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Changes to budget announced

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East Carolina University will be reducing its budget based on state-apportioned funds by \$16 million for the 2020-21 fiscal year, largely due to a decline in enrollment from the previous year.

A letter from ECU Interim Chancellor Dan

Gerlach, sent to *The East Carolinian*, said enrollment has fallen in ECU's graduate school, while first year and transfer student numbers in the fall 2018 semester were lower. He said these factors, along with students graduating from ECU on time, have led to a decrease in enrollment.

"We anticipate our first-year class for fall 2019 will be up from last year without lowering our admissions standards, but not



Dan Gerlach

enough to offset the record-setting number of Pirate graduates and continued challenges for graduate school and transfer student enrollments," the letter said.

ECU will continue to work to partner with community colleges as part of their Pirate Promise and

graduate school will be marketed more effectively. An Enrollment Management Task Force is making recommendations to help attract and retain students.

Gerlach said in the letter there are several steps he plans to put in motion to combat the challenges low enrollment numbers cause.

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ECU Baseball fans cheer on their Pirates from the Jungle, and were a driving force in ECU's comeback to win the Greenville regional.

Pirates win regional

Brendan Gillespie
TEC STAFF

For the fifth time in its history, the East Carolina University baseball team has advanced to the Super Regional stage of the NCAA College Baseball Tournament. After losing its first game against Quinnipiac University, ECU (45-16, 20-4 AAC) made a comeback, winning its next four games and winning the Greenville Regional Tournament.

ECU will play the University of Louisville in a three game series at the Louisville Super Regional. The series begins on Friday at noon and will continue on Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at noon if necessary.

If the Pirates win the series, the team will advance to its first ever appearance at the College World Series in Omaha.

Junior catcher Jake Washer came up huge for the Pirates during the series and had one of his best postseason performances of his career during Sunday's games. At the end of the

final game of the regional, he was named the Most Valuable Player of the Greenville Regional.

With three home runs on Sunday, he played a huge part in ECU's offense, largely contributing to its defeat of North Carolina State University and Quinnipiac (30-29, 17-7 MAAC).

After the original day and time were changed due to inclement weather, ECU faced Quinnipiac on Saturday at 4 p.m. for both team's first game of the regional.

A back and forth scoring affair ensued, as both teams were tied 1-1 during the first inning, and then at 2-2 after the fourth inning. However, Quinnipiac pulled ahead and ECU failed to tie the game, losing 5-4.

The following day, ECU took on North Carolina State University (42-19, 18-12 ACC) at 4 p.m., where both teams

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Detours on Arlington begin today

Elizabeth Johnson
TEC STAFF

Construction on Arlington Boulevard between Hooker Road and Evans Street is to begin today, and it will continue until the end of August, causing many drivers to take alternate routes.

The project will finish on the Evans Street to Hooker Road side of Arlington Boulevard in August and will then move to the Evans Street to Greenville Boulevard section where the project will be completed by the end of the year, according to Director of Public Works, Kevin Mulligan.

According to Mulligan, Arlington Boulevard has not been repaired since it was constructed.

The section being worked on currently is the last segment of Arlington Boulevard to be repaired as a result of the project, which has been going on for the past four years, according to Mulligan. When the final section of the road is complete, the road will have been completely repaved from Fire Tower Road to Fifth Street, Mulligan said.

"This is the most complex segment because this one was in the poorest shape. Not only have there been road issues but also stormwater issues," Mulligan said.

Due to J.H. Rose High School's location on Arlington Boulevard, it was decided for construction to take place over the summer, which would in turn impact fewer students, according to Mulligan. He said the project was started "so quickly" due to this reason.

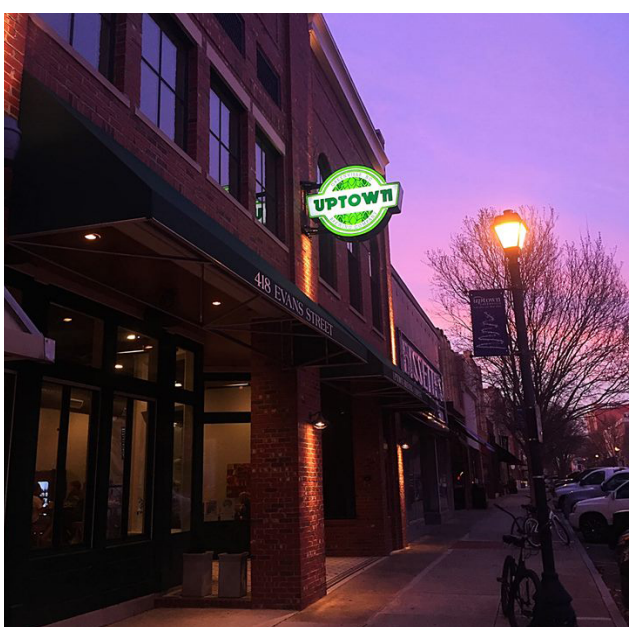
Existing stormwater pipes will be replaced as a part of this project. Utilities in need of correction or adjustment will additionally be fixed during the process, Mulligan said.

"This is not a road resurfacing project, ya know, they're excavating the road to a depth in most places a foot. In other places, we're replacing the stormwater piping, there's some utility work besides the stormwater piping that needs to be done. But for the most part, it's a stormwater and roadway rehabilitation project," Mulligan said.

An extension to the Green Mills Run Greenway will

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90's prom raises local awareness



COURTESY OF FACEBOOK
Uptown Brewing Co. will host the 80's Baby 90's Made Me Prom.

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Jaycees will be hosting their 80's Baby 90's Made Me Prom at Uptown Brewery Company this Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. to benefit Eastern North Carolina (ENC) Stop Human Trafficking.

