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East Carolina University chancellor search committee meets for the first time in December 2019 in the Main Campus Student Center.

ECU student employment encouraged

Jennifer Sieg FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Student employment may often give students the opportunity to work around their classes and develop skills that can help further their education and careers. East Carolina University Career Services and many other student employment organizations hope to work to encourage students to connect with campus and explore the many employment opportunities that are offered.

Thomas Halasz, director of Career Services, said there is a recognized need among student employment here at ECU and steps should be taken toward meeting that need.

Halasz said the Student Employment Office and Financial Aid Office both help students, but there's still a sense that there hasn't been a significant focus on student employment on campus. He said he believes it is important for students to work while in school because it helps them develop skills that will benefit them in the future.

"That's what I'd say is primarily our focus, the skill development of our students. If our students have jobs, particularly related to their study or career interest, they're likely to develop the skills they need to be competitive," Halasz said.

Halasz said research indicates that students who work have an advantage over students who don't work. He said it could be because students who work learn transferable skills and time management.

There are plenty of formal job listing sights, but Halasz said contacting organizations or academic units directly is more effective and a beneficial strategy to use when job searching.

"Some students think about things they like to do. Let's say you were active in sports and you liked refereeing volleyball. Well, chances are the recreation center has a job for you," Halasz said. "They hire a lot of students."

The convenience of on-campus employment is an important factor, particularly for freshman, because it helps students develop a feel for the campus and being apart of the ECU community, according to Halasz. He said it's not a slight against positions or opportunities off-campus, it's that



Thomas Halasz

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Potential candidate leaked

Tim Moore rumored possible chancellor nominee

Sarah Hooper TEC STAFF

Unnamed members of the East Carolina University chancellor search committee disclosed to NC Policy Watch that North Carolina House Speaker Tim Moore may be considering the role of ECU chancellor. By doing so, the committee members may have violated the NDA they signed at the beginning of the search process.

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When reaching out to Tim Moore, director of communications for his office, Joseph Kyzer, provided a statement as spokesperson for Tim Moore.

"Speaker Moore is seeking re-election to the state House in 2020, plans to run for another term as Speaker if elected, and is focused on serving higher education students and campuses through his position in the General Assembly," Kyzer said.

Robert Moore, the ECU Board of Trustees member who resigned in

mid-February following his scandal with fellow member Phil Lewis, addressed his resignation letter to Tim Moore.

In this letter, Robert Moore insinuates Tim Moore is considering the chancellorship by wishing him luck.

"I wish you luck in your continued pursuit of the position of chancellor at ECU," Moore said in the letter.

When reaching out to Robert Moore for commentary on his letter, he said he stands by everything he said in the resignation letter.

"I'm not on the search committee. You probably saw the last line in my resignation letter. I stand behind anything that I put out there, which hasn't been much. There are obviously members on the search committee that talked to NC Policy Watch that are interested in talking. I don't know who those folks were," Robert Moore said.

The identity of the chancellor search committee members who spoke to NC Policy Watch remains anonymous. Vern Davenport, head of the committee and chair of the ECU Board of Trustees, said he doesn't know who disclosed the information.

"We are just now reaching the phase of our chancellor search process where we have advertised the opportunity to people and established the leadership statement. We're not even at a phase where we have entertained candidates per say. There's nothing to disclose at this point in time," Davenport said.

Davenport emphasized that the only role of the committee currently is to distill the information from these listening sessions and surveys into what Pirate Nation wants in a future chancellor. More information regarding survey information can be found on the chancellor search website.

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ECU boasts strong women athletes

Pirate athletics grows competitive teams with prominent female players across sports

Maceo Donald FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Throughout March, Women's History Month is celebrated by millions. Here at East Carolina University there are several women's sports teams and female student-athletes that are celebrated by the university, fans, and the community. Not only do they impact others, but the impact that is had on the players is immense.

The ECU women's basketball program (9-19, 6-9 AAC) was launched in 1969 and since then has recorded three Conference Championships (1982, 1983, 2007) and competed in three National Collegiate Tournaments (1973, 1982, 2007). The first national tournament appearance was in 1973, in the AIAW Women's Basketball Tournament before the NCAA began sponsoring the Women's Collegiate Basketball Tournament in 1982. The Pirates have only competed in two since.

Although there has not been a conference championship or a NCAA tournament appearance since 2007, the Pirates do feel that the program is on the rise and has made key arrangements to ensure that.

"I really feel like this team really fought through February," head coach Kim McNeill said. "I hope everybody is excited, I know we got some more games but excited. I mean



Junior lacrosse players Lydia Carbuca and Jordyn Cox (left) and junior softball player Ashleigh Inae (right).

that whole team on the floor is coming back. Adding some really good pieces, some kids that were sitting out, kids that are coming in. I'm just really really excited about next year, I'm not really with this year, but I'm just excited with the growth that this team has had in February, and just what we can do in the future."

In March 2019, McNeill agreed to con-

tract terms to become the new head women's basketball coach at ECU. Previously, McNeill was the women's head basketball coach for the University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut, where she had a 59-38 record and led the Hawks to back-to-back American East Conference Championship game appearances.

With one game left in this regular season the ECU women's basketball team still is playing hard and giving all they've got, including junior guard Lashonda Monk. For Monk that's not just game-to-game, it's her M.O.

