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Project on tenth opens

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

The 10th Street Connector, a long-awaited project in Greenville, is now open to the public following its completion in April.

According to Senior Assistant Resident Engineer, Jason Beasley, the opening for the connector took place in late April and he hasn't heard of any issues or complaints from the public so far regarding the project's effectiveness.

The purpose of the connector is to help with traffic between East Carolina University and Vidant Medical Center, according to Beasley. He said he predicts traffic on the bridge will vary.

"It all depends on the school (ECU) and the number of students attending the school at one time," Beasley said. "I think traffic volume will fluctuate depending on what's going on at the school."



P.J. Connelly

City of Greenville's Mayor P.J. Connelly said he thinks the connector will be a useful asset to help get from the university's central campus to the medical campus.

Connelly said he believes students and residents will find the bridge helpful when traveling throughout the city.

"I think it's going to be a great connection for people traveling on both sides of town," Connelly said. "It's going to create a better infrastructure for people to be able to go back and forth from different sections of our community."

Connelly said he expects the four-lane highway to open up the community and help with traffic delays in uptown

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Mitch Nowicki rides a LimeBike across campus. Ride of Silence will raise awareness for both bike and pedestrian safety also honoring those who've died.

Cycling event returns

Ride of Silence raises awareness for bike safety

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

Members of the local community will have the opportunity to honor cyclists who have been injured or killed while biking and advocate for safer roads during the upcoming Ride of Silence event taking place this week in Uptown Greenville.

ECVelo, a cycling club in Pitt County, is hosting Ride of Silence which will take place Wednesday at 6 p.m., and registration is not required to participate. The event is in celebration of National Bike Month, according to a press release from local ride organizer, Steven Hardy-Braz.

Hardy-Braz is the coordinator of the event and a member of the ECVelo club. He said Ride of Silence is a free event and open to cyclists of all ages.

"Anyone who doesn't need to ride a bike with training wheels can attend. As long as they show up with a workable bike and a helmet, they can come along," Hardy-Braz said.

Participants should plan to meet at the Uptown Bicycle Post parking lot at 6 p.m. The ride will start at 6:30 p.m. and conclude around 7:45 p.m. A social gathering at Pitt St. Brewery will follow the ride, according to Hardy-Braz.

Hardy-Braz said the ride will follow a set course around Greenville, and participants will ride for about 10 miles in silence.

"We're doing this to advocate, to let people know that we're here on the roads, and we want safer roads for everybody," Hardy-Braz said.

Hardy-Braz said the ride is not just for cyclists, but for anyone in the Greenville community, and ECU students who are in

town for the summer are welcome to attend.

Hardy-Braz said the proposal and advocacy for safer roads doesn't only apply to people riding bikes, but also ECU students who walk and bike around Greenville and ECU's campus.

"With so many ECU students walking from their cars and biking to and from campus, we want to make sure all the roads in Greenville and ECU's campus are safe," Hardy-Braz said.

According to the Ride of Silence organization website, the Ride of Silence started in 2003 in Dallas, Texas. 1,000 cyclists came out to honor the life of Larry Schwartz, a cyclist who was killed by a school bus mirror.

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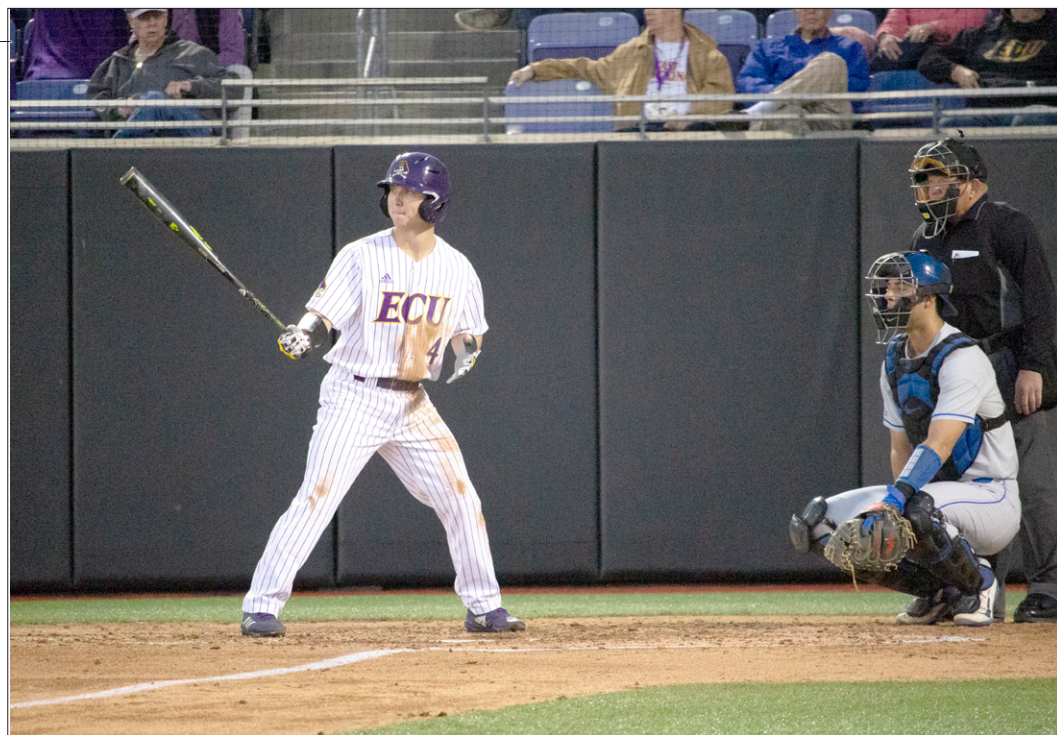
Baseball wins historic title

Brendan Gillespie
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History was made in Eck Stadium last night, because for the first time in program history, East Carolina University (38-11, 17-2 AAC) won the regular season title in the American Athletic Conference. The Pirates achieved this by defeating Wichita State University (22-27, 6-13 AAC) 6-1.