The 90's themed prom is being held by the Greenville Jaycees to make residents of the Greenville community aware of the organizations ENC Stop Human Trafficking and the Pitt County Coalition (PCC) to Stop Human Trafficking, according to North Carolina Jaycees Eastern Regional Director, Jessica Jenkins.

Tickets for the event can be purchased on the Greenville Jaycee's website for \$15 and \$20 at the door. The event will raise money for the two organiza-

tions and bring the community together, Jenkins said.

"We do encourage everyone attending the event to dress in accordance to the 90's theme, but we're also thrilled to have people turn out in traditional modern prom attire. We'd love for people to really have fun with this theme and run with it," Jenkins said.

The Corey Stuart Experience will be the entertainment of the night, performing live as well as playing 90's hits. A dance contest will be held to determine the prom king and queen. Alcohol will be available for purchase through the brewery, Jenkins said.

According to Jenkins, this will be the first time the Greenville Jaycees have put on the event.

"Our purpose is to help train and mold young adults into becoming lead-

ers within their communities by putting on events like prom and raising money for local non-profit organizations," Jenkins said. "We are planning this event because we believe that fundraising and giving back to the community should be fun and exciting."

There will be two upcoming events which will be held by the Greenville Jaycees for the first time, the 80's Baby 90's Made Me Prom and their Back to School Brewery Bonanza on August 17, benefiting the Humane Society of Eastern North Carolina, Jenkins said.

Jenkins said the Greenville Jaycee's past events have been very successful and residents of the Greenville community have been supportive of the organization.

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BRIEFS

Tar River hosts free summer floats

The Campus Recreation and Wellness Center (CRW) will be hosting "free summer floats" down the Tar River this Friday, June 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. Registration is required prior to the day of the event, and is only open to current ECU students or CRW members.

Participants are asked to meet at the Adventure Center at 5 p.m. Transportation and boats are provided to participants, and CRW staff will be available to help participants when need be. There will be more dates available through July 18.

Retired faculty exhibition opens

The Gray Gallery will debut the Retired Faculty Exhibition this upcoming Friday, June 7, with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibition will feature artwork by members of East Carolina University's retired faculty.

The Retired Faculty Exhibit will be on view from June 7 to Aug. 23 in the Gray Gallery, located in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center, hosted by the School of Art and Design. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and only available by appointment on Saturdays.

Safety Task Force to meet

City of Greenville's Community Safety Task Force will hold a public information meeting tonight from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Sheppard Memorial Library.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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Freshman Student Orientations are take place throughout both June and July, and will include a day-and-a-half worth of activities for new students.

Benefits of orientation

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

With freshmen student orientation beginning this upcoming Monday, June 10, members of the East Carolina University community are reaching out to offer advice to incoming first-year students and helping to prepare them for college life.

According to ECU's website, incoming undergraduates enrolled in the upcoming fall semester are required to attend one of 10 orientation sessions offered during the summer.

Mary Beth Corbin, executive director of student transitions at ECU, said the dates for the orientation sessions are June 10-11, June 12-13, June 17-18, June 19-20, June 24-25, June 26-27, July 1-2, July 8-9, July 10-11 and July 15-16.

Corbin said orientation sessions will cover getting involved on campus, living with a roommate, meeting academic advisors, learning about majors and adjusting to college life.

"Orientation is really about the whole student," Corbin said. "How to transition successfully to ECU and how to connect with your campus."

Corbin said students will be introduced to a welcoming environment when transitioning to ECU, which is similar to previous years.

"From our chancellor to our faculty to our groundspeople, our housekeepers, we all do what we can to help students be successful," Corbin said.

There will be a few differences in this year's orientation festivities compared to years in the past, according to Corbin. Pirate Palooza, a welcome event for returning and new students, will be held in the new Main

Campus Student Center, rather than at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium. She said there will also be a first-year photo opportunity on the football field after convocation.

Corbin said, with college being so different from high school, the best advice she can offer to incoming freshmen is to get to know faculty by going to their office hours and to take advantage of the Pirate Academic Success Center (PASC) to help with grades.

Corrinn Schwabrow, assistant director of Student Transitions at ECU, said orientation days this year will be a day and a half long rather than two full days, based on assessment data received from parents and families wanting a more condensed version of orientation.

"We're really focused on what they need at that particular time," said Schwabrow. "So we're trying not to overwhelm them."

The university's main focus is to provide students with the information they need to get from this summer to the beginning of the school year in August, rather than overwhelming them with everything they need to know over the next four years, according to Schwabrow.

Schwabrow said ECU gives students the opportunity to meet with fellow freshmen at orientation so they can start forming new relationships and friendships, while additionally connecting with orientation assistants.

"They spend a lot of time with orientation assistants," Schwabrow said. "They'll get to connect with advisors, some faculty and staff and ask questions."

Orientation assistants will meet with students during small group meetings for a couple of hours during orientation, with one

to two orientation assistants per 20 students, according to Schwabrow.

Schwabrow said her advice, based on what students she has worked with previously have said and her own personal experiences, is to remember to breathe and take the opportunity to explore.

"Find clubs that sound interesting, and go to meetings or contact someone and check it out and see if that's something you're interested in," Schwabrow said.

Schwabrow said another way to try new things when entering college is to take a few classes that may not be required for your major, but that count towards graduation to see if those courses are something you're interested in.

Schwabrow said she once had a student who never said no to any opportunity to explore, whether it be trying a new restaurant, listening to a new band or going to a new bar.

"That way she felt like at least she was giving it a shot and then if she didn't like it she was able to say she tried and move on," Schwabrow said. "I always thought that was a great attitude to have and great advice to give to other people."

Tae Dooley, who graduated from ECU in spring 2019 with a degree in elementary education, said college is the best time to learn new lessons and experience new things.

"This is the time when you get to experiment and try all new things that you've never experienced before," Dooley said. "Take advantage of that."

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Gerlach said these steps include a stronger focus on only projects which affect the health and safety of students and projects not related to the overall experience of students could be postponed.

