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Pouring something new



The storefront of MPourium, located at 814 Dickinson Ave. in Uptown Greenville. The taproom will open in the spring, though exact dates are pending.

Self-serving taproom to open in uptown Greenville

Yakira Muhammad
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Uptown Greenville's own self-serve taproom, MPourium, will "explore your pour" at its opening in the spring, where citizens can serve themselves at the new beer and bottle shop.

According to a press release from Uptown Greenville, MPourium styles itself as an unique kind of brewery with the slogan, "Explore Your Pour." The new beer and wine shop will be located at 814 Dickinson Ave.

"MPourium will have over 45 beers, four wines and one champagne offered through 50 self-serve taps," owner Drew

Moss said. The self-serving beer and wine shop has a unique process set up for customers to taste beer and wine.

According to Moss, customers will provide their ID and debit card to obtain a wristband, which will be used at the self-serve taps to sample beer and wine. The wristband will be used to keep up with the amount of ounces customers have sampled.

"There is a charge per ounce and customers can buy a 32 ounce can of the beer that they



Drew Moss

liked. By paying per ounce, customers will pay exactly for what they poured," Moss said.

In addition to self-serving beer and wine, MPourium is also a bottle shop. According to co-owner Kristen Moss, one side of the shop will have 50 taps for self-serving and the other side will offer beer and wine for purchase. Kristen said this offers a variety of choices for people who would like to buy their preferred beer or wine.

Unlike a traditional beer and wine shop, Kristen said MPourium utilizes self-serving

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Closures coming to hill

Elizabeth Johnson
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Slay Building and the parking lot in front of it has been fenced off for weeks as the university works to repair failing steam system. The Slay construction is only the beginning of a larger project planned for College Hill, according to Project Manager Robert Still.

Still said the pipes in front of Slay were installed in 1996 and began failing two years ago. He added steam pipe repairs will move to College Hill in April to fix failing pipes in that area.

"What this project is doing is not replacing the steam line, it's actually replacing the condensate line in a steam system. Steam, which is at 100 pounds, will be distributed across campus. It's kinda like electricity going around campus that feeds all the buildings with power, steam feeds the buildings with heat," Still said.



Robert Still

According to Still, there is currently a sinkhole behind Slay, which was created by the failing pipes. Still said construction began on the pipes in January and the project should cost about \$1.3 million.

Still said condensate pipes will be replaced from behind the Slay Building

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Crossbones changes ownership

Giana Williams
TEC STAFF

Crossbones Tavern is temporarily closing as the restaurant undergoes minor construction and prepares for new staff and management.

Previous Crossbones Tavern owners, David and Kelly Munoz purchased a building in Winterville and are opening a new restaurant called Main and Mill Oyster Bar and Tavern, according to Bianca Shoneman, president and CEO of Uptown Greenville. Main and Mill opened yesterday at 4 p.m., according to its Instagram.

Shoneman said the Munoz's intentions were to keep Crossbones open, but ended up finding an operator to continue with a similar model to Crossbones under the management of Eric and Jeanette Raub.

According to the Crossbones Tavern Facebook page, the restaurant is expected to be open next week and is currently looking to hire a new group of staff.

Blake Caulfield, a former bartender at

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ECU gets bounce back win

The Pirates redeem themselves with a win against Elon

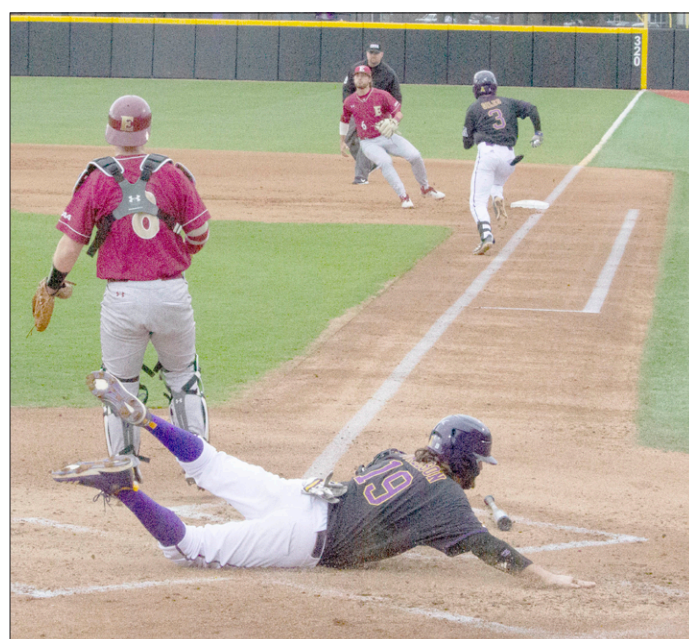
Miky Carrillo
TEC STAFF

The No. 14 ranked East Carolina University baseball team broke its two-game losing streak on Wednesday evening when it beat Elon University 5-3.

The Pirates (6-3) were coming off two straight losses at home against Monmouth University and Air Force. The Phoenix (5-2) are coming off a split in two games against No. 20 ranked Wake Forest University and No. 22 ranked North Carolina State University.

The runs came in early for the Pirates, as they would start off scoring once sophomore left-handed pitcher/first baseman Alec Burleson singled and advanced to second on a throwing error. This led senior infielder Brady Lloyd to advance to third and junior outfielder/designated hitter Bryant Packard to score a run.

