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Jesse McCartney performs at a concert in Raleigh, North Carolina in 2013. McCartney will headline this year's Barefoot on the Mall.

Barefoot to rock mall

Jesse McCartney to headline annual event

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As finals quickly approach, students eager to celebrate one last time will gather on the mall for dancing, tie-dying and free food for East Carolina University's 39th annual Barefoot on the Mall.

The festival is set to begin today at 3 p.m., featuring singer Kiiara followed by this year's headliner Jesse McCartney, who provides some nostalgia. Last year, pop artist Daya, known for her radio hit "Sit Still Look Pretty," entertained a quaint crowd of students toward the end of the event. This year, ECU's Student Activities Board hopes to draw in a larger crowd with McCartney.

Opening the show for McCartney, Kiiara, the artist behind "Gold," will take center stage at 5 p.m. and McCartney's "Beautiful Soul" will perform later that night at 7.

"I think we kept in mind that this was a big year for Barefoot on the Mall.



From left: Mark Menkevich, Logan and Alex Thierjung perform at last year's Barefoot on the Mall.

It's one of the oldest traditions at ECU, and this being the 39th celebration of it, we kind of wanted to really find some artists that reflected the theme we were looking at," Assistant Director for Student Programs in Activities and Organizations Darius Barrow said.

The annual event began in 1949,

starting from an idea by a senior high schooler. Laura Laufer came up with the idea of a festival through an internship at ECU, and since then, the event has expanded into Barefoot.

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>> ECU ATHLETICS

Internal audit shows deficit of 2.3 million

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A recent internal audit of the East Carolina University Athletics Department revealed a \$2.3 million deficit, but according to an ECU official, it isn't alarming news.

ECU's Chief Communication Officer Thomas Eppes said, in an emailed statement, the University is taking on a small amount of debt in comparison to what it believes the payoff will be.

"ECU leaders took on current debt, which is largely due to a change in conferences, with eyes wide open, believing that the financial penalties for leaving one conference and the entrance fees for joining another, as well as investments in student athletes and facilities, would, in a reasonable amount of time, generate substantially greater income to pay off that debt and make our programs more competitive over the long term," Eppes said.

The audit report states a complaint made in December of 2017 which alleged a "lack of transparency regarding Athletics' financial situation, as well as potential waste and/or misuse of Athletics and ECU Educational Foundation ("Pirate Club") funds." The complaint also states the budget has gone from a \$3.5 million surplus in 2011-12 to the deficit it faces now, and projected a nearly \$3.3 million deficit by the end of 2017-18, totaling in a loss of almost \$6.8 million over six years.

The report shows the deficit the Athletics Department has accrued is due in large part to the \$1.4 million exit fee paid to exit Conference USA in 2014, a \$2.5 million fee to enter the American Athletic Conference, the firing of former football head coach Ruffin McNeill, the addition of the women's lacrosse team and paying the full cost of attendance for student athletes.

The audit also said revenue projections were consistently not met, as well as coaches and administrators overspending budget in individual sports programs.

Beginning in 2018, and prior to the review, the Athletics' Department had already begun to implement changes to address the issues. The steps specified in the



Thomas Eppes

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'Bark in the Park' celebrates animal services

Julie Estep
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Police Department has made April the official Animal Protective Services month, with a variety of "Bark in the Park" events to help promote the work the department does around the community.

Kristen Hunter, public information officer for GPD, said Animal Protective Services will host several meet and greet opportunities throughout the month, as well as an Animal Forum continuing into May to hear from the citizens of Greenville.

The next meet and greet is tomorrow from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Greenville Dog Park on 200 N. Ash St. These events are a "great way to talk with the community in a more relaxed setting," Tim Langley, the animal control supervisor for the

department, said.

"Many citizens just see us behind the window of an Animal Protective Services' truck, they don't get a chance to actually talk with us directly," Langley said. "These meet and greets are going to help that and to know your APS officer personally."

Langley said there is often a misconception from residents about what APS officers do for the community and the main goal of this month is to make Greenville residents aware of the services they offer, adding it's trying to help "protect people from animals and animals from people."

Aside from dealing just with pets, Langley said the department deals



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> BARK page A2 Two dogs interact at the dog park on the Greenville Greenway. April is Animal Protective Services month.

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Earth Day Fair aims to raise awareness

A fair dedicated to the celebration of Earth Day will take place outside East Carolina University's Student Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow. The fair will be sponsored by SustainECU.

The Earth Day fair will feature a food truck, tree plantings around campus, a bike repair clinic and e-waste recycling. Hands-on activities such as tie-dying T-shirts, making reusable bags and DIY potted plants will also be available for those interested.

For more information on this event, contact Chad Carwein at 252-744-4190 or visit ECU's online event calendar at calendar.ecu.edu.

Alumni Road Race to support scholarships

East Carolina University's Alumni Association will host the 11th annual Pirate Alumni Road Race and Fun Run on Saturday at University Book Exchange, located at 516 Cotanche St.

