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The month of February marks the annual observance of Black History Month. ECU will recognize the importance of the month.

ECU celebrates culture

Faculty, student reflects on Black History Month

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Since 1976, February has been nationally recognized as Black History Month in the United States, and is even honored internationally. At East Carolina University, students and staff recognize the importance of the month and reflect on the reasoning behind it in their own way.

Vice Chancellor Virginia Hardy reflected on Black History Month and how all students and staff can appreciate it.

Hardy mentioned that she is a former middle school teacher, and would always take time in February to focus on not just the main figures of Black History Month, such as Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Malcolm X, but she said would also speak to her classes on accomplishments and struggles of the black population.

"Privilege is always a touchy conversation because people get defensive. But there is unearned privilege that exists gender-wise and racially. White privilege is also a real concept. How can you use your privilege to help someone else who may not have it? How do you try to equalize the playing field for everybody?," Hardy said.

Hardy mentioned the importance of these conversations



Virginia Hardy

throughout the entire year, not just February. Although they may be uncomfortable for both parties, Hardy said they are rewarding and educational.

"One of the things that I wish we did more of today is to have real conversations about race. Millennials and Gen X do it better. Not only by doing it in February, but throughout the 365 days of the year," Hardy said.

ECU's Ledonia Wright Cultural Center also focuses on "providing specialized diversity and social justice experiences so all students can become confident, culturally aware, global citizens," according to its website.

Assistant Director at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, Mariza James, mentioned how important it is to learn about African-American history and their massive contributions to America. She said it is important to recognize their sacrifices toward America and help support their path to social equality still to this day.

"Although there is still work to be done, it is important for people to learn about the battles African Americans have fought throughout history and how they have helped pave the way for many," James said.

While massive strides have been made toward true equality in the United States, many citizens believe there is

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ECU brings awareness to sexual assault

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On a college campus one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC). On East Carolina University's campus in 2018 there were 14 rapes on-campus and 14 off-campus, according to the annual security report.

While a college campus is a bustling place during the day there are people who have night classes as well and this is when most forms of sexual assault occur. ECU defines sexual assault as the penetration no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by any sex organ (penis, vagina, anus) of another person, without their consent.

Freshman Johanna Athey, a psychology major, said she makes sure to never walk alone and always carry her pepper spray. She said she keeps the pepper spray on her keychain for easy access if something were to happen.

"Pay attention to your surroundings and don't look down while walking predators want an easy target, someone that won't see them coming if they're walking alone not paying attention. While it is tempting to look at a text or skip a song it is in that second something could happen," Athey said.

If something were to happen whether it is sexual assault, offensive touching or rape, there are several resources on campus that can help. Title IX compliance officer for the Office for Equity and Diversity (OED), Malorie Yeaman, said the role of its office is to administer the university's notice of nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy as well on sexual and gender based harassment and interpersonal violence.

"They (the victim) can always speak confidentially with either the counseling center or student health services those are the two confidential reporting (or assistance) options on campus and if they would like to share information those resources will be able to help them navigate what their options are for the next steps," Yeaman said.

She said the OED's responsibility is to investigate and look for that evidence. Each case looks different and is treated differently in how they go about asking questions



Malorie Yeaman

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Monologues share stories about women

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Interviewing about 200 women, Vagina Monologues writer, Eve Ensler wrote the play that is now performed in locations all over the world and will be coming to East Carolina University tomorrow at 7 p.m in Wright Auditorium.

While the event is free, audience members are encouraged to bring donations to go to the Center for Family Violence Prevention. Ashley Cleland, associate director for the ECU Women and Gender Office and director of The Vagina Monologues, explains how impactful the donations can be.

"They can donate at the door, even a dollar helps. So many of the stories we are telling and so many of the stories of women in general involve some of the things that the Center for Family Violence Prevention prevents and responds to. They support people in our community, so it's important that we give back. So even if students can give a dollar, that

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Ashley Cleland

Caddell showcases growth

Daniel Shepard
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Spring scrimmages have ended and the calendar reads mid-February. Around Greenville, North Carolina, that means baseball season for East Carolina University is right around the corner.

In less than a week, head coach Cliff Godwin's Pirates will take on The College of William & Mary, kicking off the coach's sixth season at the helm of the program. Four trips to the NCAA Regionals in five years marks Godwin's success at ECU, but a trip to the College World Series still looms as a goal yet to be obtained.

With much flux to the roster after seven Pirates were selected by major league franchises last summer, preseason scrimmages have perhaps never been more important for the coaching staff and players alike.

"It's been a unique year, just with 18 new guys, 18 returners," Godwin said. "Just getting everybody on the same page I would say is where we've had the most growth."

Roughly half the roster being new and a number of reserves from last year expected to be key contributors, leadership among the players is critical. As the roster is currently constructed, the Pirates have 11 upperclassmen who chipped in to help last year's team with 47 games and advance to a Super Regional.

Names like Bryant Packard, Spencer Brickhouse and Jake Agnos are gone, and have been replaced with guys like junior left-handed pitcher/first baseman Alec Burleson and junior outfielders Christian Smallwood and Bryson Worrell.

"With eighteen newcomers that we have, obviously there's a lot



Seth Caddell readies for a pitch during a game last season.

more teaching going on," Godwin said during his team's media day. "I thought coach (Jeff) Palumbo, coach (Jason) Dietrich, coach (Austin) Knight, the entire coaching staff did a really good job getting the new guys acclimated to our system and understanding the fundamentals of what we need to do to be successful."

While it is on the coaching staff to teach the fundamentals, it is also left up to the older guys like Burleson, Smallwood and Worrell to instruct and make the younger guys aware of the culture that exists within Pirate baseball.

