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Head coach Cliff Godwin spoke to the media about his expectations for the upcoming season, his goals and the depth of the roster on Monday.

Provost provides dialogue for faculty

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Office for Faculty Excellence (OFE) will host an open-invitation event to bring faculty and staff members together where attendees have the opportunity to individually speak with the provost.

The event, 'Coffee with the Provost,' will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in Joyner Library Room 1001, the OFE quarters. Members of ECU faculty and staff from both main campus and the health sciences campus are encouraged to attend.

Sarah Williams, interim director for OFE, organized the series of events to build a community among faculty across campus.

In 2018, Williams presented the idea to Ron Mitchelson, ECU's provost and senior vice chancellor. Williams said Mitchelson was looking for a way to be more accessible to faculty.

"He wanted to be there and be accessible to the faculty," Williams said. "(Accessible to) anybody who wanted to come by and talk with him to share a story, to share what's going on on campus, to share some of their work, to ask questions or to express a concern."

Installation of the program is one of several projects the OFE is working on to build a stronger sense of community across departments.

"The event is something we're piloting



Sarah Williams

Baseball hosts media No. 11 ECU previews upcoming season

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

Head coach Cliff Godwin and the East Carolina University baseball team addressed the media prior to its start to the 2019 season scheduled to begin on Feb. 15 against Radford University.

Godwin talked about how deep he thinks the roster is this year as compared to last year. Godwin believes this roster has a lot of talent that can make a run coming off a 44-18 record, which gave ECU the bid to hold a NCAA regional at the end of last season.

"When you look at putting together a team pitching staff wise, we probably have as much talent as we have ever had since I have been here as the head coach," Godwin said. "Position player wise it is definitely

the deepest group. There are going to be a lot of tough decisions on when to play certain guys and trying to get enough guys at bats. The advantage I think we have is that we can rest some guys at times where last year we couldn't."

Last year, the Pirates had a mentality where they didn't look at the national rankings or recognition the media gave to them. In fact, they took a day by day approach that helped the team perform as well as it did both at home and on the road.

ECU this year is entering the 2019 season ranked No. 11 in the country. Two years ago, the Pirates were in a similar position when they were ranked in the top 20 to begin the season and ended up falling out of the national rankings when the season ended in

2017. Godwin, the coaching staff and players are taking a similar approach to last season's to prepare themselves for the new year.

"Expectations, nobody puts more expectations on themselves than I do and our coaching staff and our players," Godwin said. "When people come to East Carolina to play baseball their expectations are to win at a high level, to win championships, to host regionals and put ourselves in a situation to compete for a national championship. I don't look at the hype the media is giving us. We have talked about how we can't look at that. If you start feeling good about what the media and our fans are saying then that's

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Greenville discusses potential new logo

Elizabeth Johnson
TEC STAFF

At the Greenville City Council's annual planning session, council members and Strategy Insights Results (SIR) discussed different ways to raise the profile of the city. One way included the idea to create a new logo.

During the Jan. 25 City Council Planning Session, the company Strategy Insights Results (SIR) gave a presentation, "The Ten Traits of Winning Cities of Tomorrow."

SIR leaders Cliff Fleet and John Martin presented a 10-step program for the betterment of Greenville, which included a discussion on creating a uniform logo for the city.

Martin said they have previously created a logo for Columbus, Ohio and allowed other companies in the city to have a logo uniform

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Scaling down for scholars Emerge to host tiny art show, pancake dinner

Giana Williams
TEC STAFF

The Pitt County Arts Council will host an all-you-can-eat breakfast dinner at Emerge Gallery and Arts Center, alongside tiny art created by local artists and children to help raise money for its education funds for scholarships.

Emerge Gallery's Tiny Art Show is an annual exhibition hosted by the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge since 2001. Anyone, from children to professional artists, who enjoys making tiny art can submit their pieces into the show for sell, according to Paula Rountree, Emerge Gallery's program director.

"It is a fun show that children can submit too, as well as professional artists and everything is \$5 or \$10," Rountree said. "How often can you find a piece of art for \$5 or \$10?"

The pieces are no larger than 5-by-5-by-7 inches. The public is able to get first pick on the art at the annual pancake dinner, which is a ticketed event where the public can preview the art and have an all-you-can-eat breakfast dinner.

Rakia Jackson, Emerge Gallery's



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Several small paintings and easels on display at Emerge Gallery for the 2016 Tiny Art Show.

marketing assistant, said this is one of Emerge's bigger events and they get all types of interesting art that they do not normally see. She hopes more people get excited about creating things and not so much of the critical aspect of art.

"Get more people in the door and

finding new ways to create art or be exposed to art, and even get the kids excited about creating art," Jackson said.

All proceeds from the exhibition will go toward Emerge Gallery's educational fund,

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Great Decisions speaker series returns with cyber conflicts, geopolitics discussion

East Carolina University's Foreign Policy Association will host a lecture followed by a question and answer period to discuss current world affairs. All students are allowed to attend and can expect new topics to be announced every other Tuesday.

