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Autism club returns to campus

Pat Polomchack
TEC STAFF

After a year-long hiatus, East Carolina University's chapter of the Autism Society of North Carolina has returned and continues to support the autistic community.

Mary Hannah Wilson, the chapter's current vice president and president-elect for the 2019-2020 academic year, said the ECU chapter is one branch of the statewide organization.

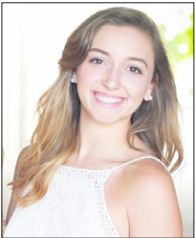
"Our goals are to raise awareness for autism, to get involved in the community, to fundraise for the Autism Society and families of children with autism in the Greenville area," Wilson said. "We do a lot of volunteer work through the Autism Society offices in Greenville and Winterville."

Wilson said a couple members of the chapter at ECU also work for the Autism Society beyond being a club volunteer.

Wilson said the club was around in 2016, but it left campus for a year. She said it is unclear why the organization temporarily broke up, but now they have contacts within the larger organization.

"We now have a lady who works at the state office," Wilson said. "Her title is Campus Chapter Coordinator, for every campus college group in the state."

Wilson said her main goal for the Autism Society right now is to gain more members to volunteer. She said it can present a great opportunity for students to work in the field with those diagnosed with autism, but many students don't realize the club exists.



Mary Hannah Wilson

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THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Rapper Lil Jon performing at Doggie Jams 2018. This year's headliner will be DJ Esco who is accompanied by band Just The Tip and artist Madds.

Sup Dogs to jam out

Annual Doggie Jams concert returns to uptown

Taylor Mumma
TEC STAFF

One of Greenville's prominent restaurants known for hot dogs, hamburgers and Sup sauce is bringing back Doggie Jams for its 11th year this Saturday in the Sup Dogs parking lot from 2:30 to 7 p.m.

Bret Oliverio, owner of Sup Dogs for the past seven years, said he is very excited for this annual event to return. Oliverio said he can't wait for the school to come together and listen to some good music and have a great time.

The event itself and contacting musical performers takes months of planning in order to make it bigger and better than the year before, according to Oliverio. This year's musical performance will start out with a Doggie Jams favorite, Just the Tip, a rock cover

band that has made their way back to the Doggie Jams stage for another year.

"You have a short list of people who you want to target and you start putting feelers out there to see their price range, their talent and if they are available," Oliverio said. "The cover band (Just the Tip), this will be their fifth Doggie Jams, so they are kind of a staple of the show and kick off every Doggie Jams they have attended."

Oliverio said he knew he wanted a female DJ, so he started researching and that is where he found Madds. Madds has performed in large music festivals such as Coachella and EDC Las Vegas, as well as smaller venues such as the ones she has been performing at for the past month in Mexico for spring breakers. The main DJ set is DJ Esco, who

is coming straight from his residency in Las Vegas to perform at Doggie Jams.

"I knew I wanted a big name DJ, and that is where I found DJ Esco," Oliverio said. "He is Future's DJ and has put out albums himself, and two years ago he closed Coachella with Future, so we are very lucky that he is coming to our event this year."

The event will roughly be the same as last year, however, Oliverio said the stage will be in the Sup Dog's parking lot instead of the actual street. With the new renovations that opened last year, Sup Dog's outdoor and rooftop restaurant will be open with a full drink and bar menu and their signature drink, the Sup Crush.

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Baseball gets revenge on the Blue Devils

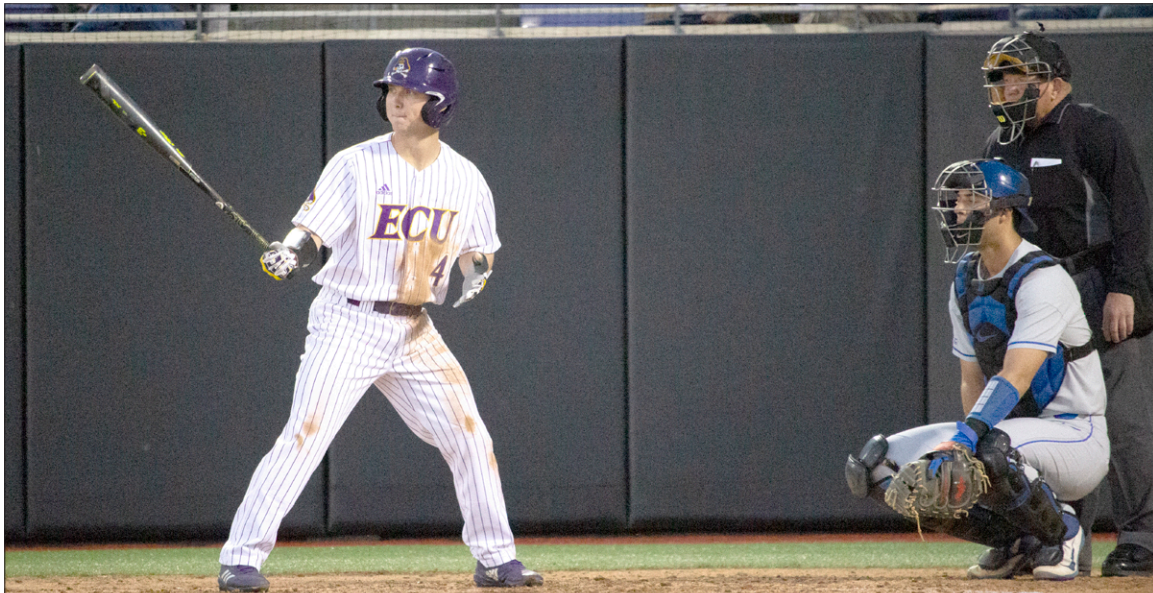
MIKEY CARRILLO
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The East Carolina University baseball team beat Duke University 6-1 last night to get its 10th straight win, which has become one of the longest win streaks in the country right now.

