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President of F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe, Jada Boyd, speaks to attendees at "Chivalry," F.A.M.E.'s first event out of seven during Black History Month.

Speaker coming to discuss leadership

Elizabeth Johnson
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The Cunanan Family Leadership Series is bringing a guest speaker to campus to speak about enhancing excellence at East Carolina University through positive leadership.

Kim Cameron from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business will speak today at 2 in the Black Box Theatre in the Main Campus Student Center.

"In addition, how do you help unlock the potential of human beings, employees, leaders to achieve levels of performance that they otherwise could not have achieved? So all this work is based on something called positive organizational scholarship," Cameron said. "And I'll just share some of what we've learned."



Kim Cameron

Cameron is a professor of Management and Organizations at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business. Cameron said the presentation will be about positive leadership based on his 15 years of research focused on helping organizations and employees become successful.

Cameron added it will focus on how organizations can achieve higher performance for whatever higher

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Historically 'FAMEous' Modeling Troupe celebrates Black History Month

Giana Willaims
TEC STAFF

To have a platform to be able to express one's self has been the goal for East Carolina University's F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe, and FAMEous February is the event where students in the black community are able to do that.

F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe will present FAMEous February, a month long series of events on campus where students can participate and show their support for the organization. The next event is titled "Nobody Wins When The Family Feuds" is tonight in the Main Campus Student Center at 7.

"Just for us to have that platform to get our name out there, and so that people really know who F.A.M.E. is," Jada Boyd, senior communication major and president of F.A.M.E., said. "Something cute to do to bring

to the ECU community."

The events during the month revolve around the theme "Black 2 The Basics" in honor of Black History Month. The events range from programs discussing being black in America and colorism in the black community, to fun events such as dodgeball and Family Feud-inspired games.

Boyd said the purpose of the event is to give the black community on campus an opportunity to express how they feel and talk about their experiences.

"We often have an divide in the black community," Taylor Hudson, senior and F.A.M.E. member, said. "Other times we try

to say we don't divide each other, but we often click up and we don't usually take the time to usually understand each other sometimes."

Jessica Jordan, junior public health major and F.A.M.E. member, said joining F.A.M.E. helped her feel closer to other people in the black community.

"By being in F.A.M.E. I actually known some people that are actually going through the same thing, so that made me connect to the black community more," Jordan said.

Boyd said these events are not meant to overlook anyone's opinion or to bash anyone, but to create a space where people are able to express themselves, and not feel overlooked or unheard on campus.

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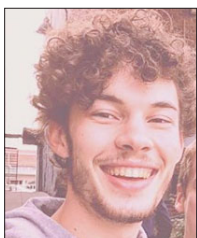
Jada Boyd

Award recipient to produce play

Chloe Easton
TEC STAFF

With the help of a prestigious grant, an East Carolina University student explores the concept of death with his original theatre performance.

Junior Connor Gerney, professional acting and theatre for youth major, is one of the students who has been granted the Undergraduate Research & Creativity Activity award (URCA) to help fund his upcoming original production of the play "Twilight Boy" on Feb. 17. According to the award's event page, the grant provides project expenses and stipends for mentored undergraduate research and creative projects. "Twilight Boy" tells the story of the



Connor Gerney

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Division over identity

Is Greenville viewed as college town or a major city?

Elizabeth Johnson
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University has been a part of Greenville for more than 100 years. In that time both the city and university have grown into regional hubs in their own respects. Though there is a debate of whether Greenville is a college town centered around ECU or a city independent of the Pirates.

Mayor P.J. Connelly said the city has a great partnership with ECU. Connelly said ECU and the city feed off each other and know the city's success is their success and vice versa.

"I think Greenville is a great college town, I should say a great college city," Connelly said.

Connelly said Greenville is a diverse community and the city is working to address issues throughout the community to make it more inclusive. Connelly said it's important to keep everyone in mind when developing a plan that will impact the lives of everyone in the community.

Connelly said ECU is a great partner because Greenville's ultimate goal is to keep ECU students in the Greenville area



A side by side comparison of ECU's Main Campus Student Center and the city of Greenville's City Hall.

so they can get jobs and raise families in Greenville.

"I think Greenville is a great place to live, we have great citizens, that are very friendly, very nice, great university, great medical facility, great business climate, overall great place for people to live," Connelly said. "It's a middle size town, it's not too large, it's not too small. It's just a nice community I think you'd be welcome to raise a family in."

District 5 City Councilmember Will Litchfield said Greenville is a growing city that has a university. Litchfield

said older people may view Greenville as a city and students may view Greenville as a college town.

"So I think together that creates a wonderful community and environment for people No. 1 to be educated and No. 2 be able to live and stay here after they graduate from college also," Litchfield said.

Litchfield said Greenville has its own identity, but it is better to include ECU as part of Greenville's identity.

"We're much better together and when you create a partnership

with the city and the university, there's a lot more people telling the success of growth in eastern North Carolina, the thriving community we have," Litchfield said. "I think it makes a lot more sense not to try to separate ourselves from an identity perspective."

Chancellor Cecil Staton said in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian, Greenville is a great college town. Staton said Greenville is one of North Carolina's top

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Adopt-A-Grandparent to host information session

East Carolina University students will be able to learn more about the Adopt-A-Grandparent program that offers students the opportunity to build relationships with the elderly residents in Greenville.