The discussion will be held today from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Rivers Building, room 102.

College of Engineering and Technology continues resume building event

Today in the Science and Technology Building there will be career counselors available to review resumes in a one-on-one setting. They will also give feedback in order to prepare students for potential careers.

The event will take place on the first floor atrium and will go from 3-4 p.m.

ECU to hold study abroad information session

Today there will be a study abroad information session allowing students to learn more about the different programs and scholarships offered through ECU.

The event will take place at 4 p.m. at the International House.

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Clubs collect books

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TEC STAFF

Books for Better Outlooks and Sigma Gamma Rho have collaborated to collect more than 200 books to rebuild libraries surrounding the Wilmington, North Carolina area which were damaged after Hurricane Florence.

The book drive started on Monday and will run through March 22, with cardboard boxes being placed in the lobby of each residence hall on the campus of East Carolina University. For students who live off campus, they can drop off their books in the Main Campus Student Center.

Sophomore communication major, Alyssa Cadavid said the goal is to collect around 300 books. Currently they are at 209 books and looking to finish off the book drive strong.

"We have this book drive in place to collect kids books to help rebuild their library," Cadavid said.

Books for Better Outlooks is a 501c4 nonprofit that collects gently used books and redistributes those books to anyone in need.

Julien Dubois, a sophomore at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Cadavid said they wanted to provide equal access to books in local communities. They started their initiatives in July of 2018 and brought it to their respective universities.

"We believe that literacy starts with accessibility," Cadavid said. "We want to help alleviate the literacy gaps in eastern North Carolina."

In less than a year, Books for Better Outlooks has collected almost 10,000



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Books for Better Outlooks donated more than 100 books to Joy Parton's book cart. Parton works at Duke Hospital.

books and provided those books to more than 25 different organizations in North Carolina. Books for Better Outlooks competed in the Pirate Entrepreneurship Challenge and is now collaborating with numerous organizations on campus to provide books to the local community.

"We started to establish relationships with local family shelters, school, hospitals and youth programs," Cadavid said. "We began supplying these locations with gently used books."

Books for Better Outlooks now has two chapters, one located in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and the other located here in Greenville.

Junior, Theater Education major Layaiah Allen said, the sorority joined Books for Better Outlooks in Nov. of 2018 after she learned elementary school libraries were damaged after Hurricane Florence.

According to junior public health major, Moriah Brown, the mission of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority is to provide assistance and support to women in local communities.

"We understand that we are facing times where society has slowly started to stray away from reading and we want to give the tools to revive a dying activity," Brown said. "There are lots of places that don't have fundamental age appropriate

books so we want to work towards providing books."

Brown said Sigma Gamma Rho members recognize the importance of early childhood education and learning reading skills at an early age.

"This book drive has taught me the importance of helping others while also being grateful for what we have," Brown said.

Brown said ECU students should participate in the book drive because of the great college experience Greenville is providing. Brown said younger children in the eastern North Carolina community look up to and respect students at ECU.

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this year," Williams said. "Our faculty is growing, we are now on multiple campuses, so honestly we were looking for ways to bring people together, give a chance to have dialogue across departments and really help people make connections."

'Coffee with the Provost' is a casual event, according to Williams. Attendees gather in the OFE, drink fresh coffee and have the chance to speak with one another and network.

On a campus with thousands of faculty and staff members, the opportunities to speak with leadership figures such as Mitchelson face-to-face are limited, Williams said. The event does not have a set agenda which contributes to the casual setting.

"(Pirate Nation) just has this nice sense of family and community, so I think it's important to foster that with students, but I also think it's important to foster it with faculty so this (event) is an example," Williams said. "The OFE is trying to walk in that spirit of community, family, and Pirate Nation and have community building events with our faculty."

After hosting two 'Coffee with the Provost' events last fall, and having two scheduled for the current spring semester, Williams wants to see attendance grow. She said the OFE hopes the series will continue in upcoming years.

Mary Farwell, a biology professor and assistant vice chancellor for Academic Affairs research, attended the event on Nov. 16.

"I love the idea that faculty feel that they could ask questions from a one-on-one or one-on-two (opportunity)," Farwell said. "You can ask the provost things that really he is most concerned about and that might give you a little bit of a more good perspective on what is going on at the university."

Lee Toderick, a teaching instructor within the information computer technology program at ECU, attended the same event as Farwell, but his motivation was different.

"I have been teaching at ECU for 18 years and I have never talked to our provost, so I just had a couple questions for him and I wanted

to meet him in person," Toderick said.

Mitchelson said he is looking forward to attending the event again. For him, the event allows for face-to-face communications directly with faculty rather than via an online outlet such as email.

"(This past fall) the engagement survey indicated that senior administration was probably not communicating in the most effective manner," Mitchelson said. "I'm trying to make some amends for our inadequacies. In particular, I think what has become clear to me is that face-to-face dialogue is what has to be achieved."