The No. 11 ranked Pirates (22-6, 6-0 AAC) are coming off of three weekend series sweeps, two being American Athletic Conference series, including their last one against the University of South Florida on a trip to Tampa, Florida. With this win against the Blue Devils (14-15, 3-9 ACC), the Pirates move to a 15-3 record at home during their first 18 games of the season.

The Blue Devils played an exhibition game Tuesday against the Durham Bulls at Durham Bulls Athletic Park. Before that game they played their conference rival, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on the road, in which they got swept, 0-3.

Yesterday was the second match up this season between the Pirates and the Blue Devils, as they met back on March 12 in Durham, North Carolina. ECU ended up



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Freshman outfielder Lane Hoover cracked an RBI single up the middle in the 6-1 win against Duke on Wednesday.

losing 7-2.

The Pirates, being the first ranked AAC team, scored their first run of the game in the bottom of the fifth inning when senior infielder Brady Lloyd homered to left field for his first home run of the year. This not only made the score 1-0, but made the 4,744 fans in attendance, the highest this season, stand up and celebrate.

"I mean I was hoping it was gone

but I was dead sprinting around first base and I looked up there and I thought he caught it but then fans started cheering, I was like "There we go," Lloyd said.

The runs in the fifth inning did not stop there, as the team would score two more. The second run came from redshirt junior catcher Jake Washer as he scored on a wild pitch, then freshman outfielder

Lane Hoover singled up the middle, earning an RBI, as junior outfielder/designated hitter Bryant Packard scored a run. This put up the third run on the scoreboard for the team making it 3-0.

The Pirates continued their scoring in the sixth inning, when Washer's single led to freshman infielder Thomas Francisco scoring a run. Later on, Lloyd scored off of

a ground out by junior infielder Nick Barber, extending the team's lead to 5-0.

The team was not done with its hitting after that. Packard singled and Washer scored making its 10th straight win get closer and closer.

Duke managed to score one run at the top of the ninth inning but it was too late. The ballgame ended in favor of the Pirates as they won it comfortably 6-1.

For ECU, junior right-handed pitcher Trey Benton (2-0) picked up the win after giving up two hits and striking out three batters in the game.

The Pirates will be back in action this weekend when they take on the University of Houston for a three game series. ECU is looking to extend its winning streak to 11 on Friday with the first pitch at 7:35 p.m.

"We've already been on the road so we're not going on a long road stretch, we got one trip this week. So we're going to Houston tomorrow, we'll practice tomorrow and we'll be ready for Houston," head coach Cliff Godwin said.

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BRIEFS

'Make Your Own Dog Toy' with Student Activities Board

ECU Student Activities Board will hold a Make Your Own Dog Toy event. The event will be held today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the Main Campus Student Center Lawn.

Students are invited to come out and make a dog toy for free.

Campus Recreation to host 'Noche de Cultura' event

Latino organizations on campus will come together today to educate students on its experience and participation in the community. The event will take place today in the Main Campus Student Center from 7 to 8 p.m.

Women and Gender Office hosts Feminist Friday

The Women and Gender office will discuss gender topics with other students, faculty and community members tomorrow in room 206 of the Main Campus Student Center from noon to 1 p.m.

All students are invited to this event.

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Pets to provide therapy

Caroline Korch
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's Campus Recreation and Wellness Center (CRW) will host a pet therapy session, tomorrow in the Student Recreation Center as part of the weekly Therapeutic Thursday series.

A coordinator within the CRW, Rachel Maynard said the wellness center is a separate division from CRW. She said this semester has produced a larger turnout than any semester before.

"This semester we've had a larger turnout than any other semester, we usually have around 15 to 20 students," Maynard said. "We pair with the recreation and leisure department where we had some recreation therapy and recreation and leisure studies students come in and facilitate the program with us."

Other programs the wellness center has hosted this semester include art therapy, aromatherapy, blackout poetry, music therapy, stone painting and homemade glitter jars for previous Therapeutic Thursday events, according to Maynard. These various therapeutic events happen every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the CRW center.

In the upcoming months, CRW is hoping to expand these events to the health science campus and have the program at the wellness center there on Thursdays as well.

"We're trying to bring awareness to it and let people know that this is an event that we do and it's beneficial," Maynard said.



An East Carolina University student pets a dog in Joyner Library. Therapeutic Thursday will provide pet therapy.

Clare Goff, program assistant for the wellness center, has been working at the wellness center for two years. Therapeutic Thursday is one of the various programs Goff organizes, including events that focuses on body image and mental health.

