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A student walks by Jones Residence Hall in the College Hill area of East Carolina University. Jones serves as one of ECU's dormitories. LESLIE DZORVAKPOR | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Community concerned about building conditions

Darby Hubbell
TEC STAFF

Several East Carolina University students and faculty members said academic and residence buildings on campus are in disarray. One of the buildings most in need of repair is Messick Theater Arts Building, which was built in 1927.

According to the Executive Summary of the facilities condition analysis, which was published in September of 2010, the total projected costs to renovate Messick Theater Arts Complex is \$4,114,665, McGinnis Theater projected total cost is \$3,323,906 and McGinnis Scene Shop total projected cost is \$425,938.

Jamye Host, the director of the School of Theatre and Dance, said in January when she started at ECU on July 1, she realized how outdated Messick Theater Arts

building really was by comparing it to her former university, Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania.

"I find that we have excellent programs, excellent faculty, excellent students, (but) not updated facilities," Host said. "There's a lot that needs to be completed here."

Host said some of the rooms in Messick are not Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant with wheelchair access, which breaks code. She said the current dance spaces upstairs also do not meet national dance space requirements and regulations because of unsafe floors.

Host said one of the current walls within

the theater space is crumbling at the base.

"One of my goals is to update the facilities because our students and faculty deserve it and if we want to stay competitive with recruitment and retention, we need to," Host said.

Host said she has requested countless work orders or requests and slowly, she has been able to check issues off her list. Host said she has taken pictures all over the theater and dance rooms connected to Messick to show administration how outdated Messick is.

Host said she supports Staton's motto of ECU becoming the nation's next greatest university. However, she said it's hard to move forward in some areas with what



Jayme Host



Kisler-van Reede

University provides counseling

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University students who are battling with depression or are in a crisis situation have the Center for Counseling and Student Development at their disposal. The CCSD is included in tuition and fees and as long as the student is currently enrolled at ECU, they can receive treatment.

"We have individual counseling. We have psychiatry services. We have crisis services, both during the day and after hours. And we offer groups and workshops as well," Valerie Kisler-van Reede, the director of CCSD, said.

Depression is a growing health issue in the United States, and it is most noticeable among young adults. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the tenth leading cause of death among all age groups in the United States is suicide. The second leading cause of death for the age group of 15-24-year-olds is also suicide.

Kisler-van Reede said symptoms for several different disorders can overlap and the severity of symptoms may vary.

"I've been at the university for over 20 years and depression used to be the number one presenting concern. Over the last several years that changed to anxiety," Kisler-van Reede said. "They are two separate disorders, but it's not unusual for somebody to have anxiety and also have depressive symptoms as well."

Kisler-van Reede said there is not a set reason for the increase of students battling depression, which requires her and the CCSD to treat each student

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Curti looks to bring MLB to Charlotte

Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

Students at East Carolina University have many athletic attractions within the state of North Carolina with its several professional and collegiate sports teams. Now, a grassroots movement is trying to give ECU students something else to be excited about in their state, Major League Baseball.

That grassroots movement is the Charlotte Bats, which is committed to getting an MLB expansion team awarded to Charlotte, North Carolina. The man behind the movement is Rick Curti, the founder and CEO of the Charlotte Bats. The mascot comes from the former minor league baseball team, the Greensboro Bats.



Justin Bowen

The possible MLB franchise adds up to something ECU students can be very excited about. Some students, such as junior business major Justin Bowen, are already seeing the potential benefits.

"That would be awesome. You know ideally I'd love to see an MLB team east of (NC Highway) 95 but I know Charlotte's a much better fit," Bowen said. "NC already has several top-tier college baseball programs and a lot of minor league teams so you know the fan base is there and would support it. With the baseball environment we have around here, I think it'd be a natural fit."

Bowen added, "It'd be great to have a MLB team to root for in our home state, not to mention the revenue it would bring in for the city and state would be a bonus, especially after we lost those NCAA championship games a few years back."

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One of the Charlotte Bats' concept jerseys posted on the Charlotte Bats twitter page.

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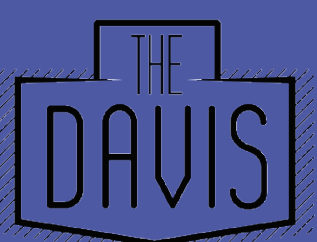
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BRIEFS

ECU second summer session to start on Thursday

The second session of East Carolina University's summer classes will start on Thursday. The last day to make any course adjustments such as registering, schedule changes and dropping or adding is Friday, June 22 by 5 p.m. The last day of classes for the second session will be on July 26.