After clinching their first AAC regular season title since 2009, ECU baseball will now be the No. 1 seed in the American Conference tournament. However, this may not be the first record ECU may break before the season is over. They currently have 17 wins, which happens to be the second most in American Conference history.

The Pirates are continuously creeping towards the conference record of 19 total wins in a season. If ECU were to win its next two games against Wichita State, they will have not only clinched the American regular season title, but will have also tied the Conference record for total wins in a single season.



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

Being the number one seeded team, the Pirates are scheduled to play the eighth seeded team in the first round of the tournament.

The tournament is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 21, and the championship game will

be on Sunday, May 26. The time each game will be played at and the seedings of the other AAC teams are yet to be determined, and will be announced as the regular season comes to a close.

Keep an eye on the ECU baseball team as they continue to

attempt to break more records, as they play Wichita State on Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Concert for moms

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The Greenville Convention Center hosted an event which consisted of live musical performances to celebrate Mother's Day yesterday.

The Mother's Day celebration event was planned and organized by Marlow Hines, the event coordinator. The event hosted a total of seven acts, including John P. Kee and the New Life band.

"At the Mother's Day celebration, we will have John P. Kee, the headliner, as well as Gabby Smith, Divine Worship, Tammy Edwards and the Edward Sisters, the Johnsonaires, A-Love and the A-Love Steppers and Mr. DeMario Carr," Hines said.



Marlow Hines

The celebration has been held for four consecutive years now, and is proposed to become an annual event, Hines said.

Hines said he likes to inspire people in the community who may be going through hard times at this event.

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Summer classes begin

Today marks the beginning of the First Summer Session and 11-week Summer Session. At this time, students still have the opportunity to adjust their academic schedules. The official academic calendar with additional information is available on ECU's website.

Rec Center returns to regular schedule

Beginning today, ECU's Student Recreation and Wellness Center at ECU's Main Campus and Health Sciences Campus will return to their normal summer hours. The rec centers will be open Monday through Thursday from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday's from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday hours include 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday's are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

More information can be found at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center's official ECU website.

Last day to register and adjust schedule

The last day for students to register for classes and adjust their schedules is tomorrow at 5 p.m. for the First Summer Session and 11-week Summer Session. Tomorrow is the last day to adjust schedules by adding or dropping classes for the first and 11-Week summer sessions.

"Power to Heal" film screening at HSC

ECU's College of Nursing, The Future of Nursing North Carolina Action Coalition, the AARP, and the Mid-East Commission Area Agency on Aging are sponsoring a screening of the film "Power to Heal." The film is a documentary follows a historic struggle for Americans to obtain adequate and equal health care.

The event will take place Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Health Sciences Student Center, room 202.

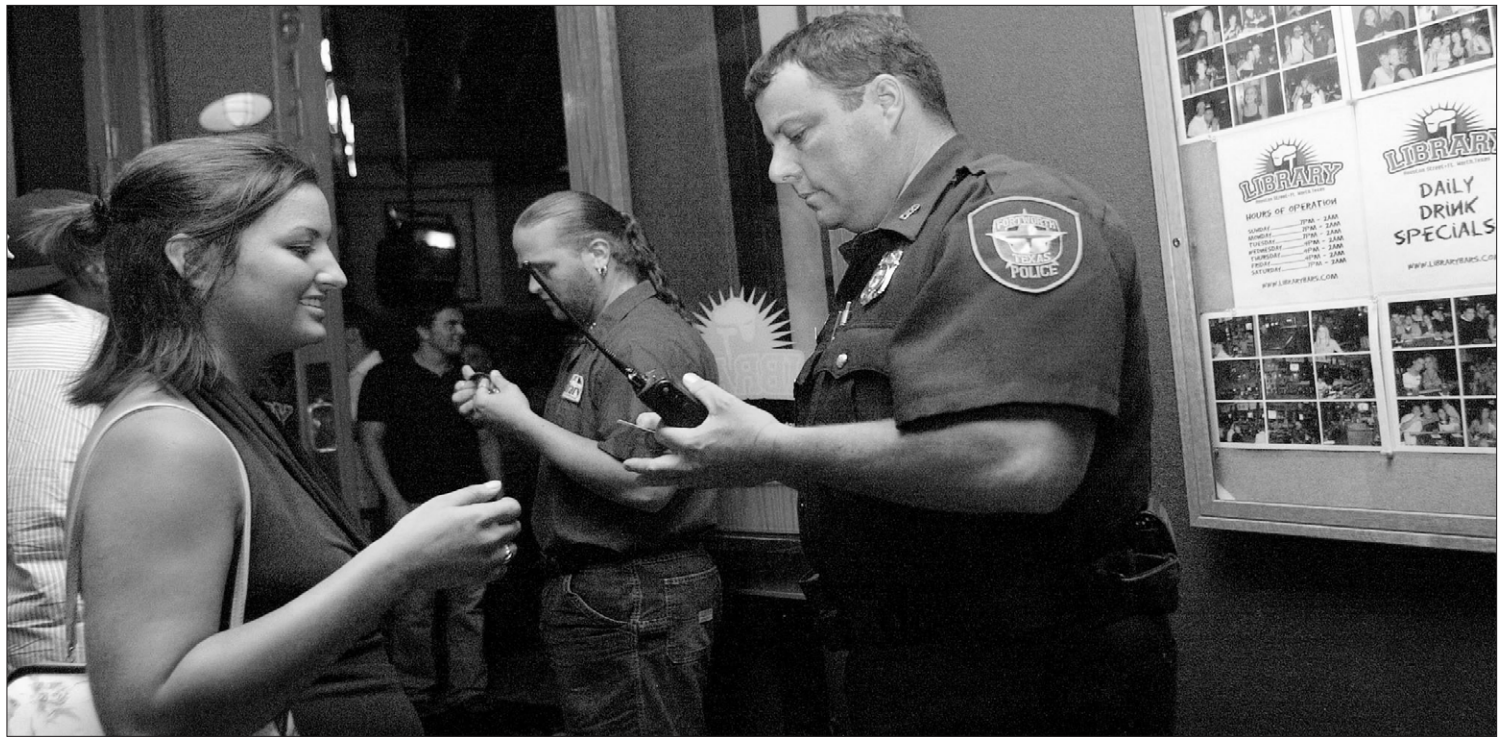
Fresh Food Friday to promote healthy eating

Campus Recreation and Wellness at East Carolina University's main and health sciences campus will be providing pineapple as part of their Fresh Food Friday all day on Friday.