"My job mainly entails going onto campus and in health classes and doing programs focused on mental health, body image, substance abuse, gambling and other different things that entail mental health and how to be the healthiest and happiest version of yourself," Goff said.

Goff said Therapeutic Thursdays are designed to be a restorative day where students can

make time for themselves.

"It is a place where you can hang out in the wellness center where it is positive and relaxing, and this program's goal is to reduce stress levels and cortisone-hormone production, and this can be done when making a student feel comfortable while doing an activity," Goff said.

The wellness center is pairing with an ECU alumni who it has been connected to in the past who brings their own pet therapy dogs.

Goff said this program has been a very popular experience the wellness center hosts and is requested often.

Larsen Saffron, an English major, and one of the wellness

center's most frequent attendees for the Therapeutic Thursday event, said he enjoys all the opportunities the program brings.

"The Therapeutic Thursday program is wonderful. There's always something new each Thursday, something for everyone, and I always end up enjoying each program I go to," Saffron said.

Next week, the wellness center will host an event dedicated to the celebration of Earth Day. Participants will be making a bowl made from recycled water bottles for a plant and turning the bowls into hanging plants as well as watering cans.

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Purple Pantry gives food to ECU

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Purple Pantry continues to keep students full and stocked up with the basic essentials needed throughout the school year.

AmeriCorps VISTA and ECU alumna, Lekisha Pittman, said the Purple Pantry operates under the Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC) in the Center for Counseling and Student Development (CCSD) on campus.

At the beginning, the Purple Pantry was operated out of CCSD, but since the opening of the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC) it has been relocated to the MCSC basement, room G14, according to Pittman.

"It's open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.," Pittman said. "There will be a volunteer down there to guide them."

For the overall process of the Purple Pantry, Pittman said students will come in, fill out an intake form and choose from a selection of items what they would want and how much they would want. She said the volunteers will then bag and weigh the items.

Additionally, Pittman said there is no limit to the amount of items each student is allowed to take.

"The counseling center saw that a lot of the students coming were finding ways of getting food from a stressful situation, so that's kinda where it got started," Pittman said.

According to Pittman, volunteering with the Purple Pantry is available as an opportunity to any student. She said students would need



Student sorts canned goods donated to the Purple Pantry for students who can't afford food.

to first complete an online orientation in the form of a presentation before proceeding to sign up for a volunteer time slot on OrgSync.

Pittman said students are also able to donate food and hygiene products to the pantry. She said the pantry collects canned food as well as items that are easy to open and can accommodate to those with dietary restrictions.

"Students have a lot of different things to deal with on a daily basis and hunger is one

that they should not have to deal with," Pittman said. "Having a Purple Pantry here on campus is increasing access for them to have food and be secure while trying to get an education."

ECU's Collegiate Recovery Community Program Coordinator Jarmichael Harris said the Purple Pantry originated from a conversation held in 2016 within CCSD to discuss student needs and how they could be addressed in the future.

Harris said the conversation focused on students' needs rather than food and security. Several counselors noticed students struggling to obtain food or money for food. Harris said some counselors reported students going several days without eating.

Harris said the Purple Pantry is primarily supported through CRC and acts by the saying "service enhances recovery."

"Food and security is something many individuals don't think about in general except for around holidays," Harris said. "It's kind of a difficult thing for some people to see that there are university students who suffer from food and security for many different reasons. It gets lost in translation and gives the expectation that if you can go to school than you can afford to eat and that's just not the case for a lot of students."

Camila Calabria, Service Leadership Assistant and senior nutrition and dietetics major, said she works with campus kitchen which partners with the Purple Pantry.

Calabria said the Purple Pantry is specifically for college students who are unable to find food sources on campus.

"People think (hunger) is an issue outside of Greenville, but it happens within our community and it's just as important to kind of have everybody know that this is an issue and we are here to help," Calabria said. "I think it's just important to know the purple pantry is here, we care about our students and we want our students' success."

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Wilson said they also have fundraisers to raise money to help families with autistic children, along with group events for them.

"Kids get to come and hang out with their buddies who have also been working with them," Wilson said. "Money can go to that to help get resources."

Wilson said the club does not get money from the state and money requested from the school has to go back to the students, so they struggle to find funding.

Wilson said she has a lot of passion for working with special needs children, stemming from working with an autistic close family friend as a habilitation technician.

"I just hang out with him, make sure he's got food and make sure

he's safe," Wilson said. "That is what initially got me passionate about autism and working with that."

Wilson said she was on OrgSync one day last year and saw the page for the club, so she reached out to the club and did not hear anything back for a while, until last summer. She said the coordinator reached out to her and asked if the club at ECU was still together.

Wilson said the coordinator asked her to help, and if she would be willing to take on a leadership role.

"She reached out to Hunter, who is our president, and Hunter actually works for Autism Society here in Greenville," Wilson said. "So, she was in the club when it was here."

Hunter Mills, current president of the Autism Society at ECU, said the reason she originally joined the Autism Society was because she was part of a sorority which required

her to be involved in different clubs. She said the Autism Society stuck out to her so she joined.

