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Looking through the windows outside the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center, which will need to be replaced after the wrong-sized ones were installed.

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Alumni support Staton

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East Carolina University Chancellor Cecil Staton has been a lightning rod of both positive and negative attention in recent months. Despite this controversy, Staton has maintained a loyal and supportive base of community and university leaders and alumni.

Now, two ECU alumni say Staton inherited more turmoil than he created.

On Jan. 8, a letter was sent to University of North Carolina System officials, discussing why Staton should be given more trust and time to make a positive impact on ECU.

The letter, which has more than 130 signatures of support, states most of the problems Staton has had to deal with during his term were not necessarily Staton's doing. It added the continued threats aimed toward him should be ceased while giving Staton time to make an impact outside of the continued criticism.



Cecil Staton

ECU alumnus, Tom Peeler, a supporter of the letter, agreed when Staton came, he inherited a lot of turmoil and hasn't been given the chance to show what he could do

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Student center conflicts

Officials explain dining delays, incorrect windows

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

The first few weeks of the Main Campus Student Center's opening have seen several problems, the two main issues being that the office windows must be replaced and the food service options are still waiting to open.

The Main Campus Student Center opened on Jan. 7 replacing Mendenhall.

According to Erik Kneubuehl, associate vice chancellor of Student Involvement and Leadership, approximately all of the 200 office windows will need to be replaced due to the windows "not being to spec."

Kneubuehl said the mistake of the wrong windows being installed was the fault of the architects from Perkins and Will, not the contractors T.A. Loving/Barnhill. The price of having to replace the office windows has

not been disclosed yet, but ECU will not be the party paying, according to Kneubuehl.

"Nobody's committed to paying for it yet, but the university is committed to not paying for it," Kneubuehl said.



Erik Kneubuehl

As for the dining options in the student center, Kneubuehl said the reason for them not being able to open on time was either because necessary equipment arrived broken or did not arrive on time at all.

"The restaurants were delayed because there are pieces of equipment that either came in broken or weren't delivered on time because they were either on back order or they just didn't get

in on time because if you don't have all the equipment in place, you can't get an inspection done," Kneubuehl said.

According to Bill McCartney, associate vice chancellor of Campus Living and Dining Services, said when the student center was first opened to the public, none of the dining options had passed electrical inspection.

McCartney said the fact that dining options had not passed electrical inspection did not mean there was anything wrong, but only that none of the work was done upon the student center's opening.

"When the new student center opened on Jan. 7, all of the dining area in there had not yet passed their electrical inspections. That doesn't mean there's something wrong, it just

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Title IX presents changes

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Office of Equity and Diversity (OED) will host an open forum today to discuss the newly proposed regulations and changes to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The event is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in room 125 of the Main Campus Student Center. According to the OED's Title IX Compliance Officer, Malorie Porter, students, faculty and staff are invited to

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attend the open forum as it will serve as an opportunity for those looking to learn more about the proposed changes.

"There is a new guidance being proposed under the new administration, which is currently out for review in what they call a notice and comment period," Porter said

The open forum will serve as an educational opportunity, Porter said. The OED organized this forum to allow people to become more informed about the proposed changes, understand they have the ability to comment on them to the federal government directly and know what could be changing.

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R. Kelly accusations arise

Students express support for survivors in 'Surviving R. Kelly'

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The salacious allegations against the self-proclaimed 'Pied Piper of R&B' has been a trending topic on social media as of late, thanks to a new Lifetime series set out to expose decades of abuse claims against Robert Sylvester Kelly — better known by the moniker of R. Kelly.

Headlined as "Surviving R. Kelly," the six-part docuseries premiered Jan. 3 and aired over the course of three nights. "Surviving R. Kelly" highlighted a myriad of allegations made against the Grammy-winning singer dating back to the early 1990's, from the singer's controversial relationship with late R&B singer Aaliyah to capturing the rescue of one of his alleged sex cult victims on film.

Containing more than 50 interviews, the majority of those interviewed were alleged victims of R. Kelly's abuse, from



Naomi Wright

former musical protege Sparkle to the singer's ex-wife and the mother of his three children, Andrea Kelly. All of the victims featured in the documentary were women of color, which peaked the interest of

ECU sophomore Naomi Wright as she watched the docuseries. To Wright, the Lifetime docuseries accurately exposes how sexual allegations are "dismissed" when women of color are



COURTESY OF LIFETIME

From left: Timothy Savage and JonJelyn Savage being interviewed for the Lifetime documentary.

victimhood.

"It's a watershed moment for women of color," Naomi Wright, a communication and political science double major, said. "There's no doubt in my mind that if even one of R. Kelly's (alleged) victims were white, that he would have been behind bars today."

The docuseries captured widespread attention, as "Surviving R. Kelly" garnered an average of 2.1 million total viewers, according to Nielsen live-plus-same-day ratings statistics. Despite the more than six hours of content, "Surviving R. Kelly" executive producer Dream Hampton said the alleged revelations in the docuseries

were just the tip of the iceberg.

"There are many things I can't talk about and will never discuss because it's so dark and sad and traumatic," Hampton said in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian. "As for the purpose of this documentary, I would like people to turn away from R. Kelly. I want them to not have all these caveats about him. I would like to relentlessly hit them with so much evidence that they can no longer, without shame, be an R. Kelly supporter."

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BRIEFS

Alpha Omicron Pi
to sponsor fundraiser

Alpha Omicron Pi will host a percentage night at Japan Inn to benefit the Arthritis Foundation today beginning at 11. A percentage of all sales raised for AOII will be donated to the foundation.

