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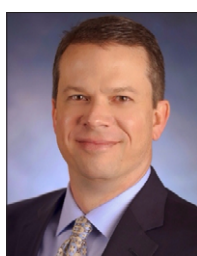
ECU college dean to leave in July

Staff Report

William Downs, East Carolina University dean of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, will leave his position with the university and move to Gardner-Webb University to serve as its 13th president.

Downs has been with ECU since 2014. Before joining ECU, Downs worked at Georgia State University in several different positions, according to a press release from GWU.

Chairman of the Presidential Search Committee, David Royster III, a GWU Board of Trustees member, said he thinks Downs will bring



William Downs

important leadership qualities to the university.

Downs said in the release he is honored for the opportunity to move to

GWU as the university's president. He said several parts have attracted him to the university.

"GWU's mission and underlying values, its people and programs, and its rich traditions of excellence," Downs said in the release. "Together, we will have the chance to write a new chapter in the history of one of

North Carolina's great universities. I cannot wait to get started."

Downs will transition into his new position beginning July 1 to fill the vacant position after the former president, Frank Bonner, retired this month.

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Valentine's Day



From left: Employees Doug "Thor" Emerson and Josh Davis at Stumpy's Hatchet House retrieve hatchets. Stumpy's is hosting "Hachets & Hearts" tonight.

Restaurants promote Valentine's deals, events

Vincent Justice

TEC STAFF

Restaurants all across Greenville are preparing for Valentine's Day as some embrace the holiday, others make light of it.

Regardless of how someone celebrates, these restaurants are welcoming anyone with open arms and an array of choices on their menu.

Sarah Edwards, the front house manager of Famiglia, said the restaurant's Valentine's Day offer is made special for the holiday and will offer four different unique options, being beef, veal, chicken and a vegetarian option. She said in addition to this, customers will receive a four course meal with an appetizer, soup, salad, one of the four listed entrees and a desert.

Edwards said the Valentine's Day menu



Sarah Edwards

Sharing the love in Greenville

Giana Williams

TEC STAFF

A romantic Valentine's Day dinner with that special someone is not everyone's cup of tea, but the city of Greenville is providing many events that will make this year's Valentine's Day unforgettable.

Stumpy's Hatchet House is hosting Hachets & Hearts tonight at 5. According to Josh Davis, manager at Stumpy's Hatchet House, this is a "bring your own booze" event

and will provide extra throwing coaches and more pits for people to learn how to throw an ax properly and play games against each other.

"If people come in and they're not part of a couple, they can bring in pictures of their ex or whatever they want and hang it up on the bullseye instead of having a date night," Davis said. "They can celebrate being single or celebrate being in a relationship."

Stumpy's Hatchet House is located at 816 Dickinson Ave. One hour of throwing will

cost \$25 per person and two hours for \$40 per person. There will be a 20 percent off coupon to anyone, regardless of what price they choose.

Trollingwood Taproom and Brewery is having a special Valentine's Day concert, hosted by Spazz Presents tonight at 8 with a \$5 entry fee. Performances will include Tavo Carbone, Only Hours, Talons, Niboowin and

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Elevators in Scott Hall stall

Jennifer Flippin

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Sam Dolan FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN



Troubles with the size of generators in Scott Residence Hall have caused elevator issues for students, including leaving one with a concussion.

According to Aaron Lucier, director of housing operations, the elevator in Scott is only eight years old. He said the life expectancy of most elevators tends to be 20-30 years.

There are two elevators in Scott, and Lucier said the front elevator is normal, but the back goes into "standby mode" every Tuesday morning.

Lucier believes the time is usually around noon as the generator is tested.

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Baseball to hit off 2019 season

No. 11 ranked ECU baseball team is ready for run at Omaha



Junior outfielder Bryant Packard to play in third season.

Daniel Shepard

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University Pirates baseball team will begin its 2019 season with a three-game set against the Radford University Highlanders at Clark-LeClair Stadium. First pitch for Friday's game will be at 4 p.m., 2 p.m. for Saturday and 1 p.m. for Sunday's contest.

It's always easier to block out outside distractions when a team is winning. Fortunately for the ECU baseball team and head coach Cliff Godwin, that is exactly what the Pirates have been doing throughout the last handful of seasons.

Returning from a team that won 44 games last season, the Pirates will field one of the more experienced line-ups in the American Athletic Conference. Anchored by junior outfielder/designated hitter Bryant Packard and junior first baseman/designated hitter Spencer Brickhouse, the Pirates are looking to advance past the regionals for the first time since 2016.

"Going into 2019, I'm looking for East Carolina to go to Omaha, that's always our

goal every year," Brickhouse said.

That goal, while cut short in 2018, is alive and well this season as the Pirates rank solidly inside many top-25 preseason polls.

For the Pirates to back up their lofty rankings, they will need production from their star players. Brickhouse, who is the 60th-best player in the country, according to College Baseball Daily, will need to replicate his .298 batting average and .502 slugging percentage that he posted in 2018 if the Pirates hope to traverse the postseason.

Helping in that quest is Packard who will enter the 2019 season as a highly decorated college baseball player, having earned five preseason All-American accolades from various media outlets.

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Women and Gender Office to host Sister 2 Sister

The Women and Gender Office has partnered with the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center to host the Sister 2 Sister series between 5 and 6 p.m. Mentorship and professional development opportunities will be offered by faculty and staff for students who identify as women of color.

Make Your Own Ring with Student Activities Board

The Student Activities Board will be hosting a Make Your Own Rings event in the Main Campus Student Center between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Students can RSVP for this event through OrgSync.

Student Activities Board to hold a fashion show

The Student Activities Board will hold a Valentine's Day fashion show in the Main Campus Student Center in all three ballrooms. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Students are advised to arrive early to be entered into a raffle for gift cards, tech toys and more prizes.

G.O.L.D. Series to present soft skills workshop

The Growing Organization and Leadership Development series will hold a workshop tomorrow to help students improve their leadership skills. This workshop will be held at the Main Student Center, room 337 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Students will learn different useful traits for being a successful leader.

