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LimeBikes to leave

University looks for alternative transportation

Elizabeth Johnson
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University is searching for a new bike-sharing company after LimeBike (Lime) announced it would be moving away from the bike-sharing business, prompting them to leave ECU's campus. With Lime no longer providing bikes as transportation, it is unsure if Lime will remain on campus after April.

According to ECU Parking and Transportation External Operation Supervisor Joshua Rossnagel, ECU has a memorandum of understanding with Lime. The memorandum details that Lime would give ECU a 60-day notice if it were to leave campus or ECU would give Lime a 60-day notice if it wanted them off campus.

Rossnagel said in January, ECU had more than 100,000 rides in less than a year which was the most rides Lime had in the world for a college.

According to Rossnagel, ECU has already reached out to multiple bike companies to find a replacement.

"We don't even know if we will have Lime after April," Rossnagel said. "But we're working feverishly to have a replacement here before the semester ends because I know everyone uses them and I can see the statistics daily that we really want to make sure we have something in place."

Rossnagel said ECU is trying to

replace Lime by the end of this spring semester. According to Rossnagel, if Lime isn't replaced by the end of the semester, they'll try to replace the bikes over the summer so the classes returning in the fall will have a bike-sharing program.

According to Rossnagel, the dockless and e-assist features from Lime were features they would like to see with the next company that comes to ECU.

Rossnagel said dockless is a good option because some companies use bike docks and that would limit students, faculty and staff options as to where they can ride and leave bikes. Rossnagel said another feature they would like to continue with is the e-assist features, which are electrical motors in some bikes that help riders move more quickly and easily.

University Sustainability Manager Chad Carwein said the reason a bike sharing company was brought to ECU's campus was to promote active transportation. According to Carwein, Lime's new business model of providing only scooters does not support this.

According to Carwein, ECU wants bikes because they involve an active form of transportation. Carwein said the community wants better

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Mitch Nowicki rides a LimeBike across East Carolina University's campus. LimeBikes will be leaving campus once the company stops servicing bikes.

CCSD improves service

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Center for Counseling and Student Development (CCSD) altered its appointment making process at the beginning of January to allow students the opportunity to call-in and schedule between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

The CCSD provides students with a variety of counseling opportunities on campus such as individual counseling, crisis services and victim advocacy amongst other methods which can be found on the center's website. Counseling services are covered by student's tuition and fees.

Valerie Kisler-van Reede, a licensed psychologist, has been the CCSD's director since 2014. According to Reede, the scheduling change was made at the beginning of the spring semester.

The change was initiated due to the previous scheduling system working for only a period of time, but created a backlog in the long run, according to Reede. The CCSD received feedback on the process and changed the system back a more responsive method.

"Starting about a year ago, we were



Valerie Kisler-van Reede

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Gilbert changes culture

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Athletics Department parted ways with former athletic director Jeff Compher on May 1. ECU athletics then had to deal with looking for a new AD on top of coaching changes that would spur up during the 2018-2019 academic year. On Dec. 3, ECU found its next face to the athletic department in Jon Gilbert.

Prior to coming to Greenville, Gilbert worked in the athletic department at the University of Alabama, the University of Tennessee and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Gilbert did not think he would be an AD at first, he thought that he would be a coach instead. When he got to the University of Alabama back in 1995, he served in multiple positions at that university before being named associate athletics director from 2009-2011 before moving to Tennessee. After being given the opportunity to work in administration, he switched passions to pursue this new career path

"When that happened it really changed my mindset that I should explore this administrative track," Gilbert said. "My first job in sports was coaching. I really thought that I was going to

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Junior outfielder Christian Smallwood gave ECU the 4-3 win on Saturday after getting an RBI single to left field in the bottom of the 12th inning.

Pirates sweep the Red Fox

ECU swept Marist College 3-0 at home this past weekend

Mikey Carrillo
TEC STAFF

After splitting its games against No. 7 ranked Mississippi State University and No. 10 ranked Ole Miss, the No. 17 ranked East Carolina University baseball team returned home to Greenville and completed a series sweep over Marist College to wrap up spring break.

The Pirates (12-5) were coming off a tough couple of games before starting the series, as they would play three games during the previous weekend against the University of Utah, Wright State University and Western Carolina University, finishing with a 2-1 record

over the weekend. The team then played two games during the week against ranked opponents Mississippi State and Ole Miss, losing the first one and winning the latter.

The team took on the Red Fox during its latest weekend series and managed to win every game, all in three different ways, at Lewis Field in Clark-LeClair Stadium in Greenville.

The team's final game on Sunday was a back and forth meeting as ECU would start attacking early on with two runs scored during the bottom of the third, but Marist (4-8) answered back during the top of the second with two runs of its own, to tie the game. It would not last long as the

Pirates would once again score two runs in the second inning, to gain a 4-2 lead going into the third, in which Marist would once again score two runs and result in the second tie of the day.

That was until the Pirates had their best inning of the series, with five hits leading to four runs in the bottom of the third inning, a lead ECU would not let the Red Fox come close to again. Coming into the fourth inning and scoring another run to separate themselves 9-4, the Pirates gained a clear and comfortable lead.

Marist would score a single run in the

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SOCIAL MEDIA



BRIEFS

Club Sports to sponsor Clothing Drive

The annual Club Sports Clothing Drive is happening today for all club members and ECU students to donate. Those interested can donate clothes in a garbage bag in a black bin at the Student Recreation Center. The drive will end on March 29.

Leadership Lunchbox to present community leaders

Today, in collaboration with the National Honor Society Omicron Delta Kappa, the Student Activities and Organizations is hosting a lunchbox of leaders as a part of the G.O.L.D. series for those at ECU and within the Greenville community at 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

This will give an opportunity for leaders to share their personal journey and give a few words of wisdom on leadership. An RSVP is required and food will be provided. The event will be held in 107 Main Student Center (the SAO suite).

Student Activities and Organization to host club

Student Activities and Organizations will begin a G.O.L.D. series book club called Read and Lead Book Club and will host its first meeting tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center room 107.

