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East Carolina University student walks down Jarvis Street, which is a part of the community known as the grid amongst ECU.

## ECU hopes to increase parking areas

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Parking has been a concern among East Carolina University's students for years. However, parking and transportation have begun to look at expansion lots for students to combat the expensive use of the parking garage.

Junior recreation therapy major Rebecca Bier attends a majority of her classes at the College of Health and Human Performance (HHP) and uses a C lot parking pass to travel on and off campus.

ECU offers both C and D lot parking near the HHP college. However, Bier said D lot makes up a big portion of the parking and the C lot is much further away.

"It's fine if you're not running late, but on Wednesdays I have class from 9 to 9:50 at the stadium, and then I have to get to the belk building before 10. So I don't have time to look for a spot and then go down the road and walk," Bier said.

Aside from the classes Bier attends at the HHP college, she said she also needs to take fitness classes at the recreation center on main campus and during these classes she uses the parking garage. She said she needs 14 of these separate classes, which last little over an hour each.



Rebecca Bier

"That's going to be about 30 to 40 dollars in order to finish one of my classes. I'm paying that on top of the parking pass I had to buy," Bier said.

Josh Puckett, parking and transportation enforcement supervisor, expressed clarification about where ECU budgetary funds and revenue from parking passes and issued tickets go.

Puckett said that when it comes to citations, 80% of the money goes to the state of North Carolina and 20% goes back into parking.

"If we write \$10,000 worth of citations, they're taking \$8,000 of that right off the top. The \$2,000 just runs into our general budget. That can be used for anything from repairs, purchasing equipment or paying staff salaries, it just depends on where that money is needed," Puckett said.

Puckett said the majority of revenue from the new parking garage goes into paying the loan off and back into the upkeep of the garage itself.

Director of Parking and Transportation, Deb Garfi, said she believes the parking garages are too expensive for the university to build and that it costs them about \$22,000 per parking space to build.

Garfi said ECU doesn't get state money or tuition dollars to run parking and that they have to use their own money to

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## Housing lacks comfort

Student tenants feel taken advantage of by landlords

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While living alone off-campus may seem enticing to East Carolina University students, many current tenants who rent properties on the grid have expressed feelings of being taken advantage of by their landlords.

Last year, a thread on Reddit asked ECU students the best place to rent a house off-campus. Multiple people replied with recommendations, but also with complaints against rental services such as Pirate Places.

Users on the website expressed their difficulties as tenants on the grid, the area of houses that surround the university where most students reside. One user wrote that they experienced a cockroach infestation and their landlord never addressed the issue.

"We have had a roach infestation since day one and nothing was done about it. If we have a problem with the house or question he straight up ignores us. His business should be shut down," Reddit user iMRB13 said.

Senior English major Michelle Ramos currently resides at a home on the grid rented from Pirate Places and said she has experienced issues with her landlord taking advantage of her and her roommates.

Ramos mentioned multiple issues

with her landlord, including massive leaks, lack of hot water and issues with her heating system. Ramos said there was one night where they were left without heating because her landlord didn't respond to her texts and calls until the next day.

"It would have been fine if he hadn't been so defensive and just spoken with us in a way that didn't make us



feel stupid. I guess he assumes since we're female college students that we don't know what's going on with our house," Ramos said.

Multiple students have expressed feeling taken advantage of by landlords on online platforms such as Twitter and Reddit. Many companies rent houses to students in the Greenville area., such as University Area Properties.

The owner of University Area Properties, Charles O'Connor, has provided off campus housing services for over 20 years but mentioned he has run into competition with newer apartment complexes in the last few years. When asked if he had any advice for students looking to rent houses, O'Connor cited a few key points.

"I think sometimes students feel there is a rush and they have to rent the houses they tour as soon as possible, like they've got to get it before some-

body else does. I think if they go to the landlord saying 'I'm very interested but I would like to take a look at it one more time' it helps," O'Connor said.

O'Connor said many students often rush into a lease too quickly without knowing all the details of the living arrangements. He recommended in order to make sure it's the place a student wants to go ask if you could come back tomorrow and look at the property again.

"I always tell the people I show properties to that I'm going to step outside and let them talk to the current renters and ask about their current landlord. Talk to the current tenants and ask what utilities are like, what is the landlord like, do you like living here, etcetera," O'Connor said.

Ramos also recommended for students to look at multiple properties, not the first one they fall in love with. She also said asking the current tenants what they think of the property is vital. Ramos said to involve your parents because they will know more about the process with renting a house.

When reaching out for a follow up interview with Pirate Places, Property Manager and landlord Kiel McAdam declined to comment on issues expressed by students who reside on the grid.

"I really don't want to participate at this point," McAdam said.

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## ECU students to dance for a cause

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East Carolina University's student-led organization, Piratethon, will be dancing for a cause on Sunday from 3 to 9 p.m. in the ballrooms of the Main Campus Student Center.

The organization's dance marathon is an event rallied around raising money for the Children's Miracle Network. Participants pledge to stay standing for six hours to symbolize doctors and nurses who work on their feet to care for children.

