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Jordan Cobb and Jessica Brush enjoy glasses of wine at Uptown Brewing Company yesterday. Jolly Skull will take place on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

Panelists discusses sexual assaults

Ethan Hageman
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Division of Student Affairs continued its town hall style Cupola Conversations yesterday evening by focusing on the government's role in sexual assaults occurring on college campuses across the United States.

With the 2019 U.S. legislative sessions beginning, sexual assaults on college campuses have been a hot topic with the proposals of changing respondent rights in Title IX, a federal law which does not allow discrimination from activities based on a person's gender.

Associate Director for the Women and Gender Office, Ashley Cleland, said Title IX was created to promote gender equality, especially equal access to education.



Ashley Cleland

"Female college students are amongst some of the most high risks groups for experiencing sexual violence," Cleland said.

According to Cleland, if someone does not feel safe on campus and are not supported by their faculty and friends, students will not be able to obtain a successful education.

All panelists agreed the role of a higher-level institution in those situations is to provide support to students who come forward as victims of sexual assault.

"I see a lot of our role preserving and supporting the well being of our students," Cleland said. "That involves having a process

Drinking for a cause

Annual festival raises money for scholarships

Vincent Justice
TEC STAFF

The Bravo Alpha Foundation will host its ninth annual Jolly Skull Beer and Wine Festival, in which the organization will offer a wide selection of drinks and raise money for scholarships.

The festival will take place on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at the Greenville Convention Center, located at 303 Greenville Blvd. SW.

Scott Andrews, Bravo Alpha's public affairs officer said the event will feature breweries and distilleries from all across the country and will offer an emphasis on those from North Carolina.

"You'll be able to taste beer, liquor and wine. We'll do sampling throughout the entire Greenville Convention Center. Like I said, we'll have over 50 breweries, wineries

and distilleries from all across the country," Andrews said.

Andrews said this would be an excellent opportunity for those looking to broaden their selection of beer.

He said in addition to attendees trying different kinds of alcohol, students may find this event appealing due to the Bravo Alpha Foundation offering scholarships to students.



Scott Andrews

According to its website, The Bravo Alpha Foundation is a nonprofit community outreach organization. The foundation's purpose is to provide scholarships to students who are furthering their academic careers.

"Really the big deal here is people coming to attend, they're drinking beer and they're

raising scholarship dollars for students," Andrews said. "In the past five years we've given away more than 60 scholarships."

Andrews said scholarships can range from \$500 to \$2,500. He said people should feel as if they're having fun for a good cause because this is a unique way to give back to the community.

Jacob Howard, a recipient of a scholarship from the Bravo Alpha Foundation, said he was selected for a scholarship because of his hard work in school.

Howard said he studied every day for his classes. He said he would go to the library after work and study for a couple of hours each day. Howard said this is why he was able to reach a 3.9 GPA.

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ECU to host activist speaker

Pat Polomchak
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University will bring a guest speaker to campus tonight for its annual MLK Celebration, to talk about the importance of campus activism.

The event will take place today in the ballroom at the Main Campus Student Center, which will start at 7 p.m. Payton Head will deliver a speech titled "Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community," and will cover activism on campus, along with several other topics.

Shaun Simon, associate director for the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, said this is an annual event with a new speaker each year. She said Head was selected by a committee made of staff, faculty and students.

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Students learn of danger

College of Business sponsors driving awareness

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's College of Business (COB) Risk Management and Insurance Program continues to promote the importance of practicing safe driving skills as it hosts a three-day event dedicated to increasing students' awareness of distracted driving.

The event, Distracted Driving Awareness Week, is being held by the COB in the Bate Building Lobby, between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The event began on Tuesday and ends today. Attendees of the event were invited to try the simulation activity and learn more about the impacts of driving while distracted.

Distracted Driving Awareness Week was sponsored by the ECU COB Risk Management and Insurance Program along with State Auto Insurance Company and Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina, according to an informational event flyer.

The event was organized by Brenda Wells, director of ECU's Risk Management program and Robert Bird, distinguished professor of risk management and insurance.

"We have a simulator provided by



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Anuchka Ramchandani uses the distracted driving simulator located in Bate until Thursday.

State Auto Insurance," Wells said. "(The simulator) requires students to drive the virtual car and text at the same time. It shows what happens when you drive distractedly."

Wells said the simulator demonstrates to students how distracted people can become when driving, visuals someone may miss

when not watching the road and items or people an individual may hit with their car. With the simulator, students are able to see the consequences if they choose to text and drive.

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From left: Chris Stansbury, Brittany Egan and another panelist at the event discuss the topic of sexual assault and the impacts it can have on college students.