The event will last until 9 p.m. and students who want to participate should write "AOII" on their receipt.

GPSS to host coffee break

Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) will provide free coffee to graduate and professional students today from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Health Science Student Center Starbucks.

GPSS will host the event to talk about its professional experience. Students interested should find a GPSS representative holding a blue sign.

SGA to hold
elections interest meeting

Students interested in running for Student Government Association office 2019-2020 can attend an interest meeting tonight at 4 in the Main Campus Center Room 125.

Interest meetings will also be held Thursday at 6 p.m. in Health Sciences Student Grand Center 202 and Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Main Campus Student Center in room 253.

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meant the work wasn't done yet," McCartney said. "So, the next step for us to take ownership of the dining spaces is to pass the electrical inspection."

After passing electrical inspection, all of the restaurants will need to pass inspection from the health department, McCartney said. Once health inspections are completed, the staff can be trained to prepare the food to the standard of the respective national brands.

McCartney said Raising Cane's requires its staff to complete a five-day training period, while Panda Express and Au Bon Pain, a French style restaurant, require staff to complete a three-day training period.

1907, a gourmet burger bar named after the year ECU was founded, and the

confectionery, which will be a "sweet shop," are not national brands and will be able to open sooner than the others once they pass electrical and health inspections.

McCartney said since the student center's opening, Raising Cane's, which is a fast-food chain that specializes in chicken fingers, passed their electrical inspection on Thursday.



Bill McCartney

According to McCartney, Raising Cane's is expected to open the week after the Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend, but the exact date has not been specified yet. Once a date has been agreed on for Raising Cane's and the other restaurants, McCartney said those dates will be disseminated through social media.

McCartney said there will be close to 95 employees in dining service options in the student center.

Jack Riley, junior hospitality management major, said he enjoyed the new student center, but is frustrated about having to wait on the food options. Despite his frustrations, Riley said he knows to get everything running smoothly is a "work in progress."

Riley said the Main Campus Student Center is something which ECU student can be proud to call their own and something we can compare to other Division I universities.

"I feel like that's their biggest thing, I do like how modern it is and how nice (it is) and again, something we can finally compare to other to D1 schools and I'm actually proud to call it ours," Riley said.

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for the university.

"I don't think that any of the problems associated with his tenure so far are of his doing," Peeler said. "They were either situations that existed when he got here or situations that others thought to exploit for themselves."

According to Peeler, the letter was circulated by email and passed around to various members of the community potentially interested or affected by Staton's term.

Peeler said he attributes the threats and turmoil to various sources starting rumors rather than taking their time to understand the potential falseness behind most rumors.

"I think the timing of the letter has more to do with this continued sniping that's going on and as I said, people continuing to leak and everyone has an agenda here and the Carolina Journal, their agenda is they've never looked with favor upon anything to do with the university system in North Carolina," Peeler said.

Peeler was referencing a Carolina Journal article that strongly implied Staton was accepting a buyout at the end of 2018, therefore ending his term at ECU early.



Staton handing out cookies to students on East Carolina University's mall.

According to Peeler, the Carolina Journal has taken the stance of state government should not be involved in higher education. He said he feels they take every opportunity to publish news which casts the university system in a questionable light.

"I don't question that some didn't go to them and probably someone on the (Board of Governors) that said 'Hey, this chancellor's gonna take a buyout and resign at the end of the year,' and whether they confirmed that independently or not, I don't know

with that story and it's created a lot of problems," Peeler said.

Peeler said he feels strongly about the media keeping news factual and drama free. He said there is a small, but "vocal" faction responsible for these "passive aggressive" actions and are trying to create turmoil at the university.

"I think it's really counter productive. It serves no purpose other to keep things in a state of chaos where nothing seems to get done," Peeler said.

ECU alumnus Carl Davis, another signee of the letter, echoed

the sentiments of Peeler. Davis said being the chancellor of a large, public university such as ECU is a challenge. Davis believes Staton has risen to the challenge given the circumstances he walked into.

Davis said he was happy to sign the letter and he approved of the efforts Staton has made thus far in his term as chancellor.

"The letter speaks for itself," Davis said. "I think Chancellor Staton is doing a good job. I wish people would let him do his job and help him do his job."

Davis said many of the issues Staton has been criticized for are issues he inherited when he took the position, such as finding a new athletic director. Davis said hiring Dave Hart as an athletic advisor during the search was an example of something Staton has done well and was proactive in doing.

Kieran Shanahan, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, said he received a copy of the letter and though he did not sign the letter, he does agree with what was said within it.

"It was certainly nice to have confirmed what I think most of us know already and that is that Cecil Staton enjoys broad support across the university," Shanahan said.

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Porter said the proposed document itself is lengthy and there are certain changes being proposed in the document that are quite detailed. The forum allows for there to be answers given to specific questions, she said, and added the full proposal consists of 144 pages.

As a student on campus it is important to be aware of potential policy and regulation changes, according to Hiral Gajera, a freshman biology major at ECU.

"It's important to know your rights, responsibilities and any changes that could be made to them," Gajera said. "You never know if you will be caught in a situation where you will have to make a report or complaint involving the Title IX amendment."

There will be a panel present at the forum who will respond to any questions those in attendance may ask, Porter said. Each of the individuals sitting on the panel has knowledge of processes relating to Title IX or works in the process directly, she said.

Porter said there will also be an ECU student on the panel to give a perspective from the student's point of view and where

they may stand.

"If there are certain questions that someone may have or a certain topic someone might be concerned about please let us (the OED) know, and we will tell you the current process and policies we house here at ECU for that specific topic and how it could change (with the proposed regulations)," Porter said.