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Greek life investigation

Task force sends recommendations to Chancellor Staton

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Greek Life Task Force, which was implemented in the summer, finalized and sent its findings to Chancellor Cecil Staton on Feb. 7.

Staton will decide if or when a concluding statement will be released to the public based off the findings in the report compiled by the task force.

Members were instructed to look into nationally-recognized best practices and offer recommendations that would strengthen ECU's Greek life community, according to a statement released by Staton. The chancellor requested a final report be submitted to him by Dec. 14.

However, when the deadline came around, the concluding report had yet to be finalized and sent to Staton. Task force member and ECU Student Government Association President, Jordan Koonts, said the last physical meeting of the group was on Nov. 19.

"We (Greek Life Task Force) met prior to finals and Christmas break and decided the final scope of our proposal," Koonts said. "That was then crafted into a written proposal, and then between Christmas and the start of classes, this past week was the earliest we could meet to get a vote on the written proposal."

The task force conducted a meeting via conference call on Feb. 7 to review, vote on and finalize the proposal before submitting it to the chancellor. The final vote was unanimous, according to Koonts.

Koonts, also a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, said the direction

and scope of the task force was determined "prior to Christmas as per the chancellor's guidelines." He added, the committee sought after making the finalized report more comprehensive and all-encompassing versus a few key points.

"The original goal, as is still the goal and will continue to be the goal as long as the task force is around, is that the chancellor wanted to first kind of seek a reason as to why we had such a mass exodus of groups," Koonts said.

Koonts said the task force was looking into ways to change the culture of Greek life and have it remain as a positive impact and force to the lives of people on campus, while continuing to address issues organizations may encounter.

The task force has identified several key commonalities that it believes incorporate areas of improvement to reinforce Greek life, Koonts said. In addition, he hopes to see positive outcomes emerge after the implementation of the task force's findings.

"Greek life for years has had certain cultures that aren't acceptable and that we need to move past," Koonts said. "By doing a task force like this it helps us confront that culture but also take steps towards changing it."

Koonts said a culture, however, does not change overnight, but it does take a group of dedicated individuals to take the first steps toward creating a difference.

For the culture to change in the future, it takes buy-in from the Greek organizations on campus as well, according to Koonts. He said, although he believes the committee's work to be successful, it will take each member of Greek life to commit to changing for the better in order for the task force's goals to be successful.



JORDIN WILLIAMS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Phi Kappa Tau fraternity was kicked off and lost its house in Spring 2018.

"I think the task force was the best way to go about it (addressing struggles in Greek life) because, really, it helped build upon an already strong base that we had from the Greek Life Office," Koonts said.

Director of Greek life, John Mountz, a member of the task force, estimates the final report will be released sometime within the next few weeks.

Mountz said the task force has spent a large amount of time reviewing situations that occurred on ECU's campus, explored what instances occurred across the country and looked over national reports.

"I think we've created a report in response to the chancellor's request," Mountz said.

Mountz said the task force knows ECU's fraternity and sorority communities are a large part of student life and was aware some organizations have had challenges in the past. A goal of the committee was to figure out if, in support of chapters, programs could continue their current practices or if additions were needed to be made.

ECU Alumni and Board of Trustees member, Bob Plybon, co-chaired the task force alongside former Greenville City Councilmember, Kandie Smith.

"We (the task force) found that a lot of the issues that we're having at East Carolina University are not any different than they are experiencing at any other universities with their Greek systems across the country," Plybon said.

Plybon said the task force has done a "great job" focusing in on key issues. He said there was a tremendous amount of input given by student members of the task force, and he was both pleased and proud to serve with them.

"I believe the chancellor was very smart for putting this together so that we could get an input from a large group of constituencies and people from our board of trustees, folks from our alumni group, local people in our community and most importantly the students that were involved in the process," Plybon said.

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This resulted in one of the elevator incidents.

There are no official plans to get a bigger generator or replace the elevators in Scott because they were both recently installed within the past eight years, Lucier said. The size of the generator may have been compromised due to other more pressing renovations that needed to take place.

"We had to make a strategic decision about the size of the generator compared to the size of the load in the building so it was decided that one elevator in a generator situation was adequate," Lucier said.

Lucier said there are plans in the works to put a sign in the elevator explaining how to potentially handle the situation if it were to happen to another student.

Maggie Felman, a freshman business major, lives on the third floor of Scott and said she was stuck in the elevator due to unknown

reasons at the time.

Felman said she got into the elevator like any other day and when she pressed the button to go down in the elevator, it malfunctioned and dropped.

"(I) pressed the button to go down to the first floor and started moving down and the lights cut off it jerked and it dropped in between the first and second floor," Felman said.

Felman said she was stuck for five minutes in the dark of the elevator. Felman called the police while in the elevator trapped, and said that once the doors opened, officers had arrived and filed an incident report on her behalf.

When Felman went to Fastmed Urgent Care, she was told she had a minor concussion. Felman said she deals with consistent anxiety and night terrors after the incident. She said ECU has helped by continuing to check on her each morning, to make sure she is doing OK.

Felman said she plans on never using an elevator again, and even said that she would rather "walk up 50 flights of stairs."