By being in front of people in a position where they can freely ask questions and have answers, there's a legitimacy and authenticity associated with face-to-face communication which has been missing, Mitchelson said.

The event permits individuals who are present to "dig deeper" and ask the right questions, according to Mitchelson. In addition, he said the event contributes to a sense of cohesiveness within faculty, even if that is not the primary goal of the event.

"I think there is an authenticity, a credibility that comes with that type of interaction (dialogue) that is lost when you do

the written word," Mitchelson said. "It's more difficult to put tone, body language, and all that kind of stuff into an email, so I do think the precision of communication is improved in that face to face setting."

Mitchelson said he has learned a lesson, people don't want simply digital communications. They want face-to-face dialogue and due to this, Mitchelson is committed to the series as long as he remains Provost at ECU.

Good communication is essential to achieving student success, regional transformation and serving the public, according to Mitchelson.

"I think it will grow," Mitchelson said. "I'm sure there are other leaders who need to do this. You'll probably see that there are other leaders at the vice chancellor level and probably the chancellor who will do more face-to-face meetings."

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with it. Martin and Fleet encouraged the Greenville City Council to collaborate with local businesses and make it a community effort to come up with a new logo.

District 2 Councilmember Rose Glover said Greenville doesn't have one identity and this would make coming up with a logo representing that a difficult task.

"What I hear from a lot of people is that Greenville doesn't have an identity, that the university has taken away from them," Glover said. "It's sprawled out. Eastside, westside, everywhere. And so I hear that from a lot of the boomers, that Greenville doesn't have an identity."

District 5 Councilmember Will Litchfield said Greenville is associated with the medical center and downtown, but needs to find an identity.

"I think that's probably true. You know the parable, the eight blind men and the elephant? You can be associated with the medical center, like 'Oh this is who we



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Cliff Fleet, SIR leader, presents his idea of the importance of independent city logos to attract new people to the city.

are," Litchfield said. "You can be associated with the downtown and some of the hippest places, this is who we are. We just gotta find the commonality and then you gotta practice it, work it."

Martin discussed how important it is to market to millennials. Martin said when millennials are

in an area, businesses will come to the area to grow.

According to Martin, SIR conducted a survey and found people ideally want to live within 15 minutes of restaurants, stores and services. Martin said cities have to push that population density so people can have a sense of community because

millennials and Generation Z enjoy being around other people.

Councilmember-At-large Brian Meyerhoeffer agreed with Martin, saying his wife's family, who are not from the city, always commented on how easy it was to get anywhere in 15 minutes in Greenville whenever they visited.

"I don't know if everybody in Greenville realizes how lucky we really are because your list of cities, I've lived in many of them," Meyerhoeffer said. "I've lived in Baltimore, D.C., Arlington, so I'm very well versed in those communities and aware of how difficult it is in those communities. A 15-minute ride in the car in D.C., you might go a mile sometimes."

City Manager Ann Wall said the council met earlier with partners in the community to discuss creating a logo.

Wall said a logo will help the city tell its story for locals and those outside the region to understand what the community represents.

"What our citizen survey said is 87 percent of the people who filled out that survey believe Greenville is a great place to live," Wall said. "Seventy-four percent believe Greenville is a great place to raise children and 69 percent who filled out that survey believe that Greenville is a great place to open and run a business. That's what the survey said and that's a heck of a headline."

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OUR VIEW

Economy hurt by shutdown

The federal government shutdown ended last weekend after 35 days, finally restoring funding to departments that provide essential services to millions and provided an income to many around the country and here in eastern North Carolina.

The shutdown hurt more than President Donald Trump and Congressional Democrats' reputations. It shuttered important services for millions of Americans and created an extremely stressful situation for many federal workers who missed two consecutive paychecks.

Another consequence of the shutdown was the toll it had on the United States' economy. According to CNBC, the Congressional Budget Office states the shutdown resulted in a total \$11 billion loss of productivity. While the reopening is expected to restore some losses, the CBO predicted the U.S. economy will lose \$3 billion permanently.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, are grateful politicians on both sides could at least temporarily come to an agreement to reopen the government. However, we hope President Trump and Congressional Democrats can avoid another disastrous shutdown before the next deadline on Feb. 15.

Congress members from both parties say the federal shutdown should have never happened in the first place. With another deadline approaching, it's time for politicians to back up their words by avoiding another possible shutdown in February.

Millions of Americans rely on the federal government for paychecks and services, it's essential for America to stay open.



Accountability needed

ECU leaders must accept responsibility



Pat Lane
GUEST COLUMNIST

Congratulations to Matt Prenskey for a great article in the 1/22/19 TEC entitled "Pirates suffering from gossip, division". That is a well defined and presented article that laid out the challenge that too many stakeholders fail to see.

The only point I want to make is that many ECU stakeholders have tried to write to, e-mail and meet with Chancellor Staton, the BOT, the BOG and Harry Smith to no avail. Matt correctly places the responsibility on Staton and Smith, plus in my opinion BOT Chair Shanahan, to take responsibility and lead rather than making self aggrandizing statements, sniping or repeating talking points over and over. Time to turn the other cheek in their personal relationships as well.