Greenville Museum of Art to host exhibit on Greenville

The Greenville Museum of Art will showcase the "To the Core" exhibition from June 22 to Sept. 2. The exhibit is presented by NC Civil, a local non-profit community development group, and is designed to highlight the journey, history, identity, culture and expression of the West Greenville community. For more information, contact (252) 758-1946.

Young Professionals to host social event

Uptown Brewing Company and the Young Professionals of Pitt County will host the "Young Professionals Social Event" to help the Greenville/Pitt County area network with others in a social and relaxed environment. The event is on Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Uptown Brewing and is open to both members and nonmembers of the YP group. For more information, contact (252) 752-4101, ext. 228.

ECU freshman orientations underway

New student orientation sessions began June 11 and will continue through July 17. Every incoming freshman is required to attend orientation, which gives them an understanding of ECU's campus and what they can expect.

ECU has prepared orientation program assistants to help students and family members with the transition into the university's community. New students will get the opportunity to meet with their advisor, attend academic sessions and register for fall classes. Walking tours of campus will also be offered during check-in.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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>> WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE



Some of Greenville Fire/Rescue's fire trucks sit inside the engine bay of Station 1. Station 1 is located in downtown Greenville across from City Hall.

GFR: truck purchase not final despite council's decision

Julie Estep
TEC STAFF

At the Greenville City Council meeting on June 11, city leaders discussed the purchase of 12 vehicles for various city departments, including a new tiller fire truck for Greenville Fire/Rescue. Yet, GFR now says the department has not decided to purchase a tiller truck.



Kevin Mulligan

Director of Public Works Kevin Mulligan said during the meeting the city manager's office, GFR and public works decided in prior conversations GFR needed a tiller truck.

"We decided that the replacement of that vehicle is now due," Mulligan said. "Before ordering that we determined that, or the fire department determined, that the tiller truck is what's needed."

However, Rebekah Thurston, the public information officer for GFR, said she was not aware of the comments made at the council meeting.

"You'd have to talk to Kevin Mulligan about that. But as far as the fire department... we've not moved forward in purchasing one (tiller truck). We're still in the looking phase," Thurston said.

However, according to city council records, the council unanimously approved "Item 15," which included the purchase of a tiller fire truck during the June 11 meeting.

Thurston said nothing was

approved at the June 11 council meeting, adding, "I don't believe (anything was) approved. I think it (was) just talked about."

The East Carolinian attempted to clarify what the city was planning on purchasing, but Mulligan was not available for comment.

Mulligan said after inspections were done on all the fire stations in Greenville, a tiller truck could not fit because of its length, and modifications would need to be made to an existing fire station if GFR planned to house the truck in one of them.

"In inspection of fire station one or any of our fire stations, we would not be able to fit that vehicle," Mulligan said.

Before the council approved the purchase for new city vehicles, Councilmember Brian Meyerhoeffer asked for further explanation from Mulligan on why the new fire truck requested would not fit in any of the existing fire stations, and if the city had been aware of that problem.



Brian Meyerhoeffer

"Did it surprise us that there was going to be a truck that didn't fit within our facilities?" Meyerhoeffer said. "The funds became available due to the inability to purchase the fire ladder truck this year because we actually have to construct a new facility that fits this firetruck?"

During the meeting, City Manager Ann Wall and Mulligan

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-Rebekah Thurston

told the city council the public works department is looking to find ways to fund a renovation to one of GFR's fire stations in order to fit a tiller truck.

Gary Phipps, a former staff support captain at GFR who retired in 2013 with 32 years of service, said he has concerns about whether a tiller truck is the best option for the current staff at GFR.

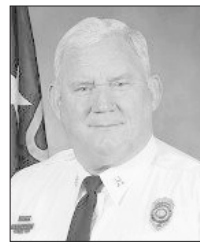
"That's one of the negatives about having a tiller truck, do you have the base space for it?" Phipp said.

Phipps said a tiller truck is designed for smaller, tighter spaces which might be more difficult for a regular tower truck to maneuver around, such as alleyways, apartments complexes or dormitory parking lots.

"Tiller trucks, the way they articulate, you can move in traffic in tighter spaces and you avoid three points turns. If you're trying to go into an apartment complex, or a dorm parking lot and you need to position your aerial to a certain point of the building," Phipps said. "The way a tiller truck is with the rear steering, the cab will pull in and the tiller truck, as long as it's moving forward, can

pull itself up closer to the building."

