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East Carolina University and the local community celebrate and acknowledge the LGBTQ history and Pride Month on campus.

## ECU observes Pride Month

### Greenville community celebrates LGBTQ history

**George Martin**  
TEC STAFF

The month of June is LGBTQ Pride Month and members of the Greenville community will continue to come together to celebrate the history of the LGBTQ community.

Mark Rasdorf, the senior associate director for the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center, said pride month is typically a commemoration of the Stonewall Riots that happened in 1969, where a group of mostly women of color and drag queens fought against police harassment and for LGBTQ rights.

"Each year I think it's taken on more importance as it's become a worldwide celebration to celebrate LGBTQ visibility, equality and advocacy," Rasdorf said.

This is a pivotal pride month, Rasdorf said, since on Monday, the Supreme Court ruled on a case which provided workplace protections for millions who are in the LGBTQ community.

East Carolina University offers multiple resources for LGBTQ students, including the LGBTQ center which was founded in 2011, according to Rasdorf. He said the center was created after a graduate student, Summer Wisdom, said ECU should improve its resources for the LGBTQ community in the conclusion of her research.

"I always say that we're a resource, referral, educational and social center for the entire campus. So we offer programming, we offer social space (and) we offer resources both in brochures that might help people with coming out and we have a lending library of over 700 titles," Rasdorf said.

Even though June is Pride Month, Rasdorf said National Coming Out Day in October has become the main pride celebration

on campus, due to its popularity with students. He said he is currently unsure if the center will be able to hold the event in the fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shaun Simon, the associate director for the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC), said pride month is important because Americans should be well educated on the history of the country, even if the history is ugly.

"LGBT(Q) folks are a part of that (history), so pride month allows us, though only for 30 days, it allows us an opportunity to focus in on that community and really uplift them and celebrate the contributions we've made, and pride month has also been an active rebellion and opportunity for celebration from the persecution that some of us face in different aspects of our lives," Simon said.

The Supreme Court ruled on

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## Incoming students gear up for fall

**Jennifer Sieg**  
TEC STAFF

As the fall 2020 semester is introduced in a new block schedule format, some incoming students hold hopeful attitudes and goals while they prepare for their first year on East Carolina University's campus.

Incoming freshman Anyanso Kalu said he plans to major in public health and is involved with a Living Learning Community (LLC) through campus living. He said he is excited to meet new people through the LLC and see what different kinds of clubs ECU has to offer.

Kalu said he experienced block-scheduled classes in high school so the shift is not entirely new to him. He said he looks forward to the new schedule and is confident it will work smoothly with his classes.

"I think smaller classes are better. I mean, I knew going into ECU the classes will be bigger but since they will be smaller now I think that's a good thing," Kalu said.

ECU's PiratePort has been an important guide to advise him with what he needs to prepare as far as paperwork goes, Kalu said. He said he plans to work on procrastination habits in order to develop some more time-management skills, which he will then bring into the new school year.

Incoming student Ethan Cahoon plans to major in business and minor in political science. He said he graduated high school with an associate's degree from his local community college because he took part in a dual-credit enrollment opportunity.

Cahoon said he will be a new student on ECU's campus this year and once his credits transfer over he will be considered a junior on track to graduate in 2022. He said he looks forward to new social engagement with others and the different clubs and events offered.

"Hopefully everything won't be too different, I mean I know there's going to have to be different guidelines to like the football games and stuff like that," Cahoon said.

Being involved is what gives students the best experience from whatever school they decide to attend, according to Cahoon. He said he originally

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## Local support needed

### Black-owned businesses show unity

**Yasmine Curmon-Ward**  
TEC STAFF

Greenville's black-owned businesses will continue to speak out for support following the protests that took place in uptown and ask for community members to give their businesses a chance to give back to the black community.

Kendra Thomas, the owner of Give Me Beauty Glam Bar, located at 1530 Evans St. Suite 110, said she is a licensed esthetician who specializes in noninvasive body enhancement procedures. She said her business provides fat reduction, buttock enhancement and cellulite treatment without having to go under the knife.

