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## Neighbors react to house fire

Trajan Warren  
TEC STAFF

A two-story home on south Library Street and east Third Street near East Carolina University, caught on fire around 4:30 Wednesday afternoon, according to Greenville Fire/Rescue and PulsePoint.

Rebekah Thurston, public information officer for GFR, said there were four occupants living

in the home. Thurston said it is not known yet if the residents were inside the home at the start of the fire or how the fire started, but there will be an investigation.

According to several witnesses, the fire moved to an adjacent building located at 213 S. Library St. and set the pine needles on top of the house on fire.

Luther Hill, a freshman

communication major, said he first saw the fire while standing on his front porch across the street from the home where the fire started. Hill also said he witnessed the fire jump to the house beside it.

"I walked outside to just take a break from being inside and to go look at the nice day, and walked out on the porch and just saw a house up in flames," Hill said. "It only took (GFR)

after we called them, honestly, after we called them like two minutes to get here."

Susan McRae, biology professor at ECU, said she was just arriving to her house when



Susan McRae

she saw the smoke rising from behind her home on Harding Street.

Other than what she saw, McRae said all she knows is the home where the fire was started is a student rental and does not know the residents personally.

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## Celebrating St. Patrick's



A customer of Uptown Greenville's 2018 St. Patrick's Day celebration. Several bars and restaurants are taking part in this year's holiday.

## Uptown businesses offer deals

Chloe Easton  
TEC STAFF

Feeling lucky? Restaurants and bars around Greenville are embracing the spirit of St. Patrick's Day by offering live music, drink specials and traditional Irish cuisine for the community.

Starting early, Carolina Ale House is kicking off the celebration with its "Kegs &

Eggs" event on Sunday, offering guests a traditional Irish breakfast plate. Marketing specialist Taylor Brundage said the plate will be made from scratch, including roasted potatoes, scrambled eggs, bacon, toast and a green beer.

"We haven't done anything as big as we are doing this year. We normally do drink and food specials throughout the weekend

of St. Patrick's Day," Brundage said. "This year we really wanted to enhance and do something different and a little bit bigger, so that's why we are doing the 'Kegs and Eggs' event."

Opening an hour earlier than usual, Brundage said "Kegs & Eggs" will begin at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tickets for the event can be purchased in-store, online

through EventBrite or on the restaurant's Facebook page @ CAHGreenvilleNC, starting at \$12.

The Ale House will also offer drink specials during the day, including \$4 pints of Guinness, \$5 Jameson shots and \$6 Irish car bombs. Carolina Ale House is located at 704 Greenville Blvd.

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## ECU PD

## prepares for holiday

Jenna Price  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Police Department will partner with several local agencies and businesses today for a Booze It and Lose It event that will take place in the Sup Dogs parking lot.

Sgt. Brian Edwards of ECU PD said the event is sponsored by multiple agencies including the Governor's Highway Safety Program, Alcohol Law Enforcement, Pitt Counties Alcohol Beverage Control Association, North Carolina Department of Transportation, ECU Transit and Sup Dogs.

The official start time of the event is 2 p.m. where volunteers will hand out flyers to raise awareness for the event, Edwards said. The main event will begin at 5 p.m. in the Sup Dogs parking lot.

"The main reason they are having this kickoff is because they are going to have the BATmobile, which is a mobile prep test unit and is sponsored by the Governor's Highway Safety Program, which is used at checkpoints," Edwards said. "It is a mobile breath testing unit which can process a DWI from start to finish without ever having to transport them to the testing facility at the jail."

The main purpose of the Booze It and Lose It event is to bring awareness to the dangers of drinking and driving, Edwards

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Junior guard John Whitley has been a walk-on player for ECU since 2016.

## Whitley embraces role

## Junior guard John Whitley took walk-on route

Alexis Alvarez  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

When people, spectators and analysts look at collegiate athletics regardless of the level, more times than not they tend to pay attention to the scholarship athletes and overlook those who walk-on to the teams.

The East Carolina University men's basketball team has a walk-on player that has worked hard and made an impact off the bench despite not getting as much playing time as others on the team, and that is junior guard John Whitley. Whitley, a native of Washington, North Carolina, which is only 22 miles from Greenville, gets to play the sport he loves and be close to family.

"I started when I was like eight and I just fell in love with the game," Whitley said. "I looked

up to Kobe Bryant, and it's been my love forever."

In high school, Whitley was a three-year letterman at Washington High School and was named the Pam-Pack's 2014-15 MVP. He averaged 16.1 points his senior season and shot 86 percent at the free throw line. Whitley received offers from Division II and Division III schools such as Randolph College and Milligan College, but he chose to take his talents to ECU in 2016 and became a walk-on player when he received the invite by the ECU head coach at the time, Jeff Lebo.

"I chose to come to ECU because of the opportunity to play at the highest level," Whitley said. "Being 30 minutes from home on top of that made it a no brainer to me. It's definitely an adjustment. It's cool

being able to play against high level athletes and players."

Whitley scored the first collegiate points of his career during his sophomore year against the University of South Florida in the



John Whitley

90-52 win on Jan. 17, 2018. It was at the end of the game with less than 40 seconds left on the clock when Whitley took a right-handed floater and banked it in to score his first basket for the Pirates.

"It was really cool personally for me to score that basket," Whitley

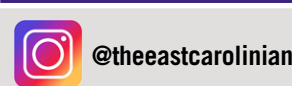
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### SOCIAL MEDIA



## BRIEFS

**Democratic Engagement to present political debate**

The Democratic Engagement at East Carolina University will present 'Politics in Our Space: Women in Politics' today beginning at 6 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center room 337. The event will feature a faculty and staff led panel and will have free pizza for attendants.