BRIEFS

Campus Rec and Wellness to teach weight training

ECU Campus Recreation and Wellness is continuing its Lift Like a Girl series. Introduction to Free Weights (lower body) will be at 5:30 p.m. in room 238 at the Student Recreation Center.

The event is open to all and is intended to teach the basics of resistance training. It is pre-register only. Students can register for free on the Campus Recreation and Wellness website, or by following the link attached to the event on OrgSync.

Pirates After Dark begins for spring semester

ECU's Pirates After Dark hosted by the Student Activities and Organizations will start the second semester in the Main Campus Student Center. The event takes place starting at 9 p.m. on Friday and lasting until 1 a.m.

The event is being used to celebrate the new facilities in the student center. There will be events set up in the center, as well as free food for students in attendance.

Student Activities Board to sponsor crafting

Today from 4:30 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. Student Activities Board will host a MYO (Make Your Own) Coaster event and a MYO Henna event in the Main Campus Student Center in room 125.

The event is open to all students and supplies will be provided.

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for grievances and complaints."

Assistant Criminal Justice Professor, Scott Walfield, said faculty and students need to engage in more conversations about sexual assault and consent.

"The more we can talk about these issues, the more we can get people to be comfortable with them," Walfield said. "We can get victims who are able to talk to their friends or their classmates and research supports that when an individual knows a rape victim personally this can change how they approach the issue."

According to Walfield, all college campuses across the U.S. should have a consistent method in which they handle sexual assaults on campus.

Walfield pointed toward the Sex Offender Registration Notification Act, established in 2006, that registers sex offenders at a federal level.

"We can look to this as some sort of guide, although challenges that I mentioned where it can change depending on who is in

office," Walfield said.

Cleland said stigma and time restraints often hold back students from reporting non-violent sexual assaults.

"It's what folks in your friend group or your influence group are saying about sexual violence or sexual harassment," Cleland said.

According to ECU Victim Advocate Brittany Egan, many students are not aware of all the resources that are available and what they look like.

Egen said students are not necessarily aware sexual assault can appear in many different ways and are not always as obvious as people assume. She added many people define sexual assault based off what they see on TV or in the media.

"Media plays a huge role in whether sexual violence is reported or not," Egen said. "There are two things that come up in every conversation and one is well my assault doesn't look like the one on TV so it must not be an assault."

A person is more likely to be victimized by a friend, family member or somebody they know instead of a stranger and a person is less likely to resist, Walfield said.

Walfield said, people have a "CSI effect" where rape on TV is vastly shown as truly violent occasions.

"It's important that we get over that and actually show the media what these instances

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-Scott Walfield

actually look like," Walfield said. "I think we're getting there, but we still have a long way to go."

Students who have encountered sexual violence or assault or have any questions are encouraged to reach out and visit the ECU Women and Gender Office and Victim Advocacy Services at the Main Campus Student Center.

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The event is the first installment of Distracted Driving Awareness Week at ECU, Wells said. In comparison to Distracted Driving Awareness Month, which will take place in April, which is an event organized specifically for ECU students.

Wells hopes to see this event return to ECU in the 2019-2020 school year. She said the COB Risk Management and Insurance Program would like to bring back the opportunity for students based on the success seen thus far.

"We organize this event because distracted driving is a problem," Wells said. "We feel that this is such an epidemic on the highways that it is important to bring attention to it and also teach students how distracted driving affects your actual performance on the road."

Wells said the use of cellphones while driving is not an age specific problem. College students who engage in distracted driving are joined by high school, middle aged and elderly individuals.

Anushka Ramchandani, a junior finance major, took the opportunity to participate in the simulator and learned more about the risks distracted driving can cause.

"Attending this event was a good opportunity for me because I commute to ECU from Rocky Mount everyday," Ramchandani said. "To not look on your phone for an hour is very hard, but I do try not to be on my phone."

Ramchandani said following the simulation she plans on changing her behaviors on the road, specifically texting and driving.

Rhonda Perone, an accident survivor, was invited to the event to speak on her experiences and answer questions.

"We want to stop anybody we can (from texting and driving), make people aware and



Anushka Ramchandani

" It's not worth it to put their families through the trauma of either losing them or having to live with the nightmares of someone who does still live through it. "

-Rhonda Perone

have them put their phones down because it's not worth your life or taking someone else's," Perone said.

She was accompanied by Jean and John Nash, two parents who lost their son in 2017 to the same motor vehicle accident Perone was involved in.

"I want these students not to have it happen to their friends or themselves," Perone said regarding the accident. "It's not worth it to put their families through the trauma of either losing them or having to live with the nightmares of someone who does still live through it."

By texting and driving, people on the roads are endangering not only their lives, but those around them, Perone said.