An interesting meeting will be held in the Main Campus Student Center, room 207 tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Campus Kitchen to hold information session

Students can learn more about Campus Kitchen at ECU (CKEUC) and its mission to help solve the hunger crisis in the Greenville community.

CKEUC will hold an interest meeting in the Main Campus Student Center room 237 tomorrow at 5 p.m. Students will receive one volunteer hour for attending the interest meeting.

G.O.L.D. Series to promote self-care

The Growing Organizational Leadership & Development (G.O.L.D.) Series will present a dialogue revolving around risk management in student organizations. The event will take place in Bate 1011 from 6 to 7 tonight.

The event will focus on providing different perspectives on how to handle potential issues that could arise in different organizations.

Campus Recreation and Wellness strength trains

Tomorrow, Campus Recreation and Wellness will host its "Lift Like a Girl" strength clinics at the Health Science Student Center room 235 beginning at 2 p.m. The event is open to all people who are interested in resistance training, but is designed for women.

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ECU discusses finance

Off-campus student services talks budget planning

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East Carolina University students are invited to attend the upcoming Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) event, Budgeting 101, which will provide an opportunity to receive insight and awareness affiliated with the hidden costs of living off-campus.

Budgeting 101 is scheduled to take place this evening from 4 to 5 p.m. in Great Room 1 of Mendenhall Student Center, and has been approved to count as a passport event for students.

Students in attendance will hear Director of Finance Administration for Student Involvement and Leadership, Dean Smith, deliver an overview of costs students should be aware of when making the decision to move off-campus, according to the official ECU Events Calendar webpage.

Brandy Daniels, the assistant director of housing operations and director of off-campus student services, said the Budgeting 101 program is organized by the OCSS to take place every semester.

"One of the things we had to do was restructure our programing and think about what were some of the topics students needed to learn about," Daniels said. "Budgeting, cost, credit, those types of things are important as we drew toward making sure our students are more prepared to graduate and live off-campus."

The event is a partnership between the OCSS and the Office for Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL), according to Daniels.

Daniels said the purpose of the event is to give students an overview of costs for those who are drawn toward moving off-campus. In addition, the speaker will educate students on credit and borrowing money in terms of student loans.

"While it's called Budgeting 101 and most of the time we focus living off-campus, we also give a lot of information that students would probably, most of the time, learn about after they get out of school," Daniels said. "It's a wide range of



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University Edge & Dickinson Lofts, located on Dickinson Avenue, is one of many options available for housing.

information, but primarily we're talking about costs."

Daniels said the target audience of the event is students who are thinking about transitioning to off-campus housing. However, any student is encouraged to attend whether they currently live on or off-campus.

The information presented at the meeting will be beneficial to all students, according to Daniels. She said knowing how to budget is a skill everyone needs to know whether they are in college or have already graduated.

"While of course we want to make sure students during that transition time are attending our programs, budgeting is always something. It doesn't matter if you're in college or out of college, you will always have to budget," Daniels said.

Upon request by the OCSS, Smith volunteers his time to speak to students about financial literacy at the event. According to Smith, he has been asked to participate in the event for the several semesters now.

Smith said when it comes to learning how to budget money properly, students oftentimes receive no education, which in turn is a small piece of the broader topic of being financially literate.

"If your parents didn't teach it to you, and oftentimes the parents themselves receive no training on it, a student will have no training at all," Smith said. "It's important that if you're going to graduate, move into the world and suddenly, relatively speaking, have a lot more money or a lot more money than what you had (before) that you know how to best manage it."

As part of his Budgeting 101 presentation, Smith said he will talk



Dean Smith

to students about three topics. It will focus on credit scores, how borrowing money works and educating students on how to choose the right techniques for themselves.

Throughout the course of 40 to 45 minutes, Smith said he will teach students what he considers to be foundational information for students to get a solid start in life.

"Prior to working in higher education I was a banker," Smith said. "I saw students who would graduate, they would go out and try to do things like purchase their own car or their own home, and though they had the money to do that,

oftentimes they didn't understand the fundamentals of finance."

Phillip Pilkington, a sophomore communication major, is currently living off ECU's campus in an apartment complex. He said when making the decision to move off-campus, he took into consideration the costs that come along with the transition.

Living off-campus looks cheaper on paper, according to Pilkington. However, if students are smart with the ways they spend their money it can be as cheap as it seems.

Pilkington said he was financially prepared before making the decision to move off-campus. He said the most important factors to be aware of when moving off-campus are budgeting money and being smarter with it.

"Rent is something (a cost) that needs to be figured out before you sign the lease and (you should) already have that money set aside whether it be from loans or your parents," Pilkington said. "For food and entertainment you should already have some (money saved) but that's where the job comes in."

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performance means for that industry.

According to Cameron, in the private sector, performance means profitability and stock price while in the public sector performance may be getting brand recognition. Cameron said the presentation is applicable across different organizations.

"That's one area of focus," Cameron said. "The second area of focus is how do I help individuals in organizations flourish, thrive in their work, be more productive, be more successful than they would normally be? And the third probably is if I'm the leader and I want those outcomes to occur, what do I have to do as a leader?"

Cameron said during his presentation he will also give examples of how the organizations in the past were able to improve their performance.

Cameron said he will highlight some of the practices that were shared

with organizations and with leaders to make them more successful.

"So one of the results of the presentation will be that some individuals will have an idea about what they can do to achieve higher performance," Cameron said.

Aneil Mishra, ECU's College of Business' acting associate dean, said the Cunanan Leadership series is funded by ECU alumni Ellen and Steve Cunanan.