**College of Engineering and Technology to host seminar**

The College of Engineering and Technology will host a seminar from 3 to 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Science and Technology Building in room C209. The seminar will have an FDA perspective on the importance of standards in engineering education.

**The College of Nursing will induct hall of fame**

Tomorrow the College of Nursing will host the ECU Nursing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Greenville Hilton located on Greenville Boulevard. The ceremony will recognize the accomplishments of exemplary leaders in nursing.

**G.O.L.D. Series to encourage conflict**

Today, the G.O.L.D. Series will present a seminar for leaders on conflict management beginning at 5 p.m. at the Main Campus Student Center in room 236. The event is to assist students with learning how to manage conflict in a healthy manner.

The event is free and open to the public and will last until 6 p.m.

**ECU Graduate School will provide funding information**

The East Carolina University graduate school program will host an information session of funding for graduate programs tomorrow beginning at 2 p.m. at Joyner Library in room 1008. The seminar will provide students with resources on how to fund graduate school.

The event is free and open to all students and will last until 3:30 p.m.

## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

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# MCSC lacks identity

Ethan Hageman  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Main Campus Student Center has been open for a little more than two months, but has yet to receive any name other than the Main Campus Student Center.

Will Williams, director of Development/Parent and Family Program at ECU, said in order to name the student center, a donor will have to donate no less than \$10 million.

The naming of a suite costs \$150,000, while naming the whole student center is a lot pricier because of the square footage it encompasses, according to Williams.

"It's probably going to be a while till we find somebody that can commit



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Groups of students in the food court located inside of the Main Campus Student Center.

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to \$10 million. Many of the buildings on campus have been named after distinguished alumni and faculty who have had a significant impact on campus," Williams said. "However, the Board of Trustees have said they want the student center

to be named after a large monetary donor."

75 percent of the \$10 million donated will go back to support students. This money can be used for amenities such as student counseling, health centers and scholarships, Williams said.

Williams said it would be needed to be taken up with the Student Government Association and the BOT.

Ivan Martinez, a freshman biology major, said the current name of the student center is too plain and basic. Martinez said students and the university

as a whole would benefit from a historic perspective by naming the student center after someone.

Martinez pointed to buildings and venues that are named after notable ECU figures such as Joyner Library and Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Those buildings are more widely recognized by students because of their names, Martinez said.

"It just sounds like new student center, like we just didn't get to naming it yet," Martinez said. "I think there are definitely better, more welcoming names out there rather than something just super general as the new student center," Martinez said.

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# Road closures cause detours

Elizabeth Johnosn  
TEC STAFF

When the city of Greenville closed Fifth Street for the Town Creek Culvert Project, it forced motorists and pedestrians to find other path to downtown. The closure also affected first responders who are now using detours to respond to East Carolina University in a timely manner.

Greenville Fire/Rescue, the Greenville Police Department and the ECU Police Department have planned detour routes to reach ECU's campus in response to road closures by the Town Creek Culvert Project which construction began in 2018.

GFR Chief Eric Griffin said there are different routes for firefighters to access West End on ECU's campus depending on where it chooses to enter. Griffin said some of the potential routes would include areas in The Grid.

"Right now, the closest routes depend on what part of campus you're gonna go to. If you're gonna go to the route to the area where

you would typically take Fifth, they would take either Fourth Street, Third Street or First Street and cut across," Griffin said.

Griffin said GFR has been pre-planning for more than a year since Reade Circle will be closed until November.

"We adjust every time they're going to have a different section closed," Griffin said.

Griffin said the fire station on 10th Street can have a really good response time, an average of seven minutes, to the main campus area. Griffin said the station on Charles Boulevard can also have a good response time to parts of campus.

"Just because right now we're having a little bit of construction that's going on with Fifth Street, that doesn't necessarily cut us off from having a quick response to the campus," Griffin said.

Public Information Officer for GPD, Capt. Carlton Williams, said a planned detour route for emergency vehicles has been established in conjunction with the Public Works department and the company repairing Town Creek Culvert.

ECU PD Lt. Chris Sutton said all of ECU's dorms have fire escape plans and routes located on each floor and in the lobby area.

In the case of a fire alarm going off, Sutton said ECU PD is

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- Eric Griffin

notified by Life Safety, a part of ECU Facility Services.

According to Sutton, officers responding off of Reade Street may have to go down to Fourth Street and gain access from Elm Street or Maple Street from the east end of campus.

Sutton said road closures require officers to be more strategic in the routes they choose to take when responding depending on the time of day and traffic.

"We dealt with a lot of construction off the 10th Street side of campus that required us to be a little more strategic in how we

were responding, so it just requires each officer to have a high level of situational awareness," Sutton said.

According to Sutton, ECU Facility Services has been acting as a liaison as it receives information and updates from the city and contractors about the Town Creek Culvert Project. Sutton said this information is shared with officers responding in the patrol division and officers are advised if there is problematic travel that could hinder their response.

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The BATmobile at Booze it and Lose It events sponsored by Governor's Highway Safety Program.

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said.

"The main reason we want to inform the public is to reduce death and injuries on such a busy weekend when DWIs are prevalent throughout the state," Edwards said. "We are hoping those numbers will be much less this year because people have become more educated about how to get home by using Uber, Lyft, transit, calling a friend."

Bret Oliverio, owner of Sup Dogs, said St. Patrick's Day is a big drinking weekend for most people and it is important to spread awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving.

"Sup Dogs is, luckily, a big part of the ECU college experience, and fun and amazing weekends like St. Patrick's Day (is) sort of what college is all about. But at the same time, we

want everyone to be safe and to have a good time," Oliverio said.

Oliverio said he wants people to come to Sup Dogs where they will be serving green beer along with their usual drink menu.