The first book the group will discuss is titled "The 5 Dysfunctions of a Team" by Patrick Lencioni and the event will end at 5 p.m.

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Students prepare for job fair

Career Services to provide opportunity for future employment

Pat Polomchak
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University continues its efforts to support and prepare students for the future by holding this year's Spring Career Fair on Wednesday.

The career fair is being coordinated by ECU Career Services. The event runs from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Greenville Convention Center, 303 Greenville Blvd. Tom Halasz, director of ECU Career Services, said the career fair is an event for all majors.

Halasz said the afternoon career fair will have businesses and organizations from a wide range of disciplines. He said the focus of this particular event is full-time jobs and internships.

"We held a part-time and summer job fair a couple weeks ago, (with) 57 organizations," Halasz said. "This event, the Spring Career Fair, we're at about 178 right now. We'll be right around 200 by the time we hold the event on (Wednesday)."

Halasz said the organizations were not coming just to tell students about themselves,

but to actually hire students. He said 20 organizations will be conducting interviews the very next day, including companies such as Aramark, Honda and others. He said the full list can be found on Handshake.

Patrick Roberts, associate director of career services, said Handshake is one of the main resources careers services provide. He said it functions as an employer database for students.

"Handshake is an exclusive database of job and internship listings, as well as a listing of employer contacts and directory of employers that have sought out ECU as a place to recruit ECU students," Roberts said. "A more layman's term for it is it's a job posting system for ECU students and alumni to find and secure full-time, part-time, on or off-campus jobs as well as internships."

Roberts said Handshake provides internship information at both a local and national level. He said the site is also where career services makes announcements about upcoming events, such as career fairs and research-based events.

Roberts said Handshake is for current students just as much as graduating students and alumni. He said right now there are about 4,500 jobs and internships in the database,

with more than 1,000 of those listings being internships.

"Again, this is national job posting," Roberts said. "A lot of them are North Carolina just because of where we're located and we still want to keep those partnerships strong with local employers, but you're going to see a lot more opportunities since we implemented Handshake."

Roberts said Handshake has increased student job opportunities by 400 percent since being introduced. He said students can access the database via the career services website using their regular student logins.

Roberts said when someone first signs in, the system asks questions about student interests in order to more effectively match students to relevant jobs.

Halasz said ECU students can take a bus from either Christenbury Gym or the Main Campus Student Center to the convention center, and the buses will be running all day. For more information on what employers are attending and what to do to prepare, students can visit the ECU Career Services website to log on to Handshake.

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LIMEBIKE

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infrastructure for cycling which a scooter program cannot support.

"Yes scooters are an alternative mode of transportation versus a car or bus, but it's not active if all you're doing is pressing a button and using a battery powered motor to get you from point A to point B," Carwein said.

ECU junior recreation and park management major Benjamin Cartee said he uses Lime four or five times a week.

Cartee said Lime is an efficient program because it is a cheap service and whenever a bike breaks down or has a flat tire, the bike is usually fixed that day.

"(Lime) gives me a faster and easier way of transportation because the bus system at ECU isn't the greatest for where my classes are at Belk and the main campus," Cartee said. "They



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Mitch Nowicki rides a LimeBike on the Mall.

give me opportunities throughout the week to exercise without exactly going to the gym and they're not that bad on cost."

Juan Serrano, a freshman information and computer technology major, said Lime help him

get to class whenever he is running late. Serrano said he hopes the new bike sharing company at ECU will use Lime's old model of paying by the hour as opposed to paying by the distance.

According to Serrano, paying by the hour allows people to save up because the minimum amount of money a person can put in a Limebike account is \$10.

"It would drain it faster than normal because of distance over time but if they would go back to the time model, Lime's old one with the electronic bikes was a buck an hour, so if the minimum is also ten with that one and does with the hourly pay you could get ten rides from class to class and it helps out immensely with just saving up," Serrano said.

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Juan Serrano

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doing appointment scheduling over the phone on Friday's at 1 p.m.," Reede said. "We would open appointments a week at a time and that allowed students to get appointments scheduled within the week they called."

Reede said the system allowing students to only schedule appointments on Fridays was in place for only a year as it was adopted in spring 2018. Now, with the current system, appointments are booked further out so they may be scheduled beyond a week.

The CCSD provides students opportunities to walk-in for emergency counseling through the crisis services offered, Reede said. Crisis services are available Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Crisis counselors are there to meet with students who come in for appointments," Reede said. "They meet with students, determine what their needs are and then set students up with appropriate services."

Crisis services differ from individual counseling in that there are two screener case managers who meet with students once or twice, but do not have a caseload of students they see on an ongoing basis, Reede said. In the initial crisis session, the case manager will schedule the student with a follow up at the CCSD or refer them to a different department or clinic both on or off campus.

Reede said individual counseling is scheduled by appointment and staff counselors meet with students on an ongoing basis to work with them toward their goals. Services are short term in nature, and students typically spend three to five sessions working with a counselor, according to Reede. The maximum number of sessions a student may schedule is 12 per academic year.

"(Saying) you have to schedule months in advance or you have to schedule an emergency months in advance, and that's simply not accurate," Reede said. "(Crisis counselors) are available at any time to meet with a student who has an urgent or emergent need."

If a student has an emergency after hours, Reede said they may call the CCSD's phone number, follow the prompts and they will be connected to a crisis counselor over the phone who will talk with them about their emergency.

Reede advises students to come in and speak to a crisis counselor if appointments are not available in the time frame a student needs.

"If you call and you find out the next

" If we don't have an appointment that works with their schedule they are more than welcome to use our crisis screening appointments to come in. "

-Shannon Bellflower

available appointment time is such and such date and you say, 'I cannot wait until then,' you need to utilize that crisis service that is available," Reede said. "(A crisis counselor) will talk with you about what's going on and determine the appropriate follow-up."

Shannon Bellflower, a screener case manager within the CCSD, works with students who walk-in for crisis services appointments.

