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East Carolina University's Police Department offers safe transportation methods for students who travel off-campus from Joyner library.

## Commuting on campus ECU PD addresses safety options

**Margaret McCollum**  
TEC STAFF

**Elizabeth Johnson**  
TEC STAFF



The East Carolina University Police Department (PD) and Joyner Library staff are recommending ways for students to stay safe when commuting to and from campus, especially at night, by offering safe transport options and services available to students.

Jason Sugg, ECU PD's Deputy Chief of Police, said calls about students needing help when commuting from campus do not come in too often, but there will occasionally be calls from staff or students requesting a police

presence in the area when walking from campus to their cars or homes. He said ECU PD is "happy" to help with these requests.

Sugg said If ECU transit or SafeRide, a point-to-point van service available at night, is not available to students for some reason, ECU PD will send an officer to assist any individual who calls. SafeRide operates from 6:30 p.m. to 2:15 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, according to ECU's website.

ECU PD encourages students to use existing resources such as SafeRide, but if transit is down or a friend isn't able to offer assistance, ECU PD does provide a safety

escort, according to Sugg. He said ECU PD will send an officer to patrol the area if need be.

ECU PD is an all-day and all-night operation seven days a week, so officers will be available at any time to offer assistance to students. Sugg said staffing is not reduced at night.

"On an average night you're going to have anywhere from seven to ten police officers working, just ECU (PD) officers," Sugg said. "On Fridays and Saturdays we might have 12 or 13 officers working."

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## Downtown accessible with culvert

**Elizabeth Johnson**  
TEC STAFF

Construction is underway on the Town Creek Culvert project, which may impact many families' plans to head into downtown for the first weeks of freshman orientation.

Freshman student orientation began last week, on Monday, June 10, which leads many families to downtown Greenville so they can participate in orientation traditions such as free t-shirts at University Book Exchange (U.B.E) and dinner at local restaurants.

Incoming freshmen are required to attend one of the 10 two-day orientation sessions offered throughout June and July, according to East Carolina University's freshman orientation webpage. Before making their way downtown, families who are walking must cross Reade Circle, which is currently under construction due to the Town Creek Culvert project.

U.B.E's general manager, Yvonne Perry, said the store is promoting students and families to come in by putting a flyer in orientation packets and promoting free items on Instagram and Facebook. The ads state that the store is giving away free t-shirts, decals, and sunglasses, Perry said.

Perry said during the first week of orientation this year, in comparison to previous years, the store has seen the same amount of students come in. She said U.B.E. is still accessible by walking down Fifth Street or parking in the free parking lot behind the store.

"It might be having a small effect, maybe a little more inconvenient for those not to be able to cross over at West End, but we're still seeing that they're all still coming in to get their free stuff," Perry said.

Perry said the project may impact businesses with delivery services, such as Jimmy John's, which need to take detours due to the construction. She said she believes the project may impact Chico's Mexican Restaurant since the construction is on Reade Street and in their parking lot.

"We understand that the culvert project is

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## Three-star linebacker decommits

**Staff Report**  
TEC STAFF

Duane Martin, a three-star ranked football player, verbally committed to play for East Carolina University. On June 15, Martin decommitted from ECU and announced his commitment to the University of Louisville's football program.



**Duane Martin**

Martin is from Laurens District High School in Laurens, South Carolina. Martin received his offer to play for ECU on March 16, making a total of three offers he had received so far. On May 12th, Martin received an offer from the University of Louisville.

Although he had committed to ECU, Martin continued to visit other schools, including Louisville. Along with the two universities already mentioned, Martin also received offers from the University of Akron, Wofford College, and Coastal Carolina University.

On June 16, Martin announced on his personal Twitter account that he was decommitting from ECU in order to

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## RnB & Paint travels to Uptown

**Caroline Korch**  
TEC STAFF

The traveling company, RnB & Paint, is bringing its Lost in Love tour to Greenville this upcoming Saturday, June 22 at Whirligig Stage.

RnB & Paint, originally from Durham, North Carolina, has been a successful traveling paint and performance company along the east coast. Now, the company will be coming to Greenville and giving attendees the chance to paint with an instructor while listening to live music from local performers.

"One of our other business partners, Lawrence (Mike), used to live in North Carolina and (he) did a lot of work in Greenville and thought it would be a great place to go as we were mapping out our tour for this year," Wendell Jean-Jules said, one of the RnB & Paint co-owners.

Jean-Jules along with Lawrence Mike and Tolu Akinniran started RnB & Paint in March 2018. They additionally own an event marketing company called Love it or Like it.

Jean-Jules said the team went to seven different cities last year, and in 2019 they have booked a maximum of 20 cities including New York City, Boston, Atlanta and Los Angeles, as well as Charlotte, Greensboro and



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The RnB & Paint company's tour will bring a new take on painting to the community.

Raleigh.

"We also pair up with some non-profits and do a big showcase with them at the end of the year, which is one of our bigger paint nights," Jean-Jules said.

Jean-Jules listed organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Mission Epilepsy, Big Sister and Music is Life. He said close to 150 people often come to the nonprofit paint nights. The average for a regular paint night is about 50 people, he said.

Depending on the venue, Jean-Jules said the event is often times

bring your own alcoholic beverage, but for the event in Greenville, there will be a bar serving wine and beer. The paint nights are strictly a 21 and over event because alcoholic beverages are served.