Badly needed are PUBLIC mea culpas from Staton, Smith and Shanahan. Could

be done jointly. Put egos and grudges from past events aside. Publicly take FULL responsibility for mistakes they have made and chaos they have created. The buck stops at the top. Then ask for forgiveness from the Pirate Nation for those mistakes and pledge to work together from that day forward for the betterment of ALL ECU stakeholders, the greater ECU if you will. Vow to put personal agendas and animosity aside in a sincere spirit of unity. No future talking points, just positive action.

If there is to be unity, those three must lead it AFTER accepting responsibility for creating the divisions that exist. Specifically, the Chancellor must stop regurgitating his divisive mantra that those who ask questions, make suggestions and/or seek solutions from him are merely distractions from his great (?) work. Instead, he only offers his litany of excuses and disrespectful speeches and writings while banning stakeholders not in his Amen Corner from staff access and even social/

“ Put egos and grudges from past events aside. Publicly take FULL responsibility for mistakes they have made and chaos they have created. ”

stewardship events. This is exhibiting thin skin and pettiness. That is not leadership. Is he man enough to rise to the challenge that Matt Prenskey laid out?

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It's time to end the Pro Bowl



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The Pro Bowl, the NFL's version of an All-Star game, has reached an all-time entertainment low. This Sunday, the NFL's top performers and stars came together to play what some

would call a football game and what others would describe as pointless.

I, for one, was not entertained by the product the NFL puts together for its fans, which is no longer entertainment at all. As a child, I remember my favorite players giving a tiny bit of effort in this game, and making the product on the field at least somewhat resemble football. I remember my all-time favorite player, the late Sean Taylor, make one of the most incredible hits of all-time on a punter in the Pro Bowl. Those days, for good reason, are long gone and the players no longer want to risk their bodies and money on injury in a meaningless game.

In Sunday's 26-7 AFC victory over the NFC, the game was simply not football. Nothing described how the game went as much as Jason Witten breaking the MVP trophy while presenting it to game MVPs Jamal Adams and Patrick Mahomes. With minimal effort on every play and playing through the risk of injury, the Pro Bowl many of us grew up to love simply isn't the same. Or has it always been this way?

How can we fix the Pro Bowl? To me, there is no fix for the game itself. It's time to just protect the players and get rid of the game in general. Many players who are named to the Pro Bowl end up sitting out due to injury, or sit out after reaching the Super Bowl. Overall, there are too many players being named to Pro Bowls that ultimately should not be getting these



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Pro Bowl Co-MVP, Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, throws a pass for the AFC.

honors, thus we are not even getting our top talent to play in this game.

Players should be given the honor of a 'Pro Bowl' selection, and still get to come together for the NFL Skills Challenges that are featured on ESPN each year. This is a way to continue to honor the top players in the sport without putting out an absolutely mediocre product on the field. It would also help limit the possibility of injury in the game, which although rare, does and has happened, and will likely happen again in the future. These challenges are a fun way to have competition between the NFL stars of both the NFC and the AFC conferences, without risking injury to the league's best talent.

In this year's Pro Bowl, two star receivers, Steelers' Ju-Ju Smith Schuster and Chargers' Kennan Allen both had injury scares, both minor. They could have been serious, however, like it was for Bengals' tight end Tyler Eifert, who broke his ankle in a freak injury in the 2016 Pro Bowl, and has not been the same player since the injury. He vowed that if ever

given the chance to play in the Pro Bowl again, he wouldn't, as it just isn't worth it.

I agree with Eifert. It really isn't worth it to any of the players to play in this meaningless "football" game, risking health and money just to play a game for fans. If the NFL truly cares about the safety of its players like it says it does and has made strides to improve in, its time to get rid of the Pro Bowl, and save players from devastating injuries before they happen.

Fans are also starting to take notice in how bad the game has gotten, as although very slightly, ratings dropped in this season's Pro Bowl from a 5.9 rating to 5.7 according to sportsbusinessdaily.com. Many fans have taken to Twitter with their displeasure of the game as well. With the fans becoming displeased and players getting injured in a meaningless game, it's time to make the right decision and end the game for good.

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Monk dominates for Pirates

Mikey Carrillo
TEC STAFF

In only her second year, sophomore guard Lashonda Monk is playing the best all-around basketball of her career on both sides of the court during the 2018-2019 season.

Monk plays the shooting guard position for the East Carolina University women's basketball team which is currently 10-9 and 1-5 in the American Athletic Conference. She has played in 18 games, and has started in 17 of those 18 appearances.

The Greensboro, North Carolina native who graduated from Southwest Guilford High School, and is a general college major, wears the number two on her jersey when representing the Pirates, the same number she has been wearing since her early high school years.

"Back when my uncle and my sister played basketball in high school and in college they both wore number two so that's why, I thought I'd take on the number," Monk said in an emailed statement.