Thomas said her goal for her business is to help men and women feel more confident about their bodies. She said she wants to offer solutions to help people with their body insecurities and now more than ever it is important to show support toward black businesses in the community.

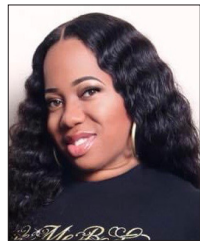
"Black businesses cannot succeed with-

out the help of the black population. When we spend our money elsewhere, it's not benefiting us or our community which are the ones being deprived of funding. We need to stick together more and create more jobs in our community for our people like other races do," Thomas said.

Kei Kei Turner, the owner of The Good Hair Shop, located at 103 E Victoria Ct. b1, said her business is a natural hair care salon. Turner said her goal for her business is to become a staple in the hair care community.

Turner said she wants to educate clients on natural hair as she works to dispel stereotypes and myths about natural hair and the people who wear locs.

"I believe in order for the black community to become stronger and independently stable, we need to invest in one another by intentionally patronizing our own businesses," Turner said.



**Kendra Thomas**

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COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES

ECU junior Alec Burleson swings and misses during a contest from earlier in the 2020 season.

## Alec Burleson drafted

**Dylan Woolard**  
TEC STAFF

In the second round of the 2020 MLB draft, East Carolina University junior left handed pitcher and first baseman Alec Burleson was selected by the St. Louis Cardinals with the 70 overall pick last Thursday.

Burleson became the fourth Pirate baseball player to be selected in the second round or

higher and the fourth All-American at ECU to be selected by the Cardinals organization. He joins former Pirates Seth Maness, Evan Kruczynski and former teammate Chris Holba.

With the MLB and MLBPA's inability to agree to terms on the 2020 season's start due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Burleson said he plans to just stay prepared for whatever comes his way.

"I really don't know, yesterday and today I was

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## BRIEFS

## ECU BOT to conduct special session

Tomorrow, East Carolina University's Board of Trustees will conduct a remote meeting in a special session at 11:30 a.m. The agenda and more information can be found on the BOT's website.

## ECU to host summer Cupola Conversation

Tomorrow, East Carolina University will host the second installment in the summer Virtual Cupola Conversations series called "Driving out Darkness: Breaking Down Barriers" at 4 p.m. The conversation will include a panel of students, alums, a social justice advocate and local law enforcement. Additional information and a link to the live virtual program will be sent out prior to June 18.

## First summer session comes to an end

On June 22, East Carolina University's first summer session of classes will come to a close. The first session began May 18 and was 5 weeks long. All courses were held online due to social distancing measures put in place by the state. It will also be the last day for ECU students to complete the Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) for summer classes and submission of grade replacement requests.

## ECU has first summer session exams

On June 23, East Carolina University students will have exams for the first summer session of classes. There is not a set schedule for final exams for the summer session. For exact times and information on exams students should check their class syllabus or contact their professors.

## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

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East Carolina University's Life Sciences and Biotechnology Building is located on the corner of 10th Street and Evans Street. It is scheduled to open in 2021.

# Construction remains on schedule

## Life Sciences and Biotechnology Building expected to open in 2021

**Cayla Menges**  
TEC STAFF

The construction of East Carolina University's Life Sciences and Biotechnology Building at 10th Street and Evans Street is still on schedule to be completed by July 2021.

The Life Sciences and Biotechnology Building is the first addition to a long line of research and multi-use facilities planned to come to ECU in the future, according to Interim Chancellor Ron Mitchelson.

The building will be home to a number of scientific disciplines like engineering, biology and physics, Mitchelson said. He said he hopes the building brings together students and faculty to work towards the goal of real world problem solving in life sciences and biotechnological fields.

"We really want a space where these scientists from disciplines more or less run into each other. The design of that space is really interactive," Mitchelson said.