"There's not any paint nights that cater with actual live performances instead of music playing, a DJ, or just an instructor and that makes us different with our live bands at all of our events," Jean-Jules said.

Ticket prices for the paint nights

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## BRIEFS

**Eastern Carolina Safety & Health Conference to be held at the Hilton in Greenville**

The 2019 Eastern Carolina Safety and Health Conference (ECSHC) will take place today beginning at 10 a.m. through Friday at 1 p.m. at the Hilton Greenville. The ninth annual ECSHC golf tournament will be held today, with prizes for winning teams and individuals.

**Second Summer Session begins at ECU**

Second summer session classes will begin tomorrow for students enrolled in classes during the summer at ECU. Friday is the last day for registration and schedule adjustments by 5 p.m.

**Concert on the Common to feature On the Border**

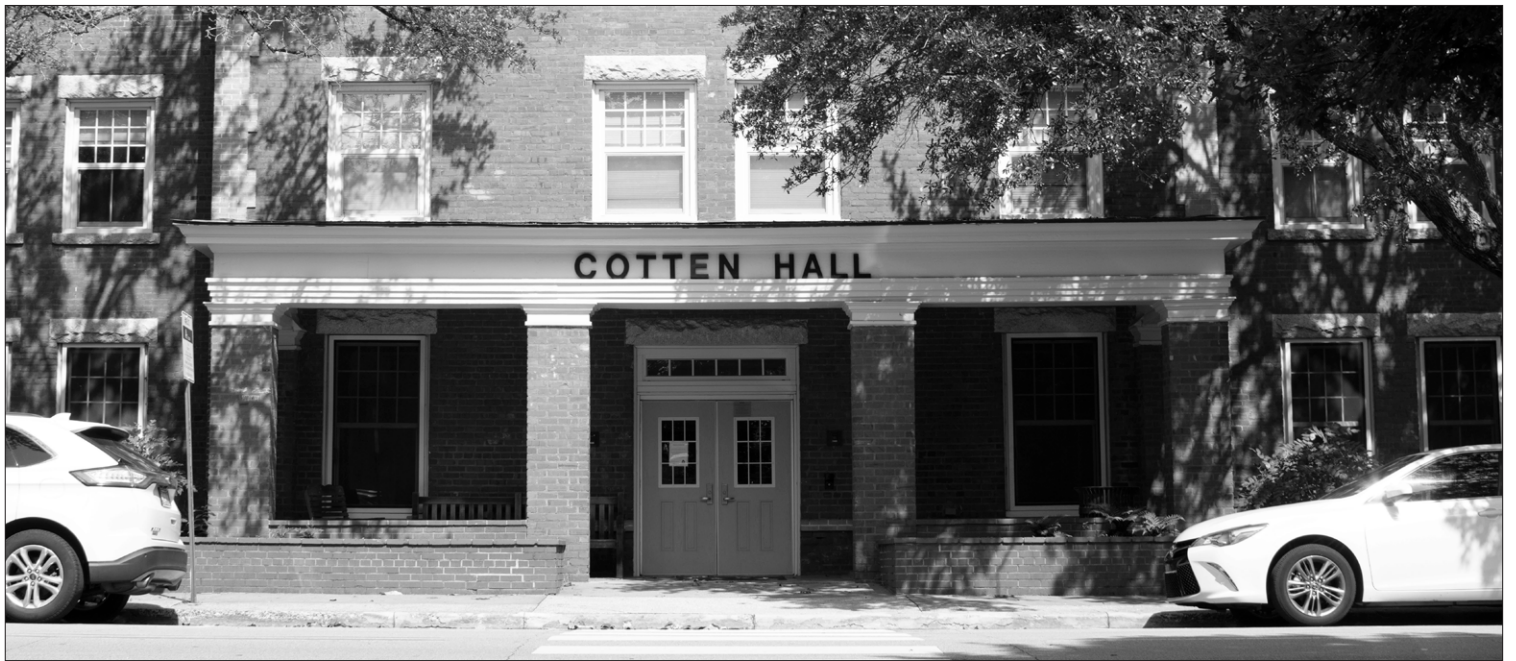
On the Border, a tribute band for The Eagles, will be performing at the Greenville Town Common today from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a free event for any residents.

**Brushes and Brews event to feature cactus painting**

On Sunday, June 23, Uptown Brewing Company will host Brushes and Brews, an event where members of the Greenville community can engage in painting while enjoying brews of their choice. The theme of this event is Cactus painting, where attendees will follow step-by-step painting instructions by experienced local artists.

## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

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Cotten Residence Hall in the Central campus neighborhood will be East Carolina University's only all women's hall this upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

# Cotten to be all women's

Margaret McCollum  
TEC STAFF

Faculty at East Carolina University are addressing why there remains to be an all women's residence on campus, and why having an all women's hall is important for the university's students.

Aaron Lucier, director of housing operations at ECU, said the university still has an all women's hall by the school's choice and by request of the students. Lucier said Cotten residence hall is the only all women's hall on ECU's campus.

Lucier said the demand for a women's only hall is high. He said 467 freshmen requested a single gender hall last year, but he believes some of those decisions were most likely influenced by parental involvement.

Lucier said ECU always aims to take down barriers which may make students feel uncomfortable, and if having an all women's residence hall can accomplish that, ECU is happy to provide it.

"Anything we can do to take a barrier out of a student from feeling uncomfortable in their space is important to us," Lucier said.