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Aaron Lucier

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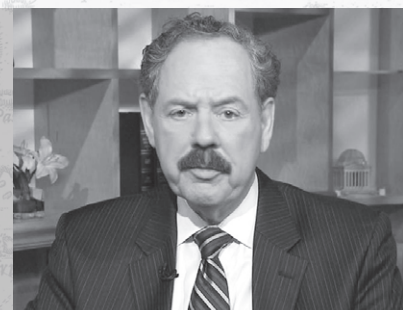
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OUR VIEW

Unsanitary conditions for students

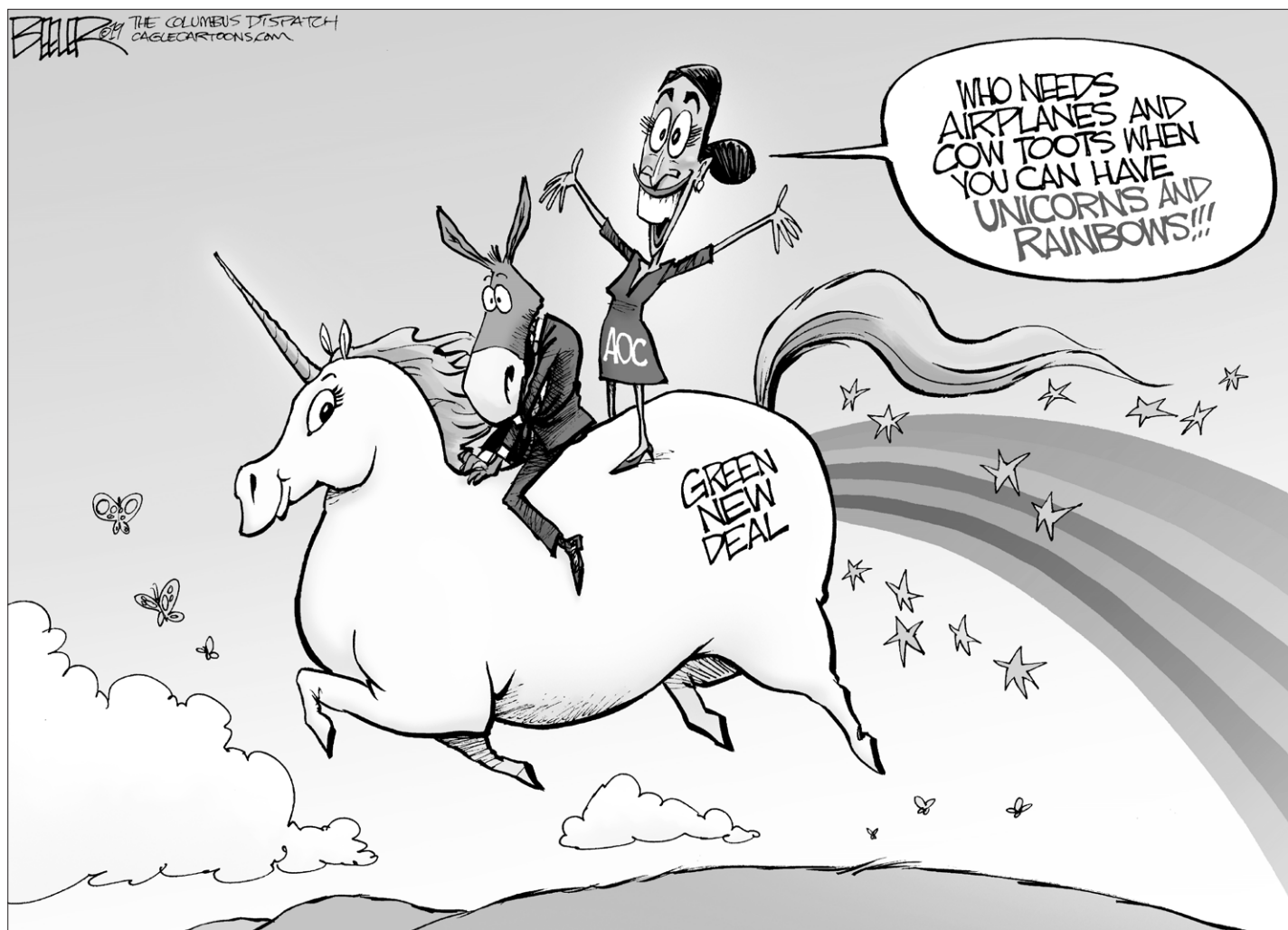
Several East Carolina University students have complained of unsanitary and poor conditions in Legacy Residence Hall on College Hill. These complaints range from mice scurrying the halls to mold covering rooms. According to students currently living there, numerous students have had to move out due to these conditions, some even getting sick from the mold. Recently there have been rumors regarding the reconstruction and remodel of Legacy Residence Hall, however, Aaron Lucier, director of housing operations for ECU, said the remodel was not true.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe something needs to be done to fix the state of the residence halls, Legacy in particular. Considering the amount of money students are spending to live on campus, healthy living conditions are the least that can be provided. Not to mention, most students living in residence halls are freshman and living in a dorm is one of their first college experiences.

Along with mice and mold complaints, problems with air conditioning units and bathrooms have been reported, along with the fact that Legacy is one of the only a few without an elevator.

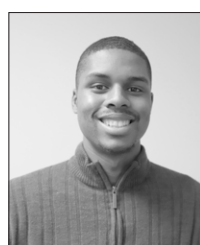
Lucier said there is no timeline or future plans for addressing these issues, other than bettering the air quality, which is planned for summer 2020. He said the mold is to blame for North Carolina's humidity.

There is no excuse in forcing students to live in poor conditions when they are paying thousands of dollars in fees, they deserve to feel comfortable in their own space.



Students lack presence

Lack of event attendance hurts Pirate Nation



Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

Colleges and universities all over the United States have been able to pride themselves on having some of the most loyal students and fans at their various schools. East Carolina University did not have a problem with that for many years, but has been on a decline in recent years.

Taking into consideration the amount of students that attend ECU, it does not make any sense that every time it hosts some special event or athletic event, students do not show up or represent like they should. There are more empty seats than full over half the time. I do not think that students are getting the full Pirate experience because of this.

Students try to claim that they bleed purple and gold and represent Pirate Nation. I am not saying that they are lying with that because when you see their OneCard it clearly says they go to ECU and represent the Pirates anywhere they go. As much money as ECU puts in to bringing different speakers, artists and people to the university, seats and number of attendees should always be through the roof no matter what event the school hosts.