"We cannot wait for this problem to solve itself, but hopefully by taking the time to plan for the reality, we can manage it smartly and thoughtfully while protecting the core mission," Gerlach said.

According to Gerlach, he plans to continue advocating for more resources for ECU. He said North Carolina has historically been incredibly supportive of higher education and he supports a change in the NC enrollment-based formula for fund allocation.

Gerlach said he primarily wants to continue proving to outside sources that ECU is worthy of financial consideration, from corporations

to foundations, to support more scholarship funds.

Interim Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Heidi Puckett, said in an email to *The East Carolinian* gave details on the status of enrollment and the fall 2019 incoming class.

"Applications for the incoming freshman cohort are 19,275, which is an increase in year-to-date. Our admits are 15,119, which is also an increase year-to-date. Enrollment deposits are up slightly over 300 year-to-date when compared to 2018," Puckett said. "All early indicators for this cohort are positive."

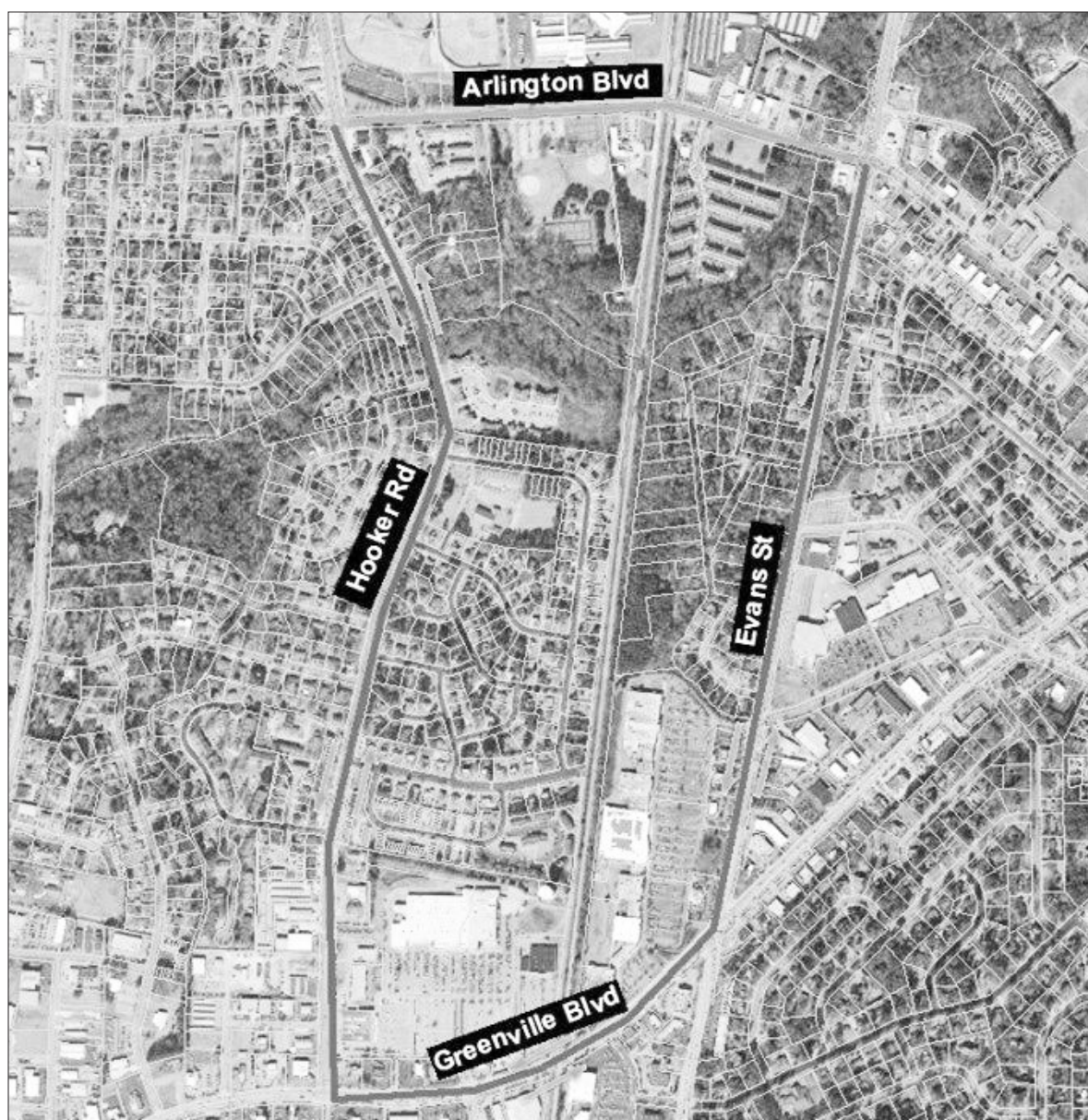
According to Puckett, the yield efforts will continue as the university transitions now to the orientation sessions.

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Dan Gerlach takes the podium earlier this year, the day he was announced as Interim Chancellor.



COURTESY OF FACEBOOK

Construction on Arlington Boulevard causes drivers to resort to taking detours through Evans Street and Hooker Road.

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be added during the project. This Greenway extends from Charles Boulevard to Evans Street and will make its way to Arlington Boulevard and Hooker Road, Mulligan said.

Mulligan said during the entirety of the Arlington Boulevard project there will be detour signs posted, but he doesn't recommend drivers on Arlington look for detours once they get to Evans Street or Hooker road.

Mulligan said there are many alternate routes drivers can take during construction. One route is Tenth Street and Greenville Boulevard to Memorial Drive to get to the hospital.

"We (Public Works) understand this is a significant interruption. Our job is to protect and improve the cities infrastructure. That's what we're doing. We just ask for patience and we understand that this is an inconvenience. There are posted detours but there are multiple routes available to get around these closures," Mulligan said.