Later on redshirt junior catcher Jake Washer earned an RBI when he singled to left field, advancing Burleson to third and helping Lloyd score the second run of the opening inning, with a 2-0 score. The lead would extend to three when freshman infielder Ryder Giles got a hit and Burleson scored. Soon after, two outs would



Sophomore left-handed pitcher/first baseman Alec Burleson slides home.

be recorded and the first inning would end with a 3-0 ECU lead.

Elon answered when ECU sophomore right-handed pitcher Gavin Williams was on the mound as Elon doubled down the line, earning two RBIs and helping them score two runs, bringing the score closer to 3-2. The Pirates did not look back in the second inning, as junior infielder Nick Barber would steal home base with two outs left in the inning, to head into the third up 4-2.

"Coach Godwin came

up from behind me and said something about it, asked him if he wanted me to do it right now and he said yes, so just kind of went for it," Barber said.

Burleson was batting in the bottom of the sixth with no outs and no men on base. He homered to right field, sending the ball into the football practice field and the home run T-shirts into the stands for the fans, as they cheered for the 5-2 ECU lead.

As the sun went down and the lights and moon shined on

the field, the eighth inning began. Elon, not wanting to be put away, had redshirt junior utility/pitcher Ty Adcock hit a homer to left field to get one more run closer to the Pirates. The game would go to the ninth inning 5-3, in favor of ECU.

"It's big, you know, I think we did our job all over the field, the hitters executed their plan and the pitchers came in," junior right-handed pitcher Trey Benton said. "That's the biggest thing, just coming out here and doing our plan both ways, on the mountain and at the plate."

The Phoenix then had a chance to tie the game up in the last inning, but they would quickly get their three outs, ending the game in favor of the home team 5-3.

"We executed what we were trying to do offensively tonight you know one through nine, we had one bad inning," head coach Cliff Godwin said. "But other than that I thought we did a really good job offensively."

The Pirates will get back in action on Friday when they take on the University of Utah at 4:30 p.m. in Lewis Field at Clark-Leclair Stadium, for the first game of the LeClair Classic.

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SOCIAL MEDIA



BRIEFS

Politics speaker to discuss environmental policy

Politics in Our Space will take place today from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center, room 125. Students will discuss national environmental policies through viewing video clips and talking with knowledgeable guests. This is the second meeting of the semester for the series.

Student Activities Board to show film

The Student Activities Board is showing "If Beale Street Could Talk" tonight at 9:30 in Hendrix Theatre. The movie is about a pregnant woman and her struggle to prove her fiancé innocent of a crime. The event is free to students.

Honor society partners with SAO to present workshop

The Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society is partnering with the Student Activities and Organizations to host a Leadership Lunchbox event today from 12:30 to 1 p.m. in room 306 of the Main Campus Student Center. Community and fellow ECU leaders will be sharing their experience on how to lead by example.

ECU adventure program to host ladies climb

The ECU Adventure Program will host a ladies climb night tonight beginning at 9 in the Student Recreation Center. This event is only open for women and will include an all female staff. Students who attend must be members of the ECU Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

E-Sports and gaming club to host tournament

The E-Sport and Gaming Club will host a Smash Brothers tournament today in the Main Campus Student Center beginning at 8 p.m. in room 249. The event will provide pizza and drinks for attendees. There will also be an opportunity for students playing in the tournament to win prizes.

Student Centers Recreations and Gaming to host bowling

Knock 'Em Down Tuesday will take place Tuesday beginning at 3 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center inside the Outer Limitz Bowling. The weekly event is hosted by the Student Center's Recreation and Gaming and is free for students.

The event will last until 5 p.m. and students who attend must present a valid ECU OneCard.

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ECU elects executives

SGA welcomes new president, vice president

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University Student Government Association's will welcome Colin Johnson and Taylor Chappell as student body president and vice president for 2019-2020 after 1,932 votes were cast.

Along with Johnson and Chappell, Morgan Estes was voted as sophomore class representative, Jaleel Gilmore was voted junior class representative and Brooklyn Collins was voted senior class representative.

According to Johnson, he and Chappell will be sworn in as SGA president and vice president at the SGA banquet on April 7. Before they take their new roles, they plan on having transitional meetings with the current SGA president and vice president, Jordan Koonts and Lillie Rhodes, in the following months.

Johnson and Chappell ran on the platform of "advocacy and diversity and inclusion" and said they both have a passion to serve all students. Johnson said the thing he is most excited for is the planning of the members he will have in his executive cabinet.

Both Johnson and Chappell have student government experience and said they understand each administration has different qualities. Johnson has served as the speaker of SGA for the past year and believes he has a good relationship with the current administration and plans on learning how to accomplish their platform.

"I'm pretty close with Jordan and Lillie and the administration as it is now, so Taylor and I will be having meetings with them in the coming weeks and with the SGA advisor just getting to know how they do things and how they transition so that we can learn from them in how to move forward," Johnson said.

Chappell is not a current member of SGA,



Colin Johnson and Taylor Chappell stand together in front of the Cupola at East Carolina University.

but said she served during her freshman year and understands the general structure of SGA. However, she knows she will have to work hard to become acclimated to being an executive in student government.

Chappell said she would like for the student body to know she is approachable and wants to hear any input students may have because she will be representing them.

"I would just like to say that ECU has been the best decision that I've ever made and that the people here are the reason why I continue to stay and continue to serve everyday," Chappell said. "I just want them to feel comfortable in

being able to approach me at any time because I do represent them."

Johnson said he wants to make sure the student body feels it made the right decision in voting for him and Chappell.

"I think to ensure that they made the right choice is to stay involved and hold us accountable and we're hoping that we can increase the presence of SGA in the life of an everyday student," Johnson said. "We have a record of supporting all Pirates and will continue to do that."

