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ECU Parking tickets, tows near Bate

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East Carolina University Parking and Transportation is currently dealing with major carpool drop-off and pick-up congestion along with illegal parking that has resulted in a massive amount of ticketing and towing issues.

Joshua Rossnagel, external operation supervisor for ECU P&T, said the major areas of congestion, ticketing and towing on campus is in reference to the area between Student Health and Slay Hall.

"This area is historically at 100 percent occupancy for A1 permit holders and the limited space in this area serves the faculty and staff for numerous buildings in the area," Rossnagel said. "The issues we have been addressing are drop-off traffic, which has caused safety issues and mass congestion and illegal parking."



Joshua Rossnagel

Rossnagel said all on-campus parking requires a permit, with the majority of spots designated for A1 permit holders. However, non-A1 permit holders are allowed to park on A1 spots after 5:30 p.m. to accommodate for night classes.

However, Rossnagel said faculty and staff members often arrive in the morning to park their vehicles, only to find the parking lot filled with illegally parked vehicles.

"As you may guess, this causes tension and we receive complaints at our office. The ticketing process is not a means to punish offenders on campus, it is a method to influence behaviors so that we can maintain the delicate balance that exists with 30,000 plus individuals trying to park in 10,000 spaces," Rossnagel said.

Jason Sugg, deputy chief of the ECU Police Department, said ECU PD is supporting ECU P&T in various phases of trying to address numerous complaints about drop-off/pick-ups by Bate and the ECU Science & Technology (Sci-Tech) building.

"It's mainly an educational effort, but ticketing by parking will likely be included in that processes at some point," Sugg said.

Sugg said the main issue at the moment stems from the consistent drop-off and pick-up carpooling done by

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Designs in demand ECU senior creates custom jackets for celebrities

Angel De Jesus
TEC STAFF

Being one's own boss and giving back is at the heart of artist Sean Coleman's motivations. Whether it is making customized jackets for names such as NFL quarterback Geno Smith, former East Carolina University and current Buffalo Bills wide receiver Zay Jones and rapper Driicky Graham, Coleman is all about the quality of his work.

Originally from Lebanon, New Jersey, Coleman is a senior business administration and management major at ECU, but before attending ECU, Coleman took a two-year hiatus from education after graduating high school to figure out what he wanted to do with his future by working in different industries.

"Although I was holding down a job as an office assistant, or in construction, or retail management, I always had an inner drive that I wanted to work for myself," Coleman said. "So around 2016 is when I started creating jackets and my first client was Geno Smith."

Coleman was able to get in contact with the NFL quarterback through his sister's fiance, who played with Smith at West Virginia University. Coleman believed this was a great

opportunity for him to get his business going.

Coleman uses Levi's jackets because he says they are strong quality. When painting designs, Coleman said he paints a canvas of paint first on to the jacket and lets it dry, because according to him, it is easier to paint on dried paint rather than straight on the denim.

To make the jackets stand out, Coleman uses handmade stencils for lettering and fonts, and acrylic paint for designs. He said clients should have jackets dry-cleaned instead of standard washing practices to help preserve the paint.

He charges a \$100 flat rate for the time and work he puts

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CONTRIBUTED BY SEAN COLEMAN

ECU senior Sean Coleman sits on a basketball hoop wearing some of his custom apparel. Coleman's first client was NFL's Geno Smith.

>> TRACK AND FIELD

ECU community comes together for athlete



Former ECU long distance runner Pol Solanellas (8) races in an event during the 2016-17 season.

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

After an unfortunate accident that injured former East Carolina University track runner Pol Solanellas, members of ECU's track and field team and coaching staff took their focus from the track for a minute to rally around one of their own.

Solanellas was in an accident on Feb. 12, when he was hit by two cars late at night. The accident left him in the hospital for five to six weeks with undisclosed injuries.

ECU professor Amy McMillan started a GoFundMe page to help cover Solanellas' expenses, as well as help him get back to his home country of Spain.

"Solanellas is the definition of a Pirate," junior long distance runner Andrew Ciaccia said. "He excelled academically, helping boost the team's overall GPA while scoring and



Amy McMillan

contributing in pretty much every meet as well. He was pretty much known by almost everyone on campus and he had a great impact on everyone he met."

People from the Pirate community were shocked at the news, showing support in droves. After just one day in the hospital, Solanellas had a line of up to 40 people waiting to give him well wishes.

"You knew that he impacted a lot of people from that. People from all over, not just the ECU family, have been reaching out through the project saying 'we love you' and 'we want to support you,'" senior long distance runner Cayla Rodney said.

People also sent words of encouragement and support to Solanellas and his family. Messages on the GoFundMe page ranged from "Praying and rooting for you" and "The power of our collective love will pull you through" to "God bless you Pol. We wish you a speedy and full recovery."

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BRIEFS

Joyner 'human library'
to share individual stories

East Carolina University's Joyner Library will host a 'human library' to create dialogue between individuals today from noon to 3 p.m. in the Faulkner Gallery.