Monk has been a workhorse for the Pirates since she was a freshman. In her freshman campaign Monk tallied 75 steals, which was tied for seventh in the country and was the second highest by a freshman. She also averaged 7.5 points per game and three assists per game.

As her career moves along Monk has become the go-to player for the Pirates and has taken a larger role offensively. This year for the Pirates, Monk leads the team in points averaging 14.9 per game, and has become a model of consistency.

Monk also strives to be a role model for young girls in the community, just how she looked up to some when she was a kid.

"It feels good, just knowing that one day before now I was in that position of wanting to be here and playing college basketball and going to games and stuff," Monk said. "So it feels good to be able to inspire them."

Softball (11-7, 0-0 AAC) is another ECU women's team that also has a rich history and an abundance of talented players. The East

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BRIEFS

IOMSC to host study session for diagnosis of oral diseases

Today, the Interdisciplinary Oral Medicine Study Club (IOMSC) will host a study session from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Health Science Center Grad Room with professor Dario Di Stasio. The topics that will be covered will include the usefulness of high frequency ultrasonography in oral medicine in diagnosis of oral diseases. Free ice cream will be provided for those in attendance.

CCSD to practice mindfulness with students

Today, the Center for Counseling and Student Development will host its "Mindful Us Drop-In Group" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. located in Umstead Residence Hall. The session will advise students on mindfulness practice. Those interested do not need to be a client with the Center.

MCSC to welcome criminal justice fair

Today, the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Criminal Justice will host the Criminal Justice Career Fair from 1 to 4 p.m. located in the Main Campus Student Center Ballrooms. Representatives from federal, state and local agencies will be present to discuss career opportunities in the criminal justice field.

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Members of West End Dining Hall serve East Carolina University students as they stop for a quick meal between their campus activities.

Dining procedures questioned

Students express concerns about meal availability during spring break

Michelle Mazzei
TEC STAFF

There are multiple locations on campus for students, faculty and staff at East Carolina University in terms of food selection. However, some students have mixed emotions about the food offered at West End and Todd Dining Hall and the hours of availability.

Associate Director for ECU Dining Services, Joyce Sealy, said West End and Todd Dining Halls will close for the duration of spring break, Mar. 6 at 8 p.m. through the week of Mar. 7 to 14. She said if the dining halls remained open, it would cost students more money in the long run.

"In order for the dining halls to be open, students would have to pay for every day they went to the dining halls and that would be a waste to the students. When students are not going to be on campus, it's economically feasible to shut them down during that week," Sealy said.

Freshman neuroscience and biology major, Emily Gayeski, said she wishes there were more food options during all hours of the day. She said the dining halls serve breakfast, lunch and dinner at certain times, but she wants more options to choose from other than cereal and pizza when they technically aren't serving meals.

Breakfast at West End is served from 7 until

9 a.m., lunch is served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and dinner is from 4:30 until 9 p.m., according to Gayeski. She said there are still a variety of choices to choose from during other times of the day, but main courses are only offered during those specific times.

Gayeski believes some of the meals are served at convenient times, but lunch is one meal that she thinks students have difficulty making time for especially when there are not enough options for everyone.

"I think dinner is at a convenient time, but I wish they would push breakfast back later and serve lunch at a later time. It is hard to get there during their lunch hours since I have class and if you go before then, there aren't many options," Gayeski said.

Gayeski said she will stay on campus during spring break and thinks the dining halls being closed during this week will be an inconvenience because there won't be many options offered. She said she will either have to go to a friend's house to cook food or use the meals and bucks on her One Card to get something to satisfy her, which can result in a lack of funds

for the rest of the semester.

Sophomore biology, neuroscience and psychology major, Tierra Jones, said she thinks the food could be better at the dining halls. She said she thinks the food at Todd is fresher than West End.

Jones said she sees a lot of plates and silverware that still contain food after being cleaned by workers in the dishwashing station so she would like to see an improvement of sanitation. Additionally, she said the workers do not always have the best attitude toward students.

"Workers sometimes have an attitude when serving food, so if workers hand out food without an attitude, that would make the food more pleasurable, because if they are giving you food with an attitude and it doesn't taste as decent then it completely ruins the experience," Jones said.

A lot of times when the employees put out breakfast, lunch or dinner, it doesn't match up with the student's schedules, said Jones. She said she gets out of class at 3:30 p.m. some days, and by the time she gets to the dining hall, there's little food that looks picked over.

Though she will not be on campus for spring break she said she still thinks students who are will be inconvenienced.

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Emily Gayeski

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ECU students Anthony Sohan and Catherine Sierra work in the Main Campus Student Center.

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if the first thing students do is leave campus and go work they're not going to have that connection.

In order to promote student employment within ECU, Halasz said Career Services will host their second part-time job fair for the upcoming academic year. There is not a set date, but it will be hosted within the first week of classes and they hope to have around 100 organizations attend, Halasz said.

"The vast majority will be on-campus jobs, but there will be some off-campus as well," Halasz said. "We know that students get jobs on and off campus, we just need to bring them all together."

Halasz said this will be an annual event, and there will be plenty of opportunities for those who have a work study and also for those who don't.