Registration for the event is through DonorDrive where participants receive a personal donor link. The link allows people to donate money for the Children's Miracle Network. Those who wish to participate can sign up individually, or as a member of a team. Registration guarantees a T-shirt and dinner provided

by various donors. Participants can also register the day of the event at 2 p.m. outside of the ballrooms.

This will be the second year that Piratethon will host the dance marathon to raise money for Greenville's local Children's Miracle Network Hospital, James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital.

Coordinator of development for Vidant Health Foundation, Elise Ironmonger is working closely with Piratethon to ensure the success of the event.

"I'm just so proud of these students. I've worked with multiple different groups trying to get this event on ECU's campus and they've done

such a fantastic job. You can really tell they truly do it all for the kids," Ironmonger said.

Last year was the first annual dance marathon ECU hosted. With a goal of \$10,000, Piratethon raised \$15,387 for the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital.

Co-President of Piratethon, Tara Martin, junior communication and sociology major is confident that this year's event goal of \$20,000 will be exceeded. Martin says the number of participants registered to dance is greater than last year.

"We (Piratethon) are dancing for those who can't, and we want ECU to be a part of that journey," Martin said. "We have been tabling like crazy. We've been all around campus. We've been passing out lots of flyers, social media blasts."

Vice President of Piratethon,



Elise Ironmonger



Volunteers of Piratethon hold up the dollar amount of the money raised last year.

Mary Ellen Hunter, senior communication major, was a miracle child herself. At 15 years old, Hunter was diagnosed with three heart conditions: Wolff Parkinson's White syndrome, Supraventricular Tachycardia, and Vasovagal Syncope.

"When I was in the Children's hospital myself, I gained a level of empathy I didn't know I was capable of. Now that I'm healthy, I want to

give back to the children because I know how it feels to be in their shoes," Hunter said.

For more information on the dance marathon, visit Piratethon's Instagram or the event's website through Miracle Network Dance Marathon.

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ECU to host Student Safety Committee Night Walk

Tonight, the Student Safety Committee will host an annual night walk around East Carolina University's campus to survey the lighting on campus for safety purposes from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The walk will begin at ECU's Main Campus Student Center.

Student Recreation Center to offer all ladies climb night

Tonight, East Carolina University's Student Recreation Center will host a ladies only event with an all-female staff from 9 to 10 p.m. The staff will assist in teaching the basics of climbing and belaying.

East Carolina University to host a leadership series

Tomorrow, G.O.L.D Leader series will offer a leadership lunchbox series from 12 to 1 p.m. in room 107 at East Carolina University's Main Student Center. The event offers friendly discussions about the importance of student leader engagement with an ECU faculty or staff over a free lunch. Students will learn about leadership lessons and get advice on the steps needed to become a leader.

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Future East Carolina University students tour around campus with a member of Pirate Navigators in hopes to gain a better understanding of the campus.

# ECU to maintain enrollment

## Faculty looks toward increasing admissions rate for fall 2020

Michelle Mazzei  
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Over the last three years, East Carolina University's acceptance and admission rates have been relatively consistent. Although the enrollment rates in 2018 dropped significantly, they began to improve in 2019. Advisors have begun to work with students for fall 2020 and the Undergraduate Admissions Board is working hard with Interim Chancellor, Ron Mitchelson, to maintain these higher rates.

In 2018, ECU had 14,500 applications, which was the second largest number of applications in ECU's history. 14,384 students were admitted, which made the second largest number in admissions. However, ECU did not have a high enrollment rate in 2018 with the freshman class at 4,175 students, according to Mitchelson.

"2018 was surprisingly low, it's the one thing that surprised us, but 2019 was a record year. We had a record number of applications, a record number of admits of 15,143 and a large freshman class of 4,366 students. This was the third largest freshman class," Mitchelson said.

Mitchelson and the Undergraduate Admissions Board have taken important steps to improve the enrollment rates since the drop in 2018. For instance, on March 21 and 28, "Pirates Abroad:

Admitted Students Day" will occur for the second time.

Mitchelson said these two days are for all admitted students to visit ECU and understand what the day in the life of an ECU student looks like.

"We're hoping when they visit with us and tour the campus and meet the people, they'll be very positively influenced. We're looking forward to those two events this year. We're looking forward to two large outcomes. We're hopeful that these events will certainly improve the yield rates," Mitchelson said.



Ron Mitchelson

Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director for Undergrad-Admissions, Stephanie Whaley, said she is working hard with Mitchelson and the marketing department to keep these rates at a high level.

On Feb. 20 of 2018 there were 3,000 less applications than on Feb. 20 of 2019. Application and admission rates are also increasing compared to last year. So far, there are 1,600 more admitted students this year than in 2019, according to Whaley. "This year, on Feb. 20, we had more freshmen

applications than we ever had for a single admission cycle in the history of ECU. Again, that's Feb. 20. We still have a long way to go until August, but we already broke all records for the admission applications. We have 21,379 applications as of right now," Whaley said.