The event happens every Friday and is free to all members of the Student Recreation Center.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper, please contact Jenna Price at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.



Michelle McClure waits for a Fort Worth Texas police officer to verify her ID. Greenville Police have begun using Age ID to check for fake ideas in town.

GPD tests fake ID app

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A fake ID scanning app, Age ID, is being utilized by the Greenville Police Department (GPD), Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) and Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to test the effectiveness of its use.

The Age ID app itself is used by officers to identify fake or questionable IDs, according to East Carolina University's Deputy Chief of Police, Jason Sugg. He said the purpose of the app is to scan the barcode of the ID and it will notify the officer if the ID is fake, questionable or real.

Local ALE and ABC officers have access to the app in addition to several members of the GPD, according to Sugg. The ECU Police Department does not have access to the app yet, but are considering usage depending on cost and effectiveness.

"Right now, it's primarily your alcohol enforcement like the ABC board and ALE because there is a cost of this," Sugg said. "It's not like it's just a few dollars per unit."

Sugg said it is unlikely officers will be stationed outside of bars in downtown

Greenville, unless ALE is doing an enforcement campaign where they are attempting to remove fake IDs off the street from time to time.

"There's not going to be any ECU officers guarding doors to these privately owned businesses like that, but if there's a campaign going on you could see officers looking for fake IDs to collect off the street, that's possible," Sugg said.

Sugg said officers will probably only be stationed outside of clubs downtown occasionally, but they may not necessarily be every night.

It's not certain how many officers will have access to the app in the future, Sugg said. The number of officers who have access to the app depends on the cost. In the future, it's unlikely every officer will have the Age ID scanner.

"I can't foresee every officer having these but there's a possibility that you might have a couple officers in the downtown area that might have one," Sugg said.

Sugg said he believes the app should be implemented, despite the cost, to help decrease the number of fake IDs in Greenville. He said he believes the tool would be a worthwhile investment for officers.

Fake IDs are a threat to the people possessing them, as well as innocent people whose information is being used fraudulently, according to Sugg. He said people need to think more carefully about having fake IDs.

"Years ago, maybe it was one thing, but (in) this day and age if you have somebody else's information on it you're looking at identity theft because you're going to cause this person a lot of legal and financial problems," Sugg said.

Kristen Hunter, GPD Public Information Officer, said in an email to The East Carolinian, ALE is the agency taking the lead on the initiative, but the GPD will be partnering with them.

Greenville resident and bartender at Club 519, Greer Jones, said she appreciates the effort made by the officers and the app technology.

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Greenville, which is in close proximity to the university. He hopes the bridge will provide commuters with detours from their traditional routes and save them time while driving.

According to Connelly, there have been numerous positive comments from the public regarding the connector. Connelly said one of the comments which particularly stuck out to him involved a Greenville resident who told him he saved time commuting to work using the bridge.

The resident had posted on Connelly's social media shortly after the connector was opened to the public, according to Connelly. The resident said the connector's completion saved him ten minutes commuting from his home to work.

"That's the intention. We're supposed to make it easier for people to be able to travel because Greenville is going to continue to grow and we're going to continue to have traffic condition issues,



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Connector project completion is projected to lessen commute time

(and) projects like this will help to alleviate some of that," Connelly said.

Connelly said he thinks the public is excited to see the connector act as a transformational project which will hopefully generate development on both sides.

"It's great for Greenville," Connelly said. "I think it's going to be another asset in our

community to be able to help sell East Carolina University and the city of Greenville."

As for the impacts on university students, Connelly believes the connector will generate a positive first impression for those returning in the fall or new students visiting ECU's campus for the first time.

Returning students will be able to come off Highway 264 and use the connector to get straight to

ECU's central campus, according to Connelly.

"We're looking forward to welcoming everybody back, and we think they're going to be very impressed with the new project when they come back in August," Connelly said.

Kyle New, a senior construction management major, said he has already saved time commuting from where he lives near Vidant Medical Center to classes on ECU's central campus by using the connector.

New said the connector saves him around seven to ten minutes each time he commutes from his house to the university's main campus or downtown Greenville.

"It's easier because I can avoid downtown traffic when I'm trying to get home from classes," New said. "This way I can just take the connector straight to the other side of town and not have to worry about getting through all the congestion."

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Schwartz's friend, Chris Phelan, came up with the idea for the ride.

When word got out about the event, people started hosting the ride in their own communities. The event will be taking place at the same time at 373 locations worldwide, including in 47 U.S. states, according to the Ride of Silence website.

The event will be focused on highlighting the city's transportation improvements and changes that are still needed, such as the "purposefully narrowed sections of Evans St. that dangerously force cyclists and cars together," according to a Ride of Silence press release.

"Cyclists will have to cross a set of railroad tracks and are encouraged to do so perpendicularly so as to avoid being thrown when wheels become stuck in between the tracks and the pavement," according to the press release. "They will be warned that none of the tracks in Greenville are signed cautioning users."

The ride is unique to each city that holds the event, Tony Parker, Bike Pitt commissioner and Ride of Silence advocate, said.

