge of exposure and shutter speeds.

Finding a subject and knowing base exposure helps with capturing the



Photographer from New Life Photos, Jamie Konarski Davidson smiles while holding her camera.

environment Davidson said. A Long Island, New York native and traveler of the East Coast, the photographer said seeing what the outdoors had to offer inspired her work.

"When I was younger I traveled a lot," Davidson said. "With hiking and just always being outdoors, I would say that

was something that really inspired my photography as a whole."

Long-exposure shots can also be used in urban landscapes as well. East Carolina University senior business and human behavior studies major, Dom D'Aleo is a photographer in his own right and said long

exposure can be relatively easy to learn and there are many styles that can be adapted with it.

"In my opinion, the most creative long-exposure shots involve some sort of light (on cars, fireworks and sparklers etc.)," D'Aleo said. "There's a high threshold of creativity with long exposures. I use it personally when shooting a landscape with cars in a city scene or if I want to blur motion over a decent span of time."



Dom D'Aleo

Whatever the goal for long exposure is to photographers, Davidson and ASAP want others attending tonight's class to get the skills needed to know what they are doing out in the world, so they capture those awe inspiring moments in time.

Bruce Soles, sales manager at ASAP, said it offers classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced photographers. For this class, Soles said he hopes people walk away learning something new to improve their photography repertoire.

"I think that people will learn how to try new things and come at their photography at a different angle," Soles said. "After this class, hopefully people will learn a new approach with their photography."

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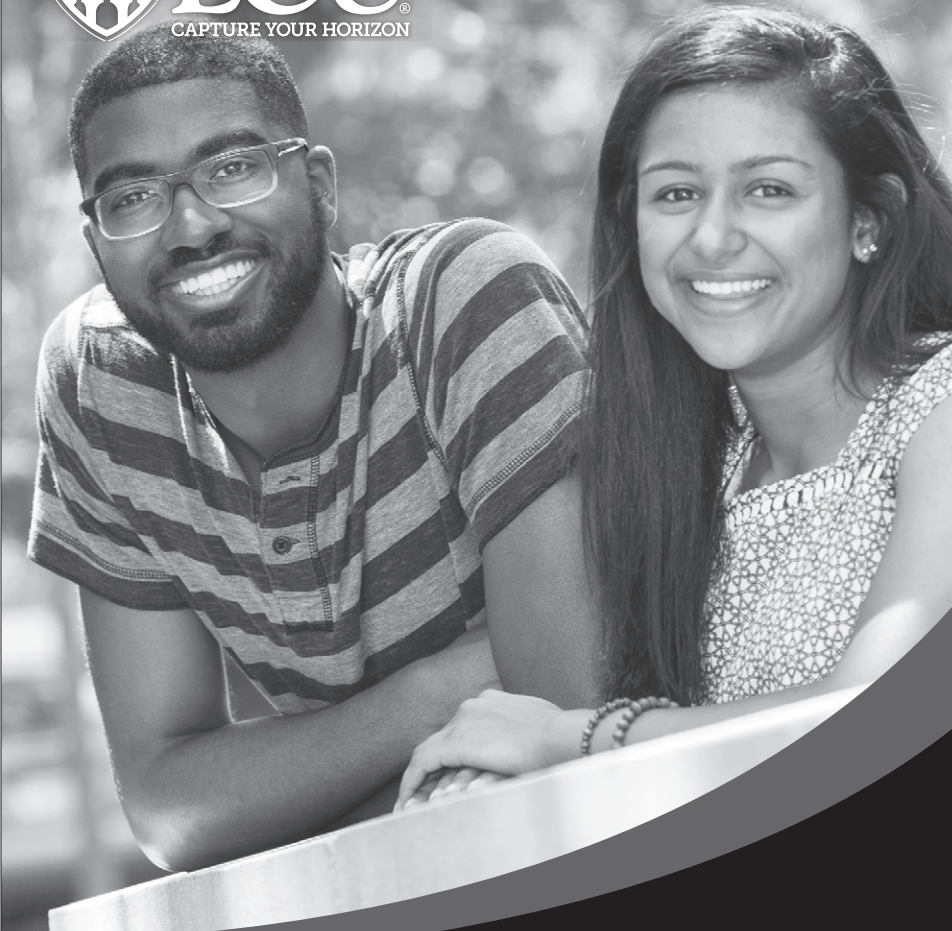
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Singer Mary Lambert performs on stage in Hendrix Theater at East Carolina University Monday.

Mary Lambert performs concert for ECU students

Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

Singer and songwriter Mary Lambert took Hendrix Theater last night for a captivating concert, free to all in attendance. After her success from being featured on Macklemore and Ryan Lewis' "Same Love," Lambert's career jump started, allowing her to travel and spread her message.

Organized by ECU's Office of Student Affairs, the LGBTQ+ Alliance, Department of Sociology and the Gender Studies program, the concert was held to celebrate Women's History Month. Lambert's platform encourages body positivity, selflove, acceptance and inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community.

An Associate Director of Intercultural Affairs at ECU, Mark Rasdorf, the director of the LGBT Resource Office said he is excited by what Lambert's performance at ECU represents.

"I think it's a testimony to the vision of inclusion and our ability to solicit student input and respond," Rasdorf said.

The artist sang and spoke from the heart, creating a loving and welcoming environment felt by many.

Sabrina Huapaya, a sociology major, and Hannah Myers, a communication and political science double major, both said Lambert had a significant impact on their lives through her platform and music, which is why they requested she perform at ECU.

"The identities that we share: both trying to be body positive and lesbian, using that and seeing how she took those identities and made that into her life and shares her story," Myers said. "It really taught me in high school to love and accept myself. I wouldn't have made it through it if it wasn't for her and her music."

Lambert said she loves coming to college campuses, and when she's performing for university students, she always tries to reach out to her younger self and be the voice that she once needed.

"I love going to colleges and universities," Lambert said. "When I was 19 I was at my rock bottom. Now, as a 28 year old I have so much to live for, and I'm so thankful I survived because look at this rich life I live. If I had just a glimpse of that when I was in college I might not have ran myself into the ground."

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executive members have done for the show this year. Just this past week, all of the executive members came over for hours to help paint banners and get last minute things together," LoBue said.

Similar to last year, Pirates for Down Syndrome shirts will also be on sale at the show. About \$4 from every shirt bought will be donated to Reece's Rainbow, a nonprofit organization that raises money for the international adoptions of all children with special needs.

After last year's show, the executive committee came together to discuss changes and improvements for this year. LoBue said it learned the runway portion of the show goes faster than expected, which is why it decided to add a talent portion.

Mother of model Amelia Evans, Trisha

Evans, said she is thrilled for this new addition to the show as it proves we're all alike and have similar talents and passions.

"I absolutely love the idea of a fashion show as a place for people of all ages and all abilities to show off their talents and their fashions, and to show the world that we are all more alike than different," Evans said.

Expressing similar sentiments to Evans, sister of model Steve Graham, Kim Graham, said the fashion show is a great opportunity for the special needs population to get to dressed up and enjoy an event all about them.

"I am most excited to see the participants' faces light up and have their moment in the spotlight," Graham said.

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