Phipps went station by station and said it wouldn't be possible for GFR to fit a tiller truck into any of its fire stations. Phipps also said if GFR attempted to make space for a tiller truck at one of its stations, it could cost approximately \$250,000, which is \$150,000 more than what



Garry Phipps

Mulligan estimated to city council. Phipps said one of his duties at GFR was purchasing fire trucks. Phipps said a tiller fire truck is unique and must have two people to operate, one driving and one in the back cab. However, Phipps recommended 4-5 people operate the truck, based upon other fire departments and national standards.

"This is a commitment, you have to be trained," Phipps said. "This is not like, 'We're going to take you to the drill tower and train you in a couple Saturdays.' No, this is something you don't mess with."

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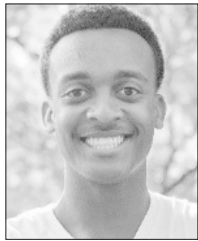
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"Our ability to acquire accreditation in dance is restricted because of the outdated facilities," Host said. "I'm trying to update the floors with new (spring) floors, new laminate flooring on top of those floors (and) the bars need to be ripped out and replaced."

Terry Culp, a senior dance major at ECU, said in January that he is used to facing current, everyday struggles as a dance major, due to the poor conditions and outdated facilities dance majors currently have to work in.

"I knew it wasn't the greatest facility coming in, but then we were always promised new things were coming. So freshman year, they were like, 'Oh, by the time you're juniors, you'll have a new facility,'" Culp said. "It kind of sucks having to tell other prospective students who ask, 'Oh, I heard you are getting a new building, when is that coming?' and you're like, 'Um, it's in the works, it's coming.'"

Culp said he is a competitive



Terry Culp

student in his major compared to other national schools, but not because of Messick's facilities. Rather, it's because of the faculty at ECU.

In addition to the state of Messick's facilities, there is an additional concern of asbestos in the building. According to the ECU Locations of Asbestos document, asbestos is currently located within the thermal system, floor tile and crawl space of Messick. The ECU Locations of Asbestos also states asbestos is "presumed" to be located in "other" places within the complex.

McGinnis Scene Shop is "presumed" to have asbestos in the ceiling material, thermal system, floor tile, crawl space and "other" locations located within the shop, according to the ECU Locations of Asbestos.

The ECU Locations of Asbestos states McGinnis is "presumed" to have asbestos located in the thermal system, floor tile and "other" places located within the theater.

Bill Bagnell, associate vice chancellor for campus operations, said in a prior interview with The East Carolinian that "Presumed" is directly from the OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standard.

"Employers and building owners are required to treat installed thermal system insulation (TSI) and sprayed-on and troweled-on surfacing

materials as asbestos-containing material (ACM) in buildings constructed no later than 1980. These materials are designated "presumed ACM," Bagnell said.

Bagnell said asphalt and vinyl flooring material installed no later than 1980 also must be treated as asbestos-containing.

According to Bagnell, the employer or building owner

may demonstrate that presumed asbestos-containing material (PACM) and flooring material do not contain asbestos by performing tests of the material. Materials must be sampled by an accredited inspector and analyzed by NVLAP accredited lab.

"So, if we have not tested material in building constructed in 1980 or earlier, then the suspect material is presumed to be asbestos-containing," Bagnell said.

Buildings on campus have been rated and scaled on the Building Conditions Facility Condition Needs Index (FCNI) Ranges from the online document released in 2010 titled "Master Plan, Campus Inventory Analysis Map," ranging from "excellent condition" to "complete replacement needed." Nine buildings are currently



Bill Bagnell

ranked as "poor condition," according to ECU's general building conditions construction standards.

Messick and McGinnis Theater were both last renovated in 1981, according to Joyner Library's online building history archives. These renovations brought in a new stage and auditorium which consisted of new heating and air ventilation.

The ECU Comprehensive Master Facilities Master Plan, published in March of 2011, states the last renovation was made in 1982 to both Messick and McGinnis.

In addition to the academic buildings, some ECU students say the residence halls are also in need of repair, and ECU records show the residence halls may also contain asbestos.

Special education adaptive sophomore Megan Purdy said in January she had to move out of Jones Residence Hall because there was a consistent mold issue in her room which the university could not get rid of.

"We kept our room at 68 degrees or around 72 degrees and then there was a big wet spot that was caused by flooding in the bathroom next to our

door," Purdy said.