John said it's not about his son's life being taken, but about the survivors' lives.

"If they do it (text and drive), and they end up out here killing somebody, they have to live with it," John said. "You can take somebody's life. It's not an easy thing to do. I spent seven years in the Marine Corps and it is not an easy thing to do."

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"In all the lists we were going through, he kind of stood out," Simon said. "The idea is helping students realize that they have a voice on campus, and recognizing that they may have ideas, but they may not understand how to move them forward."

Simon said Head will talk about his time spent on campus at the University of Missouri as an activist. Simon said Head is expected to highlight how students can be activists on campus like she was. She added the title of the event, 'Chaos or Community,' would be a focus for Head in his talk.



Shaun Simon

"What does chaos or community look like?" Simon said. "How can we create community out of chaos? That is what his speech will be about."

Simon said it is important to look back at those who have made history. She said while it has been years since Martin Luther King Jr. was an activist, a lot of his ideals still hold true and the conversation King spearheaded is still important to have today.

"We need to continue having that conversation, especially because, you know, not everyone is equal," Simon said. "People want to do something, they are just not sure how. That is why this is the topic we've spoken, and thus the speaker that we've chosen to come this year."

Meredith Morgan, program specialist for Diversity and Inclusion Education and Training at ECU, said these kind of events are important because they raise awareness about issues, such as tensions over race, gender and sexual orientation.

"We need more education about diversity and inclusion in general," Morgan said. "We want to make this campus as welcoming as possible."

Morgan said Head was the Student Government Association (SGA) president at the University of Missouri during a time when there was a lot of racial tension, which is something the country still sees today. She said it will be good for students to see how they can organize about race, sexual orientation and gender.

Morgan said people may not have had much education about diversity before attending college, but the efforts of Martin Luther King, Jr. can still teach students about life today.

"I think it is impactful that they learn about the legacy of MLK," Morgan said. "I think it can lead to us understanding each other better."

ECU SGA President Jordan Koonts represented the student body on the committee which selected the speaker for this year's event. He said the committee was looking for someone who not only had a powerful message, but was relatable to students.

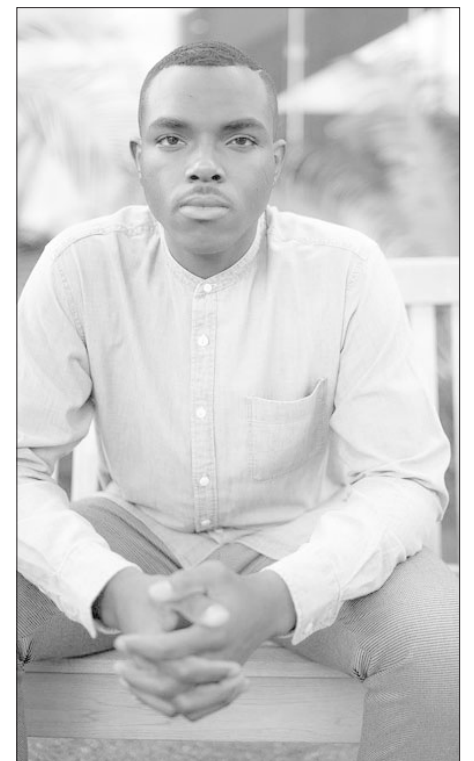
"We've had some pretty big names come in the past," Koonts said. "So we really wanted to continue not only with that name recognition, but someone who students could relate to and really get a message worth taking out of it."

Koonts said Head has first-hand experience as someone who impacted a large positive change on his campus. He said ECU has a vocal, active student body, and he hopes advice from someone such as Head will help students learn to advocate and create positive change here.

Koonts said the committee's goal was to show students anyone can make the change they want to see.

"It doesn't matter if they're in a position of leadership on campus," Koonts said. "It doesn't matter where they are, who they are, or what background they have. Everyone has that power, that potential to impact that change."

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OUR VIEW

MLK Day Challenge necessary

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man who lived his life by serving others, and ending the segregation barrier which separated races and ruined society for years. One day out of the year was created to honor the legacy of Dr. King. Martin Luther King Jr. day is a national holiday that has drawn different views and opinions of how people should use the day.

The MLK Day Challenge was started in order to get students to take their day off from school and other working obligations to help make the surrounding community improve and honor the legacy of Dr. King. Different East Carolina University organizations have taken advantage by doing community service to help others. 300 students were sent to food banks, community gardens, the American Red Cross, the Boys and Girls Club and more.

We, the editorial of The East Carolinian, encourage the ECU and Greenville community to embrace Dr. King's legacy. Instead of treating this holiday as a vacation day, people should take this day as a day to render service to others and local places in the surrounding area.

