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Taylor King, a bartender at Pitt Street Brewing, pours a beer for a customer. Pitt Street Brewing is located at 630 S. Pitt St. in Greenville.

## Pitt offers 'beermosas'

Julie Estep  
TEC STAFF

Still in its inaugural year, Uptown Greenville's Pitt Street Brewing has added a 'Brunch and Brew' option for Sunday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. where guests can find beermosas, yoga and food trucks.

Taylor King, a bartender at Pitt Street, which is located at 630 S. Pitt St., said they have been serving beermosas for a few months now and have seen a lot of success in branching out. A single beermosa costs \$5 and a flight, or four smaller servings of different beermosas, costs \$9.

"We started doing the beermosas a couple months ago. It was one of our bartender's ideas and just to bring some people in on Sundays and get people happier about Sundays," King said.

King said even though Pitt Street only serves beermosas on Sundays, she has seen them become more and more popular among their customers each week.

In addition to providing its speciality beers, Pitt Street also has yoga classes in its back room on the second Sunday of every month, led by instructors from YogiVibes Studio in Greenville.

According to the YogiVibes Studio website, the classes are beginner friendly and cost \$20 per person.

King said yoga is only an hour every



A flight of 'beermosas' offered at Pitt Street Brewing. The beverages are offered on Sundays.

time and goes from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

"After the yoga, you get a beermosa to go with it so you can relax your body," King said.

Pitt Street also hosts a food truck outside its brewery on Friday and Saturday. King said they swap them out every Sunday or so, but they also regularly update the truck schedule on their Facebook page for customers.

"We do have beermosas every Sunday no matter if we have a food truck or not though," King said.

ECU student Armando Rodriguez, a bartender who has been with Pitt Street since day one, says he particularly enjoys working on the weekends because he gets to meet a variety of people.

"It's just been going up and up. People keep coming back because they know there's good beer," Rodriguez said. "They know we're going to keep having a variety of beers and it's not going to be the same

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>> WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE

## GFR results due back on Tuesday

Darby Hubbell  
TEC STAFF

As one Greenville Fire/Rescue firefighter said, he and many other firefighters are waiting to see what the results of Developmental Associates' evaluation of GFR will produce. Developmental Associates' evaluation is due back to City Manager Ann Wall on Tuesday.

A current GFR EMS Specialist, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, said he is willing to give Wall a chance to do something, but without change, the department will continue to have the same alleged issues.

"I'm probably going to begin looking for another job as well as a lot of other folks are now," the current GFR EMS Specialist said. "Because I am not going to keep working with the way its been going on the last five years."

The components of Developmental Associates' proposal to Wall included conducting an overall, high level need analysis through small groups and targeted interviews, according to the firm's proposal. The East Carolinian obtained a copy of the proposal through a public records request.

According to the document sent to Wall, the investigation was mainly conducted through seeking lots of feedback from GFR through a "high level needs analysis," which is when Developmental Associates meets with the city manager, fire chief, firefighters and other developmental staff.



Ann Wall

Also, according to the proposal, Developmental Associates planned to evaluate the department through employee surveys based on the issues "identified through the needs analysis that assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats at the unit, departmental organizational and community levels."

The current GFR EMS Specialist said GFR Chief Eric Griffin doesn't spend much of his time

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## Pirates walk-off at home Litton powers ECU baseball to victory on senior day

Dylan Johnson  
TEC STAFF

Sunday's senior day game showed two different sides of the East Carolina University baseball team, as it dug itself in a 5-0 hole before storming back in the last two innings to win 6-5 against the University of Cincinnati at Clark-Leclair Stadium on Connor Litton's walk-off single.

It was a memorable ending for ECU as it walked off to win on Mother's Day for the second year in a row when Litton's two-run single with the bases loaded and no outs gave ECU the win.

"I mean it's a good feeling to do it for yourself but when you do it and you're standing on the base and watching everybody run at you, that's one of those things that if you've never experienced it, once you will you'll never forget it," Litton said.

ECU (37-13, 13-8 AAC) now climbs up into second place in the American Athletic Conference and keeps its hopes of hosting a NCAA regional game alive. With the loss, Cincinnati (26-24, 11-10 AAC) falls to a tie for fifth in the conference.

ECU head coach Cliff Godwin said he wasn't concerned with what the win did for the team's conference standings or regional hosting chances, only about what the win meant for the four seniors ECU was honoring on Sunday.

"I'm just happy for the seniors, that's the impact that I care about," Godwin said. "I care about those

four guys who poured their heart and soul into this program."