The Human Book Library will feature several volunteers which participants can 'read' and learn about their multifaceted walk of life. The Library is meant to encourage inclusivity on campus and is open to the public.

For more information, contact Charlotte Fitz Daniels at fitzdanielsc16@ecu.edu. This is a Wellness Passport Event.

UNCW professor
to explore motherhood
through poetry

Katherine Montwieler, associate professor of English and director of women's studies at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, will discuss the poetry of Elizabeth Barrett Browning tomorrow at 5 p.m. in Bate 1020.

Browning was a Victorian poet who lived in the early 1800s. Her poetry on motherhood focuses on the paradoxical need for connection and independence mothers face. Montwieler's lecture is sponsored by ECU's English Department.

For more information, contact Marianne Montgomery at montgomerym@ecu.edu

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>> WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE

Firefighters: GFR lacks EMS standards

Matthew Prenskey
TEC STAFF

According to multiple Greenville Fire/Rescue firefighters, GFR doesn't have a rule explaining how they should respond to a medical emergency.

The fire service uses standard operating procedures (SOPs) to instruct firefighters on how to handle situations.

In fact, as one current GFR EMS Specialist, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity described it, the fire department is, "just kind of wingin' it"

According to a former GFR firefighter, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity because of a current working relationship with GFR in their new job, GFR throws together whatever they can when responding to an emergency.

The former GFR firefighter, who spent time as a battalion chief, said GFR's management doesn't want to create a formal, written EMS deployment model because their response model is a "fluid situation" which is constantly evolving.

"When they (GFR's management) say it's a fluid situation, it means it's a situation that's constantly evolving because they need new ways to operate because they don't have enough paramedics," the former GFR firefighter said.

On GFR's website, the department claims it has paramedics on all of its ambulances and fire engines, which, according to GFR's own TeleStaff system, is inaccurate. The East Carolinian obtained access to GFR's TeleStaff system through a public records request.

The former GFR firefighter said GFR doesn't have the paramedics to operate the deployment model it advertises. Therefore, by not putting its official deployment model on paper, the former GFR firefighter said department leaders can change the system around to avoid contradicting themselves.

However, the danger in not creating a formal, written EMS deployment model is most people in the department don't understand how to respond to a medical emergency, according to multiple firefighters.

"When I was there, no, it (the response model) wasn't safe because things could fall between the cracks and then you have a delay," the former GFR firefighter said.

However, as the former GFR firefighter told The East Carolinian that EMS calls may fall through the cracks, an actual GFR EMS call fell through the metaphorical crack.

In this case, it was a call which involved a patient complaining about chest pain and dizziness, according to radio transmissions and



Greenville Fire/Rescue's Medic 1 sits at Station 1. Station 1 is located in downtown Greenville.

multiple current GFR firefighters.

GFR's EMS 8, with two basic emergency medical technicians (EMTs), responded to the call at 3:55 p.m. on Thursday, according to radio transmissions, which were publicly available through broadcastify.com.

According to multiple current GFR firefighters, the call required advanced life support (ALS) care. However, at the time of the call, Pitt County's 911 center was handling multiple emergencies. Engine 2 was on another call and Engine 5 and EMS 5 were both out of service, due to Developmental Associates' on-going evaluation of GFR, according to multiple current GFR firefighters.

In the rush, according to radio transmissions, 911 dispatchers didn't send one of GFR's ALS units to the call to assist EMS 8.

It wasn't until 4:03 p.m., that one of GFR's battalion chiefs realized EMS 8 wasn't capable of handling the medical emergency, according to radio transmissions. In the following 15 minutes, 911 dispatchers and one of GFR's battalion chiefs realized the problem and Battalion 1 responded to the call. The battalion chief eventually arrived to the call at 4:18 p.m.

A current GFR firefighter added, "The battalion chief had to ride into the hospital with them." The current GFR firefighter spoke The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity.

The East Carolinian contacted the city of Greenville's Public Information Officer Brock Letchworth and City Manager Ann Wall to confirm if GFR has an EMS deployment model.

However, after multiple attempts to get any statement from Letchworth or Wall, no emails were returned to The East Carolinian.

As part of this story, The East Carolinian also formally requested a copy of GFR's EMS deployment model through a public records



Matt McMahon

request. The request is currently pending with the city attorney's office.

Matt McMahon, a former lieutenant at GFR who resigned in October with 19 years of service, said firefighters never had a clear direction of what to do.

"The administration often refers to the EMS deployment model. Well, the model is something that they dreamed up in their heads and it's not written anywhere," McMahon said.

For one current GFR lieutenant, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, the department is setting its firefighters up for failure by not giving them a formal deployment model.

The current GFR lieutenant said because there's no official, written deployment model, each shift or fire station may operate differently. The reasoning behind this, the current GFR lieutenant said, is because different firefighters receive different information which may or may not be correct. They added this leads to a great deal of misinformation and confusion among firefighters.

The former GFR firefighter said GFR is similar to the Titanic, except for a few key differences. In the former GFR firefighter's analogy, GFR was the Titanic which was sinking, but the passengers, or Greenville residents, didn't realize the ship was sinking and the captain, Greenville's leadership, didn't realize how severe the emergency was.