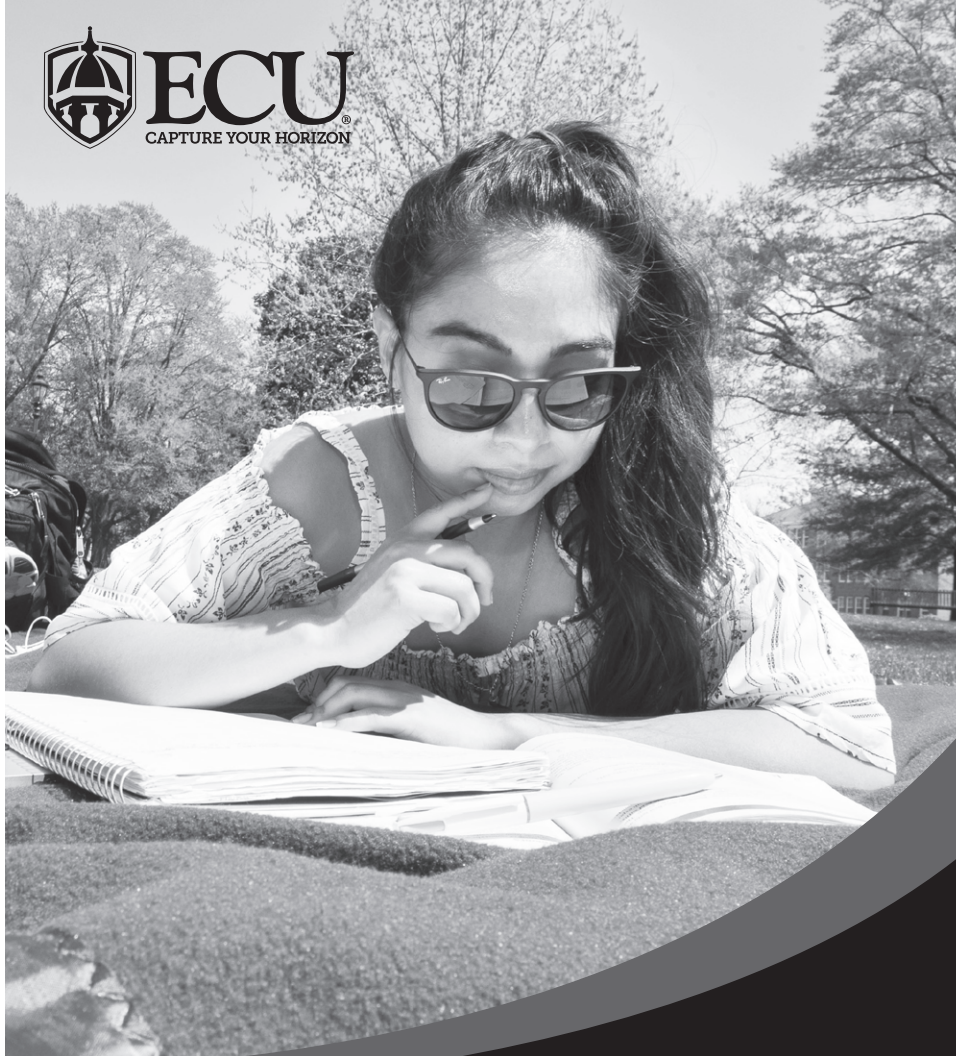
Bellflower said it's important for students at ECU to utilize counseling opportunities so they can continue to perform well academically and personally. She added students have easy access to services provided by the CCSD because they are readily available on campus.

"If a student calls they are able to make an appointment. It may not be tomorrow, it may not be this week, but they're going to be able to get an appointment," Bellflower said. "If we don't have an appointment that works with their schedule they are more than welcome to use our crisis screening appointments to come in."

The CCSD is not the only on-campus counseling service available to students. Several clinics are present on campus, such as the Family Therapy Clinic, Psychological Assessment and Special Services (PASS) Clinic, Navigate Counseling, and McClammy Lab.

Tony Cellucci, the director of the PASS Clinic, said the purpose of the clinic is two-fold. It serves as a facility to train individuals who are studying to be psychologists and also provide services to students seeking psychological services. The clinic is also available to community members.

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OUR VIEW

Musicians, local artists deserve support

On March 2, East Carolina University senior art major Jay Coachman provided other student artists with the opportunity to display their work with the “Carolina’s Finest” art showcase he hosted.

The showcase, held at Trollwood Taproom and Brewery, included live musicians as well as visual artists not only from ECU, but the entire state of North Carolina. Coachman said the festival was the “first major step” in getting a wave of young creators across the state to create culture together.

Creative Culture, a record label and “artistic movement” started by Coachman, also holds events for various mediums of art one or twice a month throughout the ECU and Greenville community.

One of those events includes the “Pizza & Paint” held at Mellow Mushroom once a month where he provides lessons and all the necessary art supplies for those in attendance.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe that these kinds of festivals and events are instrumental in providing students with outlets to express themselves and display their art.

When Greenville businesses are supportive of student artists, it ensures that they can express themselves freely in the community they live in.

We believe the university should support students and their artistic endeavors to provide an environment on campus that welcoming of creativity and entrepreneurship.

SHENEMAN THE STAR-LEDGER



Down... but not out

Homelessness an ill-perceived spectrum



Thomas Weybrecht
TEC STAFF

Viewfinder

When people picture homelessness, it's very likely that a specific image comes to mind. Perhaps one of a man wearing tattered, smelly clothes, covered in dirt and unshaven, sitting on the curb next to a bag of all their belongings while asking for money.

While that may be the case for some homeless folks in the U.S., it doesn't come close to the only condition that they can find themselves in. In fact, that's the worst-case scenario. In many instances, homelessness is much less visible.

Having worked a late-night job in downtown Wilmington, North Carolina, for two years in between classes, I've met a whole lot of people. And since Wilmington has had one of the worst opioid epidemics in the nation for a number of years, given the correlation between financial instability and drug abuse, I knew that I was bound to meet a few homeless people as well. What I didn't realize was that I would end up becoming close friends with a number of them. In my time working amongst the diverse downtown Wilmington community, I built friendships with a variety of people who were homeless. People I worked with. People I talked with every day. People who drive cars, have cell phone plans, eat good meals and have entire wardrobes, but simply no place to call home.