According to the project's webpage, traffic will be detoured to Hooker Road, Greenville Boulevard, or Evans Street during the duration of this project.

There will be two phases of construction for each direction of traffic on this section of Arlington Boulevard, according to the project's webpage. The city will maintain one-way traffic on the side of Arlington Boulevard that is not under construction, the webpage said.

Arlington Boulevard will be repaved in front of J.H. Rose High School between Hooker Road and Evans Street. This area is located in District 2, which is represented by City Council Member Rose Glover.

Glover said a lot of people commute on Arlington Boulevard from Brody School of Medicine and Vidant Medical Center to other areas of town.

"It does impact the community, going out and coming in, but the community are well welcoming, areas (and) roads like that that need to be done and Arlington Boulevard really needs to be finished because there's big potholes, there's cracks and all kinds of things like that going on with it," Glover said.

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

TODAY

Full Bush, Tropic Vibe, DJ Natural Nate
Trollingwood Brewery
8 p.m.

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

William Seymour
Buccaneer Music Hall
10 p.m.

TOMORROW

William Seymour
Jack Brown's Beer & Burger Joint
7 p.m.

30 Seconds Rocks
AJ McMurphy's
7:30 p.m.

Trivia Night
Winslow's Deli
8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Blackbeard Sessions: Robbie Quinn
Blackbeard Coffee
7 p.m.

Latin Night
Uptown Brewing Co.
7 p.m.

First Friday Jazz Night
Whirligig Stage
8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Family Karaoke Night
Whirligig Stage
6 p.m.

Yonder Mountain String Band with Great Peacock
State Theatre
7 p.m.

Tyler Hatley with Corey Hunt
Buccaneer Music Hall
10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Adult Improv Comedy Course
Whirligig Stage
4:30 p.m.

Drag Brunch
The Scullery
10:30 p.m.

Sunday Series
Pitt Street Brewing
4:00 p.m.

Sundays in the park returns

Greenville celebrates 46 years of the concert series

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

The City of Greenville's 46th annual Sunday in the Park concert series kicked off last Sunday at the Greenville Toyota Amphitheatre on the Town Commons, and the free series will continue this Sunday at the same time.

The summer concert series began on June 2 with the Tar River Community Band and will conclude on Aug. 25 with The Main Event Band, according to the concert series Facebook page.

The series features various genres of music on Sunday nights beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. Residents of the Greenville community are invited to come out, bring blankets and chairs and enjoy the music by the river, the Sunday series website said. The Tar River Community Band kicked off the series last Sunday.

The Emerald City Big Band will continue the series this upcoming Sunday. East Coast Rhythm and Blues Band will perform the following Sunday on June 16, according to the series website.

The East Coast Rhythm and Blues Band plays beach music, Motown and Top 40 hits, according to Jan Raines, one of the band's lead singers and a trumpet player.

The group has played in Greenville before, but this will be the first time they will play at the amphitheater and as apart of the City of Greenville's Sunday in the Park series, Raines said.



The East Coast Rhythm and Blues Band will perform at the Sundays in the Park series on June 16.

"I'm hoping that we will bring out a great crowd. We love to put on a great show and entertain the audience," Raines said.

Crystal Hildenbrand, a resident of Greenville and ECU alumna, said she and her family have attended many of the City of Greenville's Sunday in the Park's concerts in previous years.

"We love it. At the end of the week, we always will go out to Sunday in the Park. That's how we end our weekend. We bring our chairs and blankets and let our kids play on the playground," Hildenbrand said.

According to Hildenbrand, she and her family will either bring their own food and snacks, or get food from the various vendors.

Hildenbrand said the concert series is the perfect outing for anyone, whether it be young people, older people or people with families

who can bring their children to play on the playground while they enjoy the live music.

Tori Letteriello, a resident of Greenville, said she enjoys attending the Sunday concerts and usually attends with a friend or alone.

"I enjoy going to the concerts they have at Town Common, whether I'm a fan of the band or not. It's an enjoyable way to spend your evening. I think it's a great way to get outside and meet people. And there's always yummy vendors," Letteriello said.

For more information on the City of Greenville's Sunday in the Park concert series, visit the series' Facebook page, or call (252)-329-4698

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REVIEW

Miley Cyrus shows character on new EP



Blessing Aghimien
TEC STAFF

From her humble beginnings as Hannah Montana to her public disposal of everything Disney with the album release *Bangerz*, Miley Cyrus steps yet again through the revolving door of genre-bending with her latest EP, *SHE IS COMING*.

Released last Friday, *SHE IS COMING* is the first of Cyrus' EP-trilogy (the next two being *SHE IS HERE* and *SHE IS EVERYTHING*). Together, all 18 tracks from the three EPs will form Cyrus' upcoming full-length seventh studio album, *She Is Miley Cyrus*.

Cyrus launches the project with the strength of the EP's first track, "Mother's Daughter." The anthemic opener boasts a powerful message about independence and the strength of Cyrus' femininity, as she attributes her drive to her mom with lyrics such as, "I'm nasty, I'm evil / Must be something in the water, or that I'm my mother's daughter."

The unapologetic vibes carry over to the EP's second track, "Unholy." On it, Cyrus blindsides her naysayers with a harsh but simple lyrical truth — "I'm a little bit unholy. So what? So is everyone else." The production value of this song easily makes this a standout track on the EP, along with the reggae-infused track "Party Up The Street," which features Rae Sremmurd's Swae Lee and producer Mike Will Made-It.

