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## PIRATE PACKED WEEKEND



A BMX rider performs a trick outside the Pitt County Courthouse at last year's PirateFest. There will be a BMX performance again at this year's event.

## PirateFest set for 13th year

Giana Williams  
TEC STAFF

Uptown Greenville and Emerge Gallery and Art Center's Pitt County Arts Council will co-host the 13th annual PirateFest tomorrow.

The festival will be held at Five Points Plaza, expanding throughout the uptown area to the Town Common from 5 to 9 p.m. tomorrow and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. This will be a rain-or-shine event with shuttle bus service offered to and

from PirateFest.

PirateFest started as a 100-year communal celebration 13 years ago for East Carolina University, and has since become Greenville's signature community festival, drawing more than 35,000 visitors across the region, according to Meredith Hawke, Uptown Greenville's event and branding director.

"We call it two days of 'piratical' festivities in the town district," Hawke said. "2007 was the inaugural year to celebrate

ECU's 100 year celebration and we are now in year 13, welcoming over 35,000 people to the festival."

Tickets to participate in carnival activities are still available for purchase. Hawke said there will be a carnival tomorrow with wristbands that can be purchased for \$20 for an all-you-can-ride experience. Saturday will be a festival-type event with a Parade of Pirates March at 11 a.m.

Hawke said there will be more than 150 vendors including locally made art, jewelry, soap,

pottery, a BMX stunt show and pirate acts like sword fighting. There will also be a pigskin pigout and a spring football game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

"We will have a wide variety of vendors," Paula Rountree, Emerge Art Gallery's program director, said. "People will be able to come to PirateFest is (to) eat a yummy Cousins' Maine lobster roll, a fried Oreo from BatterUp,

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## Pirates ready for spring game

Daniel Roberts  
TEC STAFF

After weeks of practice and workouts, the East Carolina University football team is ready to show what it's made of when it hosts the annual Purple and Gold game on Saturday in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

"It's going to be an exciting day, first spring game under this

coaching staff, a group of young men that have worked so hard and have come so far since day 1," head coach Mike Houston said. "I will be disappointed if we do not see the same energy on Saturday that we saw at the end of practice today (Wednesday)."

The team has gone through 13 practices in which it's been aiming to improve on offense,

defense and special teams while adapting to one another. A big emphasis that Houston wanted to focus on in improving on all sides of the ball is physicality, technique and tackling.

The relationship between the coaching staff and the players has grown since Dec. 3, the end of last season. Out of all the practices the team has endured, Houston said

he was exceptionally pleased with the way Wednesday turned out, describing how it was perhaps the best practice yet this year.

"We had great energy today (Wednesday), really competed at a high level, both sides made significant strides from what we

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## Dowdy renovation continues

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East Carolina University announced that TowneBank committed \$3 million to the Southside Renovation Project at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, according to an announcement made on Bagwell Field yesterday.

TowneBank Tower is scheduled to be open for use by the beginning of the 2019 football season, according to a statement released by Tom McClellan, ECU's Assistant Athletic Director/Media Relations.

The tower will hover over the south grandstand and includes "1,000 seats through the addition of a new Club Level, Loge Boxes, Standard Suites and Founder's Suites," according to the statement. The renovations will also include a new Pirate Club level which members will be able to access on game days.

At the announcement event, G. Robert Aston, executive chairman of TowneBank, refers to the \$3 million commitment as not only an investment in ECU football, but one in eastern North Carolina.

"Nothing is bigger in eastern North Carolina than Pirate football, and we know how much this spectacular addition to the stadium means to the players, coaches and fans," Aston said.

Chancellor Cecil Staton, ECU Athletic Director, Jon Gilbert and Pirate Club Director, Phillip Wood, were present at the announcement event.

Gilbert said the announcement of TowneBank Tower represents an "exciting day" for the community, university, athletics department and Pirate Club.

Senior Associate Athletic Director for Internal Operations for Pirate Athletics, J.J. McLamb, said the stadium has been under construction since December 2017 and is expected to finish in July 2019.

McLamb said the renovation will



Tom McClellan

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## ECU to take on No. 1 UCLA

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Mikey Carrillo  
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East Carolina University's baseball team beat the University of North Carolina at Wilmington 9-1 on Tuesday night during a weekday game in Wilmington, North Carolina for its third straight win. The Pirates will now head to Los Angeles, California to take on No. 1 ranked UCLA (24-6, 9-3 PAC 12) in a battle of top 10 teams.

The Pirates (25-7, 8-1 AAC) have played incredible baseball throughout the last couple of weeks, going 13-1 in their last 14 games. They have also risen to No. 8 nationally.

UCLA currently has a three game winning streak going on and are dangerous both at home and on the road.

The Bruins have played a tough schedule this season, but have come up strong during it, as they have played No. 4 ranked Oregon State, No. 5 Stanford and No. 17 Georgia Tech, winning each of those three game series. ECU is 10-4 on the road, with one of the wins coming against No. 9 ranked Ole Miss back on March 6.

ECU's pitchers may have its hands full with six particular batters. Sophomore outfielder Garrett Mitchell, junior infielders Ryan Kreidler and Jake Stronach, and senior outfielder Jake Pries all have batting averages of at least .300. UCLA is led in batting by Stronach who has a .420 batting average. Three batters for the Bruins have hit four home runs each so far this season, Kreidler, and junior infielders Chase Strumpf and

Michael Togli.