"Ride of Silence is a global ride that is used to commemorate the people who were either killed during the year riding their bikes



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Ride of Silence will honor cyclists who have been injured or killed while bike riding and will advocate for bike safety throughout the community.

or injured by someone hitting them with a vehicle," Parker said. "Every city has their own ride. The one in Greenville does require people to wear a helmet. It's a moving event, and affects all of Greenville."

According to Parker, the event usually attracts a crowd of around 70 people, but

some years, the turnout has been closer to 100 participants.

Parker said Mayor of Greenville, P.J. Connelly, and North Carolina House representative Kandie Smith and Senator Don Davis may be riding in the event too.

For more information on the Ride of

Silence event, visit the organizations website, call (252)-717-0490 to speak with the event coordinator, or call (252)-258-7569 to contact ECVELO.

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TODAY

Team Trivia
Pitt Street Brewing
Company
7 p.m.

Vinyl Williams
Rafters
9 p.m.

TOMORROW

**Mario Kart
Tournament**
Trollingwood
Taproom & Brewery
6 p.m.

Friends Trivia
Uptown Brewing
Company
7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Park Avenue South
Nino's Cucina
Italiana
7 p.m.

Comedy Pitt Open Mic
Pitt Street Brewing
Company
8 p.m.

THURSDAY

**New York
Wannabees & Dylan
Earl**
Trollingwood
Taproom & Brewery
7 p.m.

Thursday Trivia
Winslow's Deli

FRIDAY

Mae Estes
Magnolia Art Center
6:30 p.m.

Into the Fog
Pitt Street Brewing
Company
8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Pop-In, Pop Art
Emerge Gallery and
Arts Center
1 p.m.

2019 Kids River Fest
River Park North
10 a.m.

SUNDAY

Cafe Dream
The Dream Factory
Performing Arts
Center
6:00 p.m.

Market brings families out

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

The City of Greenville's annual summer event, the Umbrella Market, made its return to Uptown at the beginning of May, and held an event during its second debut in conjunction with Pitt County Child Community Collaborative (PCCC) to raise awareness for mental health.

The Umbrella Market takes place each week on Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Five Points Plaza. According to Market Manager, Robin Ashley, this is the first time the event has worked in collaboration with the organization to host the Family and Community Resource Fair.

"The Umbrella Market has been every year, May through August, and happens on a weekly basis in the summer," Ashley said. "It's a roam-free type of setting. There's no fee to enter, so you're free to walk around and visit all the vendors and see what they have for sale."

The Family and Community Resource Fair was a separate event from the Umbrella Market, according to Ashley. The Umbrella Market and the resource fair worked together to hold the events on the same night.

The fair was held in



The Umbrella Market returns to Uptown each Wednesday at 5 p.m. during summer months.

Uptown Greenville on the Jarvis United Memorial lawn, adjacent to Five Points Plaza, and featured organizations, agencies and individuals who educated attendees on mental health resources which are available in the area.

"They (PCCC) are providing resources that a lot of times families just don't know about, that exist and could help," Ashley said. "It makes a little more sense to put a resource fair close to an event families are going to come to anyways so they get that exposure to the resources that are available to them."

Ashley said Shannon Williams, PCCC chair,

approached her with the idea to host the resource fair at the same time as the Umbrella Market on Wednesday evening.

"It's always nice to find things that are good collaborations and anytime that we can potentially get information about the Umbrella Market out to folks who might not know about it, and vice versa the Umbrella Market as a vehicle to help get the word out about these programs it's a good thing," Ashley said.

Williams, who was a key organizer of the event, said the week following the resource fair is National Child Mental Health

Awareness (NCMHA) Week, May 6 to May 12.

"There are many parents in the community who just don't know where to go to find help for their child's mental health, substance abuse or intellectual, developmental disabilities," Williams said. "We just wanted another opportunity to provide information to the public."

Williams said the Family and Resource Fair provided attendees with information about various service providers, organizations and agencies relating to mental health awareness.

Williams said it's important for parents to know all the options their

children have from within the community ranging from substance abuse to "any mental illnesses."

"We want to ensure that the kids are growing up to be productive adults and learn the healthy ways to cope with any stressors, anxiety, depression or anger issues they might be going through."

Wanda Scott, a resident of Greenville and retired social worker of 30 years, was of the attendees at the Family and Community Resource Fair.

Scott said the collaboration between the resource fair and umbrella market opened her eyes to all the resources available in Greenville.

"(I wanted to attend the fair) to keep my knowledge up," Scott said. "Like I said, there are some programs out here I didn't know existed anymore, and people still ask me questions and I want to be able to give them the correct information."

It's important to let families know there are places they can take their children when experiencing crises, which is why the Family and Community Resource Fair is beneficial to residents of Greenville, according to Scott.

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Sail On performs at common

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The Concert on the Common series hosted their second act, Sail On, a Beach Boys tribute band, last Wednesday evening to perform at the City of Greenville Town Common open-air amphitheater.

The concert was planned by Henry Hinton of Inner Banks Media Group. According to Hinton, the Concert on the Common series was started last year.

"It's a free midweek concert that our company puts on in conjunction with the Greenville Junior League this year," Hinton said. "We bring in bands and have the concert on Wednesday nights. We do it to give people the opportunity to get downtown and enjoy the day."

Hinton said the Concert on the Common series has started out successfully due to the help of Greenville Recreation and Parks and the Junior League of Greenville, N.C.

Tommy Peacock, a resident of Greenville who has attended the past two concerts, said the Wednesday night series is a great way to get outside and enjoy music.

Peacock heard about the series when it began with the Embers, and attended the event with his family.

"It's a good Wednesday night to

get out and relax. We enjoy the nice weather and the music," Peacock said. "I hope more people come out to these concerts as the summer goes on. It's a great time."

Sail On was the second concert in the series, which kicked off the week of April 22 with the Embers. There will be three more concerts in the series this summer. The next concert is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will feature Legacy Motown Revue.