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BRIEFS

Student Center will celebrate Valentine's Day

Tonight, the Main Campus Student Center will host a semi-formal dance from 7:07 p.m. to 10 p.m. as an early celebration of Valentine's day. There will be food, drinks and games at the event, which will take place in ballrooms A and B.

College of Business will host job fair preparation

Tomorrow, the college of business will be holding an event to prepare students for the upcoming job and internship fair. This event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Rivers building.

Students to be offered financial literacy tips

Tomorrow from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center, Citizen U will host a financial literacy session to help aid students in making financial decisions and the car buying process. There will be four guest speakers and Olive Garden will be provided for dinner.

Alpha Phi Omega to host informational meeting

The Kappa Upsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Omega will host a meeting from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in Bate room 1025. It will detail information for students interested in joining the fraternity, including membership fees.

FBLA-PBL to prepare students for conference

Tomorrow, Future Business Leaders of America's Phi Beta Lambda division will be hosting a preparatory meeting for the State Leadership Conference. The meeting is being held in Bate 1012 and will take place from 4:30 to 5 p.m. The event will prep willing participants in what they need to prepare for the conference in Charlotte, NC from April 2 to 5.

Leadership group to present marketing skills

Today, the G.O.L.D. Leader Series will host "Effective Marketing Strategies" from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in Bate 1012. The event will offer students efficient marketing strategies for students and will be presented by ECU Career Services.

ECU to offer support for those looking for recovery

Today Student Affairs, the Center for Counseling and Student Development and the Collegiate Recovery Community will host a "Recovery Road All Meeting" from 7 to 8 p.m. in Rawl 2014. The meeting will offer a peer-led support group for those hoping to examine their drug and alcohol use and welcome pathways to recovery.

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The East Carolina Interfraternity Council Board members gather behind the Main Campus Student Center to host its Pie a President event in April 2019.

IFC looks forward to progress

The Interfraternity Council reflects on the improvements of 2019

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East Carolina University's Interfraternity Council (IFC) looks forward to improvements among its chapters in 2020 while it reflects back on the growth made in 2019. Board members hope with the upcoming year to see accountability among its members to restore its public relations with ECU and the surrounding community.

Former IFC President Anthony Fraraccio said since 2018, the IFC has achieved numerous accomplishments, which include an increase in recruitment, adopting its own charity, the creation of its own website, an increase in social media use and the re-establishment of Lambda Chi Alpha.

He relates the 7% increase in recruitment to the increase in social media activity. He said by following students who have the ECU 2023 hashtag in their social media bio, he was able to bring more eyes to the IFC Instagram page, which resulted in more interest in joining a chapter.

"After we started doing that, we went from 200 something followers to 900 something followers, Instagram pictures were getting 140 likes and above and just getting people to see it and look at it, the positive things we put out there, more people were interested after that," Fraraccio said.

Vice President of Recruitment and Retention Ryan Hagwood said the social media showcases the IFC and its chapters for incoming freshmen, which is something parents look out for when sending their kids off to college.

The IFC will continue to improve its social media presence, in hopes to spread the word about opportunities given when becoming a member, according to Hagwood.

"It's something for the parents too, because believe it or not a lot of people look at that (social media) too. When they are first sending their kids off they want to see what we have to offer in terms of community service, philan-

thropies and stuff like that," Hagwood said.

Additionally, Fraraccio said the IFC can thank its increase in recruitment to the chapters following Greek organizational accountability guidelines in 2019. Though some fraternities faced suspension and probation in 2018, there were not any issues the IFC faced this past year.

"We had a good year, 2019 nobody got in trouble during our term, nobody got kicked off so that whole spring when parents came and talked to us and said, 'Oh I heard about the recent stuff,' but I'm like yeah that was in 2018 and below," Fraraccio said.

IFC Vice President Brian Argonis new policies such as the Anti-Hazing Compliance Form, the New Member Education Plan of Accountability, the Grade Release Form and the New Member Presentation Checklist enforce a new standard process, which is more focused on accountability. The IFC will try to hold the fraternities at ECU more accountable for their poor actions of the past. This process is helping the IFC take more control over the fraternities, according to Argonis.

These policies were created to focus more on being transparent and to enhance the IFC's public relations with the community. A couple years ago, when a few fraternities were kicked off due to violations, it harmed its public image and severed their community relations, according to Argonis.

"These policies were created as the forefront for the foundation to help build our community image, becoming transparent with not only the school but becoming transparent with the Greenville community," Argonis said.

Argonis said he has served two terms on the IFC and when he first joined, there wasn't really a "set in stone policy" verified by the school or the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR).

They worked for over two years to create these policies which came to light in 2019 as the IFC finished them by making sure its policies corresponded with the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and other National Organizations, according to Argonis.

"We are trying to create a foundation out of nothing. There weren't really any policies two or three years ago about holding these fraternities accountable for their actions. It was kind of a mess. These policies are helping clean up the mess and get everything well organized again," Argonis said.

Argonis said the IFC will continue to focus more on philanthropic events in 2020, such as events like the Grid Clean Up. The IFC also chose the Purple Pantry as its primary charity in 2019 and hopes to work with them more in 2020 because the charity is a great community philanthropy that helps everyone in the university get involved, according to Fraraccio.

Besides focusing on charity and philanthropy work, the IFC will focus on expanding its council. In 2019 it brought back Lambda Chi Alpha and made a total of 15 chapters in the council. Fraraccio said though the chapter was one of the first on campus, it dissolved due to poor leadership.

"They were one of the first four chapters here on campus back in 1958 and after being here for 40 to 50 years I think their chapter kind of just imploded, just had bad leadership and it didn't really work out," Fraraccio said.