ECU's batters may face problems with the pitchers UCLA will put on the mound. Redshirt junior pitcher Jack Ralston has started eight games in eight appearances so far this year, having a 2.76 earned run average. Redshirt senior pitcher Nathan Hadley has appeared in 17 games and thrown a 1.59 ERA in those appearances. Junior pitcher Ryan Garcia has started four games in six appearances and yielded a 1.67 ERA for the Bruins. UCLA's pitchers have been very vital in its seat as the No. 1 team nationally.

The Bruins may have trouble containing junior designated hitter Spencer Brickhouse, sophomore first baseman Alec Burleson, junior

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Junior pitcher Trey Benton had six strikeouts in the win over UNCW Tuesday night.

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## BRIEFS

## Student Activities Board to throw Hawaiian luau event

The Student Activities Board will host a luau on the Main Campus Student Center lawn today from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be food, games and a showing of the Disney movie "Moana."

## Student Activities to host ice cream, stickers event

Students can make their own ice cream and stickers today on the Main Campus Student Center's lawn with the Student Activities Board. The event will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## Campus Recreation invites students to 'Zip Thursday'

All students, faculty and staff are welcome to use Campus Recreation and Wellness' zipline for free today from 4 to 6 p.m. The zip line is located at the North Recreational Complex.

## Adventure Center encourages participation

Students can join ECU's Adventure Center tomorrow for a paddling trip to Washington, North Carolina from 4 to 7 p.m. Visitors can choose between a kayak, canoe or tandem kayak.

Students attending can register through ECU's website.

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## Professor studies Arctic

Margaret McCollum  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

An East Carolina University professor was featured on the Today Show during his research trip to Alaska while testing sensors made by ECU students and faculty.

Dan Dickerson, a science education professor and coordinator of the STEM CoRE at East Carolina University, took a journey to Utqiagvik, Alaska to study snowmelt and climate change in the arctic using sensors created by Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) students and faculty in ECU's Department of Engineering.

Dickerson said he and fellow researchers from other universities got to work with The Today Show, and even met Al Roker for his series "Al in the Arctic."

"We got to talk to Al Roker, we got to talk to his whole team and work with them. We got to put all our stuff out, so it was really cool," Dickerson said. "There was a lot of local people that came out to be on the show and tell them about how the changes up there are impacting their local communities."

Dickerson said the trip was a collaboration he had in the past but that ECU's role was to help build the electronic components used during the trip, specifically the sensors. He reached out to assistant professor and faculty advisor for the IEEE organization at ECU, Zhen Zhu, and his students to participate in the project.

"Zhen and his students and I worked together to try and get the the instrument put together and functional so that we actually had a working prototype when we went up there so that we could test it in the actual environment," Dickerson said.

Dickerson said the purpose of the trip was to measure snowmelt. The researchers were using the sensors and drilling to determine how quickly the snow on top was melting and its impact on the ice underneath.

However, according to Dickerson, the bigger picture is climate change research. The goal was to gain information on the ice in the arctic and how it's melting so they can plug the information into models that will predict climate change.

"It's all climate change related research but it's not a matter of whether or not climate change is real or whether or not climate change is manmade," Dickerson said. "What we're looking at is trying to just measure the quantity and the scale of the changes that are occurring up



CONTRIBUTED BY DAN DICKERSON

The building where Professor Dan Dickerson stayed while completing his research trip to Alaska.

there so we can use that in predictive models."

Zhu said his students helped to design the sensor system for data collection which was used in Dickerson's project with the goal of introducing technology to education.

"This year, our students helped to define prototypes and test the sensors he brought up there," Zhu said.

Zhu gave credit to his IEEE students at ECU for helping with the project and named a few top collaborators involved, including students Robert Ocampo, Jonathan Everett Stotesbury and Chester Moore.

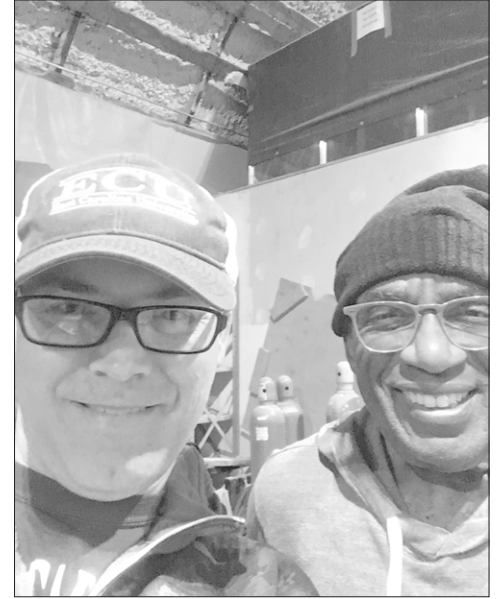
Stotesbury expressed his gratitude for getting the chance to be involved in such important research that is being recognized worldwide.

"I find it satisfying to see our work functioning in an extreme environment. I hope the sensor equipment provides the research team with accurate, repeatable data," Stotesbury said. "Aiding the environmental research effort was definitely a meaningful experience for me."

Dickerson said this research was just the beginning of their projects. He said there are many more projects to follow and he plans to continue his exploration with the help of the students.

Moore said he also appreciated the opportunity to help create this meaningful technology and represent his school in the Arctic.

"It's always gratifying to have your work recognized by others, but it's even more



CONTRIBUTED BY DAN DICKERSON

Dickerson and Al Roker pose together in Alaska.

gratifying when your work is providing some measurable amount of utility to others, this is the draw that makes engineering so attractive as a career," Moore said. "As a group we are very pleased to be involved in this project and hope that the sensors provide significant amounts of data for the team in the Arctic."

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include four different levels, not including the ground level, to provide more space.