According to Lucier, there are 256 beds in Cotten available to students. He said most students who were assigned to Cotten Hall last year were students who requested the building.

Lucier said although the requests for the all women's hall are high, some people make the request for a single-gender hall and end up not choosing Cotten as their building or they are part of a Living Learning Community (LLC) which cancels their request, so a majority of students who request Cotten are granted the room.

Students placed in Cotten by request or randomly which depends on the year, according to Lucier. He said if request numbers are down, students will be randomly placed in Cotten.

Lucier said another way students may end up in Cotten after not requesting it could be due to their selected roommate choosing the building. In this case, the other person may not have selected Cotten,

but they are placed there to stay with their intended roommate.

According to Lucier, ECU was excited to make Cotten all women's again after making it co-ed in the past, since the building was single-gender historically.

"When we went co-ed in that building some folks were like there goes a tradition," Lucier said. "So we were glad to move it back there and bring back that tradition."

Ashley Cleland, associate director of the Women and Gender Office (WGO), said all women's residence halls hold a special place in her heart after spending her undergraduate years in a women's hall.

She said some of her closest friends were a result of living in an all women's hall, and some were even bridesmaids in her wedding.

"That was a really big part of my undergraduate experience," Cleland said. "And I developed some really awesome life-long friendships that way."

Cleland said she is very immersed in women's residence hall experiences due to her past as a student and working at the University of South Carolina overseeing an all women's residence hall at the Carolina Women's Community there, which housed about 600 women.

"As a professional, I'm very passionate about empowering young women," Cleland said. "And I see that an all women's residence hall can really provide opportunities for young women to empower one another and take time to build those relationships."

Cleland said another way for women to experience this kind of community if they don't end up living in Cotten is to look to the WGO or join a sorority.

Natalia Biser, an incoming freshman at ECU, said she thought the idea of an all-women's hall was beneficial for incoming students.

"I just think it would be like a big sisterhood," Biser said. "I think  
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important and it needs to be done and probably should've been done before now. But we're ready for the culvert project to be done, so there won't be anymore flooding, other than that I think, it is a positive thing. It is a little inconvenient," Perry said.

Kevin Mulligan, Greenville's director of Public Works, said the construction on the culvert is expected to be completed by the end of June despite the heavy rain lately. The project is currently taking place in two locations: Fifth Street and Reade Circle; and Washington Street and Eighth Street.

According to Mulligan, detours are posted on closed roads and police will put up barricades in areas where it is expected to experience a flash flood during an upcoming storm.

As for orientation, orange detours signs will be posted to direct drivers to the nearest open roadway, Mulligan said.

Director of Parking Services, Debra Garfi, said in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian parking for orientation is being redirected to the parking garage behind the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC).

Garfi said directions show access to the parking garage from Cotanche Street and 10th Street. In previous years, parking has been at Minges Colliseum but this year parking was moved due to convenience for the families as orientation begins in the MCSC.

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Kevin  
Mulligan

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Sugg said ECU PD patrols the university's campus the same way they do during day-time hours at night, and officers are available throughout the whole night. He said there will be a number of officers available to help with whatever the student's needs are even at 2 or 3 a.m.

According to Sugg, the main line to the dispatch center which students can call for non-emergency issues is (252)-328-6787. He said this line is used to call for safety escorts or for concerned students who may be walking and would like to request an officer to patrol the area.

Sugg said another useful tool students can use when walking is the LiveSafe app. According to Sugg, students can use this app to directly text the police department.

"We have people in the police department twenty-four hours a day that will get that message and can communicate directly with the person on LiveSafe if they choose to use the app," Sugg said.

Sugg said the app can be downloaded for Android or Apple users for free, and users can sign in with their name or register anonymously. Sugg said there is also a feature on the app where users can connect with a friend who can get them when walk on a map to make sure they get to their destination safely.

More general precautions students can take when walking around campus late at night, or

even any time of the day, according to Sugg is to use well-lit, highly traveled paths with blue light emergency phones.

"If someone were, for example, leaving Joyner and say, going to college hill, I would suggest 10th Street," Sugg said. "It's very public, there's lighting there (and) there's blue light phones along the corridor there."

Sugg said there are approximately 100 blue light phones across campus that can be used for emergencies. He said they are purple poles with a blue light at the top and on the device there is a button which will immediately call the police department. The light at the top of the pole will flash so officers know where the student is.

Mark Sanders, assistant director of public services at Joyner Library, said the security desk workers located at the entrance of Joyner are available to help students leaving the library both day and night.

"We're here to make it as safe as possible, both inside the library and with people leaving," Sanders said. "We're happy to call them SafeRide or (to) escort them."

Sierra Lindo, senior public health major, said she has safety concerns about campus at night.

According to Lindo, the campus is dark at night. She said it is close to walk to the parking garage from the library, but not everyone uses the parking garage. Lindo said some people also have to wait for buses and SafeRide.

"I think at night they shouldn't decrease the amount of times they (the buses) come or lessen the amount of buses because sometimes that can be dangerous too," Lindo said.