All proceeds from the Pirate Alumni Road Race and Fun Run benefit the ECU Alumni Association's scholarship fund. The entry fee to participate in the race is \$25 until April 20 and \$30 on the day of the race. Those interested in participating in the race can visit piratealumni.com or sign up on Saturday morning at 7.

The start area is located at U.B.E., at the corner of Cotanche Street and Reade Circle. The 5K road race begins at 8 a.m., while the one-mile fun run will begin at 8:10 a.m.

ECU's NCNW to host ceremony

The East Carolina University chapter of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) will host its installation ceremony Saturday evening at 6 in Mendenhall Student Center's room 221.

The ECU chapter of NCNW works to unite African American women on campus with social action work.

The installation ceremony will welcome the organization's incoming members for the 2018-19 school year, and is open to the ECU and Greenville community.

For more information about the installation ceremony, visit the ECU NCNW chapter's Twitter page at @ncnw_ecu.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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>> WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE



Greenville's City Hall in Uptown Greenville. City Manager Ann Wall met with firefighters at City Hall to learn more about the allegations about GFR.

GFR allegedly pulls ambulances

Matthew Prenskey
TEC STAFF

For several months now, both current and former Greenville Fire/Rescue firefighters have been voicing their concerns about how the alleged issues at GFR could affect residents.

Now, according to both firefighters and department records, staffing issues may be forcing GFR to take an ambulance out of service completely.

GFR's EMS 8, one of two ambulances which service the area around Vidant Medical Center and much of western Greenville, has allegedly been pulled out of service altogether.

EMS 8 is also one of the busiest ambulances in the city, according to GFR records, which were obtained through a public records request. In 2017, EMS 8 ran 2,405 calls, which was second to EMS 2 at 2,729 calls.

EMS 8 has been listed as out of service for 13 of the 18 days, at the time of production, so far this month, according to GFR's TeleStaff system.

Multiple current GFR firefighters said EMS 8 will most likely be out of service indefinitely because of staffing issues.

As one GFR firefighter, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, put it, GFR can't afford to take a unit out of service.

"I never thought we'd get to this point. We can't afford to have any units out of service," the GFR firefighter said. "What will happen next? Taking another vital unit out of service? The citizens deserve so much better than this."

Multiple current GFR firefighters, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, speculated the move was the result of low staffing and added the ambulance may not come back into service until July when GFR gets a new budget from the city.

The East Carolinian contacted the city of Greenville's Public Information Officer Brock

Letchworth and City Manager Ann Wall in order to confirm what intentions GFR has with EMS 8. However, after multiple attempts, no emails were returned to The East Carolinian.



Ann Wall

records, which were obtained from the city of Greenville or Pitt County through the use of public records requests.

Issues were raised with how GFR allegedly runs its EMS program, its safety both toward firefighters and citizens and its readiness to handle emergencies.

However, according to two former lieutenants at GFR, these alleged issues are direct results of GFR's leadership and some of the decisions its made in recent years.

Matt Cox, a former lieutenant at GFR who resigned in 2016 with 11 years of service, said GFR's EMS deployment model is flawed.

"I think there are several things that can help (GFR's EMS system). I think a new chief is the biggest factor, but it's probably putting more trucks in service," Cox said.

If the city wanted to fix the system, Cox said GFR should discontinue the use of squad trucks. He added it may be a good idea to even consider splitting GFR's fire and EMS capacities into separate divisions.



Eric Griffin

Cox said the issues with GFR's EMS model can be traced back to the department's Fire Chief, Eric Griffin.

"The ambulances are coming out of service

because of staffing. Staffing is an issue because of retention. Retention is an issue because of the person in charge of the department," Cox said.

Matt McMahon, a former lieutenant at GFR who resigned in October with 19 years of service, said GFR's management has been implementing policies which have failed at other fire departments.

Multiple current GFR firefighters also described this move as GFR's effort to reinvent the wheel, without succeeding.

"(GFR's management) is trying to combine these ambulances and fire trucks into one chassis

is not new. The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department did that 20 years ago and determined it didn't work," McMahon said.

McMahon said with some strong leadership, GFR's EMS model may work.

"I'll tell you, I wouldn't like to be in their shoes because they have opened themselves up to so much," McMahon said. "If one of these squad trucks get in a wreck and hits somebody or kills somebody, it's going to be a field-day for a lawyer. But, they did it to themselves."

Currently, Developmental Associates, an outside firm from Chapel Hill, North Carolina is conducting an evaluation of GFR. The firm was hired by Wall, whose decision came after weeks of meetings with current and former GFR firefighters.

According to the Developmental Associates' proposal to Wall, which was given to The East Carolinian by Letchworth, the results of its evaluation of GFR should be given to Wall and the fire department by May 15.

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with a variety of different issues he believes the community may not be fully aware of, such as enforcing leash laws and handling wildlife calls.