"I just think the words out in 2019, if you're drinking and driving, you're pretty much a loser," Oliverio said.

Anthony Fraraccio, Interfraternity Council president, said Greek life will be in attendance at the event to hand out flyers and hopefully spread awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving.

"We're really focused on changing our image due to the recent years. We are very against drunk driving and we believe these flyers will bring just a little bit more awareness about the weekend ahead and how dangerous it is to drink and drive," Fraraccio said.

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# Counseling updates helpful to students

East Carolina University's Center for Counseling and Student Development has altered its appointment making process in order to better serve the ECU community.

According to various officials from the center, appointments often piled up and left students in a crisis without any options. Although the center will still offer walk-in services for emergencies, the new system now allows appointments to be booked further out, and will give students more flexibility and resources to deal with mental illness and stress.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, support the center's restructuring and encourage students to seek out help should they need it.

Even if one never experiences mental illnesses such as depression or anxiety, speaking to a professional can be incredibly beneficial. The previous system forced students to schedule their crises. These changes to ECU's system allows students to get help when they need it most.

Shannon Bellflower, a screener case manager within the CCSD, said students should use the resources at their disposal to deal with the stresses of college life.

"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."

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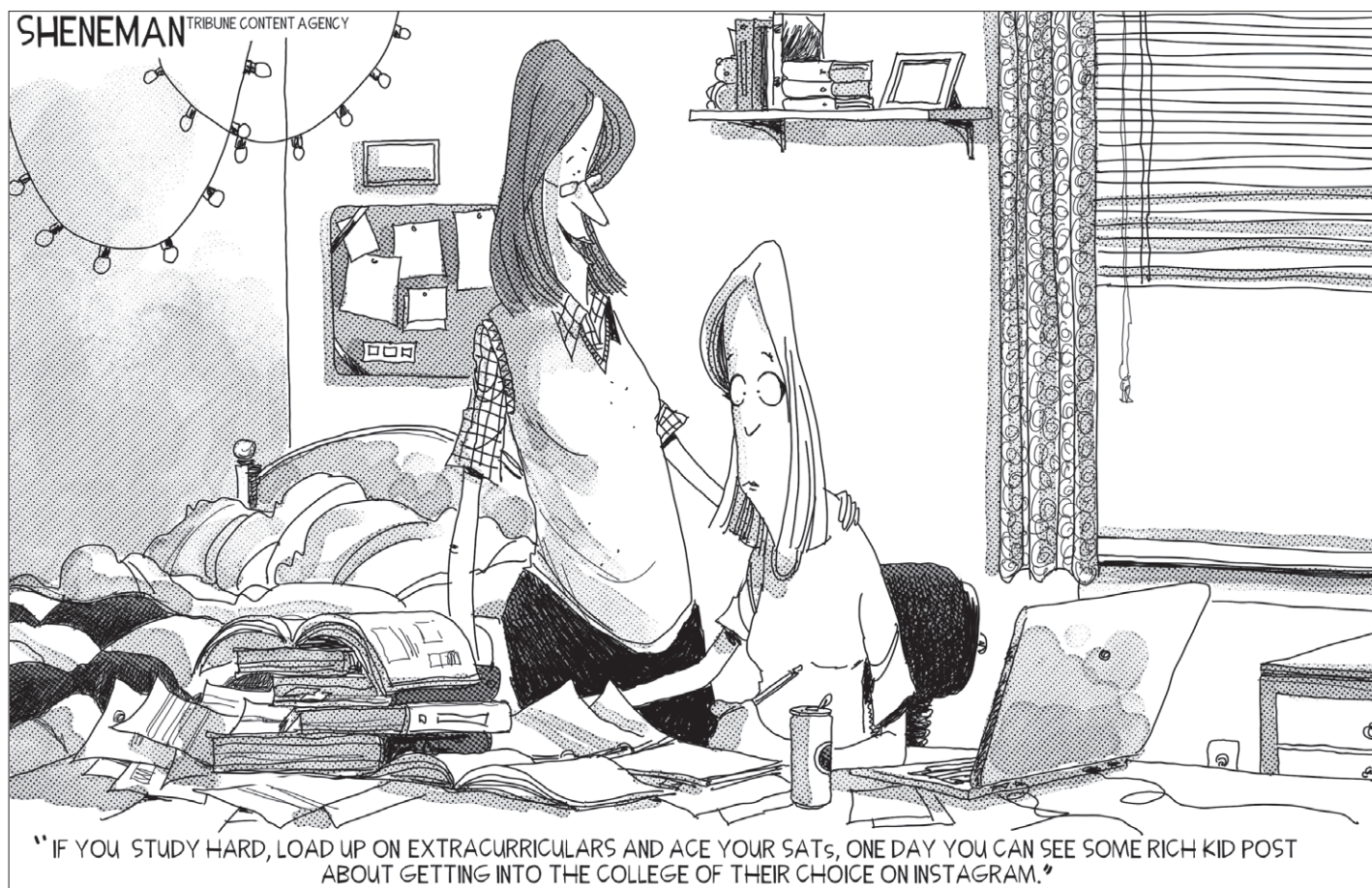
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# Advice to students

## Make the best use of time at East Carolina



**Jordan Koonts**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

I first came across this quote as I was writing my speech for this past fall's graduation ceremony.

And it is one that I will use as a central theme in this next installment of my parting thoughts as your Student Body President. While I have since come to find out that the quote is often falsely attributed to Winston Churchill (thanks, internet), I believe that whomever uttered these words was establishing a goal and a challenge for us all.

To begin, I'd like to break this quote down but through the scope of a student and a passionate member of Pirate Nation. The first part is fairly straightforward. It is a well-known fact that your earnings culminate to your living; a large reason that many people choose to attend college. But beyond the surface exists a deeper reality. As you read this as an undergraduate or graduate of ECU, I want you to realize that we are all members of an important group of society as college educated individuals. This is not something to take lightly and in fact comes with great responsibility in determining your true living.

