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Day of service honors legacy



Citizens of Greenville volunteer to clean up River Park North and other service opportunities in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Citizens volunteer to clean park for MLK day of service

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Bitterly cold weather did not stop volunteers from picking up trash and participating in beautification efforts at River Park North, as one of the many sites across Greenville which participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

In total there were around 60 to 80 people who participated in the River Park North beautification yesterday morning.

Assistant Program Coordinator for River Park North, Andrew Wimsatt, said the main goal was to clean up trash around the lakes and maintenance work to the walking and running trails, which are maintained by volunteers a few times a year.

“He (Martin Luther King Jr.) was all about service to the community so we are doing our own service to the community by cleaning up our facility and park and people come out to help us and support their resources and facilities that they use themselves,” Wimsatt said.

According to Wimsatt, River Park North

is important to the Greenville community because of its focus on educating citizens about nature and science.

With the advancements of technology, people have spent less time exploring and learning about nature, according to Wimsatt.

“By coming out here and learning about service and how to preserve and keep our community and our environment clean

and healthy we can demonstrate how the importance of nature affects us as well as demonstrate how we can help each other,” Wimsatt said.

Park Lieutenant, Shanaya Jeudy was impressed by the number of volunteers who turned out on such a frigid day.

Jeudy views this event not only as a way to volunteer for the community along as a way for citizens to learn about and utilize River Park North.

“We have primitive campsites we also have

boat rentals, we have shelter rentals and also the trails in the back that are open,” Jeudy said. “Our Nature Center and STEM lab, we have an aquarium and turtle touch tank.”

The River Park North beautification brought in a diverse group of people to volunteer from across eastern North Carolina, including the Americorps and the Boys and Girls Club, Jeudy said.

Americorps volunteer, Kaden Edgesten, said yesterday’s clean up efforts were all about honoring the legacy Martin Luther King Jr. left on communities across the country.

“I feel like MLK Day represents everyone coming together and I feel volunteering in general is a very selfless thing and service to others is the most important,” Edgesten said.

Edgesten said she hoped to be able to put in roughly six hours at River Park North with her fellow Americorps volunteers.

“I think it really important to just get out and have fun and meet new people,” Edgesten said.

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University encourages service

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The MLK Day Challenge started yesterday morning in Mendenhall and involved students volunteering their day off from classes to various work sites in order to better the surrounding community and give honor to Martin Luther King Jr.

Jessica Jaye, a graduate assistant in the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) said she thinks it is important for students to volunteer to honor Martin Luther King Jr.



Jessica Jaye

“I think it’s really important to honor MLK in a way that is meaningful and purposeful so by taking a day off it’s not really commemorating all that he stood for, and so especially on this day, it’s really important for students to come out and serve to honor that memory,” Jaye said.

Alex Dennis, assistant director in the CLCE and overseer of the Pirates Give committee, said the MLK Day of Service is also a good chance for students to try out volunteering.

“I think our days of service are an easy way for students to try out volunteering because we do all the planning for them. They literally can just sign their student groups up, we find the sites, so it’s really simple for students to serve and then hopefully that inspires them to go out and serve on their own after the day of service,” Dennis said.

Dennis also said they handle the reflection aspect of volunteering that encourages

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Campus Movie Fest challenges filmmakers

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Today marked the beginning of shooting for students participating in the largest, traveling week-long collegiate film festival, Campus Movie Fest.

The concept of Campus Movie Fest (CMF) is to challenge college filmmakers to create a short film in one week, according to the organization’s website. Participants will have access to an assortment of laptops, editing software, microphones and cameras in order to begin their film.

CMF has been traveling all over the country giving millions of students the opportunity to share their stories through film, according to CMF’s website. Due to partnerships with schools and sponsors, CMF is able to give students this free experience.

“The level of comfortability

with cameras is very diverse,” Bryon Gamble, CMF’s video manager, said. “We have gotten someone who was an astronaut in space and then we have gotten a girl eating a burrito for five minutes, so there is a wide range of experience levels, we just want you to have fun.”

At an informational session Thursday, Danielle Cook, the promotional manager for the traveling film festival, assured

students that possibilities are endless on what kind of films participants can submit and she encouraged submitting more than one.

“We have no topics, you can make your movie about absolutely anything,” Cook said. “We have

gotten vlogs, makeup tutorials, music videos or even Snapchat stories; if you can film it, you can submit it.”

Included with all these “amazing” amenities that come with participating in the competition, Gamble said CMF wants to make sure that every student is able to fulfill their imagination to their fullest extent, aside from a couple rules and regulations.

Hannah Wiser, a graduate student majoring in economics, hopes to continue her love for art through the competition.

“I am interested in creative outlets and I have been working on my own business where I paint, so I think a great way to communicate my mission to others is through a short film, which I have never done



Danielle Cook



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An ECU student fixes the focus of her camera in front of Pitt County Courthouse.

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Two E-scooters parked outside of a business. E-scooters are not coming to the Greenville and East Carolina University community after much debate.

ECU parks E-scooters plan

New pedestrian transportation halted until further notice

Elizabeth Johnson
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E-scooters will not come to East Carolina University's campus in the near future due to the negative impacts on other North Carolina communities and the threat it poses to campus safety, according to ECU administrators.