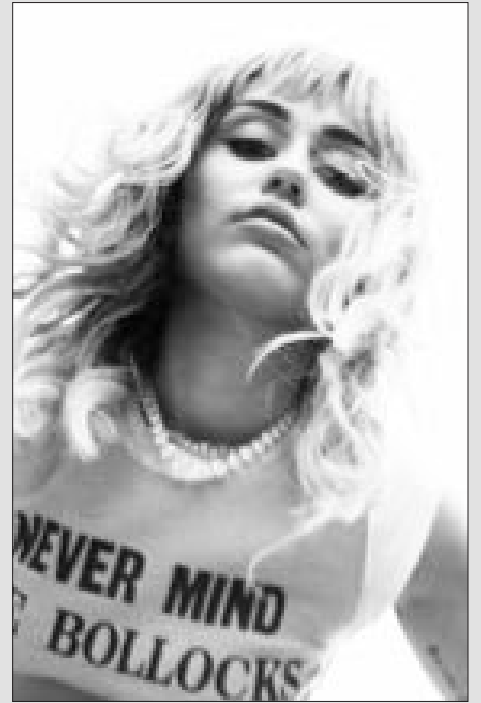
SHE IS COMING begins its descent into disappointment with its fourth track, "Cattitude." Featuring an extensive monologue from drag performer RuPaul, the song's lyrics have the intended energy of an LGBTQ and feminist anthem with its club-influenced beat. However, the overall result is an unmelodious stumble which has no business being played during PRIDE month or a women's march.

Salvaging the mediocre mess that is "Cattitude" was Wu-Tang Clan member Ghostface Killah, with his feature on the EP's fifth track, "D.R.E.A.M." Influenced by the Wu-Tang Clan's 1993 hit "C.R.E.A.M.," Cyrus' first-person spin on the acronym stands for how "drugs rule everything around her," as the singer narrates through her party-filled past on the airy pop tune.

In just under 19 minutes, *SHE IS COMING* proves itself to be an eclectic collection of character. As if it were a musical camera of sorts, the EP presents a candid image of who Cyrus was and is to come — a thematic element Cyrus herself claims she wanted to invoke with the record.

"When people hear my music they hear a fragment of time, something I feel or felt right then," Cyrus said in an interview with Vanity Fair earlier this year. "By the time it (*SHE IS COMING*) gets to your ears I may have grown past it, but I am truest to who I am at that very second."

With her Nashville twang and mezzo-soprano vocals, Cyrus' range dominates each track in a way that isn't necessarily overpowering, as evident in songs such



Miley Cyrus's latest EP debuted on May 31.

as "Mother's Daughter" and "The Most." However, with blunders such as "Cattitude," it's overtly obvious that the Disney alum still has some solidifying to do when it comes to defining her sound.

RATING:
★ ★ ★ ★ ☆
3.5 out of 5

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She said she is looking forward to the turn out for their prom event and hopes people will come out to learn about human trafficking in the community.

"Human trafficking is very much a thing that is happening right here. We like to think it's happening in big cities, far away from us, but it is not. ENC Stop Human Trafficking/PCC to Stop Human Trafficking is out there doing all they can to fight this, but they need more funding," Jenkins said.

Melinda Harrell Sampson, the community outreach coordinator for ENC Stop Human Trafficking and a member of the Greenville Jaycees, said the prom is a great way to experience prom again, reminisce on old times, have fun and give back to the community.

ENC Stop Human Trafficking is a local organization which strives to abolish human trafficking in the community. They work on actively responding to human trafficking victims, preventing human trafficking and spreading awareness to the community. The PCC is also funded by ENC Stop Human Trafficking, Sampson said.

"The coalition is actually facilitated by ENC Stop Human Trafficking, so we provide the funding to keep it going. It takes all the agencies in Pitt County to respond, prevent and make people aware of human trafficking, and that is what the coalition is there for," Sampson said.

“ Human trafficking is very much a thing that is happening right here. We like to think it’s happening in big cities far away from us, but it is not. ENC Stop Human Trafficking/PCC to Stop Human Trafficking is out there doing all they can to fight this, but they need more funding. ”

-Jessica Jenkins

According to Sampson, anyone of any age is welcome to attend the prom, but it keeps in mind the event is at a brewery.

Sampson said she hopes this event will reach a bigger audience, giving the Greenville Jaycees and the ENC Stop Human Trafficking the

opportunity to speak to community members about what they do and make them aware of human trafficking in Pitt County.

"It's going to be really fun and you're going to be having fun and supporting a good purpose. Human trafficking happens in our community. Sex trafficking and labor trafficking is in Pitt County. Why not come out, have a little fun, and give back to an important issue," Sampson said.

Heather Redd, a resident of Winterville, North Carolina, heard about the event over Facebook. She said she was initially attracted to the event because it was a 90's themed prom, and she and her husband had both been in high school in the 90's.

Redd looked into the event and realized it was benefiting organizations against human trafficking and decided she would attend, as she thought the cause was important and about people she has come into contact with at her own job.

"I work for PORT Heath, and I realize how many times folks I come into contact with daily could be at risk or have been victims of human trafficking and how often we may encounter victims out in public and never even realize that they needed help," Redd said. "Awareness is key."

For more information on the 80's Baby 90's Made Me Prom or the Greenville Jaycees, or to purchase tickets online, visit the Greenville Jaycees' website. For more information on ENC Stop Human Trafficking, visit their website.

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OUR VIEW

Baseball helps city, university

The immense success of the East Carolina University baseball team has continuous outgoing effects into the Greenville community. The team was nationally ranked at No. 6 by the end of the regular season, and No. 10 within the NCAA College Baseball tournament.

The success of the team creates lots of excitement between all fans, including residents and college students alike. The effect on the economy also has a huge effect on the community, as the money made from the baseball team's success can be put towards various public works projects throughout the city.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe that the success of the ECU baseball team has a positive effect on the economy and the morale of the Greenville community.

This year, Greenville hosted a NCAA Baseball Regional Tournament, which had three other teams travel to the city to play in several games.

According to Greenville Mayor P.J. Connelly, last year's Greenville Regional Tournament brought in about \$1.2 million to the city. This is not surprising, because not only do the participating teams come to Greenville, but their fan bases come as well.