Many of us utilize college to get a degree and as a foundation for a job and a monetary living, and there is nothing wrong with that. However, we must realize that there is a greater burden on each of our shoulders. By being blessed with the opportunity to pursue collegiate education, we must not let it go to waste; take up your cause, fight for others who cannot fight, and speak for those who don't have a voice. I like to think of this as your "purposeful living." No matter what form

this takes, know that a holistic living is not necessarily defined by a dollar sign. Limiting yourself to this mindset does yourself and society a disservice.

As a student you can begin earning your purposeful living now. ECU gives us all the tools to impact society and put all of our varying skills to work. This could be something as simple as joining a student organization, participating in a day of service or an alternative break experience, or even pursuing research on societal disparities and how they can be overcome. Regardless, the power to start your journey towards a living is within your hands. And while you will encounter many people who define a life of success as the monetary living that they have amassed, I would argue that the happiest people are those who seek a purposeful living. ECU provides the starting point to accomplish both, and neither living is exclusive from the other. But at the end of your time, the amount of money you have made will be irrelevant, but the amount of change you impacted will be with you forever. So as you work to establish your monetary living, do not let your purposeful living fall to the wayside.

As for the latter part of the quote and arguably the most important piece, creating a life. The part of this quote that stands out to me is the wording of making "a life." The wordage does not say that we make "our" lives, rather we make "a" life. This is wholly applicable and important, especially for students at a university that prides itself in impacting positive change. The reality is that by focusing on what we can give and provide to others, we each have the ability to make many lives, sometimes without even realizing.

A mentor of mine consistently challenges me to reflect on who/what has defined my time at ECU and I challenge each of you

to do the same. In doing so, it becomes evident that rarely does a successful student, leader or change-maker get to that position on their own. This is not a slight towards anyone's accomplishments, rather it is a task of recognizing that the most accomplished people have been helped by those before them. These can take the form of a friend, a mentor, or even a random act of kindness, in which someone recognizes and promotes the potential in another; in short, "paying it forward."

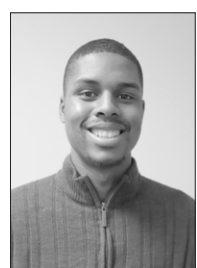
By seeking out others to promote to success, you become the very thing that has undoubtedly helped you. You become the change in the world that Ghandi tasks us with becoming. Through a focus on giving to others you join the ranks of students and leaders that have helped make ECU what it is today. Success becomes tainted if you do not use it to propel others forward with you. As a student you can make countless lives simply by being an active change-maker.

My takeaway from this piece is the realization that all 29,000 of us have the power and the potential to make our livings with purpose and, in turn, make the lives of others. ECU has a proud history of generations of change-makers and impactful students and leaders. From Chancellor Leo Jenkins who fought to get ECU the recognition it deserves, and eventually helped us become the East Carolina University we know and love, to our countless student leaders and world-renowned faculty and researchers. I implore you all to help continue and define this tradition. Take up the task of paying it forward and earn your living while making a life.

-Jordan Koonts

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# The Bible should be read more



**Daniel Roberts**  
TEC STAFF

News broadcasts every day cease to surprise me anymore. The same type of stories or news segments appear on a daily basis. There is always something going on in the government with our president and someone is always getting killed.

I believe that with what is going on in the world today, people should not be overlooking the Bible, but instead begin reading it more and more.

There has not been one day where either of those topics did not appear in a newspaper or news show. I am getting more and more convinced as each day passes that this world is upside down. Society has convinced itself more times than not, that what's right is now wrong, and what's wrong is now right.

There are many religious people all over the world. They claim that they read the word and try to live a good spiritual life. Seeing that the stuff that has gone on in the world, I question how much truth there is to that statement.

The Bible was written to provide a



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According to a recent Gallup poll, people believe that the Bible is open to interpretation more.

blueprint on how to live a good life. People tend to overlook how the Bible was written because the stories in the book took place hundreds and hundreds of years ago. Some will think that the Bible can not relate to us today because of the context and language that the writers used to make the Bible what it is today. Others take the literal approach and take the Bible for what it is and while it is better than not reading it all, I believe that it is not the right way to read such a book.

Any person looking for answers on how to turn their lives around and help fix the problems in the world should read the Bible

with an open-mind. The Bible was written for one that wants to get an understanding on life and come up to their own conclusion on what was meant by what the writers wanted to say when it came to writing it. I am not a minister or someone trying to claim that I am right, I am just someone that wants the world to flip itself rightside up and I think reading the Bible and not overlooking it is a great way to start that process.

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEKEND

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**The Bachelor Trivia**  
Uptown Brewing Company  
7 p.m.

**Saint Patrick's Piercing Special**  
Cape Fear Tattoo Body & Piercing  
9 p.m.

### TOMORROW

**Fish Fryday**  
Carolina Ale House  
11 a.m.

### SATURDAY

**Uptown Craft and Vendor Market**  
Uptown Brewing Company  
Noon

## From practice to passion

**Chloe Easton**  
TEC STAFF

One East Carolina University senior seemed destined for medical practice, but neuroscience and art history major Carly Judd is breaking societal norms, leaving medical practice for her passion in art.

Judd recently performed in the Carolina's Finest Showcase at Trollingwood Taproom and Brewery, where she painted live. The showcase's host and head of local music platform Creative Culture, Jay Coachman said Judd is very easy to work with and is a huge people person.

"Just working with her, she's amazing, she is one of the most amazing artists I know, she is super smart, a genius and she is creative, and you don't see that in too many people," Coachman, a senior art major, said.