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Jason Sugg

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## TODAY

**Fair Traders Take on The Umbrella Market**  
Uptown Greenville  
Umbrella Market  
5 p.m.

**Fleet Feet Pub Run**  
Fleet Feet  
6:15 p.m.

**Jessica & Thorne Live at Carolina Ale House**  
Carolina Ale House  
7 p.m.

**Entierralos, All Verbs, Voltage Divider**  
Backdoor Skateshop  
8 p.m.

## TOMORROW

**50s & 60s Musical Revue Dinner Show**  
Whirligig Stage  
6 p.m.

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

**25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**  
Magnolia Arts Center  
7:30 p.m.

**Thursday Trivia Night**  
Winslows Deli  
8 p.m.

**Maverick Rose Music**  
Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery  
9 p.m.

## FRIDAY

**Coffee + Paddle**  
BlackBeard Coffee Roasters  
7 a.m.

**SUP Yoga with Moxie Yoga**  
Tar River  
9 a.m.

**Brian Burke Live Music**  
Pitt Street Brewing Company  
8 p.m.

**Movie in the Park: A Dog's Way Home**  
Greenville Toyota Amphitheater  
9 p.m.

**Bass Planet**  
Whirligig Stage  
9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

**West Greenville Community Unity Block Party**  
Thomas Foreman Park  
11 a.m.

**Yacht Life All White Affair (Big 6)**  
Greenville Convention Center  
10 p.m.

# Sunless tanning salon arrives

Macie Tano  
TEC STAFF

Located at 802 Dickinson Avenue, Southern Soleil is Greenville's first sunless tanning studio, and the first of its kind in eastern North Carolina.

The tanning salon is owned and operated by Ellen Sheffer, a resident of Greenville since 2007 and East Carolina University class of 2013 graduate.

"Southern Soleil is a luxury spray tanning salon and it is the first sunless tanning salon in eastern North Carolina. There are no UV (ultraviolet) tanning beds whatsoever," Sheffer said.

Sheffer said she was employed at the now-closed Penache Spa where she worked for three years. She did spray tanning on the side and worked to build her clientele around Greenville and the city's surrounding areas. Sheffer then sought after her spray tanning certification and is now a professional.



Ellen Sheffer

"It's transitioned from this little mobile company to having a storefront on Dickinson Avenue, being the very first sunless only salon in Eastern North Carolina," Sheffer said.

Sheffer said she got the idea for the name from the French word for sun, "soleil." She wanted the name to have the word "southern" in it to set it apart from the other tanning studios in the area, as many of them have a "West Coast vibe."

Currently, Sheffer offers



The sunless tanning salon, Southern Soleil, opened on Dickinson Avenue to provide a safer alternative to UV tanning.

handheld full body spray tanning and body contouring at Southern Soleil.

Sheffer said one of the goals she wants to achieve is to eliminate the bad stigma connected to spray tanning. She wants people to become aware of the dangers of UV tanning, which is especially popular in Greenville and neighboring areas.

"There is such a bad stigma connected with spray tanning. Spray tanning started in the 1920s and has evolved so much. Even in the past two years, they have come out with better ingredients that won't turn people orange," Sheffer said.

Sheffer said her clientele is usually around the 25 to 45-year-old age group. Along with the young professional age group, Sheffer hopes to attract a younger

demographic as well such as 18 to 23-year-olds who are current students at East Carolina University.

"I am looking forward to having my salon grow and to impact and educate our community more because we have so many young adults in Greenville and the surrounding areas," Sheffer said. "There is such a lack of education on UV tanning beds."

Sheffer said she makes sure each of her clients has a good experience in her salon. She said she will color match and color blend precisely to ensure her clients have "the best spray tan service they can receive."

Lili McKeithan, a senior fashion merchandising major, said she enjoys tanning and "tans all the time, especially during the winter."

McKeithan said she has tried both UV and sunless tanning and sunless tanning is her favorite, as

she likes how it is easy to adjust and fix it. She said she would be willing to visit Southern Soleil.

"Sunless tanning is my favorite. I'd definitely be interested to try something new," McKeithan said.

Madison Morris, a senior neuroscience major, said she used to tan in tanning beds weekly and enjoyed how dark she would get, how she wouldn't get a patchy color and how natural it looked.

"I used to tan in tanning beds like two times a week for 10 minutes each time," Morris said. "I get tan fast and it looks more natural than spray tans and I feel like it lasts longer. The only sunless tanning I've done is a couple (of) spray tans and some self-tanners, but Southern Soleil sounds fun."

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# Greenville's history to displa

Caroline Korch  
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Museum of Art will be hosting an open reception on June 21 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for the "Then and Now" exhibit showcasing the city's history and growth over time.

Trista Reis Porter, Greenville Museum of Art's interim executive director, became a member of the museum's staff in early 2018. She said the plan for the exhibition has been in the works for at least a year and a half.

"The show was inspired by all of the changes that have been happening around Greenville in terms of what the landscape looks like," Reis Porter said. "Greenville's been developing extremely quickly even since the 1960's, and the whole uptown area looks different than it did 10, 15 and even 50 years ago."

Reis Porter said with all the development that goes on, the museum wanted to shed light on how all of the construction and development has impacted the Greenville community.

"We wanted to take a moment to think about



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The Greenville Museum of Art will feature a Then and Now exhibit to show the city's history.

Greenville's history, think about what this area used to look like," Reis Porter said.

According to Reis Porter, the "Then and Now" exhibit will bring a sense of different meaning to many in the area and it will show how far the city truly has come.

Reis Porter said the showcase will be split up in two parts, a historical and juried exhibition of photographs, landscapes, artifacts and some works of local contemporary artists. She said most of the artifacts and photos

were borrowed, and many came from East Carolina University's Joyner Library's special collection as well as from private collectors.