Freshman theatre arts major Kathryn Poulsen has two jobs on campus. She works at the Adventure Center in the student recreation center and also as an event assistant at the Main Campus Student Center.

Poulsen said there are a lot of jobs offered on campus and plenty of benefits that go with working on-campus jobs versus working off-campus.

"You get to meet new people that also go to the university so you can have some jobs you find on campus," Poulsen said. "They also work around your class schedule so whenever you have classes you obviously don't have to come into work and if you have after school

activities they are really lenient about helping you work around that."

Poulsen said she's learned a lot of time management skills from working around classes as well as communication skills from working with her peers.

Mark Sanders, assistant director for Public Services, works in Joyner Library and said the library would find it very difficult to function without student employees. He said on average there are about 80 student employees employed at Joyner Library alone.

"We hope it is helpful to students in their professional goals and their classes. We hope that what they learn here is not just 'I'm checking a book out to you' but that 'I'm learning customer service skills' instead," Sanders said.

Sanders said he hopes that students learn how to relate to other people and see how the real world works. He said he also hopes that students are able to apply what they learn in the classroom to their work and what they learn at work to their classrooms.

"We've hired several student workers here for permanent positions," Sanders said. "So students can eventually develop an interest in what we do here and they pursue it as an actual career."



Mark Sanders

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OUR VIEW

ECU helps honor work of women

Throughout the history of the United States, there have been many influential women that have made a significant impact on this country. March is officially the start of National Women's Month, a celebration that honors and remembers those women that have had a lasting effect on the nation.

East Carolina University will hold several events that will not only acknowledge those women from the past but also women in the present that are making a positive impact on this country and the world around it.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, acknowledge ECU's efforts to recognize and honor women who have had a lasting effect on the United States of America and the world beyond. All students are encouraged to participate in the celebrations of the month and learn more about the women that have shaped this nation for the better.

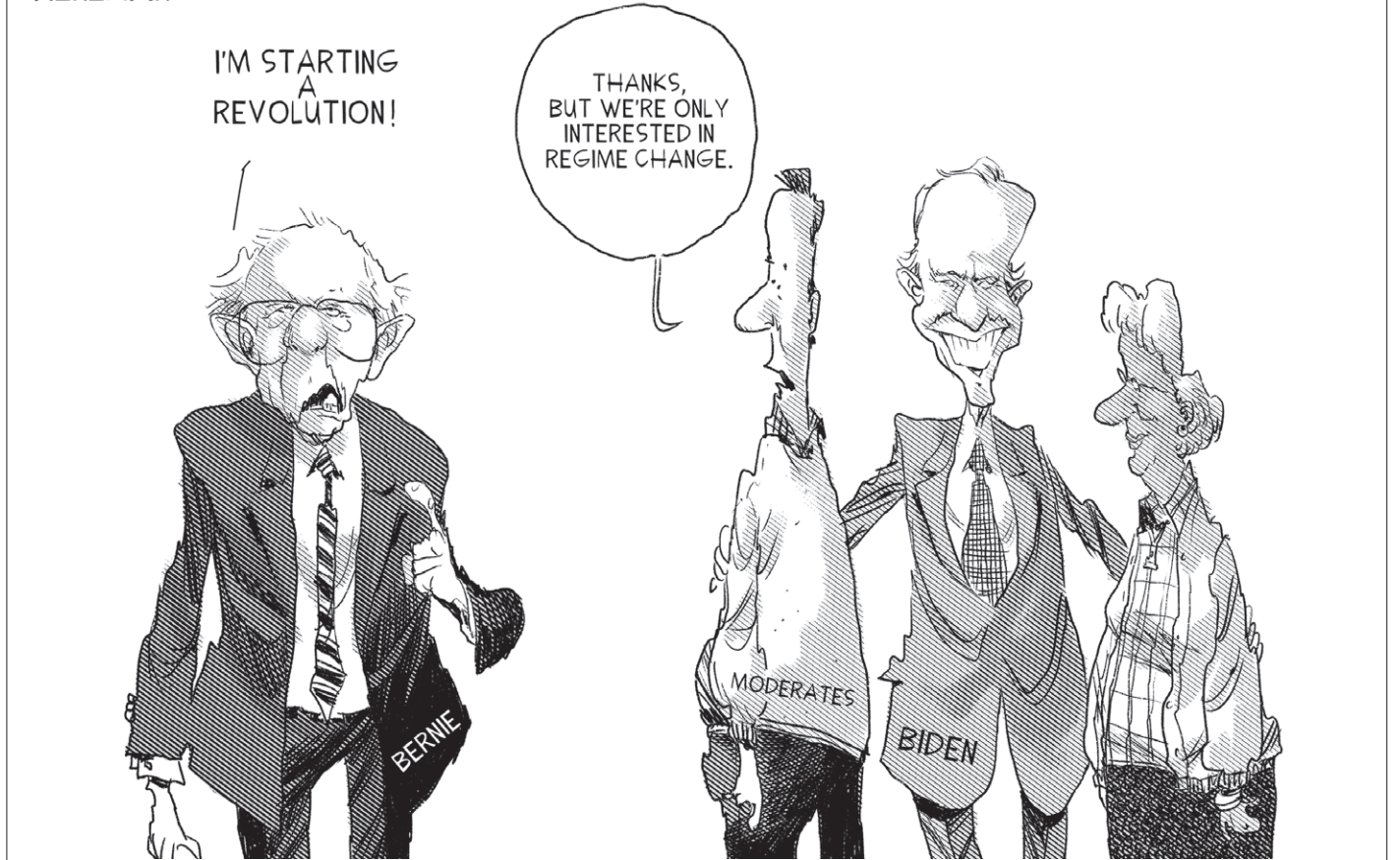
Some of those events are being put on by ECU's Intercultural Affairs and Student Affairs organizations on campus, as well as the Women and Gender Office.