Since the showcase, Judd has decided to become an official member of Creative Culture along with other performers. Currently, Judd is preparing for the Honors College Artist and Residence Showcase on Saturday, based on her personal experience she had while studying abroad.

"Basically what it was, was a year-long residency and I had to apply for it, and I am creating a series based on what it means to be a tourist and deal with the legacies you hold, in whatever way that is," Judd said.

Judd's interest in artistic talent began developing at an early age.

"Coming into college, I thought it was something I needed to put to the side (drawing), so I was like, 'Okay, I need to focus on a future,' and whatever that meant, and then opportunities kept coming up in the art realm," Judd said. "I was being stubborn, but it kept coming back around to, 'I need to be doing art.'"

Judd said her inspiration grew from her grandmother's artistic abilities, but her roommate, senior biology major Megan Koceja, pushed her to continue her artistic career once entering college.

"I think that I see Carly truly making herself as an artist, I think her art is going to take her exactly where she wants it to," Koceja said. "I know she is going to do it and I know she is going to be incredible at it, and it's just going to be her."

Judd said she aims for her art to connect with people and for it to play a part in understanding roles in today's society.

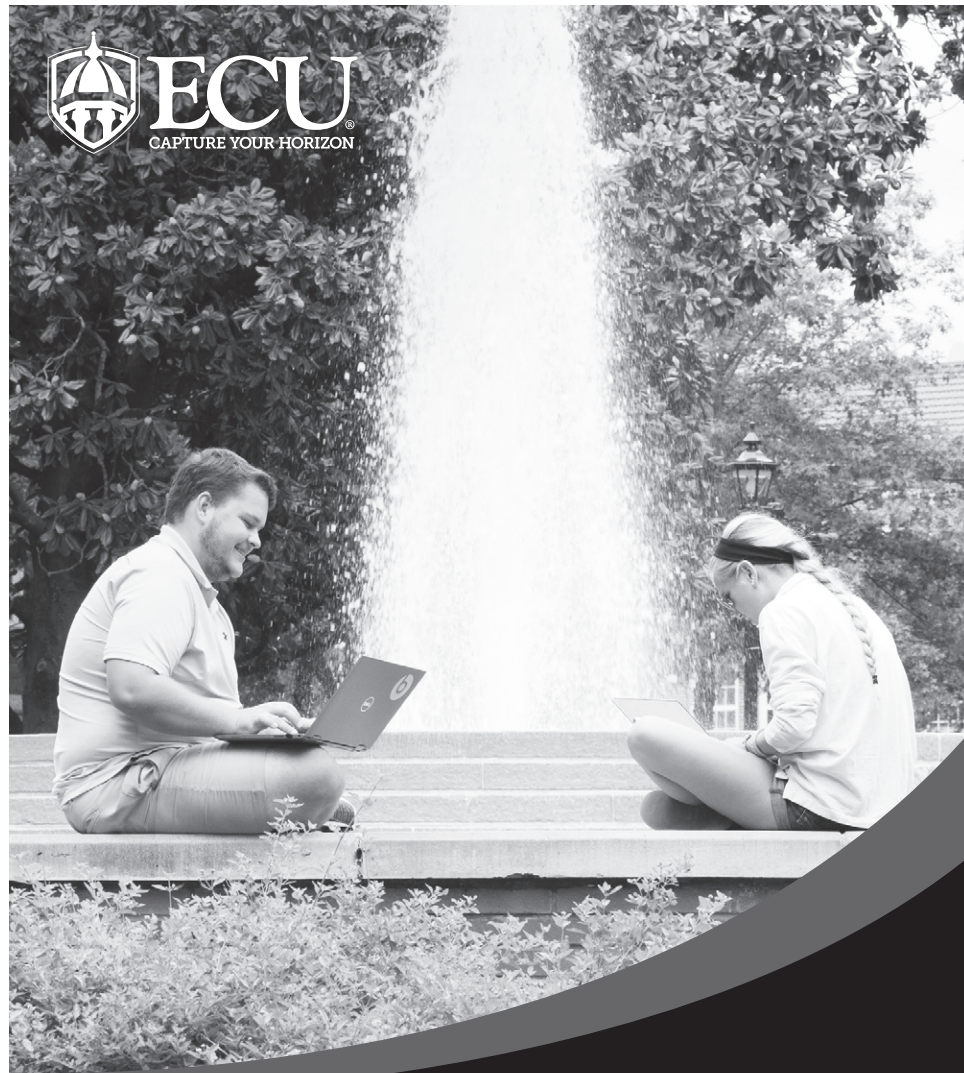
"I want it to be something that is identifiable, relatable, but also speaks to the bigger picture of what it means to be a person who is responsible in society today as far as how they act," Judd said.

Versatile in multiple forms of art, Judd can be found working on paintings, body art, graduation caps and word art. Judd said she enjoys experimenting, but the one thing she will continue to work on is her lyric portraits, with her most recent work being on one of North Carolina native rapper, J. Cole.

"What I do is make shading and value out of words and its in a way, that I haven't seen anyone else do it the specific way that I do it," Judd said. "Half the words you can't read, but there is the integrity of the fact that every word on there is that artist's words."

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ECU senior neuroscience and art history major Carly Judd painting. Judd's work will be displayed at Sunday's Honors College Artist and Residence Showcase.



From left: Scott Allenspach and Bryan Gerber in Pitt Street Brewing Company in uptown Greenville.

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is located at 704 Greenville Blvd. SE in front of the Greenville Mall.

Located at 650 E. Fire Tower Rd., Tapped 650 will take part in the holiday with its "St. Pat's with Tapped" event including live music, pet portraits and food and drink specials.