Sail On consists of members Wyatt Funderburk, Mike Williamson, Paul Runyon, Matt Thompson and Jason Brewer. The tribute band originated in Nashville, Tennessee, Hinton said.

Williamson, Sail On vocalist and keyboardist, said all the band members of Sail On share a love for

The Beach Boys.

"Sail On is a group of classic pop music fans. We are multi-instrumentalists and singers, all with experience in writing, arranging, recording and touring in a variety of situations for years. We all share a love for the music of The Beach Boys," Williamson said.

According to Williamson, the show is a "faithful presentation of The Beach Boys classic hits" and additionally includes songs from the band's extended catalog. The band plays classic hits from The



Greenville community gathers at the Town Common to see Sail On perform.

Beach Boys, and want to give the audience a show they will love, Williamson said.

"The music is for anyone that appreciates the artistry of pop music that is fun and universally accessible, but also deeply creative," Williamson said.

Williamson said the band has performed at venues all over the United States and has played over 100 shows in the past two years.

Williamson said that while performing The Beach Boys classic hits can be complicated, they enjoy

the challenge.

"The Beach Boys' palette of sounds, combining all kinds of instruments and orchestration with complicated vocals is amazingly rich and distinct," Williamson said. "It makes every opportunity to play the songs both a challenge and a delight."

The concert brought out a crowd of around 3,000, according to Williamson.

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"We plan this to be a blessing to the people and the community," according to Hines.

One of the acts, Tammy Edwards and the Edward Sisters, performed traditional gospel music. According to Taliah Edwards, the group consists of three sisters, Tammy, Tonia, and Tonette Edwards, and two daughters, Tina and Taliah Edwards.

"Tammy, Tonia and Tonette have been singing together for over 40 years. We perform traditional gospel quartet, but we appeal to all ages," Taliah Edwards said.

The group, who originates from Greenville and are signed under Malico Records, said this was its first time performing at the Mother's Day celebration.

According to Taliah Edwards, the quartet has performed with other acts in the celebration,

including the headliner.

"This is our first time performing for the Mother's Day celebration. However, we have been featured at the convention center before with the headliner, John P. Kee. Gabby has sung with us a few times, and we have done shows together a couple of times," Taliah Edwards said.

Taliah Edwards of the Edward Sisters said they looked forward to meeting new people, saving souls and having a great time.

Tammy Edwards, the leader of the group, said there were many genres of music for everyone at the event, as well as speakers.

"It's a good outing for Christians to attend. Not only Christians, but people who love gospel music. There are many genres of music and musical artists there. It is fun filled, and there will be motivational speakers and singers," Edwards said. "It is a good atmosphere."

Another quartet group, The

Johnsonaires, performed as well. The group consists of brothers who have been singing in Greenville for 19 years.

Toney Johnson, a member of the group, said he looked forward to having the community come out to the event, and performing alongside John P. Kee.

"I look forward to having a great turnout, and just giving back to my community. John P. Kee is a great artist, and it's a great gift to give to your mom, bringing her out to a concert. We sing a lot of old hymns that a lot of mothers like," Johnson said.

The show kicked off with a performance by the A-Luv and the A-Luv steppers, as well as a performance by Mr. DeMario Carr, who did a mime act, Hines said.

Hines said that the annual event is great for anyone looking for something to do to celebrate Mother's Day.

"If people are looking for

something to do for Mother's Day, or they are looking to get blessed and hear the word of the Lord, I think this is a great event for that. I think it is an awesome thing," Hines said.

For more information on the bands that performed, visit John



Toney Johnson

P. Kee and the New Life band's website, Tammy Edwards and the Edward Sisters' Facebook page, Gabby Smith's Facebook page, Divine Restoration's Facebook page, The Johnsonaires' Facebook page, and Mr. Demario Carr's Facebook, twitter, or instagram page.

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OUR VIEW

Bridge eases traffic for city

After several years of planning and construction, the 10th Street Connector was completed in April and has received favorable feedback from Greenville citizens and commuters.

The 10th Street Connector, which began construction in 2015, was designed to make travelling from the East Carolina University campus to Vidant Medical Center more efficient and timely.

"The purpose of the Connector was to provide a quicker and safer route between the hospital area and the Uptown Greenville/ECU area," Senior Assistant Resident Engineer for Pitt County Jason Beasley said.

According to Mayor P.J. Connelly, he has received numerous messages from Greenville residents saying they have saved considerable amounts of time in their daily commute due to the opening of the connector.