"Obviously it's creating more premium spaces for game day," McLamb said. "We are hoping that it will, you know, give us more options for game day premium spaces but will also enhance the gameday experience."

According to McLamb, each level of the renovation will serve a specific purpose. McLamb said the ground level will act as the Pirate Club Area for all Pirate Club members. This level will include food options, adult beverage options and an entrance into the stadium.

In addition, McLamb said the Scholarship Club level will be positioned on the first level and will have 550 premium seats. He said the second level will be the "suite level" and will hold 14 suites.

McLamb said the third level will include five founder suites and 22 loge boxes. The fourth level will include three suites in addition to the gameday boxes used to successfully put on a football game.

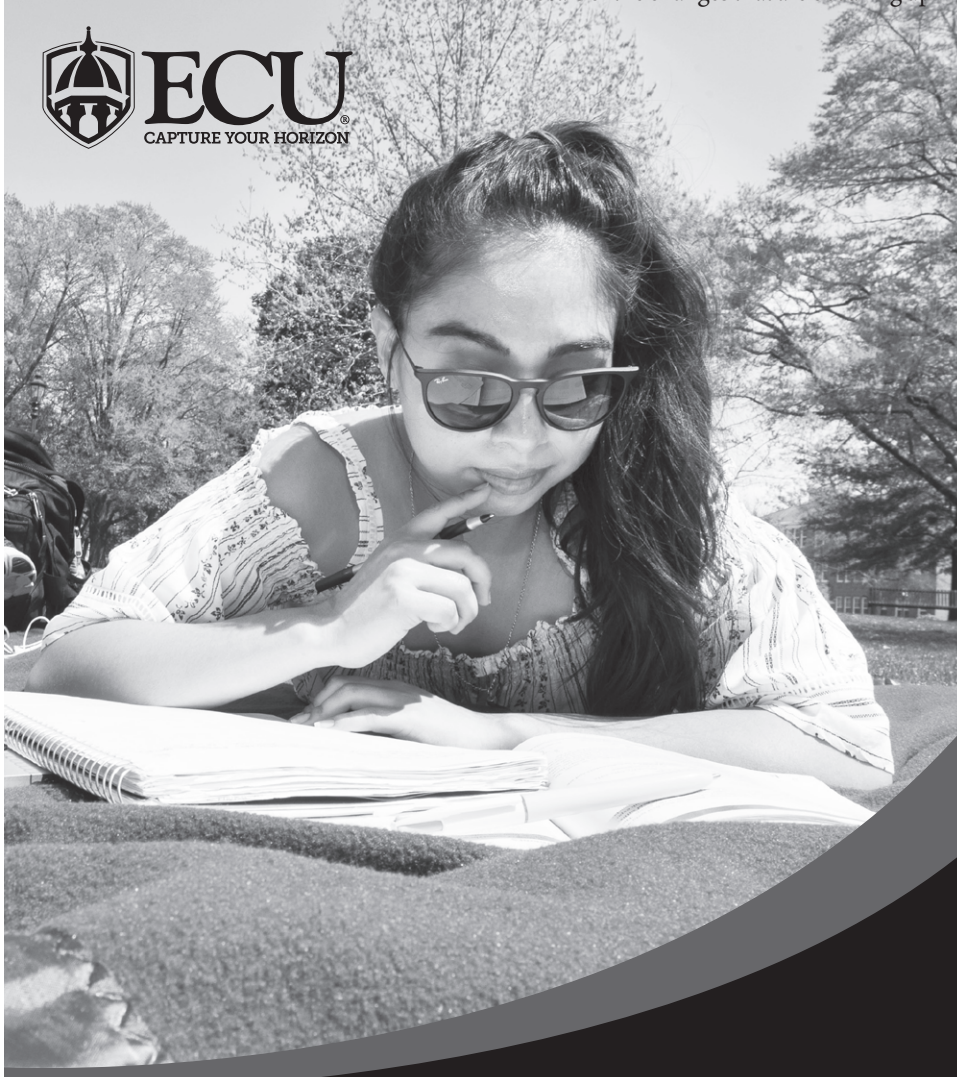
"It is an additional ticket but it's also, you know, you have to be a Pirate Club member even at an annual level to have the opportunity to buy tickets or seats in these levels," McLamb said.

Dominique Jefferson, a senior communication major, said he was not surprised to hear there are additional renovations being made to Dowdy. He said he does not expect the construction to be done by the projected date.

Jefferson said the TowneBank renovations are a step in the right direction, however, there should be more focus put toward the product being put on the field before making additions to the stadium.

"Put more money into recruiting, put more money into actual position coaches before you think about the fans," Jefferson said. "Let's focus on packing the stadium first before you go and add more seats."

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## OUR VIEW

### Sup Dogs deserves 'Best Bar'

Sup Dogs has moved into the #BarstoolBestBar championship round against Pennsylvania State University's Champ's Downtown. The March Madness style competition will determine the best college bar in America through 5th Year, a college-brand Twitter. Voting ends today at 9 p.m.

Sup Dogs has dominated Barstool's competition, winning Best Bar in the South. With an entire community supporting them, voting opened yesterday at 2 p.m. for the final round. The recognition is not only great for the bar, but East Carolina University as well.

Since the competition began, the popular band the Jonas Brothers recently made a visit to Pennsylvania for a performance at Champ's. Joe Jonas has also been continuously tweeting in support of #BarstoolPennState, heating things up a bit.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, are voting for Sup Dogs to be crowned Best Bar in America because of its impact on the ECU and Greenville community. The Oliverio family has put a lot of time and hard work into Sup Dogs and has helped it grow to become a popular bar across eastern North Carolina, and now, maybe even across the world.