The STEMInist Panel and Discussion, which will take place on March 17 from 6 to 7 p.m., will highlight women, as well as individuals who identify as non-binary, in STEM fields. The event itself is being hosted by the Women and Gender office and is open to all students, faculty, staff and members of the community that would like to attend.

Another event that will celebrate women is the "She's Beautiful When She's Angry" film screening on March 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theater in the Main Campus Student Center, hosted by the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center. The film will center around activists that have inspired not only women, but all people to work for feminism and human rights in the world.

All of these events on ECU's campus are meant to educate those in attendance about why the month is important and why women remain to be some of the most influential figures in this nation.

SHENEMAN THE STAR-LEDGER



Spring brings apathy

Students need to finish strong after break

Down Pat



Pat Polomchak

We finally made it, spring break is here! Or at least, it starts in a few days. I know I'm not the only one looking forward to having a week to relax and recharge my batteries, as well as work

a bunch of hours at my other job to help myself out later.

Even still, don't forget that this is just a rest stop. Having a break is nice, and honestly is essential to continue forward without getting burnt out, but don't lose sight of the destination — exams and the end of the spring semester.

It is really easy to go on break and just forget about all of your responsibilities. Personally, that's one of my favorite parts of any break. The issue is that when we get back, there's only a few short weeks until exams start.

If you don't properly prepare yourself, that last gauntlet of classes (which will feature project due dates, presentations and likely multiple tests even before the exam weeks) can be incredibly overwhelming. Final grades are decided more in the home stretch than the whole rest of the semester combined in my experience.

This can work to your advantage, however. For the last two years, I have used the end of spring break to

“With a full week to focus on yourself and spend time with friends and family, many students fall into the trap of allowing that mindset to bleed over into the return of classes.”

spark a period of productivity that lasted the rest of the term. I can say from experience that if you have been slacking or falling behind, you can save your grade by working hard at the end. All it really takes is being committed and really buckling down with what you have to do.

The biggest thing is not becoming complacent. With a full week to focus on yourself and spend time with friends and family, many students fall into the trap of allowing that mindset to bleed over into the return of classes, similar to a Super Bowl hangover.

It should also be noted that many classes do assign homework to be done during break. No one wants to hear that, but it's the reality of the situation. The best way to not let that get to you is to do it at the beginning of break rather than the end; that way, all your work is done and you can allow yourself to fully relax without having that assignment in the back of your head.

If motivation is difficult during this time, look on the bright side —

after making it through the end of the semester, you get three and a half months of summer break to prepare for another year (or you get to move on to a job or graduate school if you are a senior). All it requires is roughly six weeks of work to get there.

It can also help to keep in mind that regardless of whether you are graduating this semester or later, the classes you are taking now are important to preparing for your future. Coming out of spring break lethargic can have a wide-reaching impact on those plans, as it is just as easy to lose your grade during this time as it is to save it.

I am very much looking forward to spending time with friends and spending even more time lounging around my apartment. But work needs to come before play, so that all the previous work of this semester isn't wasted. We're almost there, Pirate Nation, we just need to finish strong.

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Virus shouldn't be a scare tactic

“Politicians should not use Coronavirus as a political buzzword to evoke fear tactics among voters, but to actually look to cure and end the spread of the virus.”



Brendan Gillespie
TEC STAFF

On the afternoon of Tuesday, March 3, it was announced that a man had tested positive for Coronavirus in the state of North Carolina. This has made the

fear and concerns about the spread of the disease even more real to the residents of the state. Politicians should not be using the Coronavirus as a political buzzword to evoke fear tactics among voters, but to actually look to cure and end the spread of the virus.

While the overall mortality rate of Coronavirus is low (at about 3.4 percent according to the World Health Organization), the spread of the disease is not appearing to be slowing down in any measure. Preventing the spread and healing those who have the disease should be a top priority of the nations who are affected by the disease currently and should not be used as political leverage for the upcoming 2020 presidential elections.

I think it takes away from the candidates' sincerity on the topic if they just throw the disease in front of your face while at a political rally as a means of a fear tactic to vote for that person. Voters saw that tactic

work very effectively when President Trump made his presidential run in 2016.

Trump used fear as a way to capitalize on Americans' fears involving immigrants from Mexico and from Middle Eastern countries. His suggested immigration policies would eventually play a large factor in him being elected as the 45th President of the United States.

While there were legitimate concerns with immigration leading to terrorism in his beliefs, more often than not his words came off as abhorrently racist and out of touch. Labeling those individuals as rapists and murderers seemed to strike a chord with some in the country, as unbelievable as that sounded to the rest of the country.