Mills said she did different events with them her freshman and sophomore year, but then did not hear anything from Autism Society that summer.

"The president didn't initiate someone else to take over, so there was miscommunication," Mills said. "There wasn't a thing junior year."

Mills said since she was working at Autism Society, she was assigned to work with a family who had twin boys with autism, helping the boys with social interaction and accomplishing different goals. She said a recruiter had been talking to her about running the club on campus, leading up to its re-founding.

Mills agreed that the main goal for Autism Society at ECU right now

is raising awareness and visibility.

"The purpose was to basically make ourselves known," Mills said. "Raise everyone's awareness that we are a club, and what we're doing is getting involved in the community."

Miranda Oliver, incoming treasurer for the club, said she started volunteering with the club because a class she took required her to have volunteer hours, and she fell in love with working with autistic people. She said despite trying to take off for a semester, something just felt like it was missing when she was not working with the society.

Oliver said she saw an email

about the club when it started back up and she knew she had to join.

"I had been trying to do some volunteer work, but I did not really have the contacts to do it," Oliver said. "So I just ran into the opportunity, and then when I met Mary Hannah and Hunter, they knew everyone in the autism community."

Oliver said she wanted to be a part of the club because she saw all the growth Wilson and Mills are trying to foster and wanted to find a way to help.

Wilson said the next meeting date for the Autism Society is April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Mendenhall Great Rooms, and the club is open to all who have a passion for helping autistic people in Greenville.

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Miranda Oliver

OUR VIEW

SGA needs to be more transparent with school

The Student Government Association operated an internal investigation into the election of Colin Johnson and Taylor Chappell as president and vice president of SGA.

The investigation, led by SGA Attorney General Noah Shuler, came to the conclusion on March 26 that no wrongdoing occurred during the campaign by Johnson and Chappell. The investigation was conducted in secrecy with only the SGA attorney general and a few administrators having knowledge of it.

Ticket 2, Shelby Hudson and AJ Modlin, claimed the winning ticket ran an illegitimate campaign by campaigning too early and promoting their campaign in restricted areas. Along with the claims against Johnson and Chappell, they filed complaints against the Elections Commission for showing bias toward the winning ticket.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the SGA should be more up front in its dealings, including investigations of elected leaders of the ECU student body.

The SGA is responsible for great sums of money that go toward various organizations on-campus. Along with the money the SGA controls, the student body president gets a seat on the Board of Trustees, which control all facets of the university.

If there are serious claims against the leaders of SGA, the student body has every right to be informed of them with complete openness.



Visit MCU history

Binge watch Marvel films before Endgame



Doing the Dan' Thing

Ever since the movie "Avengers: Infinity War" came out last year on April 27, fans have been waiting for the anticipated finale to the Marvel Cinematic

Universe (MCU) storyline "Avengers: Endgame" which is to be released on April 26 of this year. Do not go see Endgame without watching the other movies in the MCU timeline in chronological order.

People have already begun purchasing tickets for the Endgame premiere and opening weekend. While that will most likely yield the highest box office total for the opening weekend of not just the MCU films, but others outside of that, the issue I have is that some will try to go see the movie without understanding what happened prior to Endgame. I, along with some of the other avid Marvel fans, feel that it should not happen for a few reasons that are intertwined with one another.



Thanos returns as the main villain in "Avengers: Endgame" following "Avengers: Infinity War".

When an average person chooses to go to the movies to see a film, there are those who sit to watch the film and don't say anything, and those who have a lot to talk about during the film. Those who tend to talk, half of the time have questions about what's going on in the movie. I don't know about other people, but I really dislike that I have to answer questions about a film during the movie, I would rather just sit and enjoy the big screen.

There are 21 films in the MCU storyline that fans have to see in order to fully grasp the concept of Endgame. Some think that watching Infinity War will explain everything they need to know before Endgame, but that film will not answer all the questions.

Marvel has been planning for Endgame for more than 10 years, this year will make it 11. Every MCU film that has come

out all connect to Endgame. They might have been released in different years, but the setting and time the movies are set in flow from one film to the other when put in the correct order. Not only do the three Avengers movies play a big role in the development of Endgame, but all of the Iron Man, Thor and Captain America movies play a big part in setting the stage for April 26. Big comic book and MCU movie fans understand what has happened leading up to Endgame.

Four trailers for the new movie have come out between Dec. 7 and today. People have went to social media to try and figure out how Endgame will play out, who will die, trying to spoil the movie before the film even comes out. The big Marvel fans can try and speculate, but no one will be able to pinpoint the whole plot line for Endgame.

I, like many other fans, can not wait for the last movie in the MCU storyline to come out. I plan on binge watching the other 21 movies before going to see Endgame. Stan Lee, creator of multiple superheroes in the MCU that sparked 10 years of films, passed away on Nov. 12. The legacy of Lee will be remembered by superhero lovers all over the world. His cameos were a big highlight in all of the MCU, and fans will see one of his last cameos in the movie.

If you haven't seen all 21 films preceding the movie, I recommend doing that because otherwise you won't be able to fully grasp the three hours and two minutes the Russo brothers produced.