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Student awarded for service
to ECU, Pitt community

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East Carolina University student Haley Creef recently received the Newman Civic Fellowship award for her work and dedication to ECU, as well as involvement throughout the Greenville community.

The Newman Civic Fellowship award is given to a select number of civically engaged students from all across the United States.

"There were about 268 students chosen from across the country. It offers opportunities for scholarships and graduate opportunities that otherwise wouldn't be open to me," Creef said.

Creef said she gets to travel and attend several conferences throughout the next year related to the Fellowship, which is sponsored by the KPMG Foundation.

Creef was nominated by Dennis McCunney, director of ECU's Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement who has worked closely with her for the past two years.

"Haley is an outstanding role model for other students," McCunney said. "In so many ways, she embodies what it means to be an ECU student."

Creef is heavily involved on campus and throughout the Greenville community. She is president of ECU's Model United Nations Club, serves as treasurer for ECU's Student Government Association and works in the ECU Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement.

"Coming to ECU, I just really wanted to

be as involved as I could because to me, that is how I make college fun,

by being involved and surrounding myself with like-minded people, it has opened up a lot doors at the University and anything I can do to give back is really important," Creef said.

Associate Director of ECU's Student Involvement and Leadership Hank Bowen, who has known Creef since she has been at ECU, said she quickly jumped in and was involved on campus.

Creef "quickly got elected" as the SGA freshman class representative, according to Bowen.

"Since then, she has been involved in everything we've (SGA) done, from her first year being involved in all the major initiatives we did, to this second year really taking on the role of treasurer," Bowen said.

Bowen said he believes Creef's best quality and contributing factor to her success is her positivity and ability to smile, no matter the challenges she may face.

"She does a great job with how she does things, but the biggest factor with making Haley so successful is that she has a positive attitude about everything she does," Bowen said. "She wants to jump in and get involved, not because she wants to be seen, but so she can really make a difference."

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students which causes major congestion on main campus. Recently, ECU P&T put up a sign outside of Bate informing students if they dropped off or picked up other students, they would be ticketed or towed.

Sugg added some of this congestion could be avoided if students could begin to drop off their friends over by the parking lot on 10th Street, which is located at the bottom of College Hill.

Chi Omega President of the Rho Zeta chapter Summer Reynolds said parking has become extremely difficult to find on campus,

which has led to periodic carpooling drop-off/pick-ups from her friends who don't have classes at the same time as her.

"It's just about impossible to find open parking spaces, both permitted or public, anywhere near main campus. Though they have a public parking lot, it's nearly impossible to get a space because there are only about 13 spaces available and people come early to park their cars and stay parked there all day," Reynolds said. "When I am in a rush for an important class or test, I don't really care about the congestion or repercussions, I just need to be able to hop out of the car and get to my class or test on time."

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OUR VIEW

Campus must offer more LGBT education

East Carolina University recently received a four and a half out of five stars from Campus Pride, a nonprofit organization, for its welcomeness toward LGBT individuals on campus.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, are proud of the rating given to ECU but believe the university now should focus on educating the straight community on campus on internalized homophobia.

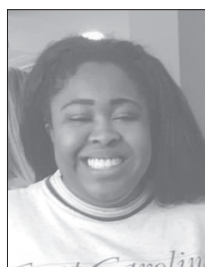
University programs such as athletics and Greek Life are notorious for homophobia, whether that is outright physical, verbal attacks or internalized fear and unacceptance. Yet there have been few events targeted to educating these populations. These groups are not alone in needing events or resources which help teach understanding of the LGBT community.

The LGBT Resource Office hosts events throughout the year to celebrate and empower the LGBT community, but these events are almost exclusively marketed to the community itself. Jeffery Marsh, an LGBTQ activist, may come to campus to inspire the LGBT community, but what good is that inspiration if the straight community does not learn how to be accepting of gay people?

The university should be proud of its rating from Campus Pride, but if ECU truly wants to become the next great American university, it must educate its straight students and faculty on how to unlearn homophobia and create a safe environment for their LGBT peers.



Scandal reignites debate HBCUs versus PWIs is an ignorant argument



Bless The Press

Tyrone Hankerson. If you don't know his name, chances are you know his controversy. Shrouded in a mink coat, expensive boots and designer bags, Hankerson

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TEC STAFF

strutted his way into viral stardom last Thursday, as his high-definition photos filled the Twitter timelines of millions.

Hankerson, however, didn't become a meme icon for nothing. The graduate student is accused of doing several things in the court of public opinion, ranging from theft of financial aid to revoking the attendance of students by the acquisition of illegitimate education funds.

Last year, an outside auditor investigated some student employees from Howard University, who were receiving grants from the school to attend classes while also receiving tuition remission, earning them more money than their education cost, pocketing the difference. The University confirmed the results of the investigation, but did not say how much money may have been misappropriated.

The public did not find out about the allegations until an expose was published on the blogging platform Medium last week, which has since been deleted.