Malorie Porter

Porter said the proposed changes would affect the policies, practices and procedures currently housed by ECU. She said the OED wants students, faculty and staff to know what the federal guidance change might mean and how it may impact our policies.

The flyer sent out by the OED included a link to an online portal where the OCR is seeking public comments. The online portal provided will be open for a 60 day period following the release of the proposed regulations. The online submission portal will remain open to receive submissions through Jan. 28th.

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OUR VIEW

LGBT center to benefit community

With the long-awaited opening of the new Main Campus Student Center last Monday, 500 East Carolina University organizations found a new home.

One of these departments is the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center, which officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony this past Saturday. The Dr. Peel LGBTQ Center is the largest of its kind of any public university in the University of North Carolina System.

The office's namesake Jesse R. Peel, has a vision that the center will be a safe and welcoming environment which promotes understanding and acceptance for the LGBT community.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the opening of this office is well needed and will add a healthy outlet on ECU's campus for a community which is often overlooked and sometimes disrespected.

Members and supporters of the LGBT Resource Office will now have a larger space to operate. According to an email from the associate director of the Dr. Peel Resource Center, Mark Rasdorf, since the LGBT Resource Office was started in 2011, it has grown to serve approximately 7,000 student visits per academic year.

With this increased space to operate, more events and programs will be planned by the resource office, which will lead to more students being aware of the LGBT Resource Office and its mission to promote understanding and acceptance.

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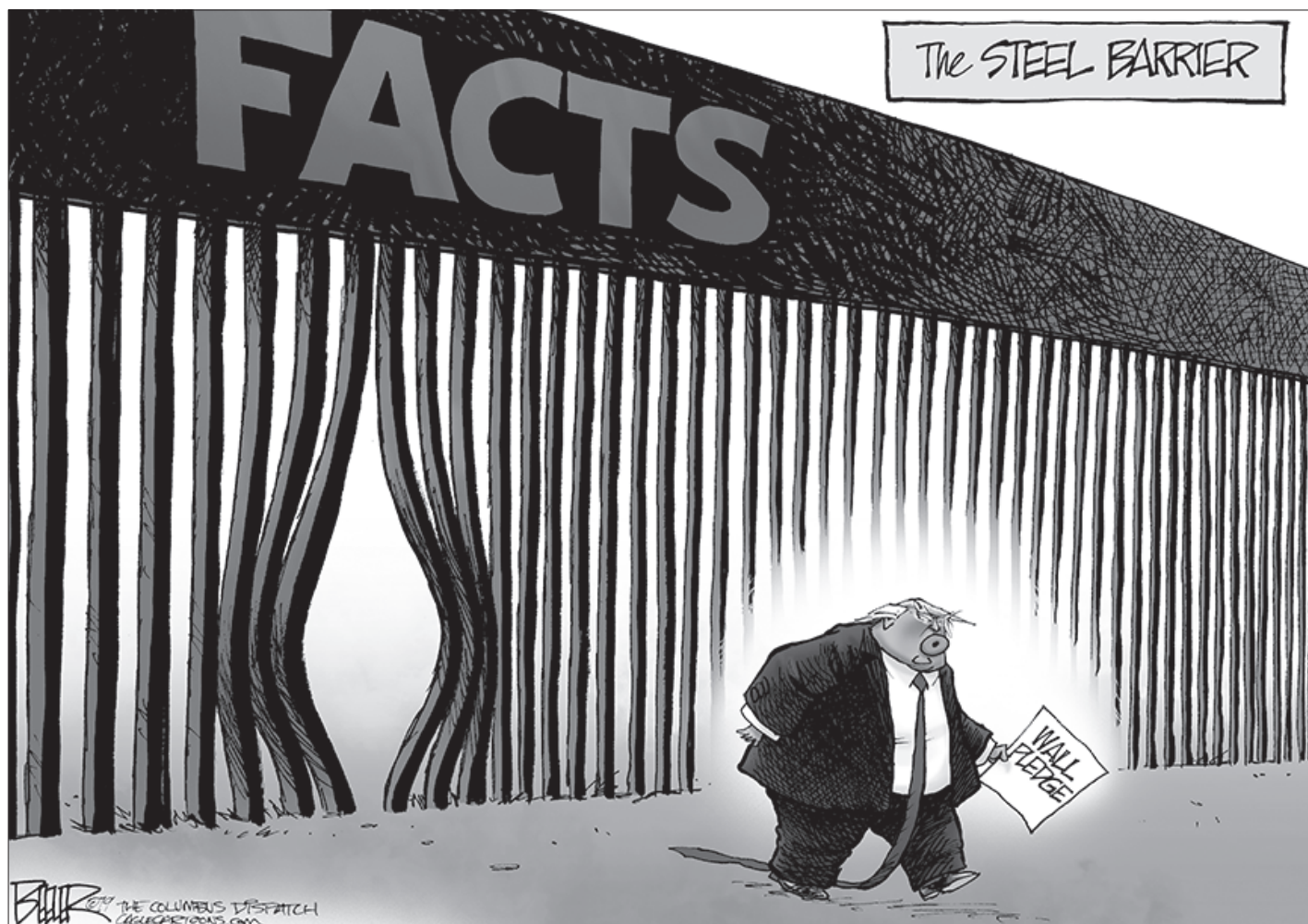
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Freshman dominates Gardner giving ECU national recognition



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Chase'n the Truth

When you think of East Carolina University athletics, you usually think about ECU football, or ECU baseball. For a while now, the men's basketball program

