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West End's Greene Residence Hall renovations began in May 2018 and are scheduled to be completed on time, as planned for fall 2019.

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University celebrates PRIDE

Caroline Korch
TEC STAFF

The month of June brings in LGBTQ PRIDE Month and East Carolina University students, faculty and staff are celebrating the 50th anniversary since the riots in Greenwich Village.

Mark Rasdorf, the senior associate director for the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center in the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC), said the office serves as a resource for further education and social center for the entire campus. The center serves all students, faculty, staff, prospective students and their families and alumni.

"June is historical because in 1969 patrons (at) a gay bar in Greenwich Village, the Stonewall Inn, decided they were done with the frequent harassment from police and started fighting back which caused riots there for a couple of days," Rasdorf said. "And that is thought as the first modern fight for LGBTQ rights in our country."

This year, in particular, Rasdorf said marks the Stonewall's 50 year anniversary since the riots in Greenwich Village and a march in New York City will be hosted on June 30. This is where millions of the LGBTQ community and its supporters march to commemorate the movement.

"I think, as it is true for other marginalized and oppressed communities, it's important every day to fight for equity and equality, but it's also nice to have a time set aside to have the spotlight during this period of time," Rasdorf said.

Tegan Stooksbury, a junior art major and President of the Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) on campus, gave a statement to The East Carolinian regarding LGBTQ PRIDE Month.

"I think PRIDE Month itself serves as a celebration of what we've accomplished as a community over the decades and as a celebration of the people in our com-

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Greene prepares for fall Renovations to finish on schedule

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Greene Residence Hall will be open newly renovated for incoming students before the fall 2019 semester begins, while other residence halls on campus are undergoing inspections and cleaning.

Bill McCartney, associate vice chancellor of Campus Living and Dining Services, said the Greene renovation is the third of the three tower renovations which include White, Clement and Greene Residence Halls.

"This is the third of the three Tower renovations that have been completed at a

cost of approximately \$74 million," McCartney said. "This combined project has restored to new the condition of over 1,100 beds of student housing that will serve generations of students coming to ECU."

According to Aaron Lucier, Greene will be completed as planned in August before students arrive back to ECU for the fall semester.

Construction on Greene, a 10-story tall, 85,000-square-foot residence hall located on ECU's campus began in May 2018, according to the North Carolina Department of Administration's website.

Lucier said the construction at Greene is very similar to the work done in White

Residence Hall and Clement Residence Hall. He said Greene was stripped down to its core and has been transformed into a brand new building "essentially."

Lucier said building code issues were addressed in the renovation, and the building is now up to date and safe for students. He said the building also received a new energy-efficient outside shell with better insulation.

Greene Hall also received numerous "aesthetic updates" which include all new finishes in the rooms, bathrooms and

Market brings vendors from nearby cities

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The Dickinson Avenue Farmers and Makers Market features local businesses and up-and-coming artists in the uptown Greenville region.

Located at 714 Dickinson Ave. in Greenville, the store opened earlier this year, March 15. The market features fresh produce, succulents and plants, art and other locally-made products. Ryan Webb, the owner of the market, said every product is made or grown within 50 miles of Greenville.

"There's other consignment-based shops but this is one of the first things that mixes farmers with makers," Webb said.

Webb said the majority of vendors also participate in the Uptown Greenville Umbrella Market. The Umbrella Market is a weekly event featured during the summer months, made to grow and enhance small businesses local to Greenville. It is featured at Five Points Plaza from May through Aug. every Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

"It's like an open-air market

that many of my vendors are out there and through just word of mouth kind of found us," Webb said.

Webb said local works from Pitt, Beaufort and Craven County residents have been featured at the farmers and makers market and it will continue to grow. He said, as for their targeting audience, the market caters towards the young professionals in town and the visitors Greenville brings in.

"I think being in an arts district like this is important to keep lower-level prices for artists to be able to actually get in front of people and so this way since we have such a big space for people to have different price points," Webb said.

One area to the left of the shop hosts the work of Steve Ralis, a Philadelphia native and current Winterville resident who discovered his talent for painting after battling multiple sclerosis in 2016.

"It changed a lot of things

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The Farmers and Makers Market attracts vendors from neighboring regions to sell their produce, art and artisan products.

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Wellness Center to host Fresh Food Friday

The Main Campus Student Recreation and Wellness Center, along with the Health Science Student Center (HSSC) Wellness Center will be giving out fresh apples this Friday at 10 a.m. The apples will be available to pick up "while supplies last," according to the East Carolina University events calendar webpage.

Summer Movies on MCSC's Pirate Vision Board

The Student Activities Board and Student Involvement and Leadership is hosting a film series throughout the summer, and will feature four different movies across four different dates. The Film series will begin this Saturday, June 15 with "Monsters Inc." being shown on the screen at the Main Campus Student Center Lawn at 7:30 p.m.