Looking at the variety of events ECU holds each year, the number of attendees have ranged from as low as 20 people to where different venues and places are

packed with students and people. I get that these students who have to balance out their coursework and part time jobs at the same time while keep money in their account or pay the rent to stay in their apartment.

On campus there was a male success summit that was held in the Mendenhall Student Center Friday. The event was to promote male excellence on campus and in Pirate Nation, which sounded like it would attract many male students from all over campus especially with one of the guest speakers being a former Super Bowl champion. Maybe around 20 to 30 people showed up to the event. It doesn't make sense for such an event to only draw out so little people when there are over 20,000 students that attend ECU.

Sporting events do tend to draw out more students because they don't like seeing their fellow Pirates compete on a division one level. With sporting events however, ECU alumni and families outnumber students sitting in the student section like every single time. It doesn't help that the big sports teams such as football and basketball lose games more times than not. The one thing that ECU students seem to forget is that athletes play better when their student section is packed.

When the school brought artists such as Waka Flocka, Jesse McCartney, celebrities like Keke Palmer and people from the show Wild 'n out on campus, students showed up and showed out. The school could try to host more events that

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will make the majority of students want to attend and be more involved on campus.

Big time celebs, artists and speakers will not want to come to ECU if the number of attendees lack more times than not. I believe that students need to make a better effort at attending these different events because of the amount of money that is put into it as well as the fact that these events are not for the faculty but for the students in the end.

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Study abroad brightens horizons



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Going to school a few hours from home, a state or two away or even across the country will never compare to taking classes in another country. After being on a trip of a lifetime, while fulfilling credits

for my major, I learned more than what I was just taught in the classroom.

Since going on a study abroad trip for one month in Granada, Spain, I have much more appreciation for language, culture and air conditioning. Having this opportunity and experience has made me a big advocate for study abroad programs here at ECU or any college. I think everyone should go on a study abroad because it teaches you more about life post college and helps you acquire skills you didn't know that you needed.

While in Spain I stayed with a host family and this can relate to post college life like having to live with a random roommate. You have to learn each others boundaries, share a house key till you can make copies and respect each others spaces.

On the first day of class my host family walked with me on my 45 minute journey to the Universidad de Granada.

I then learned, that was going to be my walk everyday for four weeks and I had to learn the path in that one day because every day after I was on my own. This is just like moving to a new city, having to learn the roads, where the nearest Dunkin Donuts is and where your job is. You have to navigate and learn on your own.

Adapting to the new environment is another post college life skill. Since I'm from Maryland, I had to adapt to the new environments and culture down in the south that I was not used to. People saying 'y'all' instead of 'you guys' and the saying 'bless your heart' isn't a compliment. Abroad I learned that social boundaries and culture are different as well. I learned the hard way that it is not normal to pet someone else's dog in public, versus in the U.S. you see that daily. I learned more about the language than I ever have in my five years of Spanish in school. Immersing yourself in the language and culture is the only way to truly learn what you've been trying to learn in the classroom.

Culturally, eggs is not something you eat for breakfast, lunch is at 2 p.m. sharp. Siesta causes businesses to close for two hours, never skip out on tapas, dinner is at 10 p.m. and the night life doesn't go to sleep until the sun comes up. All of these factors are completely different than anything that goes on in the United States,

but it really opens your mind. You get a first hand look at what goes on in the world and other people's norms, rather than what goes on in your small world at school or home.

Other than broadening your horizons, learning new languages and culture, there is the fun to study abroad that everyone should be able to experience too. Traveling around Spain was one of the best parts of the trip. We spent two nights in Madrid, traveled to Granada where we met our host families and where our permanent stay for the trip was. We then took weekend trips to Nejia, Sevilla, Cordoba and Adra. We got to see more of Spain than just the small place we were every day.

There is so much more I can say about study abroad programs and the amazing experiences. Even if you decide to not go study abroad, but instead travel over the summer or after graduation, I truly believe that it is beneficial to you and your adulting life. Everyone should go study abroad or travel when the chance presents itself. Now that we are young, this is one of the only times where we have little responsibility and can do do whatever we want.

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Brewery and Chill
Uptown Brewing Company
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Lovers & Friends: Open Mic Night
Gather Uptown
5 p.m.

Shakespeare and Love, The Sonnets
Emerge Gallery and Art Center
7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Flute Symposium Recital
Fletcher Music Building
7:30 p.m.

Live Music with Summer Collins
The Loft by Still Life
9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Intro to Acting Showcase
Whirligig State
6 p.m.

Greenville Heart Ball
Hilton Greenville
6 p.m.

Magic & Muggles, A Harry Potter(y) Paint Night
The Painted Peacock
6:30 p.m.

Comedy Show
Pitt Street Brewing Company
9 p.m.

Remembering a legend

Actor, playwright to explore Jackie Robinson's life

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Yakira Muhammad
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Actor and playwright Mike Wiley will bring the story of a historic baseball player to life in his performance “Jackie Robinson: A Game Apart” on Friday at 7 p.m. in East Carolina University’s Wright Auditorium.

With February being Black History Month, “Jackie Robinson: A Game Apart” provides a brief account of Jackie Robinson’s life and career. Robinson is best known for being the first African American baseball player in the Major League in 1947, during a time of segregation, according to the synopsis of the play on his website.