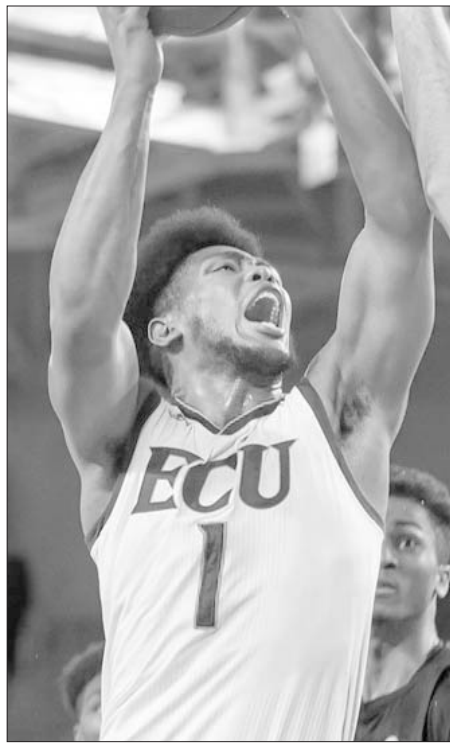
has been an afterthought among the sports at ECU, but ECU star freshman forward Jayden Gardner is doing his best to put the program on the map, not only at ECU, but nationally as well.

Gardner has been put in the spotlight nationally as of late, as he is having one of the best freshman seasons in all of college basketball. Gardner put up a historic performance on Sunday on the road against American Athletic Conference contender University of Central Florida, where he put up AAC freshman records of 35 points and 20 rebounds, both in the same game.

This dominant performance came against the tallest player in the NCAA, 7-foot-6 inch center Tacko Fall, someone very difficult to grab rebounds and score against due to his entire foot height advantage over Gardner, who stands at 6-foot-6 inches.

Gardner was named AAC Co-Freshman of the Week after his historic performance, giving him his third Freshman-of-the-Week award already on the season. Gardner averaged 26.5 points and 14.0 rebounds on 54.3 percent from the field and 70 percent from the free throw line in his two games against UCF and against the University of Memphis.

While many will point to the Pirates' record of 8-8, they should look at the dominance of Gardner at such a young age and that the program has an extremely



Freshman Jayden Gardner shoots a layup.

bright future with him in place. He is currently leading the AAC in points per game with 19.4 and is second in the conference in rebounding at 9.5 per game. With only three senior contributors on the roster, both Gardner and ECU have a lot of room to build a strong foundation under head coach Joe Dooley.

In the past, many of ECU's talented prospects have gone on to leave the program, either due to off the court issues, or transfers. Two recent transfers from ECU, guards Lance Tejada and Elijah Hughes, have both impressed since transferring as Tejada is currently averaging 13.9 points per game for Lehigh University and Hughes is averaging 15.0 points per game for legendary coach Jim Boeheim at Syracuse University, where

he has possibly become a decent NBA prospect. With ECU failing to retain its strong talent, ECU has remained stuck in place as a bottom dweller in the AAC.

Gardner, however, is looking to change that trend and build a contender in Greenville at ECU. He assured Pirate fans on Twitter that he will be staying at ECU, where he said, "I'm here to stay Pirate Nation."

With the reigning AAC Rookie-of-the-Year Shawn Williams still a Pirate, Gardner could possibly give the Pirates two straight AAC Rookies-of-the-Year if he continues on the strong pace he is currently on. With two strong, young prospects to build with, and a head coach that has seen success in his career, the future's looking bright for the Pirates. With a big upset over the reigning AAC champion University of Cincinnati on Jan. 5, the Pirates were given a national spotlight they hadn't received in a long time.

With seven double-doubles on the year to go along with three thirty-point games, Gardner has gotten the attention of many around the AAC. He is currently ranked in the top five in freshman scoring, as well as freshman rebounding in the NCAA. With an incredible inside touch to go along with a solid mid-range jumper, Gardner has displayed an advanced level of play as just a true freshman.

Pirate nation needs to hop on the Gardner bandwagon now, and never jump off, no matter what the record says this year. Gardner provides ECU with hope of building a serious contender in the conference down the line, as long as Dooley can continue to bring in top prospects to put around him, as well as Williams. With Gardner stating he is here to stay, ECU fans need to support and appreciate a talent that intends to build something great in Greenville.

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ECU is entering better era



Robert Romero
GUEST COLUMNIST

Bring yourselves back to the fall semester of 2015. Everything couldn't be more perfect. You experience total freedom for the first time, you make a bunch of new friends, you go to your first tailgate and football game to watch a team just two years removed from a bowl victory, but more importantly, you believe it can only get better from here.

Everyone's point of view is subjective so I am certainly not saying things haven't gotten better for you personally since your first semester at ECU. But I am saying that ECU has done a lot to, though unintentionally, attempt to make it worse.

In January of 2016, ECU announced the construction of the main campus student center which finally opened last week after a five month delay. But the three year building process prevented the 301 transit bus from stopping at Joyner and also removed parking spaces that ECU is still very limited of. On the ECU athletic's side

of things, former ECU head coach Ruffin McNeil was relieved of his duties at the end of the 2015 football season, signaling the start of a disastrous three year span for athletic department that included the forgettable Scottie Montgomery football era and the ruthless manhunt for former ECU Athletic Director Jeff Compher's job, resulting in a \$1.26 million buyout that put ECU athletics in financial turmoil and without a leader in that position for the next seven months, playing a huge part in the \$75 tuition increase for the students.

But something extraordinary was unfolding before our very eyes while we were voicing our frustrations and demands to the big man upstairs about immediate change. And that extraordinary something was that our pleas were being listened too without us noticing.