"Not only is this an event for the citizens to meet us, but for us to meet the citizens in situations where there might not be real bad tensions," Langley said. "I may be on a call with someone and we're having to explain a law, but this

is a good time to meet on good terms and get to know each other on a personal-type level."

The first meet-and-greet event was held at the PetSmart in Greenville, and Langley said. They received a good turnout of people, Langley said. APS officers passed out pamphlets with information on how to take care of dogs and



Tim Langley

cats, what to do when people see animals left unattended in cars and brief overviews of what APS can offer.

APS previously had only a week of recognition, but Langley said with the help of Chief of Police Mark Holtzman and Hunter, the week was extended to a full month.

"We know there's a lot of people that go to the dog park and we know there's a lot of people that go to PetSmart," Langley said. "So we know we can't do all that in just one week."

The final APS event for the month, "Pets in the Park Celebration," will be on April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Town Common. Langley said his department will have a tent set up with all the APS officers passing out pamphlets and answering questions.

"It's not something where tons and tons of people may go out, but if you're there or have seen the pamphlets, come out and meet your APS officers," Langley said.

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report are: developing a more realistic annual operating budget, providing actual expense data to coaches, budget managers, and sports administrators on a weekly basis, eliminating a senior-level administrator position, implementing a 10 percent cut in operating expenses (not including payroll, benefits, and scholarships), providing access to and training on budget-related reports and tracking tools coaches and

sport budget managers and drafting a five-year operating budget projection.

The complaint also questioned the contract extension awarded to Jeff Compher, who will step down as ECU's athletic director on May 1 after accepting a \$1.2 million buyout. The audit does not address this, saying a decision of that kind is left to the chancellor and board of trustees.

Rick Niswander, the former vice chancellor of administration and finance, showed no worries about the report.

"The athletic business, like any business, goes in cycles, and they have a deficit right now," Niswander, a certified public accountant and auditor, said. "Now we're in a down time, but if everything goes like we think it's going to go, it's going to come back up. This isn't terribly unusual."

Niswander defended the costs associated with changing conferences, saying the benefits of changing conferences is an investment.

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OUR VIEW

PirateFest is growing Greenville

With more than 35,000 attendees, this year's 12th annual PirateFest drew in one of the largest crowds Uptown Greenville has ever seen. Whether it was the numerous food vendors or the nostalgic band The Plain White T's singing, "Hey There Delilah," community members of all ages came together for a fun-filled weekend.

From Kinston to Cherry Point and beyond, families traveled across North Carolina for carnival rides and corn dogs. Businesses such as Simply Natural Creamery, Anita's and Fire American Tavern piled onto Evans Street to offer good grub and activities.

We, the editorial staff at The East Carolinian, believe PirateFest's success in its overall attendance is shedding a positive light on Greenville and the continuing growth and culture it provides for its residents.

The positive experiences and memories surrounding the event keeps patrons returning from year to year, passing down the tradition through generations. It is our hope that Greenville continues to progress and provide culturally enriching experiences for students and locals alike.

Within this expansion of business, shopping and a diversified music and food scene in Uptown, we can only hope a strong, cultured community can cultivate as a result. Greenville, in an effort to grow out of its "college town" reputation, is making strides in creating an environment people of all ages and backgrounds want to be a part of.

PirateFest is putting Greenville on the map, and, as a result, we can only imagine this mutualistic relationship will continue to flourish as residents get more opportunities to express themselves while local business owners prosper and generate more revenue.

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>>SENIOR COLUMN

Four years was too short

ECU football drove more than tailgating for me



Tori Poole
TEC STAFF

"We are the Pirates of ECU, hey!" These were the first words of the East Carolina University fight song that I learned while at my first ever football game in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Little did I know then that

I would go on to sit in my room reading a banner with the fight song printed on it until I knew it by heart.

My senior year of high school, my dad and I made a trip to Greenville, North Carolina to watch the Pirates take on the Old Dominion University Monarchs in the season opener in 2013. I had never been to Greenville before and although we never stepped foot on campus, I knew upon leaving the stadium that day that I wanted to attend ECU.

Now, this may sound a bit ridiculous for someone to commit to a university without knowing a single thing about it, but I grew up a daddy's girl who loved to watch football, and watching my dad's alma mater play was the icing on the cake. After witnessing what Pirate Nation was all about, I didn't want to go to school anywhere else.

I only applied to ECU, and once I heard I was accepted everything was set...well almost. I still had to decide what I wanted to major in. I had originally planned to major in business and then attend culinary school, but after my dad had a conversation with some coworkers about my passion for sports, he brought a new idea to life.

Now, I'm just as hard headed as my dad so it took a bit of convincing. But as I prepare to walk across the stage at graduation to accept my degree in communication in a couple weeks, I couldn't be happier with my decision.