ECU Sustainability Manager, Chad Carwein, said many cities across North Carolina have put bans on E-scooters. Carwein said Asheville and Winston-Salem, North Carolina have banned E-scooters and Raleigh, North Carolina has put a tax on E-scooters. According to Carwein, ECU has decided not to bring E-scooters to Greenville until it sees E-scooters have a positive impact on a city.

According to Carwein, "rogue launching" has been a problem in cities all over North Carolina and around the United States. Carwein said, Winston-Salem and Asheville banned scooters because they were launched without permission.

Carwein said "rogue launching" is when a company comes into a city and distributes its scooters without permission from city officials.

"Scooters have been rogue launched. Overnight a company comes to a city and distributes 500 or 1,000 scooters and there's no regulations and they don't talk to city officials ahead of time and they take over," Carwein said.

According to Carwein, Raleigh put new regulations in November which requires bike sharing companies such as Lime and Bird to pay a \$300 fee per scooter.

"Those companies have turned around and passed that charge onto the consumers instead of paying a dollar to start your ride, you have to pay an additional two dollars in what they're calling a transportation tax," said Carwein.

Carwein said sidewalks can only legally be used by pedestrians and those in disability assistance vehicles. According to Carwein, in the state of North Carolina, it is illegal to ride bikes and scooters on the sidewalk. Carwein said bikes and scooters are supposed to be ridden with traffic, not against it.

According to Carwein, this is a safety issue and a problem for transit. Carwein said E-scooters max speed is slower than the average pace of traffic even in the slowest parts of the city.

"The second reason they're hazardous is because they go between 15 and 20 mph which is slower than the minimum speed limit we have even in the heart of the city or areas around campus is 30 or 35 mph. So they're going slower which effects traffic," Carwein said.

According to Parking and Transportation

Maintenance Supervisor, Joshua Rossnagel, ECU's upper administration discussed E-scooters last fall. Rossnagel said after researching how other universities and municipalities handled scooter programs, bringing a scooter program to ECU would be a detriment to the goals the campus is trying to achieve.

"With our current infrastructure, as in limited multi-use pedestrian paths, it was decided that we are not ready for scooters on campus at this time," Rossnagel said. "The increase of pedestrian safety risk would outweigh the benefit of a scooter program."

Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Safety and Auxiliary Services Bill Koch said the issues other cities have had with E-scooters could affect Greenville if E-scooters were to come to ECU.

Koch said he was concerned about the effects E-scooters would have on campus and didn't want to cause a problem that would impact the community.

"I would like more for the city to bring scooters here than for us to bring scooters here. This could create a problem and I don't want to bring problems to the city," Koch said. "It's bad enough when we bring problems to our campus but when we bring problems to our city that makes us not good neighbors,

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Chad Carwein

BRIEFS

Learn leadership styles through 'Remember the Titans'

Students are invited to participate in REEL Leadership who will watch "Remember the Titans" tonight to create an open dialogue about various leadership styles that are on display throughout the movie.

This event will take place in Mendenhall Student Center, room 221 beginning at 5 p.m., all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Cupola Conversations to discuss sexual assault cases

The Division of Student Affairs returns Cupola Conversations with an open discussion on how the government should interact with sexual assault cases.

This event is free and open to the public. It begins Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Main Student Center Board of Trustees Suite.

SGA to hold interest meeting

Student Government Association (SGA) will host its final interest meeting for students interested in running for a variety of position on SGA tonight in the Main Campus Student Center beginning at 7. The meetings will take place in room 253 and will last an hour.

The meetings are optional for people interested in applying, but they are recommended.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

In Thursday's edition of The East Carolinian a comic strip was incorrectly titled. On the classifieds' page of Thursday's edition, the title, "One and Only" was incorrectly tied to a "Bliss" comic created by Harry Bliss. These two comics aren't related and are created by separate individuals.

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper, please contact Matthew Prensny at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

Chamber of Commerce honors MLK

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The Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce partnered with the city of Greenville to host the 22nd Annual Community Unity Breakfast in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. yesterday morning.

Based on the event, the Community Unity Breakfast is a tradition where a diverse array of Greenville community members are able to come, rejoice, unite and deeply reflect on Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision, actions and how current society can continue to live out his dream.

Community Unity Breakfast Co-Chair, Toya Jacobs, diversity and inclusion program manager for Office of Equity and Diversity at East Carolina University, said the event is truly about unity. She said the ongoing theme of unity and diversity is reflected in the several hundred people who come to the breakfast gathering each year.

"It's about banking all walks of life together no matter who you are or what your makeup is," Jacobs said. "We want you here, we want you to hear a good message, enjoy entertainment, fellowship and meet new people."

The Community Unity Breakfast was held in the Murphy Center at 7:30 a.m. Based on the event program, Jacobs welcomed the audience and introduced the guest speakers

who each spoke of diversity, equal rights and societal unity in their speeches.

In addition, the event welcomed the Ayden-Grifton JROTC Charger Battalion from Ayden-Grifton High School and class of 2019 students from Chamber's Teen Leadership Institute to present the colors of the flag and assist in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jacobs said it is important to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. because of the messages he taught regarding unity, hope and how these messages continue to remain important in 2019. She said programs similar to this unity program are critical in continuing his dream.

"I hope that they (the audience) take away meeting new people, step outside of your comfort zone, speaking up for people who are different than you, speaking up and making sure that we have equity in our communities," Jacobs said. "We are not labeling people and we are not forgetting those smaller communities that need our help more than ever."