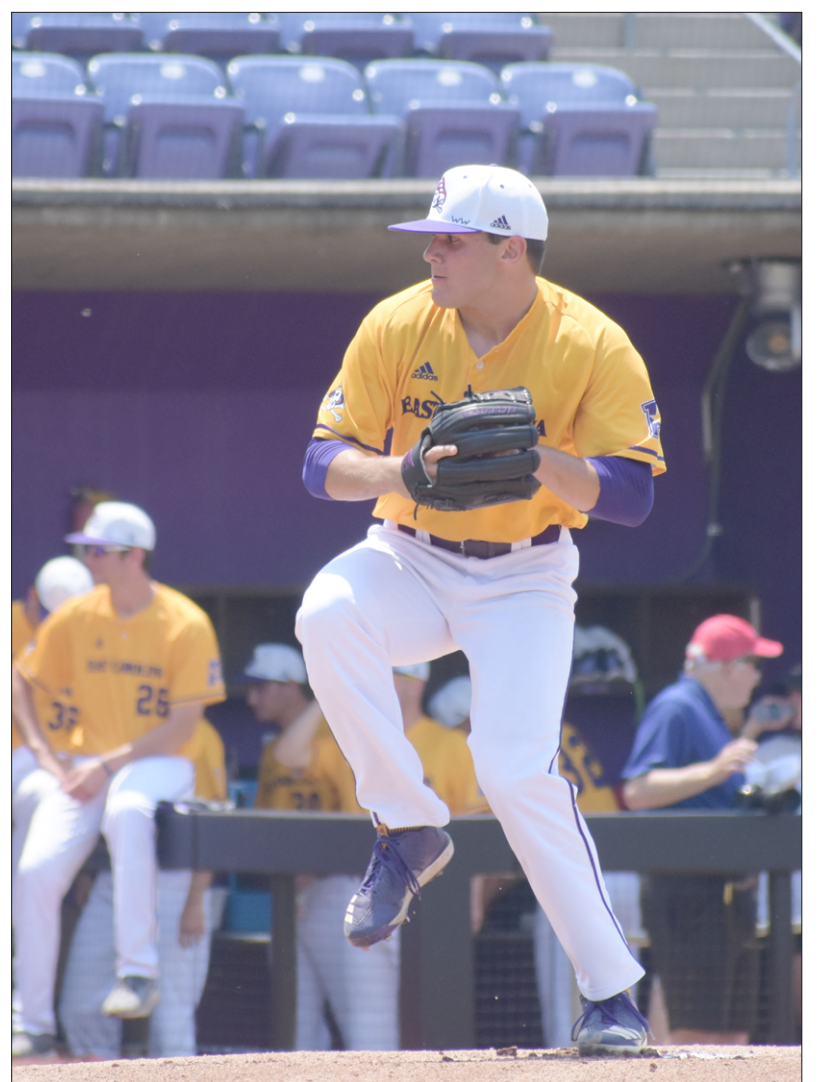
Sunday started as a special day for ECU as it honored its seniors before the game, but once the game started, things quickly turned bad as the Pirates couldn't get anything to go their way early.

The list of unfortunate events early on was long for ECU, starting with Jake Agnos struggling for the second start in a row and being taken out in the second inning after allowing three early runs. This was compounded upon by Cincinnati's starting pitcher Cam Alldred throwing impressively against ECU as he pitched six innings, giving up just five hits and only one run on a Jake Washer solo home run in the sixth inning.

Once Alldred left the game after that, the game changed for both teams. The ECU bullpen limited the damage the rest of the way, with only a two-run home run given up by Zach Barnes in the fifth inning furthering the gap.

ECU's offense came to life suddenly as it threatened to rally in the seventh inning, as Brady Lloyd and Nick Barber walked to begin the inning and Turner Brown bunted them to second and third with one out and the Pirates leadoff hitter, Bryant Packard up to hit. The rally ended prematurely

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Sophomore pitcher Jake Agnos winds up to pitch for East Carolina University.

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## BRIEFS

## Greenville Fire/Rescue to host family events

Greenville Fire/Rescue will host two family orientated events on Thursday at the Sheppard Memorial Library to teach kids about fire safety.

The first activities of the day will start at 10 a.m with five different fire safety stations with hands on learning experiences. These game-like stations will teach kids how to dress a firefighter, crawl low under smoke, identify an emergency, learn how to call 911 and more.

The second event later that day also hosted by GFR is a story hour for kids which includes a puppet show with firefighters from 7-8 p.m. Kids will learn fire safety and what to do in an emergency situation through songs and stories

## Pitt Street Brewing to host trivia night

Pitt Street Brewing is having a 90's themed trivia night tonight starting at 7. Teams will compete against each other and the top three teams will win prizes.

The Durham based food truck Chriba Chriba will be there serving dumplings and other traditional Chinese foods from 5 p.m to 9 p.m

Dress up in your best 90s themed outfits and for more information contact Pitt Street Brewing at 252-227-4151.

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National Guard trucks drive through Greenville's flooded streets after Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Hurricane Matthews near record flooding for Greenville.

## Officials prep for hurricane season

Julie Estep  
TEC STAFF

Members of Greenville Fire/Rescue, Pitt County Emergency Management, Pitt County Health Department and the Red Cross held a preparedness event on Saturday to inform Greenville residents about the upcoming hurricane season.