The spectrum of homelessness is vast. On one end are the homeless people you see in movies, where it seems all hope is lost short of divine intervention. On the other are the people we see at school and church. The ones you'd be surprised to know are sleeping in their cars in the back of the Walmart parking lot for the tenth week in a row.

In 2016, I met a man named Robert while working a Saturday night shift at Port City Bike Taxi. Robert and I bonded over that summer through discussions of movies, politics, sports, our families, our jobs and life in Wilmington. It wasn't until long after I had met him that he informed me of his financial situation and that he had been living out of his 2009 Civic for the past year.

To this day, I don't know if he withheld that information purposefully, or that it simply never came up in the natural course of conversation. I'm inclined to go with the former, because that is often the case with those who are homeless – as deviants from the ideal American lifestyle, they don't want to scare anyone off. Regardless of which it was, the result was the same: he is simply a friend, and one who clearly had many stories to tell other than his homelessness.

What people fail to realize is that members of the homeless population are just like us. It is very easy to distance yourself from a group of people you rarely communicate with. There is a reason that the homeless are often called the invisible population. Would you want to spend any

amount of time with people who jumped to conclusions about your life situation and could talk with you about nothing else?

The stigma surrounding homeless people in the U.S. is unfair. There are many ways that people can get down on their luck, and a lot of the time just need a chance to get back on their feet. The idea that homelessness is permanent and irreparable is harmful not only to those whom it affects, but also to organizations whose mission it is to reach out to the less fortunate and provide them with the resources to successfully reposition themselves in society. From the conversations I had with my homeless friends and acquaintances, some were ashamed to enter into shelter programs or go to the food pantry because taking those steps made the homelessness real. On the contrary, institutions such as these serve to give clients the opportunity to clean up, stay safe, save money and take steps toward finding permanent shelter.

To my friends without homes: Keep on trucking. Save your money. Stay clean and don't give up. Put your talents to good use.

I am happy to report that, two and a half years after first meeting Robert, he is living in an apartment in downtown Wilmington with his girlfriend and two buddies and working at a local restaurant. He still drives the Civic.

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Schools don't create advantages



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Don't Mind Matt

The importance of attending a top journalism school emerged as a topic of conversation last week. Journalism Twitter was set ablaze with debate over how important it is to attend one of the top journalism schools in the country.

The overarching response; it doesn't matter. In this case the Twitter universe is correct. It doesn't matter which journalism school (j-school) you go to. What matters is what you do when you go to a j-school.

Theodore Kim, director of Newsroom Fellowships and Internships for *The New York Times* sparked the debate originally. He tweeted on March 4 that some of the top journalism schools in the United States usually turn out the most “productive” candidates. Kim threw out 26 different j-schools as examples of universities that turn out great journalists.

What followed Kim's tweets were journalists across Twitter criticizing and disagreeing with his opinion. Some said his opinion was archaic. Others said it was nonsense.

Kim did eventually clarify and apologize for his original comments, but in my opinion his beliefs aren't new and point to an unspoken, yet extremely problematic bias against journalism students from smaller or less-recognized j-schools.

What makes a journalist great isn't the school they attend. The name at the top of a degree is just that a name. Yes the quality of the education differs between a community college and Harvard University, but there are many lessons journalists can't learn in a classroom.

Journalism is still an industry where personal values and real-world experience can be as valuable as any degree you get. Professors can teach you about the inverted pyramid, AP Style or ethical interviewing, but it's up to the journalism student to implement those lessons.

I've met journalists in my time who were terrific students in journalism classes, but couldn't seem to convert those skills into real-world situations. They've been taught how to interview, how to write a breaking news story and research, but somehow when given a real deadline for a newspaper, they can't complete the task.

There's a certain hunger in journalism students from schools such as East Carolina University. They have to get by with less breaks than the average Ivy League student.

They are hungry to prove people wrong. They are comfortable grinding for longer periods of time. They are used to making use of less resources and familiar with the idea that their school may not support their journalism.

Determination, making use with less resources and feeling comfortable in hectic situations are skills a j-school can't teach a journalist. It's something journalists need to learn on their own.

Getting a journalism degree and going to the best j-school possible is nice, but what's more important is the motivation and determination you have. J-schools, professors and university name recognition may get you in the door, but that's only half the equation.

The j-school doesn't matter. What matters is what you do with the opportunity. Whether it's Harvard or ECU, success comes to those who work hard.

My personal mantra is always to be the hardest-working journalist in the room. I may not always be the smartest journalist, but I'll always work to be the most determined reporter and I know my editors appreciate that.

At the end of the day, journalism is still an industry where hard work, determination and natural talent still get people places. It doesn't matter if you go to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or have connections that can get you into a top newspaper.

In the end, those who aren't naturally talented, can't write, don't know AP Style or can't handle journalism will fade even with that sparkly Ivy League degrees. When that happens, us little, unknown j-school graduates will pick up the where they left off and become the next Bob Woodward or Morley Safer of our generation.

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EVENTS

TODAY

Fresh Citrus Truckload Sale
Greenville Mall
2 p.m.

30 Second Rocks Tiebreakers Sports Bar and Grill
7 p.m.

Team Trivia
Pitt Street Brewing Company
7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Daytime Painting & Drawing
Emerge Gallery and Art Center
1 p.m.

Facebook Live Sale
Artisans Decorative Accessories and Fine Gifts
7 p.m.

Documentary makes a buzz

Taylor Mumma
TEC STAFF

In its efforts to educate the students of East Carolina University about environmental issues, the Sustainability Film and Discussion Series is bringing a documentary about the impact and importance bees have in everyone's life.

The "More Than Honey" documentary will be free and open to students, faculty and community members tonight at 6:30 in the Main Student Center Ballroom B.