At the event, Jacobs introduced Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Chair Janet Mullaney, who chose to prepare a speech for the event in order to act as an ambassador for the chamber and the community. She said she "wouldn't have missed it for the world."

Mullaney said she believes the messages heard from the various speakers were correct and right on point. Mullaney said this is a time where society can not be complacent.

According to Mullaney, she was enthusiastic after the speeches and thought the



Toya Jacobs



Residents attend the Community and Unity Breakfast hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Community Unity Committee was brilliant in having the three invocation speakers be diverse, not just in gender but in faith as well. She said she found it very symbolic.

"All of us need to step up and embrace inclusion and diversity," Mullaney said. "Just by looking around the room you saw lots of examples of people who are doing that, who are leading that."

The event also featured an entertainment section of the program which included the H.Y.P.E Phase 2 (Helping Yourself Through Others) step team. During their routine, the team dedicated their steps to equality advocate, Martin Luther King Jr.

Following H.Y.P.E Phase 2, Chad Tucker, community unity committee co-chair, introduced keynote speaker Reverend Richard Joyner, pastor at Conetoe Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and founder of the Conetoe Family Life Center, who read a synopsis and showed a short video of his background and how he benefits the community around him. During Joyner's speech, he stressed not to attach labels to others who may be different or look different because they are somebody's child and "it could be yours."

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students to think about why they came out to volunteer, which is an important part of the process.

Around 300 students showed up to volunteer and were sent to various spots including food banks, community gardens, The Little Willie Center, The Hope Lodge, American Red Cross, MacGregor Downs, Boys & Girls

Club and many more, according to Dennis.

Kaitlyn Isherwood, a senior psychology major, said service is a big factor in why many students may choose to come out.

"Service, I think the idea of



Kaitlyn Isherwood

MLK Day and living on his dream for the United States is really important, especially in the times we're in right now," Isherwood said. "I think having that sense of hope and something to look forward to is really important and I think people engaging in service and the best way to engage with others is in service to build a sense of community."

"Pirates Give" is a club held through the CLCE that allows students to join and take part in

four main days of service events. According to Isherwood, the next event is April 13 for Earth Day of Service.

Walter Wright, a senior double major in political science and African American studies, sees the day as not a day of rest, but a day for sacrifice.



Walter Wright

"I believe that it's not really a day of rest, it's more a day of service for me. I know a lot of people see it as a day off from school, but for me, I think that MLK was somebody who dedicated service, so the least I could do for and give back to the community," Wright said.

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OUR VIEW

Nursing helps ECU's reputation

Out of more than 3,000 nursing schools across the nation, East Carolina University's College of Nursing was ranked the 14th best in the U.S. The Nursing Schools Almanac of the top 100 best schools accesses institutions nationwide on three critical dimensions, including student success on the National Licensure Exam (NCLEX), an exam in which students receive their Certified Nursing License.

For a three year average, the college has had a 97 percent pass rate for the exam.

ECU's College of Nursing prepares nurses more than any other program in North Carolina, following a very rigorous schedule to teach student nurses how to approach practical nursing situations and deal with competition.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the College of Nursing is among the many jewels of our university. We agree that ECU deserves more academic recognition, as our university has long been known as a party school. We are beginning to move away from this negative reputation as students' hard work begins to make an imprint.

Vidant Medical Center most notably continues to employ many Pirate nurses. The Dean of the College of Nursing Sylvia Brown said ECU graduates a third more nurses than any other university in the University of North Carolina System.

Over the past few years, Greenville and the university as a whole has grown immensely, it is only a matter of time before the College of Nursing and the variety of other colleges at the university catch more attention.



ECU needs some unity

Pirates suffering from gossip, division



Matthew Prensly
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Don't Mind Matt

All doesn't seem well in Pirate Nation. The ship seems to be taking on water, the sails are tangled and ensnared and gossip or cliques among crew mates are at an all-time high. Even the captain of the ship seems to be at odds with the commander of the armata.

Ahead lays a storm of division, salish gossip and anger, but the captain ignores Peedee's warnings. Instead, Pirate Nation continues its course, full speed into the storm where it has since become embroiled in unneeded drama.

Today, people in Pirate Nation are unhappy. Students, faculty, alumni, donors and community members are all unhappy with one another, the university's leadership or the future of the institution. In the past these criticisms were few and far between. They were only found among quiet conversations between friends. Today, those same criticisms are appearing in newspapers across the state, for the eyes of millions to see.

But this constant state of bickering isn't healthy for the institution. It's about time we as a nation of Pirates realize that our criticisms only devalue the degrees we seek, the institution where we work and the home of our beloved PeeDee the Pirate.

I recently tried to gauge people's thoughts on ECU and how they felt about the university's recent history. Forty-eight percent of respondents to my Twitter poll indicated the university was worse off than it was five years ago. While not official, nor professional, the thoughts from more than 900 people with an interest in ECU is still important and worrisome.

While I too have issues with ECU, my larger concern lays with the leaders of our university and governing body.

Generally when a ship is in stormy seas, the captain assumes the helm, takes charge and commands the vessel out of



From left: Harry Smith, Steve Ballard, Virginia Hardy and Cecil Staton open the student center.

harm's way. Through the process, the captain gains the respect of their fellow crew mates and onlookers.