She plays an average of 29 minutes per game, averages 13.2 points, 3.7 rebounds, 3.1 assists and a team high 4.1 steals per game, while shooting 34 percent from the field, 23 percent from three and 76 percent from the free throw line. Monk is leading ECU in assists, steals and minutes. Monk is also tied with junior guard Raven

Johnson for the most points per game.

Although her scoring has been consistent all season, she is ranked 10th in the conference in points per game and has scored a total of 237 points in this season alone. She holds a career high of 27 points which came against the University of Central Florida on Wednesday.

The 5 foot 6 inch guard is first in steals per game in the AAC, as she averages 4.1 and leads the pack by a long run. Her career-high in steals is 10 in a game, which was done last season against Southern Methodist University on Feb. 3 and is also tied for second in the ECU's single game record for steals. This season Monk has had several games with eight and nine steals, showing her defensive capacity since she has stepped foot in Minges Coliseum.

"I take a lot of pride in defense, it really creates a lot of our offense, you know, that's just something I've always been really passionate about," Monk said. "I kinda do think I'm the best defensive player, I mean its been a lot of you know that I've played against that really

were tough defensively, but I think I just get after it more."

Monk has boosted all of her major categories from her freshman year. She can be spotted during a game not only because of her play, but because of her hustle and passion during the whole 40 minutes of basketball action. Monk said she still has an aspect of the game she wants to work on that will help her improve on as a player.

"I think I need to improve on shooting off the dribble more, attacking and just pulling up, instead of (trying to) get all the way to the whole," Monk said.

The Pirate sophomore guard still has the rest of this season and two more years to play in Greenville. Monk said she is ready to take on the rest of her time here and help bring ECU along with her teammates, to great seasons with desired results.

"My goal for the rest of this season is to keep getting better, keep pushing my teammates, hopefully get some more wins under our belt, and for the next two years, I'm going to just keep working hard, so I can have success in these next two years," Monk said.

Monk will be back in action tonight when ECU will head to Wichita, Kansas to take on the struggling Wichita State University Shockers (8-11, 1-5 AAC) at 7:30 p.m.

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Lashonda Monk



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Sophomore guard Lashonda Monk averages an AAC high 4.1 steals per game.

>> ANALYSIS

Men's basketball in midst of slump



Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University men's basketball team has gone through a tough stretch in the past few weeks, as the team has found itself in a five-game losing streak.

The most recent of these losses came this weekend where the Pirates saw an early 13-point lead collapse in a dominant second half performance from the University of South Florida Bulls, who defeated the Pirates 77-57.

This losing streak is interesting because it comes after arguably the Pirates' best performance as a team since joining the American Athletic Conference in 2014, as the Pirates took down the 13-2, at the time, University of Cincinnati Bearcats in Minges Coliseum on

Jan 5. The Pirates then went on a two-game road trip where the first loss was a close 72-78 game against a good University of Memphis team, but since that loss the Pirates have lost each of their last four games by an average margin of 19 points.

One factor that has contributed to these losses is the Pirates three-point defense. The Pirates have shown flashes of lockdown perimeter defense this season, and in the eight games the team has won, they have limited their opponents to a dismal 19.3 percent clip from beyond the arc. For comparison, the best team three-point defense in the NCAA is the University of Virginia, which has held its opponents to 24.9 percent from the three point line this season.

While the Pirates do rank in the top 50 in the nation in three-point defense, coming in at No. 48 with a 30.8 percent allowed. They

have struggled to defend from beyond the arc during their losing streak, allowing their last five opponents to make 42.4 percent of their long-range attempts.

While the Pirates must keep their opponents from making baskets, the team must also address the shooting slump it has found itself in during its losing streak. The Pirates season average for field goal percentage is 42.5 percent, and while that is a low percentage, the team has been even worse during its last five games, only making 39.3 percent of its field goal attempts in those games. The Pirates three-point shooting is a major factor in this stat, as the Pirates are

making a grim 26.4 percent of their three point attempts on the season, and have only made 21.4 percent in their last five games. The team must find a way to get the ball in the basket if they want to end their losing skid.

Head coach Joe Dooley addressed the shooting slump after Saturday's loss to USF, contributing the slump to confidence.


"I think the guys who are shooting it need to shoot with more confidence," Dooley said after the loss. "I've never spent this much time on shooting and you've got to jump up and make a shot. Some of it comes down to a personal I'm not going to be afraid."

The Pirates will try to get back into the win column on Thursday, as the team will host Tulsa University at 7 p.m. in Minges Coliseum.

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Junior outfielder/designated hitter Bryant Packard is ready to kick off the 2019 season on Feb. 15.

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just setting you up for failure."

Going into the year, the expectations Godwin has set for the team does not have winning at the front of the list. Godwin believes focusing on everything else can help the team stay focused and win games when it's all said and done.

"We need to focus on five things," Godwin said. "We are going to focus on dominating our daily schedules, focus on the process of getting one percent better. We look at our organization as a boat, we are going to try and make our boat go faster, and make sure it has the right direction and we are going to focus on loving one another. If we do that, we are going to be just fine because our culture is going to be in the right place."