The film series is scheduled to take place from June 15 to July 13, and will show a variety of family-friendly movies.

East Coast Rhythm and Blues perform

This upcoming Sunday's installment of the Sunday in the Park concert series at the Greenville Town Common will feature the band, East Coast Rhythm and Blues, who will take the stage at the Greenville Toyota Amphitheatre from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

More dates and performances by various artists for the Sunday in the Park concert series can be found on the City of Greenville Events Calendar webpage.

Stumpy's to allow Father's to Throw for Free

On Sunday, Father's Day, Stumpy's Hatchet House is allowing for father's to come in and participate in a free throwing session as a gift, in celebration of the holiday.

MPourium's to host Dogs and Drinks

MPourium, a self-serve tap room in Uptown Greenville, is hosting Dogs and Drinks tomorrow from 7 to 10 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring their dogs, however they are not required to have them to participate in the event.

MPourium will be taking pet food and supplies donations for the Pitt County Animal Shelter during the event.

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Panhellenic cuts costs

Recruitment prices lessen for fall

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East Carolina University's Panhellenic Association (PA) is continuing to prep and prepare for the 2019 fall sorority recruitment week by making changes to the process and lowering the cost to participate.

The current PA Executive Board were welcomed into their positions in Jan. 2019, and have since then been working on changing the recruitment process for future members of the 10 Panhellenic sororities on ECU's campus, according to PA President, Tyler Parker.

"We have a recruitment team on Panhellenic Exec (Board), which is the president, risk reduction and management recruitment and recruitment development," Parker said. "So the four of us work together all of, basically, spring semester to help plan recruitment (and) figure out logistics."

Parker said there have been changes made to this year's fall recruit process in comparison to last year's and years prior. The two major changes being in cost and location.

In the past, several of Panhellenic's rush week events have been held at the Greenville Convention Center, located on Greenville Boulevard. This required the PA to come up with funds to sustain the transportation needed to bus potential new members there and to rent out the space, according to Parker.

This year, plans have been made to hold rush week events, such as orientation, at the Main Campus Student Center, which opened in January. This will be the first time the student center will be utilized for the PA's recruitment week.

"This year the biggest change is that we're doing it (recruitment week) in the new student center, which not only is more convenient because it's right on campus so everyone can either walk or park in the garage to get to recruitment but it also is more cost-effective," Parker said.

Parker said the cost to hold recruitment week was lowered due to the change in location, which has allowed the registration price to be reduced. In the past, the baseline cost to participate in recruitment was between \$100 to \$120, but on May 1, when sign up opened, it debuted at \$85.

Madeline McGeary, a senior marketing major and PA vice president of finance, is in charge of budgeting. She said, by switching from the Greenville Convention Center to the MCSC, Panhellenic is saving thousands of dollars.

In the past, by renting out part of the convention center, part of the Hilton Hotel and paying for transportation, recruitment cost between \$90,000 to \$100,000, according to McGeary. She



COURTESY OF TYLER PARKER

Panhellenic Association (PA) Executive Board poses around Pee Dee the Pirate's statue on campus.

said switching to using the MCSC saves the PA "around \$40,000."

"Since we're using our resources on campus, they're way cheaper," McGeary said. "We're students, we're a student-run organization, so we have access to more affordable venues for recruitment."

The location change has allowed Panhellenic to move toward lessening the cost of joining a sorority and moving the events on campus, according to Amber Wines, a senior elementary education major and PA vice president of diversity.

Wines said she believes it's "amazing" to be able to save the amount of money the PA is by moving the activities to campus, not only for the organization's budget but for potential new members as well.

"It allows them (potential new members) to have a lot lower cost to register for recruitment," Wines said. "When I went through recruitment (in fall 2016), I think it was \$120, and now recruitment costs like \$85."

Wines said registering for recruitment, and joining a Panhellenic sorority at ECU is a "big financial step" when coming into college, and the

organization has received backlash from parents and students in the past as a result of the cost.

By bringing recruitment to campus, Wines said it will be easier for potential new members who are sophomores, juniors and seniors, not only freshman.

"A lot of them who do live off campus have a lot of trouble with the convention center because they have to be bused there, they can't walk there," Wines said. "All the late nights getting back to their apartments they would maybe have to take a campus bus or have a friend to pick them up, was kind of hard for them (in the past)."

Wines said formal fall recruitment begins on Aug. 21 and will be a weeklong process full of events such as an orientation session, Meet and Greet nights, Selection Day, Sisterhood Day, House Tours, Preference Night and Bid Day.

Bid Day will take place in the same location as last year's recruitment, Minges Coliseum, at the end of recruitment week, Wines said. The location change from the convention center to the MCSC did not directly affect Bid Day.

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hallways, according to Lucier. The ground floor was reorganized to be more efficient for students and the laundry room was relocated to the lobby.

Lucier said although there might be an increase in the number of people wanting to live in Greene due to the renovations, each residence hall has its perks.