Mishra said the Cunanan's have outlined the series where a speaker is brought to campus to discuss leadership.



Aneil Mishra

"The broad topic is leadership but within that could be any number of aspects, either leadership within a particular industry like banking, or leadership when it comes to a particular set of issues," Mishra said.

Mishra said the executive leadership team has been going

through Cameron's book, *Positive Leadership*, and have been using it as a framework for discussions.

"I thought it was a good opportunity to perhaps bring Cameron to campus to spend some additional time both with our leadership team and the College of Business, as well as teach the broader College of Business of ECU student, faculty and staff community," Mishra said.

Mishra said the purpose of the leadership series is to provide examples of exemplary leadership in the private sector or in this case, higher education.

Mishra said the leadership series gives students the opportunity to interact with executives and other leaders in order to prepare for their careers.

"It's a great opportunity to identify examples of leadership and apply that to your own personal efforts to grow as a leader. And at the same time develop opportunities for networking with some of these leaders who obviously have connections to significant

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-Aneil Mishra

employment opportunities in other things like that throughout the country or the world," Mishra said.

Robert Ola, senior management information systems major, said bringing the leadership series to ECU is a great opportunity for him and other students to learn leadership skills.

Ola said he attends leadership conferences because he wants to learn new leadership skills from experts in the field. Ola said these events help him gain knowledge of leadership skills that will make him successful.

"I expect to learn leadership skills in respect to run a business and how to maintain a business.

Also how to be a leader of a group, how to manage a group, how to handle activities, group assignments and projects with different kinds of corporations, with different things around that area," Ola said.

Ola said the College of Business' motto is "We Build Leaders," and by hosting leadership conferences it's actively working to build leaders.

"We are the future of this country. We're the future leaders of this world so we have to be able to know those skills, know what to do so that we can lead the masses among us," Ola said.

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GREENVILLE

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10 largest cities, but stands out from the rest due to its passion for its hometown university.

Staton said many businesses have Pirate statues and the color purple is on buildings all over town supporting ECU.

"Restaurants and businesses too numerous to count adopt names that fit within the Pirate theme," Staton said. "No other large city in our state wraps its arms around its university like Greenville embraces ECU. That makes Greenville a one-of-a-kind big city -- and also a great college town."

Ron Mitchelson, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said he has lived in many college towns and Greenville is more than just a college town. Mitchelson

said Greenville is a vibrant city that can be marketed as a great college town.

Mitchelson said people in the western part of North Carolina need to know Greenville is not only a great destination for students and ECU, but is also a great college town with many housing and recreational opportunities.

"There's no doubt ECU has a brand name that contributes in a very positive way to Greenville's identity," Mitchelson said. "I would think much of the world views Greenville as a college town. I think we're both entities, the city, Greenville and ECU are making an effort to cobrand ourselves."

Sup Dogs Owner, Bret Oliverio, said Greenville is geared toward the university

and the city would be entirely different if ECU wasn't here.

Oliverio said local restaurants, nightlife and breweries help create an identity for Greenville that is indicative of the city and its culture.

"I think Greenville is a city that's based around a college town," Oliverio said. "However, I do think Greenville is bigger than people do give it credit for, meaning the students are gone in the summer there's still a good amount of people that live here so I don't think it is a college town, I don't think it gets credit for being as big of a city as it actually is."

Ariel Lauritzen, senior psychology major, said Greenville is a college town in the city.

Lauritzen said she works at Dollar Tree and at work she has met a lot of people who have lived in Greenville for their entire lives that makes her feel like Greenville is more of a city.

"I meet people that aren't in college, that haven't even gone to college here, like have just lived here their whole lives," Lauritzen said.

Morgan Finch, junior psychology major, said Greenville is a city but a college town in specific areas of Greenville.

Finch said downtown seems like a college town, but there is more to Greenville than just the downtown area which makes it a city.

"I would say (Greenville's a city) just because there's a lot of businesses and a lot of families moving here," Finch said. "Yeah, we still have college but it's like really pinpointed to a specific location."

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Bret Oliverio



Ron Mitchelson

OUR VIEW

Culvert poorly planned

Beginning in March, the city of Greenville will close several major roads around the Uptown Greenville area to work on the Town Creek Culvert Project, a storm water drainage system.

The project will force the city to close portions of Fifth Street, Reade Circle, Evans Street and Cotanche Street, all around campus. The closures will likely last into the fall.

While it is clear that the Uptown area has a flooding problem, the timing of this project is not the most convenient for these particular roads. With a construction timeline predicting the project to last until November, this will affect traffic surrounding the university.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, do not understand why city officials made the decision to inconvenience the 30,000 students who attend ECU by closing important roads that lead to the university.

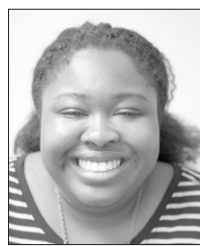
These major roads that lead to our university will be closed for major events including graduation, moving out of the dorms and moving back in during the fall. Not to mention faculty and staff who park on campus.

This will also have an adverse effect on local businesses in the area, though according to several Greenville officials, they are working very closely with the business owners to counteract any negative effects they may face.

While the project is supposed to last longer than the three months allotted for summer vacation, it would have made more sense to begin the project after graduation and move out when the population of



McConnell's mistaken Election Day should be a federal holiday



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Bless The Press

In the fast-paced, multitasking lives we lead as Americans, the absence of free time tends to be a commonality. From working 9-to-5 shifts and overwhelming

class schedules, our daily obligations take precedence and rarely leave room for adjustment, even when it comes to exercising their right to vote.