The film will cover the decline in bee colonies and what that means for the modern world. Although the film was released in 2013, the bee population is still a concern to the beekeepers taking care of them, according to the ECU events calendar page.

Chad Carwein, ECU's sustainability manager, said he picked out this film specifically because of its impact on the environment and food products.

"The film really raises awareness to the issue that has been termed 'Colony Collapse Disorder,' that is a phenomenon that over the past 14 years, bees have started disappearing and dying off," Carwein said.

Not only does this affect the quality of the environment because of bee pollination, but it also affects the food people eat. According to Carwein, bees pollinate every one in three bites a person consumes every day.

ECU geography professor Karen Mulcahy expresses her love for beekeeping by taking care of about a dozen hives. Mulcahy will also

attend the event as a guest speaker for a discussion after the film.

"It looks to be a very interesting film that approaches beekeeping from different perspectives, although, running through the film there is a theme that honey bees, like most pollinators, are in decline," Mulcahy said.

According to Carwein, the film more deeply explores the potential causes, parasites, viruses and, most importantly, the pesticides that are put on crop fields.

"In particular to pesticides, they don't stay on the crops, they get into our water system and travel through the air near the surrounding fields with pollinated plants," Carwein said.

Dale Aycock, a former comparative medicine professor at ECU, found a love for beekeeping in 2005 and later became a charter member of the Tar River Beekeepers in 2012.

"At that time, I was making my own home-brewed beer and I was interested in making mead, which comes from honey," Aycock said. "Turns out I started (to) have much more fun, and now I make a lot of

honey and sell a lot of honey."

Along with raising awareness for honey bees, Carwein is applying for ECU to be a part of Bee Campus USA. He hopes that ECU can live up to the standards of a bee-friendly campus and make a safe environment for the bees as well as make it interactive for students.

Already being a Tree Campus USA and bicycle-friendly school, Carwein is in the process of putting two bee hive boxes on the Health Sciences Campus in May to make it a bee campus.

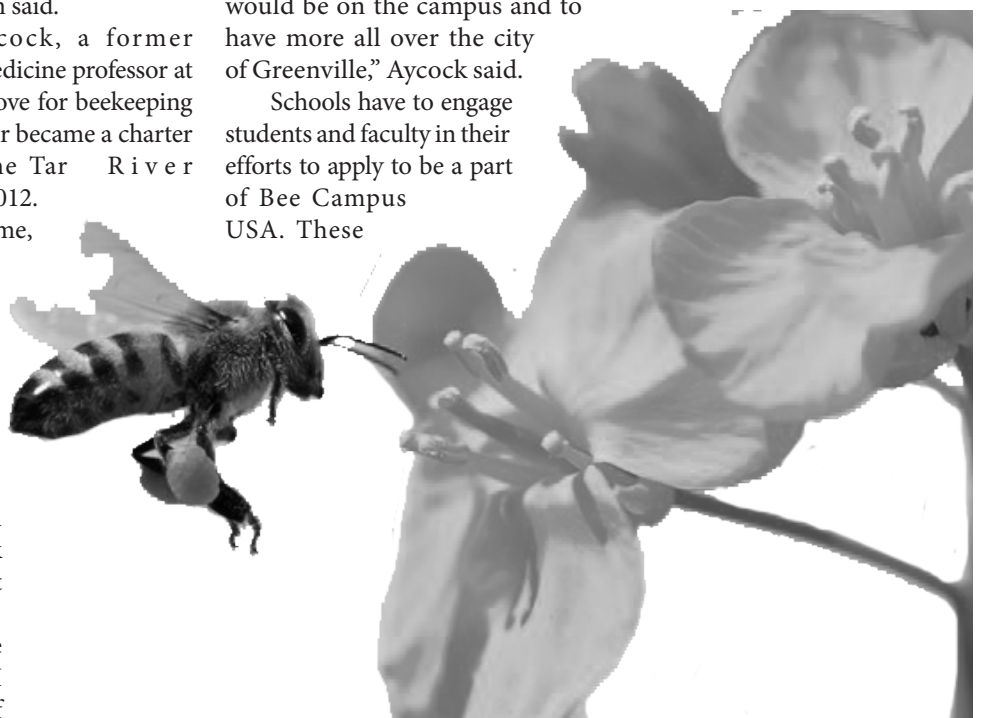
"It would be nice to see, along with the beatification process, that more and more native species of all pollinators would be on the campus and to have more all over the city of Greenville," Aycock said.

Schools have to engage students and faculty in their efforts to apply to be a part of Bee Campus USA. These

requirements include forming a committee, keeping up a web and social media presence, offer pollinated-focused courses or workshops and host awareness events, such as this one.

"Being a part of a bee campus is the education aspects of it, to try to bring forth awareness of the importance of pollinators," Mulcahy said. "It provides a good, safe and healthy environment for the bees, which makes me happy because we all spend time here on campus and it makes it a happy environment overall."

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BARBARA HADDOCK TAYLOR | TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

A bee landing on a flower. ECU will show "More Than Honey," a film on the impact of bees on the environment, tonight.



Ronson Shultz glassblowing. Shultz is one of the artists in ECU's exhibition. COURTESY OF ECU.EDU

Students display talent

Vincent Justice
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Master of Fine Arts art program is hosting an exhibition of graduate art, where students voice their own thoughts and beliefs through their shared passion.

The MFA Thesis Exhibition opened yesterday and will remain open to the public until March 30 in the Gray Gallery. Located in the Jenkins Fine Art Center, the Gray Gallery is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be an opening reception on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Angel Bellaran, the director of the Gray Gallery, said there are four participants in the exhibit; Joanne Lang, Time Rickett, Ronson Shultz and Margaret Claire White. Bellaran said the students participating in this exhibition have been preparing to showcase their work for the entirety of their time in graduate school.

"You can walk into a show that's just pretty and has some aesthetically pleasing art but this show has that and a deeper meaning," Bellaran said.

Ronson Shultz, a third year graduate art student participating in the exhibition, said he specializes

specifically with ceramic art.