Typically it is a four year timeframe for a chapter to come back and after leaving campus 2010, members asked to be welcomed back as a chapter in the IFC. After voting, Fraraccio said the agreement was unanimous.

Now, Argonis said Lambda Chi Alpha has a lot of alumni presence and its chapter is going strong since it has been brought back.

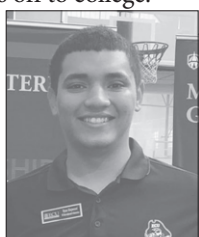
The IFC is also going to slowly expand more. He said if they bring back three or four fraternities during the same year too quickly, it will mess up the requirement process because each new chapter is going to try to meet its quotas and it would just take from the other fraternities that have been here for so much longer.



Brian Argonis



Anthony Fraraccio



Ryan Hagwood



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Students remember sexual assault victims.

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and gathering evidence. She said she would really like people to feel comfortable coming forward and to also let them know that they can bring someone for support and they encourage it even if it's an attorney.

Senior Equal Opportunity Complaint Investigator for OED Susan Martin said she always recommends the live safe app because with the touch of a button you can have the police or resources right there. The app can be used anywhere on campus and in Greenville as well.



Susan Martin

"There is no time limit on reporting so it allows people to come forward whenever they're ready," Martin said.

When someone is ready resources will be made available to help so the process can be done as smoothly as possible. However, there are challenges presented with this like if it is reported many years later people are often gone, memories fade so it is challenging but they can report whenever they're ready Martin said.

If there is lack of evidence or you believe there is help is still available. Martin said they have a burden of proof and it is preponderance, which some describe as 50% and a feather whichever tips the scale. Word on word accounts is difficult because there are only two people in the room those are challenging she said, but it is helpful if there are text messages afterwards or talking to people so there are witnesses.

Remember consent is voluntary and active not passive. It is explicit approval and permission to engage in sexual activity demonstrated by clear actions and mutually understood by all parties. If you're ready to report any sexual misconduct there is a complaint and concern form on the OED site where students can be report anonymously or with your name.

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Students protest in remembrance of the victims who were killed by police brutality in America.

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a long way to go. Shaun Simon, the associate director at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, said many issues still face the African-American community.

Simon said it is up to the entire community to tackle issues making up systematic oppression, not just the African-American community. "Unfair housing practices, failing schools and the school-to-prison pipeline, which continues to feed the prison industrial complex where African-Americans make up 32% of the population while only being 13% of the American population," Simon said.

This month, LWCC will hold multiple events to celebrate and bring awareness to Black

History Month. On Feb. 7, they held Black HIV and AIDS Awareness day, to bright light to the health struggles the African-American community face.

Additionally, Simon said we do not need to connect the start of black history with slavery, but should strive to honor African Americans as a major piece of America's greatness.

"We need to recognize that black history did not begin with slavery and does not end with slavery. African Americans are a part of America's inventors, educators and writers, which is part of the tapestry of America's greatness. As a community, we should recognize that," Simon said.

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OUR VIEW

LGBT grant helps support group's safety

On Feb. 4, the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center at East Carolina University received a \$2,000 grant from the Campaign for Southern Equality to promote advocacy work in K-12 Pitt County schools.

Funds from the grant will be used for Safe Zone Training for educators in collaboration with the College of Education and Campus Recreation and Wellness at ECU, according to Adam Polaski, communications director at the Campaign for Southern Equality.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, are thankful for the Campaign for Southern Equality for supporting the Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center at ECU to supply efforts to work toward bullying prevention and gender inclusion for schools through the community to create safer learning environments for the future generation, as well as potential Pirates.

It is important to not only support any and all students that fall under the LGTBQ umbrella, but to ensure that those students are being treated fairly and appropriately in a public school setting. Making every individual feel comfortable in their own skin and as themselves will allow them to reach their fullest potential as an individual and as a member of society.

Our community is forever evolving with diversity and we believe it is important to spread awareness for the LGBTQ identified youth and the struggles they may face while attending school. With this grant, we hope that educators can work together with ECU to provide a better outlook for this community of K-12 students, and be an example to other schools.