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Bate gets self-scanning kiosk

Margaret McCollum
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University has recently introduced a self-checkout kiosk to the Bate Building store. The device could be the first of many coming to the university, according to ECU employees.

According to the manufacturer's website, the kiosk does not require barcodes during checkout. The kiosk recognizes items based on color, shape and dimensions, all in one second. The machine is also capable of distinguishing between different products, so multiple items can be placed on the scanner at once.

Bate cashier, Mona Jones, said Bate is just the test spot for the concept of self-checkout for students in stores on campus.

"They put it here (Bate) first to see how it's going to work and see how the students like it and then, eventually, they are going to put it other places on campus," Jones said.

In an emailed statement to The East Carolinian, Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Living, William McCartney, said ECU is in the process of conducting a site survey of campus. This survey will determine if there is another location that would be a good fit for a self checkout location.

"We are actively looking at the possibility of installing a second



The new self-checkout kiosk in Bate for customers purchase items.

Mashgin (self checkout kiosk) in The Wright Place to speed up checkout there," McCartney said.

According to Jones, the machine helps her when the store gets busy, since the scanner can operate without the assistance of a cashier.

"They put it in to speed up lines," Jones said. "I take cash. I can do both, but normally I try to get them to use the machine so they can get used to it if they have a OneCard or a debit card. It does not take cash."

Students not paying with cash can place any products they are purchasing on the scanner and pay with a debit card or OneCard, Jones said.

According to McCartney, the machine is designed to enhance the guest experience at checkout.

"It (Mashgin kiosk) improves the convenience and speed of service at locations that typically experience high volume during peak times on campus," McCartney said.

Jones said students are generally satisfied with the machine and she has had very few problems with it so far.

Customers visiting the store have had positive responses to the usability of the kiosk, according to Jones, and the scanner makes her job easier during rush hours.

According to ECU employee, Aaron Green, students have raised concerns to him about the cost of the self-scanner.

"It costs \$121,000 for one unit," Green said. "A student even asked me the other day: That

could go to my tuition. I said, you're right about that."

Green said it's apparent the device is expensive due to the camera underneath and the other high tech features, such as its ability to weigh items.

According to McCartney, the cost of the device is included in annual plans created by ECU Dining Services, and projects to innovate the dining experience on campus are always built in to their future plans.

Ivette Depaz, a senior business administration major, said she thinks the self-checkout scanner is helpful for students in a rush.

Depaz said self-checkout kiosks around campus would be a convenient and efficient addition to ECU, especially in more crowded areas such as Starbucks or other dining facilities.

"All of my classes are in Bate, and especially on my long days, I go to the pod in between classes and the line is so long all the time," Depaz said.

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toward the outdoor lawn area by the Main Campus Student Center. He said the project is just beginning and will last until August.

After construction is done, the entire system will have been replaced except for one area that will be replaced in four or five years, according to Still. He said this new system is expected to last 40-50 years.

"They're failing because they're an old design from pre-insulated piping. Those were installed in 2001. They were failing in 2004. We've been having problems with this system since it was put in the ground because it's just a poor design," Still said.

Zoei Kelley, sophomore elementary education major, said she is worried about the safety of students near the construction behind Slay because Disability Support Services is located in the building.



Construction in front of the Slay due to the issues with the steam system.

"I worry about people who would also need to go around who are in wheelchairs, who would need to go to Disability Support (Services) which is in that building and although there are wheelchair accessible paths still to there, it's a long walk around all that and I'm

not really sure what was wrong with it before," Kelley said.

Audrey Norris, a senior recreation therapy major, said the reconstruction doesn't affect her personally, but she does think it is an eyesore. Norris said the area has been roped off to keep students

safe and from entering the area.

Still said there will also be construction in two areas of College Hill on both the steam pipes and condensate pipes. He said ECU is removing four manholes.

According to Still, the College Hill Area Steam Project will begin in April and finish by August. He said the project will take place behind Todd Dining Hall and Tyler Residence Hall. Still said the construction in the College Hill area will cost about \$1 million.

There are limitations on the work schedule since construction near dorms is only allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., according to Still.

Still said the College Hill Drive Steam Project will begin when the College Hill Area Steam Project ends in August.

Construction of the College Hill Drive Steam Project will last from the fall 2019 semester to February 2020. Still said construction on the College Hill Drive Project will include the bottom of the hill to Jones

Residence Hall and will cost about \$2.5 million.

Still said the College Hill Drive Steam Project will have the biggest impact because there will be a partial road closure on College Hill Drive.

According to Still, during the College Hill Drive Steam Project, the parking lot at the bottom of College Hill on the left (when facing Brewster Building) behind 10th Street will be shut down for the contractor to use. Still said at the bottom of College Hill where students cross 10th Street to get to campus will only be accessible on the right side.

In an emailed statement to The East Carolinian, Director of ECU Transit Wood Davidson said College Hill would be kept open as much as possible. However, Davidson said during any closures, transit would relocate the College Hill bus stops to 14th Street behind Gateway Residence Hall.

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OUR VIEW

Market provides exposure to locals

The Farmers and Makers Market will open this Friday, where it will serve the Greenville community year round for farmers to bring their produce and local craftsmen to display their products.

The goal of this farmers market is to provide an opportunity for businesses that may not have had a storefront to more easily interact with the public.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, are excited for opportunities such as the Farmers and Makers Market to provide more exposure for local businesses to increase their reach across our community.

We believe opportunities such as this new farmers market will create a stronger connection for the Greenville community and provide a platform for small businesses to thrive. Creating a space that allows these businesses to interact with the community is crucial to the survival of any locally owned business.