In the case of ECU, I don't think our captain has carried out those responsibilities. While his term as our captain hasn't been a failure, his ineptitude in leadership, management and sailing ships through controversy has been on full display through the band protest, the athletics department debacle and now the growing division with the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

Staton, however isn't alone in shouldering the blame. UNC BOG Chairman Harry Smith should share some of the blame. Smith, the commander of the armata wields a great amount of power similar to Staton. Yet both seem to suffer from the same issue; they've both lost focus on their primary duty as leaders.

Smith and Staton's primary responsibility and loyalty should be to the students. The UNC System and ECU are collective bodies created, funded and designated for the education of North Carolina's youth.

Therefore, on the off chance Staton or Smith decide to read this piece, I ask them both respectfully to put aside their

differences and lead. Pirate Nation is sailing straight into a storm. One that I'm worried may severely damage the vessel.

To Staton, Smith, ECU students, faculty, Pirate alumni or donors and anyone who bleeds purple and gold, your concerns are valid and deserve addressing. But public letters to newspapers or fellow leaders, lambasting and lamenting each other's failures aren't fixing the problem. Instead, they are puncturing the ship's haul faster than any cannonball.

Rather than publicly criticize, why not try to privately address your concerns with the people who can solve them? Work to fix the problems you see rather than simply complain about them.

I want to be hopeful that Pirate Nation will make it through this storm. However, a ship takes an entire crew to sail it and if I'm alone at the helm trying to avoid the approaching abyss then our ship will surely sink. If that's your wish then you should jump ship now and leave Pirate Nation to its fate. However, if you agree with me and want to see another gorgeous sunrise, then help me right this ship by promoting unity instead of division.

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Athletics building optimism



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As I walked into Minges after halftime last Wednesday for the basketball game against Temple, I felt a feeling that I had never felt before as a Pirate. It was a sense of hope and optimism of what was to come for the

men's basketball team and the rest of ECU Athletics.

Our new Athletic Director Jon Gilbert was in the student section with the shirtless Minges Maniacs. Older and younger Pirate fans were united as one cheering on the Pirates. ECU athletics has taken several steps in the right direction over the past

few months. New football and basketball coaches Mike Houston and Joe Dooley have started new eras for their programs.

However, Pirate fans must realize that winning does not happen overnight. It takes time to build great dynasties and change the culture of the ECU teams. I challenge all

Pirates to support all athletics through thick and thin. Support and be proud of the ECU athletic teams accomplishing great things this year, ECU men's swimming has been ranked nationally in the top 20 throughout the year, ECU Baseball is currently ranked 11th in the preseason poll, ECU women's soccer finished the season ranked in the top 80 in the country, Pole Vaulters Sommer

Knight is currently ranked in the top 25 in the nation in the indoor pole-vault.

Big things are to come for ECU athletics. I know its been said before to trust the process. We are in an era of collegiate athletics where all athletes are looking for that slight edge over their competitors and a huge part of that edge is the support of Pirate Nation. In order to do this we must maintain the strong support of all of our athletic teams, because we are all Pirates and being a pirate brings us all together no matter you race, gender, religion or socio-economic background.

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THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Senior Vlad Anghel and sophomore Wisse Jonker teamed up in doubles for East Carolina University in the 4-3 opening victory against James Madison University on Sunday to begin the year 1-0.

Men's tennis starts season 2-0

Daniel Roberts
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Austin Walker
TEC STAFF



After coming off its historic 22-5 season, the East Carolina University men's tennis team kicked off the 2019 season with two wins against James Madison University, 4-3 and The Citadel, 7-0 on Sunday and Monday.

"It was great getting to play back to back days early in the season, getting used to that and more competition and getting more sets under our belt," head coach Shawn Heinchon said. "Good thing about playing two days in a row is some guys getting action we didn't see yesterday, and some guys who struggled yesterday being able to work on their games today."

The team opened the match on Monday hot, winning the doubles point behind victories from senior Vlad Anghel and sophomore Wisse Jonker (6-1) and senior Will Bisset and junior Javier Renones (6-3).

The team's momentum carried into the singles matches where the Pirates swept The Citadel in straight sets. Jonker was the first Pirate to finish his match, winning 6-1, 6-0 in straight sets for the second day in a row. Freshman Diogo Marques was the next to finish, winning 6-0, 6-2 to get the team one point away from clinching the victory.

"It was a good match, but we still have work to do to get to our best level," Marques said after the match, "Two wins to start is a great way to start the season, especially after a tough match yesterday."

The Pirates clinched the victory with a win on court one from Anghel, who defeated his opponent 6-3, 6-4. The next Pirate to add a victory was senior Bisset, who fought back from being down 6-5 to win his match in a tiebreaker 7-6, 7-6. Another senior then added to the Pirates point total when senior Ronny Georgi finished his match, winning 6-2, 6-3. The final Pirate to finish his singles match was redshirt junior Austin Allen, who easily won the first set 6-2, but then had to fight through a back and forth match in the second set, ultimately winning in a tiebreaker 7-6 to clinch the Pirate sweep.

"Anytime we win it's a good day. We weren't perfect over the weekend, but we competed and we won. There's always some jitters in the first match but we fought through them and won," Allen said. "As long as we keep

competing the tennis will follow. We've got some things to work on, but hopefully we can address them and be ready for this weekend."