The decision to bring a new building to ECU's campus came after a look at the age of the Howell Science Complex, according to Mitchelson. He said when Howell was built the number of students was much smaller, especially those in science related disciplines, and the Life Sciences and Biotechnology Building is prioritized to bring more space. Mitchelson said the location for the Life

Sciences and Biotechnology Building was originally near Christenbury Gym, but it would not fit with the space they wanted to allocate for collaborative learning. He said the building needed to facilitate work with the region outside of ECU with its location chosen on the corner of 10th Street and Evans Street.

ECU owns 22 acres of land across from the new building, of what Mitchelson said is the warehouse district.



**Ron Mitchelson**

"The 22 acres across the street really is designated as an economic development zone. We want to attract new firms, new opportunities and some for our students. We anticipate having spaces over there for small business development," Mitchelson said.

Within the next month or two ECU will announce the development plans for the warehouse district, according to Mitchelson.

Assistant Director of Facilities Engineering and Architectural Services Robert Brown said the Life Sciences and Biotechnology Building will provide research programs which will be globally competitive and produce higher-skilled graduates.

Brown said the building will include large and small collaborative spaces, classrooms,

office spaces, support student and staff work areas and provide laboratory spaces for Cell Biology, Plant Biochemistry and other scientific disciplines.

"The building is 141,000 gross square feet. Total of five stories. Stories one to three will be fully built out, story four will be shelled due to budget limitations. It has been designed and will be upfit when funding is available. The fifth story is a smaller footprint mechanical/utilities penthouse," Brown said.

The building is a \$90 million project and will be ready for personnel occupancy around mid-September to October 2021, according to Brown. He said the project has not experienced any significant schedule-impacting delays, with Rodgers Builders Inc. as the Construction Manager, due to COVID-19.

The Architectural Firm Lord Aeck Sargent, a Katerra Co. (LAS) developed the exterior aesthetics and were guided by ECU's Master Plan, Facilities Engineering & Architectural services and ECU Leadership including the Board of Trustees, according to Brown.

More information on the Life Sciences and Biotechnology building is located on ECU's website.

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Monday that members of the LGBTQ community still face persecution. Simon pointed out that protections against workplace discrimination are a fundamental right for many Americans, but members of the LGBTQ community are just now getting these protections as an example of the mistreatment that they face.

The Campus Pride Index is for prospective college students who want to see if certain campuses are welcoming of the LGBTQ community. Simon said ECU has a rating of four and a half out of five stars on the website.

"We have the ability for students to choose their name, which is great for all students, especially students who identify as trans so that they're not dead-named in class. We also have, within the (Main Campus) Student Center, we have two gender neutral bathrooms and I want to say ECU is making a point for all new buildings to have them," Simon said.

The LWCC and Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center will collaborate to host events which seek to build a community for "trans students of color" where experiences can be shared between students who are within the community, according to Simon.

Events which focus on the intersection of being a person of color and a member of the LGBTQ community, Simon said, are woven into the programming of the LWCC.

"Queer history is American history, so to celebrate and talk about those things, we also have to talk about what that looks like in various communities," Simon said.

Interim Chancellor Ron Mitchelson said diversity is a reflection of quality and excellence, so he sees any kind of recognition of diversity as a signature of trying to achieve excellence.

"It's in the best interest of our institution to celebrate, to recognize, and so I think marking a time when we do that is good," Mitchelson said.

More information on upcoming events and the Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center can be found on its website.



**Shaun Simon**

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Incoming students for East Carolina University will continue to prepare for the fall semester and the changes being made for student safety.

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thought about commuting from home, but he realized it might be best to get the campus living experience.

Cahoon said dorm life has been his top preparation priority to make sure he has everything he needs, and he's excited to get the college-life experience his peers have told him about.

"Not only do you get to get away from home and meet new people and kind of be your own person but it's just better to be involved on the campus and it's harder to do that if you're not on the campus," Cahoon said.