Purdy said living next to the bathroom caused a lot of humidity, so she and her roommate took matters into their own hands by adding in damper bags to get rid of the dampness in the air. However, she said nothing stopped the mold from continuing to spread.

"When we moved out, we pulled my roommate's mirror off her door and there was mold behind the mirror growing," Purdy said.

Jones was built in 1959 and was last renovated in 1964, when ECU remodeled a recreation room into a cafeteria, according to Joyner Library's building history archives.

According to the ECU Locations of Asbestos, Jones currently contains asbestos in the thermal system, crawl space and it is "presumed" to be present in "other" locations within the dormitory.

The "poor condition" buildings in need of "total renovation indicated" include Ragsdale Hall, Rivers, Messick Arts Center, Rawl, Building 43, Brewster, Wright Annex, Austin and Howell Science Complex — all are main campus buildings used by a majority of students and faculty every day, according to the general building condition found on ECU's website.

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Megan Purdy

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

FRIDAY

Trap N' Paint
Holiday Inn Greenville
8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Better Coffee at Home Workshop
Coastal Fog
9 a.m.

Bug Hunt
River Park North
10 a.m.

Potluck in the Park
Thomas Foreman Park
12 p.m.

SUNDAY

Sunday in the Park
Town Common
7 p.m.

MONDAY

Board Game Night
Blue Ox Games
6 p.m.

Joyner Library explores history of state parks

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

North Carolina has a rich history regarding the parks which inhabit the state, and now those interested in learning more will be able to through the "Building the State Park System in North Carolina" exhibit at East Carolina University's Joyner Library.

The exhibit opened April 13 in the Joyner Library Special Collections on the third floor and is set to close on Sept. 3. The exhibit is open on Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. During those times, students can come and go through materials about the park system of North Carolina.

Sarah McLusky, the curator of the exhibit, said she started it as a way to explore the beginnings of the park system, and to provide information for those looking to learn about the parks for recreational purposes, as well as for educational purposes.

"I started working on the exhibit maybe six to seven months before it went on in April and did two kinds of research. One was going through our collection and figuring out what was related to the parks and what might be interesting to talk about," McLusky said. "Then also doing secondary research into the history of the park system using resources that the State Park System and the State Library of North Carolina have made available."

McLusky said she wanted to make a well-rounded exhibit that not only focuses on the entire park system of North Carolina but also makes it relevant to those in the eastern area of the state.

"It's an exhibit on the history of the state park system and it focuses



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The East Carolina University Special Collections exhibit is located on the third floor of Joyner Library on main campus.

especially on the park system's origins and its expansion," McLusky said. "There's a section of it that goes into a little more detail about the three parks that are in the eastern part of the state."

The three parks the exhibit focuses more heavily on are Fort Macon State Park, Goose Creek State Park and Hammocks Beach State Park. With those three parks, McLusky and Scooter Lewis, the intern who worked with her, wanted to highlight parks Greenville residents could visit.

Lewis, who helped with the curation and installation of the exhibit, spent the majority of her time researching the origins of Hammock Beach State Park. For

Lewis, the research of the park was very empowering "reading about how black ownership of recreational areas was a way for blacks to avoid public harassment" as well as one of the earliest property managers of the park was a black man.

"My supervisor, Sarah McLusky, brought to my attention that the next exhibit would be about the North Carolina state parks. Initially, I started just doing research on five state parks in the area and then selected the one I found the most interesting, which was Hammock's Beach," Lewis said. "From there, I did further research on the park and curating. I curated items related to Hammocks Beach and created a visual timeline of the park."

For Lewis, the exhibit has provided a way to learn about how the state's parks came about and why they are so important to their respective communities.

"The exhibit is a sort of insider look on this history of several state parks in North Carolina with the intention of promoting visitation of local state parks, history appreciation, and generate special collections interest," Lewis said. "I hope those who visit this exhibit feel well informed on the beautiful state parks in the area and the rich history that built them."

McLusky said she hopes visitors to the exhibit also come away with a sense of empowerment knowing they can make a difference.

"I hope one thing people come away with is an understanding of the history of the park system," McLusky said. "That it hasn't always been perfect, but also that normal North Carolina citizens can not only visit the parks, but they may actually have a chance to create change."

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Sarah McLusky

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The East Carolina University Family Health Clinic is located along 10th Street across from campus.

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going through treatment differently.

"I would say that the severity of student concerns is has grown over the last several years," Kisler-van Reede said. "You can't really say that there's one answer or reason. I think many people are trying to understand what the factors are, so it's not an easy answer."