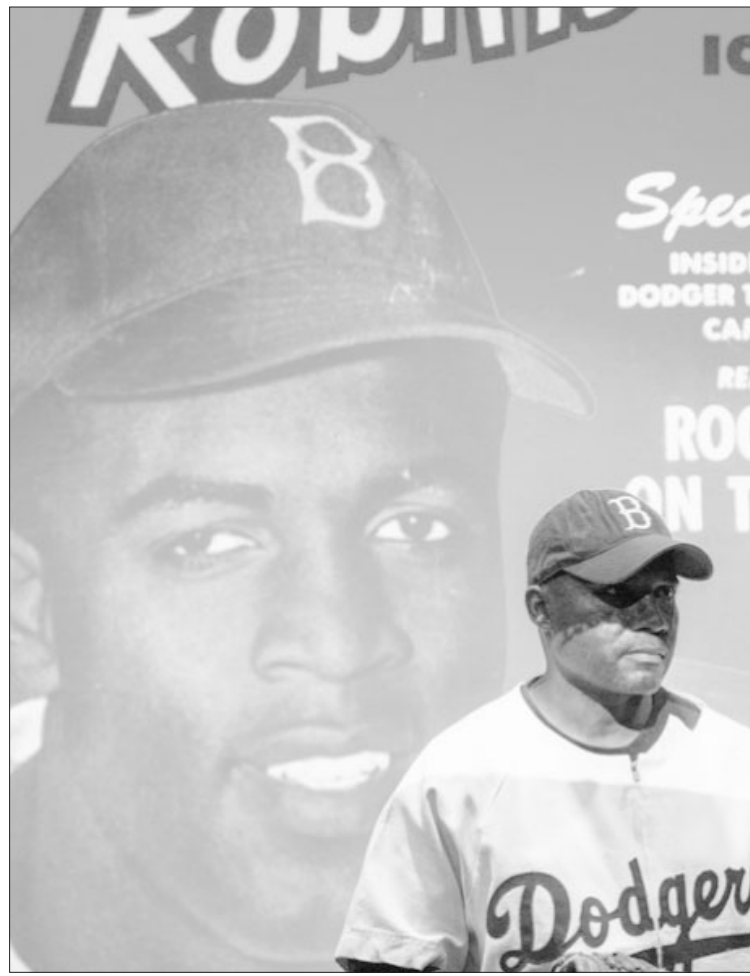
This theatrical play, written and performed solely by Wiley, exemplifies Jackie Robinson’s perseverance, hard work and determination throughout his life and career, according to Wiley. Tickets range from \$10 to \$15 based on seating sections and can be found on the ECU events calendar.

Michael Crane, associate director of marketing and outreach for the College of Fine Arts and Communication, said he has seen Wiley’s shows in the past and thought it was the perfect time to bring him to ECU.

“We have a program called ‘Family Fare,’ which means we have shows and performances for families with young children,” Crane said. “So this title is appropriate for those ages and it is a great tie into the abuse of Americana, and it also addresses civil rights and American history in a very age appropriate way.”

Family Fare is a family-friendly event that allows individuals of any age to come and enjoy compelling theatrical performances.

Crane said Family Fare is



Actor Mike Wiley in costume standing in front of a poster of Jackie Robinson.

one of two programs that work together very closely to bring literature based, interactive shows and events to ECU’s campus for all of the community.

“It all starts with the quality of the artistry, but our mission is to bring primarily literature based, theatrical and musical performances for ages about five to 12, so we look at compelling and engaging theatre that will entertain that audience,” Crane said about the process of choosing the events to include in the programs.

Wiley said he hopes his solo performance will open the eyes of the audience to the pain and humiliation to the first African American baseball player. Once Robinson brought victories to the Los Angeles Dodgers, he was praised for his athletic talent, but when he stepped off that diamond, he continued to be ridiculed for the

color of his skin, according to Wiley. “I think it is the peculiarity of the emancipation of Jim Crow in the country, people so entrained and ensconced in their beliefs and what society says is right or wrong, especially in the Jim Crow south,” Wiley said.

Wiley constructs and performs plays regarding African American history. According to his agent Stephen Barefoot’s website, he has 15 years of credits in documentary theatre for young audiences, plus film, television and regional theatre.

Among his plays are “The Story of Emmett Till,” “Brown vs. The Board of Education: Over

Sixty Years Later,” “Blood Done Sign My Name” and many more. Wiley’s goal is to expand cultural awareness for all ages through dynamic portrayals based on pivotal moments in African American history, according to Barefoot’s website.

“I wanted to be able to hold up African American individuals lives’ as examples from our communities of everyday people doing extraordinary things and show them that, young people specifically, it takes a regular ordinary person to step out of the box, per say, and try to make change in their society,” Wiley said.

According to Wiley, he hopes young children open their eyes to the idols that are put on a pedestal in history, and understand that they had to endure a lot and that they were not perfect.

“You see someone like Jackie, who had flaws, who had a temper, and someone who managed to overcome that temper and go through what he went through to be the first black major league baseball player,” Wiley said. “A young person can aspire to be him because they think ‘wow he has flaws, I have flaws, I can do what he did.’”

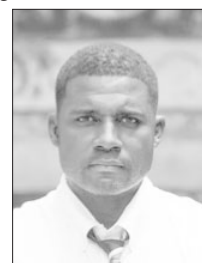
Mike Wiley Productions currently offers seven theatrical works for student audiences, according to his productions’ website.

“I was tired of waiting for an opportunity to act, and I knew the story of Henry Box Brown and I sat down and started researching and writing my first play,” Wiley said. “After that, it was premiered here in North Carolina, and ever since then it has been my dream to carry this message to small theatres and schools, and now I devote my performances to that.”

For more information on other Mike Wiley productions and schedules, visit The Mike Wiley Production Company website.



Michael Crane



Mike Wiley

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ENTERTAINMENT

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DJ Whereyacht. Trollingwood Taproom is located at 707 Dickinson Ave. in Uptown Greenville.

Jeff Blinder, creator of Spazz Presents, said he had a lot of anti-Valentine’s Day experiences in the past since he was single, but this year he is able to spend it with his girlfriend.

Blinder said he didn’t book this event any differently by calling it a “Valentine’s Day show,” but describes the music at the event as a way to show the meaning of the holiday by bringing in different spectrums of emotions to the crowd from quiet, loud, intimate and fierce.

“You can be in love and enjoy the music or kind of solo and the music will give you something to enjoy even

if you don’t have someone to like enjoy it with,” Blinder said.