Incoming freshman Nia Anderson said she originally planned to major in dance, though her major is now undeclared. She said she looks forward to being on ECU's campus in the fall and to experience campus life as a freshman because at first she thought she wouldn't be able to due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Anderson said she met her soon-to-be dorm room-



**Ethan Cahoon**

mate through the ECU freshman Instagram page and is comfortable knowing who she will be living with given coronavirus circumstances. However, she said health safety precautions remain her first priority.

ECU's decision to transition into block-scheduled classes was a good idea in efforts to provide strong health and safety measures, according to Anderson. She said she currently works at a gym, so she's been practicing strong safety measures already.

"I think that's just my main concern, is trying to remain safe on campus because obviously it's going to be more difficult than everyday life," Anderson said.

Incoming students are using online orientation as an alternative to orientation on campus to comply with social distancing measures put in place by the university, according to ECU's official website. Online orientation instructions can be found on ECU's website.

Students can find other online resources and orientation information using their PiratePort. This includes financial, schedule and class registration materials. Due to social distancing some instructions for placement tests may vary, according to ECU's website.

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Packaged meals from Muscle Maker Grill, located at 3150 Evans St., which plans to open a new location on ECU's Health Sciences campus in the 2020 fall semester.

# Grill to open new location

## Local restaurant will expand to Health Sciences campus

**Yasmine Curmon-Ward**  
TEC STAFF

Muscle Maker Grill, located at 3150 Evans St. Suite P, will open a new location in the East Carolina University Health Sciences Campus Student Center dining hall this coming fall.

Ahmad Aboshie, ECU alumnus and franchise owner of Muscle Maker Grill, said Muscle Maker Grill is the first local restaurant to be allowed in ECU's Health Sciences campus dining hall.

"Muscle Maker Grill is the first fast, casual healthy restaurant in Eastern NC (North Carolina). We aim to offer our customers a fresh, affordable and healthier version of their favorite meals, so they can enjoy eating out with no guilt," Aboshie said in an email statement.

Muscle Maker Grill will accept Pirate Meals, all major credit cards and cash as forms of payment, Aboshie said. Tables will be spread out six feet apart to make it easier to practice social distancing for everyone's safety. Aboshie said there will be training for the staff a month before opening on safe practices as well.

The restaurant's atmosphere is relaxing, Aboshie said, and customers come to the restaurant, where they are treated like family, for a meal and stay for a couple of hours to study, work and catch up with friends.



**Ahmad Aboshie**

"We are known for our amazing wraps, mouth watering grass-fed burgers, great fresh salads, a variety of entrees, natural chicken and more. We also serve 100% fruit smoothies as well as protein drinks," Aboshie said in an email statement.

Aboshie said it is important for ECU students to have a fresh and healthy meal option when eating on campus.

Muscle Maker Grill was the 2018 winner of ECU's best restaurant partner award, according to Aboshie, and the grill has made donations to many the departments at ECU. As an alumnus, Aboshie said he is proud to give back.

"I feel deeply connected to the community

and especially the Pirate community. I have received support over the years from the Pirate Nation, so I knew that I wanted to be right here, where I could serve and give back to my Pirate community and wonderful city," Aboshie said in an emailed statement.

Rania Issa, an employee at Muscle Maker Grill, said she thinks it is time for students and staff to have a fresh and nutritious dining option accessible to them at ECU's Health and Science campus dining hall.

"MMG's (Muscle Maker Grill) food is packed with flavor, without packing on the calories. We also have a great vegan menu. We offer the Impossible meat, which can be substituted for the protein into any meal. Students, we also offer meal plans, so you can enjoy great MMG meals all week long. Just choose what meals you want and let us know when you want to pick them up," Issa said.

More information on Muscle Maker Grill can be found on its website.

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Sisters Gail R. Phelps and Kaye F. Roberts are the owners of GK Café & Catering, located at 3197 E 10th St., which they created in 2009, according to the restaurant's website.