Shultz said all his pieces on display were wood-fire ceramic pieces. He said all art is political in nature and his work in this exhibition is no different.

"I'm using my piece as a means to demystify the art-right and inform the public about the history of how they came to be and the chaos that's followed in their awakening," Shultz said.

Shultz said he believes hate crimes have risen under President Donald Trump. Shultz said he makes art to challenge and explore the current political arena.

Tim Rickett, a third year graduate art student participating in the exhibition, said he has been working on sculpting during his time at ECU.

Rickett said his piece is classified as found-object art, where the artist finds materials that may not seem like art at first glance, but they then create a sculpture with them.

Rickett stated his piece focuses on the Anthropocene era, a term coined recently to express how humans have changed the climate and the world as a whole through the expose of waste and other

environmental factors.

"I think everybody just needs to be a little bit more self conscious and a little bit more aware of the visible pollution that you see," Rickett said. "Whether that be the gum that you see stuck to the sidewalk, the cigarette butts piled up on the sidewalk or that weird piece of plastic that's been stuck to a fence for years."

Bellaran said each of the artists participating in the exhibition are creating their own pieces and conveying their own experiences through their artwork.

She said if an artist is creating art that is not politically motivated then they aren't using their creative outlet properly.

"I firmly believe that an artist's job is to be able to interpret to the masses ideas and thoughts that might not necessarily be easy to come to themselves," Bellaran said. "If you're not making work that is somehow speaking politically, then I'm not really quite sure why you're making artwork."

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Emerge hosts juried sculpture exhibition

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In a remarkable display of creating art with nothing but an imagination and one's own hands, Emerge Art Gallery is hosting its Downeast National Juried Sculpture Exhibition throughout the month of March.

The indoor portion opened on March 1 and will be on show until the end of March, while the outdoor portion will stay up through February 2020. Located at 404 Evans St., Emerge Art Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The pieces submitted for the outdoor portion are on display all around Pitt County,

on East Carolina University's campus at Mendenhall Student Center, the Health Sciences Campus, A Time For Science on Dickinson Avenue and Wahl-Coates Elementary School for Arts, according to Holly Garriott, executive director of Emerge Art Gallery.

Garriott said of the 120 entries for the outdoor and indoor exhibition, only 36 were chosen. Although the majority of the artists displayed in the outdoor portion come from Pitt County, Garriott said only four artists hail from North Carolina in the indoor exhibition.

Garriott said this event, as well as the fact that submissions have come in from all over the country, will add legitimacy to the exhibition while also helping to put Greenville on the map in the art community.

"The main just exciting factor for me is the variety of materials being used, processes and how they're actually, well, the output, you know, the final product, and it's just so great for our community to be able to be exposed to all these

different kinds of sculpture," Garriott said.

Garriott said some of the materials chosen for the exhibition range from traditional pieces made from stones to those made of wire, metal and lights. Emerge displays a varied assortment of pieces and installations that are all used to communicate the voice of the sculptor.

"I think the main thing is, especially for the outdoor component, for ECU students just walking on campus past Mendenhall to really notice like, 'Whoa, those are some new sculptures there,' but to not just walk by, but to really stop and notice," Garriott said.

Jon Mehlferber, a professor of art at the University of North Georgia, is the first

place winner of the indoor portion of the exhibition with his piece titled, "Spirit House." Garriott said the juror of the event loved the translucency of the piece that helped Mehlferber stand out even more than his piece already did with it being a 3D print.

"It reflects light, refracts light and filters light all at the same time, not quite like a diamond, but with similar optical effects," Mehlferber said.

Through his use of 3D printing, Mehlferber has done exactly what Garriott wanted to see, which is a sculptor conveying exactly what they wanted to say through their particular medium of choice while still maintaining the three-dimensional component.

"I think it is an honor just to have work selected to be a part of the exhibition," Mehlferber said. "I hope visitors enjoy seeing it as much as the juror did."

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Holly Garriott



Jon Mehlferber

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Pull together with your team to get ahead. It takes a village. Discover something surprising about someone you thought you knew. Strengthen your collaborative infrastructure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Listen to your partner, and remain open to compromise. Notice where you might be stuck. Collaboration allows you each to contribute strengths and protect weaknesses.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- You can make extra money for a few days. Take advantage of a lucky break to push ahead. Maintain positive cash flow through careful monitoring.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Can you mix business with pleasure? Travel could serve both purposes. A professional goal has your attention. Keep your eye on the target and prepare.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- The pace quickens, and your heart gets pumping. Practice your physical moves and maintain physical routines for growing energy. Nurture your health and wellness.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Put on your power suit. Energize a cause close to your heart. Document your findings. Someone's saying nice things about you. Speak out for others.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Monitor news and conditions carefully. While breakdowns and distractions are possible, travels and studies can take solid ground. Research and document your findings.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Listen to your heart. Enjoy the company of someone you love. Romantic scenarios could unfold. Prioritize family and fun when choosing activities. Relax.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Finish a project in private through tomorrow. Organize and file. Put things away. Prepare your space for what's coming next. Clear your mind and rest.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Work together to advance on a shared financial goal. Find creative solutions to a challenge. Listen to diverse views. Choose what's best for family.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- The next two days could get busy at home. Domestic chores and upgrades blend with family activities and gatherings. Coordinate schedules and differing needs.