The establishment will bring back the grassroots of the eastern North Carolina agricultural and craftsmanship. It will provide students with an opportunity to interact with local businesses on a more personal level.

This market is located within walking distance of ECU, giving students easy access to the area. The Farmers and Makers market is located at 716 Dickinson Ave. in the uptown Greenville area.

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A divided society

Independent thinkers can save disaster



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Are you more liberal (left) or conservative (right)? Are you a Democrat or a Republican? These type of questions that have become a lot more common in today's society.

But the meaning and intent behind them has become the root of all the underlying issues going on in the world today.

Because whatever answer you give, not only is the person asking going to know what your political affiliation is, but they're also going to make a stereotypical assumption of your viewpoints based on it.

For example, if I were to answer that question and say I am a Democrat/liberal, most people would assume that I am a sensitive social justice warrior who's trying to destroy the patriarchy and murder babies. However, if I were to answer that same question and say I am a Republican/conservative, I would get stereotyped as a racist, Donald Trump loving, gun fanatic who wants to "Make America Great Again" by throwing out Mexicans and Muslims.

Although making these assumptions in it of itself are an overall societal problem, the negative stereotypes that apply to each "group" is faulted by the extremists on both sides of the political spectrum. There are a whole lot of layers to peel off in this kind of

discussion, but the one that stands out the most is the glaring lack of individuality and independent thinking in this day and age that continues to add to this social divide.

Let's go all the way back to 2008 when social media was on the come up before it exploded to what it is today. People were handed a platform on a silver platter to express themselves, as individuals I might add, anyway they wanted. However, human nature kicked in and decided it didn't care about that. It only cared about the amount of likes you received and how many people agreed with you. So whenever people didn't agree with a certain opinion you had, you lost interest in expressing yourself because of what others thought.

But the worst part about that is that the people criticizing others opinions don't just say, "I don't agree." They say, "You're wrong and because you feel that you're a terrible person and I am better than you." This type of mindset trickled down to more and more people over the past few years because they realized, if I have popular opinion, more people will like me even if it isn't how I really feel on the matter.

The consequence of thinking this way however, seemed to have started a rebellion when Donald Trump decided to run for president and devoted his entire campaign to standing up to Democrats and liberals for their "immoral mentality" and "fake news." Considering that he

is now the president of United States, I would say it worked out pretty well for him. But instead of being the bigger person, Trump played fire with fire and created his own following of the same kind of people who think they're better than the other side in their own extreme and easily offended ideals.

As a result, we now live in a society that's divided between two groups of people that think a certain way and are constantly yelling at each other like children playing a game of 'I'm right and you're wrong.' Every time I see an instance like this I wonder, where are all the critical thinkers? Where are the people who take 360 approaches to every situation and come up with their own logical opinions? Where are the people that dissect every angle of a problem and come up with the best possible solution for everyone involved?

I thoroughly believe that intelligent, independent and uncorrupt thinkers are the key for righting the ship from an inevitable disaster that our country seems to be headed in. Because it's scary to think that people who are unable to have simple conversations without having mental breakdowns are going to be in charge of important decisions that they aren't capable of making.

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Athletes on mental health



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Chase'n the Truth

Whether we like it or not, much of the youth in the United States today is shaped by what their heroes are doing or saying, many of which are athletes and celebrities. These celebrities are idolized by many children, and what they advocate for and what they say are broadcasted all over social media for everyone to see.

Last season in the NBA, multiple stars of the league came out in support of men's mental health. Cleveland Cavaliers star forward Kevin Love, former Toronto Raptors and current San Antonio Spurs guard Demar Derozan and former Washington Wizards and current Phoenix Suns forward Kelly Oubre were just a few of the players to tell their stories of issues they had faced with mental health.

When Love wrote an article in the Players Tribune titled 'Everyone is Going Through Something' in March 2018, it blew up as a topic of interest on social media. Internet trolls and overly masculine men joked at Love for opening up about the problems he faces. Many asked, "What could an NBA athlete with as much money as Kevin Love be depressed about?"

Like Love said in his article, it doesn't matter who you are or how much money

“ If a 6 foot 10 inch NBA All-Star power forward can come forward about mental health and the issues he faces with it, how soft can it really be? ”

you make. Mental health is important to each and every person, and everyone goes through something at some point. If someone who seemingly has it all like Kevin Love does can go through the everyday struggles of life, it should encourage the people who look up to him that they can get through it just like their hero does.

So while some men perceive opening up to people publicly as 'soft,' many men suffer from depression and other mental health issues, and feel like coming out and talking about their issues makes them less of a man, which clearly isn't the case. More than six million men suffer from depression in the United States, according to mentalhealthamerica.com, and many are nervous to speak on it due to the perception they have received over the years.

People like Love ignoring the trolls of the Internet is important and vital to changing that stereotype. If a 6 foot 10 inch NBA All-Star power forward can come forward about mental health and the issues he faces with it, how soft can it really be?

When I think back on my childhood, I

think of the people who played a big part in my life and who I looked up to. I looked up to my parents, my coaches and my favorite athletes. I wanted to be just like my favorite athletes, and I was not alone. Many kids look up to their favorite athletes as if they know them, and as if they truly are a big part of their lives.

We need more role models like Love, Derozan and Oubre to come out and discuss the problems they have faced, because there are many more that have stories similar to them. Children need to know that the problems they face are normal, as even some of the most famous people in the world go through struggles just like them. You never know when your friend, brother, father or son may be going through something. The more advocates there are for men's mental health, the easier it will be to dispel the idiotic notion that men can't go through struggles, or that it is weak for them to talk about them.