300 students volunteering on MLK day sounds like a good number, but out of the 20,000 plus student population ECU has, many more can follow in the footsteps of their peers and take the day to make a difference in not only the city of Greenville, but other surrounding cities in the county. While only a day, the MLK Day Challenge is an honorable way to continue the legacy of Dr. King along with improving our community.

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"TRANSGENDER PEOPLE SHOULD BE THANKING ME. I GOT THEM OUT OF MILITARY SERVICE AND THEY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO PRETEND THEY HAD BONE SPURS."

Ban is discrimination

Transgender people face more prejudice



Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

Asking Price

On Tuesday, the United States Supreme Court decided to allow President Donald Trump's proposed transgender ban from the military. This is a step in the wrong direction for creating equal rights for all American citizens.

Transgender people have been allowed to serve in the military since President Barack Obama's initial decision on the matter in 2016. However, shortly after Trump took office he released a series of tweets announcing that he would be looking to reverse this decision.

The ban states that individuals who suffer from gender dysphoria are not able to serve, and those who do not suffer from the condition must serve under the gender they were assigned at birth.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, gender dysphoria is when a person has an internal conflict with the gender they are physically and the gender they identify with. People with this condition can be affected by how they chose to express

their identity. This is the condition on which Trump has decided to place his ban.

From what can be gathered, people who are currently serving in the armed forces as an openly transgender person will be allowed to remain. However, the people who will see the biggest side effects of this ruling are the people who hope to transition or have not come out as transgender yet.

This is, in the most blatant way possible, discrimination. It is discrimination against a group of people who have done nothing wrong. The only possible sin they're guilty of is owning their identity and being proud of who they are. Are we as a country truly going to allow this type of discrimination against some of the bravest people this country has to offer?

Reactions to this have spanned across a spectrum from outrage to celebration. Some people saying it is the right of the military to provide guidelines for personnel based on gender. Others, such as Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, took to Twitter to share their outrage.

"@realDonaldTrump's ban on trans Americans serving in our nation's military was purpose-built to humiliate brave men & women seeking to serve their country," Pelosi tweeted. "Deeply

"This is, in the most blatant way possible, discrimination. It is discrimination against a group of people who have done nothing wrong."

concerning that #SCOTUS is allowing this ban to proceed for now."

This is discrimination based on gender identity. This is limiting a person's job possibilities because of the gender they identify with. This is something happening in 2019. This is telling someone who is willing to die for their country that they aren't worthy to serve. This is Trump's America.

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Community lacks inclusion



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Don't Mind Matt

I want to ask you a question. Sit down because it's going to be an uncomfortable and taboo question to ask, but I want you to think hard. Are we doing enough as a society to be inclusive and welcoming to those who may not look like us?

Some may say yes, but the truth is we aren't. If you don't believe me then ask a black professor, a Hispanic student or even a female administrator about how hard it was for them to get to where they are.

They'll say that discrimination and the same limitations that have held down underrepresented populations in past decades are still holding them down today.

So while it may be difficult to hear this argument from a white man, I'm making this claim based upon facts and conversations I've had with those who are underrepresented.

To prove my point let's examine East Carolina University and the city of Greenville.

In the case of ECU's leadership, or those who hold the position of vice chancellor and above, it's overwhelmingly white. Specifically, ECU's leadership consists of 18 white and two black officials. In terms of gender, there are 19 men and five women.

At the student level it's no different. Of the 28,718 students, 19,130 are white, according to ECU's own statistics. Black students account for 4,559 and there are 1,806 Hispanics and 766 Asians.

What part of that seems inclusive? What part of an overwhelming white institution seems inclusive to minority



The East Carolina University Board of Trustees meet in the Spilman Building on the campus.

students? Before I drive my point home, let's look at the city of Greenville.

The city's leadership, including the mayor, city council, city manager, city attorney and each city department head is just as disproportionately white as ECU. Statistically, there are 12 white and five black leaders. In terms of gender, the city's leadership is made up of 12 men and five females.

It's one thing for us to say we're doing enough, but in this case the results equal the effort we're putting in.

This point was cemented when I talked to minority students and leaders at ECU. Students told me they feel segregated. They said because of the lack of inclusion at ECU, minority students self-segregate themselves into their own racial groups to feel comfortable.

Students and leaders talked about the loneliness that occurs when they walk into a room and don't see anyone who looks like them. That loneliness makes them feel like they don't belong, like they shouldn't be at ECU and that they aren't good enough.

ECU needs to accept more underrepresented students, hire more minority and female professors and then help them ascend the leadership ladder. ECU's leadership has told me they are doing exactly that, but it's clear the institution has a ways to go.