Sup Dogs was Derek Oliverio's dream, owner Bret Oliverio's late brother. Having no management or restaurant experience, Bret went out on a limb to keep his brother's dream alive and made the restaurant the success it is. Bringing together people of all ages in the community, the competition has brought national recognition to the local bar.



## 'I saw greatness here'

### Staton reflects on his time at East Carolina



**Cecil Staton**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Among the greatest honors for any chancellor is the opportunity to preside over commencement ceremonies and wish new graduates the very best as they pursue their dreams. I'll have that opportunity one last time on May 3 as ECU's 11<sup>th</sup> chancellor.

Three years at ECU passed very quickly, but they left Catherine and me with so many wonderful memories that we'll treasure for a lifetime. This is a very special place. And I encourage you to pause a moment to cherish it, support it, make the most of it, and never take ECU or your time here for granted.

Arriving at ECU after 27 years serving higher education in Georgia, I had an outsider's perspective, and I saw greatness here. I don't think everyone on campus, much less across North Carolina, appreciates what a great university ECU has become. Some prefer that ECU serve a role as a small regional university over in eastern North Carolina. In their more candid moments, they'd say, "Stay in your lane, ECU. Don't get too big for your britches!" The leaders who recruited me to ECU had a different outlook. They wanted a chancellor who shared a vision of what ECU had become, and they wanted the world to know it is an extraordinary university that's destined to be a national model for excellence in a unique setting—rural eastern North Carolina.

The facts supporting that vision are unassailable. ECU is one of only 141 universities in the nation with a medical (M.D.) school. We are the only university in North Carolina with such a range of

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- Cecil Staton

academic assets. And we are uniquely applying those assets to improve health care, education, and economic disparities across rural North Carolina, partnering with area communities in regional transformation. We are serving students from rural and low-income backgrounds far better than most, focusing on each student's success. We know our mission is about changing lives, communities, our state, nation and world. And we know that North Carolina depends upon ECU. As I like to say, if North Carolina didn't have ECU it would have to go out and build it tomorrow!

As I look back over the last three years, I am very pleased that we made great strides in the internationalization of our campus and in providing international studies opportunities for our students. I'm delighted, as well, by the progress we've made in increasing research opportunities, benefiting students who are developing skills for critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration. I'm proud of the team that launched an ambitious \$500 million comprehensive campaign for ECU, the largest in our history, and raised \$215 million toward that goal in only two and a half years.

I know Pirate Nation is especially pleased with our reset of athletics, bringing to ECU an accomplished director of athletics, new men's and women's basketball coaches, a new head football

coach, and incredible excitement about the possibilities for our future. Yes, great days are ahead for our student athletes and Pirate fans everywhere.

It's the people that make any organization great, or not so great. At ECU, we are blessed with a world-class faculty and staff. We are equally blessed with alumni, donors, and friends who fully understand how special ECU is and the impact it has across North Carolina and beyond. Best of all, we have outstanding students who are known far and wide for their hard work. Hundreds of employers come to this campus regularly, and they tell us it's because there is no student anywhere with a stronger work ethic. Catherine and I have been invigorated every day by their incredible energy and desire to excel.

This incredible environment has created thousands of ambassadors who attest to ECU excellence every day. Now, it's more important than ever that they stand up for ECU and tell its great story at every opportunity. There is no limit to what ECU can become if it is given the support and resources to fulfill its mission. Catherine and I look forward to watching that progress in the days ahead. We will continue to be proud Pirates!

Staton is ECU's 11th Chancellor. To submit a guest column, email [opinion@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com).

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### >> SENIOR COLUMN

## East Carolina in the rear view

### College provides adventures, opportunities



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What a surreal feeling it is to see the light at the end of a tunnel. As I'm about to walk the stage in less than a month to graduate college, I'm shocked at how fast my time at East Carolina University has gone by.

All this time I spent wishing it was over, yet never wanting it to end, the bittersweet feelings and mixed emotions have definitely set in.

College is weird. Laughing, crying and studying all at once is the new multitasking. Yes, it's tough, stressful and expensive, yet it's an adventure.

Making that college transition was tough, growing up in such a small town where everyone knows everyone and their history, the whole process of moving to a new place was very new for me. But I've always had this thirst to travel, see the world and experience all that I could.

It's hard to find your place in college, it's like starting over, but it's all about taking that as an opportunity to grow and learn from the people around you. Freshman year was an emotional rollercoaster, living in a dorm and transitioning to a significantly heavier workload, on top of trying to make friends was tough, but being here allowed me to build confidence and learn so much more about myself than I ever knew. Putting myself in situations that were unfamiliar and awkward allowed me to grow to be stronger person.

I've met amazing people here at ECU and made friends that I know will always be a part of my life in some way. Not only that, but I've had advisors and professors here that have provided me with such valuable advice, constantly offering support. The intellect and wisdom that this university holds is underrated.

Part of finding myself and finding my place here at ECU came much easier when I found The East Carolinian. Not originally being the biggest fan of Greenville,

TEC allowed me to really appreciate the community and share people's stories. It's a comforting feeling to be able to talk about things you love with people who are passionate about the same things you are.

Meeting such talented people at this job and working through stressful times with them has provided me with valuable experience, and I couldn't be more thankful for the memories made with my coworkers and the guidance they've provided me with.

The No. 1 thing I've learned is to never let anyone tell you that you can't do something, and if so, use that as motivation to prove them wrong. Just don't forget to take a step back sometimes and take a break, step outside of your comfort zone, because time slips away faster than you think.