With that being said, the ECU class of 2023 will be a special one because with the combination of luck and lucrative projects finally coming near completion, it will embark on a new era for Pirate nation. Not only did ECU get the coach that they wanted in Mike Houston, but the former

FCS champion head coach wanted to come here while talented freshman like Holton Ahlers for football and Jayden Gardner for men's basketball have emerged as rising stars in their respective sports in the hopes to bring ECU athletics back to the glory days.

Now on the actual campus, a parking deck has been built right next to the student center, the Dowdy-Ficklen southside renovation project will be finished as well as the Greene dorm building on West End so the bus can resume stopping at that location. And also, the apartment complex on 10th Street will be ready to go by the fall and the 10th Street Connector will finally be complete since being under construction since October of 2015, hoping to reduce the rage induced traffic that has plague Greenville for years.

All and all, ECU's future is very bright for all the new coming students in the years to come. And are very fortunate they didn't suffer through the rebuilding process that we have.

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Women's tennis set for new year

Staff Report

The East Carolina University women's tennis team will kick off its 2019 spring season on Friday against North Carolina State University.

The team is coming off an impressive 2017-2018 season in which it went 17-9, with a 3-5 record in conference. They did not lose a game at home, but struggled on the road, where they went 5-7. The Pirates won five games and lost two during their neutral games. Their season high winning streak was five wins, from April 5 against Elon University until April 14 against University of Cincinnati.

The 17-9 record is tied for the fifth-most wins in a season in program history and they have also won 17 matches in two of their last three years.

ECU played in the Campbell Fall Invitational, both the ITA All-American Championships and ITA Regional Championships, the Coastal Carolina Invitational, the Roberta Allison Fall Classic, and the Kitty Harrison Invitational during the fall season.

ECU will host 12 games during the spring season this year, in



Junior Nastja Rettich is ready to begin the 2019 season for East Carolina when they will take on N.C. State on Friday. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

addition to 11 away games and play in five neutral matches.

Head coach Tom Morris, East Carolina's all-time winningest women's tennis coach, will look to lead the Pirates to their fourth straight winning season.

The team is led by senior Celia Ruiz, who has been named an All-American Athletic Conference for three straight seasons. She is accompanied by sophomore Hsia Ho Chiao, sophomore Alisa Diercksen, junior Lisa Hofbauer and

junior Nastja Rettich, all of whom won at least 10 matches last spring.

There are two freshmen this year, Minette Van Vreden and Martina Paladini-Jennings, both who come from overseas. Van Vreden comes from Strand, South

Africa and Paladini-Jennings from Ruislip, England. They have both competed against elite tennis players before playing with the Pirates, since they have represented their countries in international competitions.

The Pirates will play some tough teams to kick off their spring season. They will play No. 3 ranked University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and they will play North Carolina State University, who received votes for the Oracle/ITA Division I Women's Rankings Top 25.

If the Pirates look to have another successful season under coach Morris, but hope to advance farther more than the first round in the Conference Championships, they will have to repeat their excellent play at home, but most importantly, find a way to carry that momentum and compete just as well on the road.

It all starts when ECU takes on NC State in Raleigh on Friday at 4 p.m.

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ECU swim falls to South Carolina

Jess Sabin TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University men's and women's swim teams both lost to host University of South Carolina on Saturday. The men fell with a score of 180-120, while the women's team was defeated 185-100. This puts the men's team at a record of 3-2, and the women at 3-3.

Despite being swept, the Pirates did have some success. The men's team collected four individual victories. Junior Magnus Andersen beat senior Tristan Taylor by 0.08 seconds to win the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 50.44. Senior Gavin Erdmann finished first in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.01, 0.18 ahead of South Carolina's freshman Dylan Delaney. Freshman Marek Osina won first-place in the 200-yard backstroke by 0.41 ahead of Andersen. Sophomore Jacek Arentewicz took first in the 200-yard breaststroke, touching in at 2:00.28.

"With the season almost over, our focus moving

forward is to keep working hard and maintaining a positive outlook," Junior captain Sophie McNeil said.

The Gamecocks swept all of the 16 women's events, but ECU claimed 11 second place finishes. Four of the ECU women's swimmers captured multiple runner up spots. Junior Catherine Johnson finished second in the 50 meter freestyle and 100 meter freestyle. Freshman Shannon Stott finished second in the 200 meter freestyle and the 200 meter butterfly race. Freshman Marianna Vignoli was runner up in the 500 meter freestyle and 1000 meter freestyle races. Graduate student Lily West took second in the 100 meter breaststroke, and the 200 meter breaststroke races.

"We had a bunch of really good performances, our divers overall did very well," Jabs said in an emailed statement. "Swimming wise Magus Andersen had a great meet. Sophie McNeill and Ryan Brennan posted some in-season best



Sophomore Jacek Arentewicz competes for East Carolina University swim in the breaststroke race during the 2018-2019 season. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

times. Newcomer Lyubomir Epitropov swam great after only being with us for five days. We also saw great swims out of our usual standouts. Marek Osina had the most complete dual meet of his career time wise, Jacek Arentewicz and Gavin Erdmann were strong, along

with Mariana Vignoli."

With the Pirates' final dual meet approaching, the coaches and players know that there is still much to work on before they host the University of Maryland at Baltimore County on Saturday Jan. 19. For coach Jabs, this means putting an

emphasis on "execution, details and energy" this coming week.

"The goal for us especially in the spring is build upon every week and continue to improve as we lead up to our conference meet," senior captain Kelly Barnhill said. "While we

only have a week between meets it's important to keep focusing on the little things to get ready for UMBC. They are a good team and we want to send our seniors out on the right foot, with a win."