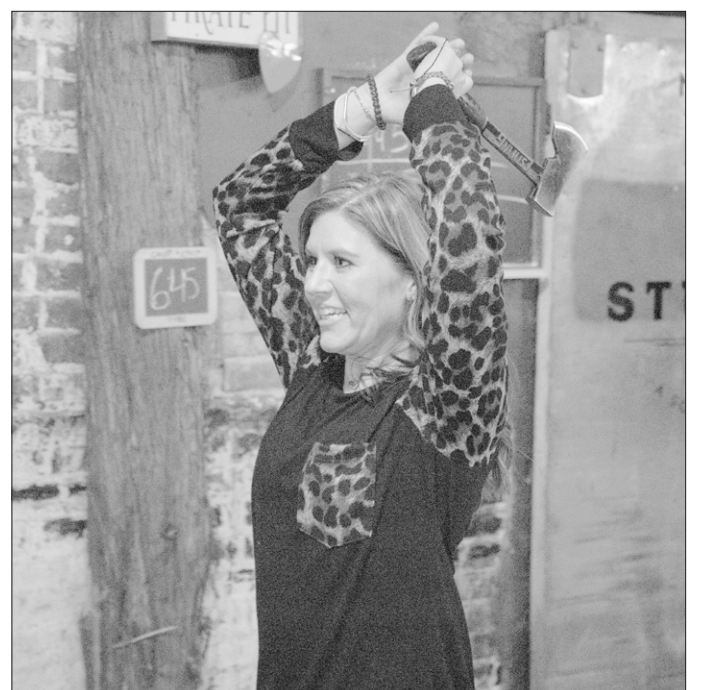
Nicole Sumerlin, a sophomore intended nursing major, said she and her boyfriend don’t like the materialistic aspect of Valentine’s Day and it makes couples feel pressured to buy their significant other gifts to show how much they love them.

They opted to go to a free Anti-Valentines Day Party at Tapped at 6 p.m. for the holiday. Tapped650 is located at 650 E. Fire Tower Road.

“I rather go somewhere where nothing is expected of you and you can still go out without seeing couples everywhere,” Sumerlin said.

For more information on any of the events, visit each Facebook event page.

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Ashley Lamm throws a hatchet at Greenville’s Stumpy’s Hatchet House.



An employee serving customers at Dickinson Avenue Public House.

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will cost \$80 and will come with a bottle of wine. However, she said people can get the deal without the wine for \$70. Famiglia can be found at 740 W. Fire Tower Road in Greenville.

“We have a very home and cozy feel. We definitely embrace the importance of family. That’s why we named our restaurant Famiglia, it’s family in Italian,” Edwards said. “We’re a very family oriented restaurant. We just want to make people feel at home.”

Kristi Southern, the owner of Dickinson Avenue Public House, said while her restaurant is not going to change their food selection on Valentine’s Day, those attending can enjoy a wine tasting.

“The monthly tasting is \$12 for four three ounce pours, and the wine rep comes to your table at your own pace, so it isn’t anything guided or something you have to physically get up for,” Southern said. “That’s a run down of what we’re doing.”

Jennifer Spengeman, the owner of Tapped650, a bar located at 650 E. Fire Tower Road, in Greenville, said her bar plans to host its third annual anti-Valentine’s Day party.

Spengeman said the shop will focus more on how funny and ridiculous the holiday actually is. She said the restaurant will offer beers to customers who would rather irreverent to the holiday itself.

“We have one (beer) called Smothered in Hugs by Dogfish Head. We do Freak of Nature, Lunatic... We do things that are a little more cynical, I guess. This year we also have live music and a food

truck,” Spengeman said.

Spengeman said her shop has more than 300 selections of craft beer to offer. She said customers can customize their own four or six pack, or buy each beer individually. In addition to beer, she said customers with a different taste can choose to select wine or champagne.

“We have varying styles from a non-alcoholic root beer to ciders which are gluten free. We have sour stout IPAs, kind of across the board. Then we have wine and champagne that we do for individuals,” Spengeman said.

Despite if couples celebrate Valentine’s Day with a glass of wine or a four course meal, the businesses of Greenville are all set to welcome in the love.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- It could get lucrative. You're motivated and empowered, with Mars in your sign. Take advantage of this energy burst to realize a personal dream.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Take care of yourself. Clean closets, garages and attics over six weeks, with Mars in Taurus. Clear out clutter, organize and make plans.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Friends are your secret power. Together anything seems possible, with Mars in Taurus over the next six weeks. Coordinate and strategize privately.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Take bold action. Advance in your career over six weeks, with Mars in Taurus. Pour energy into professional growth and development. Friends can help.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- A business trip could be fun. Your wanderlust grows, with Mars in Taurus. Research and study fulfills provides satisfying results. Learn by visiting the source.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Expand your horizons. Grow your family assets with careful tending. Collaborate for a shared financial goal over the next six weeks, with Mars in Taurus.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Partnership flowers over the next six weeks, with Mars in Taurus. Work together for a shared vision. Your collaboration could get lucrative. Patiently build.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Collaborate on practicalities with your partner. Take your physical performance to new levels. The next six weeks, with Mars in Taurus, could be energizing.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Get moving! Your actions speak louder than words over the next six weeks. Romance and passion take new focus. Practice what you love.