Over the past few months I have been reminiscing more than usual while walking around campus. Every time I



CONTRIBUTED BY TORI POOLE

Tori Poole stands on the balcony of the Murphy Center during Media Day her first year reporting.

pass Cotten Hall, I think about all of the memories I made there my freshman year. I can still picture all of the friends I lived with, hanging out in the lobby, laughing and carrying on without a care in the world.

Every time I walk into Joyner East, I think about all of the times I have walked up and down those halls, while somehow remaining in the same four classrooms with the professors I have grown so fond of.

Every corner of this campus holds some sort of memory I will never forget, and to list them all would just take too long.

Now for where I spent a majority of my time the past two years...The East Carolinian. My sophomore year I was still trying to find a plan for my future as a communication major, and once I joined the newspaper I found it. My first semester as a full-time writer, I became a football reporter. And for the girl who made her decision to attend this school based on the football team, I was ecstatic to say the least.

While in this position, I had the opportunity to watch ECU football from an entirely different view. I got to interview players and coaches, have an inside look at all the work the team does and even spent some time down on the field. After

the season came to an end, I decided that was what I wanted to spend my life doing. I wanted to write about the sport I have loved my whole life.

So, as my time as a student slowly comes to an end, I just want to thank everyone who has made my experience at ECU so amazing. Thank you to my "squad" for being there since day one. Thank you to my family at TEC for putting up with me, even on my moodiest of days. Thank you to my family for not being mad that I hardly left ECU to visit home. Thank you to all of the people that I didn't mention here and should've, because when I leave I will regret all of the time we didn't spend together. But most of all, thank you to The East Carolinian for making me into the reporter I am today.

Looking back now, if you would've told me my senior year of high school that I would go to school at ECU and not sit in the student section for every game I would've told you that you are a liar. But I must say, the view from the press box is hard to beat.

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>>SENIOR COLUMN

ECU, TEC has been second family



Jessica Evans
TEC STAFF

I've been trying to get out of writing this for a few weeks now, but Editor-in-Chief Annah Schwartz wouldn't let me get out of it, so here we go. I've been at The East Carolinian since Spring 2016 and this is probably one of the most interesting jobs I've ever had. We are just like one big family. I would have to say the end of the semester parties are the best, you can definitely tell where we draw the line between professionalism in the workplace and the way we act at home.

As design chief, there have been nights where I wanted to cry because nothing was going right, and nights where I was extremely excited to be leaving before 11 p.m. We've played games to pass the time while waiting on sporting events to finish, and it never fails for someone to come in

"...there have been nights where I wanted to cry because nothing was going right, and nights where I was extremely excited to be leaving before 11 p.m."

on Monday with a crazy story from the weekend. The thing I liked most about being the design chief was that I got to do some creative, interesting stuff with the papers' layout and design. We have spent late nights in the office and I'm definitely going to miss this place.

When I'm not spending my time at TEC, you more than likely can find me at Jenkins Fine Art Center designing something new. Jenkins has become like a second home for me over the last four years. I've spent a lot of long nights and weekends in this building trying to finish

projects just before they're due.

All in all though, I'm going to miss coming to TEC and hanging out with everyone, and I'm definitely going to miss ECU. I've made a lot of friends here that I will never forget.

As my final design contribution to TEC, enjoy the graduation caps on the headlines.

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HOROSCOPES

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Stand up for truth, justice and beauty. You're especially powerful this month, with the Sun in your sign. You're in your own element with a natural advantage.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Finish old business over the next month under the Taurus Sun. Keep a low profile. Seek out peaceful hideaways. Get productive behind closed doors.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You're especially popular this month. Contribute to a group effort or community project, with the Sun in Taurus. Keep everyone on track and on target.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Career matters move to the front burner. Advance your professional agenda this month under the Taurus Sun. Dress for success, and smile for the camera.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Expand your boundaries through travel, research or higher education over the next month. The Taurus Sun inspires your curiosity. Explore new frontiers.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Plan and invest to grow shared accounts under the Taurus Sun this month. Avoid unnecessary expense. Handle paperwork, filing and taxes. Discover new profits.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Strengthen the bonds of partnership. Reconnect with each other over the next month, with the Sun in Taurus. Share delicious flavors, sounds and experiences.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Your physical performance is on the rise this month under the Taurus Sun. Regular practices energize. Healthy food, rest and exercise routines strengthen your heart.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- You're especially lucky in love this month. Get light-hearted with someone attractive. The Taurus Sun inspires romance, fun and laughter. Share your passion.