Whaley and the Undergraduate Admissions Board, along with Mitchelson, offered students and their families different opportunities to apply to ECU. Meaning, the \$75 application fee was waived during the North Carolina Apply to College Week. This is the first time this has been done, Whaley said.

The reason this fee was waived was because Whaley said she heard from high school guidance counselors, teachers and principals that the application fee was a barrier for some students and families.

"We really developed a very comprehensive communication plan to help those students know what they were missing in their application so they could be admitted more quickly and then they would be able to make ECU's scholarship and financial aid deadlines," Whaley said.

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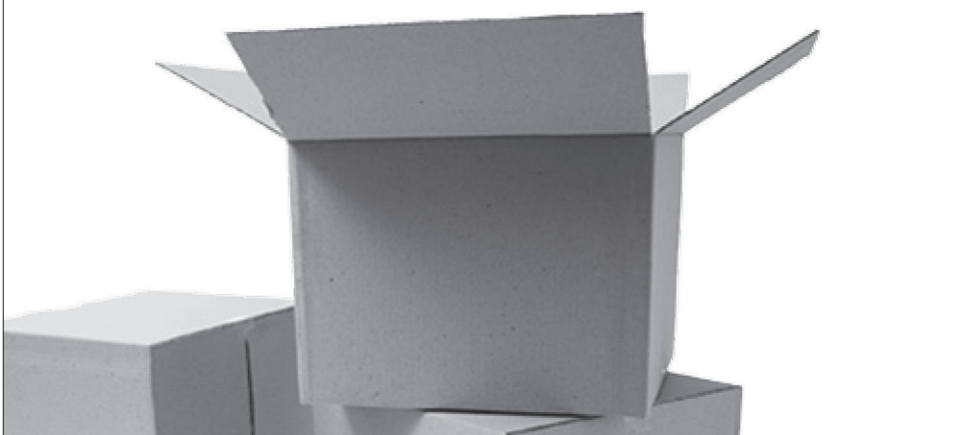
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Students and faculty drive in and out of the Main Campus Student Center parking garage.

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provide it. She said there is a separate account that any extra revenue from parking goes into and that's where they got the money to implement the new parking garage in the first place.

"It's not that we don't have enough parking, it's because we don't have enough convenient parking for what people want. And we're never going to have it," Garfi said.

ECU parking makes most of its money through either the parking garage or selling parking permits to students, allowing them to park in specific lots on campus, according to Garfi.

Tickets and citations are the last line of education that parking enforcement does in order to educate students that they should not be parking illegally, Garfi said.

"Our system only really works if people park where they're supposed to be parking, so if all people illegally park in spots and we can't do anything then professors can't get into work," Garfi said.

However, Garfi said there are certain lots

that are never full, such as the commuter lot. She said there are nooks and crannies that students either do not see or do not want to park in.

Faculty and staff are allowed to park in any A zone lot if their normal parking area has no more space for cars, but this parking may not be right next to their building, according to Garfi.

"All these schools took their prime, core campus parking spaces to build more buildings, and they usually got built on parking lots, so historically parking gets further out over time," Garfi said.

With the construction of a hotel on Reade St., Garfi said there are some plans for expanding the amount of parking on ECU's campus. The main place where Garfi hopes to create new parking is in an old lot across from the ECU baseball field or possibly at the bottom of College Hill in the flood lot.

"We are looking to upgrade (the old hotel lot) to create more parking to take up for the loss of any parking with the hotel," Garfi said. "We are also looking to see if we can build a parking lot on the flood lot on College Hill, that would help with the growth of the university."

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Deb Garfi

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## OUR VIEW

# City benefits from hosting the LLSWS

On Feb. 19, The City of Greenville announced at a press conference that the town will be hosting the Little League Softball World Series (LLSWS) for the next five years.

This year's event will take place on Aug. 12 through Aug. 19 at Stallings Stadium at Elm Street Park, right outside of ECU's campus. It will be broadcasted by ESPN as 10 teams from around the nation, including one North Carolina team which will be the winner of the North Carolina Little League Softball tournament, compete. In 2021, that number will increase by two as Greenville will host 12 teams.

ECU's head softball coach Courtney Oliver spoke on the decision, saying that she believes this is a great opportunity for Greenville and its local softball teams to receive recognition. The ECU Softball team also plans to help and volunteer at the event.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe that the LLSWS being hosted in Greenville will be a great opportunity for not only the city, but also ECU, as it will bring attention to the school and all we have to offer.

Greenville receiving media attention will hopefully allow for more visitors to come through the city, boosting the local economy as visitors appreciate the thriving local businesses the city has to offer. Also, it may attract more prospective students to ECU.

Greenville and ECU do not have a strong national reputation, so having media attention on the city will in turn allow for our school to also receive positive national recognition. This will allow people to get to see the strong Pirate Pride the school and city carry, and the talented athletes we have.