Especially tying into the looming presidential elections, all candidates are going to be throwing out the virus as a means of assurance and comfort to say stuff like "I have the best solu-

tion for the virus" and things of that nature.

This should be okay as long as those candidates stick to solutions, and avoid pointless negativity and xenophobia.

Former candidate Mike Bloomberg aired an ad on February 29 referring to the virus and how he would fix it. This is an example of how a candidate can talk about what they would do to prevent the virus, without invoking fear tactics.

If the current presidential hopefuls focus on solutions instead of frightening the American people, then perhaps the next President will make progress towards preventing further spread of the virus, instead of giving empty promises to the people.

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The State Theatre
7:30 p.m.

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5 p.m.

SATURDAY

Pop-In, Pop Art: Potter's Wheel
Emerge Gallery and Art Center
1 p.m.

Storm the Stadium
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
8 a.m.

Rock bands come to Uptown

The Vegabonds and 87 Nights brings talent to Greenville

Olan Bryant
TEC STAFF

Up and coming rock bands will mark their second collaboration when The Vegabonds along with 87 Nights perform at the State Theatre in Greenville tonight at 7:30. The cost to attend the concert is \$14.50.



Daniel Allen

Formed at Auburn University in 2009, The Vegabonds immediately started touring other schools and nightclubs in the southeast, quickly developing a reputation through word of mouth with their mix of Southern rock and country into a style referred to by vocalist Daniel Allen as "New South" rock.

The group has since relocated to Nashville, releasing five records and opening for acts such as Lynyrd Skynyrd and Gregg Allman. They have also embarked on three European tours, as well as performing at major music festivals, including Magnolia Fest and Taste of Randolph while maintaining a busy schedule of 150 shows a year.

Last year marked the beginning of a new chapter for the band. They signed a record deal with Los

Angeles based label Blue Elan Records, along with a publishing deal with Blue Water Music in Nashville.

Allen said The Vegabonds is such a unique group in the rock genre and they pride themselves on blending various styles of music with the different musical backgrounds throughout the band.

"All five members of our band have different musical backgrounds, so we pride ourselves on blending various styles. We have a great mix of Southern Rock, Americana, indie rock and singer-songwriter songs," Allen said.

Allen also commented on the band's prior experiences playing in Greenville, as well as the opportunity to play in the State Theatre for the first time.

"We've felt right at home in Greenville. We've never had the pleasure of rocking the stage at the State Theatre, so that's always a blast when it's the first time," Allen said.

According to Allen, the band's plans for the immediate future include two new projects, one of which is a live album. The group will also be performing at the Summer Solstice music festival in June in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

For 87 Nights, this will be their first visit to Greenville. Formed in 2018 by a group of friends from the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina. The band began by performing at house

parties in the local area, becoming popular with their psychedelic self-penned songs influenced by the Rolling Stones.

The group has collaborated with The Vegabonds on multiple occasions, playing shows in Charleston and Charlotte, North Carolina.

For more information on the concert, visit the event's Facebook page.

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Rock band, 87 Nights, will perform tonight at 7:30.

Gray Gallery to host MFA exhibit

Hannah True
TEC STAFF

Wellington B. Gray Gallery in the Jenkins Fine Art building will be putting the graduating master of fine arts student's work on display tomorrow at 9 a.m.

While the gallery will be open tomorrow to show the pieces, there will also be a closing reception on the 27th with free food and will last from 5 to 8 p.m. with artist talks at 6 p.m.

The gallery will be featuring a range of work including photography, ceramics, sculpture and printmaking. Works by ECU MFA stu-



Mairin Narron

dents, Robin Carter, Jung-hoon Han, Youngjae Kim, Epiphany Knedler, Heather McLelland, Mairin Narron, and Dana Smessaert will be shown.

Curatorial Technician for the gallery, Maria Modlin, explains the thesis exhibition is a graduation requirement for an MFA since the fine arts do not have dissertations.

"The MFA thesis exhibit is a graduation

requirement for an MFA. In the fine arts we do not have dissertations, instead it is a written document that frequently supports the exhibit and the exhibit itself. The exhibit is the culmination of three years of graduate school," Modlin said.

The gallery offers parking permits to see the show on a first come first serve basis, see Gallery Staff for a permit and visit the School of Art and Design's website to see hours or upcoming events in the Gallery.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Balance social and private time or risk burnout. Handle practical matters first. Avoid controversy or noise. Focus on your work and then recharge.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Take a break to consider the road ahead. Talk things over with a partner. Prioritize health and wellness. Take a walk. Rest and recharge.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- More is better, if it's income. Contribute to a shared financial venture. Work with a perfectionist. Manage budget shortfalls with communication. Determine priorities.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Network and connect for social and professional benefit. Hold onto what you have. You may need to navigate bureaucratic hurdles to advance your exploration.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Collaborate with physical labor. Romantic obstacles and challenges require attention. Choose private over public engagements. Listen and learn. Handle obligations, duties and responsibilities.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Practice makes perfect. Put in the extra work. Do more research before launch. An obstacle or barrier requires a work-around solution. Wait until you're ready.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Keep to a realistic budget with travel and study plans. It could get more expensive than anticipated. Consider potential expenses in advance. Review the numbers.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- It's possible to mix business and pleasure. Can you work from home? Find a creative way to handle family responsibilities and make your professional deadlines.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Relax and wait for better conditions for important conversations or actions. Have fun and enjoy peaceful activities. Make romantic plans. Keep things light.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Research purchases for best quality and value. Priorities could change. Slow down to avoid costly mistakes. Simplify. Prioritize and strategize with your partner and family.