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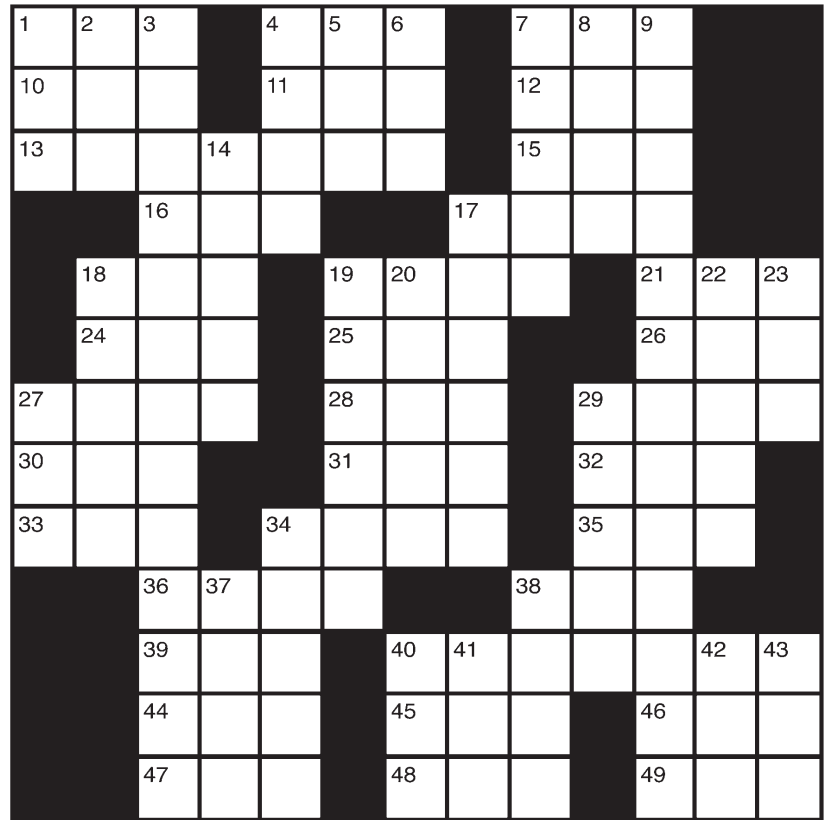
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- 12 Physicians' org.
- 13 Actress Brooke
- 15 Vice President Rockefeller's monogram
- 16 "___ About You"
- 17 Ms. Lamarr
- 18 Tractor-trailer
- 19 Farrow and Kirshner
- 21 Actress Thurman
- 24 "___ Tree Hill"
- 25 Hockey's Bobby
- 26 Fabray, to friends
- 27 Shadowbox
- 28 Mr. DeLuise
- 29 TV actor's award
- 30 Sushi bar offering
- 31 Record producer Brian
- 32 Sheep's cry
- 33 "The Man with the Golden ___"; Frank Sinatra movie

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- 38 Make a mistake
- 39 Wynken, Blynken and ___
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- 44 "Daddy ___ Care"; Eddie Murphy movie
- 45 Baseball stat.
- 46 Actress Arden
- 47 Yrbk. section
- 48 "The ___ Commandments"
- 49 "American ___!"

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- 5 Unhappy
- 6 "___ All Relative"
- 7 Seymour and Curtin
- 8 "It's ___ Mad Mad Mad World"
- 9 Series for Jay Mohr
- 14 Raring to go
- 17 Actor Mark
- 18 Stanley ___; Norman Fell's role
- 19 Not at all boastful
- 20 Actor Jeremy
- 22 "___ Family"; Vicki Lawrence sitcom
- 23 "___ Given Sunday"; Al Pacino movie
- 27 "20,000 Leagues Under the ___"
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- 34 Griffith and Rooney
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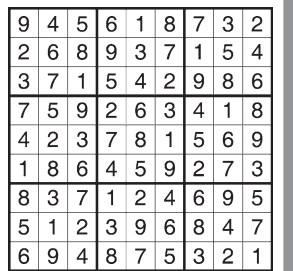
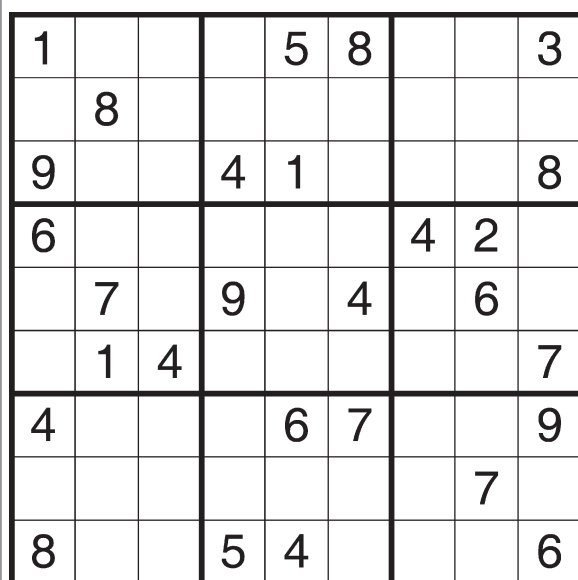
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go down that track initially but fate turned me in a different direction.”

At Tennessee, Gilbert was the Executive Senior Associate Athletics Director for six years. Gilbert left Tennessee on Jan. 24, 2017 and then served as the AD at the University of Southern Mississippi until Dec. 3 when he moved into his new position at ECU. While at Southern Miss he worked to instill the student-athlete first mindset in his staffs because he believes that is the way to lead the department.

“Every meeting I communicate that we are here for our student athletes and our coaches to help them be successful,” Gilbert said. “I have talked about how I do not want to be the face of our department, I really would prefer that our coaches and student athletes be the face of the department. Certainly I am the leader, I understand that and can make decisions but I think we have started down that path of instilling that student-athlete first mindset.”

ECU and the athletic department passed the athletic director mantle to Gilbert. Ever since that day, Gilbert has worked to bring back the winning tradition it once had. Gilbert said three things influenced his decision to become the new AD for Pirate nation.

“I thought the timing was right,” Gilbert said. “ECU needed to grow in a positive direction so I felt that the timing was good. Two, I knew the history of East Carolina, and I knew that we have had great success before in our sports programs. Three, we are a very well respected brand nationally and I thought those three elements contributed to coming here.”

ECU students, faculty, alumni and fans all over have embraced Gilbert since then with open arms while waiting to see what he does with ECU athletics in the upcoming years.

“The community has been extremely welcoming, and warm

and friendly, exactly what I thought it would be. People have been really engaging with me and so the reception and the fit have been extremely positive for me and my family,” Gilbert said.