So, as I move on and start my career, I'll always have a home in ECU and in TEC, because the past four years has definitely been the most challenging, yet rewarding experience of my life.

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# TEC 'sports

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

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ECU goes 2-2. Why? The Pirates will take on the No. 1 team in the country in the UCLA Bruins. The Bruins took down No. 4 Oregon State,

No. 5 ranked Stanford and No. 17 ranked Georgia Tech 2-1 in each of the three game series. The Pirates have shown that they can compete with one of the nation's best teams when they were able to defeat No. 9 ranked Ole Miss 3-2 back on March 6. ECU has found a groove as of late winning 13-of-the-last-14 games, but this will be their toughest task. I see ECU losing its first weekend series to UCLA 1-2, but bouncing back against Elon on Tuesday to go 2-2 on the weekend.

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ECU goes 2-2. Why? Although ECU has been moving up in the rankings to the No. 8 spot winning 13 of the past 14 games, it will not be able to

pull off a sweep against No. 1 UCLA. The Bruins have prevailed in weekend series against ranked opponents ranking from No. 5 and No. 17. ECU is a strong team overall and have proven to be too much for opponents to handle. I think that the Pirates will be able to pull off one win against UCLA going 1-2 for the weekend and will win against Elon on Tuesday for a midweek match up. This will get the Pirates back on track after the weekend loss.

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ECU goes 2-2. The team has been on fire as of late, winning 13 of 14 games, its only loss coming against the University of Houston

last weekend in its first game of the weekend series. It will be playing the No. 1 team in the country at UCLA on the road in Los Angeles, California, but will have jet lag against a tough opponent. The team has a 10-4 record on the road so it is well prepared, but ECU will only win one of those three games against the Bruins and will then redeem itself against Elon on Tuesday, once again, on the road.

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Baseball Reporter

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ECU goes 3-1. Why? I am going to be bold here. ECU will take on the No. 1 team in the country this weekend in UCLA but the Pirates

have been incredibly hot recently winning 13 of their last 14 games. In that stretch, the Pirates won by an average of five runs a game. The Bruins however have prevailed against ranked opponents in three different weekend series 2-1 each. ECU has been playing as well as any team in the country and I think they have what it takes to go 2-1 against UCLA and then beat Elon on Tuesday.

# Houston embraces ECU

Daniel Roberts  
TEC STAFF

After going through another tough losing season, the East Carolina University football team and the athletic department parted ways with former head coach Scottie Montgomery in the fall. Athletic Director Jon Gilbert went out and ECU found its next head coach in Mike Houston, who was introduced to Pirate Nation back on Dec. 4.

"When the opportunity first became available it was a little bit of a dream come true," Houston said. "The university's always been one that's passionate about their football program and so it was something that I thought to myself if I ever had the chance one day this is something that I would like to pursue. I could not of been more excited when I first got the phone call from Dave Hart and then when I was offered the job from (Jon) Gilbert."

Houston is coming off a three year tenure from 2016-2018 at James Madison University. He was able to guide the program to 37-6 overall record, which included two consecutive 14-1 finishes in 2016 and 2017. During those three years he took JMU to three NCAA FCS postseasons, including one national championship in 2016, a runner-up finish in 2017 and a second round elimination in 2018. Houston also helped JMU get two Colonial Athletic Association championships.

Prior to coaching at JMU, Houston served as the head coach at The Citadel from 2014-2015. He helped the Bulldogs get their fourth winning season since 1995 in 2015, when they went 9-4 overall. Houston is the only coach to win a Southern Conference Championship within his first two seasons as head coach.

Before becoming the head coach at The Citadel, Houston spent three seasons at Lenoir-Rhyne (2011-2013), a Division II school in the South Atlantic Conference. He had a 29-8 record with the Bears and took them to three straight SAC championships. He served as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Lenoir-Rhyne from 2007-2010. In 2006, Houston was the associate head coach and defensive coordinator at Brevard College.

On top of his winning success as a head coach at the collegiate level, Houston was



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Head coach Mike Houston spoke with the media on his vision for ECU football back on March 14.

named CAA coach-of-the-year in 2016, SoCon coach-of-the-year in 2015 and SAC coach-of-the-year with Lenoir-Rhyne.

"He has a track record of success everywhere he's been," Gilbert said. "I knew from a fit standpoint he would be a really good fit, and I knew his head coaching experience would serve us well. I felt like that is what we really needed. I knew from the people in the industry how well thought of he was and so I could not be more pleased at where we are in the direction of our program."

Houston said he was impressed with ECU's campus when he first stepped foot at his new university, including the new upgrades that are being made to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and other facilities around it. Houston loved the energy that ran through the student body.

Houston was greeted with a warm welcome from Pirate Nation in December and since then, Houston said the Greenville community could not have been more welcoming.

"Everywhere that my family and I have been, we have been received with love, enthusiasm and hospitality," Houston said. "I'm happy to be back a little bit farther south. I'm guaranteed to have good barbecue and sweet tea so two things that are dear to my heart. We've really enjoyed getting to know different people in our neighborhood and visiting various churches around the area, it's been great."

With the spring football game coming up on Saturday, Houston feels better about his team than where they were when he first took over the new position.

"The big thing I am looking forward to is just being able to experience Pirate Nation, being able to get out there and represent the University," Houston said. "I don't have a set number of wins or whatever that I want to put out there because we are not even close to being ready for the season yet, but I expect us to compete at a much higher level than what the program has in the past several years and I expect us to be an exciting team to watch."