Players on the team talked about what they are looking forward to when the

season starts. Burleson spoke on the relationship the team has going in and how the relationship they all have with each other on and off the field will make ECU baseball worth watching this season.

"We are all really close," Burleson said. "Our relationships have grown a lot especially towards the back end of the fall. It was hard when a lot of our pitchers were shut down, a lot of guys were hurt, but coming back from break we have grown a lot on and off the field and it's going to be fun to see everybody not play for themselves but play for everybody else."

The Pirates will hit the field in Clark-LeClair Stadium on Feb. 15 to tip off the 2019 season against Radford University with first pitch slated to be thrown at 4 p.m.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- The next two days favor travel, adventure and exploration. Secrets get revealed. Communication channels flow with velocity. Take advantage of great conditions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Enjoy time with someone fun. Express your heart, and practice your flirtation. Communication channels are wide open. Kindle a little romance. You're especially charming.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- When you're hot, you're hot. Provide leadership where you see it missing. Talk about your passions and motivations. What inspires you can benefit others.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Financial discussions settle upon mutually satisfying deals. Work out terms and conditions. Sign contracts, and make investments. Green light a collaborative project.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Domestic improvement ideas flow with ease. Inspiration abounds. Talk with family to set priorities before spending. Research possibilities, to present options.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Before you commit to an idea, do your own research. Consider impacts to your existing plans. Imagine long-term consequences. Share your thoughts with trusted advisors.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Communication flows with ease between you and your partner. Brainstorm, and share your brilliant ideas. Strategize for shared goals. It could get romantic.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Your creativity sparkles. Artistic expression flourishes. Write your novel or masterpiece. Essays, articles and posts contribute your views to a wider audience.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Brilliant ideas, solutions and resources arise through your social networks. Friends share good connections and opportunities. Offer support and receive it when you need.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Get into action! Something that was stuck now moves freely. Discuss work or fitness objectives, and find new resources. Put your back behind your words.

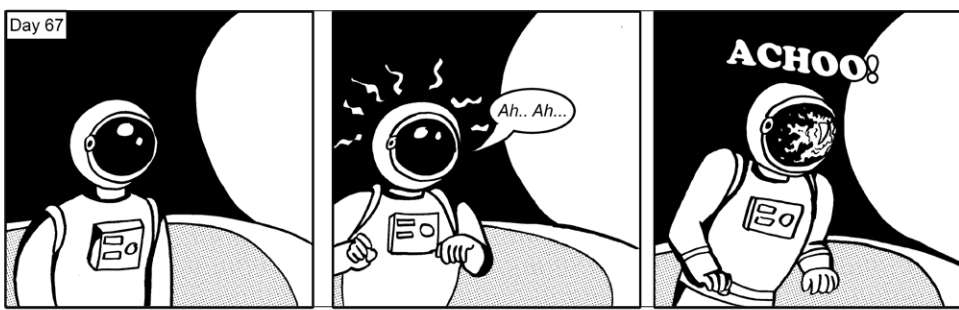
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Bring in the money. Profitable opportunities abound. Get into conversation to move a possibility forward. Provide valuable services. Wheel and deal.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Focus on career and professional ambitions. Keep providing excellent work that reflects you well. Marketing and public communications get your message out further.

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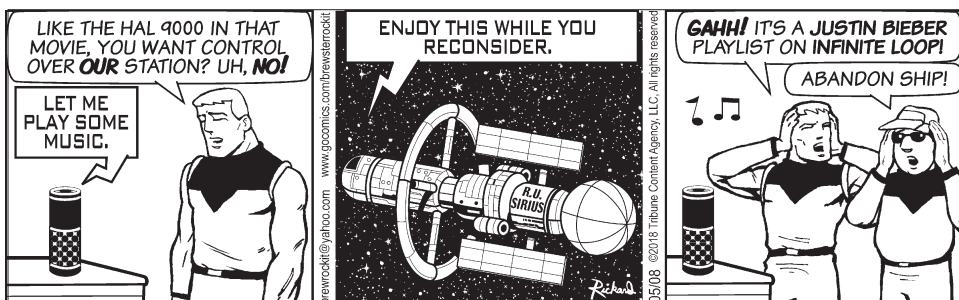
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THE TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- "Judging ___"
- Elly May Clampett's uncle
- Alda or Rachins
- Caustic soap ingredient
- Paul's "Mad About You" cousin
- "The ___ Ranger"
- Greek letter
- Award for TV shows and actors
- Had debts
- MSNBC's "Hardball with ___"
- Actress Susan of "L. A. Law"
- "___ Believer"; Monkees hit song
- Film director Preminger
- Doctors' org.
- "Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof"
- Actress on "Law & Order: Criminal Intent"
- Barney Fife's title: abbr.
- "___ Bloopers & Practical Jokes"
- ___ Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- Take advantage of
- Barker and Bell
- Actress on "Ghost Whisperer"
- Jai ___
- "___ Rock"; Simon & Garfunkel hit