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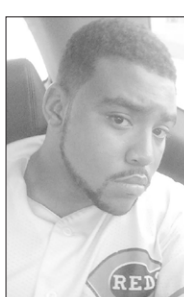
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Resilience of women



I had a friend, I don't know if she'll ever read this but at least I can say I tried. I always thought she was funny, maybe not so much in a ha-ha way but more a 'Jesus she is morbid' way. With that dry sense of humor came, the thought that maybe she was never joking.

She stayed with me for a couple months in 2016 after a stint in rehab. She described everything as numb or bland, she often compared the sensation of going through the day sober as "a bowl of dry cheerios, a fate worse than death." Throughout this time there was a question that she asked me once that has haunted me ever since. It was "I'm not okay, I haven't been in a long time, but do you think a woman ever can be?"

What was I supposed to say to her? "You'll be fine, you've only been

oppressed since...creation." No, that would be silly and it would seem disingenuous of me if I sat here and pretended to be an optimist. For God's sake, yesterday I looked outside my window and I saw people playing tag in traffic, and I realized that those people could vote, so I closed my blinds and went to bed, it was 2 p.m.

But, certain things do give me hope, and the biggest thing that does it right now is the resilience of women. As many women I'm sure know team civilization has let them down constantly, for most of human history it has been illegal or unacceptable for them to show any emotion beyond quiet rage. Somehow they have shed many things that have been used to oppress them from the deadly sin of showing their ankles to God himself labeling them temprast. Yet, despite everything thrown at them they have vehemently refused to be silenced. I know that sometimes looking at the news it can be discouraging to see that yet another Hollywood star or politician

can't figure out how to keep his hands to himself, but there are many like me of the other sex who are rooting for you to overcome like you always do.

I might not have been able to answer my friend's question at that time, but today seeing women on each other's side as one, and after much mental debate, the answer to the question is simple. It is yes, women will be more than okay, she'll do more than survive. She who is black, white, Hispanic, Asian, skinny, thick, tall or short. She who is creator of men and holder of life will be just fine. This is because she herself understands oppression, the doors from then on will be open for acceptance of all. French Poet Alphonse de Lamartine sums up my hope for the future in one sentence. "There is a woman at the beginning of all great things."

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TODAY

Cocktails and Contacts

Mellow Mushroom
5:30 p.m.

Dogs and Drinks

Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery
7 p.m.

Voyages of Discovery: Lisa Randall

Wright Auditorium
7 p.m.

TOMORROW

Pirates vs. Cancer 2019

ECU Health Sciences Student Center
4 p.m.

Mari's Hella Fat Food Truck

Pitt Street Brewing Company
6 p.m.

Stone Age Romeo's

Buggy's Bar
9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Pop-In, Pop-Art
Emerge Gallery
1 p.m.

Pegasus Plus & the Wannabees

The State Theatre
8 p.m.

SUNDAY

The Donut Mile
Five Points Plaza
1 p.m.



From left: East Carolina University students Grant VanderVoort and Jayland Potts rehearse a scene for "Three Musketeers," which premieres on Tuesday.

All for one, one for all

ECU SOTD to present 'Three Musketeers'

Chloe Easton
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's School of Theatre and Dance is preparing for its upcoming performance of *The Three Musketeers* on Tuesday at 8 p.m., located in McGinnis Theatre.

The performance will follow an adaptation by Catherine Bush based on the original novel by Alexandre Dumas. Junior stage manager Jeremy Long said the performance includes slight variations and casting changes.

"Mostly it follows the main plotline, which takes over three years and this is within a week and that's the difference, it kind of

cuts it down and makes it easier to watch," Long said.

Due to the demands of a combat-heavy production, rehearsals for the performance started earlier than normal. Long said in order for the cast to be properly prepared, they focused on practicing each combat scene repeatedly.

"There is just so much fight choreography, it's a huge stage combat show," Long said. "The cast came in and did workshops to catch everyone up on swordplay and every day they spent time making sure they work on those fights so they don't lose them."

Connor Gerney, junior professional acting and theatre for youth major,

will play the role of Aramis and Grant VanderVoort, senior professional acting major will perform as the leading role of D'Artagnan.

The story will follow the friendship of D'Artagnan and his band of Musketeers as they fight Cardinal Richelieu, according to the performance event page.

Once a religious man, the character of Aramis was a well-known priest until falling in love with a woman who had already been placed with a suitor. Gerney said because the character duelled with the lady's suitor and killed him, he was sentenced to serve as a musketeer for

the next five years, but due to his background, he differs from the others.

Also performing in heavy stage fighting scenes, Gerney, as well as many other cast members, have worked

with SOTD Professor Jill Carlson to help prepare for the performance.

"She's been choreographing all of our fights for us and they are group fights, so there is a bunch of people on stage, so we have been going incrementally across the stage starting with stage right and moving across to stage left when choreographing," Gerney said.

Hoping to captivate the audience, VanderVoort said his goal is to entertain, and plans on taking the audience on a wild journey through the quest of D'Artagnan and the battles he faces along the way.

"It's just a very nice old fashion story, it's basically one of the first spy movies, if you will, and I just hope to entertain the audience really," VanderVoort said.