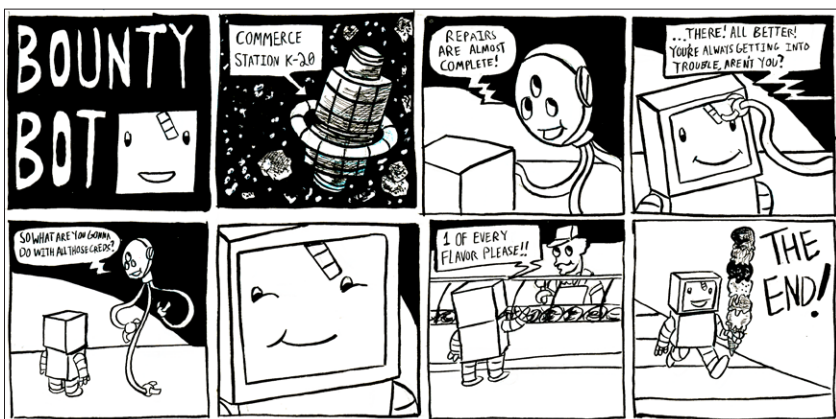
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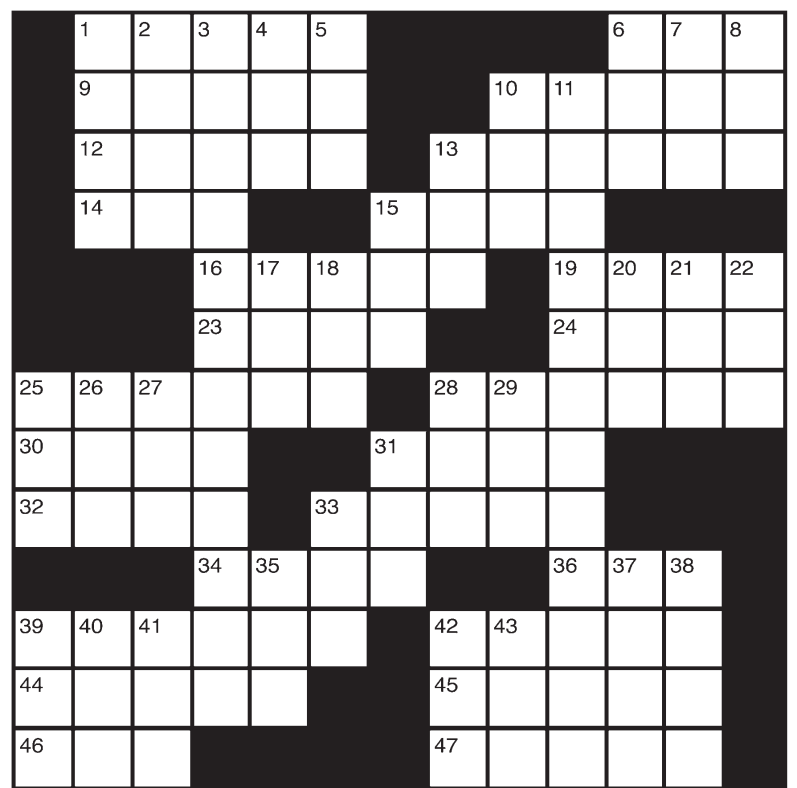
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ACROSS

- "_ Dad"
- Actress Leoni
- one's ways; turn over a new leaf
- Twitter posting
- "Good _"; Jimmie Walker series
- Wiest of "Life in Pieces"
- High-ranking naval officer: abbr.
- "Let's Make a _"
- Actress Kirstie
- Garr or Hatcher
- "_ Like It Hot"
- Stonestreet of "Modern Family"
- "Face the _"
- One of the twins on "Little People, Big World"
- West or Sandler
- Ring of light
- George Wendt's role on "Cheers"
- "_ Every Mountain"; song from "The Sound of Music"
- "The _"; horror film for Gregory Peck and Lee Remick
- Nick Offerman's role on "Parks and Recreation"

- Role on "Happy Days"
- Pressly of "My Name Is Earl"
- Tortilla chip dip
- Midsize Oldsmobile
- Undergarment
- "_ Trees"; series for Anne Heche

DOWN

- "_ Hari"; Greta Garbo movie
- Surrounded by
- Role on "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."
- "_ Day at a Time"
- Yellow Brick and others: abbr.
- "_ Days in the Valley"
- Suffix for eight and velvet
- Consumed
- Tamera's twin
- Role on "Scorpion"
- Susan of "L.A. Law"
- Billy _ Williams
- British restroom
- K-O connection
- Prior to
- Curved edge
- Like slick winter roads
- Fabray, to friends
- "Much _ About Nothing"
- Street paver's goo
- _ alai; fast-paced game
- "A Nightmare on _ Street"; movie for Johnny Depp
- "Morning Express with Robin Meade" network
- Mediocre grade
- Farrow or Kirshner
- Actor Katz
- Marquee light gas
- Bach's monogram
- Crew member
- Channing Tatum's state of birth: abbr.
- "Space _"; Michael Jordan film
- Tavern order

Solution from 3/3

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Level



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit sudoku.org.uk

Solution from 3/3

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WOMEN continued from A1

Carolina softball program has five former players that have been inducted into the ECU Athletics Hall of Fame.