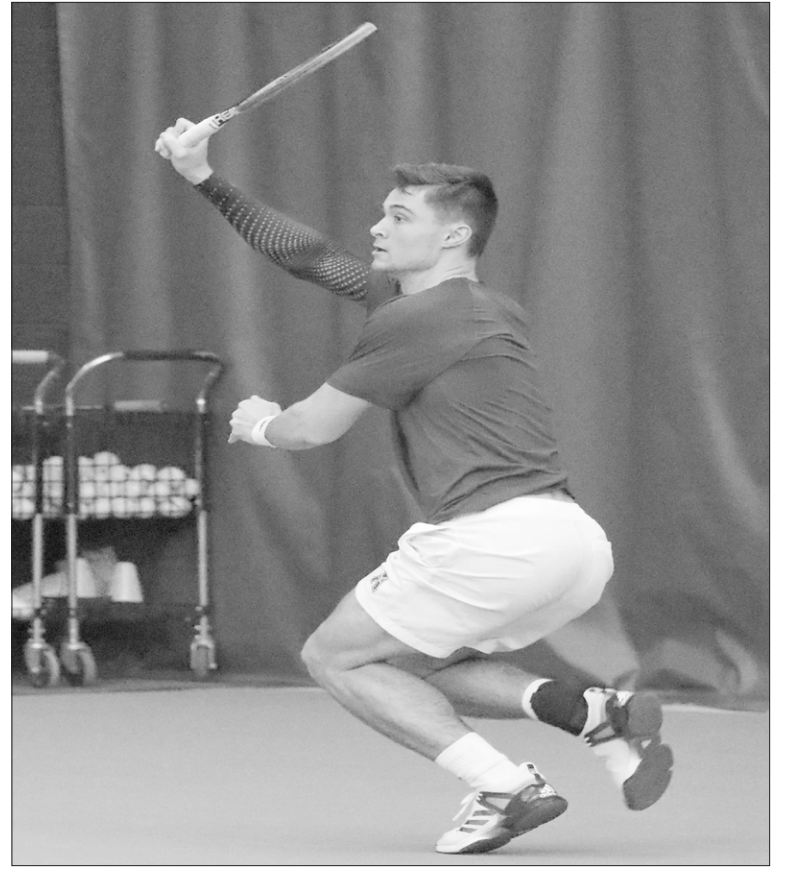
ECU jumped out the gates strong on opening day against JMU, when it took the first point of the match in doubles. Allen and Marques dominated in doubles on court three winning 6-1. Renones and freshman Simon Labbe secured doubles on court two 6-4.

Jonker kept the momentum going for the Pirates in one of the first singles matches on the day. Jonker won 6-2, 6-3 on court three to give ECU a 2-0. Losses handed to Anghel and Marques gave the Dukes the opportunity to tie the match at 2-2. Georgi fell in two sets 6-3, 6-4 to give JMU its first lead of the match at 3-2.

Renones came back on court five by winning his match in straight sets 6-4 each to make it so the match would be decided by Labbe in his first collegiate match.

"If I was losing, the whole team was losing," Labbe said. "The support of the team gave me the energy to push through and come through in the end. They were cheering for me and shouting after every point. The feeling is unbelievable to be able to help my team win today."

Labbe played through an abdominal strain on Sunday where



THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Senior Vlad Anghel starts off season with a 1-1 record in singles play for ECU.

signs of that pain showed after the first set. Labbe fell in the first set 6-4. Heinchon and teammates talked with Labbe and helped him find the energy he needed to win two straight sets 6-3, 6-2 and gave ECU the 4-3 win Sunday.

ECU will look for its third

and fourth straight win on Saturday when it takes on both the United States Naval Academy and Mount St. Mary's University in Annapolis, Maryland.

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Swim dominates last home meet

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Chants of 'Purple,' 'Gold,' and 'Pirates argh' echoed throughout Minges Natatorium on Saturday as the East Carolina University swim and dive team hosted the University of Maryland - Baltimore County for its last home meet of the season.

Both the men's and women's teams came away with victories on senior day. The men's team dominated winning 194-106. On the women's side ECU won by a comfortable margin, 157-143.



Matthew Jabs

"Anytime you come out of a meet with a win it's pretty special and it's something we appreciate and enjoy," head coach Matthew Jabs said. "When you swim against a team like UMBC who is as talented as they are, every year that meet is close and super competitive, they are a great group, they are really well coached, so to come out on top against a team like that makes me pretty happy. I am really, really pleased with the way we swam today."

The Pirates had a lot of success as the men and women's team combined for a total of 22 event wins. The Pirates took first, second and third place in the men's 100 yard freestyle. Senior Victor Dos Santos snatched first with a time of 46.47 seconds, followed by senior Gavin Erdmann who came in with a time of 46.58 seconds, and in third was freshman Pietro Nannucci who finished with a time of 47.02 seconds.

Both the men's team and the women's team took first and second in the 200 yard breaststroke race. Graduate student Lily West



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Junior Gustavo Santos took first in the 100 yard butterfly for ECU in the win over UMBC Saturday.

took first for the women with a time of 2:20:54. West was followed by runner up freshman Keren Wasserman who finished with a time of 2:23:47. On the men's side freshman Lyubomir Epitropov grabbed first place with a time of 1:59:97 and sophomore Benjamin Gingher came in second with a time of 2:04:68.

As this was the last home meet of the year, that also means it was the last chance the seniors had to swim at home in front of their friends, family and fans.

"It's bittersweet," senior Kelly Barnhill said. "It's exciting to be moving onto the next chapter, but at the same time swimming here was such a big part of our lives."