The performance will run every evening starting Tuesday at 8 p.m. through April 14 at 2 p.m. at McGinnis Theatre. Tickets can be purchased on the ECU arts website.

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ONLINE | FULL STORY

Jones to return to Greenville

Samantha Walsh
TEC STAFF

Former East Carolina University wide receiver Zay Jones is coming to Greenville to support autistic children and raise awareness for Aces for Autism.

Jones, a current Buffalo Bills wide receiver and ECU class of '17, will be at The Loft by Stilllife on Saturday for the nightclub's Zay's Aces for Autism Charity Event, from 3 to 8 p.m. Located at 511 Cotanche St., children, students, families and everyone of all ages are welcome to attend the event, according to Stilllife owner Travis Hixon.

"He reached out to me and he said 'Hey can we do an event on a larger scale instead of just an autograph signing,' and I said of course," Hixon said. "After talking to him he got his sports agency on board and we got Aces for Autism here in Greenville on board and then we reached out to our sponsors and we all collaborated came up with some gifts and prizes to auction and raffle off."

Aces for Autism is a local

organization providing community support for families of people with autism. Jones's first Aces for Autism charity event was held at Sups Dogs in 2017, where he signed autographs and raised money for Ace's. Hixon said the second annual event that Jones would have held for Ace's was canceled last year due to personal reasons.

Stilllife currently has a partnership with Light It Up Blue, an Autism Speaks organization that raises money for the organization every April, which is Autism Awareness Month. With the addition of Jones' event, Hixon said this year they hope to make a bigger donation and bigger impact this April than they have in the past.

There will be an auction from 3 to 5 p.m. with items including an authentic Jones jersey, Bills tickets for two and an ECU signed helmet. There will also be an autograph signing from 6 to 7 p.m. where Jones will sign any participant's items for a \$10 to \$20 donation. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the auction, autographs and Stilllife



Former Pirate wide receiver Zay Jones after a victory over UConn in 2016.

will be going to Ace's of Autism of North Carolina.

"We love Zay, he went here, he's a homegrown kind of talent. We love following him in the pros and he always shows us love even when he's not around. We're just happy that he's coming back and giving

back to Greenville even being in a different city now but giving back to Greenville, remembering where he came from," Hixon said.

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JAMS

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The Greenville Police Department are limiting the amount of people attending the event compared to last year, Oliverio said they are expecting roughly 1,500 people.

Emily Cervarich, a waitress at Sup Dogs, encouraged people to come to the annual music event.

"When else do you get a chance to go to an inexpensive concert that is literally right down the road from your house with great music, great food and delicious drinks?" Cervarich said.

Along with the national music acts, Oliverio said he tries to make

this an equally fun and safe event for attendees to have a nice day out with their friends.

"The amazing part is we have been doing this for 11 years, and there has never been one fight, one arrest or one drinking ticket," Oliverio said. "We just want this to be a really fun, high energy and safe event for everyone."

In order to make sure Doggie Jams could happen this year, Oliverio said a lot of people were involved in supporting and helping plan for the event, but most importantly Uptown Greenville.

For its help in planning for this year's event, Sup Dogs is making a small donation to Uptown Greenville that supports the upcoming PirateFest, and Sup

Dogs will be a sponsor of events in the future, according to Oliverio.

Sidney Teeter, a sophomore elementary education major, won a ticket to the event on Instagram through her apartment building, University Edge and Dickinson Lofts.

"I am really excited for Doggie Jams because this will be my first time going to the event that I hear is the event of the season," Teeter said. "Although I am not super familiar with the music acts, I will think it will be really fun for students and alumni."

This was one factor that Oliverio ran into when they announced the acts for the 2019 event. On Sup Dogs' Twitter page, students were confused about who the musical acts were and ultimately felt let

down. However, Oliverio reassured concert-goers that this will still be the high-energy Doggie Jams everyone knows and loves.



Sidney Teeter

Camille Morisi, a Sup Dogs waitress, said she wants Saturday to go as smooth as possible without any hiccups like Doggie Jams in the past.

"I really hope it doesn't rain

and that it all goes as smoothly and stress-free as possible, and people can come (to) just come here and enjoy the music," Morisi said.

Oliverio said he thinks this year's celebration will be even more exciting and enjoyable than last year's.

For more information about Doggie Jams and tickets, visit the event's TicketBud page. However, Oliverio said if people want to attend to snag one quick because they are going fast.

"I just love putting on an event for students and alumni, where people are able to come together with their friends and listen to music just as the semester is about to end," Oliverio said.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Share your romantic dreams and visions with someone special. Listen for where your interests connect, and make plans to grow new possibilities together.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- You're more productive in peaceful privacy. Make long-term plans. Enjoy rituals, spiritual ceremonies and practices. Let go of old habits that no longer serve.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Share the good news! Reach out and connect with your wider network. Provide valuable information to your tribe. Generate resources and results through communication.