In 1995, Kathy Riley became the first softball player to be inducted into the ECU Athletics Hall of Fame. Riley was a two-sport athlete in softball and womens basketball, but it was in softball where she gained national recognition.

Riley was awarded the Brodrick Cup National Softball Player of the Year and was a first-team All-American team selection. After her collegiate career, Riley played at the 1990 Olympic Sports Festival, and was awarded a gold-medal.

Currently, Riley holds the position as head softball coach at Longwood University, in Farmville, Virginia. Unsurprisingly, Riley has become one of the most well-known and decorated coaches in college softball. In her 22 years at Longwood, the team has won five Big South Championships, and multiple players have made names for themselves under Rileys leadership.

In 1999, Isonette Polonius was selected first overall by the Durham Dragons in the Women's Pro Softball League Draft. Before this, Polonius was a standout on the softball team at ECU.

Polonius played third base for the Pirates and she led ECU to its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 1999. She established records for batting average, home runs and RBI while she was a Pirate.

Polonius was a well-known and very successful student-athlete, but in her eyes, the meaning of 'student' and 'athlete' were held equally to the same high standards. That same year Polonius was named GTE Academic All-American-of-the-Year.

Erin Poepping is a junior pitcher on the ECU softball team, and has been a leader for the team since she stepped into the circle in Greenville. Before her collegiate career even began, she was just a kid playing a game.

"At first it started out as a sport where I got to play in the dirt, then I realized that I was actually pretty good at it," Poepping said.



Erin Poepping

"When I told my mom I wanted to try pitching and picked up a ball I soon grew to love pitching. I love to always be in every play and to have somewhat of a control of the outcomes of the game."

For most of her collegiate career, Poepping has been in control of the circle. In her collegiate debut Poepping threw an impressive complete-game shutout over St. John's, with giving up only six hits, in addition to no walks and two strikeouts.

Poepping went on to have a stellar freshman season and was named to the American Athletic Conference All-Rookie Team, and led the Pirates with 31 starts.

In Poepping's sophomore campaign she led the way again with 33 starts. Poepping also led the Pirates in wins, complete games, strikeouts, innings pitched, and earned run average.

This season we have yet to see a lot of Poepping because she has been sidelined, due to being struck with a ball hit back at her during the 2-4 loss to DePaul. However, she is still the leading contender and is expected to have an enormous junior campaign.

The ECU women's lacrosse team (5-1, 0-0 AAC) is the newest athletic program at ECU. They are coached by head coach Amanda Moore, and assistants Emily Parros and Mary Claire Byrne.

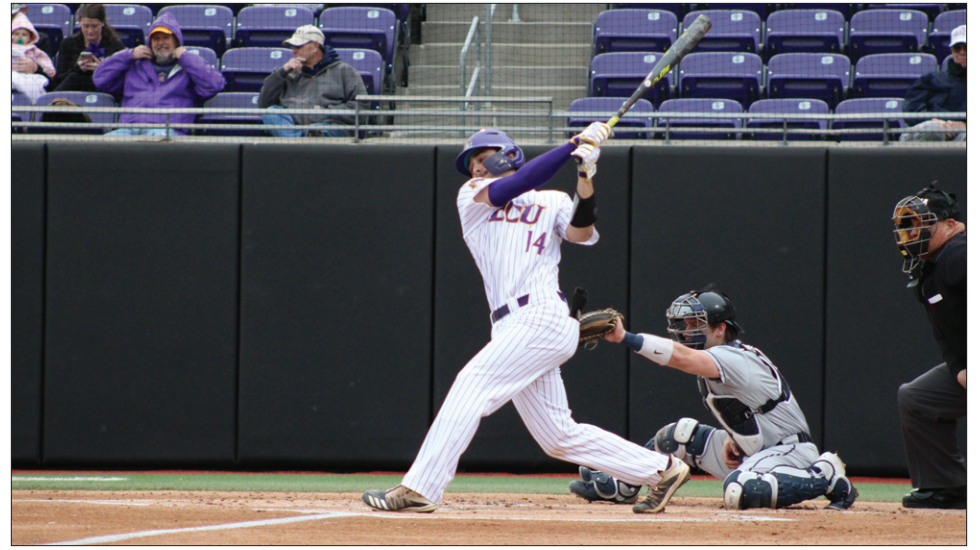
Their inaugural season was in 2018, and it was a rough start. The Pirates went 2-15, and racked wins only against Delaware State and Gardner-Webb. Year two they showed some improvement and added a few wins, going 5-12.

This year the Pirates are off to a hot start. The Pirates have added another win, as they defeated VCU 16-12 on Sunday. This win adds to the longest win streak in program history and ties the program record for most wins in a season.

"We're proving that we deserve to be followed and that people should watch our games," junior attack Ally Stanton said.

These are just a few of the talented women's teams at ECU. With advancements in technology all sports have seen growth in how athletes perform and for female athletes it is no different. ECU is and has been home to some impressive talent over the years and will likely continue this trend.