Hankerson and five others were fired from the HU Office of the

Registrar after the allegations were made public. Soon after, outrage about the financial aid debacle was merged with a resurgence of the age-old Twitter debate: predominately white institutions versus historically black college and universities — which is better?

Raised by a single mother and growing up as the oldest of three daughters, I grew up on the notion that education was the great equalizer and the key to unlocking success. I applied to two HBCUs as a senior in high school, but in the end, I decided to choose a nationally recognized school with an award-winning communication program — East Carolina University.

I didn't choose to attend ECU because I wanted to "go against my own race" or "try hard to be white." I, a proud child of Nigerian immigrants and a proud African-American woman, am proud to have found a home in ECU. It has provided me with experiences and given me lifelong friends that I couldn't get at any other PWI or HBCU. I will never regret the decision I made, and neither should any other student of color who attends a PWI.

Just like those who attend HBCUs, students of color who attend PWIs add to the sea of diversity that now enhance today's PWI student bodies, a sea which would be nonexistent if we still lived in the regressive days of slavery and segregation.

At the end of the day, students of color at PWIs and HBCUs are all trying to get the same three things — a degree, an occupation and a bright future.

Something that shouldn't be marred by petty debate and scrutiny at the schools we choose for the sake of securing those same three things.

While HU's administration should be held accountable for the despicable actions of Hankerson and the other student employees who made the malicious decision to steal the money, students of color should not be using this as a talking point of weaponry in the harmful PWI vs HBCU debate. Instead, we must unite in condemnation of this horrid act of theft, while continuing to pursue our path of higher education in order to reach the end goal of graduation.

The fact of the matter is, African Americans must continue to travel a huge distance in order to reach parity with white Americans in higher education. According to Indiana University's Center for Postsecondary Research 2017 higher education census survey, the nationwide college graduation rate for African-American students stands at 42 percent, which is three percent lower than it was the year before.

These statistics plague the century-long stigma of African Americans being less intelligent and less employable than white Americans, a stigma which still exists in our society. Instead of standing at odds at opposite sides of the spectrum, why don't we, as African Americans let the great equalizer of education equalize our people?

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Ethics need to remain high in society



Robbie's Rumbles

It has come to my attention in recent years how warped our society is becoming, and the greatest place to see where it's getting screwed up most is in the area of ethics.

Too many people nowadays think of something completely negative and have a problem when they hear the word ethics. While ethics are subjective to the individual, there is still a basic set of standards for ethics. There cannot be such acceptance in society with allowing people to "cheat" the system known as life by being unethical.

Everyone should see that there is a bare minimum for what is and should be accepted in society, however, this minimum has become so low and corrupt that people have gotten more vindictive and sleazy.

I have watched members of our society seek more opportunities to advance oneself no matter the cost. Seeing

“ There cannot be such acceptance in society with allowing people to “cheat” the system known as life by being unethical. ”

how greedy and superficial people have become has truly shown where their ethics stand against scrutiny — and the sad thing is that when put up against scrutiny, it shows how low the standards of society have become.

Don't get me wrong, I love seeing people working to improve themselves and better their lives. But, there shouldn't be such a willingness to ignore what humanity has set forth as a nature of wanting to do what's right, even if it means we don't achieve the desired outcome.

The saying and belief that "the ends justify the means" is how society is being shaped now and it is truly sickening. I grew up learning we are supposed to do what's right, even if it means we get in trouble. Seeing this basic trait being lost, or (more accurately) ignored, is beyond pathetic.

Now I know there is no single thing to blame, but our society's focus on hardwork and improving our lives is somewhat a major contributor. By this I mean there is such a push for people to always be pushing to get to the top in society that we turn a blind eye to doing what is right. It has allowed for people to see that they are being, without a doubt, unethical then just shrugging their shoulders and moving on. This is the single-largest problem that is growing through the area of ethics.

In summation, the biggest takeaway is that, as a society, we need to get back to doing what is right, not what is going to put us closer to the top. Helping someone shouldn't be something looked down upon. It's time to erase this stigma.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Make plans and reservations for future travels and studies over the next few days. Organization now saves time, effort and money later. Envision and dream.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Opposites attract. Support your partner with financial management. Review reserves, and stash provisions for the future. Stockpile and organize resources. Talk it over.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Join forces to collaborate and update plans. Adjust to suit recent changes. Keep secrets and confidences. Share what you really want. Support each other emotionally.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Plan your actions before taking them to avoid obstacles. Work has your attention. Keep your regular fitness routines for energy and stamina. Guard time for yourself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Relax, and take it easy. Plot some fun for after conditions improve. Work could interfere with play. Wait for a distraction to pass. Practice your arts.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Settle into domestic comforts. Beautify your space, reduce clutter and raise peace of mind. Paint makes a big difference without breaking the bank.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Creative projects engage your attention. Determine expenses before committing to them. Get approvals for communications before making public statements you might need to correct.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Things could get profitable if you avoid expensive detours or distractions. Run into something you don't know how to do. Avoid impulsive reactions and consider.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- You've got confidence, but don't just power on blindly. Resolve misunderstandings before advancing. Take time for yourself. Outdoor recreation is within the realm of possibility.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Rest, recharge and plot upcoming actions. Careful planning provides ease and peace of mind. Clarify to avoid miscommunications. Re-evaluate and consider practicalities.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 6 -- Friends provide the missing link. Support a shared effort by making and keeping promises. Keep communications transparent and simple. Slow until everyone gets the plan.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Focus on professional goals. Use grace and diplomacy to diffuse a tense situation. Take things one step at a time. Slow and steady wins the race.