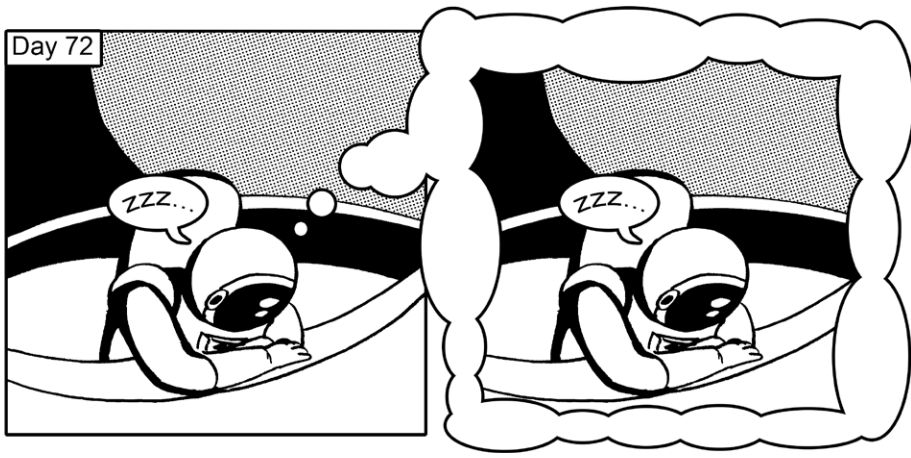
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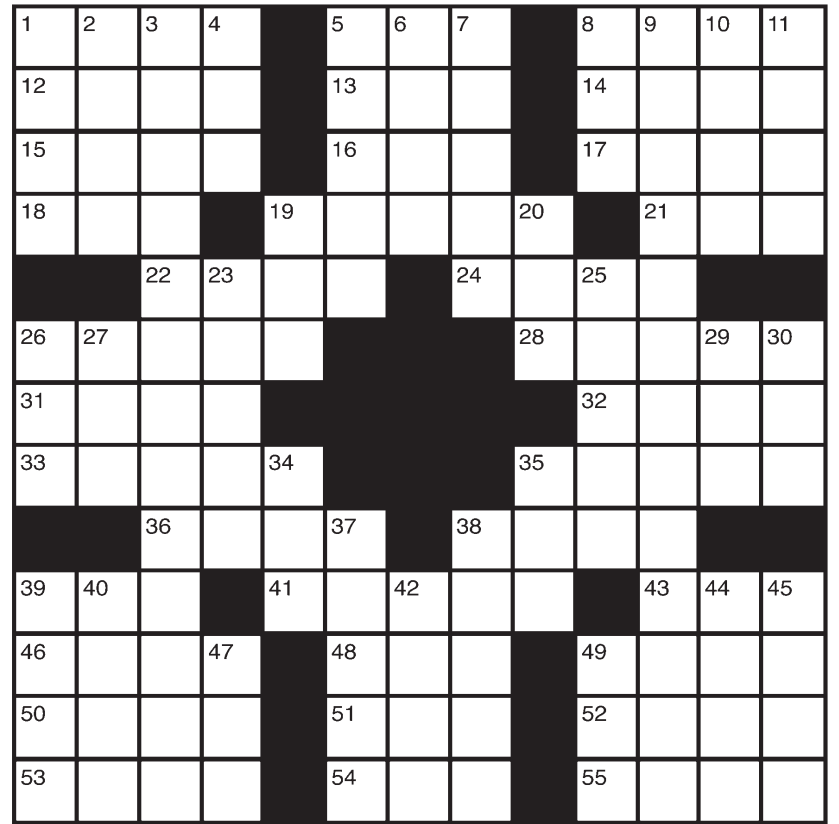
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- Matt Lauer's show
- Actress Arthur
- "American "
- Old Roman garment
- Blue jeans material
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- " Betty"
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- Take apart, as a bow
- " the Press"
- Walkway
- "The "; series for Efreem Zimbalist, Jr.

- "Law & Order: by Jury"
- "A Flea in Her "; Rex Harrison movie
- Columnist Barret
- "Sister "; film for Whoopi
- Couch
- Finishes
- "How I Your Mother"
- Cafeteria plate holder
- Ricky Ricardo's portrayal
- Use a crowbar
- "Jane "; Anna Paquin film

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- Rivers
- Bullets
- Series for Shemar Moore
- "The Karate "
- "The Burnett Show"
- Luge vehicle
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- Actress Larter
- "The "; Kaley Cuoco's series
- "... by your outfit that you..."
- Blues singer James
- Actor Cruise
- Sudden cry of pain
- Actress Carter
- Thin and bony
- Public prosecutors, for short
- Monogram for actor Olmos
- Marienthal
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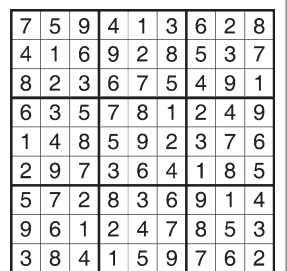
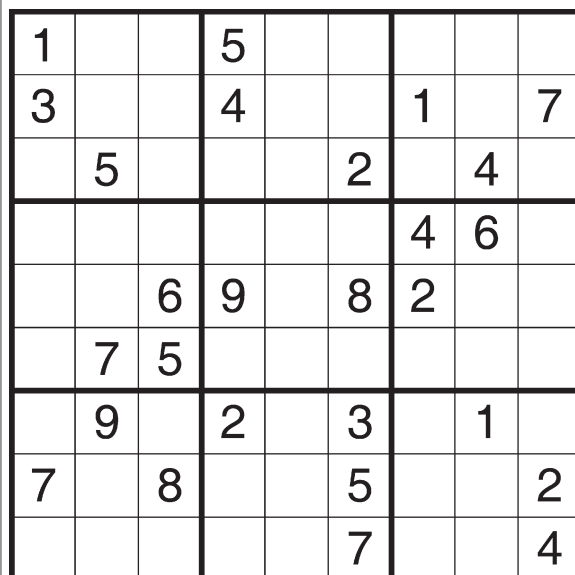
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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this weekend's football game

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ECU wins series 3-0. The Pirates are coming off of a season where they hosted a regional and now rank No. 11 in the country.

ECU has swept its opponents in the past three home opening weekend series, and Radford will not break that streak and lose all three games.

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ECU wins series 3-0. The Pirates have shown in the past four years that they either sweep the opening series or fall in all three contests. After ending

the 2018 season with a winning record of 44-18 and Radford ending its losing season at 25-32, ECU's ranked team will be able to sweep the weekend with fan momentum and home advantage.

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ECU wins series 3-0. The Pirates are starting the season ranked No. 11 in the country, and should be motivated to start the season undefeated.

Radford is coming off of a losing season and will take a lot to win at least one game.