"People find that each building has its own character and its own community," Lucier said. "It's important to make sure we have desirable facilities that are up to date but at the same time I think kids should be able to have a good experience in any building at our school."



Aaron Lucier

Lucier said he believes the Greene renovation will be a positive addition to ECU's campus and thinks students will feel the same way.

According to Lucier, Greene will become a co-ed dorm as it was previously an all women's dorm. He said Cotten Hall remained an all women's residence hall after its renovation last year.

Lucier said other renovations on campus include ventilation upgrades in Fletcher Hall to improve humidity control and air circulation in the building. He said new flooring is being installed in Garrett Hall and the carpet will be removed and replaced with vinyl tile in

"The rooms used to be carpeted but there were concerns with allergens and who was using the room before, so we decided to replace it with vinyl composite tile," Lucier said.

Lucier said each building on campus is visited by a "summer building inspection team" who assess the building, perform minor maintenance tasks and report any problems within

the building.

Each building is visited by a housekeeping team, according to Lucier, and then each room will receive a final inspection by the building resident assistant before opening to students.

"Presumably each room would have maintenance or be inspected three times before the student moves into it," Lucier said.

Lucier said these inspection processes have already begun for certain buildings on campus with higher priority, and the rest of the buildings will be inspected afterward.

Ryan Moran, a junior finance major at ECU, said she's happy the construction will be completed on time.

"It's taken a little while but I think they completed it (Greene) relatively quickly," Moran said. "It's definitely good it'll be open before the new students arrive."

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munity. It also serves as a reminder of how far we still have to go in terms of our rights and acceptance," Stooksbury said.

As for campus life, Stooksbury said that the LGBTQ community here is represented well especially with the opening last year of the Peel LGBTQ Center on main campus.

"I feel that our campus does a good job with representation, and I generally feel safe and included on campus," Stooksbury said. "I really do appreciate how inclusive a lot of the staff are too."

Connor Ward, a sophomore nursing major at ECU, serves as SAGA's vice president. He said, in regards to our current president, Donald Trump, and his administration, that they are "trying to actively take away the rights" of the LGBTQ community. He said it's "hurtful" especially since the community has only been able to get married legally for four years.

"It puts it into perspective that the fight is not over and there will always be people trying to take your rights away which makes it more

important now to have pride," Ward said.

Ward said he is planning a trip to the beach with his friends to celebrate pride by being together and will hopefully attend the anniversary march in New York. Last year, he said he went with SAGA to the pride march in Durham, North Carolina, which happens each year in September and has organization participation by SAGA.

"With the passing of the American Equality Act of 2015, and we as a group have really progressed and become visible, but I don't think we should take that and become complacent, I think there's always areas for improvement," Ward said.

North Carolina's Governor, Roy Cooper, released a proclamation on June 6 recognizing LGBTQ Pride Month in North Carolina and the state "stands with the LGBTQ community in the struggle to ensure treatment for all."

The proclamation from the governor said, despite the community's progress, LGBTQ Americans still face discrimination today for being themselves.

The Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center is open throughout the year and has a mass calendar of events, Rasdorf said.



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The Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center opened this past January in the Main Campus Student Center.

Rasdorf said the center does participate in new student orientation and there will be a welcome social at the beginning of the fall going on Aug. 29. One of the main events the center plans for is National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11 at the Cupola on ECU's main

campus.

For more information on the Peel LGBTQ Center as well as resources and programs, visit their website.

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Comedy Pitt Open Mic
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TOMORROW

Thursday Trivia Night
Winslow's Deli
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Live Music with Bryan Mayer
Village- Wood Fired Kitchen
6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Jessica & Thorne
Uptown Brewing Company
8 p.m.

Josh Branch Live Music
Pitt Street Brewing Company
8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Eric Dunlow Band
Tiebreakers Sports Bar and Grill
10 p.m.

Pitt Community College Graphic Design Portfolio Show
Greenville Museum of Art
10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Bombadil
Christy's Euro Pub
8 p.m.



Last year's Greenville Grooves music festival celebrated African American Music History Month and the annual event will return to the city this Saturday.

Groovy festival arrives

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TEC STAFF

The Greenville Grooves festival will return to the city for its sixth year this Friday at Town Commons from 6-9 p.m., featuring performances by Carroll Dashiell and The Beast.

The free Greenville Grooves festival gathers community members to celebrate African American Music History for the month of June, Meredith Hawke, events and branding director for Uptown Greenville said.

Hawke said the festival is an opportunity to "celebrate the talent of Eastern North Carolina in the heart of the city."

"The festival is a beautiful celebration of African American Music History Month. The festival brings together a showcase of fantastic talent while highlighting local vendors," Hawke said.

According to Hawke, the festival will have food vendors, a cultural marketplace, activities for children and will feature various non-profit organizations.