Jabs and the ECU community recognized Manny Alvarez, Barnhill, Dos Santos, Erdmann, Trey Pofahl and Tristan Taylor of the men's team. On the women's team, Sarah Blank, Lauren Hensley and Alex Kreager were honored for competing for the Pirates on Saturday.

"Our seniors are a great group of kids,

they are really good and we are going to miss them next year," Jabs said. "They are a special group, they are close with each other which makes it even more fun to see them succeed and celebrate together after meets like this. I couldn't be prouder of them, I am so happy we were able to pull out two wins and send them out the right way."

This victory at home helped both teams finish with winning dual meet records. The men's team, for its 36th consecutive season won over half of its dual meets by finishing 4-2. The women's team on the other hand finished with a winning dual meet record for its 27th time in school history by finishing 4-3.

The Pirates final meet before the conference championships will be in Chapel Hill at the Nike Cup Invitational from Feb. 8-10.

The Pirates will travel to Indianapolis, Indiana for the American Athletic Championships, where a conference champ will be decided. The University of Cincinnati is the reigning champ and the Pirates hope to dethrone them. The American Championships won't start until Feb. 27, which leaves the Pirates with plenty of time to prepare and rest up.

"The thing particularly now in the second semester is building upon every week, we had a good meet last weekend and an even better one this weekend, so now we get a little more rest and just focus in on conference," Erdmann said.

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Gavin Erdmann

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19)
-- Today is a 6
-- Peace and quiet suit your mood. Sort, organize and file. Review priorities, and focus on completing existing commitments. Don't show unfinished work. Let it simmer.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
-- Today is a 7 -- Connect with your team to manage a group responsibility. Friends see your blind spots and help you around tight corners. It's not always pretty.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
-- Today is a 7 -- Invest in your own success. Don't spend more than you have. Follow an elder's advice. You're making a good impression. Prepare for the test.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
-- Today is a 7 -- You're learning through experience. Discoveries reveal aspects of your subject that may be less than lovely. Costs may be higher than expected. Heed recommendations and warnings.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
-- Today is a 7
-- Your shared finances could seem unstable. Stick to practical expenses, or risk trouble. You may need to delay gratification. Work together to conserve resources.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
-- Today is an 8 -- Share the load with your partner. Stay in communication. You don't have to manage it all alone. Don't be too critical. Clean a mess together.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
-- Today is an 8 -- Set realistic goals and practice. Profit from meticulous service. You may need to make a mess to get results. Make technical improvements. Prepare your performance.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
-- Today is a 6 -- Relax and enjoy the company. Play games and share in something fun. Avoid arguments or expensive propositions. Love isn't always beautiful. It's OK to get messy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
-- Today is a 7
-- Get sucked into a household project. Home repairs, upgrades and changes could disrupt things. Clear out clutter. Restraint serves you well. Keep it simple.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
-- Today is an 8 -- Keep a gentle tone. Avoid stomping on another's sensitivities or saying too much. Discretion serves you well. Sidestep a controversy or argument. Peacefully observe.

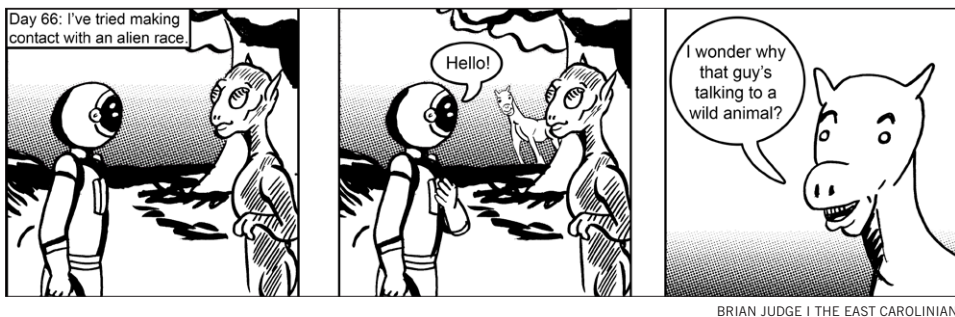
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
-- Today is an 8 -- Maintain a financial advantage. Review budgets before agreeing to an expensive proposition. There may be a temporary clash between love and money. Wait for developments.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- The first thing you notice after deciding to make a personal change is what doesn't work. Restore integrity wherever it's missing. Patiently proceed.