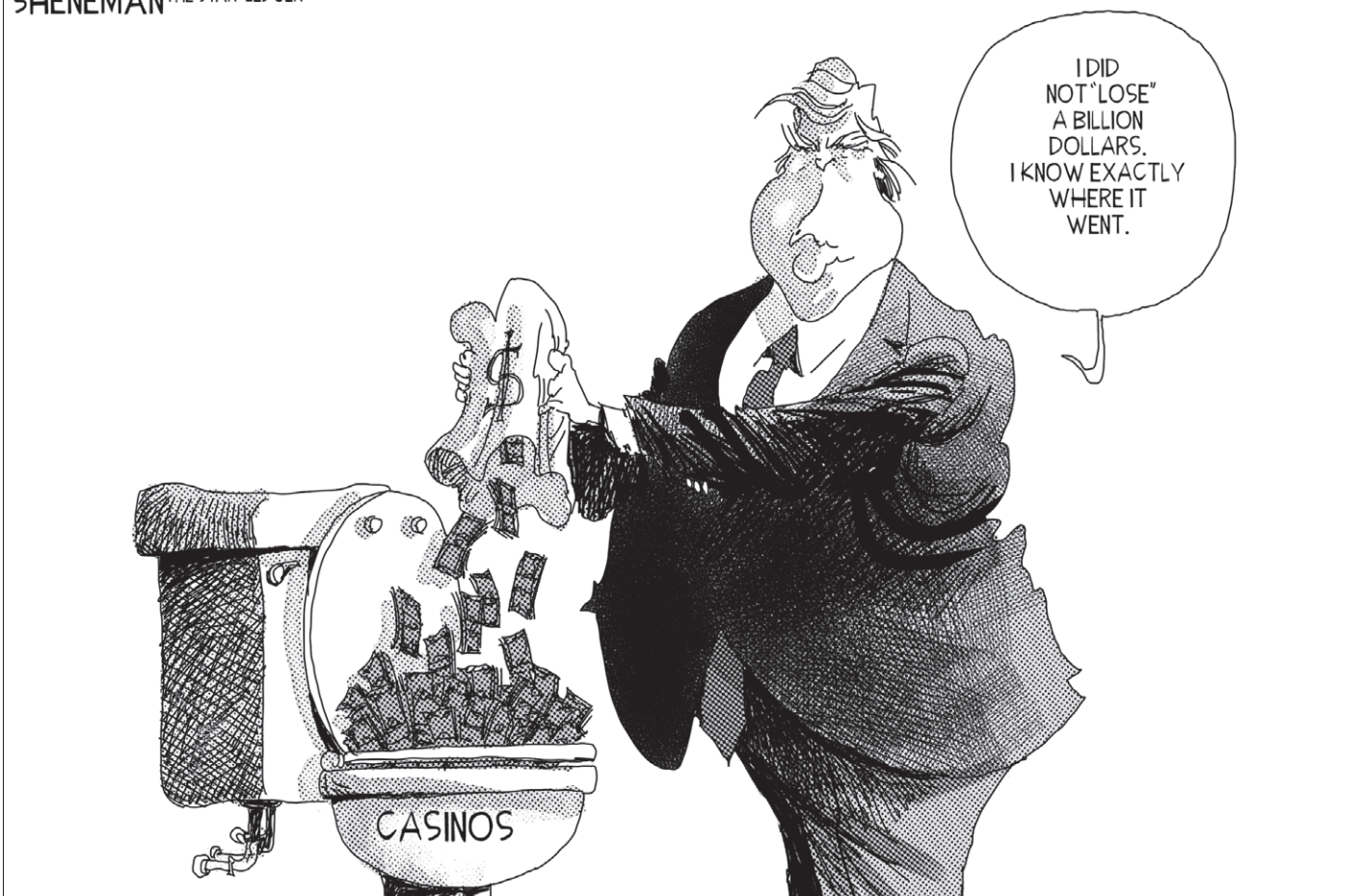
From Jan. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2017, Greenville had a total of 14,694 car crashes, which is the most of any city in North Carolina, according to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe that with other traffic closures due to the Town Creek Culvert project, the completion of the 10th Street Connector will alleviate some of the traffic issues Greenville has been plagued with in recent years.

This new route will make it easier for students coming from Highway 264 into Greenville who are trying to access central campus. It will also help alleviate some of the stress felt by students who take classes on both the medical campus and ECU's central campus.

Not only will this be beneficial to ECU medical students who need to get to and from the medical campus, it will also help those who live in West Greenville get to their jobs or various shopping outlets in East Greenville with ease.

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EIC looks to future



Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

I would like to first personally thank and welcome all of our readers back to our summer edition of The East Carolinian.

Next, I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. My name is Jenna Price and I will be the Editor-in-Chief of The East Carolinian for the upcoming year. I have worked at TEC since September of 2017 covering arts and later moving on as an editor in news.

While at TEC I have gained more knowledge and insight than I ever could've imagined. One of the most important things I have learned is the value of accurate information.

I would like to explain to our readers what they can expect from The East Carolinian and myself in this upcoming year.

Every editor strives for the same goal: readership. I hope during my time as EIC I will be able to see TEC continue to grow our audience, not only in our print versions, but also our online presence.

The worth of a publication can be measured in two things: its commitment to accuracy and consistency. It is of the utmost importance to my staff and I that we continue to stay committed to reporting accurate information for our readers to



Jenna Price, Editor-in-Chief of The East Carolinian, inside of the newsroom for The East Carolinian

consume. Knowledge is power, and knowledge is gained from knowing accurate facts.

Consistency is the key to any good publication. I intend for The East Carolinian to continue to put out our weekly publications, however, something that I am hoping to increase is our consistency in online content.

Both myself and my staff are fully committed to this search for truth and accuracy. Sometimes it can be difficult to find sources or accurate information, other times it can be upsetting news. Nonetheless, The East Carolinian is committed to reporting the honest facts, no matter what creatures those

may draw from the shadows.

While all of these goals and promises are nice, the most important part of any news organization are the readers. The readers who send in tips, pictures or information to assist us in covering the events that are happening in Greenville and at ECU are so valuable to us.

This is going to be a year of great change for ECU. The East Carolinian will continue to report on any and everything that happens in Greenville, because that's what we do.

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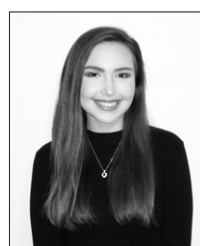
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Heartbeat bill betrays women



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As a young woman, the rights granted to me by Roe v. Wade are undeniably important, and now after witnessing a growing amount of states pass restrictive, anti-abortion laws such as

Georgia's "heartbeat bill," betrayal is a predominant feeling.

Georgia's recent "heartbeat bill," House Bill 481, was signed into law this past Tuesday by Republican Governor Brian Kemp, and if not challenged in court beforehand will go into effect Jan. 1, 2020.

The bill seeks to make the procedure illegal once there is a "detectable human heartbeat," and has the potential to criminalize offenders with an impending penalty of jail time.

On average, the point at which doctors can detect a fetal heartbeat is at merely six weeks, only a small portion, about one-sixth, of the full 40-week term.

HB 481 would ban women from the ability to terminate an unwanted pregnancy once they are six weeks into their first trimester, a point at which many women are unaware they are pregnant. At which point, a woman's period is essentially only two weeks late, and they are only just then coming to the realization they might be carrying a child.