Meredith Hawke

Dashiell, an associate professor of music, director of jazz ensembles and string/electric bass professor at East Carolina University, will be performing at the festival.

The Beast is "an innovative and electrifying hip hop and jazz ensemble" from Durham, North Carolina, consisting of Pierce Freelon, Eric Hirsh, Stephen Coffman and Pete Kimosh, according to the band's official website.

"The Beast is a home-grown artistic force, mixing tap-dancers, puppeteers and spoken word artists into its repertoire," the band's website said.

Caitlynn Fletcher, a resident of Greenville who is attending the festival, said she is looking forward to "a fun filled evening with live music and vendors."

Fletcher heard about the festival on Facebook. This will be her first time seeing Dashiell and The Beast perform.

"I enjoy going to these events to hear the live music and to just hang out with friends after a long work day. I'm very much looking forward to it," Fletcher said.

Fletcher said she will be attending the festival with a friend, and they are looking forward to relaxing at the end of the week and hearing new music.

According to Fletcher, her favorite part of attending concerts and festivals in Greenville is the social aspect.

"I'm looking forward to relaxing in a fun and positive atmosphere. I think it's important for people to get out and enjoy the wonderful and free events Greenville has to offer," Fletcher said.

A resident of Greenville, Ann Edwards, said this will be her second time attending the festival. She said she originally heard about the festival a couple years ago through her friends and decided to attend again this year after seeing a Facebook post for the event.

Edwards said she enjoys the live music, the food vendors and the family atmosphere. She has also seen The Beast perform before, and said they are "amazing entertainers."

"Any and all are invited. I love this show along with other Greenville festivals, just because it's a chance to get to see old friends and make new friends. It's a great family event that's nice and enjoyable," Edwards said.

For more information on the festival, visit the page on Uptown Greenville's website, Facebook page or call 252-561-8400.

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City celebrates annual shindig tonight

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The Greenville Museum of Art will host their 4th annual Summer Shindig festival tonight from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., where participants are invited to come out, enjoy local food and listen to live music from The Still Shakers.

Admission is \$25, and proceeds go towards supporting the museum. Tickets are encouraged to be purchased prior to the festival through the museum website, but can also be purchased at the door for \$30, Trista Reis Porter, executive director at the museum, said.

"The music is going to be great this year, and we have even more great food from local vendors such as Shogun, Muscle Maker Grill, Basil's, Vegan Lion and the usual shrimp boil

and barbecue," Porter said.

The festival will be held in the museum's parking lot and will feature lawn games, live music, food and drink options, a raffle and a silent auction. The Still Shakers will be kicking off the festival at 6:30 p.m., Porter said.

The silent auction will be supporting local artists, and proceeds go towards supporting the museum's annual budget so it can stay open and free to the public, Porter said.

"The reason people should attend is plain and simple: This event is fun. Music, yard games, good food, beverages, on what is hopefully a great weather summer evening. It doesn't get much better than that," Sheehan said.

Chris Moody, a resident of Greenville of 17 years, said it will not only



The Summer Shindig event is hosted by the Greenville Museum of Art for the local community.

be his first time attending the event, but he will also be performing with The Still Shakers. Chesson Real Estate Group, Moody's employer, is one of the festival's sponsors.

"I was extremely excited to find out that the band had the opportunity to play. I

look forward to connecting with some acquaintances that I don't typically see around town," Moody said.

Moody is looking forward to a great turnout and hopes the crowd is "positively energized" by the band's performance.

"I think that people that

aren't so in touch with what the art museum does are going to find an exciting event and an opportunity to get out and socialize and do good for the museum of art," Moody said.

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about my life, and one of those was I couldn't do the work I used to do anymore but suddenly I could do art," Ralis said. "I never had a desire to make art until I was in the hospital and just had this passion to start making art and it really hasn't stopped... it's amazing how that brain works."

Ralis said he mainly paints organic scenes such as nature, flowers, trees and landscapes focusing on digital, watercolor and acrylics. He said he sometimes paints portraits and architecture too.

Ralis said Webb came to speak about the market at an artist group gather which Ralis is a member of, the Greenville Brush Strokes.

"Ryan gave me an opportunity to sell my art which I never sold before," Ralis said. "Mainly when I paint, it makes me happy when I do and the opportunity to share that happiness with others kind of completes the circle."

Webb also brings in one coffee roasting business from Ayden, North Carolina, Lanoca Coffee Company. Lanoca Coffee Company's owner, Matthew Wright, said Lanoca is an artisanal local-made coffee roasting company which creates specialty coffee and teas versus the mass-produced grocery aisles and tries to

bring education to their roasting.

"It has given us a more permanent place because before we would do periodic vendor markets at Uptown Brewery but what the Farmers and Makers Market has done is allow others to know that they can come there versus all the way out to Ayden," Wright said.