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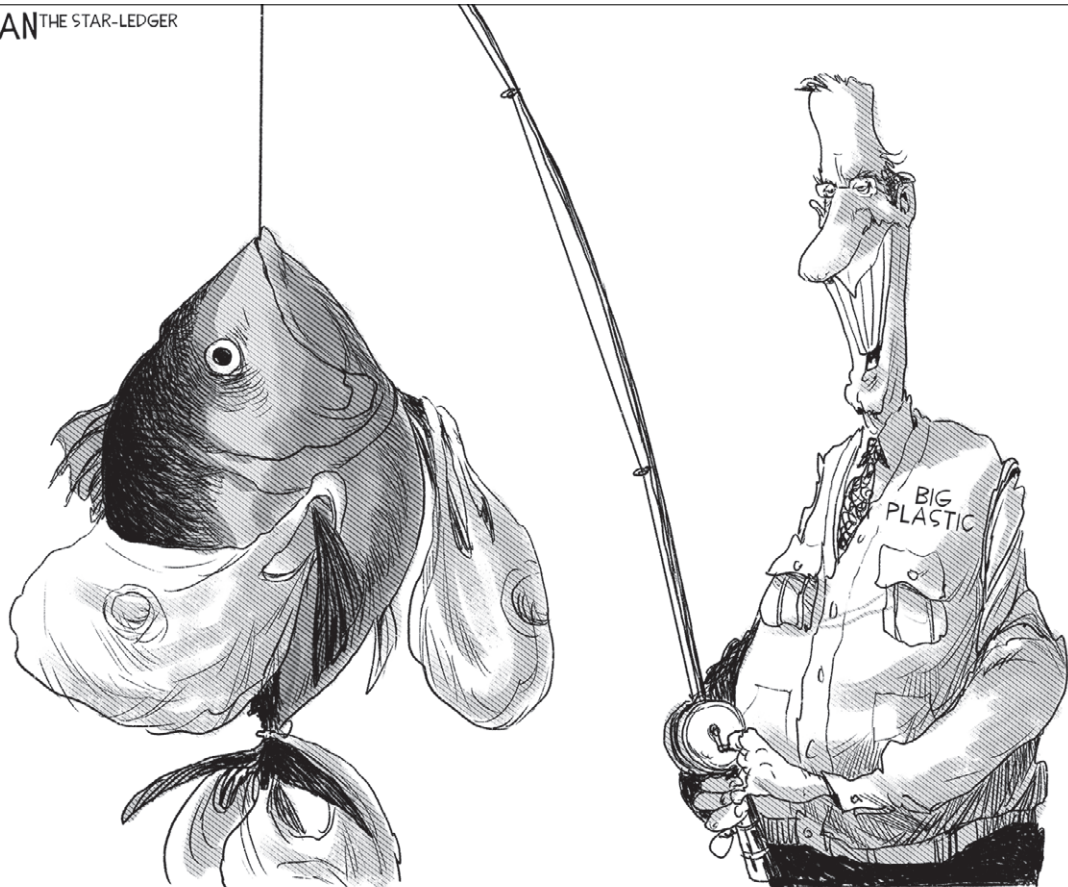
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"DON'T LOOK AT THIS FISH AS DROWNING IN A SEA OF PLASTIC, LOOK AT IT AS PRE-WRAPPED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE."

Party lines harm the people

Partisanship has no place in local policy and universities

Down Pat



Pat Polomchak
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University has a problem, and it starts at the very top. Recently, the UNC Board of Governors voted to take no action regarding the scandal involving Board of Trustees members Robert Moore and Phil Lewis. A lot has been said regarding these matters, so I decided it was time I weighed in as well.

While Lewis resigned and the BOT voted to have Moore censured, this action does not feel like enough. I don't pretend to know all of the backroom politics that are involved in the situation, but, it's clear to me that politics must be the reason behind this lack of an effective solution.

The scandal and ensuing chaos surrounding both the BOG and the BOT are perfect examples of why I have always maintained the notion that partisanship and political lines in general have no place in local issues.

Local politics is about what is best

for the people in the area, whether we are talking about a city, a county or a university. When corruption and partisanship get involved, the local region always suffers without fail.

It doesn't matter if you are running as a Republican or Democrat, although I recognize people put great stock (perhaps too much) in party affiliation. What matters is that you have the people's best interest at heart, and by letting politics get in the way you are doing a disservice to your constituents.

I think that is the main reason the scandal, along with the one involving Dan Gerlach, has gotten me so heated. ECU continues to suffer because certain people care more about personal interests than what the students want, and what is best for the students.

Going back to Gerlach, the student body was very clear in its support for Chancellor Dan, regardless of the allegations levied against him. And yet he was pressured into resigning from his interim position shortly before evidence that came to light said it was all a setup.

The whole situation just felt like someone had a vendetta against Gerlach, and even though he was doing

good things and acted as a chancellor who actually inspired his students, whatever ulterior motive that was behind everything was given a higher priority than the will of the students.

When I heard about the scandal with Lewis and Moore, I could not help but think of the events concerning Gerlach back in October. This is another blatant example of university officials taking matters into their own hands for personal benefit, rather than focusing on the students they serve.

Local politics, and by extension university administration, fails if it does not focus on the good of the people. The best candidate should be selected for the job, regardless of the candidate's personal affiliations. That clearly didn't happen in the case of Gerlach, and it doesn't seem to be happening in the case of the BOT. I am not sure what the solution is, but ECU deserves a break, and it deserves administrators that will put the university and its students above themselves.

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Plastic straw bans are not doing enough



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Save the turtles: a rare movement that seemed to unite millennials and consumers 35 years of age and younger under the banner that was to ban plastic straws. In 2018, the momentum began rather quickly as studies and research by scientists revealed that plastic straws can be ingested by wildlife (specifically turtles), and cause them to choke and die. A movement to ban plastic straws took off like a rocket.

Store after store and coffee shop after coffee shop began to ban plastic straws from being provided with their beverages. While this is environmentally responsible to a degree, banning plastic straws is not solving the entire issue of physical pollution on our Earth. Unless the entire drink container is reusable or plastic that is not just single-use, there is no way that it will have a legitimate effect on our environmental situation.

Presented in a study by Eco-pliant, approximately eight million pieces of plastic waste ends up in the oceans each day. While the movement is not as raucous as it was when it first started, it is staying strong. There are many more stores that have decided to use either no plastic straws or even straws that are made out of recyclable materials like a paper based material. While this may have seemed like a good idea at the time, I don't believe that it is solving the overall issue of plastic pollution at hand.

If stores are going to ban plastic straws why don't they use containers

"Banning plastic straws is not solving the real issue of physical pollution on our Earth. Unless the entire drink container is reusable or plastic that is not just single-use."

that are made of recyclable-safe materials? All single use plastics are the real problem here. They're used in a majority of drink containers that you would buy at one of these stores, the same stores that are preaching they have more environmentally friendly habits by banning straws.

While turtles might not be choking on a Starbucks cup, they are still having a damaging effect on the environment, especially via pollution. I feel like in this country it is so easy to get behind a specific movement when a cute animal is the face of that movement.