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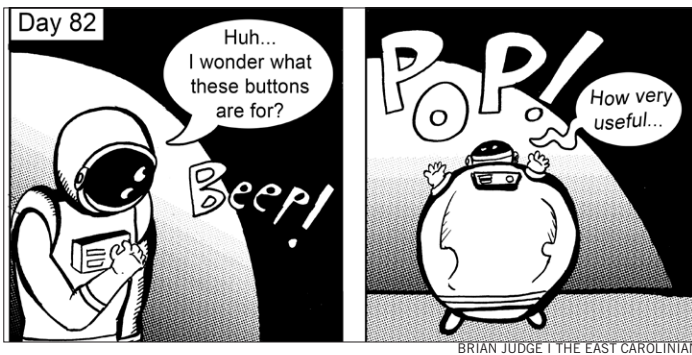
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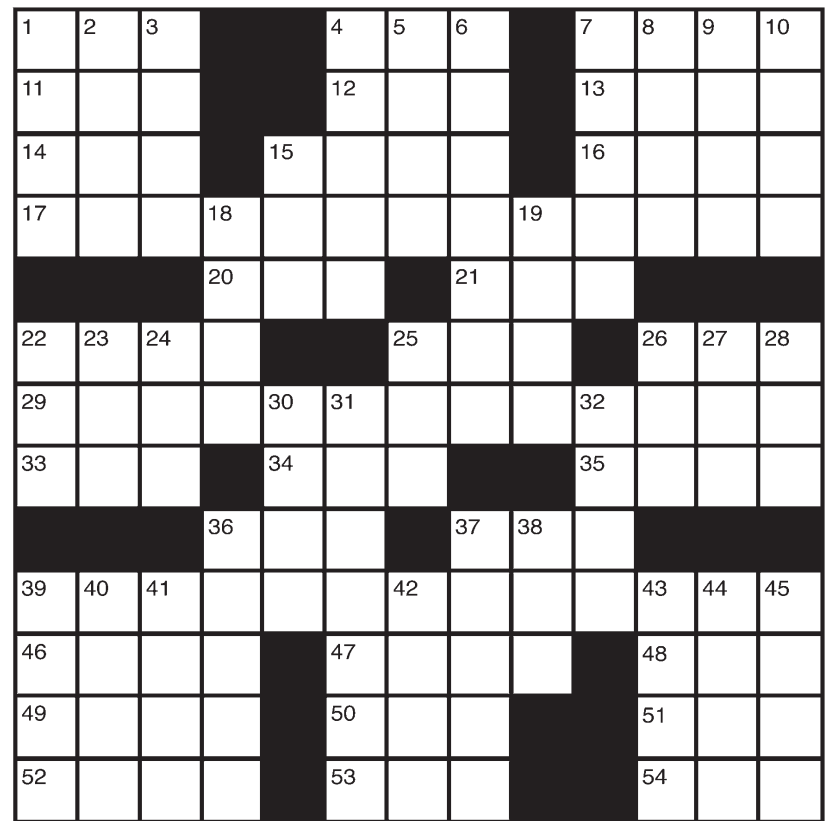
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- Mr. DeLuise
- "According to ___"
- Astin or Cusack
- "___ Big Girl Now"
- "Snakes ___ Plane"
- Early Ron Howard role
- Actors' org.
- Leslie Caron film that won the Best Picture Oscar
- Cozy hideaways
- Series for Thomas Gibson
- Yankovic and Gore
- Ms. West
- Actor Sandler
- "___ Masterson"; western series
- "Car 54, Where ___ You?"
- "The ___ of Old Christine"
- John of "Touched by an Angel"
- "Old MacDonald" refrain opening
- "___! In the Name of Love"; hit song for the Supremes
- Actress Jillian
- One of the Three Stooges
- Long-running daytime serial
- Betty of old cartoons

DOWN

- At ___; relaxed
- "Judging ___"
- Actor Jannings
- Tiny insect
- Mischief maker
- In one's right mind
- Attempt
- "American ___!"

DOWN

- ___ jockey; radio host
- Sharif or Epps
- O. Henry's "The Gift of the ___"
- Ties together
- Swenson of "Benson"
- Cliff Clavin's profession
- Ms. Foster
- "___ Season"; Debra Messing film
- Female red deer
- Loch ___ monster
- ___ Grissom; recent role on "CSI"
- "I Remember ___"; Irene Dunne movie
- Mr. Lauer
- "My Wife ___ Kids"
- Actress Susan of "L.A. Law"
- Reverent wonder
- Sheriff Andy Taylor's aunt
- Mr. Linkletter
- Old Olds
- Intuition, for short
- Declare untrue
- Mr. Price
- "___ People"; Jessica Tandy film
- More than enough
- "Play ___ for Me"; Eastwood film
- "Grand ___ Opry"
- Lincoln and Vigoda
- CA's ___ Linda University
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- Long-running Broadway musical
- Bug spray brand
- Actress Samms
- "___ Blue"