Statically, voter turnout has been coming in at historic lows, with the exclusion of the record-breaking 2018 midterm elections. About 60 percent of the eligible voting population votes during presidential election years and about 40 percent votes during midterm election, according to FairVote.org.

In an attempt to rectify this issue, House Democrats introduced a piece of legislation last month. Rightfully titled "H.R.1 - For the People Act of 2019," the anti-corruption bill is meant "to expand Americans' access to the ballot box" by making Election Day a federal holiday and encourages private employers to give their workers the day off.

Unfortunately, the potential of this bill being passed looks particularly bleak, as the For the People Act of 2019 was verbally dismissed by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell last week. In remarks on the Senate floor, McConnell said Democrats "want taxpayers on the hook for generous new benefits for federal bureaucrats and government employees," and described the legislation as "a political power grab that's smelling more and more like what it is."

"So this is the Democrats' plan to 'restore democracy,'" McConnell said on the Senate floor last Wednesday. "H.R. 1

would victimize every American taxpayer by pouring their money into expensive new subsidies that don't even pass the laugh test."

In today's society, it can be hard to fathom why Tuesday would be selected as the day for Americans to cast their ballots, but the answer stems from the 29th United States Congress and the agrarian makeup a 19th-century America.

In the 1800s, most American citizens worked as farmers and lived far from their local polling places. Since people often traveled at least a day to vote, lawmakers needed to allow a two-day window for Election Day and weekends were impractical due to most Americans being active church goers at the time.

Since the institution of Election Day by Congress in 1845, more than 170 years have passed and the right to vote now belongs to groups who were once seen as less than — African Americans and women.

As a college student who has only been able to vote for two years and is actively involved on campus, scheduling time to vote has at times been a hassle. In between studying, club meetings and work, it isn't hard to comprehend why many people just like me opt out of voting.

What about the single mother who gets off her work shift just to wait in a carpool line to pick up her children after school? Or the father who lives paycheck to paycheck and has to spend his Super Tuesday working an extra shift? Is their livelihood a partisan "power grab," Mr. Majority Leader?

In addition to being ill-informed about the benefits of H.R. 1, McConnell's response also serves as tone deaf, given the recent ending of a shutdown stalemate that caused millions of federal workers to not be paid. It's quite easy to dismiss the calls of the American people when your payroll

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hasn't been halted or when you sit in a comfortable seat of corporate cash, which for McConnell, that seat happens to be more than \$280,000 high.

This may come as a shock to the Senate Majority Leader, but Republicans vote too. As do Libertarians, Independents and every other kind of voter within our country's vast political spectrum.

Another newflash for our nation's minority leader would be the indisputable statistics that refute his argument against this bill being passed into law. Americans on both sides of the aisle, according to a 2018 study conducted by the Pew Research Center, support making Election Day a national holiday, 71 percent of Democrats and 59 percent of Republicans, to be exact.

In today's society, holding elections on a Tuesday is impractical and unjust to the average working American. By making election day a federal holiday, our democracy can take one rightful step into the current century we're living in.

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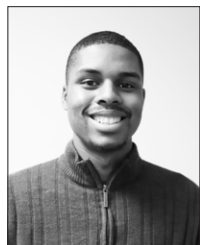
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G.O.A.T. debate is overrated



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entertaining until as of late.

When people hear the word G.O.A.T., or "the greatest of all time," some tend to just associate that abbreviation with sports, which is not always true. Yes sports analysts have made claims and arguments about who the greatest athlete of all time is in each sport especially in sports such as football, basketball and baseball. You hear the names Tom Brady, Michael Jordan, Serena Williams and Babe Ruth. Even though people associate that title with athletes, this debate has spread out to where it now pertains not only to sports but to music, movies, video games, technology and much more.

Music has grown so much in recent years to where listeners have decided what songs

and albums get put in the Billboard Top 100. People have tried to judge which albums and artists are the greatest of all time as a result of who stays on that list for the longest periods of time. Artists such as Michael Jackson, Drake, Prince, Whitney Houston and others have been listed in this conversation.

In the movie industry, debates have grown over who is the greatest actor and actress of all time. People have talked about which films rank among the all time best through all genres, whether in action, romance, musicals, superhero and even animated films. Others have went as far as to argue who is the greatest movie director of all time.

If people read newspapers and magazines, there have been book reviews that basically justify whether or not a novel is worth reading or even opening. Fans and avid readers have talked about the greatest book series ever, and who wrote the best books ever. When you think of the best authors you hear of names such as Mark Twain, James Patterson, Stephen King and J.K. Rowling.

Another interesting G.O.A.T debate that has been over food and restaurants. Tasters

and food critics have made claims on who serves the freshest foods, the tastiest foods and who offers perhaps the biggest variety of foods. That has taken place among popular food chains, as well as more local food joints. The fact that people have tried to discuss which food dishes and eateries are the greatest ever is very surprising.

There have been G.O.A.T debates all across the board, more than what was listed above. The issue I have with this G.O.A.T debate comes when people try to list the different criteria required to be even considered for that title. When it comes to naming people, others do not take into consideration at times those who came before and those who might come after that could surpass their G.O.A.T status.

I believe this whole G.O.A.T debate is overrated because this is more of a opinionated debate. Even though people can provide different numbers and facts that might be able to support their claim, there will never ultimately be one G.O.A.T in anything people try to list.