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TEC 'sports

The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this weekend's baseball series

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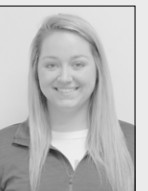
ECU goes 6-2 through spring break. Why? I believe the Pirates will defend the home field in back-to-back weekend series', but Wright State could

pose a challenge because the two teams it took on were both ranked, stealing one win against both teams. I only see the Pirates losing one mid-week match to either No. 10 Ole Miss or No. 12 Mississippi State on the road. ECU is currently playing without junior first baseman Spencer Brickhouse and will miss his presence against Ole Miss and Mississippi State, and possibly in the following weekend series. ECU will handle business and finish 6-2.

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ECU will go 7-1 through spring break. Why? ECU is coming off of two loses but will turn it around sweeping the weekend LeClair Classic. The

Pirates will win their Tuesday game against Mississippi State in a close competition being at back and forth pace but taking the win overall. The Pirates will come into trouble against No. 10 Ole Miss as they have remained in the top 10 so far this season and dominated ECU, 0-3, in 2017. The Pirates will sweep the three day series against Marist as they are coming off of an 27-23 season compared to ECU's 44-18. With no distractions, they will come out on top overall.

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The Pirates will go 7-1 through the week of spring break. Why? ECU will try to redeem themselves after losing two games in a row at home and will win

its three games during the weekend, all of which are on its home field. ECU will lose one of the next two games on the road against either No. 12 Mississippi State or No. 10 Ole Miss, two tough games, especially since they have struggled on the road and have yet to win an away game. The Pirates will bounce back against Marist with their first series sweep since opening weekend, after they struggled to finish the weekend series perfect against Monmouth University.

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The Pirates will go 6-2 through spring break. Why? ECU will be able to bounce back after back-to-back losses at home. On the road against Ole Miss and

Mississippi State, both will prove to be two very challenging games resulting in back-to-back losses. ECU should beat Utah, Wright State, and Western Carolina this weekend and get a sweep against Marist who currently sits at just 3-3. Ole Miss swept the Pirates in 2017 and currently remains in the top 10, while Mississippi State is currently 7-1.



Sophomore left handed pitcher/first baseman Alec Bureson hit his first home run of the season against Elon University, warming up for competition over break. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

No break for baseball

Staff Report

The East Carolina University baseball team is coming off a win against Elon University 5-3 Wednesday night, and will look to build off the victory as the Pirates will compete in eight games over the course of spring break starting this Friday and finishing Sunday, March 10.

The weekend will begin with the LeClair Classic hosted by the Pirates (6-3) when they take on University of Utah, Wright State University and Western Carolina University. The team will then travel to Mississippi to compete against No. 12 Mississippi State University and No. 10 Ole Miss University. ECU will close out the week with a three game series against Marist College at home.

The debut game of the LeClair Classic and spring break is against Utah on Friday at 4:30 p.m. who is currently 3-4, coming off of two wins. If the 2018 season is any indication on who will win, the odds are in ECU's favor. Utah ended last season with a 16-38 record compared to the Pirates' winning record of 44-18.

The second game of the series is against Wright State on Saturday at 4:30 p.m., who currently has a record of 2-3. The team

started its season playing No. 10 Ole Miss, losing its first game and winning its second with a score of 9-5. Wright State was not ranked on the top 25 NCAA D1 baseball list as Ole Miss was, showing the team is capable of holding its own against big competition.

The third matchup against WCU on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. will conclude the LeClair Classic and the weekend. WCU has a current record of 5-2 and finished last season 11-47, winning just 23 percent of its games. The Pirates took on the Catamounts in 2018 defeating them in their opening series, sweeping all matching by five runs or more.

ECU will have a one day break on Monday and will resume play on Tuesday when it takes on Mississippi State in Starkville, Mississippi at 7:30 p.m. Mississippi State is currently ranked No. 12, according to NCAA.com, has a current record of 7-1 and are coming off of a hot 17-4 win Wednesday night. The Bulldogs have now completed three games this season where they have scored 14 runs or more.

The Pirates will continue to travel in the state when they go to Oxford, Mississippi to take on Ole Miss Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Rebels are 5-2, losing to Wright State by three and Tulane University in a close 12-13 battle. The last time the Pirates and Rebels matched up was the 2017 season opening weekend, when Ole Miss took all three victories against ECU as the first game ended 4-5, second game ended 2-3 and the third game ended 6-8. The Rebels have remained ranked in the top 25 the past three years and will be good competition for the Pirates as they will attempt to redeem themselves two years later.

ECU will finish off the break at home facing a three game series against Marist, with Friday's game being at 6:30 p.m., Saturday's game at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday's game at 1 p.m. Marist is currently 3-3 after losing its first three games and winning its last three games. It finished the 2018 season with an almost even amount of wins and losses at 27-23.

The Pirates will hope to sweep each of the weekend's games and come out on top against their ranked opponents to climb back up the rankings where they started the season.

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Frazier leads team to finale

Mikey Carrillo
TEC STAFF

As March Madness is approaching, some players are preparing to play for a national championship, while others are preparing to play in their last game ever as a college basketball player. Senior point guard Alex Frazier has played for East Carolina University for the past four years and is nearing the end of her collegiate career as a Pirate.

Frazier was ranked as the No. 22 point guard and a three-star recruit by ESPN.com in the class of 2015 before coming to ECU. Since then she has come a long way to now being the starting point guard of the team for the 2018-2019 season.