Hurricane Preparedness Week started last weekend and will continue until Saturday, according to the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. Pitt County has planned a variety of activities throughout the week to promote awareness, according to a county press release.

The official start date for the hurricane season is June 1, but Angela Brown, the emergency management planner for Pitt County said now is a good time to start informing citizens about how prepared they should be.

Neil Dorsey, who works for the Red Cross, stressed the importance of getting and properly packing a personalized hurricane preparedness kit.

"You need to have a way to bring your identification, cell phone, change of clothing, personal hygiene items, you know, what are you going to need for 24-48 hours, particularly if you had to go to a shelter," Dorsey said.

Dorsey said the Red Cross has a number of cell phone apps which can be useful in answering questions someone might have in an emergency situation. "There's one that will tell you what to put in a disaster kit, how to prepare for a disaster, it can even tell you where the



The Riverwalk Apartments experienced significant flooding after Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

shelters are in the United States," Dorsey said.

Kathy Sheppard, a member of the Public Health Department of Pitt County said one thing students should consider is having a plan in place for what to do with their animals and pets in an emergency situation.

For public health reasons, Sheppard said the general population shelters cannot accept pets, and those who need to make accommodations for their pets will have to call in advance to ensure they can be taken care of.

"If people have pets and they're going to a shelter, they would need to call the Pitt County Animal Shelter," Sheppard said. "It's what we did during Hurricane Matthew and they would shelter the pets for the shelter residents."

Due to overcrowding during Hurricane Matthew, Sheppard said the animal shelter had to move some of the pets to the farmer's market next door because they received so many animals.

Sheppard said students who have pets should be aware they will need to have their identification tags and copies of medical records which include up to date vaccination information. She also said it is important residents keep all the essential items for their pet such as food, water, a leash or other miscellaneous supplies in their emergency preparedness kit.

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Greenville Fire/Rescue's Rescue 1 sits in the engine bay of GFR's Station 1 in downtown Greenville.

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talking to or interacting with firefighters.

"He will drop into a meeting where maybe he talks about some stuff but he's distant," the current GFR EMS Specialist said. "I can tell you there's been more thank you emails for just petty stuff and that's all just since the investigation started. We would hardly get any thank you emails for anything and then recently in the past two or three weeks since they have been doing the study, there's been one after another and naturally Ann Wall is CC'ed on every one of them."

The current GFR EMS Specialist said seeing all the people he really enjoys working with, who are "excellent employees," walk out of the department is hard to watch due to the alleged bullying and management issues.

"It's ridiculous. It's absolutely ridiculous and it's amazing how far its been allowed to go," the current GFR EMS Specialist said.

The letter, written by Heather Lee, a senior partner at Developmental Associates, said the firm will submit a report for the Wall's review and share the results of the project with GFR and other stakeholders designated by the city manager.

Wall, after several attempts, didn't respond to The East Carolinian's requests for comment pertaining to the investigation results. However, Wall has said in previous statements to The East Carolinian she intends to make "policy changes" over "personnel changes" to GFR.

The current GFR EMS Specialist said he can't speak for the other groups, but in the small group he attended, fellow GFR firefighters were very vocal.

"I know that a lot of people told me that their meetings were very vocal and that they were very surprised by a lot of people that spoke," the current GFR EMS Specialist said. "I was pretty happy, I guess you could say, with the way our meeting went. I think there were

two people who didn't really say very much, but for the most part everybody else said what they wanted to say."

The current GFR EMS Specialist said this vocality came as a surprise to him because they were used to people fearing Griffin and GFR Deputy Chief Brock Davenport.

"People fear this man (Griffin) like he was Adolf Hitler and would never speak out against him and I think people have gotten to the point that they are so fed up that they don't care anymore," the current GFR EMS Specialist said.

The current GFR EMS Specialist said the top issues which have been raised in most small group meetings have been allegations of bullying, retaliation, toxic work environment, micromanagement and a poor EMS deployment model.

The current GFR EMS Specialist said even if the investigation results do relay the alleged bullying and toxic work environment issues at GFR, if Wall chose to take action, it's still going to take a long time to get GFR back to where it needs to be.

"Anyone that leaves Greenville can go and get a job where ever they want to, people like hiring people from Greenville because they know they are experienced," the current GFR EMS Specialist said.

Greenville Mayor, PJ Connelly declined an interview with The East Carolinian on the GFR investigation because he felt he could not provide any details on the matter.

Lee didn't respond to The East Carolinian's request for a statement on the investigation results after several attempts via phone and email.

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

## SATURDAY

**Plant Sale**  
Pitt County Arboretum  
10 a.m.

**Footgolf Tournament for Ronald McDonald House**  
Bradfor Creek Golf Course  
2 p.m.

## SUNDAY

**Backroad BBQ Run**  
Carolina V-Twin  
10 a.m.

**Fiesta Biathlon**  
Bicycle Post  
1 p.m.

# Umbrella Market restarts series

Trajan Warren  
TEC STAFF

As flowers come into bloom and the weather becomes warmer, Greenville grows more lively with it. Just as spring makes its way into Greenville, so too does the annual Umbrella Market.