Phelps said that GK Café & Catering partnered with the Greenville Country Club to provide catering opportunities for its members and the community. It offers catering for banquets, rehearsal dinners, weddings, business meetings and other social events. Phelps said in the future they plan to expand the catering component of the business.

"We think it is important to support all local businesses. I am a proud alumni of ECU with a bachelor and master's degree in nursing," Phelps said. "We are honored to be a minority owned business. We have worked hard to be a blessing to our community at large. We are here to serve God's people and to be a light of hope for future generations. We are here to show that through faith and hard work dreams can be accomplished."

Lookatdatder BBQ House & Catering is a black-owned soul food restaurant located at 411 Deck St. Co-owner Ivan Hawkins said he owns the business with his wife, Ashley Hawkins, and their friend Orlando Wright.

Hawkins said the business' goal is to continue to connect with diverse people through his food. He said he hopes to expand into more locations in the near future.

"I think it is important to support black businesses at this time, as well as any other time. Supporting black businesses has always been a priority to me and it has always been a way to give back to the black community," Hawkins said.

Frederica Bell Robinson is the CEO of Carolina Chicken and Waffles, a restaurant chain food truck that is family-owned and based in Eastern North Carolina, which she founded with her children. T

Carolina Chicken and Waffles is known for serving its "family's secret chicken, waffles and Ms. Fred's Famous Lemonade," according to the food truck's website.

Robinson said she wants to serve her customers quality food and service.



CONTRIBUTED BY FEDERICA BELL ROBINSON

**A meal from Carolina Chicken and Waffles.**

"(The goal) is to always make every customer feel like they're part of our family by providing high quality service and to always put good things back into the communities in which we serve through providing good food and philanthropy," Robinson said.

Jamerus Payton, co-owner of Carolina Chicken and Waffles, said supporting black businesses can help boost the local economy, create sustainable jobs and will help increase consumer spending which will then create tax dollars to provide better resources in the city.



**Jamerus Payton**

by supporting black-owned businesses, the local banks and the economy will benefit, as well as the local racial wealth gap by decreasing it.

"More sustainable Black-owned businesses and jobs will increase credit worthy, financially responsible citizens which ultimately helps our local community banks and other financial institutions provide banking and equal lending opportunities (i.e. more business loans, mortgages, school loans, etc.)," Payton said in an emailed statement.

More information on these black-owned businesses in Greenville can be found on the GK Café, Carolina Chicken and Waffles, LookatDatDer BBQ, The Good Hair Shop and Give me Beauty Glam Bar websites.

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## OUR VIEW

### GFR needs support from community

The body of missing Greenville Fire/Rescue (GFR) firefighter, Gary Cox, was found on June 9 after a three-day search on the Tar River. The 24-year-old firefighter-in-training drowned while swimming in the Tar River with three other off-duty firefighters on June 7.