SHENEMAN THE STAR-LEDGER



BLOOMBERG MAKES HIS CASE

# Influencer culture is toxic

## Self-image and mental health are hurt by social media

### Tea with Tonizzo



Summer Tonizzo  
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In today's digital age, the buzz surrounding social media, creating the perfect "post" and jumping through fashion and photography hoops to snap the best picture -- a toxic culture is being promoted to young generations as the ideal appearance of a person is constantly on blast.

"Influencer" culture is the product of millennials and Gen Zers who are paid to post on social media platforms for promoting brands or products, luxurious lifestyles, fashion, makeup and even video games. These influencers gain a massive social media following and "fans," who, typically, fall under a younger demographic.

Some of the most impactful "influencer" content, from what I've seen, is put online by enviously slim, tan, gorgeous young females who are selling vitamins, detox teas or other health-related products. Followers are susceptible to feel negative remarks about their bodies in the wake of these promoted posts, which then increase product sales because the viewer is convinced they *need* the product so they can transform their body to look like the influencer.

Let me just tell you, the ideas cultivated

from influencer culture playing on young minds is extremely harmful to the maintenance of mental health, view of body image and efforts to lower cyberbullying.

Ideas have developed in many young social media users' minds that they need to change their diets, skincare routines, start taking hair-growth supplements or get fake tans to be more attractive in the public's eye — a direct result from the rise of influencer culture. The ideas mentioned are only a few taken from a long list of problems influencer culture has bred.

The concept of toxicity in media appearances is nothing new as tabloids and entertainment news have circulated for decades, constantly criticizing celebrities and politicians in the spotlight; however, the accessibility for so-called average members of society to "likes" and "sharing posts" causes a stir.

Everyday middle school, high school and even college students are subject to being influenced by these social media posts, which in time creates perceptions of body shaming, cyber-bullying and in extreme cases body dysmorphia.

As I've shed a negative light on the effects influencer culture has on followers, surprisingly enough it is not just the viewers who are affected. They are not merely computer-generated posts as some forget; the faces behind the accounts are real and as their follower count rises so does the

performance pressure.

The analytics following social media influencers is a constant weight on their shoulders and they have to maintain a certain follower count, amount of likes and shared posts. Oftentimes, posts are flagged as "fake" and will receive hundreds, and in some cases thousands, of negative comments nit-picking the influencer's appearance or motives.

Many influencers have opened up about receiving online hate or criticisms from their content, which has shown to lead some individuals to be diagnosed with anxiety, depression and eating disorders.

There is no stopping the growth of social media as new platforms are introduced each year. However, the effect influencer culture has on young viewers and the influencers themselves is turning out to be increasingly toxic.

Vulnerable social media users need to learn how to utilize or view the content positively, and should be aware that someone else's post showing off desirable appearances does not mean you have to change to look more like them or feel negatively about your state of being, nor does it mean you should cyberbully content creators for a personal gain.

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# Campus seeks leader

## ECU needs student-focused chancellor

### The Hot Scoop with Hooper



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The search for East Carolina University's new chancellor officially began in Dec. 2019, after interim chancellor Dan Gerlach left over his scandal. Current Interim Chancellor

Ron Mitchelson has been doing an exceptional job in his role, which is expected to last at least through fall 2019.

As members of faculty and the Board of Trustees find candidates for chancellor, one has to ask themselves: who are they looking for? In each meeting of the search committee, only a few key traits were listed.

According to an official statement by Vern Davenport, the chair for the chancellor search committee: "Our next chancellor must continue the momentum to drive the university pillars — the Millennial Campus, growing research, philanthropy, the successful partnership with Vidant Health System, rural health care transformation, regional transformation and alignment of legislative priorities."

While all of these focal points are important for ECU's growth in the next ten or so years, I feel that it

**"It comes down to this — if ECU truly wants to become more recognized university, it must listen to its students' wants and needs."**

leaves out one important aspect of ECU as a whole: students. The committee has held listening sessions for students to come voice their opinions on what the new chancellor should be like. I attended one of these sessions, and found that the question most asked by students was "are you actually going to listen to us?"

Feelings of doubt still linger in my own mind and the minds of other students of whether or not administration will actually listen to its students. A perfect example is Dan Gerlach: while his actions were inappropriate for the position he was in, students absolutely loved him. Over 10,000 people signed a petition for him to be reinstated as interim chancellor. And yet, it was ignored by the legislature and administration. Not even acknowledged.

It comes down to this — if ECU truly wants to become a more recognized university, it must listen to its students' wants and needs. It needs a chancellor that can propel ECU into the national spotlight while still valuing the heart of the institution: its students.

While the search for the chan-

cellor remains a private affair due to members of the committee signing NDAs about the candidates who have applied, the listening sessions have hopefully provided for the committee. Alumni have also voiced their opinions in surveys distributed through the Pirate Club.

Ultimately, students want a chancellor who is passionate, relatable, but also someone who knows how to get the job done. We want someone who won't stay for two years and then leave us hung out to dry yet again. What ECU truly needs is a chancellor who will stick by its students for years to come, and let us thrive academically, socially, athletically, and in all aspects of university life.