She has been playing one of her best stretches as of late, especially the three games

Frazier played from Jan. 26 to Feb. 6, which included two 19 points games and one game with five



Raven Johnson

steals, all career highs. Frazier continued with strong performances after that stretch, averaging 9.6 points, 3.4 rebounds and 5 assists during her last five games.

"I just get my teammates involved and really focus on doing whatever my teammates need me to do," Frazier said. "Some games it may be defense, some games it may be scoring, just getting out there and being a blue collar player and doing whatever it needs to be done helps the team."

Frazier is averaging 8.1 points, 3.9 rebounds, two assists

and 1.2 steals, while shooting 37 percent from the field and 41 percent from the free throw line. She is having a career year in both points and rebounds for ECU.

One of her two most impressive feats is her ability to rebound the ball not only as a point guard, but as a 5'9 player, helping her team have dominant presence in the paint on defense.

The senior is also a great vocal leader on the basketball court because of the experience she said she has gained during her four years in Greenville.

"They actually help me a lot with that, it's not too hard," Frazier said. "I just try to tell them the best things I know from experience, and what I see on the court. They talk to me, I talk to them, it's really a collective effort. They make my job a lot easier."

She has built some good relationships throughout the years with people in the basketball program and has helped gel the team together for a while, both inside and outside the court. She has helped mentor the other guards on the roster and worked to improve backcourt play.

Frazier's help has extended to junior guard Raven Johnson, who has been on the team with Frazier for three seasons and also spent time together as ECU's representatives at the American Athletic Conference Media Day in 2018.

"It's been a great experience playing with her," Johnson said. "She brings a lot to the program, she's a great teammate, most of all she's a great leader. She rises as the starting voice outside of the coaches."

Frazier described her style of play as being particularly influenced by her teammates.

"I definitely play up tempo, aggressive. Credit my teammates, they keep me going as well, like



Senior point guard Alex Frazier takes the ball up the court to score a layup. ASHLEY LEWIS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

sometimes you get tired but, we all just have a grit and get after it every game," Frazier said.

The team, from the players to coaching staff think of Frazier as someone who hustles and plays defense, but most importantly, leads the team by example and by helping the coaches inside the basketball court.

"She's maturing, she was put in a starter role as a freshman here, so she has grown a lot and prospered and really has increased," acting coach Nicole Mealing said. "She's a simulation of the head coach on the floor. She's done a really good job of leading and just setting an example for everybody else."

Frazier has enjoyed her time in school and now that her last season of play is almost over, she

can clearly see what the school has brought her sportswise and what the future can bring to the Pirates.

"It's definitely been a journey, but I see the growth and where we're headed and I'm excited where this program is gonna go in the next five years," Frazier said. "We've managed to hit our stride a little bit. We haven't made the postseason play since I've been here so hopefully this year that's what we'll do."

Frazier will suit up for ECU on Saturday, when the team travels to Tulsa, Oklahoma to play the University of Tulsa at 2 p.m. This game will be one step closer to her final one with the program.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Plan a vacation or trip. Your wandering feet miss the road. Long distance adventures begin with one step. Learn, explore and discover the world.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Discuss shared finances. Moves you make now can have long-term benefit. Keep building your future fund. Disciplined efforts succeed. Work together for shared gain.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Collaborate for mutual support. Shared interests deserve your attention. Keep your promises, and make new ones. You're building something great together.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Discipline with your health and fitness practices provides long-term benefits. Balance work, exercise and rest. Feed your energy with good food.

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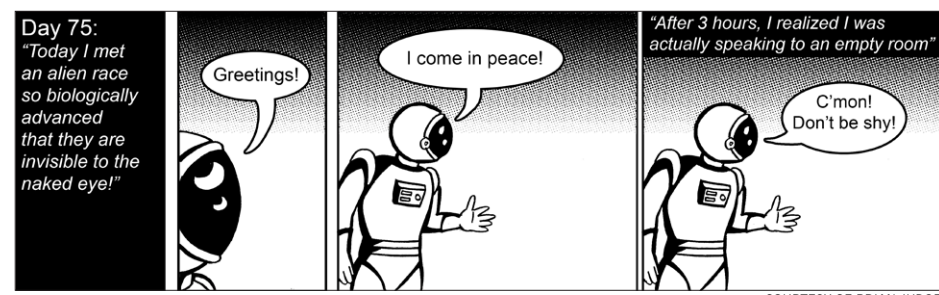
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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Huddle with your team. Solutions arise naturally when you work together. Others admire your fancy footwork. Share tricks and techniques. Learn something new.