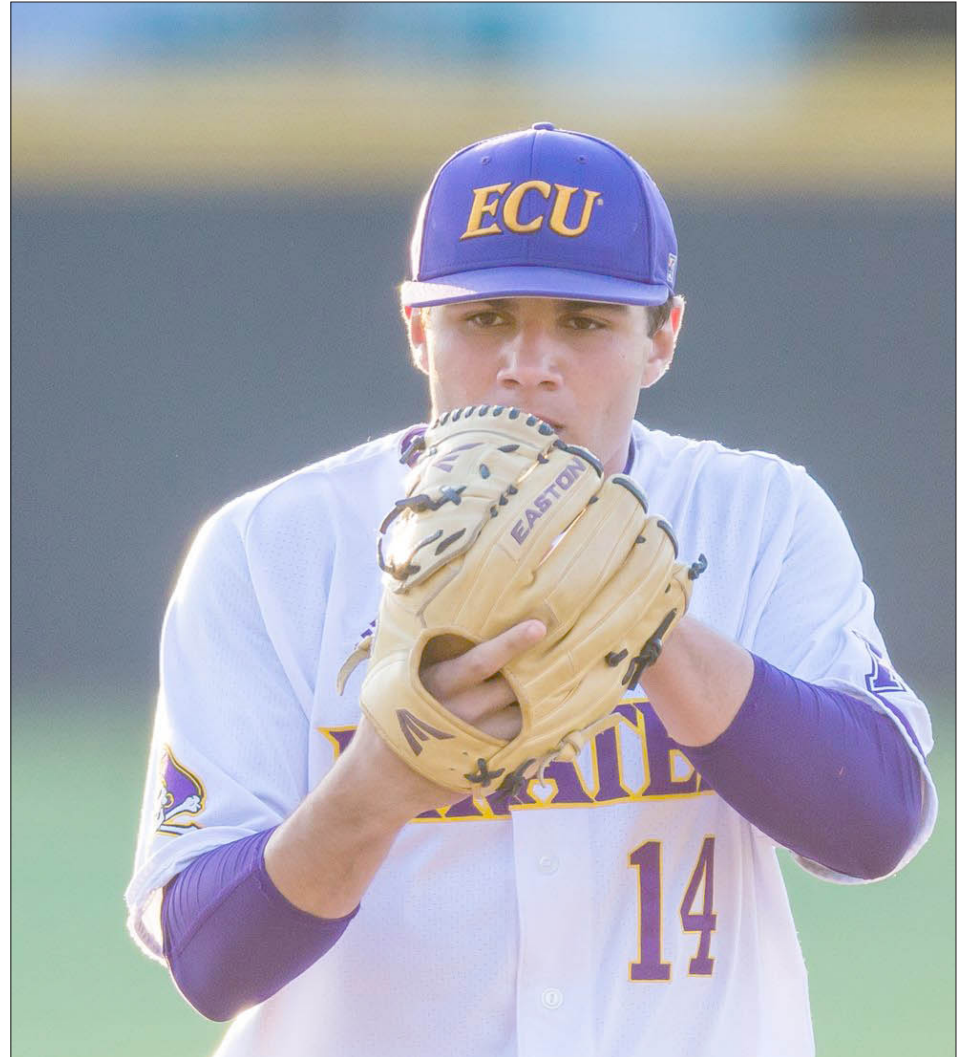
Gilbert wants to see many things happen for the university and Pirate fans, including making sure the student athletes are getting their degrees while competing to their fullest potential on their respective teams.

“Our students are coming here because they love their sport or whatever sport they are in,” Gilbert said. “I want to make sure we are really good competitively. People care about athletics and they want to come to watch programs that are successful and I want to help put us in a position where our programs are successful and competitive.”

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New AD Jon Gilbert is ready to lead ECU athletics.



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Junior pitcher Jake Agnos threw seven scoreless innings in the 5-0 win over Marist on Friday.

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top of the sixth inning to try and attempt another comeback, but fell short as ECU would answer back in the bottom of the inning with a run of its own to get a 10-5 lead, one it would hang on to until the end of the game. ECU finished with 14 hits and no errors, while its opponent had 11 hits and one error.

“I thought we pitched good overall the entire weekend, played really good defense this weekend and we had a lot of tough at bats,” head coach Cliff Goodwin said. “Today we needed to be very offensive and I thought we were very offensive up and down the line-up.”

Saturday’s game started off as a closer one, at least from the Red Fox, as they would score the first run in the top of the first inning and ECU answered with a run in the fourth inning. Marist would add two runs in the fifth inning to hold its lead up until the eighth inning when the Pirates were down 3-2. They managed to score a run to tie the game up.

The game would then go into extra innings after neither team managed to score again. The game would go on until the bottom of the 12th,

when junior outfielder Christian Smallwood’s RBI singled to left field and gave the Pirates a walk-off win with a final score of 4-3.

ECU first came to play on Friday, as the game started as a scoreless one for both teams during the first three innings of play. The Pirates then scored runs in three consecutive innings, extending their lead to 5-0, which would end up being the final score of the day. A game in which the Pirates had 13 hits, their opponent had seven hits.

ECU’s success during the weekend varied on different aspects of the games, as every game had a different ending and momentum, just as it is supposed to be for a college baseball weekend series.

“We’re finding it, like I said, when your offense scores ten runs, it’s tough to lose so, shoutout to those guys, who make it all easier on us,” redshirt junior right-handed pitcher Cam Colmore said. “Really versatile, anybody can step up at any time.”

The Pirates will look to extend their four game winning streak, when they take on Duke University on Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Durham, North Carolina.

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- » **BASEBALL:** ECU is taking on Duke this evening at 4 p.m. in Durham, North Carolina for a midweek matchup.
- » **SOFTBALL:** The Pirates are traveling to Farmville, Virginia on Wednesday to take on Longwood in a double header at 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- » **MEN'S GOLF:** ECU is competing in the General Hackler Championship in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina that started yesterday and ends today.
- » **WOMEN'S GOLF:** The Pirates are competing in the Briar's Creek Invitational in Charleston, South Carolina that started yesterday and ends today.

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