I'm not trying to take away from a lot of movements and organizations like the World Wildlife Foundation saving endangered species. Frankly, if using "cuteness" is a way to get people on the proverbial train of saving the environment then I'm all for it. If people really want to have a bigger positive impact on the environment (from a pollution standpoint), the U.S. needs to use containers that are more easily recyclable.

Another side of the coin is how these bans have an effect on those with disabilities. In an article written by Alice Wong via Eater.com, she details how vital plastic straws are to her on a daily basis. With her not being able to

lift most things and being confined to a wheelchair, plastic straws are necessary so she is physically able to drink it. A paper straw may seem like an obvious solution but she insists in the article that they are often inconsistent in quality. Some straws will quickly dissolve before she is finished and others hold strong, but overall they are vastly unreliable.

While I have no disability, I do agree that paper straws are unreliable and inconsistent compared to reusable straws or those that are plastic. Fixing the real issue at hand is vastly important and if we really expect to make an impact on the Earth's health, only banning plastic straws will ultimately fall short in the long run.

How do we as a nation expect to make a meaningful difference on the environment if we do not ban what is more damaging to it? Hopefully within the next decade single use plastics are phased out. If we really want to get more people on board with this idea, then perhaps we should make cute pictures of whales as the poster child. Perhaps that will make people actually care.

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ECU hockey raises funds for postseason



East Carolina University's club ice hockey team poses for a team photograph earlier this season. They are currently raising funds to help them get to Regionals and eventually Nationals if they qualify.

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The East Carolina University club hockey team has seen much improvement from last year. Since the beginning of its last season, the team has undergone some changes. A strong group of young freshmen and sophomores have helped bring the team to now hold second place in their conference.

The team is overwhelmingly made up of young talent with a combined 20 players being underclassmen. Thomas Keisler, Caleb Downs, Christopher DePerno, Benn Damm, Seth Bunch, Ricardo Kornegay, Alex Fisher, Cam Gross, Hudson Sheaffer, and Ben Kellman make up the freshmen class.

David Carvak, Drew Chasanov, Shane Ross, Andrew Kiriloff, Mason McMahon, Graham Emmet, Thomas Brueing, Thomas Inacio, and Justin Hess make up the sophomore class.

"We only have three seniors this year, and 90% of our team is made up of freshmen and sophomores," head coach Aaron Coleman said. "We have a very young team, which is good because that means I get to work with this group of players for the next three to four years."



Aaron Coleman

Typically when a team brings in a lot of new players there can be some difficulties. New personalities may clash, some of the new guys may not fully buy into the system or under-

"It is a really great feeling to know I am a part of this. It is rewarding in itself."

-Aaron Coleman

stand how things work in the new playstyle, but that hasn't been the case for the Pirates this year.

"Everybody has bought in, we got a lot of new players, we have about 10 new guys on the team so we are really young," Kiriloff stated. "This is our coach's third year with the team so he has been able to groom a lot of these guys. So we are all just buying into the system."

These young players have come to play this season as several of them have been key contributors to the team's success this season. Kiriloff, McMahon, Gross, Kellman, and Hess are five of the team's top six scorers. Kiriloff and McMahon are tied for first on the team with 20 goals each, Gross is in second with 19, Hess is fifth with 13 and Kellman is directly behind him with 12.

With the young additions, the Pirates currently sit at an 8-3-1 record. That is eight wins, three losses, and an overtime loss. The overtime loss still gives the Pirates a point in the rankings. The pirates have been dominant at home and have a home record of 5-0-1.

"Last year we were about .500. We went like 8-8," Kiriloff said. "Right now we are like 10-2-1 so it has

definitely been a big step in the right direction."

The team is considered a club so they have had to operate differently than how the football team or basketball team gets to. While those teams have their own courts or field that they can use whenever they want to and not have to share it with anyone else that is not the case for the hockey team. They have to buy ice time at a local rink that is fair use for the public.

"Funds wise we do well. We get a decent amount of funds from the school that lets us pay for ice time," Senior Captain Nick Digiovannantonio said. "We have had to use all of the allocated funds from the school so we are done with that. Now it is all on us. We pay with our dues...That will usually fund the rest of our season. Cam has started a go fund me which has got I think almost \$2,500 right now and that will pay for hotels for the playoffs."

Coach Coleman has been very proud of the team's progress and has faith in his players that they will continue to progress and be able to compete with the best of teams.

"It is a really great feeling to know I am a part of this," Coach Coleman said, "It is rewarding in itself to know where we are and where we are heading to."

Playoffs begin Feb. 14 and go through Feb. 15. From there the Pirates hope to qualify for Regionals and from there, Nationals.

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One of those upperclassmen, junior catcher Seth Caddell, has been tasked with showing the ropes to two junior colleges additions behind the plate. Juniors Ben Newton and Matt James, as well as freshman Justin Wilcoxon, have rotated catching duties behind Caddell this spring. All three have also racked up time in the outfielder, with Newton holding down second base during Saturday's scrimmage.

"I think Seth has done a really good job of understanding what it takes to be consistent at this level and he's grown up a whole lot and continued to grow," Godwin said. "Ben Newton and Matt James are two JC guys. Give you different things but they've done a really good job of getting better."

As a reserve behind Jake Washer for two seasons, Caddell only earned limited playing time. Nevertheless, he will enter the 2020 season with 41 starts and 159 career at-bats under his belt and the distinction as the only catcher on the roster with Division I experience.



Seth Caddell

While his .239 career batting average doesn't necessarily jump off the page, he does have seven home runs and 26 RBI to his credit, along with five doubles and a triple.

Catchers, however, have a deeper responsibility than making an impact offensively.