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Men's tennis set for new season



Senior Vlad Anghel is set to serve off his last first match for East Carolina. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

Daniel Roberts TEC STAFF

After wrapping up its fall invitational play back on Nov. 4, the East Carolina University men's tennis team will kick off its spring season on Sunday against James Madison University at home.

"It's very exciting to start our season next week," redshirt junior Austin Allen said. "This is what we have been training for and working for all year long. To be able to start in a week, we are excited to have that opportunity."

Head coach Shawn Heinchon led the team to a historic 22-5 record last season in 2018, which included a 10-game win streak from Feb. 24 to March 24. The team looks to either repeat that same feat or go even further.

ECU had impressive records at home and on the road. The Pirates started off the year 10-0 at home and went on to finish 12-1 at home. In its first road contest against Davidson College, ECU fell in a nailbiter 4-3. The team won the rest of its road matches to finish 4-1 when away.

The other three losses came at neutral locations when they traveled to Lafayette, Louisiana on Feb. 23

against Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The other neutral loss came in Dallas, Texas in the American Athletic Conference Championship later into the season on April 20 against No. 29 ranked Tulane University.

"Last year, we had the best season in school history," senior Vlad Anghel said. "It will be tough to top that, but we are going to try our best and do that this year. We have a group of guys that are eager out on the court and compete at the highest level."

The team will have a roster that includes the return of Allen, junior Javier Renones and seniors Ronny Georgi, Will Bissett and Anghel. Two international freshmen players, one from Canada and one from Portugal have joined the roster. Sophomore player Wisse Jonker wraps up the roster for this year.

"It's a unique year for us where we have four seniors,"

Heinchon said. "We will lean on their experience. We will lean on their knowledge mainly to help us through the inconsistent times. We will want to build a window to let our new guys help us get good, do well but we want to keep them a little bit out of harm's way if we can in the beginning and let ourselves develop as a team."

ECU's schedule will include another matchup with the United States Naval Academy where it defeated Navy 6-1 dating back to last season. Its schedule will also consist of four matchups with in-state rivals that include Appalachian State University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Campbell University and Elon University. The Pirates will take on two American Athletic Conference opponents, which include the University of Connecticut and Temple University.

The Pirates look to start their season off similar to last year's with a victory at home against JMU. The match is slated to begin at noon on Sunday.

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Austin Allen

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19)
 -- Today is an 8
 -- Profitable ideas abound. You can find the funding to realize a dream. Disciplined action plus a powerful invitation are a winning combo. Go ahead and ask.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
 -- Today is a 9
 -- Check your course, and then full speed ahead. You can advance a personal project through communication and coordination. Connect with powerful influencers who share your goals.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
 -- Today is a 5
 -- Creativity and discipline can produce fine results behind closed doors. Shut away distractions and overstimulating racket. Craft plans, visions and dreams. Organize your thoughts.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
 -- Today is an 8
 -- Disciplined action and conversation benefits shared goals. Participate with meetings, on committees and teams. Organize and coordinate efforts. Together, support your cause.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
 -- Today is a 7
 -- Get support to address a professional challenge. Envision your goal as already accomplished. Take the actions that experienced colleagues suggest. Inspire others with your vision.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 -- Today is a 7
 -- You're learning voraciously. Do the homework. Dig deeper into your subject. Discuss with experts and students. Consider new ideas, and offer your own.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 -- Today is an 8
 -- Financial conversations can get productive. Make determinations, choices and set priorities with your partner. Share resources and talents. Contribute to growing your shared enterprise.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 -- Today is a 7
 -- Choreograph your moves with your partner. Communication keeps your efforts tightly coordinated. Together, your performance charms and enchants. Share your love and gratitude.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 -- Today is an 8
 -- Physical energy abounds. Practice and get coaching to improve your performance. Pick up the pace and kick up your feet. Get your heart pumping and toes tapping.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 -- Today is a 9
 -- Discipline plus communication fill out a romantic relationship recipe. Talk about long-term dreams and focus on shared passions. Encourage each other to follow them.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 -- Today is an 8
 -- Home and family draw you in. Imagine a domestic renovation, and research potential solutions. Take practical steps to fulfill a long-term vision.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
 -- Today is an 8
 -- A fascinating subject engages you. Research and write up your discoveries. Creativity flows in pursuit of a dream for the future. Provide illustrations and visuals.