Being a more inclusive society isn't easy, nor a comfortable topic to discuss. But if you only have white men in the room, there won't be much debate. It's only until you gather people from a diverse set of backgrounds and experiences that great thoughts are produced and help change a university or city.

That's what we as a society should strive for. So instead of a day of service or a month of education about a minority, let's commit ourselves to giving everyone a fair shot to sit at the table where leaders shape the future.

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>> ANALYSIS

Super Bowl to feature 252

Three players from eastern North Carolina to play in championship



Chase Carroll
TEC STAFF

The Super Bowl is always a special occasion in the United States, as it is consistently one of the most watched programs,

year after year. This year, it is especially important to many in the 252 area, as three players in the Los Angeles Rams-New England Patriots Super Bowl LIII matchup played in the area.

The most notable of the three to reach the Super Bowl LIII is the Ram's star running back Todd Gurley, who played his high school football career at Tarboro High School in Tarboro, North Carolina. The two-time NFL rushing touchdown leader and 2017 NFL Offensive Player of the Year will be playing in his first Super Bowl in his short career, and was a crucial part of the Rams journey to the big game.

His league leading 17 rushing touchdowns to go along with 1,251 rushing yards in just 14 games ultimately led the Rams to a first round bye in the playoffs. A knee

injury Gurley suffered in week 15 of the NFL regular season likely played a part in his rough performance, and a two-week break until the Super Bowl should help him get the rest he needs in order to become the important piece the Rams need him to be to win the Lombardi Trophy.

Gurley was a star at Tarboro High School, as he was North Carolina Associated Press Player of the Year in 2011 after compiling 2,600 yards and 38 touchdowns. He helped lead Tarboro to three-straight 2A State Championships, ultimately leading him to SEC contender University of Georgia.

The other side of the field will also feature two 252 players on the Patriots, as Kinston High School's Derek Rivers and Northampton High School's Keion Crossen will face off against Gurley with a Super Bowl ring at stake.

Rivers was very lightly recruited in his time at Kinston High School in Kinston, North Carolina, and went to Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union, Virginia after high school, looking to become more highly recruited. He was able to get an offer from an FCS program, Youngstown State



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Running back Todd Gurley running past two Saints defenders in the 26-23 NFC championship win back on Sunday.

University, where he was extremely productive. He had 41 sacks in 49 games, helping put him on the NFL radar where he was drafted by the Patriots in the third round of the NFL Draft (83rd overall).

Like Rivers, Crossen also is a reserve for the Patriots, but is an extremely important special teams contributor for the team. Crossen,

a rookie cornerback, has played in the last two playoff games against the Chargers and the Kansas City Chiefs, combining for three tackles in the two games. Crossen was lightly recruited out of Northampton High School in Gaston, North Carolina, and also had to make it to the NFL as an underdog from an FCS program. Crossen went

to Western Carolina University where he recorded 165 tackles over his four-year career including 106 solo stops and five tackles for loss. He also added three career interceptions, ultimately helping him become a seventh round pick for the Patriots in last year's NFL Draft.

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Pirates fall short of upset in OT

Mikey Carrillo
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University women's basketball team overcame a double-digit deficit to force overtime, but fell in the end 61-58 to the University of Central Florida last night in Minges Coliseum.

The Pirates (10-8, 1-4 AAC) have now lost three straight games, and have yet to win an away game this season, while the Knights (17-2, 6-0 AAC) now have a 9-1 record on the road and are currently on a seven game winning streak.

The game was a low scoring, bad shooting, tough and a defensive one for both teams during the first half, as both were pressing throughout the first 20 minutes.

ECU shot 7-for-27 and struggled with rebounding, getting outrebounded by five, including 10 offensive rebounds for UCF which led to 11 second-chance points. The Pirates did not take care of the ball as well, suffering seven turnovers, leading to 11 points.

The team was rough and aggressive on defense, and Minges Coliseum could feel the intensity, as players dove for the ball, got on the floor and were running back and forth on defense. The Knights



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Senior guard Alex Frazier had six points, and three rebounds in the 61-58 loss to UCF yesterday.

led at the end of the first half however 25-20.

"I was telling the girls, no matter what the score is you know we're gonna keep competing and we're gonna find a way to get back into the game, and that's what they did tonight, so proud of them for that," acting head coach Nicole Mealing said.

UCF struggled as well when making shots, shooting 35.3 percent from the field, but made up for that with its points in the paint and offensive rebounding. This was impressive due to the fact that junior guard Kay Kay Wright, the leading scorer in the American Athletic Conference (19.3), went down with an injury in the last minute of the first quarter and proceeded

to miss the entire second quarter.