This year's Umbrella Market began May 2 and will take place every Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. until Aug. 29 at Five Points Place.

According to Robin Ashley, the market manager for the Umbrella Market, The Umbrella Market has graced the Greenville area for more than a decade and with only 60 spaces available for vendors on a weekly basis and 80 different vendors coming this year, it is expected to be the most attended in its history.



Robin Ashley

The Umbrella Market is open to all of the Greenville community and visitors, providing an inviting and vibrant atmosphere for vendors and the public. Along with the vendors, which range from fresh farm produce to arts and crafts, there will also be demos for cooking, art and live music.

According to the Umbrella Market schedule of events and musicians, this Wednesday, Noelle Smith will be performing live. She has also performed at Umbrella Market in the past. The food truck for Wednesday will be the Rock Spring Center food truck which typically serves BBQ short ribs, mac and cheese and spinach dip.

According to Ashley, it has been a way for the Greenville residents to become more aware of all the creativity the community has to offer. "The Umbrella Market is a great business



Bridgette Cagle browses the local booths. Umbrella Market features up to 80 vendors each summer.

incubator for vendors to test out ideas," Ashley said. "With it (the market) being a lower stakes and lower cost situation, it helps the business to test the water and for the community to see what is local."

For many up and coming businesses, the Umbrella Market is a way to get their product in front of a larger crowd. This year will be the first for Seven Pines Vineyard & Winery as a vendor at the market and according Philip Guy, owner of Seven Pines Vineyard & Winery, it has been a great

opportunity for exposure.

"As Pitt County's first vineyard winery, we wanted to have a way of getting our name and our product in front of people," Guy said. "The Umbrella Market appealed to us because it was a perfect location with a lot of diversity and wine lovers."

The Umbrella Market allows vendors with several different types of products to sell directly to the community, according to Guy.

"There's activities for family and children, good music, smells of great food. It's like a celebration," Guy said.

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The Cupola sits on the main campus of East Carolina University. Summer classes end July 25.

## Summer classes start

### First academic session begins today at ECU

#### Staff Report

With East Carolina University's class of 2018 fresh off of their commencement, and summer in full swing, Greenville can feel like a ghost town to some. However, ECU's campus is still a hub of activity as students work to further their education during the summer session.

ECU has two main summer sessions, the first beginning today and ending on June 18 and the second beginning June 20 and ending July 25, according to ECU's academic calendar. The university also has an 11-week program

during the summer, which begins today and ends on July 25.

According to ECU's Office of Continuing Studies' website, more than 1200 courses are offered during the summer. The Office's website said students take summer classes for various reasons including getting ahead in their program, making up for poor grades during the school year or to receive more attention from teachers due to the smaller class sizes.

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beer over and over."

Rodriguez said most of the time when people tell him stories about a brewery, he just hears about one specific beer from one brewery.

"Here, people ask me what my favorite is and I say it's different every single day," Rodriguez said. "I can have every single beer and be happy."

Rodriguez said Pitt Street is not anticipating the crowds to decrease on the weekend even though many students have gone home for the summer.

"I always work as a server or bartender at a

restaurant and in the summertime it's horrible but here, I'm actually looking forward to it," Rodriguez said. "I feel like the summertime here is going to be awesome and it's not going to slow down at all"

Another thing Rodriguez said he is looking forward to this summer is getting the opportunity to start making his own beers at Pitt Street.

"I'm actually going to be the very lucky first bartender to make my own beer," Rodriguez said. "Each bartender is going to hopefully have their own beer at some point. We're talking names, ingredients, everything. That starts next week so I'm really excited about that."

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Jacob Valevich, a lieutenant with GFR said one big thing the department sees during the hurricane season is localized flooding in low-lying areas. Valevich said one of the worst places for flooding around East Carolina University is on 10th Street and College Hill Drive.

"You know I've been working here long enough to see tobacco bales floating down the middle of the road when we had

Hurricane Floyd," Valevich said.

Valevich said the city has continued to grow through the years and make new advancements to the power grids to help in disaster situations.

"During Floyd, we were without power for a week and that was back in '99 so we didn't have all the same technology that we do now," Valevich said. "With Matthew, nobody ever lost power here which is pretty good."

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## OUR VIEW

### Canceled baseball matchup hurt ECU

The East Carolina University baseball team was set to face the then-No. 2 ranked North Carolina State University on Tuesday, April 24 in a matchup between top 10 programs, but the game was cancelled.