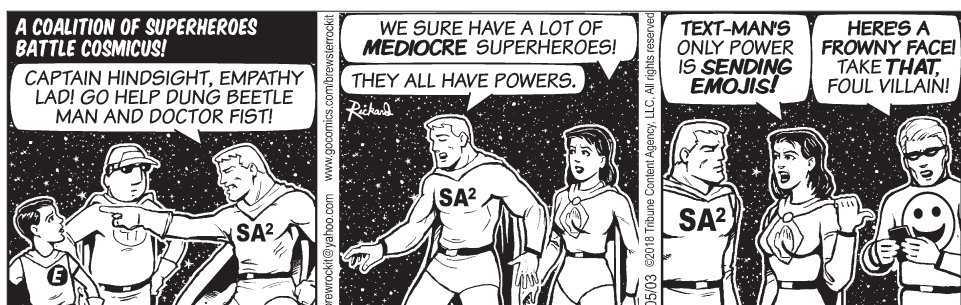
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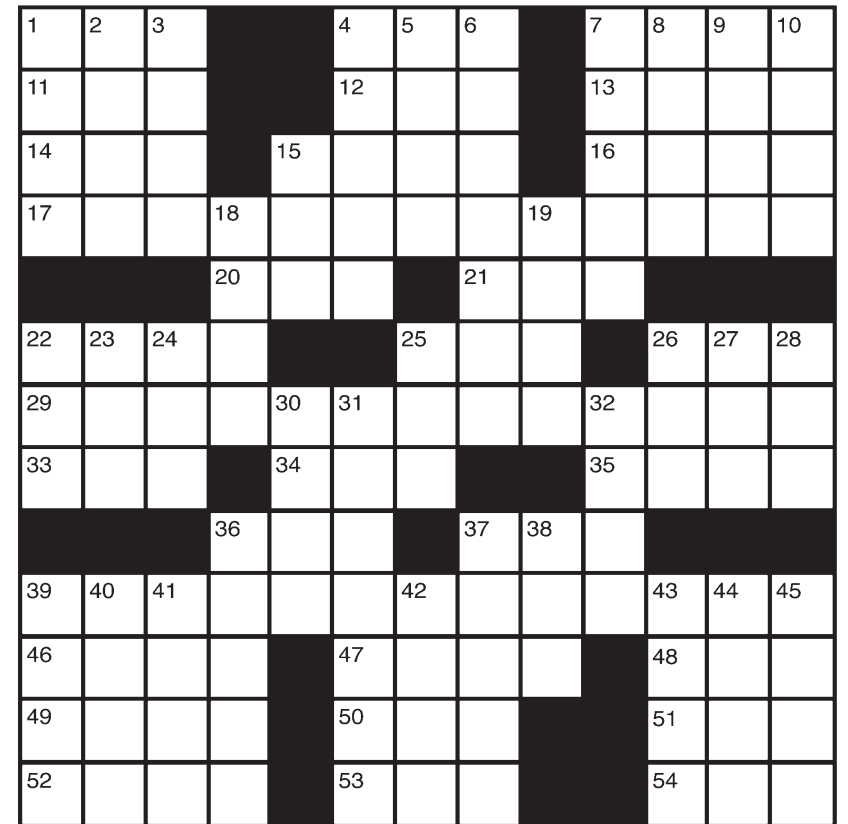
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ACROSS
 1 Series for Catherine Bell
 4 "___ 54, Where Are You?"
 7 "___ with the Wind"
 11 ___ de cologne
 12 Actress McClanahan
 13 Robert ___ of "The Sopranos"
 14 "Sweet Nothing in My ___"
 15 Apple pie a la ___
 16 Monopoly board corner square
 17 Actor on "CSI"
 20 Uncanny sense, for short
 21 "Old MacDonald had a farm, ___ IO..."
 22 Sitcom about Deacon Frye
 25 Mac alternatives
 26 Crawling insect
 29 Nurse on "ER"
 33 Golfer's peg
 34 "...the ramparts we watched..."
 35 "___ Make a Deal"
 36 "Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof"
 37 "The ___ News Bears"
 39 Reality series
 46 Tennis pro Arthur

DOWN
 1 Wrangler or Grand Cherokee
 2 Excellent report card
 3 Esteemed teacher
 4 Childhood respiratory disease
 5 German car company
 6 Vote into office for a second term
 7 Classic Hasbro action figure toy
 8 Oil of ___
 9 Sedaka or Cavuto
 10 Perry Mason creator ___ Stanley Gardner
 15 Brit. sports cars
 18 Nighttime host Jay ___
 19 Vigoda's role on "Barney Miller"
 22 "Sister ___"; film for Whoopi
 23 ___ West
 24 Before, in poetry
 25 Golf hole average
 26 Reverent wonder
 27 ___ King Cole
 28 Cobb and Burrell
 30 Actress Anderson
 31 Skies
 32 Alan of "M*A*S*H"
 36 Heating chambers
 37 Englishmen, for short
 38 Inquire
 39 "Oh, for Pete's ___!"
 40 Drug addict
 41 First name for a "Cheers" actress
 42 Sandwich cookie
 43 Diner on "Alice"
 44 Dog in "Garfield"
 45 Dog on "The Thin Man"

Solution from 01/10

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

Solution from 01/10

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Expressions

ECU's Minority Voice Magazine

Launch Party

Music!
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Jan. 18th
 5:30 - 8:00 pm
 Grand Ballroom A
 In the NEW Student Center

The first 50 students to attend and download the Pirate Media 1 app will receive a free T-shirt!

EVENTS

TODAY

Daytime Painting & Drawing
Emerge Gallery
1 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Trivia
Uptown Brewery
7 p.m.

Tuesday Night with John & Rob
AJ McMurphey's
8 p.m.

TOMORROW

Introduction to Wheel Throwing
Emerge Gallery
6 p.m.

Comedy Open Mic
Pitt Street Brewing Company
8 p.m.

Karaoke Night
The Blackened Kraken Bar & Grill
9:30 p.m.

Exploring medical history

ECU hosts Civil War exhibit on medical practices

Vincent Justice
TEC STAFF

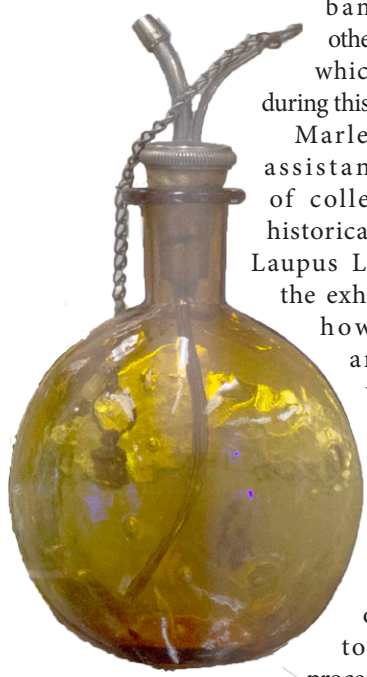
East Carolina University's Laupus Library is now home to a traveling historical exhibit displaying medical technology from throughout the Civil War.