During the start of the second half, UCF went on a 6-0 run to increase the lead to 31-20, all of which were scored or assisted by Wright, who came back and played two minutes and 28 seconds during the third quarter. It would be her last time seeing the court until the last minute of the fourth, as she played a total of 19 minutes, ending the night with eight points, four rebounds and four assists.

The Pirates then went down by a game-high 15 points, which led Mealing to put the bench on the court, who went scoreless but defended well, until some of the starters came back during the end of the third to make a strong push.

During the last quarter of the game, the team would decrease the deficit to single digits at times, but would then go back to losing by double digits. The back and forth scoring by both teams continued until the two minute mark, in which ECU got the game to a score of 49-50.

With 19 seconds left in the game, the Pirates were down by three points and junior guard Justice Gee banked in a three pointer from the left side of the court to tie the game up with 10 seconds left, which led the game to go into overtime.

In the overtime period the Knights scored the first basket and never trailed, scoring five points, while the Pirates ended with two. The team had its last chance to tie the game up with four seconds left, but missed a three pointer in the final possession.

ECU was led by sophomore guard Lashonda Monk who scored a career high 27 points, three rebounds, three assists and eight steals.

"I just felt that when they had their run, so they had a run, so I already knew that our run was coming, so we just didn't give up," Monk said. "It shows us how hard we fight, you know, we got down but we pushed through it. It shows that we can come back against a really good team."

The Pirates will look to break their three game losing streak against Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Track seeks revenge against Penn State

Jess Sabin
TEC STAFF

They say revenge is a dish best served cold. That is what the East Carolina University track and field team is looking forward to this weekend at the Penn State National Open.

The Pirates will travel to Penn State University in State College, Pennsylvania on Friday for a two-day group meet where they can expect an average of 25 degrees over the two days.

"I feel like everyone has the same mindset this year which is to give every race or event everything we've got," senior Courtney Warner said. "Our connection as a team is much stronger than it has been in the past. If we continue with that mindset we will continue to be successful."

Last year at this very same meet, the Nittany Lions were ranked in the top 25 for both their men's and women's teams, with the men's team being ranked in the top 10. For ECU the men's team came up a little short against the tough competition, coming in second place only behind Penn State. While on the

girls side, ECU came in third behind Penn State and Cornell University.

The Pirates are coming off a strong performance at the Hokie Invitational where 17 personal records were set, including one school record. Senior Hakeem Horton won ECU's single event title finishing with a mark of 7.51 meters in the long jump and Sommer Knight set the school pole vault record when she reached 4.14 meters in the pole vault breaking her most recent record of 4.00 meters at the Dick Taylor Cup Invitational set one week prior.

ECU will face some stiff competition this year and specifically while it's at Penn State. The Pirates look at each meet as an opportunity to get better, learn from past mistakes, to grow and be better athletes and competitors.

"We are always aiming to possibly

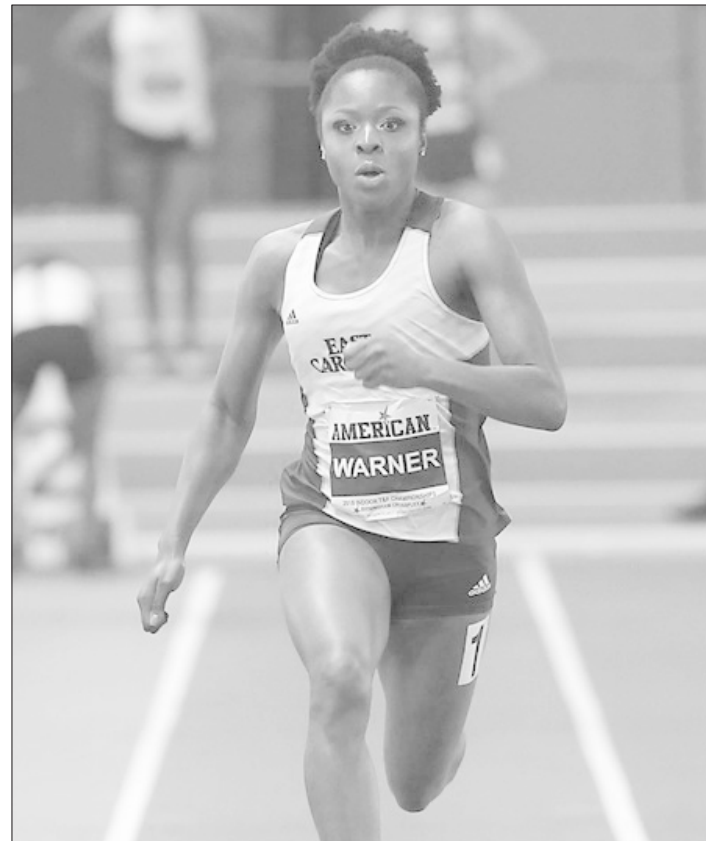
set a PR (personal record) each meet, especially at meets like this," Horton said. "Virginia Tech gave us a lot of momentum to come into this meet with so we are all ready and excited to start running this weekend?"