It's important to note there are exceptions to the abortion ban in cases of rape and incest, as long as women come forward to report the crimes against them to authorities and obtain an official police report, according to The Associated Press News.

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However, the act of coming forward and reporting a traumatizing attack on your body is something the majority of women are already too terrified to go through with. Seeking justice and charges against your rapist is difficult in a country which puts college sports before the safety of our women, such as in the case of Brock Turner who was sentenced to only six months in jail after raping an unconscious woman.

At which point are the lives of women going to be accounted for as more states move forward to pass laws criminalizing, banning and downright blocking the rights of women to receive an abortion? How can lawmakers push forward with restricting rights granted by our utmost respected law of the land, the Constitution?

Lawmakers claim to be "pro-life," but they are deliberately restricting women's rights and attempting to overturn the United States Supreme Court's 1973 landmark ruling in Roe v. Wade.

The ruling in the case of Roe v. Wade has been upheld in this country for almost five decades, which begs the question, "why are we moving backward in our political decisions?" Creating new legislation that has the potential to reverse the

SCOTUS decision in the future is detrimental to the progress we have made in the field of women's rights.

According to Planned Parenthood's website, 73 percent of people in the United States do not want to see Roe v. Wade overturned, something of which some politicians and select supreme court justices, such as recently appointed justice Brett Kavanaugh, are actively pushing for.

There is no justice or consideration for the lives of all women in this bill. It was pushed and passed by conservatives following through with a promised pro-life agenda, serving themselves and not the people.

Restrictive anti-abortion legislation is growing across the country, and many individuals such as myself are calling for action to be taken against these new laws. We as women will not put down our posters and turn from protests, we will not stop trying to advocate for change and we will never stop pushing for our rights to be protected.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Connect with friends and relations to share ideas and possibilities. Profitable opportunities arise in conversation. Energize your moneymaking efforts. Share resources and talents.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Great professional advances are available. Leave misconceptions behind. You can make the changes you've been wanting. Actions taken now have long-lasting impact.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Family comes first. Unite efforts for practical purposes. Success requires showing up. Take care of duties, responsibilities and obligations. And then celebrate together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Long-term benefits can arise from actions taken today. Make a personal change. Improve your self-image by contributing to others. Take advantage of an arising opportunity.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Go explore! Abandon expectations, and make an amazing discovery. Resist the temptation to splurge on stuff you don't need. Take pictures, and leave only footprints.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Take advantage of a surprising opportunity at home. Make practical domestic improvements that fulfill your long-term plans, one step at a time. Steady efforts succeed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Recharge your batteries in private moments. Get enough rest, despite demands for your attention. An opportunity to fulfill on long-held goals could arise.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Discover an unexpected bonus. Collaborate to take advantage of a lucrative opportunity. Work closely with your partner. Careful bookkeeping provides peace of mind.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Your influence is growing. Handle practical details and logistics for a creative project. Invite others to participate. Share your message far and wide.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Great ideas and opportunities flow through social channels. Ask for what you want. Share what extra you have. Share generously, and reap the rewards.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Your collaboration could seem intense. Tight communication and coordinated action leads to fabulous results. Love provides common ground to stand on. Rely on each other.

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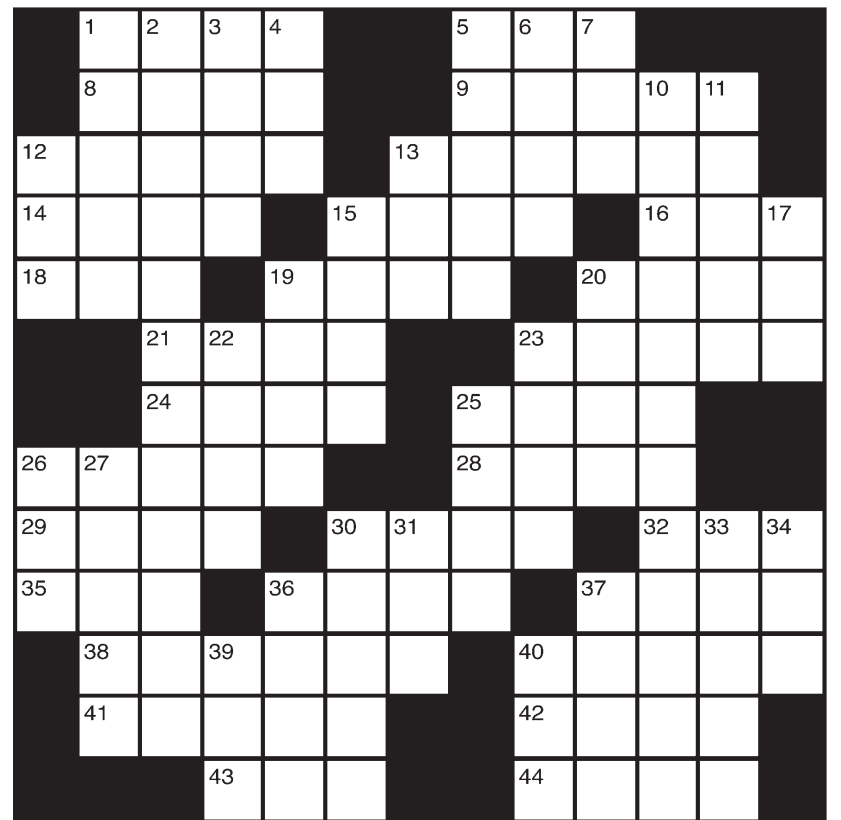


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THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



ACROSS

- 1 Actress __ Blanchett
- 5 "Sanford and __"
- 8 __ even keel; stable
- 9 Pitfalls
- 12 David McCallum and Sean Connery, for example
- 13 Actor __ De Niro
- 14 Tiny amount
- 15 Rather and Aykroyd
- 16 Actor McKellen
- 18 Cry from the bleachers
- 19 "The Newlywed __"
- 20 Unit of farmland
- 21 Auction lover's site
- 23 "Falcon __"
- 24 Charles and Liotta
- 25 Bangkok resident
- 26 "Deal or No Deal" host
- 28 Dinner for Mister Ed, perhaps
- 29 Ending for peek or bug
- 30 __ tea
- 32 Dusting cloth
- 35 Setting for "Hogan's Heroes": abbr.
- 36 Married Spanish ladies: abbr.