According to Kisler-van Reede, group counseling offered at the CCSD changes from semester to semester, and those who are looking to join them can walk-in to schedule an appointment with a counselor or call the office.

Students also can take advantage of REAL Crisis Intervention, located at 1011 Anderson St., a block away from campus. Appointments are not needed for those who seek counseling or information and referrals, according to Tracy Kennedy, associate director of REAL Crisis Intervention.

"We provide 24 hours a day, 365 days a year crisis counseling via telephone. Our walk-in services are from eight in the morning to 11 at night," Kennedy said.

According to Kennedy, the month of June has been more active for REAL Crisis Intervention, as they have received more calls regarding depression than usual.

"There's been a sharp increase over the last month," Kennedy said. "Last year, we averaged about 250 calls a day. This month we average in the 300s and we actually got up to 467 calls one day this month already."

Students who wish to be a part of

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-Tracy Kennedy

support groups at the REAL Crisis Intervention location can call or go to its website to go through a screening process to ensure the group will meet the needs of going through the healing process. According to Kennedy, the support groups they offer are trauma-focused and are offered at no cost to the participant.

Although the number of students suffering from depression is rising, Kisler-van Reede said it just means they will have to work harder to expand CCSD's mission of providing wellness to the ECU student body.

"We are looking at trying to get what we call a 'peer mentoring program' set up for undergraduate students with our outreach coordinator," Kisler-van Reede said. "That's something that is happening on other campuses that we're trying to get going on our campus as well."

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OUR VIEW

Tobacco policy benefits university

On June 14, East Carolina University released a press release to announce a new policy which will ban all tobacco use within 100 feet of buildings on main campus and the entire health sciences campus.

The policy, which goes into effect on July 1, dictates those who violate this new rule may receive a fine of up to \$25 and “are subject to additional court costs and/or other university policies relating to debts owed the university.”

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe this new policy is for the greater good of the ECU community and will benefit students in the long run.

By restricting tobacco usage on campus, the university is making a definitive statement that it is committed to protecting the health of its students and staff. According to the Center for Disease Control, more than 2.5 million nonsmoking adults have died because of secondhand smoke since 1946. Exposure to secondhand smoke dramatically increases individuals’ chances of cardiovascular disease and cancer. In addition to smoke, improperly discarded cigarette butts can release the 7,000 chemicals contained in a cigarette into the water, dirt and air, according to the World Health Organization.

By restricting tobacco usage on campus, ECU is placing the health of the community over the choices of a few individuals. Although some smokers may feel this policy restricts their rights, this decision benefits ECU as a whole and will create a healthier campus.

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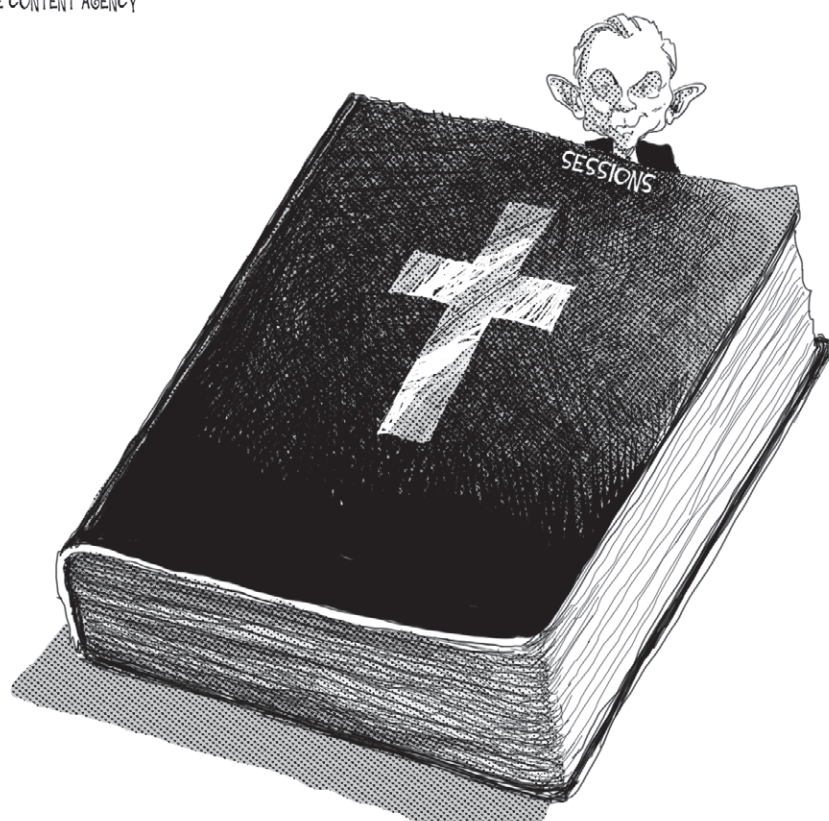
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Sessions’ contradicts Bible

Statement about immigration unchristian



Andy Li
TEC STAFF

Andy Candid-Li

Attorney General Jeff Sessions attempted to use the Bible on June 14 to support the United States’ decision to separate the children of illegal immigrants from their parents.