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 - 4 Gridder-turned-actor Grier
 - 5 Andrew Dice ___
 - 6 Tycoon Turner
 - 7 Kieran or Macaulay
 - 8 Shaquille or Patrick
 - 9 GI entertainment grp.
 - 10 100 yrs.
 - 11 "48 ___"
 - 19 Anna Sten movie
 - 20 "Evening ___"
 - 22 Minnie of the Grand Ole Opry
 - 23 "The Last Remake of ___"
 - 24 "Ghostbusters" director Reitman
 - 25 Archibald of basketball
 - 26 "The Big ___"
 - 27 Hayworth or Rudner
 - 28 "It's a ___ World"
 - 32 Stan's "South Park" pal
 - 34 Griffin and Gabriel
 - 37 Consumer advocate Ralph
 - 38 Alan and Robert
 - 40 Scott of "Joanie Loves Chachi"
 - 41 "How'd ___ Do That?"
 - 42 Barbara who was Perry's Della
 - 43 Blake Edwards movie
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 - 45 Had lunch
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ECU defeats Wichita State

Holba, Smith have dominant performances against Shockers

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University baseball team improved to 6-0 in weekend series this year, coming back from a game one loss to defeat Wichita State University, climbing to No. 12 in the country.

After finding themselves in the same situation last week against then No. 20 the University of Central Florida, ECU won the final two games again to win its first American Athletic Conference series. The Pirates (20-6, 4-2 AAC) were given another test this weekend with the No. 18 ranked Shockers (19-6, 1-2 AAC) coming to Clark LeClair Stadium.

“We have played two quality opponents each weekend in the AAC,” head coach Cliff Godwin said. “We have lost in both openers which is not how we drew it up, but I am proud of the guys for responding the way they did after the opening losses both weekends”

Thursday got off to a tough start, with sophomore pitcher Trey Benton and the bullpen struggling for the second straight week, surrendering 14 runs and 20 hits, the most hits since 2010, in a 14-3 loss.

Over the next two days, fellow starting pitchers junior Chris Holba and sophomore Tyler Smith, with a resurgence from the bullpen,

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-Brady Lloyd

stepped up and set the team up to win the final two games and the series.

Holba shut down a Shockers’ team that had just exploded for 14 runs, surrendering just one run on five hits, striking out six strikeouts to two walks over his six innings pitched. Redshirt senior pitcher Davis Kirkpatrick earned his first save of the year after giving up one run on one hit with two strikeouts in 1.1 innings on the mound.

“Baseball is fun and a game of emotion,” Kirkpatrick said. “That was a big situation for us. The hitters continued to make quality at bats, and we went in and made quality pitches.”

Game three was the pinnacle of the series, a game where the Pirates strengthened their national resume with a 5-0 victory to close out the series.

Smith had perhaps the best start of his collegiate career, throwing 7.1 scoreless frames on Saturday.

He gave up only five hits while retiring Wichita State’s batters in three-up, three down innings four times, striking out six batters. The lineup stepped up when it needed to, scoring five runs on just four hits, including a homer by junior third baseman Connor Litton, his team high fifth of the year.

“As a team, we’re able to take punches and come back the next day and compete,” junior second baseman Brady Lloyd said. “Other teams don’t do what we do. We fall, we work hard, we go through crazy workouts and end up being built for situations like this.”

ECU will continue its five-game home stand today and tomorrow when it plays the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Wofford University at 6:30 p.m. both days.

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Sophomore left-handed pitcher Jake Agnos prepares to pitch for the Pirates. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