"This will mean different things to different audiences," Reis Porter said. "I think people, especially long-time residents of Greenville, will be a lot of revisiting and remembering what it was like and for the younger audiences, (they) will learn about the history of this place."

Charlotte Fitz Daniels is curator and event and programs coordinator

at the Joyner Library's Faulkner Gallery and she is a former director of the Greenville Museum of Art.

"I think this will show the broad history of Greenville and Pitt County," Fitz Daniels said. "I think what the museum is trying to do is show the different communities and different aspects of Greenville and there are things for the different industries and life in general here."

A team from the special collection at Joyner Library loaned 72 items to the museum from their

archives, Fitz Daniels said. There is a wide range in the pieces from early Greenville up until the 90's, she said.

Kenzie Sharp, Wilmington native and spring 2019 ECU graduate, said she spent some time at the Greenville Museum of Art when she was in school as an art major.

Sharp said that while her time at ECU, the museum gave a great opportunity to her and other students within her department and that the museum staff curates interesting exhibits each time one launches.

"As a student, they hosted a School of Art and Design holiday sale a couple of years ago, and it was an amazing experience and gave students a unique opportunity to sell their work to art collectors and other patrons and visitors at the museum," Sharp said.

The museum is located at 802 S Evans St. in the downtown area. The opening reception will be a single night and the exhibit will be open from then until Oct. 5. To RSVP and for more information, visit the event's Facebook page.

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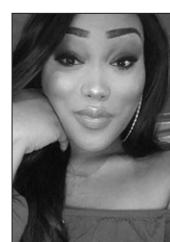
range \$30 to \$50 based off of what the attendee is trying to paint and depends on the venue as well, Jean-Jules said. Participants can choose from three different paint choices with a host to teach them.

According to other co-owner Tolu Akinniran, there's something for everyone at paint night. She said those who like to paint or think they're not good at painting can still come out, have a good time and listen to live performances.

"I was always singing growing up and loved painting and art and express that and show people that and give people the opportunity to express themselves which really solidified why I wanted to do RnB & Paint," Akinniran said.

Akinniran said they try to make each experience unique for those who come out to their events. She said that they always try their participants feel important by celebrating their birthday and getting a VIP table for them and their friends to sit together, free birthday cakes and artists to sing for them.

The company chooses local artists to be featured at their paint



Janelle Symone

nights such as Uptown Band, Zo Blow, Devon Culture, Sony singer Sam Harmonix, Grammy-nominated artist Imani Pressley and Janelle Symone.

"As an artist, it's important to have platforms that will highlight local talent that oftentimes go unseen," singer Janelle Symone said.

Symone said RnB & Paint was her first gig in 2018 and it was the start for both her and the company.

"In the crowded space, I could see the smiles of people who have been waiting for an experience like this," Symone said. "Since then, I've traveled with this amazing group of artists and I've been able to live out my dream in part because of Lawrence, Wendell and Tolu."

All tickets include entry, paint supplies and a pre-selected and pre-sketches canvas. Tickets are purchased online via Eventbrite or on the RnB & Paint website, <https://www.rnbandpaint.com>

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## OUR VIEW

# Dorm's upgrade welcome

In order to prepare for each year's upcoming fall semester, East Carolina University's Campus Living utilizes the summer months to their advantage to inspect and clean each residence hall, which is believed to ensure the rooms will be ready for students to move in.

On many campuses throughout the country, it is a known, and in general, requirement for first-year students to live on campus in a residence hall. ECU is no different in this respect, and freshman students can choose to live in one of the three neighborhoods on campus.