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Huskies prevail over Pirates

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After defeating Tulane University in a nail biter 66-65 on Thursday, the East Carolina University men's basketball team went to Hartford, Connecticut and got blown out 52-76 by the University of Connecticut on Sunday.

ECU (9-12, 2-7 AAC) and UConn (13-9, 4-5 AAC) have had a history of close matchups that were decided in the end by less than seven points dating back two years ago to Jan. 22, 2017. Both teams have dealt with coaching changes that resulted in new head coaches to the start of the season, head coach Joe Dooley for the Pirates and head coach Dan Hurley for the Huskies.

UConn leads the all-time series between the two programs 12-2, with the last ECU win against the team coming on March 1, 2017 when the Pirates won 66-62 at home. The Huskies were favored to win because of the Pirates' winless record (0-8) on the road and inconsistencies the team has faced during American Athletic Conference play.

ECU jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the first 2:19 of the game. UConn came back to make it a back and forth battle for the rest of the half. The game was tied 15 minutes into the first half at 19-19. The Huskies finished the half on a 13-7 run to lead 32-26 at halftime.

Less than two minutes into the second half, junior forward Seth LeDay had perhaps the biggest



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Sophomore guard K.J. Davis knocked down three three-point baskets to go along with 13 points against UConn Sunday.

highlight of the game between both teams that resulted in a SportsCenter top 10 play. LeDay went behind the back on UConn sophomore forward Josh Carlton, drove down the lane and slammed down the emphatic one-handed posterizing dunk, which had the whole ECU bench up on its feet. That dunk and a three-point

basket by sophomore guard Shawn Williams had the Pirates within six points in the second half 31-37. After that sequence the game went downhill for ECU. With 8:57 left in the game, the Pirates trailed by 10 points 53-43. It appeared the game would come down to the wire, but three minutes later ECU found itself down 20, 65-45. The Huskies went

up by as much as 24 points and blew out the Pirates in the end 76-52.

"For about 30 minutes we were really good, the pace was good," Dooley said per ecupirates.com. "I thought we played really hard. Back-to-back threes and we don't get a loose ball; it seems like its a four-minute stretch every game that does us in."

ECU finished the game shooting only 33.3 percent from the field (19-for-57) and 26.7 percent from the three point line (4-for-15). The Pirates on the defensive side allowed UConn to finish the game shooting 49.1 percent from the field (26-for-53) and 35.3 percent from three (6-for-17).

Sophomore guard K.J. Davis led the way for the Pirates in scoring with 13 points including three three-point baskets. Freshman forward Jayden Gardner, who came into the game averaging 18.3 points and 9.2 rebounds a game, finished Sunday with only nine points on 2-for-10 from the field to go along with six rebounds.

The Pirates held UConn's leading scorer, senior guard Jalen Adams, who averaged under 19 points per game, scoreless to the point where Hurley benched him in the second half. ECU did allow Carlton to get his first double-double for the Huskies on Sunday with 20 points and 16 rebounds with no response.

"He dominated the game," Dooley said. "He was a little more deliberate and he made some shots when we put him on the free throw line. He also dug out loose balls and turned them into points."

ECU will look to tie its win total from last season on Wednesday at home as it will host Wichita State University (10-11, 3-6 AAC) and tip off at 7 p.m.

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Track and Field compete in split squad weekend

Jess Sabin
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University men's and women's track and field teams competed in its first and only split squad weekend of the indoor season last Friday and Saturday as half the team went to JDL Fast Track meet in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the other half was sent to the Doc Hale Elite Meet in Blacksburg, Virginia.

The team sent its one mile runners, 5k meter runners and 3k meter runners to compete at the JDL Fast Track while the rest of the team went to the Doc Hale Elite Meet. The Pirates saw a lot of success throughout the meets with plenty of personal records (PR) being set in both meets.

Runners such as freshman Jaeden Phelix, junior Bethany Weaver and sophomore Josh Spare set a PR in the 5k with individual times of 19:18:60, 17:53:30 and 15:12:54. This gave the Pirates three PR's in one individual event at the JDL meet.

Freshman Anna Bristle ran an impressive 9:43:49 during the 3k, putting her in the top eight in the conference and creating a new PR. Another PR in the 3k was set by senior Andrew Ciaccia with a time of 8:47:50.

Junior Alyssa Sandy and senior Kristen Stephens ran the hurdles in a lifetime PR of 8.86 and 9.18. Freshman Mariah Atwater and freshman Leya Essex ran their best 400 meter time of all year at 58.21 and 59.13. Sophomore Brooke Stith set a PR of 5.69 meters and sophomore Tavia Ranger pulled through with a PR as well.



Curt Kraft

Last but not least, junior D'nia Freeman ran a 24.83 in the 200 meter marking her new PR as she ran with confidence and persistence. Senior Hakeem Horton did not PR, but he won the long jump individual title, clearing 7.38 meters. Horton also took second place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.67 seconds.

"Overall, I think the team did great this weekend," Whitaker said in an emailed statement. "We had some people really show up and go above and beyond the standard of excellence we have set on our team"

With these meets now in the books the Pirates only have one more meet before the indoor American Athletic Conference championships.

"The mindset moving forward is to continue improving in each event group," Sullivan said in an emailed statement. "We have had great momentum this season and keeping that going brings confidence to the team."

The Pirates are looking toward their next meet at the Darius Dixon Memorial Invitational hosted by Liberty University in Lynchburg Virginia.