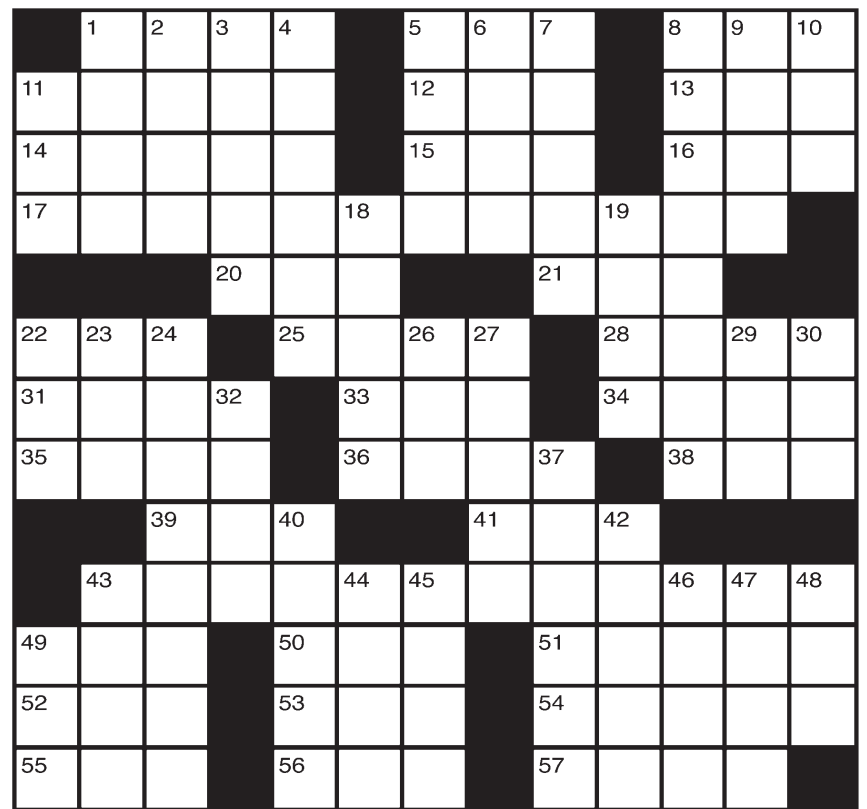
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Fill your home with love. Take on domestic renovation projects, with the Sun in Taurus for a month. Invest time, money and energy for your family.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Stick to practical objectives. Communication projects come together over the next month. Write and get the word out under the Taurus Sun. Make valuable connections

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THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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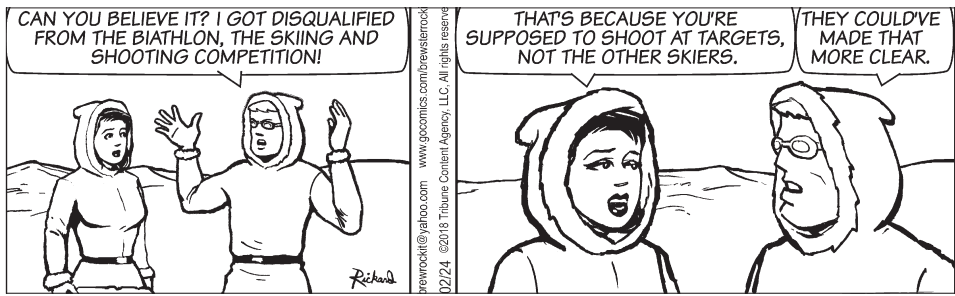
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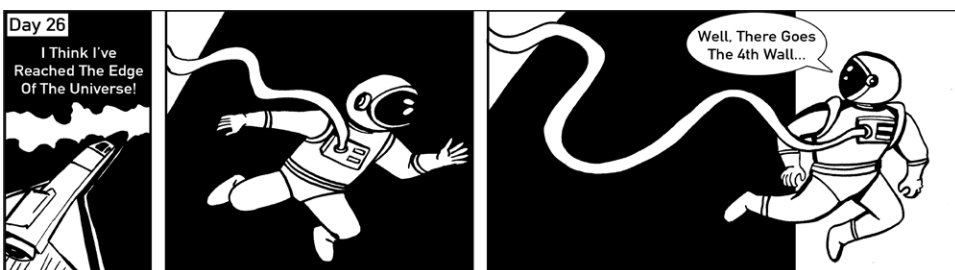
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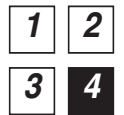
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TEC 'sports

The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this weekend's baseball game

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Who? ECU sweeps Memphis, loses to NC State
Why? The Pirates got their first series loss out of the way against USF last weekend, so I don't expect them to hold back now against Memphis. ECU should handle the Tigers in all three games but fall to in-state opponent NC State in a close game in the midweek.

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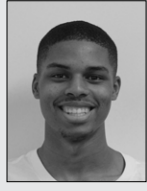


Who? ECU sweeps Memphis, defeats NC State
Why? ECU has gotten its first series loss out of the way and will be hungry to rise the ranks of the AAC, starting with a sweep against Memphis. They'll continue their streak against ranked opponents with a midweek victory over NC State.

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Who? ECU sweeps Memphis, defeats NC State
Why? Memphis has struggled all season and ECU will look to continue moving on from the USF series loss, building on the Duke road victory. Then with NC State next week Jake Agnos should perform well for the win.