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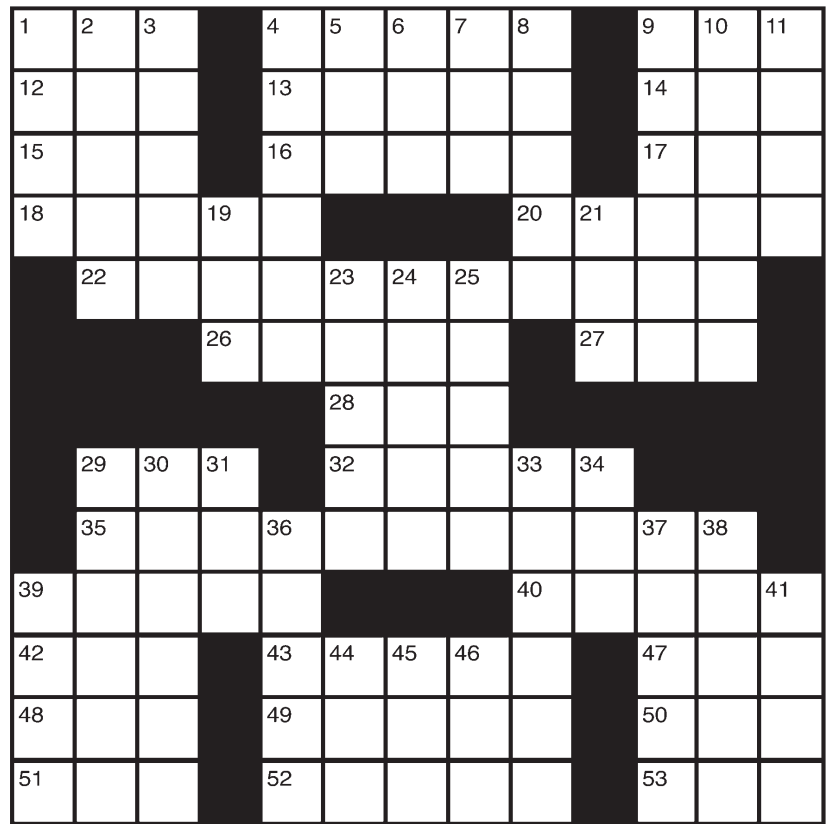
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- 17 Prefix for cycle or form
- 18 Paquin and Belknap
- 20 Character played by Rob Morrow on "Numb3rs"
- 22 "American Idol" judge
- 26 "Law & Order: ___ by Jury"
- 27 Alejandro of "The Flying Nun"
- 28 Katie Couric's employer
- 29 "Murder, ___ Wrote"
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- 35 Actress on "Law & Order: Criminal Intent"
- 39 Parody
- 40 ___ Field
- 42 Mel ___ of baseball
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- 21 For each
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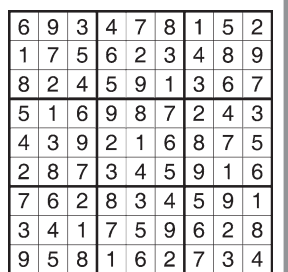
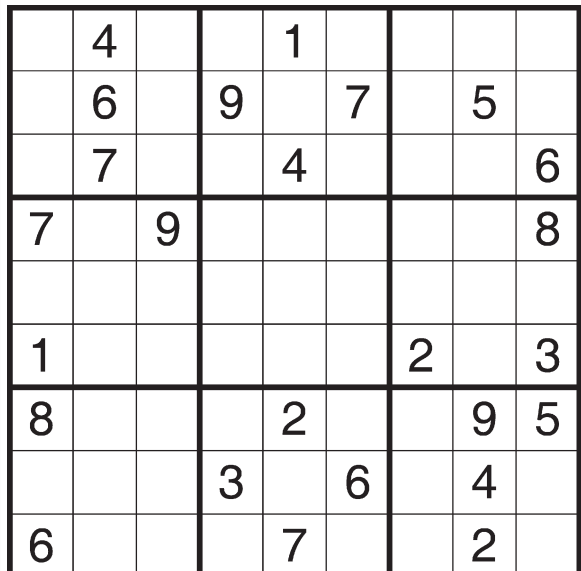
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TOMORROW

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Noon

First Friday Art Walk
Uptown Greenville
5 p.m.

SATURDAY

Lake Chamberlain
Pitt Street Brewing Company
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Creators coming together

Dawson Tisdale
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An East Carolina University senior will host an artistic showcase featuring local artists signed to his art's label, Creative Culture.

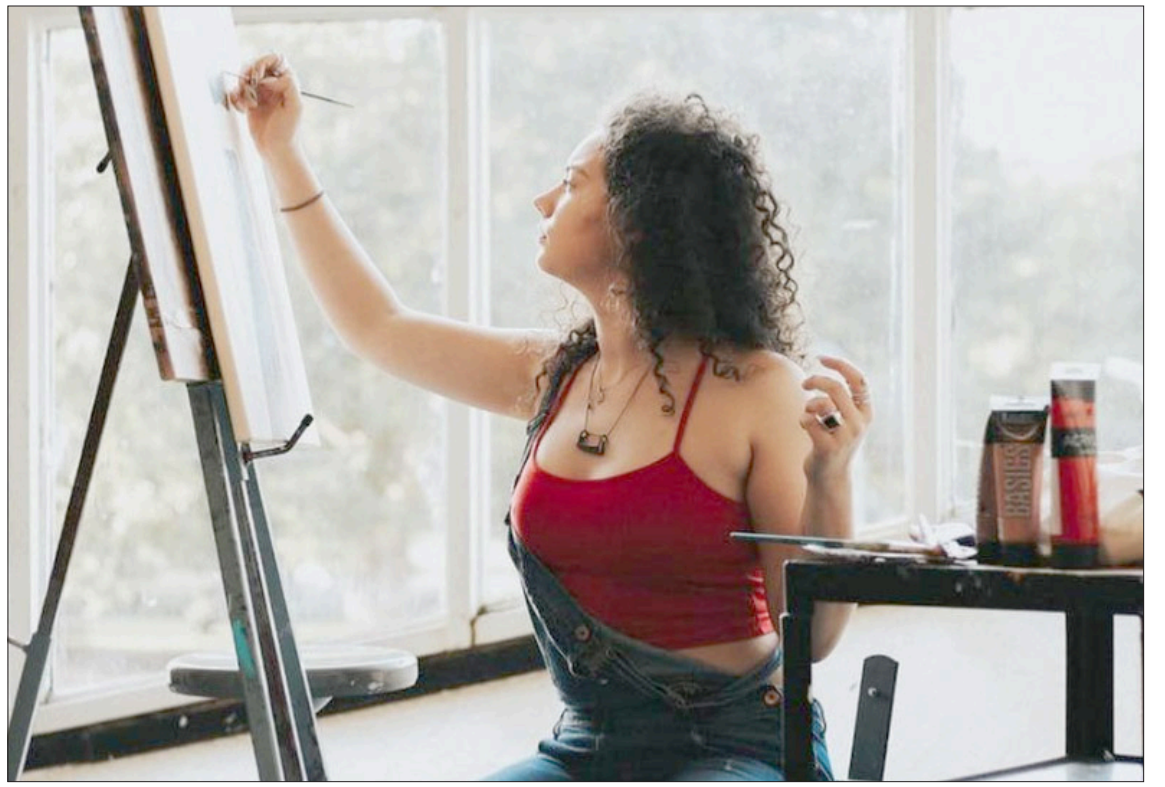
The "Carolina's Finest" showcase is arriving at Trollingwood Taproom and Brewery on Saturday at 8 p.m. and will run until 1 a.m. Trollingwood Taproom is located at 707 Dickinson Ave. in uptown Greenville. It is \$5 to get in the door. There will also be pieces of art and clothing for sale created by the featured artists.