My hope is that this chancellor search will remain honest and confidential while still taking to heart the traits Pirate Nation needs to get back on its feet after three rough years. I have faith in this process, and I hope all other students will as well.

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## » ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

## ECU guard breaks school record

## Lashonda Monk shows growth on and off the basketball court

*Editor's Note: The sports staff of The East Carolinian chose the athlete featured in this article. This is a monthly series.*

**Anna Felber**  
TEC STAFF

Women's basketball games are not always the most well attended competitions at East Carolina University, but there are many different reasons why everyone should fit one in. One of the biggest reasons to go, is to see star junior guard Lashonda Monk dominate on defense.

Monk has played an important part in the team's fight to become a winning team. With her total of 890 minutes and an average of 33 minutes per game, she runs the stat sheet. On 408 field goal attempts she has made 141 of them for a .346 field goal percentage. She also has made 71 out of her 93 free throws for a .727 percentage. Not only that, but standing at 5'6", she has a total of 111 rebounds, averaging 4.1 per game.

One of her biggest accomplishments is having 297 steals, taking the school's record for most career steals while only in her junior year at ECU. Out of her 297 steals, 108 of them have come from this season alone.

"I think I'm just going to make it hard for anybody else to beat it," Monk said. "I'm only a junior so I have another year to rack up a lot of steals."

Monk is from Greensboro, North Carolina where she was raised by Devon and LaShon Monk. In high school she was just as dominant earning titles as an All-Conference player as well as the Piedmont Triad Conference Player-of-the-Year. She was also rated a top-150 prospect.

"My dad is my biggest inspiration because he always pushes me to be the best that I can be," Monk said. "He and my family want the best for me so they really inspire me."

Her freshman year, she had 11 starts and appeared in all 31 games. She led the team in scoring the AAC games with an average of 9.2 points. She also had 75 steals, tying for the seventh-highest single season total in ECU history.

During her sophomore campaign, she had 29 starts and 30 game appearances. She was named Second-Team All-AAC and led ECU in scoring in assists. She set another record for steals in the AAC with 116. She finished fifth in the nation for steals per game.

Her decision to attend ECU was cemented by the family culture that the team has. She said that she still has that family



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Junior guard Lashonda Monk prepares to shoot the ball against the University of Tulsa earlier this season in Minges Coliseum.

connection with players who were on the team during her freshman and sophomore years.

"It's like a real family away from my home family," Monk said. "We are really close with each other and the coaches. It feels really good to be a part of this family."

Head coach Kim McNeill says that she has been given a "God given talent" that cannot be taught. This is due to her never stop attitude where she gives 100% at all times. Her effort is always there, and it shows through her stats and on the court.



Kim McNeill

She is a relatively quiet person off the court which is surprising to her coach because of how feisty and fearless she is on the court. This season, however, the coaching staff has asked her to become more vocal and step up as a leader on the team. This has been

"She takes everything very personal," McNeill said. "She loves basketball and just her drive when she's out there on the floor. Her ability to react with steals, it's just things that she has that you can't teach. It's just a God given talent that she has been given."

something that she is not used to, but McNeill says that she is adjusting well and will become an even better leader next year.

Monk can often be seen before games listening to her favorite hype music. According to Monk it gets her mind right and ready to compete and is somewhat of a pre-game ritual for her. Off the court Monk says she likes to draw in her free time and she is currently a communication major.

"The thing I'm the most proud of with Lashonda is not the work she's doing on the court, it's the work she's doing off the court and people that don't know her won't understand what I'm saying, but she's starting to mature, getting her head on her shoulders and carrying herself in a really good way," McNeill said. "She did really well in the classroom last semester and I'm just really proud of her growth off the court."

Monk has been a go to player for the Pirates through her career. She continues to improve and impress her coaches. She has three games left to play in her junior year and it is exciting to see how she will become better to lead into her senior season.

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## Baseball makes strides

**Daniel Shepard**  
TEC STAFF

Two weekend series sweeps and a solid mid-week win has the East Carolina University (7-1, 0-0 AAC) baseball team in a great position heading into the 17th annual Keith LeClair Classic. Beginning on Friday, the Pirates will face three challenging opponents on a trio of consecutive days, culminating in a top-20 match-up with the University of Mississippi on Saturday.

"You go day-by-day and you worry about Indiana first and then once you get through that game, you worry about Ole Miss and once you get through that game, you worry about High Point," head coach Cliff Godwin said. "The unique thing is you can scout them a little bit when they're playing because you're not playing."

Before the Pirates face Indiana University (4-2, 0-0 Big Ten) on Friday at 4:30 p.m., however, here are some mid-week news and notes surrounding ECU.

### Colmore goes four innings

In relief of junior right-handed pitcher Trystan Kimmel who opened Tuesday's match-up with Elon University (6-2, 0-0 CAA), redshirt senior right-handed pitcher Cam Colmore turned a bullpen day into his longest outing since 2016. Spanning four innings, Colmore's performance matched a career-high set nearly four years ago during his freshman campaign.