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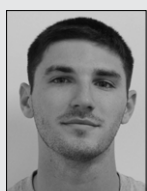


Who? ECU sweeps Memphis, defeats NC State
Why? The worst thing that can happen for Memphis is to play a hot ECU team. I expect the Pirates to handle their business against Memphis. ECU is 13-1 against all other NC teams this year and I expect them to be ready this upcoming Tuesday against NC State.

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Who? ECU sweeps Memphis, defeats NC State
Why? I won't waste time talking about Memphis, we all understand they're struggling and probably can't handle ECU's fire power. Instead lets focus on the midweek game against a top five team. The Wolfpack are loaded, especially with outfielder Brett Kinneman, but I expect ECU to continue its in-state domination, stealing a win on the road.



East Carolina University junior Connor Litton hits a ball during a game, Litton's RBI double gave the Pirates the lead in the fifth inning over Duke.

>> BASEBALL

Pirates top Blue Devils

Robert Romero

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Following a tough series loss against the University of South Florida, No. 11 East Carolina University's baseball team responded with a solid all-around performance to win its 17th-straight game against No. 8 Duke University, 9-2 Tuesday night.

"I'm really proud of the way the guys played and responded after a tough weekend," head coach Cliff Godwin said. "We played really well and it started on the mound with Jake Agnos, Ryan Ross and Gavin Williams. The defense was great, and offensively we were locked in from one through nine in the order with quality at-bats."

Agnos gave up the first run of the game to the Blue Devils (30-8, 12-5 ACC) after facing just three batters, allowing a sacrifice fly to shortstop Zack Kone to drive in left fielder Jimmy Herron, who was hit to open the game. After that, Agnos settled in and shut down the Blue Devils' offense, allowing no runs on two hits with two walks and four strikeouts, earning his fourth win of the season (4-2).

Over Agnos' five innings, ECU (27-9, 5-4 AAC) took a 2-1 lead after junior third baseman Connor Litton hit an RBI double to score redshirt sophomore catcher Jake Washer, then scored the go-ahead run off a throwing error after stealing third base. The Pirates stole a season high six bases in the win. ECU tacked on two more runs in the fifth inning to extend

the lead to 4-1.

"Tonight's win shows we can compete with anyone in the country. The ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference) and SEC (Southeastern Conference) are top notch, and we're right with them." Agnos said. "Coming in here against these kind of teams is awesome, and getting big weekday games is huge for us."

ECU only used two guys out of the bullpen for the remaining four innings, throwing senior left hander Ryan Ross (3.0 IP, 2 Hs, 1 R, 1 K) and freshman right hander Gavin Williams (1.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R 1 K). The Pirate offense went on to blow the game open in the ninth inning, scratching across four more runs to pad their lead over one of the country's premier teams.

With the win, ECU improves to 37-12-1 all-time against Duke. The Pirates haven't dropped a game in the series since 1998. ECU is now 11-2 on the road, 16-2 when recording double-digit hits and 7-4 against nationally ranked teams this season.

Tuesday's game was just the first of a five-game road trip for the Pirates, their longest of the season. They will start a three-game series on Friday against the University of Memphis (12-25, 1-8 AAC) where ECU will look to avoid back-to-back American Athletic Conference weekend series losses.

The Tigers are struggling this season, currently sitting last in the AAC. Their season includes a 10-game losing streak, and their team ranks at the very bottom in batting average, runs scored, runs batted in and earned

run average. Junior right-hander Jonathan Bowlan is the only Tiger pitcher with an ERA under 3.00 (2.60) in 52 innings pitched with a team-high 65 strikeouts. But the Tigers' offense has failed to put up runs behind him, resulting in his 1-5 record in nine season starts.

ECU now finds itself in a situation similar to last season when it went into a series against an inferior AAC opponent and under performed, which could cause a slide to the Pirates.

ECU has dropped games to inferior opponents already this season, losing to a then 3-6 Pepperdine University team after a 7-1 start to the year, but have since won games it was supposed to and responded well after losses. The Pirates dropped game ones against the University of Central Florida and Wichita State University by a combined score of 23-4, but went on to win both series behind a 35-13 run differential in the following games.

Godwin has kept his players focused all year which may have kept the Pirates in games despite adversity. Another positive for ECU is that its injured players such as sophomore and junior outfielders Bryant Packard and Dwanya Williams-Sutton are getting close to being 100 percent healthy.

The first pitch is scheduled for tomorrow night at 7:30 where junior right hander Chris Holba will take the mound against the Tigers.

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>> WOMEN'S GOLF

ECU finishes tied for second in AAC

Austin Walker

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In Palm Coast, Florida, on the final day of the American Athletic Conference Championships, the East Carolina University women's golf team captured another top-five finish after finishing tied for second Tuesday afternoon.

The second-place finish was the fourth top-five finish of the season, and the sixth top-10 finish for the Pirates. Head coach Kevin Williams was proud of the way his team played in the tournament.