Lanoca offers Columbian, Peruvian and Brazilian roasts and cold brew coffee. Other products include Baratza Grinders, Chemex Brewers and smaller provisions. Wright said the restaurant Ford + Shep uses Lanoca for their coffee and teas as well as in some of their savory dishes and cocktails.

"We'll utilize our market there in uptown to continue to bring in new fresh product and to help build our brand through tastings and demonstrations there as the seasons may change," Wright said.

Those interested can see Ralis's artwork and purchase on his ArtPal site. For more information about Lanoca Coffee, visit their website.

For market hours check the Dickinson Ave. Farmers & Makers Market Facebook page and apply to be a vendor on Farmers & Makers website.

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OUR VIEW

Spending freeze is efficient

In order to combat declining enrollment numbers, East Carolina University's Interim Chancellor Dan Gerlach has released a budget plan that includes a freeze on spending not directly related to student health and safety.

According to the letter from the chancellor, projects under this umbrella include everything from athletics to parking to ECU dining, with an emphasis on only spending money on improving what is essential for the university.

We the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe handling the budget in this way will be an effective strategy for improving the lives of students while still maintaining financial responsibility.

In the recent past, ECU has spent money on numerous projects that improved the experience of students, such as the Main Campus Student Center. However, with the tighter budget going into the next fiscal year, it is important to keep perspective on the purpose of the institution.

ECU is, at the most basic level, a school, and funding should be allocated accordingly. As much as Pirate fans love ECU Athletics, a serious institution cannot afford to spend a significant portion of its funding on improving sports when areas related to education suffer.

In the letter, Gerlach said while the freshman class in fall 2019 projects to be up in numbers from that of 2018, it is not enough to make up for "the record-setting number of Pirate graduates" from this past May.

Dedicating the budget solely to improving student-related matters should lead to higher enrollment numbers in the future, as graduating high schoolers will see what we as a university have to offer.

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Climate crisis is critical



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For years now, scientists have been imploring the governing bodies of the world to drastically change how we, as a race, treat the planet we call home.

Whether you refer to it as global warming,

climate change or the climate crisis, the world is in danger as a direct result of our actions over the years.

An alarming paper published in May by Breakthrough National Centre for Climate Restoration, an Australia-based organization, outlines many of the climate-based dilemmas we are faced with, including a prediction for what the world will look like in 2050 on our present course. Spoiler alert: it isn't pretty.

To anyone who has seen a disaster movie, the description should sound quite familiar. Drastic changes in the environment follow in the wake the international community's continued indifference, with an increase in global temperature by 3 degrees celsius.

This seems like a small number in a

vacuum, but let's put that in context. An increase from 0 to 3 degrees celsius actually translates to a jump from 32 to 37.4 degrees fahrenheit. This is crucial to keep in mind when looking at the impacts on the Arctic and tundra regions, with melting glaciers and permafrost destroying ecosystems that depend on them.

In addition, where is all of that water from the loss of the Arctic going to go? If you guessed "the ocean," you win the prize! The paper projects that ocean levels worldwide will rise by 0.5 meters by 2050, with the potential to reach 2-3 meters by 2100.

Think about that. Most of South Florida, with Miami being the most prominent example, sits at about 6.5 feet above sea level on average. In this model, Miami could potentially be a full meter below sea level within 80 years.

On top of all that, the paper predicts numerous other global climate disasters, from perpetual El Niño conditions in Central and South America to heat levels above those where humans can survive in West Africa, South America, the Middle East and Southeast Asia for as many as 100 days a year.

All of this somehow fails to mention

the impact this crisis will have on the societies of the world. Countries in the regions mentioned above are likely to collapse, as the regions will no longer be viable and most of those governments do not have the means to create artificial environments.

So, where does this leave us? Many people have given ideas on this topic, such as the hotly-debated Green New Deal introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives. The bottom line, though, is that change needs to happen on the macro level, not just on an individual basis.

As a young American with a long time on this planet ahead of me, it is incredibly disheartening to see the United States, a country which was built on pioneers, blatantly choosing to ignore such a big problem. If we really want to make this country great, we need to start by taking this crisis seriously and spearheading an effort to save what we have left.

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Don't celebrate oppression

The Handmaid's Tale is reality for some



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Over the weekend Kylie Jenner posted a series of videos on her Snapchat story of a "The Handmaid's Tale" themed party. Jenner chose to wear the traditional red handmaid's gown to the festivities and

took mirror selfies with her friends as they sipped on "Praise Be Vodka" and "Under His Eye Tequila."

"The Handmaid's Tale" depicts a society where women return to their traditional roles of being submissive and obedient to their husbands or in the handmaid's case, their "Commanders."

The main character of the show, Offred, is a handmaid who exists only to bear children for her the Commander. This idea is based on the Old Testament Story in Genesis where Rachel cannot get pregnant so she has her husband, Jacob, impregnate their handmaid so she can have a child.

Since women are required to be submissive and obedient, there are punishments for disobeying these rules such as having a finger cut off for reading or ending up hanging on "The Wall" for a variety of reasons.