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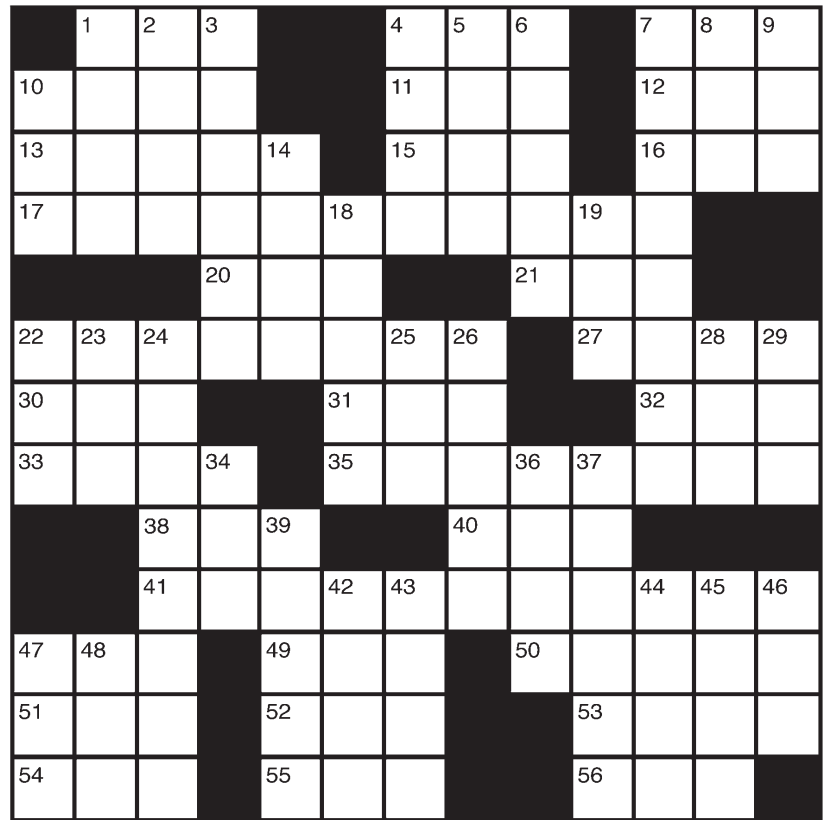
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by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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 - 12 In the past
 - 13 Fleetwood RV model
 - 15 Denials
 - 16 Skelton
 - 17 "Grey's Anatomy" star
 - 20 Chatroom laugh
 - 21 Mineo
 - 22 Star of "Get Smart"
 - 27 Conway and Allen
 - 30 Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
 - 31 Scottish "no"
 - 32 Lucy Ricardo _ McGillicuddy
 - 33 Lead role in "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"
 - 35 Woman who loved Rhett Butler
 - 38 Long, long time
 - 40 " and Sympathy"
 - 41 Series for Julianna Margulies
 - 47 " , humbug!"
 - 49 Erich _ Stroheim
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 - 3 Lansbury
 - 4 Late-night host
 - 5 Tiny particle
 - 6 Stinging insects
 - 7 " in the City"
 - 8 Grow old
 - 9 Serling or Stewart
 - 10 "I can't believe I _ the whole thing!"
 - 14 "...and giving _ , up the chimney he rose..."
 - 18 Makes arrangements
 - 19 "Please Don't _ the Daisies"
 - 22 Mr. Rather
 - 23 " _ Life to Live"
 - 24 " _ Tune"; game show of old
 - 25 Bernie _
 - 26 "...from _ shining sea."
 - 28 "How I _ Your Mother"
 - 29 Roll the hair
 - 34 " _ La La"
 - 36 Foxx
 - 37 Perry Mason or Ben Matlock
 - 39 At no time
 - 42 "All Dogs _ Heaven"
 - 43 " _ upon a time..."
 - 44 "Now _ me down to sleep. I pray..."
 - 45 Lose color
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 - 48 "People _ Funny"

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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 01/17

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Expressions

ECU's Minority Voice Magazine

Launch Party

Music!
Free food!
Free swag!

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!

Stretching the limits of yoga

Colorado-based yoga instructor to teach classes in Uptown

Giana Williams
TEC STAFF

The 'Handstand-Up' comedian hopes 'yogis' will physically and mentally challenge their body, perceived limitations and abilities during his yoga classes at Purple Blossom Yoga Studio this weekend.

Carson Clay Calhoun, an international yoga instructor and self-described 'Handstand-up Comedian' will teach a five-session yoga class at Purple Blossom Yoga Studio located at 302 Evans St. in Uptown Greenville from Friday to Sunday.

Throughout the weekend, Calhoun will teach several classes including an Inversion Master class for arm balances, a more fitness-oriented, fast-paced Rocket Yoga class and a class focused on breathing. Each class is individually priced, but participants can sign up for all five workshops for \$125. A full schedule of the weekend and the prices of each class can be found on the yoga studio's website.

Calhoun said he is excited to come to Greenville to teach the classes. He said it's fun visiting a town he has never been to before and meeting a new group of 'yogis,' practitioners of yoga. He hopes the



COURTESY OF FACEBOOK

Several 'yogis,' or practitioners of yoga, in the "warrior two" pose at Purple Blossom Yoga Studio in Uptown Greenville.

'yogis' will gain confidence after taking his classes and be able to push themselves more than before.

"Come. Even if you think you're not ready, just come," Calhoun said. "90 percent of success is just showing up. No matter your skill level, I have something to teach you, and you will

leave with a smile on your face."

Jessica McNally, owner of Purple Blossom Yoga Studio, said since 2010 after being inspired by his mother and started out teaching in Virginia. Since then, he has been expanding his name and comedic

personality through Instagram.

"Honestly he's probably the only 'yogi' on Instagram that I follow," McNally said. "Seriously, there is a lot of things on Instagram where it's just some fancy posture and there's not a lot to it. Whereas I feel like he's the real deal with what he offers."

McNally said these classes are something different to what Purple Blossom Yoga Studio normally offers, and covers skills that may require more practice, experience and body awareness to complete.

Madison Lawson, junior elementary education major and a regular at Purple Blossom Yoga Studio, said the types of classes Calhoun is bringing to Greenville are fresh and different. She said yoga helps her deal with the stress of her life.