ECU's biggest challenge may come from within itself as the Pirates will be going into this meet without some of its top athletes.

"In our sport there are obviously some people who haven't opened up yet and haven't been able to run in a meet yet," head coach Curt Kraft said. "One of our lady distance runners by the name of Grace Sullivan (senior) she is a fantastic athlete, she is coming off an injury, so we haven't opened her up yet, Alyssa Sandy (junior) is a hurdler on our team and she hasn't opened yet, so we are excited to see what she can do this weekend, and there are a number of other people who haven't opened up yet"

The Penn State National Open begins tomorrow and will conclude on Saturday.

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Senior Courtney Warner is ready to compete for a win at Penn State on Friday.

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Connect anew with your partner over the next two days. Support each other with a challenge. Communication flows with ease. Edit and polish your message.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Things are getting busy. Physical action gets the job done. Apply discipline to your practices for satisfying results. You're growing stronger. Balance activity with rest.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Strengthen your connection with someone sweet. Romance is a distinct possibility. Talk about long-term dreams and visions. Play a game. Imagine some fun together.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Authorize home improvements. Things may not go as planned. Discuss changes with family. Investigate different options, prices and colors. Choose together.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Dig deeper into a favorite subject. Study and research. Creative expression flowers today and tomorrow. Figure out what you want to say. Practice your arts.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Focus on making money for a few days. Provide valuable services. Business grows with satisfied customers. Whatever you're doing, it's working.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You're on top of the world. Use your power and confidence to advance a personal project. Direct attention to a practical solution. Lead by example.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Slow down, and focus on planning. Your imagination goes wild today and tomorrow. Figure out your moves before you make them. Consider your best options.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- You have more friends than you realized. Share what you're learning. Social events and gatherings spark new and old connections. Enjoy a meaningful conversation.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Focus on a professional challenge. Review options to discover a hidden advantage. A friend's expertise comes in handy. Find out how to provide what's needed.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Things fall into place. Your studies, travels and investigations reveal hidden treasure. Keep digging; don't give up right before striking gold.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep meticulous books. Manage accounting and financial tasks for a few days. Send invoices, and pay bills. Work with a partner to fulfill shared priorities.

CROSSWORD

THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- Mr. Bergeron
- "_ Whisperer"
- Ted Danson's role on "Cheers"
- Female sheep
- Diminish
- Qualified accountant, for short
- Actress Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
- Weatherman Al _ of NBC's "Today" show
- Long-tailed rodent
- Showed again
- "_ Park"; animated series
- Newsmagazine show
- Wear away
- Bit of soot
- "Grand _ Opry"
- "Murder, _ Wrote"
- Taurus or Prius
- "Extreme Makeover: _"
- "_ Scarum"; movie for Elvis Presley
- Shirley Booth series
- Places for surgeons, for short
- "The _ Is Right"
- Eggs: Lat.

DOWN

- Rip
- Possessed
- Comedienne and actress Anne _
- Star of "The Rockford Files"
- Starz competitor
- Furniture wood
- Sault _ Marie
- Not at all wordy
- Series for Sarah Chalke and Zach Braff
- "_ of Blue"; movie for Sidney Poitier
- School subject
- "I can't believe I _ the whole thing!"
- "_ Clear Day You Can See Forever"
- Opposite of tight
- Did nothing
- "_ say more?"
- Actress Gless
- Trigger and Buttermilk
- World's second-largest bird
- Capital of Greece
- Actress _ Long
- "_ Nest"
- Lower atmosphere air pollutant
- "I'll _ Fall in Love Again"; Burt Bacharach song
- _ Lange
- Boys
- Caviar source
- "_ Big Girl Now"
- "_ 54, Where Are You?"

Solution from 01/22

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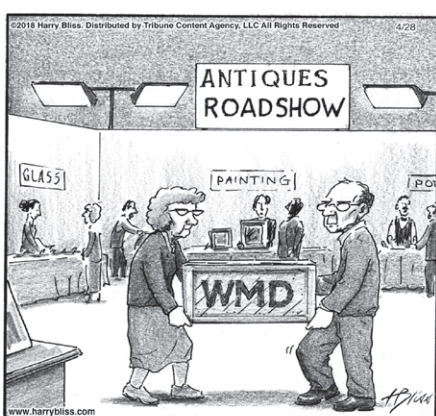
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

Solution from 01/22

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5 p.m.

January Wine Tasting
Jarvis Street Bottle Shop
6 p.m.