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saw on Saturday," Houston said. "We really, really like the way we competed in the last half of practice when we had our red zone portion of practice and our two-minute drill with both the first and second unit. As we look towards the weekend you could feel a little bit more excitement around here."

Looking at the current roster that Houston and the coaching staff is working with, Houston has remained optimistic in observing each position from an overall perspective. Houston believes Saturday will determine the amount of depth the football team will have in the fall.

Fans will be able to see how this football team has adjusted to Houston's coaching style on both sides of the ball. Students, families and alumni will be able to see how freshman starting quarterback Holton Ahlers has adjusted to Houston and the new offensive system. They will also



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Bob Aston, Jon Gilbert, Mike Houston, Phillip Wood and the football team.

be able to see how the defense has adapted in spring training knowing that senior defensive end Nate Harvey will not return for the 2019 season.

"It's going to be a competitive matchup," Houston said. "This is not a for-show kind of deal with the spring game, this is an evaluation and our final scrimmage, and the performances in Saturday's scrimmage will go a long way towards determining

our depth chart for this fall."

Athletic Director Jon Gilbert said he's pleased with how Houston has led the Pirates up to this point and the way the team has performed every morning.

"We've got great energy and I think coach is setting a culture and foundation for future success," Gilbert said. "That doesn't happen overnight. We're probably not going to win 12 games next year but I do think

we are setting the tone for a bright future for East Carolina football."

The scrimmage on Saturday will be offense versus defense. Offense will be in all white, the defense will be in all purple. Four 15 minute quarters with a running clock in each quarter will be played until the final two minutes of each half where it will be played in game regulation.

"At the end of the scrimmage there will be a winner, and there will be a loser just like everything in life," Houston said. "There will be a winner's dinner next Tuesday. Steak and Shrimp, it will be a feast. The losing team will serve the winning team dinner next Tuesday night. That'll be our end to spring ball, and a way to kind of celebrate together as a team and have a little bit of fun."

The annual Purple and Gold game will kick off at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday during PirateFest on top of the 36th annual Pigskin Pigout that is set to kick off on Saturday at 8 a.m. in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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## BASEBALL continued from A1

first baseman Alec Burleson, junior outfielder Bryant Packard and senior infielder Turner Brown. All four batters have batting averages of at least a .330. Brickhouse and Burleson both have batting averages of at least a .370. Brickhouse has hit eight home runs this year, with Jake Washer right behind him with six homers of his own.

Sophomore pitcher Jake Kuchmaner, and junior pitchers Jake Agnos and Tyler Smith have been problems on the mound for ECU opponents. Kuchmaner has started in six games for the Pirates having a 1.99 ERA. Agnos has started in eight games, producing a 2.76 ERA in his appearances. Smith, despite producing a 5.05 ERA this season, has gone 4-0 in his eight starts.

ECU is carrying a 7-0 record going into this weekend's series. The Bruins have the best chance of handing ECU its first series loss of the year, but a series win this weekend could

push the Pirates into a top 5 spot nationally.

In the Pirates' most recent game on Tuesday night, they opened up the game with a leading run in the top of the first inning when freshman outfielder Lane Hoover scored on a passed ball, putting up the first change of the scoreboard, making it 1-0, ECU.

Redshirt junior catcher Jake Washer and junior outfielder Dusty Baker scored on RBI's from freshman infielder Thomas Francisco and senior infielder Brady Lloyd, extending ECU's lead to 3-0. UNCW scored on a wild pitch in the third inning making the score 3-1 at that point.

Both schools were held without scoring for two whole innings, until in the top of the sixth inning, as the Pirates scored two more runs, when junior first baseman/designated hitter Spencer Brickhouse and senior infielder

Turner Brown, with help from sophomore utility Bryson Worrell and sophomore catcher Seth Caddell, as they earned RBI's during their at bats. The win seemed close for the team with only three innings left.

Hoover sacrificed during the seventh inning, helping junior infielder Nick Barber score, to help ECU score its sixth run of the game. Which was followed by two more runs in the eighth inning, the first one by Washer on a ground out and the second one by Worrell on a wild pitch. The score was 8-1 at the beginning of the ninth inning.

The final run of the night was made by freshman outfielder Christian Jayne as Brown singled to left field, earning an RBI capping off the game and bringing the final score to 9-1.

The series against the Bruins will start on Friday in Jackie Robinson Stadium at 6 p.m. on Friday and the teams will then meet on the field again Saturday at 2 p.m., followed by the double header after that ballgame.

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Jake Washer

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**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Slow down and contemplate. Avoid crowds and expensive scenarios. Peace and quiet satisfies your spirit. Get introspective as you clean house. Consider past, present and future.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Handle a financial difficulty before it grows. Stay in communication. Change or keep your agreements. Postpone what you can to focus on balancing accounts.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Connect with a clever crew over a brilliant idea. Take their comments into consideration. Discuss plans and preparations. Discover an unexpected solution to a breakdown.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Huddle with your team to resolve a challenge. Share the load for greater ease. Hold off on big changes, and wait for better conditions.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Resolve a challenge with your partner. Take time to iron out misunderstandings or discord. New information threatens assumptions. Shift expectations. Keep an optimistic outlook.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- An error, misunderstanding or repair could get expensive. Extra income could become available due to an insider advantage or windfall. Balance numbers. Invest in success.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Find another route around a professional obstacle. Don't get casual about keeping your promises. Integrity provides workability. Someone important is paying attention.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Slow the pace to balance your work, health and energy. Fix something that is broken. Avoid accidents or injury. Keep your equipment in good order. Nurture yourself.