>> ANALYSIS

Inconsistency gets the best of ECU softball



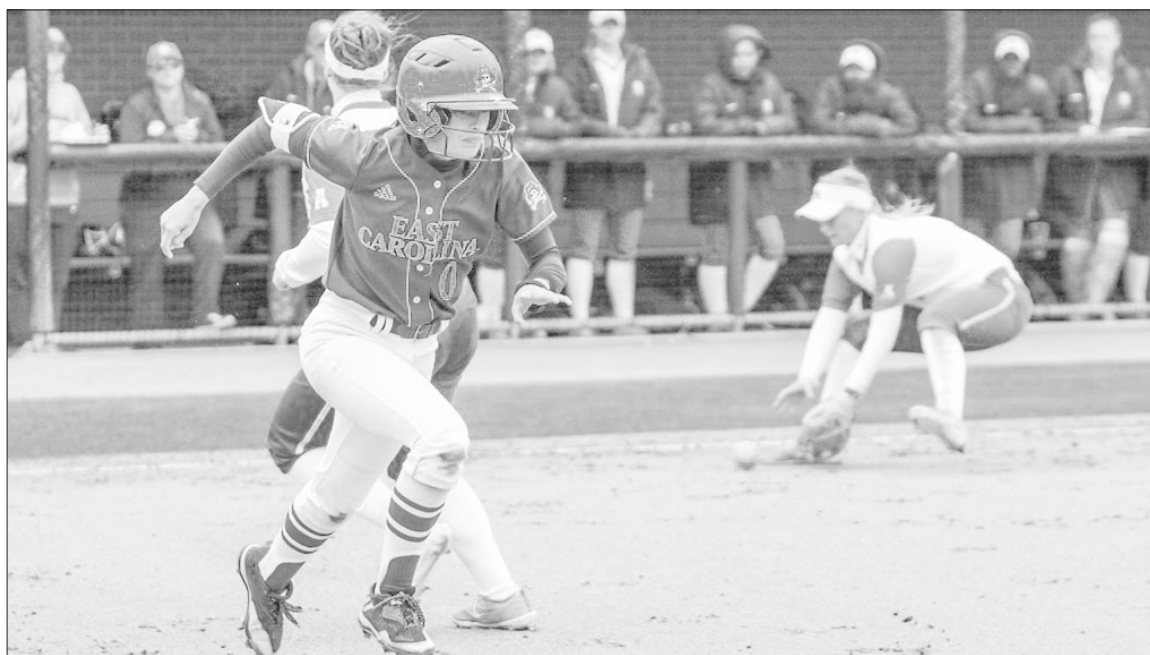
Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University softball team, with a season defined by inconsistency and streaks, is in the middle

of another losing streak after being swept by the University of Tulsa this past weekend.

ECU lost to Tulsa (22-14, 3-3) 5-0 on Thursday, 4-1 on Friday and 9-0 on Saturday. Including the series against the University of Houston (22-12, 3-3 AAC) last weekend, where ECU dropped two games, the Pirates (15-21, 1-5 AAC) have lost five games in a row.

For starters, the offense hasn’t produced, and more specifically hasn’t hit the home runs it relies on. ECU ranks second to last in the American Athletic Conference in hits, but third in homers. During this five-game losing streak, the Pirates have only hit three home runs, all in the same



ECU sophomore outfielder Olivia Narron runs the bases after making contact with the ball in a game for the Pirates. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

game against Houston. It has been much worse in the other four losses, as ECU has been shutout in three of the four games, and only scored one run in the other. Home runs have accounted for seven out of the eight runs it has scored in

the last five games, and without them, the offense goes quiet.

On the mound for ECU, just about everything has gone wrong. In this five-game losing streak, opposing teams have scored at least four runs every game and

nine or more in three games. This season, ECU is last in the AAC in hits allowed, walks allowed, runs allowed and opponent batting average.

The defense also is tied for the second most errors in the AAC,

suggesting the pitchers could be wary about errors. Coach Courtney Oliver has said this season the pitchers tend to revert to trying to overpitch, simply trying to do it all and blow the pitch past hitters instead of pitching strategically. If pitchers lose confidence due to hits early in the inning or because of errors in the field, they might start overthrowing and allow hitters to see pitches in the middle of the strike zone more.

This losing streak is the third time this season ECU has lost three or more games in a row. The frustrating part about the inconsistency is the Pirates also have three different win-streaks of at least three games.

During losing streaks, it has been ugly, as ECU has been outscored 119-30. In winning streaks, it outscored opponents 77-31.

ECU will have a chance to bounce back off of this losing streak as it travels to Campbell University (15-19) today for a game at 6 p.m.

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Former ECU runner Pol Solanellas and senior diver Alicia Roueche stand with Jeff Compher. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

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According to Rodney, the support from his track family and the Pirate community has made the difference in Solanellas’ recovery process. His insurance did not cover expenses such as deductibles, airline tickets for his father to come see him or expenses for his family while staying in Greenville.

As of yesterday the page surpassed the \$15,000 goal after a member of the community donated \$211 to reach the goal.

“I wish we could write thank you cards to the amount of people who have reached out and donated,” assistant coach Brie Berkowitz said. “(We) would like to say on behalf of our entire track and field department, along with the Athletic Department, thank you to

everyone who has helped support Pol and his family.”

Solanellas took on Berkowitz’s wish himself before heading back to Spain, writing a thank you message on Facebook to everyone who supported him. He thanked Vidant Medical Center and those who supported him through the GoFundMe for all the help he received.

“I would like to steal one minute of your day to thank you all for the support received after the accident,” Solanellas said. “I never needed to be under the four wheels of a car to see the people who are by my side, but the generosity received this past five weeks has left me unsettled.”

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EVENTS

TODAY

Human Library
Joyner Library
12 p.m.

Spazz Presents
Lawn Chairs
Trollingwood
Taproom & Brewery
7 p.m.

SAB - Remember the
Time Showcase
Wright Auditorium
7:07 p.m.

Team Trivia
Fire American Tavern
8 p.m.