Unaka Prong Live Music
Pitt Street Brewing
8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Kick the Keg
Carolina Ale House
11 a.m.

WalANuigi Game Night
Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms
11 a.m.

Cosmic Charlie
The State Theatre
7:30 p.m.

Tragic Magic with The Fearless Freaks & The TK Duo
Trollingwood Brewery
8 p.m.



ECU Associate Professor Hye-Jin Kim and Director of Chamber Music Michael Kannen perform in an orchestra for the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival. COURTESY OF ECU.EDU

Composing opportunities

ECU's initiative to bring music, students together

Katie Spade
TEC STAFF

Classic repertoire is typical at the School of Music at East Carolina University, from the Concert Band to the Chamber Singers—the NewMusic Initiative is looking to change that.

The NewMusic Initiative is a program that was started in 2000 by Edward Jacobs, a professor of theory and composition at the ECU School of Music. His vision for the NewMusic Initiative was to introduce the community to contemporary music.

“The NewMusic Initiative is designed to make new musical ideas commonplace for our audiences, students and (the) community,” Jacobs said.

Jacobs said the NewMusic Initiative has three aspects to it: the concert series, masterclasses and a commissioning program.

The concert series is a dozen guest artists and groups performing contemporary music each semester, according to Jacobs. This semester, Fletcher Music Hall plans to host performers ranging from a trio of singers to a bass clarinet and marimba duet.

Jacobs said the masterclasses are open to the public. Students can perform a piece of music and receive feedback. Then, the performers point out parts that students did well in the piece and suggest how to improve their performance of the piece.

The final feature is the commissioning program. The process can be broken down into three steps, with each step taking a year.

“It is unique... there is no other commissioning program like it anywhere. Students are involved in every phase of commissioning a new piece of music,” Jacobs said.

During the first year, students research a composer that they would like to write a contemporary music piece for the school. In the second year, this composer visits ECU and aids the ensemble that will perform their piece. The piece will then be commissioned

and an ensemble of student musicians will perform it for the public for the first time ever and it will be professionally recorded.

Another part of the initiative that involves students are the Premiere Performances. Here, student soloists and ensembles play pieces by student composers for the first time. Jordan Cartrette, a junior vocal performance and theory and composition major, has had several pieces performed during these performances.

“It’s really fantastic to hear the piece done physically rather than on a computer recording,” Cartrette said.

This opportunity is not limited to students in the School of Music’s composition department. Second-year graduate student Tyler Holt writes pieces for the Premiere Performances, even though he majors in music performance.

“No matter how many times you have a first reading (of your piece), it’s always euphoric,” Holt said. “Sometimes it’s too extensive to put into words.”

Alice Rosario, a junior music theory and composition major, emphasized how important it is for the student composers to build an audience.

“No matter what your musical background is, or lack thereof, there is always a wide variety of music to listen to and you might be surprised with what you’ll enjoy at one of our premiere concerts,” Rosario said.

The next performance with the NewMusic Initiative’s concert series will be on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Evan Martschenko, a freshman piano performance and music theory and composition major, said he is excited for the upcoming concert.

“A phenomenal violinist is going to work with one of my piano professors... and they’re playing a piece that I wrote,” Martschenko said. “These people are incredibly smart and incredibly talented. They have so much to offer to the ECU students.”

More information about the NewMusic Initiative can be found on their page on the School of Music’s website.

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Former ECU faculty member Chris Grymes playing the clarinet. COURTESY OF ECU.EDU



The bar area at Uptown Brewing Company, located at 418 Evans St in Uptown Greenville. THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

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“Stay on top of your grades. Study, make sure your grades are up to par for scholarships. Also be involved in your community. Have stuff up there that would interest the Bravo Alpha Foundation,” Howard said.

Howard said he was awarded \$500 for his scholarship and that it went toward paying for textbooks for the semester. He said this kind of money goes a long way for college students.

Shannon Taylor, a representative from the Raleigh Brewing Company, said she expects there to be around 2,000 to 2,500 people in attendance.

“An aspect is the scholarship, is of course the scholarship. It gives somebody in that area to win that and further their careers with

whatever they decide to do,” Taylor said.

Taylor used to attend ECU and she said during her time in Greenville, she noticed there was a lack of breweries in the city.

“If someone wanted an interesting craft beer they would have to go to a city like Raleigh,” Taylor said. “This is why it’s nice to bring craft beer from all across North Carolina to Greenville.”

According to the Bravo Alpha Foundation’s website, general admission tickets to the Jolly Skull Beer and Wine Festival are \$35. VIP tickets, which grant attendees access to the festival an hour early along with other benefits, are \$50. Tickets can be bought online.

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