All participants and fans are using hotels, eating in local restaurants, paying for public parking and spending money in the city while the tournament is going on.

It is clear that the success of the baseball team has lead to quite an effect on the city of Greenville. Whether it is economically or emotionally, ECU baseball has a positive effect on the city and its residents.

When ECU wins, so does the city around it.



PRIDE deserves celebration



Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

Asking Price

June is recognized as PRIDE month, a time to celebrate the members of the LGBT community. With a president who has personally sought to discriminate

against members of this community, it is more important than ever that we celebrate this community and its members.

If you've ever had the privilege to celebrate PRIDE with members of the community, then you know how magical the experience can be. It truly is a celebration of love and how every person, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, deserve the right to express their love.

PRIDE falls at a particularly tenuous time in our country's history. Don't misunderstand, the United States has never recognized the LGBT community and all that they have done to the degree they deserve. However, this year with President Donald Trump's Transgender military ban set to take effect soon, it's hard to find the joy. As an ally, it is my responsibility to

celebrate this community for all of its beauty and everything it contributes to our world. It is also my responsibility to speak out against the injustices being presented to this community by a government who could care less about their basic human rights (because, just so we're clear, everyone deserves the opportunity to have love and give love).

I encourage everyone who claims to be an ally to observe PRIDE in honor of those who can't. Donate your money to charities who support members of the LGBT community. Embrace your friends who are a part of the community and let them know that they are loved and valued. But most importantly, recognize that this month isn't about you and your straightness.

This month is obviously to celebrate love, but it's also to remember those lost to this cause for speaking up for themselves. Thousands of people have been killed or died from the neglect of so called "allies" and this month also serves as an opportunity to remember those and honor their legacies.

In the coming years, especially the upcoming election years, it is important to remember that though things have changed since the LGBT movement

started, we still have a long way to go until real equality is achieved.

We've made amazing strides in the House recently with the passing of the Equality Act, but it still isn't enough. The bill must still tread the waters of a mostly conservative Senate which could lead cause the bill to be thrown out. These are the things to remember when celebrating PRIDE as a heteronormative person.

Yes, the rainbow flag is beautiful, and what it represents is even more beautiful. But don't lose sight of the role that people who watch aimlessly as this communities' rights are stripped away by our government play.

Celebrate PRIDE, celebrate love is love is love, celebrate the community. But don't get so lost in the celebration that you forget that there is still work to be done to support our friends and family who are a part of this amazing community.

Happy PRIDE to everyone, but especially to my friends who are members of this community!

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U.S women's soccer deserve more



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With the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup commencing on Friday, soccer and sports fans alike from the globe over will divert their attention to the best athletes women's soccer has

to offer as they play in order to win the bragging rights for their country.

The tournament will take place in France and the United States Women's National Team (USWNT) will defend their 2015 World Cup title against 23 other nations from six confederations under FIFA.

The success of the women's national team is vastly juxtaposed with the success of their male counterparts who failed to even qualify for the men's World Cup last summer. Despite the limited success of the men's team, they still receive far more payment and better working conditions than the USWNT.

On March 8, which was International Women's Day and just three months before defending their World Cup title, 28 members of the USWNT filed a lawsuit against the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) for equity in pay and working conditions to be similar to the men's national team.

According to the lawsuit, the USSF has control over every aspect of the American international soccer which has permitted them to "perpetuate gender-based discrimination" against the USWNT.

For the women's team to have amassed so much success but to get paid considerably less than the men do is a gross injustice.

Most of those who are against the

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claims of the USWNT would say that the men's team generates more revenue. However, in their suit, the opposite is stated. During the relevant period which is referred to in the case of Apr. 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, the USSF budgeted for a loss of \$429,929.

But due to the success of the USWNT winning the World Cup, the USSF updated their projections to show a \$17.7 million profit.

Despite providing substantial income for the USSF, the women's national team received little of that money back, only receiving a \$1.7 million bonus after winning the World Cup, while the men received bonuses of more than \$5 million for losing in the round of 16 in the 2014 men's World Cup.

There are also a significant amount of people that believe that no one watches women's soccer. However, there's no weight to that claim at all, with the 2015 Women's World Cup final drawing in 25 million viewers, the most of a soccer game in American history.

Also unfairly, the women are asked to perform the same duties as the men, but with less pay and less than preferable conditions. From 2014 to 2017, the USWNT

played almost a quarter of their games on artificial turf which most players have cited as most prone to cause injury. USWNT player Sydney LeRoux Dwyer shared a photo of her legs bloodied and scarred from playing on an artificial surface.

Along with playing on unacceptable fields, they also tend to spend "more time practicing for and playing in matches, more time in training camps, more time traveling and more time participating in media sessions" compared to the men's national team.

It's unfair that while both teams have the same job descriptions and expectations from the USSF, the men's team receives more benefits than the women from their mutual employer.

Although the lawsuit is still active and will surely not be resolved before the USWNT begin their World Cup campaign, they are considered the favorites to win the cup again. Their consistent and unmatched success make the women's national team deserving of much more than they already receive from the USSF.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Dreams can reveal a hidden truth. Peaceful relaxation soothes your spirit. Let go of what you no longer need. You see creative possibilities everywhere.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Teamwork brings a seemingly distant opportunity into reach. Others can move more quickly, knowing they can depend on you. Communicate privately and respectfully.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Stay on task at work. New facts dispel old fears. The impossible seems accessible. Don't take things personally. Focus to hit your marks.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Dream big. What's on the other side of the horizon? Expand your territory. Keep it simple to avoid overspending. Learn tricks. Explore another view.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Profit potential could motivate you into action. Make sure your infrastructure supports your goals. Lay the groundwork. Solid foundations provide important support. Avoid risky business.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Emotions could run high between you and your partner. Listen generously. Ignore the garbage. A truth gets revealed. Begin afresh. Create a new possibility.