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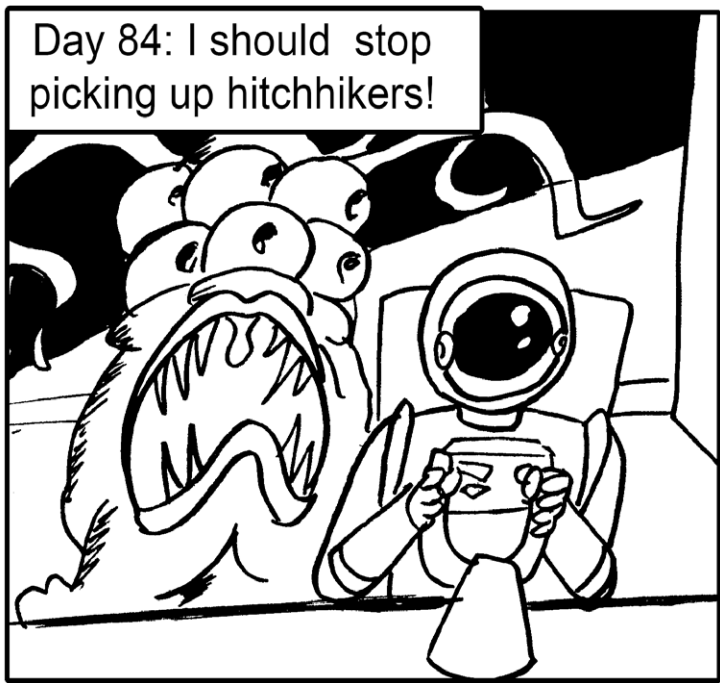
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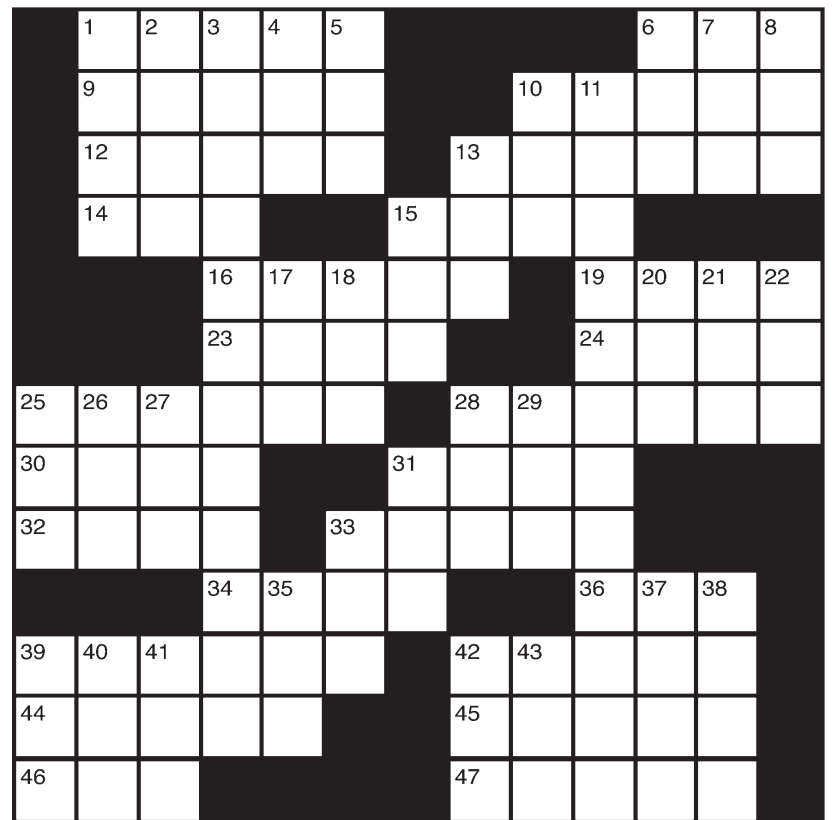
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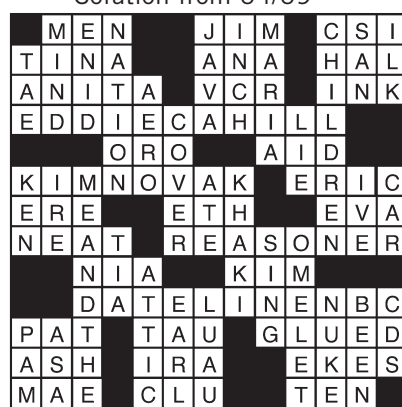
- Actress \_\_ Field
- Drama series for Catherine Bell and David James Elliott
- "One Day at \_\_"
- "Hearts \_\_"; John Ritter/Markie Post sitcom
- Hayworth and Moreno
- Golfer Arnold \_\_
- Likely
- Actress Downey
- Ease; subside
- Usually unwanted e-mail
- Robert \_\_; Civil War general
- Freddie the Freeloader, for one
- Actress \_\_ Witt
- "The \_\_"; series for Steve Carell and Rainn Wilson
- Nevada city near Lake Tahoe
- Mark Antony's love, for short
- List of dishes
- Actress Garson
- \_\_ on; victimize
- Army branch for women, once
- Actor Robert
- Series for Craig T. Nelson

- "Miss Congeniality 2: \_\_ & Fabulous"; Sandra Bullock movie
- Actor Peter
- Ms. Thompson
- "20,000 Leagues \_\_ the Sea"