The game was cancelled due to inclement weather and was never rescheduled because NC State allegedly declined to do so. Because of this, ECU was essentially robbed of an opportunity to prove how talented this year's team is.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian believe the cancellation of this matchup took away ECU's chance of being the top team in North Carolina. After going 13-1 in games against teams from North Carolina this season with their lone loss coming from then-No. 6 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Pirates were set to take on the Wolfpack for a chance for state bragging rights.

The Pirates are currently ranked 10 in the nation, according to D1baseball.com, and are also projected to host a Super Regional in the NCAA Tournament as a one seed. The Wolfpack of NC State are also projected to host one, as they are ranked fifth in the nation, according to D1baseball.com.

With a 2-1 series victory over a ranked team in UNC, as well as a midweek victory over another ranked team in Duke, a win over NC State would have given ECU the rightful title as the best team in North Carolina.

Although ECU is still set to have a successful season with a 37-13 record thus far, a victory over NC State would've been the cherry on top.



## The future of The East Carolinian New Editor-in-Chief lays out plans for publication

Matthew Prensky  
TEC STAFF

### Letter from the Editor

I'd like to welcome all East Carolina University Pirates and Greenville community members to the summer and thank you for your readership of The East Carolinian.

To all of those who read this piece, I'd like to official introduce myself as the newest Editor-in-Chief of The East Carolinian. Since September of 2015, I have worked at The East Carolinian and strived to report the truth as a reporter, editor and now leader of this publication.

I have spent four years covering the city of Greenville and the administration of ECU. Now, it's my duty to serve as the leader of this publication, which has been in existence since 1925.

I'd like to take this opportunity to lay out my plans for what the community should expect from myself, my staff and The East Carolinian overall. Simply put, my goal in the next 12 months is to grow the audience of this publication.

I intend to do this through reporting what the community wants to know and committing this publication to reporting accurate and important articles. From my own experiences, I can testify to the fact that media outlets don't always report on what people want to know or think should be reported. I want to change that.

The duty of a news organization is to report the facts, in an unbiased and straightforward manner. A news organization should report what the community wants to know, not what is easy to obtain or convenient for journalists.

Sometimes the truth may be hard



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Editor-in-Chief Matthew Prensky outside of The East Carolinian's office in Uptown Greenville.

to obtain, difficult to comprehend or controversial in nature. However, a news organization should stand strong in the wake of controversy, work tirelessly to obtain the truth and take the time to explain the facts. I have maintained these values in my reporting career and now intend to make them core pillars of this organization.

However, the most important part of this organization isn't its staff. It's the very readers who our reporters, editors, designers, photographers and managers work tirelessly to inform.

With that in mind, I want to emphasis this publication's commitment to our readers and community. We are here to report the facts for you. But, we are also here to listen to your concerns and work to find, interview and report the answers to your burning questions.

I can say with confidence, some of The East Carolinian's best work has come from tips or information provided to the publication by our readers or community members. I want to make sure the entire community understands that myself and my staff will always be available to listen to your concerns.

At the end of the day, The East Carolinian is an independent publication, which strives to report the facts and is meant to help improve our community.

Again, thank you for your readership of The East Carolinian. From the leader of The East Carolinian directly to you, this publication will work for our readers and report what the public needs to know about.

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## Gaming deserves respect Competative eSports are just as difficult as real sports



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### Andy Candid-Li

Overwatch, a team based multiplayer first person shooter video game, launched its professional eSports league in January and will begin its fourth and final stage on Wednesday. Made up of 12 teams competing for a total prize pool of \$3.5 million, the league is set to become the standard of competitive gaming.

On April 3, Today Show host Megyn Kelly hosted two members of the Houston Outlaws (my favorite team). She asked them questions about the league and the game. However, her tone and questions seemed soured with condescension and constant disbelief that being good at video games warranted any form of reward or respect as a sport.

This kind of thought process doesn't make any sense when you consider how much skill goes into this sport. It requires a high level of communication, coordination, and the mental capability to balance a lot of information at once.

“ If Americans are willing to support a multimillion dollar industry where grown men tackle each other and toss a ball back and forth, then surely there's room for these young people to compete without being mocked? ”

Overwatch has 27 playable heroes, each with their own skill sets and strategy. Successful players must understand how to counter each hero as well as compliment their own team's composition. They must maintain constant awareness during a game, keeping tabs on the enemy within a space which doesn't actually exist. How are these skills any less valuable than the skill it takes to throw a ball down a court? If Americans are willing to support a multimillion dollar industry where grown men tackle each other and toss a ball back and forth, then surely there's room for these young people to compete without being mocked.

The Overwatch League is not without flaws, but those flaws allow for a greater discussion about issues within gaming culture as a whole. Out of the more than

100 players selected for the League, none were female. This has prompted discussions among players about tokenism and feminism, which have continued even after Kim "Geguri" Se-yeon joined the League in February. Blizzard, the parent company of Overwatch, has fined and even expelled players for racist or homophobic comments made during personal streams of gameplay. Cue gamers discussion toxicity and "bro" culture.