"The mindset as I always preach is that we have to stay hungry, we have to stay healthy. They have to stay focused, we have to work hard in practice. They have to continue to do the little things like taking care of their bodies with treatment and rehab. So that mindset would be to prepare themselves maybe even more so mentally than physically," Kraft said.

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Senior point guard Alex Frazier, senior forwards Desiree Corbin and Destiny Campbell look to take on No. 5 UConn.

ECU set to take on No. 5 ranked UConn

Mikey Carrillo
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University women's basketball team will take on its toughest opponent of the year as it will travel to Hartford, Connecticut to take on the fifth ranked University of Connecticut on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Pirates (11-10, 2-6 AAC) are coming off a close 63-61 win at home against Tulane University on Saturday, to break their five-game losing streak. They now sit in a four-way tie at the bottom of the American Athletic Conference standings.

While the Huskies (19-2, 8-0 AAC) are coming off a win on the road in Cincinnati on Saturday, although they struggled in their game before that one against No. 3 ranked Louisville resulting in a 78-69 loss.

The Pirates look to carry their momentum gained during their last game, as before Saturday, they had lost every game dating back to Jan. 9. ECU has struggled on the road this season however, having yet to win an away game, currently holding an 0-7 record.

Although the team is coming off a great home win and have some momentum going into Wednesday, a victory against UConn will be

difficult since it has not lost a game at home with a 7-0 record.

Both the team's defense and offense will be put into test, as the Huskies not only lead the AAC in scoring with 78.2, but also in points allowed, with 49.5 through their eight games played. They are ranked 13th in the nation in scoring offense, and 10th in scoring defense, through 22 games played this year.

The Huskies' eight game conference winning streak has come because of their great ability of both making shots and not allowing teams to put the ball through the hoop. UConn has a scoring margin of +28.8, shoot 47 percent from the field, 68 percent from the free throw line. This only allow teams to shoot 32 percent from the field as they rank first in all of those three categories in the league.

ECU will have to play as tough as they did during its last game, especially in the paint. The team's defense should look forward to the

challenge, especially sophomore guard Lashonda Monk, who defensively is one of the best players in the conference, as she is leading it with 4.1 steals per game.

On the other hand, Frazier has been really good offensively as of late, as she has scored in double digits in six of her last nine games played, including a season high 19 points in both Jan. 26 and Saturday's game. The senior's pull-up jump shots have been giving the Pirates good offensive possessions during the last couple of games.

While Williams has been shooting and making most of the team's three point shots during the last six games played, she is shooting 39 percent from the three-point territory, including 6-for-11 in her last two games.

The whole team will have to play its best basketball and execute acting head coach Nicole Mealing's game plan to have a good chance on beating the five time AAC tournament champions.

The Pirates will play on the road against UConn tomorrow at 7 p.m. and the game will be streamed on ESPN3.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Friends are especially helpful today and tomorrow. Collaborate on a brilliant idea. Keep showing up for your team. You're making a good impression.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- A professional opportunity lies within reach for a few days. You're gaining respect and influence as you gain skills with practice. Study recent developments.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Expand your exploration. Make long-distance connections. Discover a pleasant surprise. Find hidden beauty, brilliant ideas and unimagined treasure. Unexpected deviations are worth investigating.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Romance could take you by surprise. Relax, and enjoy the company. Prioritize fun, love and family. Learn from young people. They're your secret power source.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Domestic projects provide satisfying results today and tomorrow. Fix something before it breaks. Implement practical solutions. Simplify and cut clutter. Beautify your space.

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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- You're growing more confident and powerful. Pamper yourself with a new hairstyle or outfit. Consider how best to present yourself. Dress for the part you want.

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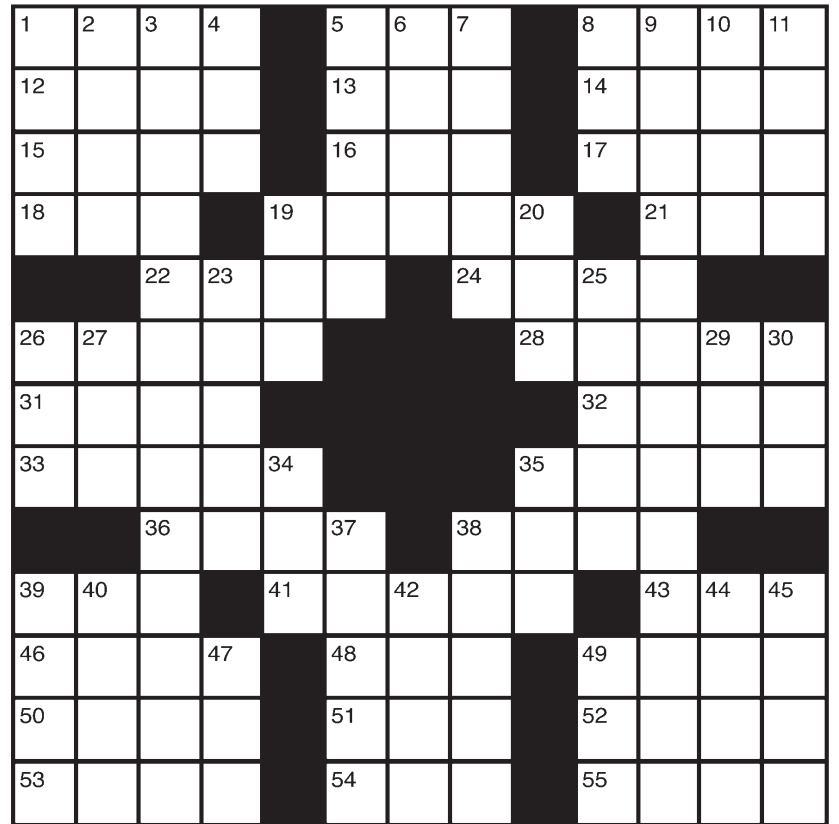
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- 12 Ajar
- 13 "Hee ___"
- 14 ___ the kill; there for the best part
- 15 Tracey or Missy
- 16 Actress Thurman
- 17 Tilly and Ryan
- 18 Sullivan and Begley
- 19 Panorama
- 21 Actress ___ Thompson
- 22 Estrada of "CHiPs"
- 24 ___ Hatcher
- 26 Actress Dunaway and others
- 28 "Waiting for ___"; play by Odets
- 31 Egg on
- 32 Close by
- 33 Chutzpah
- 35 "For ___ sake!"
- 36 Prefix for space or dynamics
- 38 Role on "The Cosby Show"
- 39 "According to ___"
- 41 Quick
- 43 Scientist's workplace