#### DOWN

- Actress \_\_ Gilbert
- Give someone \_\_; offer advice
- "The \_\_"; TLC series about Bill and Jen
- Monogram for the author of "Little Women"
- "Say \_\_ to the Dress"
- Actor \_\_ Nabors
- "Who Do You Think You \_\_?"
- "Hogan's Heroes" setting: abbr.
- Monogram for Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
- Sci-fi series for Joseph Fiennes
- Herman Munster, to Eddie
- Actress McClanahan
- Actor Marienthal
- \_\_ Leoni
- Luau dish
- "Good Morning America" network
- One of the Three Stooges
- Upper limb
- Bruce or Brandon
- Home for Dick and Joanna Loudon on "Newhart"
- "Grand \_\_ Opry"
- Charge
- "\_\_, the Beloved Country"; James Earl Jones movie
- "\_\_ Smart"; Don Adams series
- "The \_\_ Skelton Show"
- Unit of farmland
- "The Sonny and \_\_ Show"
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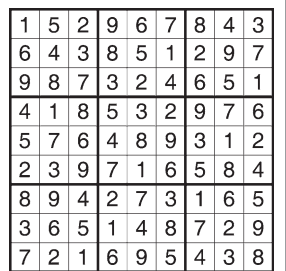
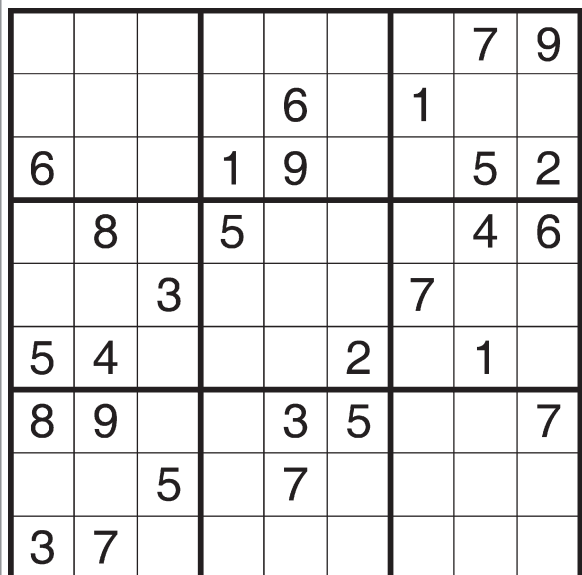
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## Alumnus to release album

**Vincent Justice**  
TEC STAFF

Halfway through his time at East Carolina University, William Seymour decided he wanted to pursue a career in music. Now Seymour is planning on releasing his newest album, "Quicksand."

Seymour, a local Greenville musician, will perform his new album live on Sunday at 7 p.m. at Whirligig Stage, located at 628 S. Pitt St. Tickets cost \$20. Seymour said "Quicksand" consists of eight songs which he has written over the years, and is excited to see them make their debut.

"For this show that I have coming up, on (Sunday), this is me playing my songs with a full band," Seymour said.

Seymour he got his first start in music by playing the upright bass in an orchestra. Seymour said at 13 he started to learn



William Seymour playing his guitar. Seymour will release his album "Quicksand" on Sunday.

guitar. Once he came to college, he said he traveled with a band, playing guitar and singing, in addition to pursuing a degree in music performance.

"The first group I played in was called Rebekah Todd and the Odyssey, and we toured for about five years.

About a year ago, I started playing with a group called the Broadcast, which was based out of Asheville. All throughout that time I was playing acoustic and solo shows," Seymour said.

Rebekah Todd, a colleague of Seymour said the two played together

in her band for five years. Todd said she is excited for Seymour to release his album and has worked on the album as well, providing backup vocals.

"You have to give yourself no other option to do anything else. Once you've done that, you'll dive

in head first and you'll work as hard as you can. In a way it's like if you don't have a safety net then you won't give yourself the option to give up," Todd said.

Seymour said despite having traveled for shows all across the country and in Europe he still performs in Greenville.

Lipbone Redding, a member of Seymour's band, said Seymour is a pillar of the music community in Greenville. Redding said a person can't play music in Greenville without knowing who Seymour is.

"William Seymour is a musical God. He should be worshiped and revered," Redding said. "I love playing with William he's so good, he's so attentive to everyone around him and he's such a good listener. He's also such a good song writer."

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### PIRATEFEST continued from A1

a funnel cake from The Funnel Cake Factory and many other amazing foods from our list of 29 food vendors."

There will be three national headlining concerts. Country singer Jimmie Allen will perform tomorrow and hip-hop artists Tone Loc and Biz Markie will perform Saturday, both at the Town Common Amphitheater, according to Hawke.

"This year we are expanding the festival on Friday evening to cover

Evans from Fifth Street to Town Common," Rountree said. "There are so many aspects of PirateFest to be excited for, I mean who doesn't love the food and art, but the growth of the festival is very exciting to see year after year."

ECU's Student Government Association is one of the main sponsors of PirateFest along with Minges Bottling Group. Jordan



Jordan Koonts

Koonts, ECU's outgoing student body president, said after more than two years of sponsoring PirateFest, SGA felt it was a valuable opportunity to not only support Greenville but to welcome and recruit students for SGA for the fall semester at their booth.

"I think we will benefit in a lot of ways," Koonts said. "We are the main sponsors, but also we'll benefit and strengthen our relationship with the city of Greenville with their events and our events, it's a partnership really."

Hawke encourages people in city of Greenville and surrounding

areas to come out and honor the purple and gold pride and the pirate heritage that is in eastern North Carolina. She said PirateFest is a good way celebrate the city's signature festival with close friends.

"We celebrate the heritage of the pirate settlement as well. Also, we want to celebrate wonderful art, the wonderful food, the wonderful music that is cultivated here in eastern North Carolina. We absolutely see the festival growing," Hawke said.

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