"Super proud of him," Godwin said. "Couldn't be happier for a human being more than Cam. A guy that's from Greenville, North Carolina, is in his fifth year, has paid his dues, has worked his tail off. It doesn't always work out that way but he had a ton of success yesterday."

More impressive than the sheer length, Colmore did not allow Elon a baserunner, instead sitting all 12 batters he faced down in order while mixing in three strikeouts.

### Worrell named to AAC Honor Roll

A week of strong offensive performances earned junior outfielder Bryson Worrell his first American Athletic Conference Honor Roll selection of the 2020 season. Over .500 in the Pirates' four games last week, Worrell smashed a long first inning home run in game two of Sunday's doubleheader before connecting on a three-run shot against Elon on Tuesday.



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Junior Bryson Worrell at the plate earlier this year.

"Dating back to probably a year ago, he really learned how to work consistently," Godwin said of Worrell. "A lot of times the hard work doesn't show up immediately, the results of it. He's been consistent in his approach. I thought early, he pressed a little bit and tried to do more than what he needed to do in those first few games."

Across his last five games, Worrell is hitting .600 with two home runs, seven RBI and three doubles. On the season, the junior is slashing .444/.515/.778 primarily out of the five-hole in Godwin's lineup.

### Weekend rotation for Keith LeClair Classic

A big match-up with Ole Miss on Saturday prompted many to wonder if Godwin would shuffle his starting rotation to line up Burleson for that game. On Wednesday, however, the Pirates' skipper confirmed he would be keeping his rotation in order with Burleson throwing on Friday, senior right-handed pitcher Tyler Smith on Saturday and junior left-handed pitcher Jake Kuchman on Sunday.

Godwin also confirmed Kuchman will still be on a pitch count as he continues to work back from pre-season shoulder soreness. In his last outing, the southpaw tossed 46 pitches over three innings in a 10-2 ECU win.

As for junior right-handed pitcher Gavin Williams, Godwin said there was an "outside chance" the injured starter would throw an inning on Sunday. Still recovering from a finger injury sustained toward the end of spring scrimmages, Williams will be a welcomed returner to the rotation once he is healthy.

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## HOROSCOPES

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Follow your heart. Wait for better conditions to advance a personal project. Notice a way around a barrier. Make repairs and upgrades. Passion inspires action.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Consider the emotional undercurrent. Rest and wait for developments before making your move. Consider potential barriers and plan alternative routes. Recharge patiently.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't get frustrated by a team challenge. An obstacle blocks progress. Proceed with caution. Avoid extra expense or hassle. Use your practical resources.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Slow for a professional hurdle. Reaffirm commitments and connections. Weigh the pros and cons of a strategic decision. Don't overextend. Build bridges for rising influence.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Consider potential problems with the itinerary. Postpone unnecessary deviations. Monitor traffic and conditions. Adjust your route as you go. Adapt to breaking news.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't let an unexpected expense throw you off your stride. Keep your momentum. Continue to generate valuable contributions to shared accounts.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You and your partner can navigate an obstacle. Check internal gauges. Work through changes together. Abandon a worn-out perspective. Keep an open mind.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Proceed with caution. Your health and physical energy benefit from deep rest, regular routines and good food. Mitigate the effects of a disruption.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- A romantic challenge takes a new twist. Stay graceful under pressure. Maintain a mystery. Stifle rebellious tendencies. Keep your cool despite rising heat.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Home could get chaotic. Make repairs or improvements to handle a blockage. Planning pays off. Your greatest strength is love. Find solutions to support family.

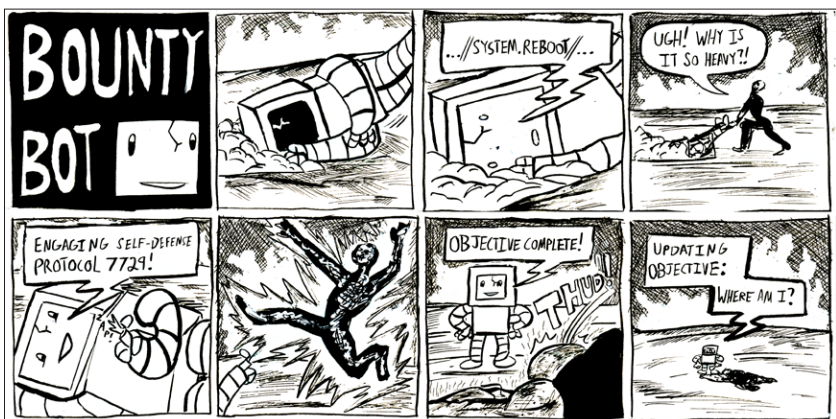
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't make assumptions. Do the homework and reassess the situation. Take time to clarify misunderstandings or crossed wires. Connect and network for greater impact.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Stay in communication to navigate a financial challenge. Profitable efforts benefit from clarification. Stick to simple measures. Don't overextend. Stay in action.