Sessions cited Romans 13 while speaking on immigration in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

“To obey the laws of the government because God has ordained them for the purpose of order,” Sessions said. “Orderly and lawful processes are good in themselves and protect the weak and lawful.”

I am not a Christian, but a childhood in the church and a pastor as an adoptive father has afforded me an arguably strong knowledge of what the Bible says.

Firstly, in the same passage Sessions quoted, the Apostle Paul, who wrote Romans to the budding church in Rome, is talking about taxes, not about tearing children from their parents. Secondly, Paul later commands readers to do what is right. He defines right as, “Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.”

And, let us not forget the context of this particular gospel. Paul was writing to the Roman church, who were under constant persecution. Christianity was illegal, because worshipping Christ as the only god went in direct contradiction to the Roman pagan religion, and the emperor’s own sovereignty. So, Attorney General Sessions, if the early church applied this verse as literally as you would have the American people believe it, they would give up Christ and follow the law of the Roman Empire.

While in jail in Birmingham, Alabama,



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Attorney General Jeff Sessions used the Bible to support the decision to separate immigrant families.

Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, “One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws... An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust.”

Sessions’ justification for tearing families apart is contradictory to the Christian faith, whose greatest two commandments, according to Jesus himself, are to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength; and to love your neighbor. The Bible also commands us to welcome sojourners and wanderers, “for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.”

The United States’ decision to continue this behavior is immoral, cold-hearted and shows how our government sees no humanity in these families’ desperateness

for a better life. Even in keeping them in holding cells like animals, the U.S. government has the audacity to take children away from their parents.

So, Attorney General Sessions, I leave you with this verse from Matthew 25. “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’”

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Gossiping leads to hurt feelings



Danielle Schmid
TEC STAFF

Dani’s Good Vibes

When it comes to gossiping in a negative way, and talking down about someone in general, we need to know when casual chitchat turns into an aggressive roast.

These types of harsh conversations tend to make its way into casual conversations way more often than it should and it’s 2018, we should realize the level of immaturity that comes out of it.

According to a study featured in *Evolutionary Psychological Science*, women are more likely to gossip than men and even use gossip as a way to compete for someone’s attention. Some of us are so quick to say something mean about someone. I’m not blaming this on females or anyone really, but gossiping not only hurts the ones around you, but it hurts you. If you’re that friend that always talks down on someone, your friends are probably going wonder if you talk about them or they’re probably just going to get sick of your comments.

“ People have feelings, some feel stronger than others and we need to realize and understand that. ”

As Neil deGrasse Tyson said on Logic’s track, “Waiting Room,” “every act of hatred and violence you committed against another you committed against yourself and every act of love and hand of kindness you also extend until yourself.”

Now, this all sounds so elementary but finding pleasure in these harsh conversations is something our generation needs to stop. Our population is on the verge of a mental health crisis here in the United States and adding to these people’s depression and anxiety is people talking s*** just isn’t cool.

According to CNBC, every state in the US has a yearly growth in suicide rates. Now I’m not saying gossiping is the reason for this rate, but a lot of suicide cases come from just too much negativity in the world in general.

Look at house DJ, Avicii, in a press release which came from his family after

his suicide on April 20 they said, “..he really struggled with thoughts about meaning, life and happiness.” Fashion designer Kate Spade also committed suicide on June 5 because of depression. And one of the most recent celebrity suicides, Anthony Bourdain, international chef and documentarian, killed himself June 8 because of depression. All extremely well-known and successful figures in their fields taken by mental health.

People have feelings, some feel stronger than others and we need to realize and understand that. I know sometimes it’s not easy to be nice, but don’t go out of your way to hurt someone’s feelings.

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Student wanted to work part time on Monday and Wednesday afternoons starting in August (from 3:00-9:00 pm) with disabled daughter who is in

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late July/early August. Must have own transportation. Additional hours on weekends, summers also available. \$12/hour to start. Call Linda at 252-341-5460.