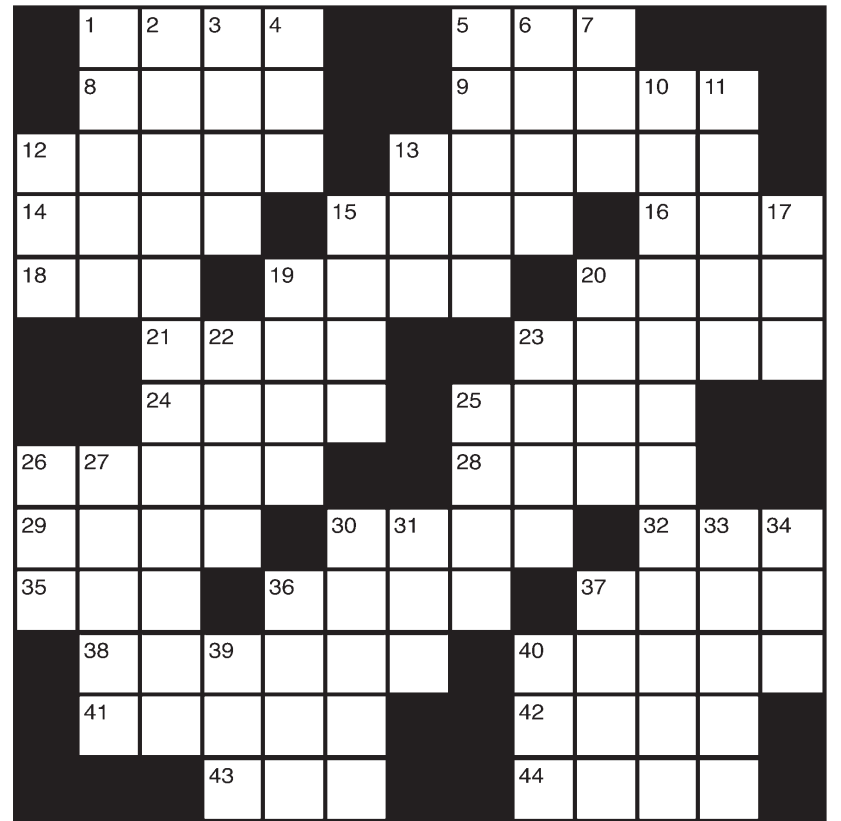
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Go for the gold! Keep a dream alive. Use finesse rather than force to avoid accidents. Anticipate resistance. Gently stretch. Relax, and treat yourself lovingly.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Craft and organize plans to realize a heart-felt dream. Clear out the superfluous. Recycle or repurpose materials. Polish the tools of a creative passion.

CROSSWORD

THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



- ACROSS**
- 1 Actor __ Everett
 - 5 Vigoda of "Barney Miller"
 - 8 __ McEntire
 - 9 "Beauty and the __"
 - 12 Savalas of "Kojak"
 - 13 __ Ann Inaba of "Dancing with the Stars"
 - 14 Actor Nicolas
 - 15 Diplomacy
 - 16 "Scarecrow and __. King"
 - 18 Hawaiian instrument, for short
 - 19 Husband of "King of the Hill"
 - 20 Spiral
 - 21 Actress Patricia __
 - 23 Colorful, velvety flower
 - 24 "NYPD __"
 - 25 Series for Alan Alda
 - 26 "__ for Adano"; Gene Tierney movie
 - 28 Muscle pain
 - 29 "__ Unmarried"
 - 30 "__ and the Fatman"
 - 32 "__ & Order"
 - 35 High school subj.
 - 36 "The Newlywed __"

- 37 Woodwind instrument
- 38 One of the twins on "Little People, Big World"
- 40 "Are We __ Yet?"; Ice Cube film
- 41 Deliver an address
- 42 Trumpeter & bandleader Al __
- 43 "How the West __ Won"
- 44 Hindu exercise/meditation system

- DOWN**
- 1 Sound of a noisy floorboard
 - 2 Marg of "CSI"
 - 3 Competent
 - 4 "One __ at a Time"
 - 5 Taken __; surprised
 - 6 Ernie's "Sesame Street" friend
 - 7 "A Flea in Her __"; movie for Rex Harrison and Rosemary Harris
 - 10 "Big Bang Theory" actor
 - 11 Garr and Hatcher
 - 12 Fort Worth school, for short
 - 13 "Catch Me If You __"; Tom Hanks/Leonardo DiCaprio film
 - 15 "A __ of Two Cities"
 - 17 Sylvester Stallone, familiarly
 - 19 Pull along behind; tow
 - 20 Singer Johnny __
 - 22 __ May Clampett
 - 23 __ the floor; walk back and forth
 - 25 "Let's __ a Deal"
 - 26 "Ice __: Dawn of the Dinosaurs"
 - 27 Instrument for Roy Clark on "Hee Haw"
 - 30 John Amos' "Good Times" role
 - 31 Winehouse or Grant
 - 33 Major blood vessel
 - 34 "__ Willie Winkie"
 - 36 "Boy, Did I __ Wrong Number!"; Bob Hope/Elke Sommer movie
 - 37 Cincinnati's state
 - 39 "__ Deal"; Arnold Schwarzenegger movie
 - 40 Your, in the Bible

Solution from 5/29

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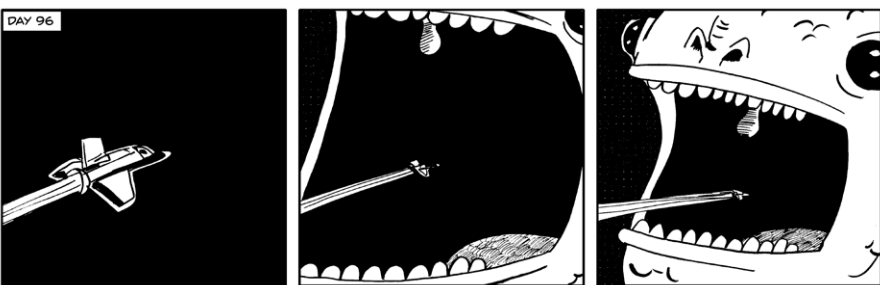
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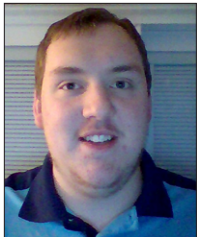
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Three Pirates drafted into MLB

>> COLUMN



Daniel Shepard
TEC STAFF

On Tuesday, during the second day of the 2019 MLB draft, three members of the East Carolina Baseball team were selected by major league franchises.