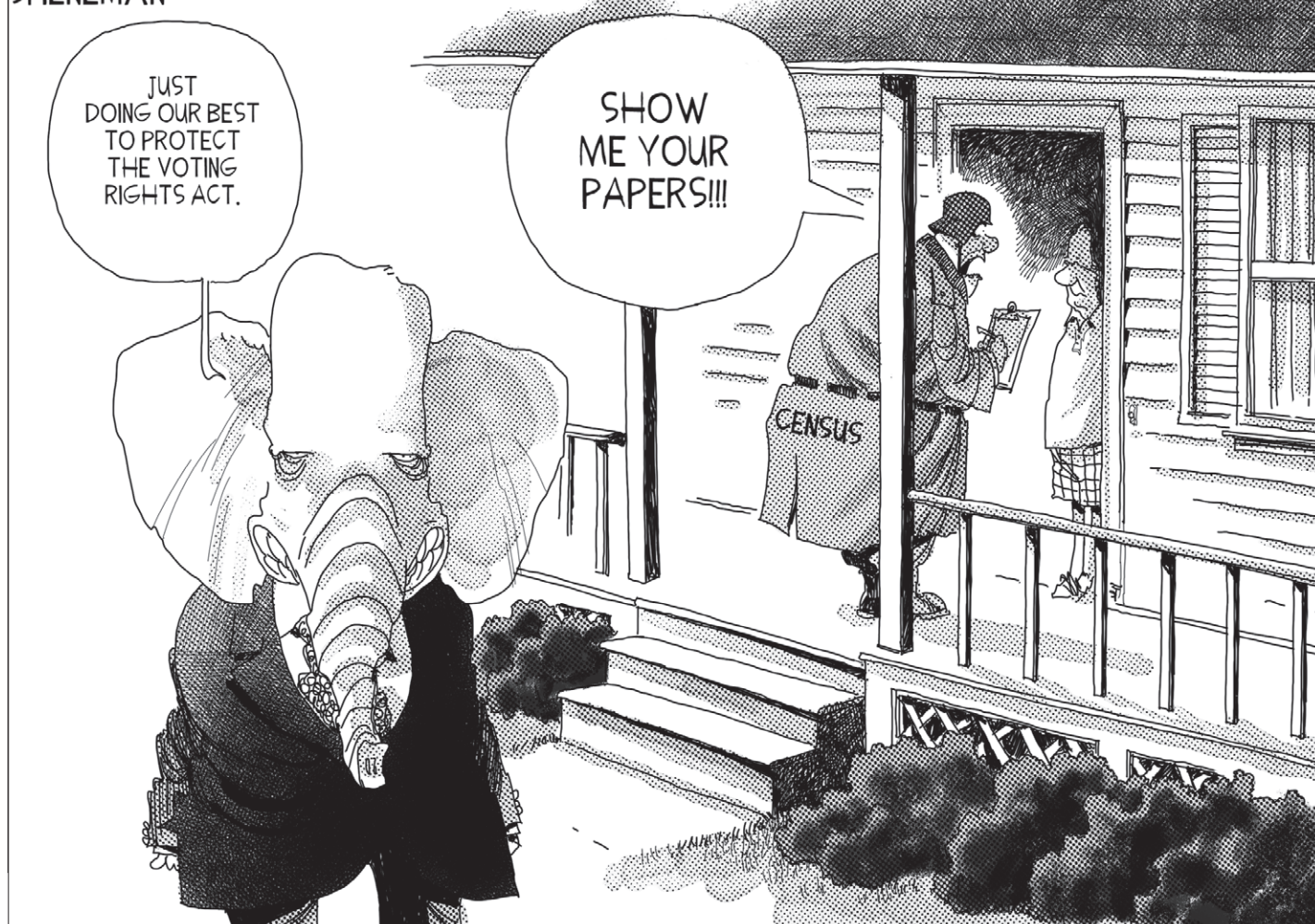
Residence halls at ECU differ from each other by means of age, location and even students. Those who are in a Living Learning Community are put in either Gateway, Jarvis, Umstead or Garret. Cotten is an all-women's dorm and several halls in West End have been renovated recently.

In several dorms on College Hill, however, there have been multiple reports of mold in individual dorm rooms, bugs and humidity which has a heavy impact on the quality of living for students in the residence halls.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the inspections and cleanings conducted by Campus Living throughout various points in the summer are long overdue and shed a positive light for on-campus living.

Inspecting the individual rooms across every residence hall on campus will allow for there to be thorough cleaning by housekeeping teams and for minor maintenance tasks, such as changing a filter in air conditioning units, to be completed in each of the three neighborhoods.

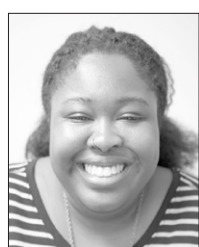
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# Harvard admission revoked

## Kashuv punished for racist slurs

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TEC STAFF

In a last-ditch act of online redemption, Parkland shooting survivor Kyle Kashuv took to Twitter Monday to announce Harvard University has rescinded his acceptance due to racist comments he made in 2017.

Through the 13-tweet thread, Kashuv acknowledged and apologized for his "abhorrent racial slurs" against African-American classmates in digital messages, which were made when the pro-Second Amendment activist was 16 years old. Upon discovery of Kashuv's comments, Harvard requested and received an explanation from Kashuv, which ultimately resulted in the letter of rescindment he received on June 3.

The loss of Kashuv's admission into Harvard ignited a national controversy in a matter of minutes. Conservative media outlets set the internet ablaze with allegations of liberal bias in academia, from The National Review to prominent right-wing pundit Ben Shapiro, who accused Harvard of setting up "an insane, cruel standard no one can possibly meet."

Unfortunately for him and his conservative allies, Kashuv is now faced with the no-exemption rule of accountability — which is dealt to all in some way or form, despite the series of unfortunate events life may hand to human beings.

By the age of 16, all should be aware of the discriminatory weight that such a six-letter slur holds against African-Americans...just as Kashuv was when he weaponized that slur against minority student athletes.

Sixteen years old is not too young to comprehend the stained history invoked when someone non-black uses that slur...the same slur Kashuv wielded freely over a dozen times in the leaked messages.

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It's simply wishful thinking to want our apologies to work as exemptions. In life, all must face the consequences that come with the choices we make. Kashuv, a student who was smart enough to get into Harvard in the first place, idiotically chose to use a racist slur by himself. One can't help but wonder if he's sorry that these words were said or sorry that they were revealed to be said by him.

What Kashuv went through at Parkland was tragic and no one should be subjected to such trauma, especially in a place of learning. However, our past grows into our present and words don't just dissipate because we've gotten two years older. Trauma

doesn't give you a get out of jail free card. That's life, not liberal bias.

In a letter to Kashuv, Harvard made it clear that the university reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission under various conditions, including "if you engage or have engaged in behavior that brings into question your honesty, maturity or moral character." Bragging about how good one is at typing the n-word and demonizing a female classmate for being attracted to African-American athletes doesn't exactly exude morality or maturity, but leave it to Kashuv to play the victim for a situation he put himself in.

As a college student, you are a de-facto representative of your institution — the more prestigious your university is, the more you should expect to be held to the highest of standards.