Partnering with Friends of the Pitt County Animal Shelter (Pitt Friends), Tapped 650 aims to incorporate a way to give back to the community while celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The fundraising event will run from noon to 4 p.m.

Owner Jennifer Spengeman said with the help of a local photographer, the bar is giving guests the opportunity to bring their pet to capture a St. Patrick's Day themed portrait. The portraits include a \$10 sitting fee and all proceeds will be donated directly to the shelter.



**Jennifer Spengeman**

"The shelter will also be selling Pitt Friend mugs, where you can fill it with Pitt Street beer for \$5 and that will also go (toward) Pitt Friends as well," Spengeman said.

Spengeman said The Rock Spring food truck will also take part in the Tapped 650 event, with its special St. Patrick's Day

menu including items such as Guinness short rib sliders, corned beef Irish nachos and fish and chips.

Local classic rock band 4 Asses and a Mule and bagpipe group Public Safety Pipes will also join in on the celebration with live music. Guests will have the opportunity to order Carolina Brewery's green beer, Shamrock Ale throughout the performance, a brewery in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

"I just think that we are super chill and low-key, so while there are a lot of really great places to go where they have a whole bunch going on...maybe we are not as wild, so it's just kind of a good place to enjoy the day and enjoy each other," Spengeman said.

Kicking off its celebration, Pitt Street Brewing Company will feature local soul jam, rock quartet Mac and Juice on Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. Pitt Street is located at 630 S. Pitt St. in downtown Greenville.

Event coordinator Gabrielle Whitlock said Pitt Street Brewing Company will host its Sunday Series event the following day featuring local artist Rebekah Todd. Whitlock said the reasoning behind creating the Sunday Series was for smaller artists to have a greater performing platform.

"I just wanted to provide a platform for solo and duo artists because I get a lot of outreach from them, where it would be kind of a low-key kind of thing," Whitlock said.

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## HOROSCOPES

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Household issues require attention. Surprising actions could compel a spontaneous response. Keep a cool head, and listen to intuition. Secrets get revealed.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- It feels like dreams might come true. Present information clearly. Polish details on a creative work. Edit and trim until it's tight and simply solid.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- There's money to be made. Profitable opportunities are available. Follow an older person's advice. Make a good impression. Listen and provide what's needed.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You're especially sensitive. Keep it respectful and gracious on the red carpet. This is your show; smile and share appreciations. Acknowledge others. Let it in.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Listen to intuition. Peace and quiet energize you. Notice your own thoughts. Indulge restorative rituals and reorganization. Consider what you want and where you're going.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Friends enliven and enrich. Keep showing up for people. If you can't make a date, reschedule. Keep your word. Contribution ripples forward. Make audacious invitations.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Your work is attracting attention from someone important. Push to polish and prepare. Make technical improvements. Correct errors before they're seen. Smile and wave.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You're taking new ground. Learn a useful trick. Explore fresh terrain, and investigate the background story. Dig through data, and take notes. Discover a fascinating thread.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Focus on shared accounts and financial matters. Fix something before it breaks. Communication makes a big difference. Work out a mutually beneficial deal.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Partnership kindles with an unexpected spark. Discover unconsidered possibilities. Words fall out of your mouth. Express what's in your heart. Talk about a shared vision.