DOWN

- ___ Guinness
- Fictional story
- Calendar period
- Actor Smits
- Columnist Bombeck
- ___ Emmy Awards; prizes for talk shows, game shows, and soaps
- Hawaiian greeting
- Actor Rob
- Once more
- Sparks and Beatty
- Ending for Japan or Siam
- "American ___"
- IRS agent, for short
- "The New Adventures of ___ Christine"
- Golf ball holder
- Recipe amt.
- Words of understanding
- Hockey's Bobby
- Tiny insect
- Paul Bunyan's implement
- "The ___ Bity Spider"
- "___ Shade"
- ___ off; leave quickly
- Actor Robert
- "___ Family"; V. Lawrence sitcom
- Santa ___, CA
- Taxis
- ___ vera; skin lotion ingredient
- Ship's pole
- Injure
- Actress Falco
- Richardson and McKellen
- ___ Warehouse; clothing chain

Solution from 01/24

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EVENTS

TODAY

Dive Club Meeting

Japan Inn
6:30 p.m.

Lightroom 101: Getting Started

ASAP Photo & Camera
7 p.m.

Team Trivia

Jack Brown's Beer & Burger Joint
8 p.m.

TOMORROW

Wine Tasting Wednesday

Firefly Wine Shop
5 p.m.

Fleet Feet Pub Run

Fleet Feet Greenville
6:15 p.m.

ATS G'Oils Night Out

Advantage Therapy Solutions
6:30 p.m.

Comedy Pitt Open Mic

Pitt Street Brewing Company
8 p.m.

Karaoke Night

The Blackened Kraken
9:30 p.m.

Putting a spell on Greenville

Local shop hosts workshops on modern magic

Chloe Easton
TEC STAFF

A local eco-friendly holistic shop is hosting workshops to educate those interested in learning about magic and seeking out the true witches of Greenville.

The Sojourner Whole Earth Provisions shop was founded in March 2009 by owner Michelle Herron. Herron, who is a practicing witch and priestess of the Sojo Circle Coven, also hosts the weekly "Modern Witchcraft 366: The Art, Science and Psychology of Nature-Based Spirituality" classes.

The next class is on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the store, located at 414 Evans St. in Uptown Greenville.

Herron said she created the program in 2010, but in 2018, the program was facilitated by the Dean of Mystery School and incoming Priestess, who goes by the name Webweaver, and co-taught by several coven members, such as practicing witch and astrologer Jupiter Melchizedek, as well as spirit communicationist and psychometrist Edward Zula.

"That first year, I did the best that I could to facilitate the study group, but then I put a little structure on things and presented topics in a reasonable order and it became overtime a much more structured, formalized, personal, not just what's out of the books, but our own experience and take on it," Herron said.

According to Sojourner's website, the six week course culminates in the solar celebration of the Grand Sabbat of Imbolc, making the dedication to achieve a personal goal over the coming year.

The first week of each year, the shop opens the Modern Witchcraft 366 training program to seekers who would like to learn about modern witchcraft in a formal setting.

For each member, the dedication would be to study witchcraft for the next "year and a day" with the Sojo circle. After dedications at Imbolc, the class is closed to newcomers for the remaining of the year.

Melchizedek said people come to the classes for all different reasons, but what he hopes seekers gain from the courses is a sense of community.

"I think what I would want people to get out of the course is the community aspect because a lot of people who are interested in magic or witchcraft, they might feel very alienated or feel like there is nobody around us that have the same interests," Melchizedek said.

During the year, each of the 48 classes are



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The Sojourner Whole Earth Provisions store is hosting workshop on modern witchcraft at 414 Evans St.

divided into eight sessions named after the solar holiday, Sabbat, celebrated on the Saturday night following each session.

These sessions, such as the Ostara and Beltane sessions, include information on the elements of Magick and the religion of witchcraft. According to Herron, on completion of the eight sessions, seekers have the opportunity to join the Sojo Coven.

"At the end of the first year, I said, you know, for someone who comes to this class 48 times in a row, three hours a week, done all this work on the side and all this personal exploration work, it deserves a self initiation ritual," Herron said. "We do not consider what we do to be wicka, we decided that we were a collective modern witches of the American variety and that we would hold the space and bear witness to each others self initiations."

Aside from the Modern Witchcraft 366 class, The Sojourner Whole Earth Provisions shop offers a number of goods and services to the public hoping to equip the needs of the path less traveled. Inside, seekers can find divination tools, bulk organic herbs and spiritual supplies for earth based, pagan, occult, esoteric and Magickal traditions.

"In some point prior to opening the store, I would be moaning about the lack of spiritual options in our area and at the time we didn't know of any local groups who were teaching, training or offering services,"

Herron said.

According to Sojourner's website, services include tarot card readings using the thoth tarot deck, past-life retrievals, reiki energy healing by Michelle and astrology readings and hoodoo workings by Jupiter. Herbal consultations and instructions are provided by Courtney Varnadoe.