Jay Coachman, an art major with a certificate in global understanding, is the creator behind Creative Culture and the festival, which he described as a collaboration of live art and music. He said the main purpose of this event is to debut his new album, "Carolina's Finest," as well as bring artists and musicians from all over North Carolina together.

"I just want to touch other people, not just in this community, but throughout the world. I want everybody to know what Creative Culture is," Coachman said. "I want everybody to be creative in the culture. I just want to start a wave of young creators."

Coachman said he created Creative Culture as a record label when he was 17. The record label turned into a full-on artistic movement and now includes four rappers, three producers, a few artists and anyone who wants to help create along the way.

The showcase features nine headlining performers and several artists. The first half of the event will have many visual artists on stage showcasing pieces they have



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East Carolina University senior Carly Judd painting. Judd's work will be featured at the "Carolina's Finest" showcase.

created and two artists doing live paintings, according to Coachman.

The latter half of the event is when the performers, including Coachman, will come on stage and perform original music. Some will perform songs produced by other artists in Creative Culture, including Trevor Shores, musical artist and producer from Raleigh, North Carolina, and Tre Ahmad, a senior business major at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

"Working with them specifically is like being part of a brotherhood.

We've always stuck together and helped each other out," Ahmad said.

Shores and Ahmad both met Coachman their freshman year at ECU. Now separated, Shores said they are still passionately involved in Creative Culture.

"We would have release parties at our house every time someone dropped a project and we would all sit in silence and listen and appreciate that person's work, and everyone that's on this has been there since the beginning," Shores said.

Music, art and collaboration are what brought these artists together. Although making money off of his craft is a benefit, Coachman said the real drive for his art is passion.

"I do it because I love it. I literally draw every day, make music everyday, paint everyday. Everything

Ahmad said music has helped him through difficult moments in his life, and he hopes that can extend to his audience.

"It's a healing process for me, and if I can create something therapeutic and healing for others then I'm all for it," Ahmad said.

Coachman said this event is his first major step in starting this new wave of young creators. He said this showcase is one way of bringing and creating culture together.

For more information about "Carolina's Finest," refer to Creative Culture's Instagram page @cccators, or Coachman's Instagram page @jxy.true.

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without pressures from a bartender to make a decision. Customers can take the time to taste each sample before buying a full pint. There will also be employees to help customers with any questions they may have, according to Kristen.

The Moss's are first-time business owners. Drew said they decided to open up this business because of their mutual appreciation for craft beer.

"I brewed my own beer and had an appreciation for craft beer, which is why we decided on this specific business. Our motto is explore your pour. We wanted to provide a place where people can explore craft beer at (their) own pace," Drew said.

Bianca Shoneman, president and CEO of Uptown Greenville, said the addition of MPourium builds onto the fun atmosphere and other beer businesses in Greenville. The

revitalization of uptown Greenville with upcoming businesses such as MPourium is a fresh addition to this area, according to the Uptown Greenville press release.

"It gives the chance for local entrepreneurs to open up businesses, and customers the opportunity to explore their pour," Shoneman said.

According to Kristen, the unique shop will attract different types of customers from people who already know the beer they want to purchase and those who want to sample different types of beer and wine.

"When we go out, we come to this area, which is a great place for MPourium," Kristen said.

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The storefront of Crossbones Tavern. It is currently closed for renovations by its new owners.

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Blake Caulfield, a former bartender at Crossbones Tavern, said originally the Munoz's wanted to keep both Crossbones and Main and Mill, but spent most of their time and effort at the new restaurant to make sure it's at its full potential.

"They just felt that it was best to kind of give Crossbones to another owner," Caulfield said. "That way they can see what Crossbones will do and advance at the same time as the new restaurant."

Caulfield will be joining the rest of the previous Crossbones staff at Main and Mill for a different experience in his life and to be able to try something new. He said he's ready to start working at the new restaurant.

"I've been working with David and Kelly, the previous two owners, for about two years now and I kind of just wanted to continue to work with them at the new restaurant and see how it plays out," Caulfield said.

Caulfield said he hope the Raubs will continue Crossbones Tavern's success as the new owners and wished them the best of luck.

"I know the new owners and the changes they will make will be beneficial to the restaurant and I think they will honestly build it up," Caulfield said.

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Blake Caulfield