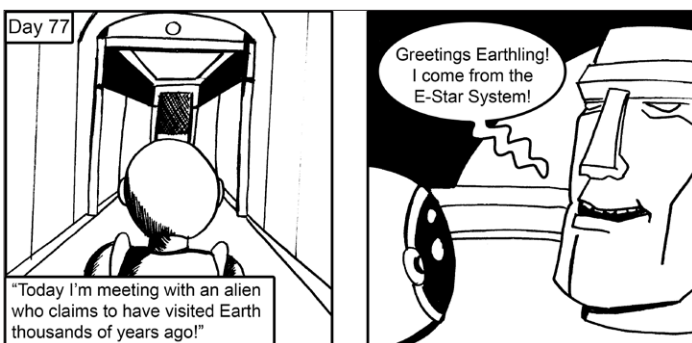
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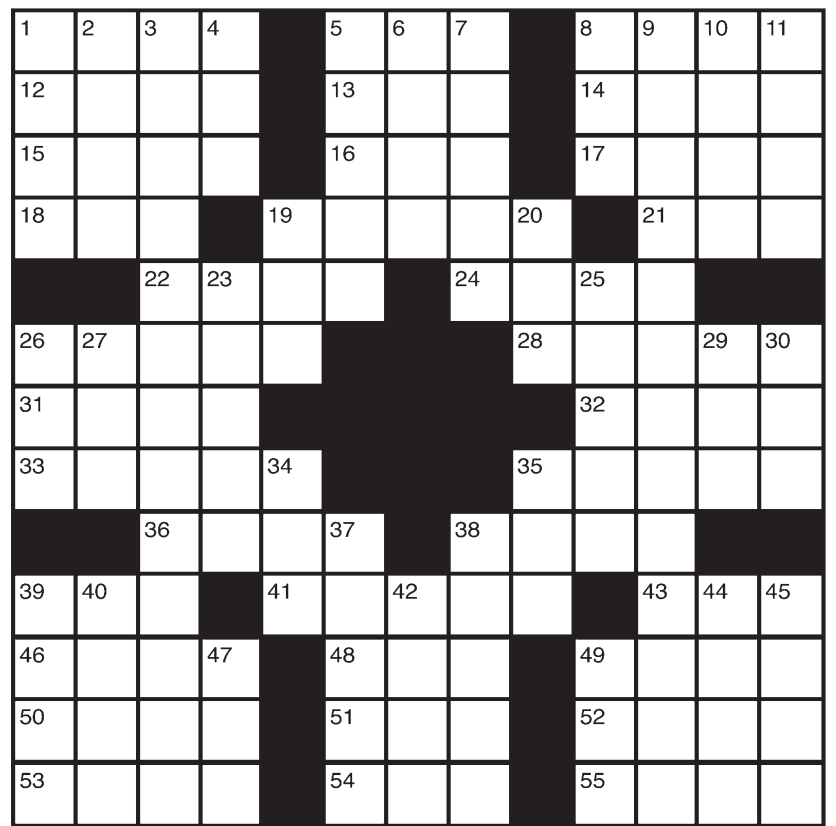
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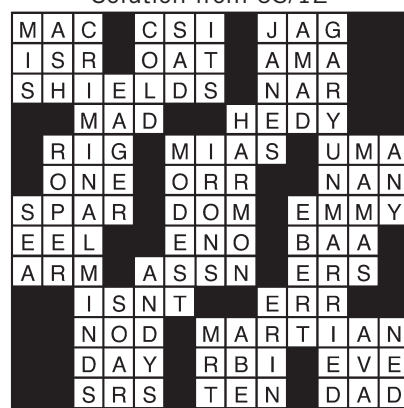
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- 21 Actor McKellen
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- 8 King Kong, for one
- 9 Actor on "NCIS"
- 10 Bewildered
- 11 Daybreak, for short
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- 23 " \_\_, Indiana"; Omri Katz series
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- 26 Mr. DeLuise
- 27 Frank Sinatra's second wife
- 29 Thick pad
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- 34 " \_\_-American Girl"; sitcom for Margaret Cho
- 35 Eva, to Zsa Zsa
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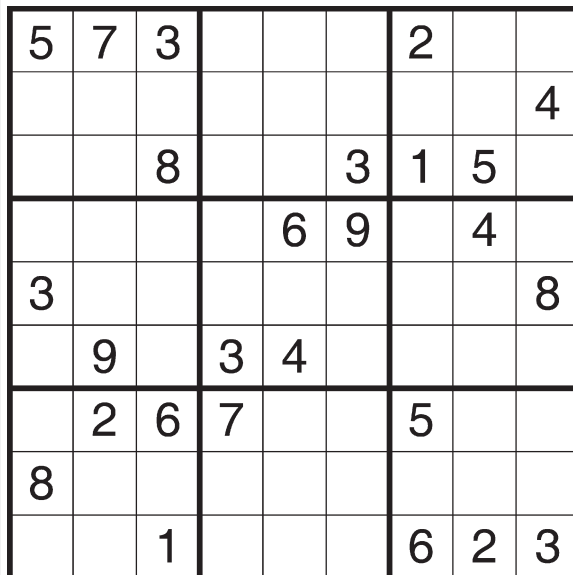
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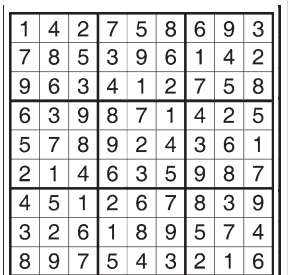


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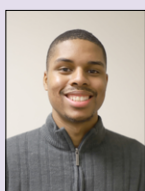
## TEC 'sports

The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this weekend's football game

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ECU wins 3-0. Maryland has not taken on real competition like the Pirates have up to this point. ECU has struggled on the road this year taking on three ranked opponents in the midst of that. The Pirates swept Maryland last year 3-0, winning by at least four runs in all three games. The Terrapins will struggle against ECU and the Pirates will redeem themselves from the Duke loss to get a 3-0 series sweep and improve to 4-3 on the road this year.

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ECU goes 2-1. The Pirates have proven capable of taking down Maryland in the past, sweeping the weekend contest last season and winning a single game in 2016. The Pirates seem to have been on a wishy-washy path, adding games to the winning and losing column. I do think that the Pirates have the potential to sweep the weekend, but the way they have been playing recently leads me to believe they will only come away with two wins against the Terrapins.

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ECU goes 2-1. The Pirates have struggled on the road and Maryland currently has a 4-0 record at home. The team could sweep the weekend series at home, but will struggle to win all three games during the week. They will lose Saturday after winning the opening game on Friday, but will bounce back with a win on Sunday. It is the first road weekend series for ECU. The team will play well and not let itself lose a weekend series against an unranked opponent.

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ECU goes 3-0. The Pirates have proven that they can hang with some of the best in the country this season, but they have been a little inconsistent, particularly with away games. Maryland hasn't gone up against that kind of competition this year. The Terrapins are 10-5 and currently and have a two-game win streak, but I think the Pirates should be able to get the sweep.

# Pirates fall to Duke

Staff Report

The No. 14 ranked East Carolina University baseball team traveled to Durham, North Carolina to play No. 24 ranked Duke University and came out with a tough 7-2 loss on Tuesday.

The Pirates (12-6) were coming off a four game winning streak and a three-game weekend series sweep against Marist College after a very challenging spring break schedule. The game against Duke was the first one of a four game trip that the team will have on the road during this week, including a weekend series against the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.

Duke started the game off with one of the best innings of the season, as junior infielder Erikson Nichols earned an RBI and teammate senior outfielder Kennie Taylor scored the first run of the ballgame, giving the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead. This was then followed by sophomore catcher Michael Rothenberg advancing from third to home base, scoring another run for the Blue Devils.

The scoring continued for Duke, as freshman right-handed pitcher/infielder Ethan Murray singled through the right side, getting an RBI and helping his teammate score another run to go up three runs to none on the Pirates.

The Blue Devils then had another at-bat opportunity, which freshman outfielder R.J. Schreck would take advantage of, earning two RBIs and hitting a double to right center, making the score 5-0 at the end of the first inning.