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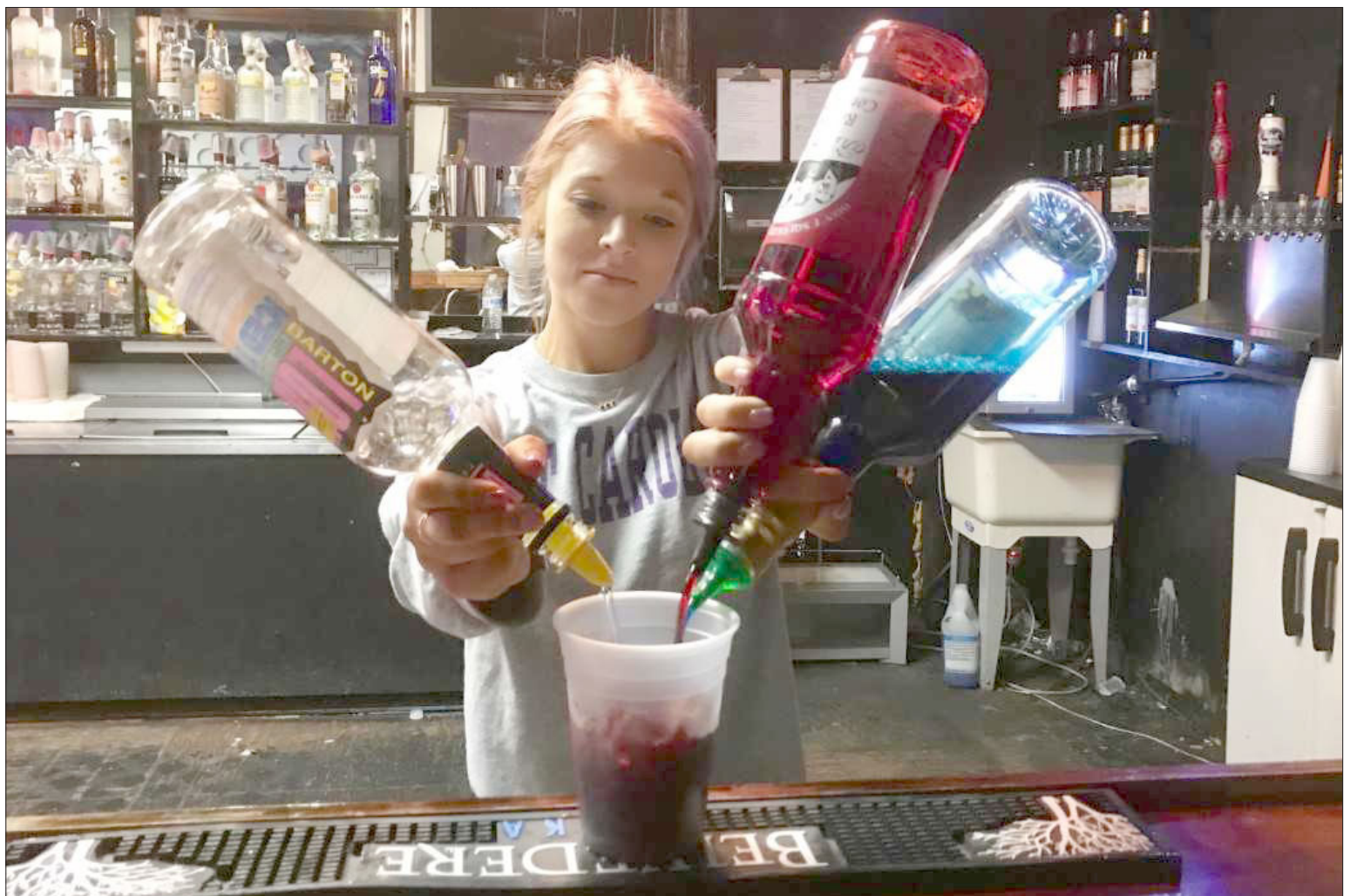
Spring Bake Sale
Joyner Library
10 a.m.

Slack-lining
ECU Student
Recreation and
Wellness Center
1 p.m.

Bring Your Own Vinyl
host by Tymellord
Trollingwood
Taproom and Brewery
7 p.m.

Trivia Night
Crossbones
8 p.m.

Karaoke
Fire American Tavern
9:30 p.m.



Lo Osborne, a bartender at 5th Street Distillery and Annex pours blue curacao, grenadine and long island ice tea mix into the popular trash can drink.

>> MEET YOUR BARTENDERS

Bartender finds home

5th Street employee talks about 'family'

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

Editor's note: This is part two in a five-part Tuesday series titled, "Meet Your Bartenders."

As 25-year-old Lo Osborne sat at the bar with the owner, she talked about her "family" at 5th Street Distillery and Annex.

Osborne, an East Carolina University alumna from Greensboro, North Carolina, began working at 5th when she was only 18, then began bartending on her 21st birthday. With bartending experience from Rumors Nightclub, The OP Nightclub, Club 519 and The Halfway House, Osborne is no stranger to downtown Greenville.