- 46 "A Farewell to ___"; Gary Cooper film based on a Hemingway tale
- 48 Street paver's substance
- 49 "No ___ for Sergeants"
- 50 "How ___ Your Mother"
- 51 Actress Arden
- 52 "Crossing ___ with John Edward"
- 53 Phyllis' unseen hubby on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- 54 "___ and Stacey"
- 55 ___ up; confined

DOWN

- 1 Theater box
- 2 Like peas in ___
- 3 Star of "Hank"
- 4 Finish
- 5 Zachary Levi series
- 6 "___ Time, Next Year"; Alan Alda/Ellen Burstyn movie
- 7 "All ___ for Christmas is my..."
- 8 Conway or Allen
- 9 Long-running daytime serial
- 10 Become furious
- 11 "___ Wonderful Life"
- 19 Mary-Kate, to Ashley
- 20 Snakelike fish
- 23 "Superman" actor Christopher ___
- 25 Ms. Zellweger
- 26 "___ With Dick and Jane"
- 27 "Car 54, Where ___ You?"
- 29 Edison's monogram
- 30 Calendar periods: abbr.
- 34 Slip up
- 35 Advanced degree, for short
- 37 Like Cheerios
- 38 Exhausted
- 39 Convict's home
- 40 "___ la Douce"
- 42 ___ the way; go ahead of others
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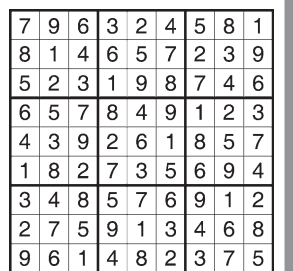
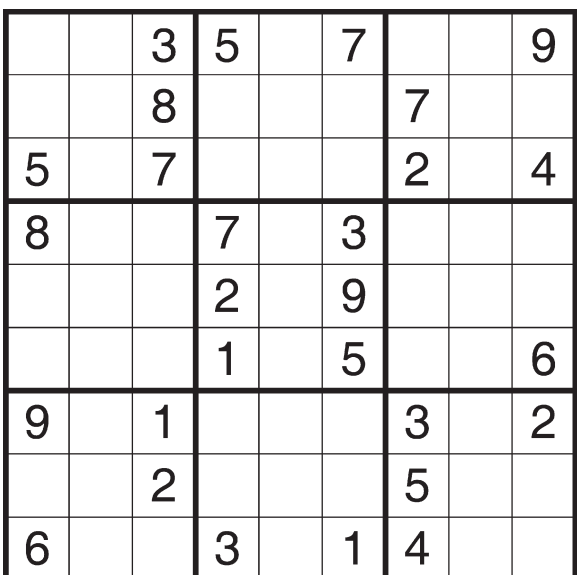
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7 p.m.

**Tapped Feature
Artists Night**
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7:30 p.m.

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8 p.m.

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Puppy Party
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Apartments
5:30 p.m.

Wine Tasting
Uptown Brewing
Company
6 p.m.

Trivia Night
Kickback Jacks
7 p.m.

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

The anatomy of comedy

Swish Improv club invites collegiate jokesters

Taylor Mumma
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Swish Improv club invites all students who love to be funny to join its team.

Swish is a team that participates in improv, a funny and unscripted performance where the story is based off of topics retrieved from the audience. Giving them names, places or anything that comes to mind, the team then has to come up with a performance based off the audience's words.

It is a show that is unique for every performance and hilarious for the entire audience to enjoy, according to Jake Weddle, one of the co-captains of the team.

Weddle, a senior double majoring in communication and theatre, is one of the captains, and explained improv wasn't just having a fun thing to do with your best friends, but also an important tool that can be used in everyday life.

"You have to accept the given circumstances that you are in and make something of it," Weddle said. "The ability to do this and move on from there is not only important in the world of improv, but also a good skill to have in life as an adult."

Swish's next performance, titled "Swishentines" for Valentine's Day, is on Feb. 22 at 11 p.m. in Messick Theatre Arts Center, room 206.

A member since freshman year, Weddle said the group has fluctuated since his first time in the club, and he himself has gained endless life skills due to it. They try to have 10 to 20 people is a lot for an improv club, for variation of comedy and personalities in their shows, according to Weddle.