Of course, good catchers are ones who can hit home runs and be a consistent force in the middle of a lineup, but great backstops are ones who build and maintain a relationship with their pitching staff.

"That was a big thing for me, just being behind (Jake) Wash(er) for two years and just seeing how he would lead the pitching staff and what I needed to do once he left," Caddell said.

Washer, who is now in the Chicago Cubs organization, caught a pitching staff that posted a 3.96 ERA (second in AAC) last season while pitching the most innings (577.2) in the league. ECU also led the conference in strikeouts (595), strikeouts looking (205) and wins (47) while issuing the least amount of free passes (213).

With Washer gone, it is now up to Caddell to get to know and guide a pitching staff that features upwards of 20 arms.

"If I've caught somebody multiple times, I'll make sure I'll switch and make sure I know how everybody is throwing," Caddell said. "What their strengths and what their weaknesses is. How to talk to a certain pitcher, if he's doubting himself or he's up, just keeping him calm. It's been different just having so many of them but I like it just so I can get to know everybody a lot better."

Still up in the air with less than a week remaining before the season is who Caddell will catch on Opening Day. Both junior right-handed pitcher Gavin Williams and junior left-handed pitcher Jake Kuchmaner are dealing with injuries as the season approaches.

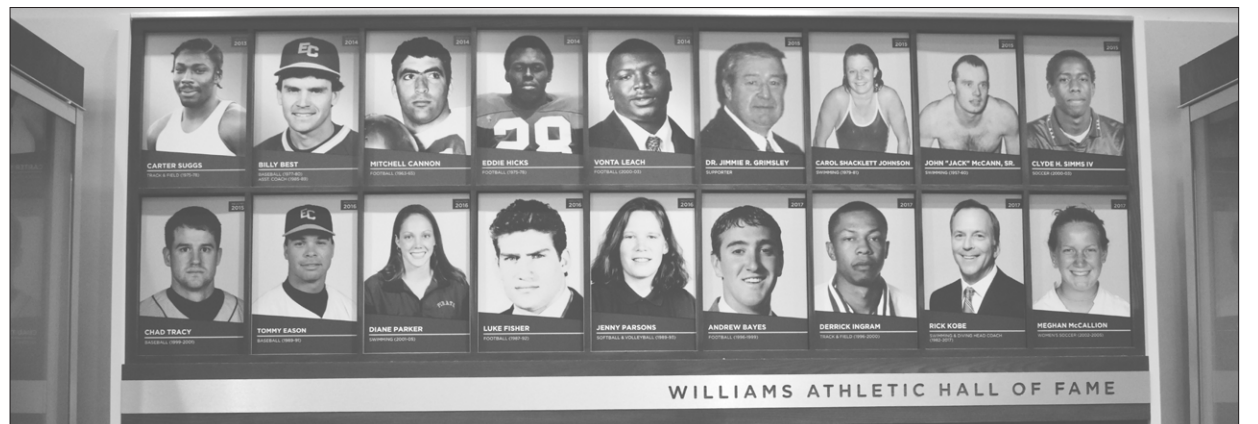
Williams, who is dealing with a finger injury, will miss opening weekend altogether, while Kuchmaner will be on a pitch count after suffering shoulder soreness for much of the spring.

In response, Godwin has confirmed Burleson will likely start at some point during the weekend, as will senior right-handed pitcher Tyler Smith and Kuchmaner.

Even with Williams battling injury and set to miss some time, the Pirates still boast one of the best rotations in the conference. With their pure talent and Caddell's experience and leadership behind the plate, 2020 could be a special season in Clark-LeClair Stadium for ECU.

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Athlete reflects on honor



Hall of Fame member Meghan McCallion (bottom row, far right) in the 2013-2017 section of the Hall of Fame wall located inside Minges.

Brendan Cavazos
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's Hall of Fame inducts a number of former Pirates every year from various sports to celebrate their success during their collegiate career. There are many athletes who have had great careers, and their significance is celebrated with their place in the exclusive group. This is a great honor to receive as a student-athlete.

Many Pirates come to East Carolina looking to change the course of their sports history, but in comparison, only a select few are immortalized with their position in the ECU Hall of Fame.

Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is a process that requires more than just great athletic ability. Former ECU athletes must be nominated to be considered, and then they must meet the right criteria in order to be fully inducted. Certain aspects such as academics and post-collegiate career are considered before induction.

"Anybody can nominate a former student-athlete, but just because they are nominated it doesn't mean it will move forward," ECU Hall of Fame coordinator, Sonni Minton said. "It has to meet the bylaws, and there are certain bylaws in place."

Meghan McCallion was inducted in 2017 for her accomplishments on the ECU women's soccer team. As a forward, her high scoring ability earned her many accolades during her career to compliment her place in the hall.

"I first got the call that I was being inducted and I was extremely honored," McCallion said. "I had to fly down, they had a whole event planned, there was a dinner, then we went out onto the football field. It was just a really special day, the whole weekend was actually amazing."

She is ECU's all-time leader in points with 96 and goals with 39. As a freshman, she was given recognition very quickly by being placed on the All-Conference USA freshman team in 2002. Over the course of her career, McCallion earned a spot on the All-Conference USA first-team in both 2003 and 2004. In 2003, she also was put on the All-Southeast Region third-team.

The memories and friendships of her college life are very

valuable to her. McCallion loved being a part of the soccer team and enjoyed the fun times that it brought. She remembers the traveling, and the cities she was able to see during away games. The people, however, were the best experience for her. The team she was surrounded by is still significant to her, and she keeps up with them to this day.