Zula provides the use of psychometry, clairsentience and spirit communication to help resolve grief and loss. Zula said he doesn't know how he does what he does, but somehow people always find what they need after his sessions.

"After a session I want people to experience healing, and closure and a sense of validation, the word I would use would be relief, I want people to experience relief," Zula said. "I want people to know when we leave this Earth, this physical form, there is no pain, no suffering, no resentment and the knowing just comes when you get over to the other side."

More information on how to become a part of upcoming Modern Witchcraft 366 sessions or services offered by The Sojourner Whole Earth Provisions shop can be found on their website, Facebook page @thesojogreenville and Twitter page @TheSojourner1.

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Several submitted pieces for the 2018 Tiny Art Show at Emerge.

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which is used for scholarships for their camps and outreach programs, such as Youth Public Arts Project and Art is Good Medicine.

Catherine Spruill, one of the participating artists, said the exhibit has a fun atmosphere. She said she loves seeing others choose her art and to have other artists see her choose their art, especially when it's young artists—seeing big smiles on their small faces.

"It's an easy way to support local artists and Emerge for very little cost," Spruill said. "I get inspiration from seeing what is offered each year, this show has a large number

of artists participating and the public gets to see all types of art."

The pancake dinner is on Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the tiny art preview sale will run until 9 p.m. The Tiny Art Show exhibit will run from Friday to Feb. 21. Emerge Gallery and Arts Center is located at 404 Evans St. in Uptown Greenville.

For more information about the pancake dinner or the exhibition, contact Emerge Gallery and Arts Center at 252-551-6957 or by Email at info@emergegallery.com.

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REVIEW

The road to Best Picture

Will "The Favourite" or "Roma" take home the Oscar?



Andy Li

Favourite." Two remarkably different films, two remarkably different paths for the Academy to take.

"The Favourite": Lesbians, lies and rabbits

Greek director Yorgos Lanthimos is known for his almost dreamlike style, and "The Favourite" is like a nightmare in a palace. Set in the early 18th century, the film explores the relationship between Queen Anne of England and the two cousins fighting to win her favor. "The Favourite" has 10 nominations, including the coveted Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress.

Lanthimos' style is disorienting in the best possible way, but it is the trio of actresses at the heart of this film that make this movie a knockout. Olivia Colman, a British actress famous for her work in the British TV mystery "Broadchurch," plays Queen Anne as a batty, insecure woman desperate for love. There is a scene where Anne runs madly through her palace, confused and crying, and somehow, Colman brings a kind of disgusting grace to this poor old woman.

Rachel Weisz's Sarah Churchill was my favorite performance of this film. She is cunning and blunt and emotionally vulnerable in a way that feels fiery with its intensity. Emma

Stone, who won Best Actress two years ago for her performance in "La La Land," can now check period comedy off of her bucket list. Her Abigail Masham is the modern Eve Harrington, an usurping ingenue with a pretty face, disguising powerful ambition.

RATING:



4 out of 5

"Roma": A dog, some ice cream and a beach

Director Alfonso Cuarón Orozco is no stranger to the big screen—his movies such as "Children of Men," "Harry Potter and The Prisoner of Azkaban" and "Gravity" have earned him Oscar nominations in the double digits. But it will be "Roma" for which he is remembered. The black-and-white film follows Cleo, a maid in Mexico City in the early 70s. Tied with "The Favourite" at 10 nominations, including the big four "The Favourite" is vying for, this film has made history in more ways than one. It is the first film distributed by a streaming service (in this case, Netflix) to ever be nominated, and its lead actress, Yalitza Aparicio, is the first Indigenous woman to be nominated for Best Actress. Orozco sets the tone of his film in the first shot: an aching long view of tiles as soap, water and the credits wash over them. Orozco finds humanity in the most mundane spaces—squeezing a lime over rice, little boys playing with toy guns and a dog jumping for joy as a family returns home. He uses a long, single shot a

few too many times, but it never feels forced or pretentious. It makes the film, and the life of Cleo, feel huge and immersive.

Aparicio has never acted before, and has no theatrical training. Her performance feels so intimate and so real. Set against the political turmoil of Mexico, her personal struggles and the struggles of her employer feel just as vibrant.

RATING:



4 out of 5

If you're placing bets for Best Picture, "The Favourite" offers some steadfast traits the Academy loves—a period piece and character study powered raw performances by industry-favorite actresses—and Lanthimos' style brings something new and fresh to the scene. But it's important to remember that the Academy is an institution in decline. The quickly-deleted Best Popular Film category and the nomination of "Black Panther" shows its desire to maintain relevance in the modern eye. Coming off a government shutdown over a caravan of Latino refugees, and a bipartisan push to end child separation at the border, "Roma" simply offers a more poignant and relevant story to audiences. While "The Favourite" stars are more than likely to walk away with their acting awards, my bet for Best Picture goes to Orozco.

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