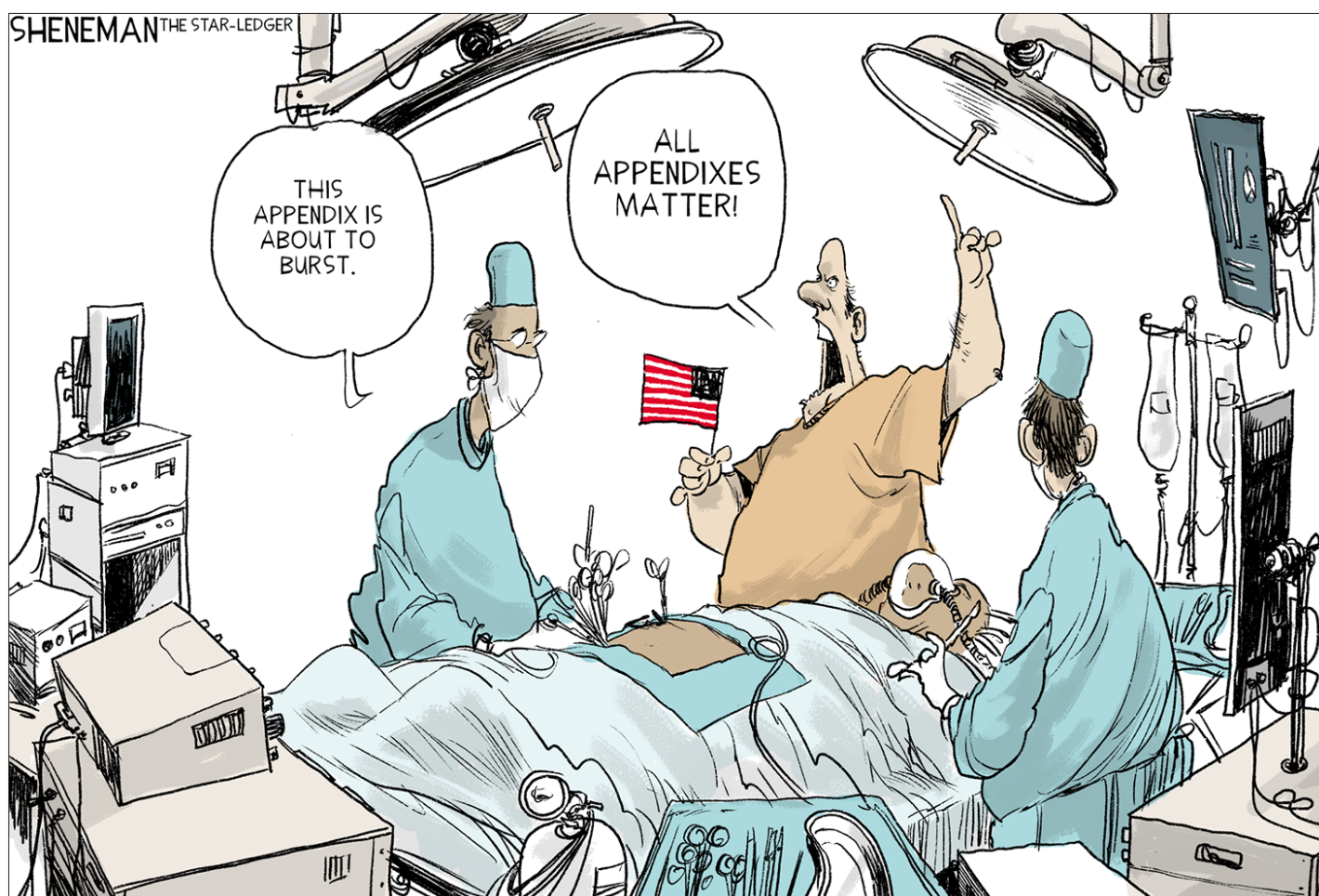
Cox and the other off-duty firefighters swam near a bridge at the intersection of Greenville Boulevard and 10th Street during the boating trip.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the Greenville community should continue to offer its support to GFR and the Red Oak Community Rural Fire Department during this tough time. We are also pleased to see the community come together to support Cox's loved ones and both fire departments during this time.

The initial search for Cox began around 6 p.m. on June 7. The search continued into June 8 through June 9 as search teams from the GFR and Greenville Police Department (GPD) as well as search teams from Beaufort and Hertford County, amongst others, came to assist. The search was made difficult due to low visibility on the river, underwater currents and the depth of the water, according to GFR's Chief Eric Griffin.

The search teams found Cox's body on June 9. As Cox's body was escorted in an ambulance to Vidant, members of GFR, GPD, Red Oak Community Rural Fire Department, Vidant employees and community members saluted the ambulance. Additionally, a ceremony to celebrate the life of Cox was held on June 9 at the Red Oak Firehouse, located at 925 W Star St.

We send our condolences to the family and friends of Cox as well as GFR and the Red Oak Community Rural Fire Department. Cox will truly be missed and his life will continue to be honored by not only his friends and family but the Greenville community as well.