There is no reason players in the Overwatch League should be viewed any differently from the players in the NFL or NBA. Their skills are different, but are not inherently lesser than the physical skills of athletes.

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## HOROSCOPES

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Slow down and consider. Avoid impetuous moves. An unpleasant surprise requires team adaptation. Talk it over with your crew. Stick to practical solutions

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Rely on your support network of family and friends. Work together and get farther, with Mars in Aquarius. Compromise with your partner for common goals.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Resolve a surprise with your partner. It could get chaotic. Get the full story. Communications go further with Mars in Aquarius. Words flow like water.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- There's money to be made. Take leadership, move forward boldly, and invite participation. Social activities could drain reserves; keep it simple.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Consider a professional opportunity. Work could preempt personal time. Provide excellent service, and reap the benefits. Nurture yourself with exercise and good food under Aquarius Mars.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- The pace quickens. Dispel nervous energy through exercise. Take lucrative actions, with Mars in Aquarius for six weeks. Stick to practical basics. Slow for endurance.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- You've got the power and confidence to make things happen. Wear comfortable shoes. Explore and investigate, with Mars in Aquarius for six weeks.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Travels and studies have your attention. Follow passion and creativity while handling responsibilities. Take action from your heart, with Mars in Aquarius for six weeks.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Share love with family and friends. Lean on each other through the tricky stretches. Energize a personal project for six weeks, with Mars in Aquarius.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Slow down and consider options. Savor peaceful privacy. Make plans for the future, with Mars in Aquarius. Invest and budget for family growth.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Collaborate to grow shared financial accounts. Put physical energy into home renovation, organization and beautification under Aquarius Mars. Prioritize simplicity and practicality.

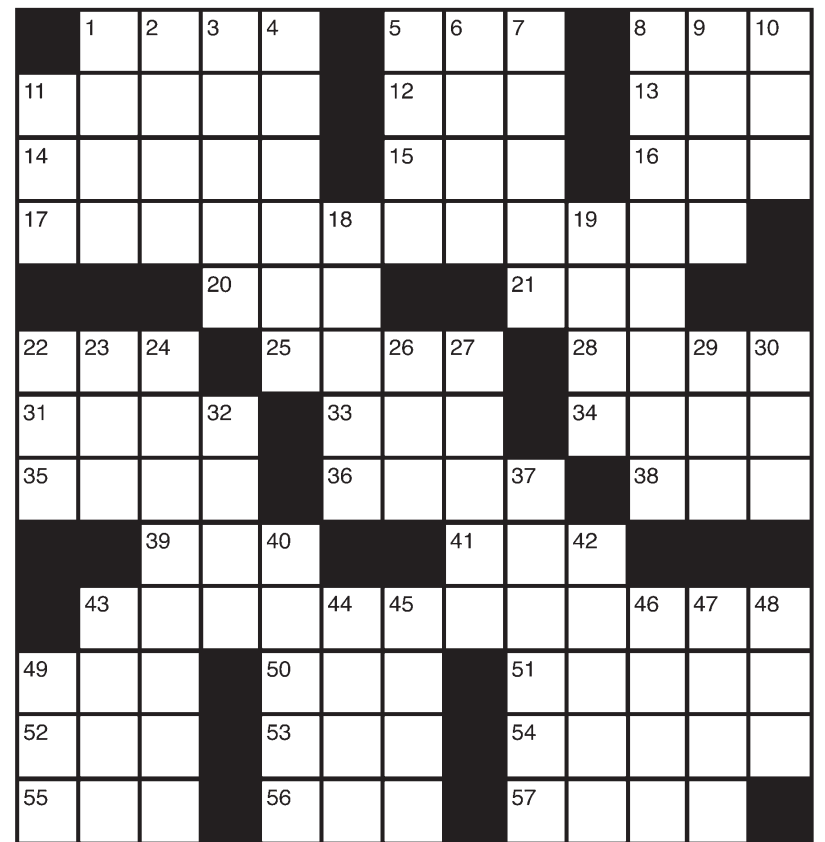
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Enjoy domestic joys. Clean, sort and organize your treasures. Prepare for what's next. Advance boldly to realize a vision, with Mars in Aquarius.

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by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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 1 Role on "Brothers & Sisters"  
 5 Bernie, for one  
 8 Harris and O'Neill  
 11 Diminish gradually  
 12 Guadalajara gold  
 13 Tom Hanks' age  
 14 \_\_ Ryan  
 15 "Little Women" author's initials  
 16 "Land's \_\_" (1995-96)  
 17 "Desperate Housewives" role  
 20 \_\_ Spies" (2002-04)  
 21 Go quickly  
 22 1995-2005 crime drama series  
 25 " \_\_ -12" (1968-75)  
 28 QR forerunners  
 31 "Jane \_\_"; '96 Anna Paquin film  
 33 FBI crime lab evidence  
 34 Pierce  
 35 " \_\_ John" (1988-92)  
 36 "The Longest \_\_"; 1974 Burt Reynolds movie  
 38 Units of time: abbr.  
 39 Prefix for taste or trust  
 41 "Viva \_\_ Vegas"  
 43 Role on "NCIS"