In no way should this be celebrated or toasted to with "Praise Be Vodka" and "Under His Eye Tequila." Take off your handmaid's gown Jenner because for some women, the handmaid's tale is close to reality and I congratulate you on finding this unrelatable.

Many popular religious figures perpetuate these ideals to their young follow-

“ Take off your handmaid's gown Jenner because for some women, the handmaid's tale is close to reality and I congratulate you on finding this unrelatable. ”

ers. One of them is Jill (Duggar) Dillard whose Instagram account has more than 1.6 million followers and posted on her blog relationship advice which is something the Duggar family has done on multiple occasions over the years.

Her advice was to "run to him" whenever your husband returns home, serving and meeting his needs, looking nice for him and showering and putting on fragrant lotion so you always smell nice for him which is what many of us call basic hygiene, but servitude is a nice word too.

YouTube channels such as Girl Defined with more than 147,000 subscribers who have caused a lot of controversy due to videos such as "Praying for Your Future Husband" where Bethany, one of the hosts, talks about how she began praying for her husband and describes this as a way to "serve" her future husband before she knows him.

Personally, as someone who grew up in a religious household, I looked up to figures like these. It wasn't until I started college that I found out that I wasn't going to go to hell for not wanting "to run to him" or anybody when they arrived home.

While I like to think these beliefs remain behind church doors, it still remains out here in the "real world." When making small talk with strangers and they ask what my plans are after graduation, they always seem to have an idea of what my plans should be. I'll say something about how I can't decide between technical writing or being a reporter and they always respond with "technical writings great, you'll get to stay home with the kids."

I think the most painful one was the lady who told me she had been told to run for Council but "you can't do things like that until you raise a family." How dare any of us dream of doing great things. Why am I wasting time on this B.A. when I should've gone for my MRS.

Women and girls have so much more potential than being subservient wives. To Kylie this may be a party, but for some of us it's our worst nightmare that maybe there's a way this all becomes worse.

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't try a new idea yet. Discover a structural problem. Define the work schedule carefully, and handle responsibilities on time. Practical actions get positive results.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Make domestic repairs and renovations. Nurture home and family. The gentle approach works best now. Keep your agreements. Clean messes, and reward yourself with relaxation.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Maintain a mystery. Take a refreshing pause. Privacy soothes your sensitivities. Listen more than you speak. Sort, clean and organize. Make space for what's ahead.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Stay patient with your partner. Don't make assumptions. Impulsive words could backfire. Consider common goals, dreams and commitments. Strengthen bonds with shared experience.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Study new developments. Slow and easy does it. Don't rush into anything. Draw up plans and communications. Consider changes, and craft your response.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Work together for an inspiring possibility. Cultivate leadership on your team. New facts dispel old fears. Guard against impetuous moves. Talk things over.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Nurture your physical health and wellness. Self-esteem increases when you avoid arguments. Stay out of somebody else's argument. Private effort pays off.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Focus on making money. Use your own good sense with a financial deal. Make sure the numbers add up. Mistakes could get expensive. Compute expenses.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Work has your attention. Slow down to avoid mistakes. Costs can vary widely. Don't get burned. Get creative to find a solution to a challenging puzzle.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Relax and prioritize fun with people you love. You're developing a new perspective. Don't overextend yourself. Share a passion with someone interesting.

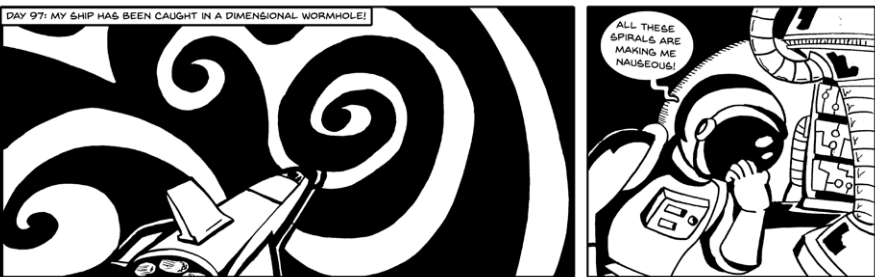
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- You've got the confidence to pull off your idea. Stifle rebellious tendencies for now. Clarifying misunderstandings could get time-consuming. Slow down to finish faster.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Conditions favor travel and exploration. Get out while the getting is good. Make long-distance connections. Stay respectful, even when it's chaotic. Watch your step.