Layne Carpenter, the curator for the accompanying artifacts, said "Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War" is a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine on display, which opened yesterday and will remain at ECU until Feb. 25.

Carpenter said a panel selects the items and texts it wishes to deliver to each exhibit chosen. She said Laupus Library applied for the exhibit to be featured in its gallery more than a year ago.

"We were interested in the topic because we wanted to focus on the soldiers that were amputees after the war or during the war," Carpenter said. "It's an interesting angle to look at the history of the civil war and its medical history."

Annie Anderson, the curator at The Country Doctor Museum in Bailey, North Carolina, said the items on display include an amputation kit,



A bottle used to hold chloroform in the Civil War.

bandages and other medical tools which were used during this time period.

Marlena Barber, assistant director of collections and historical services at Laupus Library, said the exhibit portrays how frequent amputations were during the war. Barber said if a soldier was shot in their limbs it would often lead to a medical procedure in which



The displays in ECU's Gray Gallery from 'Life and Limb,' which explores Civil War medical practices.

the veteran had to receive an amputation due to a resulting infection from the wound.

"They say they don't know the exact amount that's known, but three quarters of all operations were amputations. It was very common at that time and they did not have anesthesia," Barber said. "There were things you could do to quell the pain, but it's nothing like we have now."

In addition to these items, Anderson said the exhibit will feature a chaplain's coat which was frequently worn during this time period. Anderson said the coat is relevant to the exhibit because chaplains were incredibly prevalent in hospitals during the Civil War.

"Chaplains would tend to the spiritual needs of soldiers. We happened to find this coat in our collection and it had been misidentified for years," Anderson said. "It was quite a find for us to have found it."

Carpenter said she thinks veterans may find this exhibit appealing because it discusses how communities, doctors and the government tried to care for amputees during and after the war. She said students may also be drawn toward the exhibit for one reason or another considering how interesting and different the artifacts are.

"We get a lot of people that walk by our exhibits and they are drawn in by artifacts they

see or different images," Carpenter said. "I've seen it happen so many times where someone will become interested and end up reading an entire piece or description because one little part of it drew them in."

Anderson said this exhibit in particular does a good job giving an overview of the impact of how medicine has advanced from this time period. Anderson said a lot of the people who have viewed this exhibit in the past have had an interest in either history or in medicine.

"There's an audience out there that is very interested and passionate about learning about not only the military side of the war but also about the cultural impact and medical history that was changed after the civil war," Anderson said.

Laupus Library is located on ECU's Health Science Campus, at 500 Health Science Drive. The library is open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to midnight from Monday to Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. to midnight on Sunday.

For more information about the exhibit, visit the U.S. National Library of Medicine's website.

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R. KELLY continued from A1

Following the docuseries' broadcast, notable celebrities such as Ne-Yo, Meek Mill, Jada Pinkett-Smith and more have lambasted Kelly for his alleged misconduct with minors and black women.

One of the most outspoken has been singer-songwriter John Legend, who was one of the celebrities who actively participated in the docuseries. Legend cited his participation as simply "the right thing to do" and the experience "didn't feel risky at all."

Hampton, according to The Detroit Free Press, said she had trouble getting celebrities to participate in the documentary. Hampton attributed the celebrities' hesitance to participate as not necessarily a move of support for R. Kelly,



Dream Hampton

but simply because the docuseries' subject matter was "messy." "It was incredibly difficult to get people who had collaborated (artistically) with Kelly to come forward. We asked Lady Gaga. We asked Erykah Badu. We asked Celine Dion. We asked Jay-Z. We asked Dave Chappelle. (They're) people who have been critical of him. That makes John Legend even more of a hero for me," Hampton said in a Jan. 3 interview with The Detroit Free Press.

Freshman Draymond Wiley said he grew up on R. Kelly's music and even sang the R&B artist's 1998 hit, "I Believe I Can Fly" at his fifth grade graduation. After watching the docuseries last week, Wiley said his perspective of R. Kelly has "dramatically shifted."

"Of course I believe the women and as a black man, I believe more people should echo my sentiment," Wiley said. "It's a shame it took an overdue film project for me to come to my senses, but it's impossible to ignore the credibility of his (alleged) victims when watching the series."

Outside of the court of public opinion, "Surviving R. Kelly" has even spurred the attention of state prosecutors in Georgia, which is where one of the singer's mansions is located.

According to multiple reports, the Fulton County District Attorney is reportedly exploring the possibility of charging Kelly with false imprisonment for the alleged "cult"

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-Draymond Wiley

in which Kelly reportedly kept young women at his homes, demanding they have sex with him as he pleases and forbidding them from doing anything without his permission.

R. Kelly has denied the idea that he is holding anyone against their will, and some of the women in question have told the police that they lived with the singer voluntarily. To counter, some of the women's families have argued they have been brainwashed by R. Kelly himself.

For junior Lauryn Sumpter, the complexity of the allegations against R. Kelly are "troubling beyond belief." Sumpter added while she is inclined to believe the women who are alleging sexual violence against the singer, she also has to adhere to the presumption of innocence.

"As a criminal justice major, one of the first things you learn is that everyone who is accused of a crime is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law," Sumpter said. "I've worked with many sexual assault victims and I know how hard it can be for them to tell their stories. But it's important that the (Fulton County) district attorney thoroughly investigate these allegations so they can be vindicated through the proper legal channels."

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