Jess Sabin

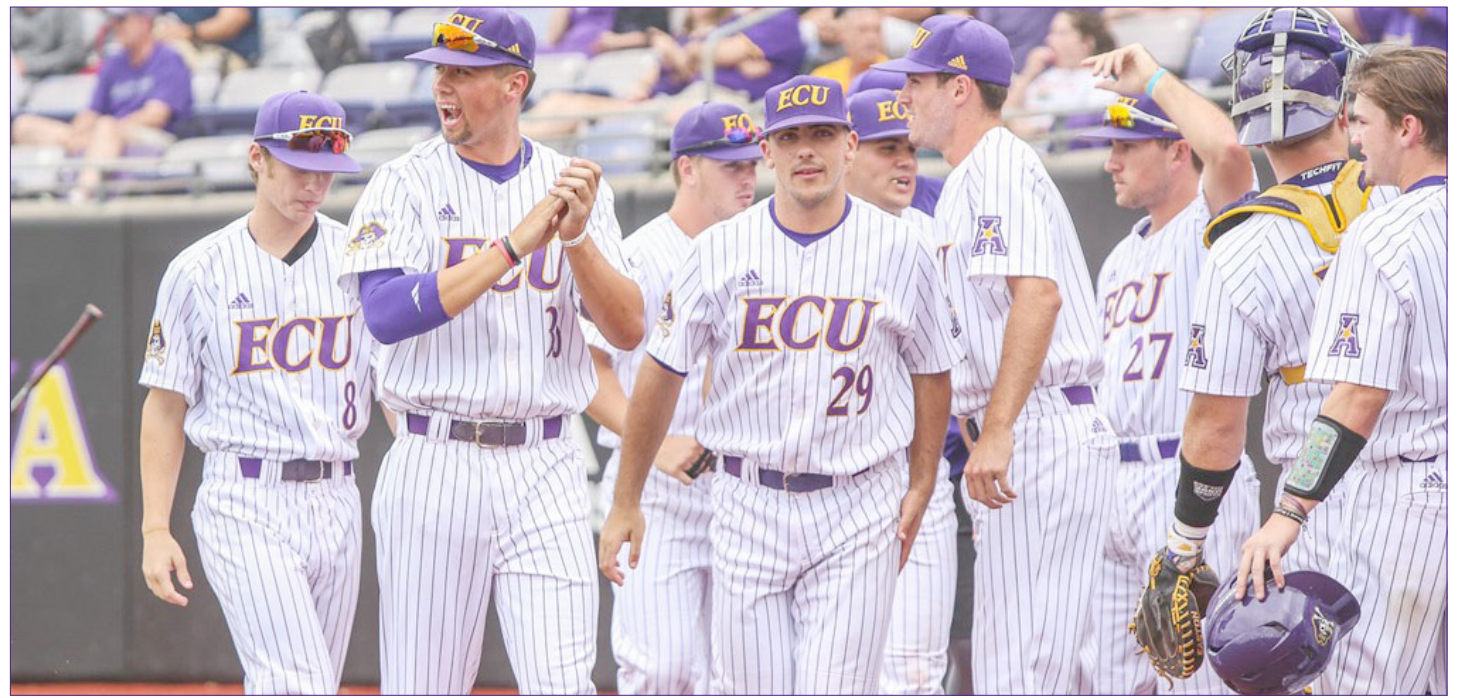
Baseball Reporter

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ECU wins series 3-0. The Pirates are entering this season as the 11th ranked team in the country and with Radford coming off a less than

stellar 2018 season, the visiting Highlanders simply don't have what it takes to down ECU in the team's season-opening series.



East Carolina University baseball team looks to start the 2019 season on a high note when it will host Radford University this upcoming weekend.

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Additionally, Packard has been named the AAC preseason Player of the Year, an honor voted on by the coaches from other conference schools.

However, with all of the hype surrounding Packard and the Pirates this season, it's important to place one's focus on what really matters.

"Coach, you know, says all the time, be where your feet are. That does have to be the focus, it's really easy to look ahead but, you know, you just gotta take it day by day and do all the little things right so that's my main focus," Packard said.

That will be bad news for ECU's opponents on the diamond this season, because Packard seems to only be improving. From

Packard's freshman season to his sophomore campaign, his batting average improved from .276 to .406 while both his on-base percentage and slugging percentage increased greater than 100 points from season-to-season.

While making it to Omaha is the ultimate goal of the 2019 season, talk to coach Godwin and his players and it becomes clear they are not worried about what will happen in April, or even Friday when they kickoff the season against Radford.

"As far as how we are doing practice, it has nothing to do with Radford. It's about us and I think a lot of coaches get themselves

in trouble because they're more worried about their opponent instead of taking care of their own guys," Godwin said.

As for the pitching side of the ball, the Pirates are also returning some key members of last year's team. Junior left-handed pitcher Jake Agnos, junior right-handed pitcher Tyler Smith and sophomore left-handed pitcher Alec Burleson have already been named to the opening weekend starting rotation. Burleson will get the call on Friday night while Agnos will follow on Saturday, giving the Pirates back-to-back southpaws at the top of their rotation.

Burleson is maintaining his focus on preparation ahead of what is perhaps the biggest start of his collegiate career.

"Just trusting the preparation that I've been doing like I said, I'm not gonna change anything. The

only thing that's gonna change is probably some butterflies, little bit more butterflies pitching on Friday," Burleson said. "I mean I'm just focusing on bullpen, had a really good bullpen just now. Just focusing on winning one pitch and just being in the moment and not looking forward or just trying to see how far I can go, just winning one pitch at a time."

With the focus on all the right things this off-season, the Pirates hope it will be enough to make a jump that will take them closer to Omaha. Fans and the coaching staff alike will begin to see that focus pay off this Friday when Radford visits town for a three-game set spanning the weekend.

"It's a normal week. You go to work everyday, you go to bed and do it all over again," Godwin said.

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