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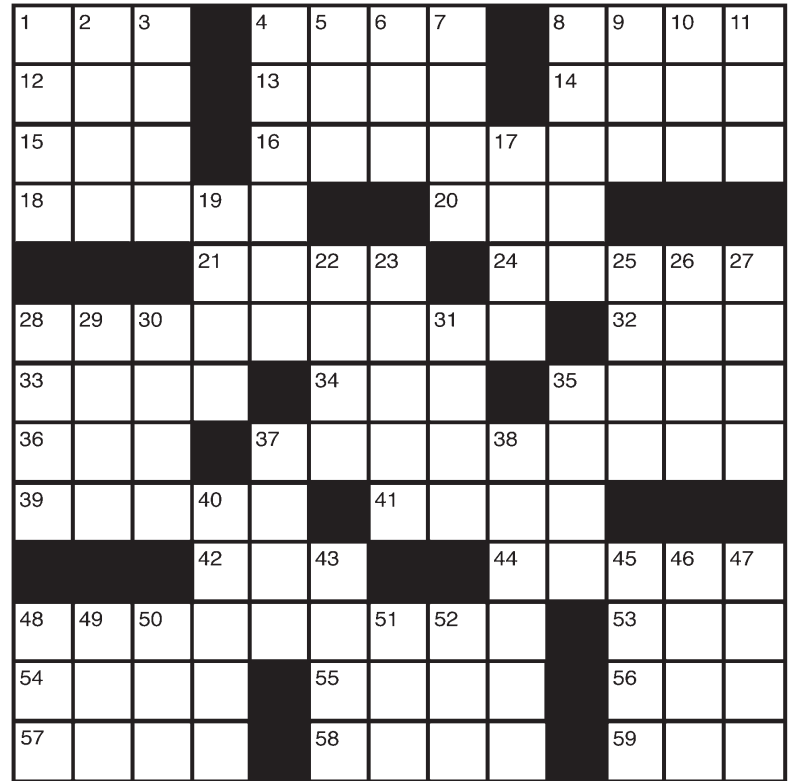
"Have you ever actually seen a chicken cross the road?"

## CROSSWORD

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# THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



### ACROSS

- "Chicago \_\_\_"
- "\_\_\_ Free"; film about a lioness
- Norman of "The Ropers"
- Historical period
- Adams or Falco
- Bread spread
- "... the ramparts we..."
- "\_\_\_ the Valley"
- Dianne of "Life in Pieces"
- Bilko or Friday: abbr.
- Actress Harper
- "\_\_\_ World Turns"
- Actor on "MacGyver"
- Pork product
- "Love \_\_\_ List It"; HGTV series
- "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- Lead role on "JAG"
- Actress Dawber
- \_\_\_ Sigman of "S.W.A.T."
- Puppeteer Lewis
- "Sinbad: Legend of the Seven \_\_\_"; Brad Pitt film
- "Grand \_\_\_ Opry"
- "The \_\_\_ Truth"; Téa Leoni sitcom
- "\_\_\_ the Middle"

### DOWN

- Cat's cry
- "Able was I \_\_\_ saw Elba"
- Show boldness
- Davis and Midler
- "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"
- "The Adventures of \_\_\_ Tin Tin"
- Sparks and Beatty
- Racer A.J. and his family
- Golfer Ernie
- Neckwear for Don Ho
- Actor \_\_\_ Chaney Jr.
- "I've Got \_\_\_ in Kalamazoo"
- "\_\_\_ Trek: Voyager"
- "Now!" in the ER
- "Both \_\_\_ Now"; Joni Mitchell tune
- "Less \_\_\_ Perfect"
- "Mata \_\_\_"; Greta Garbo movie
- Role on "Man with a Plan"
- Hot \_\_\_ Houlihan; "M\*A\*S\*H" role
- Donny Osmond's state of birth
- Unconscious state
- Easy stride
- "The Night \_\_\_ Thousand Eyes"
- Fodder storage tower
- Actress Daryl
- Sylvester Stallone signature role
- \_\_\_ May Clampett
- Role on "The Green Hornet"
- "Queen of Jazz"
- Van Dyke or Van Patten
- Alice's boss
- "Who Do You Think You \_\_\_?"
- Actress Ullmann
- Actress West
- "Message \_\_\_ Bottle"

Solution from 2/25

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Stilllife  
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## SATURDAY

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## SUNDAY

**David Wiseman in Greenville NC**  
Christy's Euro Pub  
8 p.m.

**The Monterio Experience**  
Buck Wild Tavern  
11 p.m.



Members of the spiritual Japanese drumming group, Yamato, who will be performing at Wright Auditorium tonight at 7:30, pose for the camera. CONTRIBUTED BY MICHAEL CRANE

# Drummers visit campus

## Spiritual drumming group from Japan comes to ECU

Olan Bryant  
TEC STAFF

A group of drummers from Japan are aiming to inspire younger generations to channel their energy into positivity. The group, known as Yamato, will be performing at East Carolina University for the first time tonight in Wright Auditorium at 7:30.