Swish has also ventured out into the community for their shows as well. In the past, they have done shows for the Magnolia Arts Center and Turnage Theatre.

Joyce Cooper, co-captain of the team and a sophomore double majoring in professional acting and theatre education, said the club is open to all majors who want to learn more about being a performer and being comfortable on stage.

"Swish is a collaborative environment where students of any major can come and learn the rules of improv, and how to work together as a team and as an individual performer to further your education of the ins and outs of that art form," Cooper said.

Since the club is based in the School of Theatre and Dance, it is hard to branch out into other majors, and for other students to hear about the Swish Improv Club, according to Weddle.

All of the members boast about their time and the close relationships they have made, the life lessons they have learned while in the improv club, as well as having a fun and hilarious time while doing it.

"I hope that they gain a better sense of listening to each other, it's a very important thing in improv and acting, as well as in life," Cooper said. "Learning how to listen to each other and



Left, back: Swish's Grant Janik, Damaris Tooley, Grayce Mossier, Mila Bolash, Naz Harvey and Lexi Messier.

react based off of what you hear and how it makes you feel is something that I have gained from my time in Swish."

Practices, which are usually two to three times a week depending on if they have a show, are essential to getting comfortable on stage for their live shows. They practice games and situations that could be thrown their way, according to Weddle.

Swish usually has auditions once or twice a year. The older members make sure to help and support the new members, or what they call 'noobs,' in their efforts to get comfortable with improv on stage and in front of a live audience, according to Weddle.

"When I was a 'noob' I was terrified to perform in front of everybody," Weddle said. "Improv is really fun thing if you like playing games with some of your closest friends, but I

also think improv teaches you really good skills to have in life as well."

Matthew Donahue, a senior professional acting and musical theatre major, said the group has allowed him to express his passion for performing and his overall love for comedy.

"I have always been a goof and joking around, and I really wanted to be a part of a club to make friends that accept me and, ultimately, just make people laugh," Donahue said.

Swish is open to all majors and encourages students to become a part of their fun and loving environment. They have shows once a month in Messick and auditions will be announced for the upcoming year via the group's Twitter and Instagram.

"To me, Swish is almost like a therapy, we go through our college lives and stress about 'What test do I have, what homework do I have' etc. and we don't have a moment to breathe," Donahue said. "To me, swish is a breath, and it has been a bright light in my life."

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Matthew Donahue

TWILIGHT

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friendship between three sculpting students, Chris, Jennifer and Kyle and what happens when one of them ends up missing. Set to premiere on Feb. 17, the storyline follows the questions of what happened to the character of Kyle, as Chris and Jennifer try to figure out the mystery.

Gerney said the basic idea underlying the mystery is the philosophical questions of everybody having a different perspective.

"One of the questions that I think is fun, in the script is choosing heads or tails," Gerney said. "Every single decision that people make is almost as arbitrary as heads or tails because people really just choose one side or choose the other side, and that is kind of the baseline of the decision everybody makes."

Gerney also said the perspectives clashing for meaningless reasons is brought up in the performance. He highlights the differences between eastern and western philosophy, in which he received influence from studying the practice of the philosophical tradition Daoism.

Sophomore Payton Nugent is taking on the role as one of the lead characters, Chris. Nugent said throughout the play the characters Chris and Jennifer try to stay as optimistic as they can. He said he hopes the audience learns about how



From left: ECU theatre students Ginger Dawn and Kelsey Kornegay in one of the promotional posters for "Twilight Boy."

to cope from difficult situations in life from viewing the performance.

"I think that what I want people

to get out of the play is that don't limit your mind to just one outcome to the situation," Nugent said. "Know that any situation can have multiple outcomes and whatever that situation puts you through, instead of regretting that situation learn



Kelsey Kornegay

from it and incorporate what you learned in your life."

Junior professional acting major Kelsey Kornegay is playing the lead role of Jennifer. Kornegay describes herself as a powerful and passionate character who really takes control of certain aspects of the play.

Kornegay believes the concept will push audiences to look at the aspects of their life differently.

"I would want the audience to really be looking at things, and relationships and people with a very broad mind, in a different light," Kornegay said. "In friendship and in love, that's a huge aspect of it, and in life and in death, and

in morality and immortality and society construct...I really wish I could pinpoint it to one thing, but he (Gerney) has really written such a complex, but very interesting piece."

To guide Gerney through his production process, he was placed under the mentorship of Patch Clark, director and Theatre for Youth professor. She said she attends rehearsals, and they meet with each other weekly.

"We meet to talk about where the progress is, what's happening with it, what direction he's going in or has it changed or developed in any way," Clark said.

From a young age, Gerney

always knew he had a passion for theatre. He says his start began with the help of his first mentor, who he refers to as Mrs. Kathleen.

"She encouraged me to do so much in theater, she cast me in my first community theater show and really pushed me a lot...she was a guiding force who really helped me," Gerney said.

Looking for a university that provides acting training and a program revolving around the theatre for the youth, Gerney then found himself at ECU. Beginning from freshman



Patch Clark

year, Gerney has been involved in multiple productions presented by The School of Theatre and Dance such as "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe," "Wind of the Willows" and "Midsummers Night Dream." Gerney will also be taking on the role of Aramis in the upcoming performance of "The Three Musketeers."

"Twilight Boy" will be performed at Whirligig Stage located at 628 Pitt St. on Feb. 17 at 3 p.m., followed by the evening performance starting at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

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