Whether we like it or not, college administrators can have their eyes and ears in moments of preferred privacy. One exposed mistake can end your pursuit of a degree in minutes and the permanence of the internet is an excuse that will never be suffice enough.

Going to college is a great privilege, but attending Harvard isn't a right. If there's one thing Kashuv can be grateful for, it's the valuable lesson of accountability — learned debt-free, without borrowing a loan or spending a dime of federal aid.

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**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Navigate an obstacle with your partner. Avoid arguing, and it could get romantic. Listen generously and patiently. Learn what another wants. Collaborate for common gain.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Listen first before advancing to avoid a communications breakdown. Follow your emotions as well as your intellect. Distractions can cause mistakes. Take notes.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Focus to manage a structural breakdown at work. A barrier challenges your responsibilities, duties and obligations. Communication reveals and action implements solutions. Look sharp.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Keep making improvements to your physical performance. Don't push or force an outcome. Avoid risky moves. Rest and good food are as important as practice.

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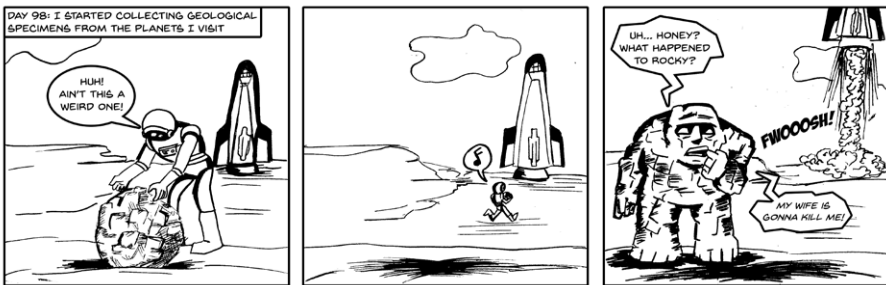
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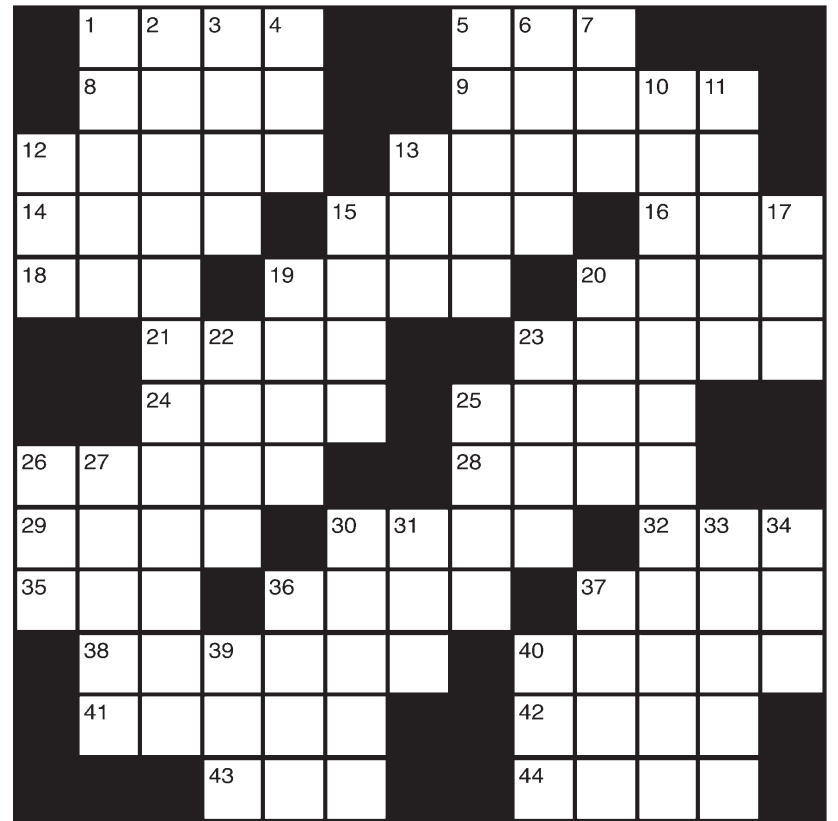


"No, no, no! Walk the plank!!"

## CROSSWORD

### THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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  - 5 Cryer of "Two and a Half Men"
  - 8 When doubled, a Jim Carrey film
  - 9 "The \_\_\_ Man"; Charlton Heston sci-fi horror movie
  - 12 Role on "Brothers & Sisters"
  - 13 Sitcom set in a Boston bar
  - 14 \_\_\_ up; misbehaves
  - 15 Rex of "CSI: Miami"
  - 16 Female sheep
  - 18 \_\_\_ Aviv, Israel
  - 19 George of "CSI"
  - 20 Ben McKenzie's "The O.C." role
  - 21 Actor Richard
  - 23 "The Man Who \_\_\_ There"; movie for Billy Bob Thornton
  - 24 Actor Alex \_\_\_
  - 25 "\_\_\_ the Explorer"
  - 26 Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood, for example
  - 28 Sitcom for Sherman Hemsley
  - 29 "Family \_\_\_"; popular game show
  - 30 David James Elliott's "JAG" role
  - 32 "Not \_\_\_ Stranger"; Sinatra movie
  - 35 Deadly reptile