**DOWN**  
 49 \_\_ Thompson  
 50 Bob Hope's age at death  
 51 Green fruits  
 52 "Dog \_\_ Dog" (2002-03)  
 53 Slip up  
 54 "Let's Make \_\_"  
 55 "Day \_\_" (1993-95)  
 56 " \_\_ It Now" (1951-58)  
 57 Mail

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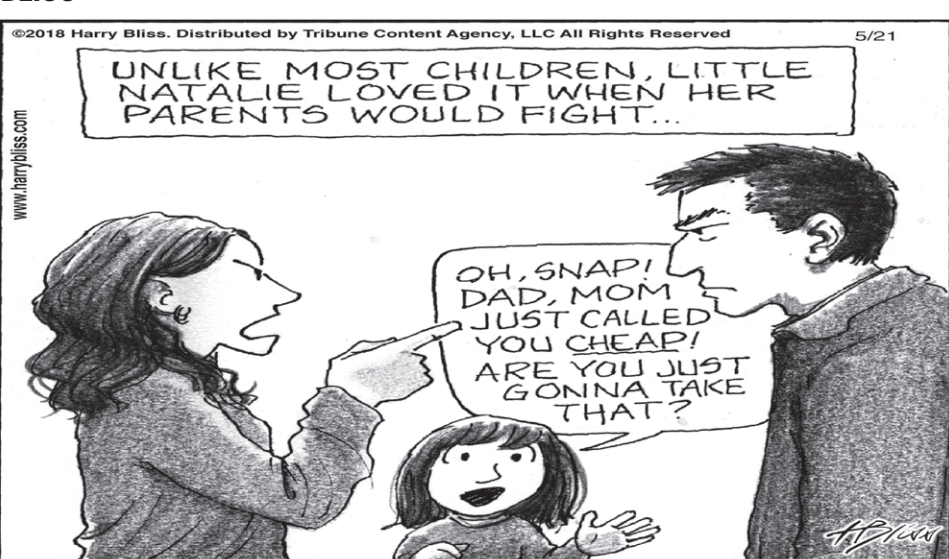
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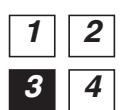
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# Packard builds off past injury

Dylan Johnson  
TEC STAFF

As East Carolina University sophomore outfielder Bryant Packard steps up to the plate and gets down into his batting stance in ECU's game against the University of South Florida on April 13, he shows none of the pain and frustration which was with him at the time a year ago.

A back injury caused Packard to have a disappointing end to the 2017 season by his own standard, as Packard missed the team's final seven games of the regular season, as well as all four of the Pirates American Athletic Conference championship tournament games. It was a tough end for Packard, who struggled with the back injury for most of the season and caused him to struggle at the plate at times.

Packard was frustrated at not being able to play summer ball along with his teammates and just wanted to push through the injury,



**Kevin Youngs**  
Kevin Youngs, owner and lead therapist of Youngs Physical Therapy comes in.

"In the summer, Kevin made me work very hard for two hours to get my body to where it needed to be," Packard said. "I got discouraged, not being able to go play summer ball, but Kevin made me forget about that very quickly, nailing in my head I needed to get healthy to play this year and he was right."

Youngs has been a therapist in Greenville since 2004. Being an ECU graduate himself twice over, first from 1994-1998 and then again for physical training from 2002-2004, Youngs said he has a "strong passion" for ECU athletics.

Youngs also has a unique connection with ECU athletes, he has been working with them since 2007. Youngs said he works closely with

ECU athletic trainer Zac Womack and Mike Hanley and goes over to ECU twice a week to see athletes at his office, depending on the schedule needs. This connection is how Youngs became familiar with Packard's situation.

"He had a tough go, leading up to the point with us being able to work with him," Youngs said. "A lot of stiffness that he was dealing with, but we were able to make some really good change."

Youngs and Packard went to work for the summer, and focused on Packard's mobility for easier movement, some aspects of his swing as well as footwork in the field. Youngs said he did all of this with the goal of "putting the spine in a good position for him to be able to perform his skills, hitting, fielding and throwing."

Packard used that same competitiveness which frustrated him about being out to rehab, according to Youngs.

"Pack's work ethic has been unbelievable. He's an extremely motivated hard-worker, really dialed in on his rehab," Youngs said. "There was no question he wanted to get better so as soon as we gave him the tools he was able to put them to work."

Packard started every game during his four-year varsity career at local D.H. Conley High School in Greenville and led the Vikings to an 89-22 record. It was understandable then, that Packard was frustrated with missing time in 2017 while the Pirates struggled to stay above a .500 record despite having preseason top 10 rankings.