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Spend time with your partner, and resume negotiations. Report your progress to someone who needs to know. Collaboration is key.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Catch up on reading and writing today and tomorrow. Gradually decrease the number of unknowns in your research. Articulate your discoveries.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Associates provide valuable input now. Stick to your budget. Don't spend on a group outing or class. Don't believe everything you hear. You're gaining influence.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Anticipate resistance or chaos. Begin two days of intense work. Physical action gets results. Focus on technique and finesse. Keep your cool.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Focus on making money. Don't buy gifts or toys yet. Structural obstacles could temporarily clog cash flow. Organize your work schedule for efficiency. Power on.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Consider new career opportunities. You're gaining, but slowly. You won't have to defer gratification forever. Wait until you've got the bills paid off.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Practice your game to increase your skills. Relax, and enjoy yourself today and tomorrow. Spend time with loved ones. Cook up some romance.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You're especially hot today and tomorrow. Your discipline is admirable. Assert your wishes. Let somebody else challenge the status quo. Avoid conflict, and go for clarity.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Strike out in a new direction for a few days. Old assumptions get challenged. It's best to be authentic. Follow the path before you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Talk to your family. Speak up, even when others disagree. Don't take things personally. Work together to cut clutter and conserve resources.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 5 -- Focus on keeping old commitments for the next two days. Stifle your rebellious tendencies. Fact and fantasy clash. Harsh words could fly. Keep a low profile.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Handle financial matters today and tomorrow. Save up for something special. The more careful you are with the details, the better you look.

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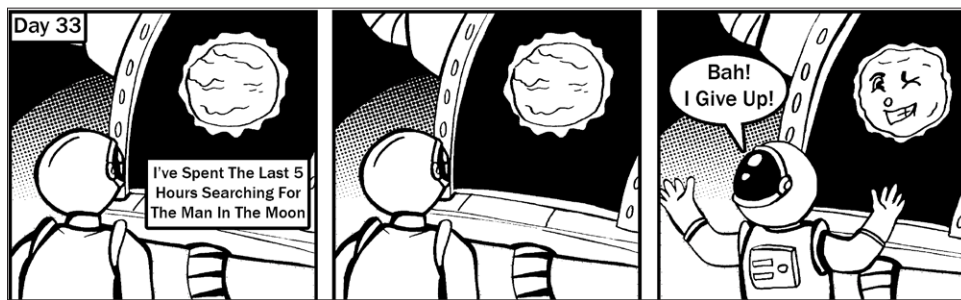
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ACROSS

- "The Big ___ Theory"
- Denver or Hope
- Boone and O'Brien
- Woodwind instrument
- King Kong, for one
- "It's a Sin to Tell ___"
- Actress Patricia
- ___ Arthur
- ___ Bator, Mongolia
- Series for Simon Baker
- Trauma ctrs.
- Author Alcott's monogram
- "Splendor in the ___"; Natalie Wood/Warren Beatty movie
- Angela Lansbury's "Murder, She Wrote" role
- Writing instrument
- Derek and Diddle
- Made a lap
- Dave of "Brothers & Sisters"
- Role on "Cheers"
- ___ G. Carroll
- ___ Rather
- Actress on "CSI"
- Margarine

- ___ double take; look twice
- "Unhappily ___ After"
- Will of "The Waltons"
- Holiday or Hampton
- Ad ___; speaks off the cuff
- Dry
- Sullivan and Bradley
- Bench piece

DOWN

- Jon ___ Jovi
- Help a thief
- Actor Wyle
- Aspics
- ___ in Toyland"
- ___ All Night"
- Stars of the movie "Help!"
- Zahn and Abdul
- ___ Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth"
- Mowry and Carrere
- Transmitted
- "The 5 ___ Buchanans"
- Mornings, for short
- School transcript abbr.
- "The ___ & Stimpny Show"
- Actress Jillian
- ___ Millionaire"
- Jerusalem's location: abbr.
- Baseball's Ripken
- "One Day ___ Time"
- One of the Bumsteads
- Tipper's hubby
- Mayberry resident
- "___ 54, Where Are You?"
- "The Trouble with ___"
- Martin and Jones
- Greedy people
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- ___ McEntire
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Tennis teams add top 25 classes

Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University men and women's tennis teams are having a busy offseason, as the men secured the No. 25 mid-major recruiting class and the women secured the No. 14 mid-major class. Both teams will look to improve on good spring seasons, and to fill the shoes of the players who graduated.