Kevin Williams

"We were able to win the tournament, and that's all we can ask for," Williams said. "I'm really pleased with how we played in the final round and I thought the girls performed at a high level, but we just fell short."

Sophomore Dorthea Forbrigg came one playoff hole away from winning the tournament. After tying her career low with a third day score of five-under par, 67, Forbrigg and Wichita State's Taryn Torgerson were tied for first with a three day score of 211. Forbrigg lost the playoff hole, finishing runner-up as Torgerson finished with a birdie

to win the tournament.

Forbrigg's efforts this season were awarded yesterday, when she and teammate junior Carley Cox were named to the 2018 AAC All-Conference team. Cox finished in eleventh place with a combined round score of 222, six-over par. The two players continue the streak of ECU having at least one Pirate named to the All-Conference team every year since joining the AAC in 2014. This is Forbrigg's second accolade this year with her earning AAC Golfer-of-the-Month in September.

The Pirates moved into the top 50 teams in the nation according to Golfstat.com, sitting at No. 48. ECU started the match with a first-round score of five-over par, 296, with freshman Kathryn Carson leading the team and the field at three-under, 69. The team finished the first day of play tied for third and five strokes back from tournament leader, the University of Houston.

The team had a shaky second day, as it shot 13-over par, 303, dropping the Pirates from third to fourth place. Forbrigg led the Pirates with a two-under par 70, the only under par round of the day. She finished the second day leading the tournament at even par, 144, one stroke ahead of Houston's Megan Thotong.

Entering the final day of the AAC championships, ECU sat



ECU's Dorthea Forbrigg finished tied for first at the AAC Championships.

six strokes behind Houston, but played well, shooting a three under par 285, jumping into a tie for second. Forbrigg shot a career-low five-under par 67 to lead the Pirates.

The team will now wait until Wednesday, when the Pirates find out if they have been selected to participate in the NCAA Regionals. According to Williams, the team is still bitter after being the first team out last season, but he is confident in his

team's chances this year. "I feel 100 percent sure we are going to get in the field," Williams said, "We're 48 in the country now, so I'm excited. The team has worked hard and we've played really well this year, so we're all excited heading into the postseason."

The playing field will be announced at 5:30 p.m. on the Golf Channel on Wednesday.

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TODAY

Barefoot on the Mall
ECU Mall
3 p.m.

TOMORROW

Really Rose
Wright Auditorium
7 p.m.

SATURDAY

A Midsummer Night's Dream
McGinnis Auditorium
8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Miss ECU Pageant
Mendenhall Student Center, Hendrix Theater
2 p.m.

Behind the curtain

Crew, faculty talk 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

While the hard work behind a production is obvious by the performance, it takes more than one might imagine.

Faculty and students in East Carolina University's School of Theatre and Dance have been working on creating an immense experience for "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The play will debut tonight in McGinnis Theatre at 8 and will show at the same time through Tuesday, with Sunday's show starting at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for the public, and can be purchased online at ecu.edu/cs-admin/tickets/.

"Essentially as a designer we sit and we listen to the director's concept and idea, and then we start bringing research and concepts and sketches, or round plans drawing models, to the tables," Jeni Parker, the assistant director of SOTD, said. "Then, we all look at it and kind of decide as really a group where we want to head with it, and that's how I really feel like we did it on this show."

As an assistant professor of costume design, Delta Smith has had a big role in preparing costumes for the upcoming show. She has created a unique vision for both the fairies and the humans in the show by incorporating metals, light and even flowers.

Smith said she thinks there is so much to be inspired by in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Adding that she was "immediately inspired by the fairies."

"I think everyone really enjoys the idea of the fairies and the



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From left: Madeline Whallen and Pierce Williams rehearse on stage for an upcoming play in Messick on ECU's campus.

mythical creatures and creatures from the forest and people who have magic, so the fairies were the first to come to me I guess," Smith said.

There are many factors that go into making a show successful. Collaboration is the big word in the theatre department according to Michael Shoaf, the assistant professor of lighting. Each department must work together to create a finely-tuned product. This involves not only the actors and director, but wardrobe, lighting, scenic design and so many more.

Shoaf has been working closely with the costume designer

and scenic designer to create a unified vision for the play. Before starting production, many of the designers and actors come together to discuss the script, and Shoaf said this collaboration helps bring new and original ideas to the table.