The Pirates were held scoreless until the top of the third inning when senior infielder Turner Brown connected on a fielder's choice and advanced to second on an error, opening up the chance for freshman infielder Ryder Giles to score the first run of the day for ECU.

ECU then managed to score another run in the top of the fifth inning, as sophomore left-handed pitcher/first baseman Alec Burleson singled to left field, earning an RBI when Giles scored once again, this time putting the scoreboard 5-2. Although that



Sophomore pitcher Jake Kuchmaner threw in 5.2 innings in the 7-2 loss to Duke on Tuesday.

would be the last score put up for ECU, the Blue Devils were not done yet and would score two more runs throughout the ballgame.

Duke scored a run off an RBI single to right field and Taylor made the score 6-2 during the bottom of the seventh. During the Blue Devils' last inning batting on the day, Murray scored on a double to right center by teammate graduate outfielder Kyle Gallagher, putting the icing on the cake for Duke. ECU lost by a total score of 7-2, losing its four game winning streak.

ECU will have a chance to get back on track against the University of Maryland for a three game weekend series starting

on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

The last time these two teams met was in 2018 when Maryland came to Greenville on March 16. The Pirates swept the Terrapins 3-0 at home winning games with scores of 4-0, 18-4 and 4-0.

The first game of the series will start on Friday at 6:30 p.m., the second game will be on Saturday at 2 p.m and the final game will begin on Sunday at 1 p.m. This will be the first time the Pirates will play a three game series on the road this season and will look to bring their road record to 4-3 overall.

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# ECU looks for strong finish

Daniel Roberts  
TEC STAFF

After finishing another up-and-down season that brought its sixth straight losing season, the East Carolina University men's basketball team will take on Wichita State University in the first round of the American Athletic Conference Championship tonight at 10.

ECU (10-20, 3-15 AAC) has matched up with Wichita State (17-13, 10-8 AAC) two times during the regular season. The Shockers walked out with a 65-49 win on Feb. 6 in Greenville and a 72-55 win in Wichita, Kansas on March 5.

In the two losses, the Pirates got outrebounded by at least 10 rebounds and outshot from the three-point line and free throw line. ECU shot 18-for-52 from the field and 4-for-14 from three. Wichita State went 22-for-56 from the field and 7-for-21 from downtown in its first matchup with the Pirates on Feb. 6. ECU in its second matchup with the Shockers shot just 21-for-59 from the floor and 3-for-15 from three on March 5. Wichita State executed on offense to defeat the Pirates, going 25-for-64 from the field and 6-for-25 from the three point line.

Leading scorer, freshman forward Jayden Gardner, averaged 16.3 points and 8.5 rebounds during the regular season, was held to 16 total



Sophomore forward Dimitrije Spasojevic looks to defeat Wichita tonight.

points and 11 rebounds in the two games. Senior guard Isaac Fleming averaged 14 points against the Shockers, dropping 11 and 17 points. Sophomore guard Shawn Williams had just 19 points in the two games and only shot 25 percent from the three-point line in the two losses.

The Pirates will enter the tournament as the No. 11 seed. ESPN's Basketball Power Index predicts that ECU will have a 10.7 percent chance of upsetting Wichita State.

"We are going in mentally focused and trying to win," Fleming said. "I know that if we go out there and win that first game it's going to wake up a lot of people."

Sophomore guard Shawn Williams has been on a tear offensively for the Pirates in four of the last six games of the season. Williams scored 18 points against the University of Tulsa on March 3, 20 points against the University of Connecticut on March 10, 26 points against Tulsa

on Feb. 17 and 27 points against Tulane on Feb. 23.

ECU will be playing without redshirt junior forward Seth LeDay due to a season-ending knee injury he suffered at Wichita State on March 5. The team will miss his presence in the paint as he averaged 11 points and 5.8 rebounds a game for the Pirates.

"I tell our guys this all of the time and it's the reality of it," head coach Joe Dooley said. "Whether you have everybody or nobody no one cares, you just got to line up and play. There's people all over the country that get hurt or dinged up. It's unfortunate for us but we will get Obasohan ready, we played a little bit small in some stretches and we will see if there is a couple of other things we can tweak for the tournament."

The Pirates will need to have strong performances from Fleming, Williams and Gardner to have a chance at defeating the Shockers. The winner of the ECU-Wichita State game on Thursday night will advance to take on the No. 3 seeded Temple University on Friday.



Joe Dooley

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said. "People close to me know how much went into that one basket. Even though it might not seem like a big thing a lot of work went into that one basket."

Being a former walk-on himself, senior guard Addison Hill feels like he can relate to Whitley a bit more than the other players. Hill feels like he has a better connection to Whitley while having strong ties with him off the court as well being from the same county.

"Being a walk-on you kind of already got a chip on shoulder because you aren't a scholarship player," Hill said. "Would not say that you have to work twice as hard but you definitely have to work hard. John probably has the best work ethic on the team by far."

Being side by side on a regular basis from class to the court, Hill



Addison Hill

described Whitley as having game and being unselfish. Hill also said Whitley is one of the best point guards he has ever played with. Although head coach Joe Dooley is not the one that invited Whitley to walk on, he supports Whitley and said he knows more than anyone else what he brings to the table.

"He is consistent in his effort everyday," Dooley said. "He has a very good knowledge of the game, and is a great leader by example. If there is an extra scholarship he definitely will be first in line."

This season Whitley has played a total of

11 minutes for the Pirates, scoring two points. These two points came from a game at the University of Houston on Jan. 23 when Whitley went 2-for-2 at the free throw line. He had one rebound against the University of Connecticut on Feb. 3 and one assist against Wichita State University on Feb. 6.

As the ECU men's basketball team closes out the 2019 season, time will tell if Whitley will begin the 2020 basketball season as a scholarship player or not.

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