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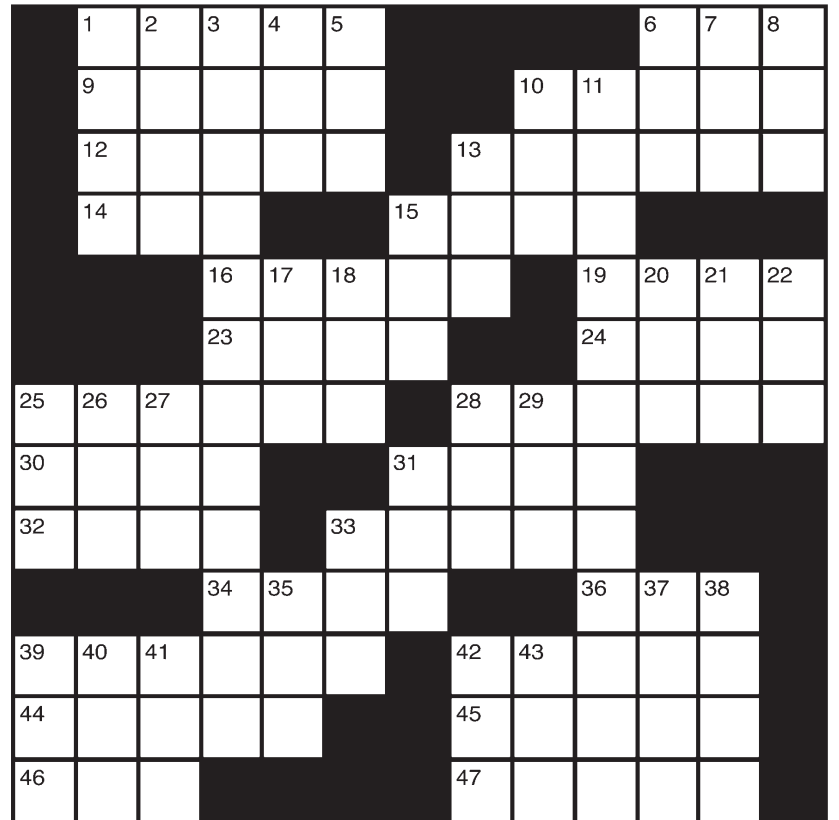


"I've got a bad feeling about this."

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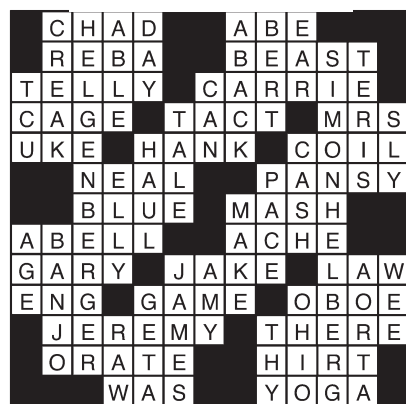
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- 10 "Touched by an __"
- 12 Watergate's G. Gordon __
- 13 Actress Ally
- 14 Bruce or Brandon
- 15 Trick
- 16 Prices per hour
- 19 Bennett or Danza
- 23 "High __"; classic Gary Cooper film
- 24 " __ Grit"; John Wayne movie
- 25 " __ Away"; drama series for Sam Waterston and Regina Taylor
- 28 " __ Night"; series for Josh Charles and Robert Guillaume
- 30 Vicki Lawrence's title role on her sitcom
- 31 "Quantum __"
- 32 Actor Sandler
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- 36 Jed Clampett's discovery
- 39 Former teen idol Frankie __

- 42 Manicurist in the Palmolive dishwashing soap commercials
- 44 Price of "Rules of Engagement"
- 45 As red as __
- 46 "Are We There __?"; Ice Cube movie
- 47 Burke of "Designing Women"

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- 1 Wife on "Home Improvement"
- 2 Tell __; be dishonest
- 3 Series for Ed O'Neill
- 4 "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's __"; Johnny Depp film
- 5 "You Don't __"; Tom Kennedy game show of old
- 6 "Ice __"; blockbuster animated movie
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- 10 "Caughtcha!"
- 11 "America's __"; reality series
- 13 Letters of distress
- 15 Rooster's mate
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- 18 " __ Story"; hit animated film
- 20 Hockey's Bobby __
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- 22 "Say __ to the Dress"
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- 27 Monogram for author Alcott
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- 29 Buddy
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- 33 "The __ & Stimp Show"
- 35 Knotts or Johnson
- 37 "By the Time __ to Phoenix"
- 38 " __ Smile Be Your Umbrella"
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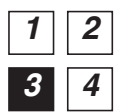