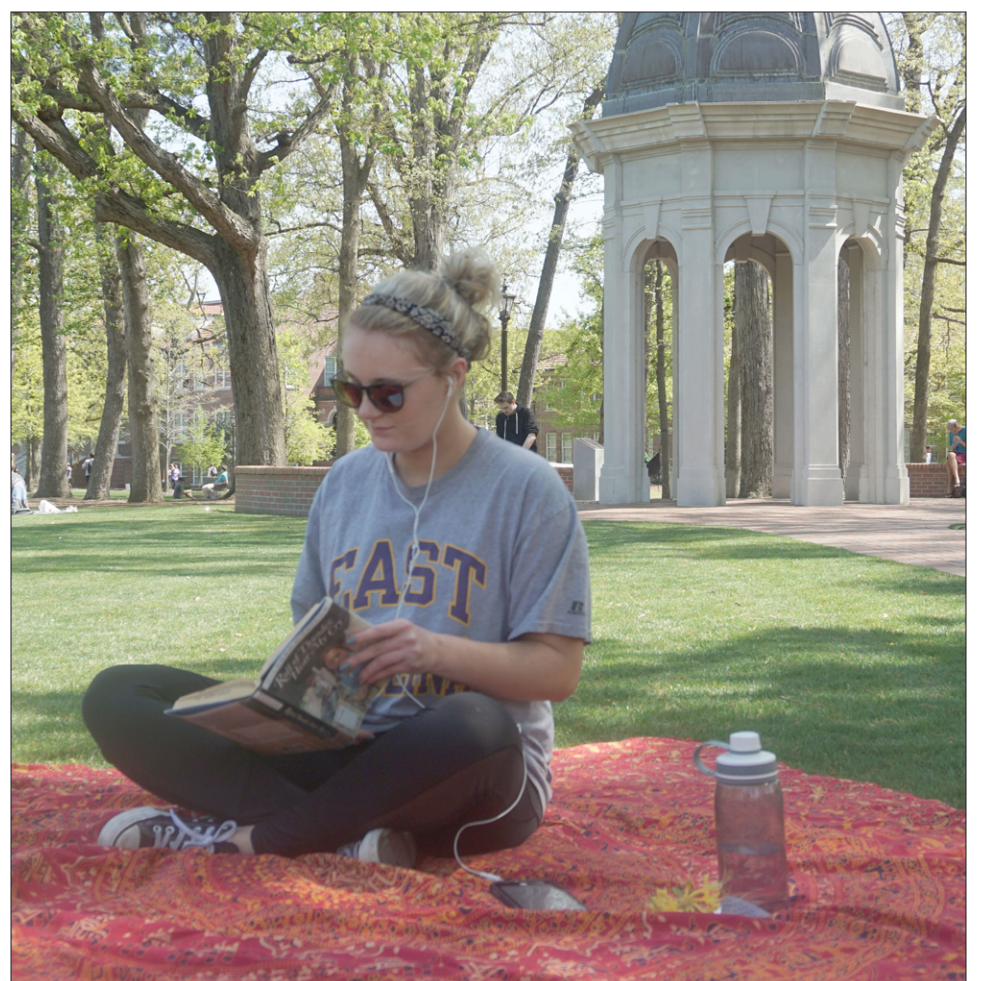
Creating a vision for "A Midsummer Night's Dream" has taken several meetings and countless hours Parker said. All in all, the goal was to create a show that will "showcase the magic of Shakespeare's play," while highlighting the originality and talent of ECU students,

according to Parker.

ECU students that are juniors and seniors have the opportunity to be involved in the creative process from beginning to end.

"The one advantage we have here at ECU is that students are a part of the process from the beginning, our junior and senior level students," Parker said. "So, they got to see the process from the very first design meeting to our final production meeting that was last week."

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Senior public health major Riley Elliott sits on a blanket while reading on the mall of ECU's campus.

BAREFOOT

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In past years, Barefoot performers have included artist such as John Mayer, Jason Mraz, Jason Derulo, A Great Big World, New Boyz and Daya last year. This year differs from past years considering McCartney offers sounds from our past while Kiiara brings present hits, according to Barrow.



Darrius Barrow

"The theme is past, present, future. We were trying to find talent that really resembles that theme. Jesse McCartney being one of the biggest artists from the past of our student bodies, with Kiiara being a present artist kind of seemed like a good match, a good blend," Barrow said. Students who are eager to see McCartney perform still have the opportunity to buy meet-and-greet passes for \$40, which includes a picture with the star. Meet and greets require an ECU ICard at sight of pick up and can be purchased at squareup.com/store/jmac.

"When we originally approached him

[McCartney] about performing at Barefoot, that [meet and greet] was something that he wanted to make available for ECU students," Barrow said.

This year will also have options for everyone, including the biggest food selection ever according to SAB president Christina Derespinis. Derespinis also mentioned food trucks will line the mall, feeding hungry patrons looking for a quick bite to eat.

"I think really the biggest change in the event would be food options and us trying to incorporate foods from different cultures on our campus," says Derespinis.

First-time Barefoot attendee, and junior psychology major, Sarah Kovacs plans on attending with hopes to get free food. According to Kovacs, there's been word of a lot of food and this year seems more appealing than past years.

Those looking for the more entertaining aspect of Barefoot, according to SAB's Instagram, there will be free inflatables, tie-dye, wax hands and more. There will also be booths lining the walkways with information on organizations and giveaways.

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