Junior left-handed pitcher Jake Agnos was taken in the fourth round by the New York Yankees with the 135th overall pick. Seven picks later, junior outfielder/designated hitter Bryant Packard went to the Detroit Tigers in the fifth round as the 142nd overall pick in the draft while junior first baseman/designated hitter Spencer Brickhouse became the seventh round pick of the Arizona Diamondbacks with the 212th pick.

Entering this year's draft, the Pirates had a long history of players being drafted by Major League Baseball franchises. That history dates back to right-handed pitcher John Rawls being selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the 22nd round back in the first ever MLB draft in 1965.

However, ECU had never seen multiple players selected in the first five rounds of a MLB draft, something that changed with Packard's selection. Even before the draft, there was a sense this would finally be the year that fact became fiction as three Pirates were ranked inside mlb.com's top 200 prospects.

None of the current ECU seniors were listed among the top prospects for the draft, but the three juniors that found their names among the best in the country have produced eye-popping numbers since they stepped on campus.

Beginning with Agnos, the left-hander has posted an 11-2 record and a 2.02 ERA across 16 starts during his junior campaign, holding opposing batters to a .193 batting average. In addition, Agnos struck out more than 100 batters for the first time in his collegiate career, punching out 140 over 98 innings of work versus 42 free passes.



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Junior pitcher Jake Agnos was one of three ECU baseball players to get drafted in yesterday's second round of the MLB draft, and was drafted No. 135

This was the first season in which Agnos pitched exclusively from the starting rotation. In previous seasons, the left-hander racked up a hand-full of relief appearances, a role he seems destined for with the Yankees as he climbs the organization ladder.

On the offensive side of the coin, Packard has been a leader since posting a .406 batting average with a .671 slugging percentage as a sophomore, marks that produced 14 home runs.

His junior campaign has been more of the same as the left-handed hitting outfielder has slashed .363/.448/.561 to cement himself as one of the better college prospects in this draft class.

While his numbers fell from a season ago, down to just seven home runs and 40 RBI, scouts are still tabbing him with a 55 hit tool, 50 power and below average marks on the defensive side.

Tools and the grades assigned them by

scouts are basically the amount of skill that player has in the particular area.

To say someone has a 55 hit tool and 50 power, like Packard, is to say he can make above average contact on the baseball with the ability to hit for power at an average clip. Of course, those skills can be improved upon as that is the entire purpose of the minor leagues and development strategies put in place by every MLB franchise.

Like Agnos with the Yankees, Packard could move through Detroit's farm system at a fast clip considering his polish as a college player.

The last remaining Pirate on the top 200 list, Brickhouse lasted until the seventh round when he became a member of the Diamondbacks. Ranked inside the top-150 on the prospect list as mentioned above, Brickhouse fell to pick 212, something that had nothing to do with his offense.

After posting a batting average south of

.300 in 2018, the lefty bat vastly increased his production. In 35 less at-bats from season-to-season, Brickhouse hit three additional home runs with 13 and set a career-high in RBI with 55 as ECU enters Super Regional action.

Luckily for Brickhouse, however, scouts have seen enough talent to compare him to Daniel Vogelbach, a former second round pick of the Chicago Cubs in 2011. After his ascension to the majors (mostly as a DH in the American League with the Seattle Mariners), Vogelbach has turned into a well above average hitter at the age of 26.

Now void of Paul Goldschmidt, the Diamondbacks may have found their first baseman of the future in Brickhouse as he has the offensive tools to progress quickly toward the majors.

Rounds 11-40 will be held Wednesday. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

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faced elimination from the regional.

Junior pitcher Jake Agnos contributed to ECU's victory over the Wolfpack.

Adding to his career total, Agnos tied the American Athletic Conference record for career strikeouts, with 290.

ECU was victorious with a final score of 9-2 and eliminated NC State from the Regional.

Several hours later, ECU played Quinnipiac University at 8 p.m. to decide which team would play Campbell University in the Regional Final.

Like he had been doing all tournament, Washer continued to play well for the Pirates. He hit 2 for 4, with four runs batted in and also blasted two home runs.

It was hard to stop the Pirates once they got rolling offensively. They scored seven more runs without any from Quinnipiac until the ninth inning.

At that point, the deficit was too large for the Bobcats, and ECU won 13-3 and advanced to the championship against Campbell.

The Camels (37-21, 19-6 Big South) took a

2-1 lead after the first inning, but ECU quickly came back. The Pirates managed to score eight runs without Campbell scoring, including four runs during the fifth inning.

With junior outfielder Bryant Packard leading the charge, the Pirates defeated the Camels to force an elimination game later that night.

The final game began at 7 p.m. with advancement to the Super Regional stage on the line. ECU scored five runs in the first three innings.

Campbell began to come back with two runs in the fifth inning. Sophomore pitcher Jake Kuchmaner prevented any further damage, tossing about three scoreless innings and only allowed one hit.

ECU scored six runs in the final two innings, and held Campbell from any comeback to win 12-3 and clinch a spot in the Super Regionals.

Looking ahead, the Pirates will travel to Kentucky to face Louisville (47-16, 21-9 ACC) in a three game series to decide which team goes to the College World Series.

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