- 36 Mediterranean and Caribbean
- 37 "\_\_\_ by Step"
- 38 Actor Kevin and family
- 40 Phillips, once of "Dateline NBC"
- 41 Truckers' trucks
- 42 Shriver and Dawber
- 43 "I can't believe I \_\_\_ the whole thing!"
- 44 Actor \_\_\_ Gross

- DOWN**
- 1 Linda Lavin role
  - 2 "The \_\_\_"; reality show about Bill and Jen
  - 3 Consumes
  - 4 "Boys Don't \_\_\_"; Hilary Swank movie
  - 5 Travolta and Cusack
  - 6 "The \_\_\_"; Gregory Peck thriller
  - 7 Lucy Ricardo \_\_\_ McGillicuddy
  - 10 Series for Ellen Pompeo
  - 11 Egypt's \_\_\_ Dam
  - 12 "Krazy \_\_\_"; cartoon series of old
  - 13 "El \_\_\_"; Charlton Heston classic
  - 15 "Promised \_\_\_"; McRaney series
  - 17 Suffix for exist or differ
  - 19 Dumbo's "wings"
  - 20 "The \_\_\_ Breed"; James Stewart movie
  - 22 Last name for acting sisters Tracey and Missy
  - 23 Baby's first home
  - 25 Small amounts
  - 26 "\_\_\_ tree falls in the forest..."
  - 27 Pieces of classroom furniture
  - 30 Della of "Touched by an Angel"
  - 31 Digital camera batteries, usually
  - 33 "The Sixth \_\_\_"; Haley Joel Osment movie
  - 34 King Kong, for one
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  - 40 Jacuzzi

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The ECU women's basketball team huddle up together. Senior forward Desiree Corbin is one of the four seniors who graduated in the Spring, leaving the leadership roles to the returning seniors.

## Basketball looking to improve New signees will have big impact on team

**Brendan Gillespie**  
TEC STAFF

Head coach Kim McNeill has now added five new recruits to East Carolina University women's basketball for the 2019-2020 season. This is relevant to the team, because she has added several players that will each improve the trouble areas of last season's team, and increase the skill level of how they play.

According to ESPN, the 2018-2019 women's basketball team was ranked No.7 in the American Athletic Conference, out of the 12 total teams.

ECU made the AAC tournament, and defeated Southern Methodist University in the first round, 50-48. The Pirates

ended up being defeated by the University of Connecticut in the following round, 92-65.

One of the biggest strengths of the Pirates is steals, and they led the AAC last season with 340 total and a No.1 ranking in the conference.

Three-point shooting, defending against three-point shots, and turnover ratio is what ECU has to work on improving for the coming season.

According to the AAC statistics page, ECU was ranked No.12 out of 12 teams in 3-point shooting last season.

The addition of Taniyah Thompson will help improve the team's overall three point ranking.

"Taniyah is a scorer," McNeill



**Kim McNeill**

said. Thompson comes from Hamden High School, where she led her team to the first championship win in school history, where she won the Southern Connecticut Conference Championship MVP award.

"She can score at all three levels. She has an unbelievable midrange game. A very, very good athlete and she's a gym rat," McNeill said.

Thompson left Hamden as the school's all-time leading scorer and also was a McDon-

ald's All-American Nominee. The guard has the promise to vastly increase ECU's shooting, especially with her mid-range prowess that can also be improved into three-point shooting as well.

Katerina Tsineke is another recruit that can help improve the Pirates' shooting from midrange and from three. Coming from Greece, Tsineke has experience in international play, and has valuable experience that can benefit the team.

In a press release, Coach McNeill talked about how Tsineke is going to be a huge asset for the Pirates.

"She can shoot the ball at a very high percentage and has a very high basketball IQ. Having

that maturity and experience from playing international basketball will help her bring leadership characteristics to our team," McNeill said.

Senior point guard Alex Frazier, senior forward Desiree Corbin, and Senior forward Salita Greene and senior forward Destiny Campbell all graduated last season, leaving some leadership holes open to be filled.

Returning guards senior Justice Gee, junior Lashonda Monk, and senior Raven Johnson will provide some much needed leadership, but Tsineke's experience will benefit the Pirates immensely.

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### LINEBACKER continued from A1

commit to play for the Cardinals.

"But after conversing with my family and coaches, I've decided I will be decommitting from East Carolina University!! With that being said, I will be continuing my development as a student-athlete at the University of Louisville!!" Martin tweeted.

Martin did not specifically give a reason as to why he decommitted from ECU, but his decision came shortly after the Louisville football program acquired another player for its 2020 class.

Kicker Brock Travelston committed to play for the Cardinals on June 15. He is the No. 4 nationally ranked kicker for the 2020 draft class. Travelston had seven scholarship offers from various schools, including Louisville.

Shortly after announcing Travelston's verbal commitment to the university, Martin followed suit and also verbally committed to Louisville.

This is the first decommitment for

head coach Mike Houston's ECU coaching career, and the first of his upcoming 2020 recruiting class.

Regardless of Martin's decommitment, coach Houston still has several other verbal commits for his 2020 recruiting class.

Linebacker Eric Doctor from Florida verbally committed to ECU on Monday on his personal Twitter account.

Along with cornerbacks CJ Crump and David Laney, Houston still has six verbal commits that could still sign with ECU.

The East Carolinian reached out to the ECU Athletic Department for comment, but per NCAA collegiate rules, the department is not allowed to comment on any commitments or decommitments of players, if the player did not formally sign with the university.

Martin was only a verbal commitment, so ECU athletics can not legally comment on the matter.

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