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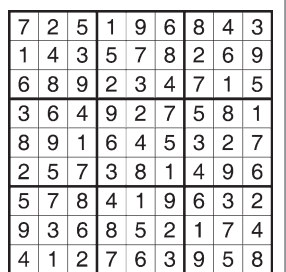
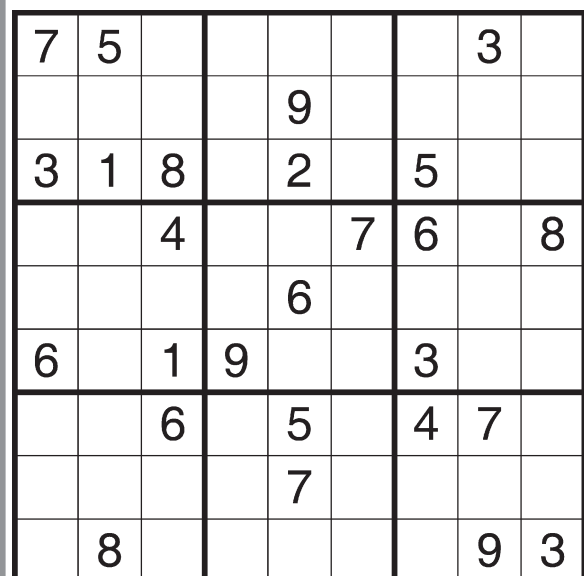
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Kuchmaner achieves perfection

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It was on March 17 when the No. 11 ranked East Carolina University baseball team got its 15th win of the season defeating the University of Maryland 3-0 on the road in College Park, Maryland. For one ECU player, it was something more than just a victory.

The win came with something special as the team had a total of eight hits, but Maryland never connected on one for the whole ballgame. That Sunday, the last game of the three game series against Maryland, sophomore left-handed pitcher Jake Kuchmaner threw a perfect game becoming the first one in ECU program history, the 28th in NCAA Division 1 history and the first one nationally since Feb. 24, 2018. All of which led Kuchmaner to win the American Athletic Conference Pitcher-of-the-Week, for two straight weeks.

For the Waxhaw, North Carolina native, the journey started much sooner than that game on the road during his second season with the Pirates (21-6, 6-0 AAC), as he was born into an athletic family and has been surrounded by sports his whole life.

Kuchmaner's father played baseball at the University of Akron and his mother ran track at Kent State University. Out of his three siblings, his sister Makenzie plays volleyball at North Carolina State University and his brother Zach is an outfielder/pitcher at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"My oldest brother just played in high school and one of my other older brothers plays at UNC Greensboro right now, he's an outfielder for them. It was cool to watch him go through it and then I learned a lot from him in the process so it made it a lot easier for me to make adjustments faster," Kuchmaner said.

Although it would be a great family experience for the lefty and his brother to play head to head against each other, the Pirates do not play UNCG this year.

The business management major, who is cruising through his second year with the team, appeared in 10 games and five starts



Sophomore pitcher Jake Kuchmaner threw the first perfect game in ECU history on March 17.

during his first season, striking out 18 and allowing 13 runs on 25 hits in 25.1 innings.

"He's a model of consistency with work ethic and being a great teammate, really consistent in the way he goes about his business. He prepares like a professional would, even outside of baseball," head coach Cliff Godwin said. "A guy who wants to be the best in his craft, he really prepares in all phases of the game, whether it'd be strength, conditioning, pitching, stretching, ability, art care, the whole deal. He's a professional at it."

The perfect game came in nine total innings, in which he accomplished eight strikeouts in 27 at bats, earning his second win of the year. This was all needed because

the Pirates did not score any runs until the sixth inning when they put up two runs on the board. They then extended their lead with a third and final run in the ninth inning.

"Really in the moment I wasn't thinking about it at all. At the end of the game you look up and you're like 'oh wow I guess that kinda happened,'" Kuchmaner said. "Then the whole team, everybody mobs you and everybody is kinda really excited and then you think, it was a complete team effort up and down so it was just a cool moment for all of us."

The victory on March 17 completed the weekend sweep and was the third win of a six game winning streak. ECU then traveled back home and took on the University of

Central Florida in Lewis Field at Clark-LeClair Stadium facing another weekend series, one they once again swept.

After defeating UCF, the Pirates took on the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida last weekend where they completed their third consecutive sweep this season. ECU got its revenge against Duke University with a 6-1 victory last night. The wins pushed ECU into the No. 11 nationally ranked position. The team has now dominated its last four opponents in its last 10 games.

"We have been able to know where he's throwing at all day," sophomore catcher Seth Caddell said. "We've been able to set up where he needs to set up so he can get to his spots. Knowing all of his ball moves has helped us be in sync with him."

Kuchmaner says he has not yet focused on a career after collegiate baseball as he is only a sophomore, but it is on his mind. Looking forward to the rest of the season and his two more years as a Pirate, Kuchmaner is hoping to continue to improve.

"You know you're always trying to improve on delivery and get more comfortable on the mound," Kuchmaner said. "Obviously you want to improve your velocity as much as you can and improve all your pitches, your commands, stuff like that."

The 5'11 pitcher has a record of 3-0, while having an opposite batting average of .116, 37 batters struck out and an ERA of 2.03 in 40 innings pitched.

Kuchmaner and the Pirates will be back in action in Houston, Texas for a three game weekend series as the first pitch is set for Friday at 7:35 p.m. and the series will conclude Sunday when they take on the University of Houston. Kuchmaner will hope to contribute throwing in another series sweep, advancing the Pirates in the national rankings once again and extending their winning streak to 13.

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