The men's class consists of Simon Labbe from Canada, and Diogo Marques from Portugal. Each will have big shoes to fill as the team attempts to fill the void left by alumni Freddie McGeehan and Kasey Countee.



Shawn Heinchon

Head coach Shawn Heinchon said he is not too focused on the rating of his team's recruiting class, but is instead interested in filling the roles left by the two seniors.

"When it comes to recruiting,

you kind of have to take the statistics and rankings with a grain of salt," Heinchon said. "At the end of the day it's not what you're getting, it's what you're losing, and we're losing two great players. Our goal right now is to get better, and I know these two recruits will help us do that."

While the team is losing two prominent players, all the weight will not be on the shoulders of Labbe and Marques to step up. The Pirates will also look to two young players who excelled last season to continue their success in the fall. Sophomore Wisse Jonker and junior Javier Renones were exceptional last season, going 15-2 as a doubles team. Individually, Renones finished with a 23-6 record in singles, while Jonker finished with a 16-2 record.

While the team has shown promise and has the No. 25 class, Heinchon said he does not have any certain roles for his players heading into the next season.

"I've never been one to put people in certain positions this early because it always works itself out," Heinchon said. "Right now our



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Diogo Marques from Portugal holding his racket while playing in a match.

focus is on getting better."

The Lady Pirates will also bring in two players in their No. 14 ranked class, as the team welcomes Minette Van Vreden from South Africa and Martina Paladini Jennings from Great Britain. Head coach Tom Morris said he is excited about the

ranking, and is ready to see what the new players can add to his team.

"Having the ranking is a good sign for us because we only have two players in our class, which is low for a ranked class," Morris said. "We are excited about these two players, and I think they will help us get better."

The Lady Pirates finished the spring season with a 17-9 record, including a perfect 7-0 record at home. The team also played some tough competition in No.1 overall ranked University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and other tough schools both in and out of conference.

Vreden and Jennings will join a team who must fill some holes after Meredith Smith, Sarah Sarjoo and Maria Gomez graduated. Returning players will have to step up if the Pirates want to improve this season as coach Morris has high expectations for his team on and off the court.

"I'm expecting us to be more competitive on the court this year," Morris said. "We have the talent to improve, and I think we will. I was very proud of the team's conduct off the court as well, as they won regional community service award again for the second year, and the conference grade point average. So it was a great year, and I expect us to keep it up."

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BATS continued from A1

Payton Galloway, a sophomore health service management major, is a huge baseball fan. Galloway said she went to every single home ECU baseball game this past season, even if it meant sitting through rain delays or blowout games. Galloway loves the idea of a pro baseball team in Charlotte for many reasons as well.

Galloway said she'd love to see an ECU baseball player one day get drafted by the potential Charlotte MLB team and play in North Carolina.

"I definitely believe that Charlotte should have a major league baseball team," Galloway said. "It's the only major franchise missing in

North Carolina. We have the Panthers and the Hornets in Charlotte and the Hurricanes in Raleigh. With the right marketing, Charlotte would be very capable of supporting an MLB team like St. Louis, Milwaukee, and other major league cities. Greenville, North Carolina is such a baseball town that bringing in an MLB team would draw in many ECU students and fans."

Curti said the city of Charlotte already has a NFL, NBA and a growing need for a MLB team.

Curti said he started the Charlotte Bats about six years ago. Curti said sports are a great source of revenue for the state. He added the Bats would "bring jobs, bring hundreds of millions to our state and provide a fun family atmosphere for everyone."

Beyond the added revenue, Curti said he is passionate about North Carolina, and

believes Charlotte is an ideal choice for a team. Curti added Charlotte is the best choice because of the support and success of other teams in the area have had, such as the Carolina Panthers and Charlotte Hornets.

Curti also referenced the city's minor league baseball team, the Charlotte Knights. The Knights have led all minor league baseball teams in attendance four out of the last five years, according to Curti.

Despite all this, there is skepticism surrounding Curti's idea. Many cities in the country and some even outside of the United States would like to have a MLB team and have groups

advocating for it. However, Curti said this situation is different because the city of Charlotte is already on the MLB's radar.

"What makes this so different is that MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred put the city of Charlotte on a short list for future expansion," Curti said.

Curti said the Bats sell its own merchandise and are always expanding. Curti said he has been in contact with Manfred and has sent the commissioner Bats' merchandise. Curti has also been in contact with people within the MLB as well as reporters who cover it, pushing hard in all aspects to make the Bats' movement a reality.

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