DOWN

- 37 "Miami __"
- 38 Actor Christian
- 40 "__ Is Enough"
- 41 Former Attorney General __ Meese
- 42 Tennis pro Arthur __
- 43 Before, in poetry
- 44 "Phooey!"

DOWN

- 1 Warm, chocolatey drink
- 2 Daytime serial of past decades
- 3 Casual farewell
- 4 Junior naval rank: abbr.
- 5 Phillips, once of "Dateline NBC"
- 6 Spheres; globes
- 7 No, in Edinburgh
- 10 "The __"; Drew Carey's game show
- 11 "Dancing with the __"
- 12 "To __, with Love"; movie for Sidney Poitier
- 13 St. Louis football player
- 15 "__ of Our Lives"
- 17 Ping-Pong table divider
- 19 Singer Marvin __
- 20 Smell __; suspect trickery
- 22 Scott of "Joanie Loves Chachi"
- 23 Actor __ Everett
- 25 Foot digits
- 26 Broom-Hilda of the comics, for example
- 27 Plump, and then some
- 30 Actress __ Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- 31 "__ 54, Where Are You?"
- 33 __ for; is heartbroken over the loss of
- 34 "__ Smart"
- 36 "__ of Echoes"; Kevin Bacon movie
- 37 MasterCard alternative
- 39 Reverent wonder
- 40 In one __ and out the other

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Solution from 04/23

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ECU BASEBALL IN ACTION



Sophomore pitcher Alec Burlleson talks strategy with head coach Cliff Godwin while walking off the mound.



Freshman infielder Ryder Giles squares up to bunt.



Junior pitcher Trey Benton prepares to send the ball down the plate.

ECU defeats in-state rivals UNC 9-5

Brendan Gillespie
TEC STAFF

The No. 8 ranked East Carolina University baseball team defeated No. 12 ranked University of North Carolina on Wednesday by a score of 9-5.

ECU (37-11, 16-2 AAC) came in guns blazing against UNC (35-13, 15-9 SEC), having an unbelievable six-run first inning. Sophomore pitcher and first baseman Alec Burlleson got the offense started with a huge hit that drove in two Pirates. This put ECU up 2-0 against UNC, and the Pirates weren't done there.

Redshirt junior catcher Jake Washer stepped up to the plate and took a full count from the opposing pitcher. With the pitch count three balls and two strikes, he blasted a massive home run behind left field. Not only was it Washer's ninth home run of the season, but it was also his first career grand slam.

Burlleson got the win and only allowed one run earned on three hits, with four strikeouts over four innings. Redshirt junior pitcher Cam Colmore gave up two runs on three hits during a third of an inning, and was then relieved by



Sophomore pitcher Alec Burlleson hits in two Pirates to give ECU a 2-0 lead over the University of North Carolina.

sophomore pitcher Gavin Williams.

He pitched one scoreless inning with a walk and two strikeouts. Senior pitcher Sam Lanier and redshirt senior pitcher Evan Voliva

also pitched for ECU, with neither of them allowing any runs in either outing. On the other hand, UNC used a total of four different pitchers for relief.

The Pirates added another run during the second inning. Freshman outfielder Lane Hoover singled to right, followed by junior first baseman Spencer Brickhouse getting

walked and Burlleson's sacrifice bunt to advance the runners to third and second base. With Hoover in scoring position, senior infielder Turner Brown singled, allowing Hoover to score, making it 7-0.

The Tar Heels were not out of the game, as they scored in the second inning. Although they began to show some offensive capabilities, ECU scored another run in the third, making it 8-1. UNC responded by scoring two runners because of a RBI single up the middle.

With the game now at 8-3, both teams scored a run in the seventh to make it 9-4. UNC managed to hit in one Tar Heel to score, but with bases loaded, the final batter was struck out by Voliva.

Heading into this game, ECU had won six straight series against conference teams. ECU's win against UNC now extends its win streak to four games in a row, and they plan on carrying the momentum into an upcoming series against Wichita State University (22-26, 6-12 AAC), beginning on Friday at 6 p.m.

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Rain ruins upset

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An upset cut short, the East Carolina University Softball team had an unprecedented run in the AAC tournament, but ultimately due to heavy rain and other inclimate weather, the tournament was canceled and the title was given to the No. 1 seeded University of South Florida (40-17, 17-4 AAC).

ECU (23-31, 4-17 AAC) was the No. 7 seed in the tourney, and played the University of Tulsa (35-18, 16-5 AAC) in the first round. ECU, the lower ranked team in this matchup, faced Tulsa, the No. 2 seed and defending AAC tournament champions.

Tulsa was the first team to score and had three runs during the first inning.

During the top of the second, the Pirates began fighting back. The Pirates loaded the bases, which resulted in the score 3-2.

East Carolina tied the score up in the top of the third inning.

Both teams failed to score from the fourth to the seventh innings, to send the game into extra innings. Junior outfielder Olivia Narron got the Pirates started with an infield single, and ended up advancing to third because of sacrifice hits.



Sophomore pitcher Erin Poepping winds up.

Redshirt Junior Rachel McCollum hit the ball directly to the shortstop, causing her to mishandle the ball which allowed Narron to score. Poepping got two quick outs, and after a single, struck out the last batter to give ECU the upset victory.

Luck for the tournament did not improve, with more heavy rain continuing on Saturday which led to the decision to cancel the tournament entirely.

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