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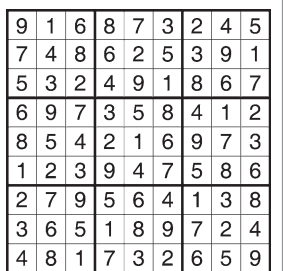
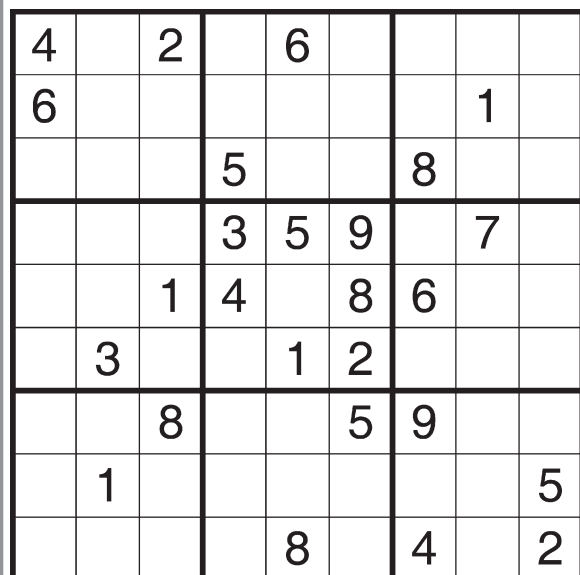
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Sophomore quarterback Holton Ahlers, junior offensive lineman Peyton Winstead, junior offensive lineman D'ante Smith and sophomore offensive lineman Matt Morgan visit a fan in the hospital.

ECU nominated for service award

Brendan Gillespie
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University Athletics have been selected as a finalist for the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Community Service Award. This is ECU's second time being named a finalist in a three year span.

The overall winner of the award will win \$10,000 for the charity of the program's choosing, along with a trophy that institution can permanently display. The two runner-ups will win \$5,000 for a charity of the program's choosing.

"On behalf of East Carolina University and our athletics department, we are extremely thankful to NACDA and the Fiesta Bowl for recognizing us as a finalist for the 2019 community service award," ECU Director of Athletics

John Gilbert said.

The award itself is in recognition for Division 1 athletic programs that make community service and volunteering a way of life. ECU has been named a finalist, along with Boston College University and the University of Texas at Arlington.

"We appreciate all our student-athletes who stepped up and helped all North Carolinians with the aftermath of Hurricane Florence last year. Our student-athletes played an important role in the rebuild and recovery of our great state, another great example of what it means to be a Pirate," Gilbert said.



John Gilbert

On September 2018, Hurricane Florence caused approximately \$54 billion of damages to eastern North Carolina and the surrounding region, according to a press release from ECU athletics. Student-athletes and staff were some of the first to provide assistance in aiding and assisting in recovery efforts.

Over 230 student athletes completed over an estimated 1,400 hours of community service time in community service efforts from Sept. 18 to Oct. 9.

The winner will be announced on June 24 by a five-member board of the NADCA.

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Softball transfers to have impact on team



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The East Carolina University softball team just gained some valuable transfer students that will have an immediate impact on the coming season. Junior infielder Chandley Garner and junior pitcher

Kama Woodall have committed to transfer from North Carolina State University in order to attend ECU and play for the Pirates during the upcoming 2020 season.

These are two huge offseason acquisitions for ECU, which might be thanks to the team's underdog performance during the American Athletic Conference Softball Tournament, which began on May 5.

With only four conference wins during the regular season, ECU came into the AAC Tournament as the second-worst team in the conference and as the No. 7 seeded team. The team was pitted against No. 2 seeded University of Tulsa, who were the reigning champs of the tournament, and managed to win 4-3. Unfortunately for ECU, the tournament was cancelled because of rain, and the team could not carry its momentum into the next game.

Teams inside and outside of the conference must have taken notice, because in a span of a week, two players have decided to transfer from their respective universities to play for ECU.

Woodall was 3-3 with a 3.06 ERA in 2019, which was the top mark on NC State's 2019 pitching roster. She struck out 20 batters in 50.1 innings of work and held opposing hitters to a .256 batting and had two saves on the year.

During her freshman year, Woodall was apart of NC State's No. 17 nationally ranked recruiting class, and was individually ranked No. 94 nationally for 2017 recruits.

Currently, the Pirates have returning sophomore pitchers Liv Garmin, Erin Poeping and Whitney Sanford. With all three returning pitchers having at least two years

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of experience, adding another seasoned pitcher would only benefit of the team.

On the other hand, Garner could help add some much needed power hitting to ECU's lineup. During her freshman year, Garner started 52 out of 54 games, which was the most among NC State's 2018 freshman class. She led the team with 10 multi-hit and eight multi-RBI games and in her first career game with the Wolfpack, Garner hit a grand slam.

Although in her sophomore season, Garner only started 21 games and played in 41 games, she was still posting multi-hit performances in key games. On April 13, Garner hit a triple and drove in two runs against Notre Dame University, one of the best softball schools in the nation.

With returning infielders like junior Kendra Ziembra, redshirt-junior Tate McClellan and sophomore Ashleigh Inae, Garner can add to an already experienced infield. These seasoned infielders can also mentor returning freshman infielders Sydney Griggs and Keira Womack, in order to set up the future of the team.

Both Garner and Woodall will prove to be very valuable assets to this hungry ECU softball team. If they could manage to upset a No. 2 seeded team while being the second-worst team in the conference, who knows what they can accomplish with two more experienced players at its disposal.

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