Tony Frazier, owner of 5th and fellow ECU graduate, started working at 5th when it opened in 2007 as a bartender and later a manager, then bought the establishment about five years ago. As Osborne and Frazier talked about times they shared together, the bond became apparent.

"It's like family, I love this place and I don't want to go anywhere else," Osborne said. "I've known Tony for eight years."

5th employs 10 bartenders and about 30 staff members, according to Frazier. He added they're just "everyday people" who may work day jobs or go to school during the day, and work at 5th at night.

Osborne said she loves that 5th offers the three different bars in one, with a "chill bar" up front where customers can relax and talk, a "party bar" in the back and a dance club through the alley. Osborne added it's really important to her that 5th is an "everyone kind of place."

"Anyone can come and it's a good blend and mesh of people... You get to come hang out with all us," Osborne said. "That's honestly why I

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5th offers specials on \$1 Domestic, \$2 Wells, \$2 Fireball, \$2 Bombs and \$5 Trash Cans. Osborne said the Trash Can, which consists of Long Island Iced Tea mix, blue curacao, Red Bull and grenadine, is the most popular of the five. Her favorite to make consists of Malibu Passion Fruit Rum, pineapple sour mix and green apple vodka.

Tomy Ventura, a senior business major at ECU, said he typically orders a loaded Corona when he goes to 5th, adding the bartenders are "really chill." Ventura also mentioned he loves 5th for the three big areas it offers customers.

"They're really quick compared to the other places downtown, that's the cool thing about 5th," Ventura said. "They're really friendly, they're really quick and it never hurts to tip them. 5th is awesome...It's dope, I love it."

Frazier said there will soon be a total of six booths for 5th customers to rent out. There are upper and lower sections in the establishment

for customers to rent tables and receive bottle service. Over the summer, he said 5th may build a section on the porch for individuals to reserve booths and bottle service as well.

"We want to restore the hype that is ECU," Osborne said, as she and Frazier reminisce about how downtown "used to be" when they attended the school.

However, Osborne added she has had some crazy and busy nights working at 5th in the past few years. She said football games are "absolutely nuts." She also worked the promo party 5th put on with Blackout Republic, adding it was "super high energy" and fun.

"The (NC) State game, probably two years ago, was probably the busiest night I think I've ever worked," Osborne said. "But the best night, we did a promo party with Blackout Republic. That's probably the most fun I think I've ever worked. It was a neon party, everybody dressed up, it was great."

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into the jackets, which doesn't include the original cost. For example, if a stock Levi's jacket is originally \$70, the Coleman customized jacket would be \$170.

After attending County College of Morris back home in New Jersey, the artist made his way to ECU. During his first semester he made his first major ECU client, Zay Jones. The jacket for Jones, and the one he dons himself, has the phrase "It wasn't as good as you thought" on the back, which the meaning comes from a rosy retrospective inspiration.

"So, when something comes out with a lot of hype, like a shoe, it comes out and everyone is so amazed by it, but down the line, you realize it wasn't as good as you thought," Coleman said. "I kind of left that for Zay to have that be something on his set stone. No matter what someone says about him or says on the field, he'll have the last laugh because they were never as good as they thought and he's the person still striving for success."

From there, Coleman worked with other ECU football players, such as wide receiver Jimmy Williams. He's also worked with rapper Driicky Graham, who came to ECU for a concert last spring.

Graham is a rapper from Newark, New Jersey and has made popular songs such as "Snapbacks & Tattoos" and "We Up." Coleman created a special comic-inspired jacket for Graham, with phrases such as



Sean Coleman poses in a beige trench coat and jeans while holding a Louis Vuitton duffle bag.

"POW!" and "KABOOM!" with colorful and animated backdrops. Graham said the jacket was amazing and he appreciated the originality that went into it.

"I would say definitely the time and energy to make an original and custom fit jacket (is

appreciated most)," Graham said. "Even down to the "POW" details in the front."

In addition to apparel, Coleman takes empty champagne bottles from brands such as Veuve Clicquot and Moët & Chandon, and makes candles out of them. Coleman cuts them

in half through a meticulous process, then pours wax into the bottom half of the bottle.

Each candle runs from \$25 to \$60 depending on sizes. Coleman said clients for his candles vary from sorority girls, people into house decor, those looking for gifts, as well as restaurants from back home, one of which even lets him eat for free now.

Although he enjoys working with athletes and rappers, he said he embraces working with other artists as well. Coleman admits that when it comes to his work, he wants to be in complete control of the designs and outcome of his projects, but said working with like-minded individuals is important to him.

"I think it is really important to have the last say (when working on projects) but I think it is really important to have people around you that know you," Coleman said. "You can accept their constructive criticism. If they say it's bad, you know they are telling you for the right reason and that they are just not hating. Or if it's good, you know they are not gassing you up, they truly believe that something you accomplished is actually great."

Coleman's future plans include an updated website, having his brand in stores of his choosing and to spread his name and work among more artists.

Those looking to purchase Coleman's work or to get updates, can find him on Instagram at whiteknyne.

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