"With external stressors getting to us every day it's time we start taking care of ourselves too, starting from the inside," Lawson said. "Not only does yoga remind us to stay present mentally and stop and breathe, but it's a less intense form of exercise that appeals to a variety of people."

The first of Calhoun's classes is on Friday at 6 p.m., where Calhoun will cover inversions such as handstands, forearm-stands, press-ups, hollow-backs, floating and flying, according to Purple Blossom's website.

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EVENTS

TODAY

GoldenEye Tournament

Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery
6 p.m.

Gilmore Girls Trivia

Uptown Brewing Company
7 p.m.

Tapped Featured Artists Night

Tapped650
7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Belly Dancing For Fitness

Student Recreation Center
5 p.m.

Comedy Pitt Open Mic

Pitt Street Brewing Company
8 p.m.

Karaoke Night

The Blackened Kraken
9:30 p.m.

Fresh beats, fresh paint

SAB's 'Trap 'n Paint' to combine music, art

Vincent Justice
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Student Activities Board is inviting both novice and practiced artists to an event where they can listen to trap music and paint at the same time.

"Trap 'n Paint" is a canvas painting party held today in the Main Student Center's Black Box Theatre from 7:07 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Kaitlyn Carr, the entertainment chair of SAB, said this will be the first entertainment event of the semester, in addition to it being the first held in the new student center.

Carr said there will be two DJs in attendance and the event will also have refreshments for all.

"I think this event is important because it's different. I think what students look for on campus is something to do, but also something different to do. That's what college is all about. It's about experiencing things you wouldn't experience at home," Carr said.

Hannah Wiser, a graduate student studying quantitative economics, said she looks forward to this event because she is excited to share her experience and passion of painting with other people. Wiser said she's always been an artist and enjoys spending her past time working on what she loves.

"To get to be with people that are interested in painting or paint themselves, I find that to be where I want to be," Wiser said. "If I can share that with people even if it's for a one time event, I find that to be valuable."

Wiser said she finds when listening to music while painting, the end result is always influenced by her experience with the music.

She said she will often find herself making her art on the fly, this is opposed to other artists who spend a lot of forethought into what they are going to create.

"I prefer to be in the moment, when there are other things influencing that moment it will change the way I see the end result," Wiser said.

Wiser said she thinks this kind of event should strike the appeal of those of who



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Students painting a banner. ECU's SAB will host "Trap & Paint," a painting event, today at 7:07 p.m.

want to learn how to paint but may not be painters themselves.

Wiser said regardless of how many attend, this is the opportunity for everyone to make a connection with someone wanting to learn about art, and that is well worth having the event to begin with.

"I think that's why it is important to have events like this because the music part of it will help people relax and think of it less like 'I got to make a masterpiece' and more of 'I'm just going to paint to this music and enjoy the experience,'" Wiser said.

Temptuous Mckoy, an ECU English professor, said the idea of "Trap 'n Paint" came from a prior cultural movement called trap karaoke.

These trends all resulted from people having a connection to trap music, according to Mckoy. She said many people are unaware to the fact trap music has been prevalent in the music scene for a long time.

"The biggest thing is trap music takes on the narrative of the person that is rapping and telling the story," Mckoy said. "A lot of what I do in my research is make the argument that trap music isn't always about the drug dealer."

Mckoy said she identifies 'trapping' as something everyone does in their day to day lives. She said everyone is reaching for the same thing, whether that be getting more money or some other ambition.

Mckoy said this idea is based on the fact people are always trying to better their situation from one way or another.

"Trap music creates a completely different kind of environment. For some people it's an environment where you get up and fight somebody, sometimes it's an environment to relax," Mckoy said.

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MOVIE

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before," Wiser said.

According to Cook, along with Panasonic cameras and Amazon Prime, CMF has recently partnered with The Elfenworks Foundation to inspire hope through student's short films.

Until May 1, students will have the opportunity to submit a film that inspires hope and provokes change

about a current issue in society. First, second and third winners have the chance to win up to \$10,000 in cash.

Callan Piazza, CMF's tour manager, said on Jan. 31 the films made this week will premiere at Hendrix Theatre at 7 p.m. Filmmakers are invited to a red carpet reception at 6:30 p.m. for photos and a Best Dressed contest. The films will be screened for all the public to see, and winners will be awarded their trophies from the judges.

Judges are selected ECU staff, faculty and students who will judge

content, technical and overall quality of each film. Four lucky filmmakers will win the "Jury Award," the highest honor awarded at the campus level, according to Piazza.

Cook said after the premiere, the winners will be gifted with press packages from sponsors, as well as a chance to screen their films at some of the largest film festivals in the world, such as Terminus in Atlanta, Georgia and the Cannes Film Festival in Paris, France.

Piazza told the students that the

film festivals are a once in a lifetime opportunity to establish yourself in the filmmaking community.

"It is super cool to collaborate with other student filmmakers," Piazza said. "We have a lot of schools that are in the same area and sometimes you will meet someone from another school and invite them along to participate in your film next year, so it is a really awesome networking opportunity."

One of CMF's interns studying at Northeastern University in Boston, Sorvina Carr, said she was

really inspired by the company's mission to encourage students to use their imagination.

"I really liked how at the company's core, it is just trying to help students give a voice to their stories," Carr said. "The fact that they bring all of this really expensive and professional equipment and give it to students completely for free is an incredible opportunity to express yourselves, and that alone should sell itself."

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