Formed in 1993 in Japan's Nara prefecture, Yamato has performed in 4,000 shows across 54 countries, drawing a total of eight million attendees. The group was formed by artistic director Masa Ogawa and his friends after performing a song for

a local shrine festival.

The group performs worldwide for 10 months out of the year, with each tour taking on a different theme in relation to the group's spiritual beliefs.

Yamato mainly uses large percussion drums known as Taiko drums, incorporating singing and martial arts into their performances.

Spirituality plays heavily in the group's shows as well, with inter-connectivity among all things being a heavy theme.

Ogawa expanded on how the group uses these

techniques to connect to the audience.

"All the drummers want to connect with each other because they want to make one sound. Before playing the Taiko drum, the drummers try to connect with nature and the atmosphere around them, and also they want to connect to the audience," Ogawa said.

Tickets for the performance start at \$36. For more information on tickets visit the ECU School of Arts and Communication's website.

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# Greenville to host art day for disabled

Hannah Bolick  
TEC STAFF

Greenville Recreation and Parks will hold its annual Cultural Arts Day at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Jaycee Park Center for Arts and Crafts.

Sara Caropreso, the recreation supervisor for the Jaycee Park Center for Arts and Crafts, said that this free event is for adults with physical disabilities and will include lunch and some crafts and other choices of activities. She said that the event stems from a desire to include everyone of any ability level in the arts, and to show them what Jaycee Park and The City of Greenville has to offer them in this area.

"We want more people to come, more people to get involved, and to know that art is for everybody," Caropreso said. "If you have a physical limitation that doesn't mean that there's no adaptations that can be provided for you to experience and fully enjoy all that arts has to offer."

Specialized Recreation Assistant with The City of Greenville Recreation and Parks, Cam McFarland, said that his job specifically deals with helping the special needs community in Greenville take advantage of opportunities and enjoy recreation and all the benefits it carries with it.

He said he has noticed that much of Greenville is focused on people with intellectual and cognitive disabilities, so this event is special because of its focus on those with



A volunteer and participant at last year's event. CONTRIBUTED BY SARA CAROPRESO

physical disabilities.

"That's a little bit smaller community (the physically disabled community) from what I've been able to see over the last four years in Greenville and it's really nice when we can see 15 to 20 of those citizens come out and enjoy a day that's all about them," McFarland said.

Along these same lines, Caropreso said that all people with disabilities often get put into one category, when in reality people with cognitive

disabilities may have very different levels of ability from people with physical disabilities.

"A lot of the time the disabled community get grouped together as one group, and so that's going to be all levels of ability, cognitive, physical, and I don't always think it's necessarily fair to all of those individuals to be grouped together," Caropreso said.

Some of the events offered for the day, according to McFarland, will be creating decorative pillows and accordion journals, creative poetry and a music therapy session with students from the East Carolina University Music Therapy Club.

Senior music therapy and psychology double major and Vice President of the ECU Music Therapy Club, Tayandra Allen, said they are glad to be back helping out with this event for another year.

"We are always excited for this opportunity, because it gives our club an amazing opportunity to give to the community, and we gain so much from being able to help them too," Allen said.

This event is free and open to adults 18 and older with a physical disability. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and lunch is provided.

Registration is handled through STAR Services and can call their representative at 252-847-4404 to register. For more information, contact Jaycee Park Center for Arts and Crafts.

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# Grunge meets Uptown

Harold Bloomfield  
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The State Theatre will present a Night of Grunge concert this Saturday with doors opening at 7 p.m. and the show starting at 8.

Tickets, which are \$7 for students, \$10 for advanced general admission and \$13 the day of the show, can be purchased online on the State Theatre's website or in person at the venue.

The concert will feature a performance by Joe Hero, performing a tribute to the Foo Fighters, War Within a Breath tributing Rage Against the Machine, as well as Flies in the Vasoline tributing Stone Temple Pilot, according to the State Theatre's website.

Mark Thompson, co-owner of the State Theatre, which opened last January, and its sister venue in Raleigh, The Lincoln Theatre, which has been open for 20 years, said he is a fan of grunge music and has been for years.

"I listened to Grunge when I was in college. The '90s grunge music was very good and still

sounds good today," Thompson said.

Thompson said that Scott Hardesty, the drummer from Joe Hero, put together the Grunge Night in Greenville.

"Joe Hero has been playing for us in Raleigh for years and we wanted to do a Grunge Night in Greenville so Scott from Joe Hero put it together," Hardesty said.

Thompson said that students get a discounted price on tickets and hopes that students and community members will come out and enjoy a "great '90s Tribute to Grunge."

Joe Hero, which formed as a Foo Fighters tribute band 2011 in Raleigh, consists of Hardesty who is a vocalist on top of being a drummer, Linc Butler who is a vocalist and guitar player, lead guitarist Daniel Miles and bass player/vocalist Ryan Terrell, according to the band's Facebook page.

For more information on Grunge Night, visit The State Theatre website.

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Drummer for Joe Hero, Scott Hardesty, performs in front of a crowd at a previous concert. CONTRIBUTED BY SCOTT HARDESTY