McCallion graduated from East Carolina in 2005 with a degree in marketing. She worked on Wall Street in Manhattan for 10 years before taking a pause in her career. She is very grateful to have been able to start a family and raise two daughters with her husband. McCallion says she kicks the ball around occasionally, but looks to pass the torch to the next generation of athletes through her family, despite the northern environment she lives in.

"My daughter, who's three, I just signed her up for a little fall league and I was her coach," McCallion said. "I'm trying to give back a little bit, but lacrosse is very big up here."

ECU stood out to McCallion while she was searching for a place to begin her career. She was being recruited by multiple schools, but she was searching for the perfect fit. She loved being a part of a team and valued that aspect. The Pirates' women's soccer team seemed to be the missing piece for McCallion when she made her decision to commit to East Carolina.

"When I went to go visit all these schools, my biggest thing was the group of girls that I was going to be playing with, who I was going to be spending my four years with," McCallion said. "And when I went to ECU, I just fell in love with the group of girls. I thought they were awesome. I definitely felt like they were a team and also a family. That's what I was really looking for. I was happy to find the whole package at ECU."

McCallion's name has been set in stone as a Pirate. Her career is one that deserves to be recognized, and has been immortalized by the East Carolina Hall of Fame. The recognition is greatly appreciated by McCallion, who is proud to call herself a Pirate.

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Meghan McCallion

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Practice physical and health routines that make you stronger. Demand for your work is on the rise. Focus on one step at a time.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Keep your cool and consider all options. Discuss potential changes first with the ones you love. Don't get hooked by another's complaints. Follow your heart.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Adjust plans for domestic improvements. Research costs and benefits. Put together a working budget. Talk with family and household. Get everyone on the same page.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Dig deeper into a favorite subject. Avoid controversy or risky business. Ignore distractions or gossip. Research, write and communicate your views. Patiently clarify and edit.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Handle financial transactions with extra care. Slow to avoid costly mistakes. Keep a positive attitude and stay in communication, especially regarding payments. Handle basic tasks.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Focus on personal matters. It doesn't need to cost a fortune to upgrade your style. Update your image. Promote conscious optimism. Inspire yourself and others.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Meditate on your next steps before taking them. The decision you make could have long-lasting consequences. Do more research before venturing forth.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You have more friends than you realized. Strengthen long-lasting bonds and connections. Offer and share support. Forgive small transgressions. Stay in communication.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Career matters take focus. New information challenges old beliefs. Navigate disagreements diplomatically. Keep your objective in mind. Social connections can help professionally.

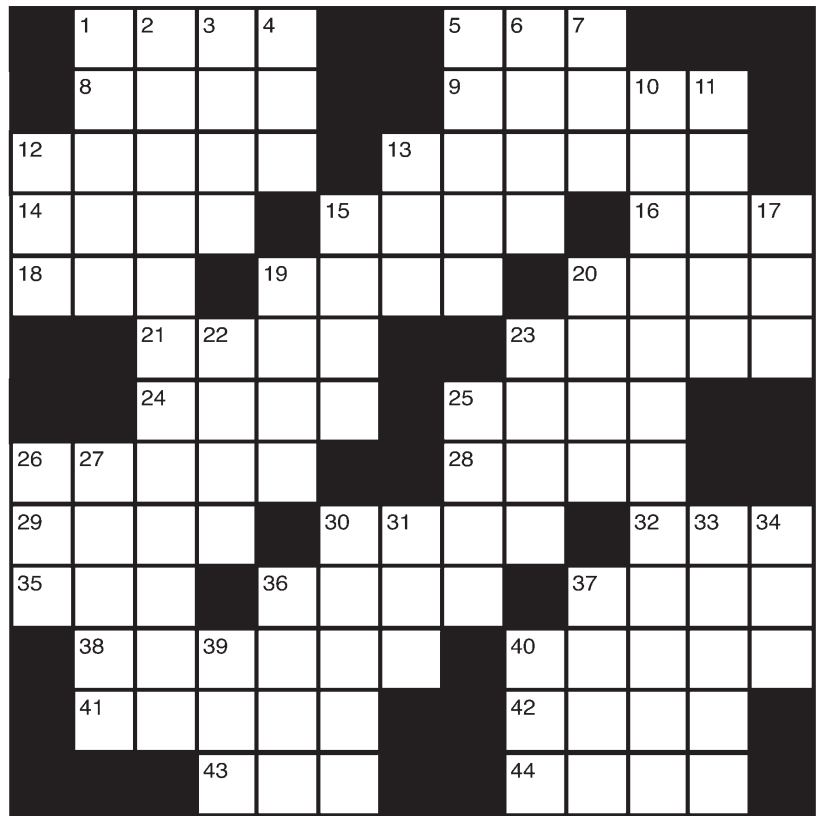
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Dive into your studies and research to defend a case or position. What you're learning has practical implications. Use new tools. Document your exploration.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- To avoid later trouble, manage finances strictly by the book. Keep things organized with your investments, taxes and legal affairs. Update budgets and proposals.