But, after constant rehabbing, Packard's 2018 stats are a clear indication he is healthy again and as a result is back on his game, as he has already passed his 2017 marks in each category. Packard currently sits at tenth in the country in batting average at .405, and is currently on a 28 game hitting streak and 33 game on-base streak.

Packard's effect on ECU has been huge, as the 2018 Pirates have a .745 winning percentage and are ranked top 10 in the NCAA in the D1baseball.com poll after having tempered preseason expectations this year.

Packard said he is grateful for the renewed health and the improved shape his body is in



Sophomore outfielder Bryant Packard makes contact with the ball in a game for East Carolina.

this year after a summer full of hard work.

"Kevin Youngs and Zac Womack are a huge part of why I'm even on the field this year," Packard said. "They work relentlessly to get me on the field. Seeing Kevin twice a week for an hour and a half has made my body in the best shape it's ever been in."

Packard continues to work with Youngs twice a week for more rehab and attention as his body needs it. Youngs said he is always working with Packard on his back, giving the outfielder what he needs to stay on the field and stay productive.

"We have progressed," Youngs said. "We still try to emphasize some of the mobility stuff, and we still incorporate some cupping or some dry needling as he needs it, because he's putting his body under a lot of stress. There is a little bit of maintenance, but we are progressing his exercises to further meet the needs and

the demands of baseball that he's putting on his body."

Packard's success is a big factor into the team's success. Packard still has the same competitiveness now as he did almost a year ago after an injury took him out of postseason play, according to Youngs.

"He won't settle for anything less and if there's a bump or a bruise or nick here then it's not going to slow him down, he's gonna keep pushing forward," Youngs said.

Packard had the best game of his season in an April 13 game against South Florida which ECU won 15-2, by going 3-for-4 with two home runs and a three-run double with the bases loaded which was just a couple of feet away from being a grand slam.

As he walks back to the dugout from the outfield, Packard smiles to his family and friends just outside the field and says, "I'm back."

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## Sickness strikes Golf unable to finish at Regionals

Austin Walker  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University women's golf team wrapped up its season on a low note as the team did not finish at the NCAA Austin Regionals due to sickness. The team did not have the four finishers required to place.

The team started play on May 7, and finished the first round of play tied for 12th.

Sophomore Dorteia Forbrigd led the Pirates with a score of one over par 73, and freshman Kathryn Carson finished one stroke behind with a score of 74. The team was tied with the University of Oklahoma with a one day score of 299.

The Pirates were hit by illness after the first round, as Forbrigd, junior Kate Law and senior Lisa Pettersson were forced to sit out the second round of play. Carson and junior Carley Cox were the lone Pirates to compete in the second round, eliminating the team from advancing. Cox finished with a two over par 74, while Carson carded a six over 78.

Forbrigd and Pettersson joined Carson and Cox on Wednesday to play the final round, although Law did not return to play. Carson led the team in the third round with a two over par 74, finishing with a three-day total of 10 over par 226. Cox was the only other Pirate to play all three rounds of the tournament, shooting a five over par 77 in the final round, and finishing the tournament with a score of 11 over par 227.

## BASEBALL continued from A1

however, as Packard rocketed a line drive right at the third baseman, who then stepped on third to complete the inning-ending double play.

ECU threatened again in the eighth inning with the bases loaded and nobody out. Andrew Henrickson doubled to score two runs after a Washer strikeout. That would be all ECU would get out of the inning after a fielder's choice and a groundout ended the threat for the Pirates.

ECU threatened once again in the ninth inning, as Brown hit a solo home run to lead off the inning and cut the deficit to one. Packard

Although the Pirates' season came to a disappointing end, head coach Kevin Williams said he is proud of the team's effort and play this year.

"I thought we really had a great year," Williams said, "Heading into the regionals I was really excited for this team. I thought this was a really powerful team. We had a lot of confidence heading into this tournament, but we got hit with that virus that got over 30 people at this regional. We really had a great year, and I'm really proud of these girls."

Although their season ended sooner than they had hoped, the Pirates had strong year. The team notched three top five finishes, and five top 10 finishes this season, including a second-place finish at the American Athletic Conference Championships.

The season also saw Forbrigd and Cox named to the AAC all-conference team, and Carson named the Conference freshman of the year.

The Pirates are poised for success moving forward, as four of the five starters will return. Williams said he is excited to see what the future holds for these young players.

"I am excited to see what next year holds," Williams said, "We're excited to see what we can do next year, and I feel good about our chances next season."

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Kevin Williams

followed with a single and back-to-back walks gave ECU a bases loaded situation with nobody out and Connor Litton up. Litton promptly ended the game for the Pirates.

"We just have a bunch of relentless guys out here that just love to compete and just want to win so badly," redshirt senior Davis Kirkpatrick said. "It was a lot of fun and it's a memory that I'll always have."

ECU plays its last home game of the season as it takes on in-state opponent Campbell University on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. ECU defeated Campbell 7-2 earlier in the season on Feb. 21.

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