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Freshman infielder/right-handed pitcher Zach Agnos at bat against Liberty University yesterday.

Pirates defeat Liberty

Daniel Shepard
TEC STAFF

Bullpen days for both East Carolina University (9-3, 0-0 AAC) and Liberty University (8-5, 0-0 ASUN), the Pirates were able to take advantage of the Flames' inexperienced hurlers in an 11-0 victory on Wednesday afternoon in Clark-LeClair Stadium.

Catching a hot Liberty team on the back-end of back-to-back mid-week games, the Pirates did not need much time in capitalizing on the underbelly of the Flames' pitching staff.

"We pitched the ball great today, we played great defense," junior outfielder Bryson Worrell said. "Obviously we scored a lot of runs, so I think we're really putting it together right now."

Tasked with facing the No. 22 ranked Pirates in his first collegiate appearance, Liberty freshman right-handed pitcher Jackson Haga started his night off strong. Sandwiched around a base knock, the righty retired both sophomore outfielder Lane Hoover and junior left-handed pitcher/first baseman Alec Burleson.

After throwing an off-speed pitch to junior catcher Seth Caddell, however, Haga walked off the mound in obvious discomfort. A brief examination from the trainer later, and Haga was on his way back to the dugout after tossing only 15 pitches.

For Liberty, Haga's departure meant a long bullpen day got even longer as the parade of relief arms began to come out of head coach Scott Jackson's pen. On the right side of this advantage, the Pirates immediately responded with offense.

Fresh off belting two home runs on Sunday, Worrell had yet another wildly successful day at the plate. Slashing .395/.467/.789 prior to Wednesday's action, Worrell added two hits to resume on a cloudy night in Clark-LeClair. The first of those knocks, a three-run long ball in the first inning, came on a 3-1 fastball and also tied the junior's career-high for home runs in a single season.

"I was definitely trying to do damage with that swing, especially with runners in scoring position, trying to drive in a run," Worrell said.

Launched over the left field fence, Worrell tacked on a double in the sixth inning to the same field, helping to set up three run frame for the home squad.

Up 5-0 after back-to-back walks and an error on Liberty's first baseman pushed two tallies across in the second inning, the Pirates used a sacrifice fly from Burleson and a two RBI base hit from junior catcher Ben Newton to properly break the game open in the sixth.

Three more runs in the seventh inning got the Pirates into double figures for the second consecutive game and represented the third different inning in which ECU plated a trio of runs on Wednesday.

"I was really proud of the way the offense continued to extend late in the game," head coach Cliff Godwin said. "I think at times our offense has taken their foot off the gas pedal because our pitching and defense has been so good that we haven't had quality at-bats later in the game, and I was really proud of the offense for that."

Just two days removed from racking up 16 hits to cap off a 1-2 weekend, ECU plated 11 runs on 11 hits against the Flames. Worrell, who accounted for two of those hits, was joined by sophomore infielder Connor Norby, freshman infielder Zach Agnos and Hoover as Pirates to rack up at least two hits. All told, seven different ECU players logged at least one knock, while Worrell, Newton, Agnos and Burleson recorded multi-RBI performances.

While Liberty was forced to piece together 7.1 innings after losing their starter to injury, the Pirates needed four pitchers in relief of junior right-handed pitcher Trystan Kimmel. Making his second mid-week start of the season, Kimmel once again looked rock solid. Over two innings of work, the righty failed to allow a hit while striking out two and not walking a batter.

With Kimmel in the dugout after 28 pitches (21 strikes), redshirt senior right-handed pitcher Cam Colmore, sophomore right-hander Garrett Saylor, junior left-handed pitcher Elijah Gill and freshman right-handed pitcher Dylan Lawson soaked up the remaining seven innings of work. Save for a lead-off single and walk given up by Colmore, ECU's bullpen was perfect against Liberty.

"Our bullpen has been really good and we treat it like a bullpen day," Godwin said. "I told them before the game, everybody that goes out there today is a closer. You go out and close out innings, if you can go another one, we'll let you go another one, if you can't we'll pass the ball to somebody else."

Colmore, not long removed from a career-high four inning performance, worked a more modest two innings before Saylor logged three perfect frames. Combining for a one-hitter of the Flames, ECU's pitching staff worked ahead of many batters once afforded the lead in the early innings.

ECU will begin a weekend series against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (8-5, 0-0 C-USA) in Charlotte, North Carolina. First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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TEC Talk: Weathering the Storm

Recent ECU leadership issues may be traced back to former Chancellor Cecil Staton who faced backlash on several issues, including athletics management, especially the football program's dismal record after the firing Ruffin McNeill and hiring Scottie Montgomery. He also reportedly faced meddling on the ECU Board of Trustees from a member of the UNC Board of Governors. Trouble for the university continued with the resignation of Interim Chancellor Dan Gerlach who was investigated by the UNC system for allegedly participating in inappropriate behavior with a woman in a bar, which was followed by an accusation of drinking and driving. The ECU Board of Trustees continues to have issues after two members resigned after allegations of trying to influence board votes by financially enticing a Student Government Association representative.

The question: What is wrong with leadership at ECU and how do we correct the problems?

A panel will be asked for their answers. Come and give yours.

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