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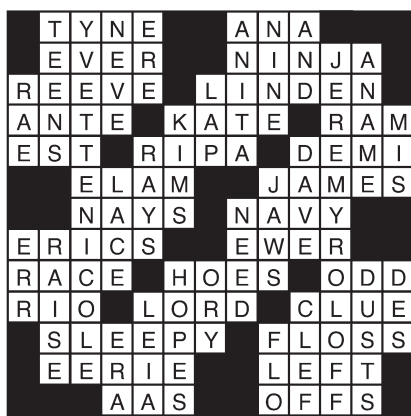
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 - 19 Singer/songwriter Billy ___
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 - 23 Actor Eisenberg
 - 24 "___ of Tomorrow"; Tom Cruise film
 - 25 Beaver's mom
 - 26 Actresses Tracey and Missy
 - 28 Dog on "The Thin Man"
 - 29 Flows back
 - 30 Angry speech
 - 32 Expert accountant, for short
 - 35 Actress West
- DOWN**
- 1 "If ___ Hammer"; Pete Seeger song
 - 2 Actor on "The Big Bang Theory"
 - 3 Author Leon ___
 - 4 "We're off to ___ the Wizard..."
 - 5 Fred Mertz's wife
 - 6 "___ the Press"
 - 7 Make a boo-boo
 - 10 "American Idol" host
 - 11 Lisa Marie's dad
 - 12 "Space ___"; movie for Michael Jordan
 - 13 Revolutionary Guevara
 - 15 Nat King ___
 - 17 Feasted
 - 19 Lively Irish dances
 - 20 Clark ___; Tom Welling's role on "Smallville"
 - 22 ___ up; tallies
 - 23 "___ Shoot Me!"
 - 25 Kyra Sedgwick's role on "Ten Days in the Valley"
 - 26 Ruby or topaz
 - 27 Michelle or Malia
 - 30 "Ghost ___"; movie for Nicolas Cage
 - 31 King Kong, for one
 - 33 Amanda and her family
 - 34 Commercials
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 - 37 Lead role on "The Nanny"
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7 p.m.

Karaoke at Pitt Street Brewing Co.
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7 p.m.

TOMORROW

Outer Banks Brewing Fight Night
Dickinson Avenue Public House
5:30 p.m.

Sustainability Film & Discussion Series
ECU Main Campus Student Center
6:30 p.m.

Liquid Stranger
The State Theater
8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Stumpy's Hatchet House Galentine's Party
Stumpy's Hatchet House
5 p.m.

Students showcase new music

'Frequencies' concert highlights talents of ECU musicians

Hannah Bolick
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's School of Music based organization, North Carolina NewMusic Initiative, will present Frequencies, a student-run performance of music from the 20th and 21st centuries by many different student groups and individuals, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in Fletcher Recital Hall.

According to ECU second year choral conducting and vocal pedagogy graduate student, Davis Martin, who is organizing the Frequencies concert, NC NewMusic Initiative is an organization that looks to promote the performance of new music, or pieces of music that are relatively newly composed.

Usually after they choose and prepare a recital of work, professional guest musicians will read-through some student compositions. In opposi-



Davis Martin

tion to the norm, at Thursday's concert, students will be performing new music of their choice by professional, established composers.

"This kind of thing is super awesome here because the students get excited about it. They do music that they are already playing or that they want to play," Martin said. "It's important that we as music majors or just students of music, in general, have things we care about, especially pieces that are modern still."

Evan Martschenko, sophomore music theory major, agreed that this concert gives him a chance to play music that normally he wouldn't have a chance to play. He said that "new music is often not what people expect," and that the solo piano piece that he will be playing at the concert fits the bill.

"It has a very nice melody and it is very pretty but at one point in the piece I will just lay

my forearms on the keys and bang away with my forearms. Right, that's not typical. You are used to seeing a pianist sit down and play some Beethoven with their fingers as opposed to their forearms," Martschenko said.

He went on to say that this type of music often sounds weird to people when they hear it for the first time, but that "it is about breaking the norms about classical music." He said that just because it may be a little unusual, doesn't mean the music isn't pretty but just that it is presented in an unconventional, new, manner.

Alice Rosario, senior music composition major, is a member of a group called UnCaged which will be performing in the Frequencies concert. This group's style inherently lends itself to the playing of new music.

"The goal is not only for us to grow as musicians, but to share contemporary works within the past century to the general public," Rosario said.

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really helps," Cleland said.

All of the stories told on stage deal with topics such as violence against women, menstruation, sex work and more.

Senior animation major, Shayla Simons, producer of this year's event, explained that it is important for society to talk about different subjects such as women's experiences through their life, sexuality, and anything related to women.

"Someone may be hearing this, can find comfort in knowing that these things are not just explicit to them, other women go through it as well. It's just a really nice play to put on to teach the community what it is to be a woman or female-identifying in today's society," Simons said.



Shayla Simons

The performance is entirely performed by the ECU community. Each year new faces and some returning ones put on the show. Cleland explained that by having different people perform every year, it "brings new life into the words."

Long time cast member and junior art major, Rose Bogue, explained that the Vagina Monologues got them involved at ECU and now is assistant director of the performance.

"The Vagina Monologues was what first got me involved in extracurriculars at ECU. My freshman year, I auditioned just because my English professor asked me to. For two years I performed as a monologist for the show and this year I figured it was time for the next step. Now I am the assistant director," Bogue said.

This year's Vagina Monologues will be per-

formed as a staged reading as opposed to having cast members memorize a script. Cleland explained that it is a way to not stress out the monologists.

"Statistically women worry or feel guilty seven to eight times a day and that says something big because the average for men is twice. So one of the reasons it is a staged reading is so we don't add to that mental load," Cleland said.

The Vagina Monologues allows for hundreds of women's stories to be told to impact and empower others. Bogue expressed how telling these stories can not only empower others but also the one reading it.

"The Vagina Monologues is a collection of real women's stories. The topics range from sex work to first love, with the common themes being vaginas and body image. When the cast performs the show, they are empowering not only the women whose stories this work is based on but also themselves," Bogue said.

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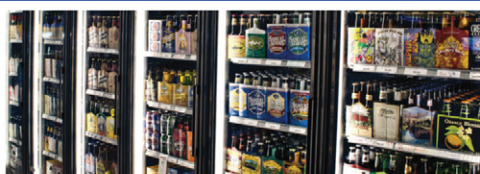
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