## Staying silent is unacceptable

### Black people need everyone's support during this tough time

#### Letter to the Editor



**Juan Hernandez**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

With much of America and the world going through unrest, it's easy to feel angry, afraid and disappointed at everything. Since the murder of George Floyd by the hands of four police officers, citizens have spoken again about the broken police system we have in place.

Everywhere on social media, we see black squares, #JusticeForFloyd posts and information about how to aid black communities against the institutionalized racism that lingers throughout the country. Now more than ever, people are tired of being pushed around, and government officials have noticed, but lack the initiative to help. It's a service to oneself to educate themselves on the history of how black communities have faced oppression whether directly or indirectly.

If you have friends who exhibit mannerisms of indirect racism, call them out but allow them to work on themselves and their outward behaviors toward certain cultures. If you have parents who are a bit

more traditional and feel remorse for large corporate stores being robbed, ask them to feel sympathy and horror for the murder of an unarmed black man who also had a family.

It's amazing to see everyone talk about these situations more openly on social media and everyone is participating in it. However, anyone can post a black square or an informational piece about protesting but these require initiative and commitment for those who help black communities. If people want to protest but cannot due to outside factors then donate money to the George Floyd Memorial Fund, spread awareness and call out racism wherever it may present itself.

The biggest crime anyone can do right now is to remain quiet or not take action in any way. We all have our own lives and it's completely understandable to focus on your own struggle, but recognize that a world exists outside of your own, and people are affected by your actions whether you notice it or not.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion and by any means, everyone has the liberty to say whatever they want or believe as they wish. To not knock on anyone particularly who believes in the All Lives Matter movement, those individuals should try

to comprehend the larger picture of Black Lives Matter. With Black Lives Matter, it's not stating that black lives are the only ones that should matter but they deserve our attention, respect and gratitude for everything black communities have done for culturing American life.

Black lives matter because they are being scrutinized, victimized and ostracized for no apparent reason and that's why they matter. Despite the differences among people, it's disappointing that stubborn All Lives protestors cannot leave their comfort zone to try and understand the Black Lives Matter movement.

Now more than ever, this needs to be desperately discussed about whether it's uncomfortable or not. To change or to learn about a situation, it's going to take time and planned initiatives that strive for a better future. Before that happens, it all begins with a discussion about what needs to be improved in society and how we can help our fellow brothers and sisters who are discriminated against. Just do yourself favor, be kind and think about everything twice before you say anything.

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## BLM movement means more than riots

#### Letter to the Editor



**Jada Lucas**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

No one who is black or brown is surprised about the recent events that have transpired over the last month. Almost every year it seems as if we have to add more names to an ever-growing

list of individuals who have lost their lives because of their skin color. Whether it be from police brutality or from individuals who feel like they can enforce their own twisted version of justice.

What hurts the most is when each time this has happened, we take to the streets and cry for justice, crying out that our lives matter, only to be told to "settle down." Told that "every life matters" or that "we should be peaceful." Told that the person would still be alive if he or she hadn't "acted out" or "resisted." I don't remember when begging for your life became a form of resistance.

When we have to bury one of our brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers or children, they tell us without missing a beat that "not every cop is bad," yet those same people limit our movement only seeing "rioters" and "thugs." Forever blinded to the real "why" behind all of the protests and riots.

They love to shove watered-down versions of our own history down our throats, "Martin Luther King Jr.

**"When we have to bury one of our brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers or children, they tell us without missing a beat that 'not every cop is bad,' yet those same people limit our movement only seeing 'rioters' and 'thugs.'"**

changed the world and not once did he riot." They always seem to leave the part out where Martin and his followers were still sprayed by fire hoses, still called slurs, had police dogs bite them, still arrested and were beaten. They always ignore how MLK himself said "a riot is the language of the unheard."

Every person of color knows that peace is important, we know how imperative it is that each individual should be able to live their lives without fear and that violence is a horrible thing. Why else would we be passionately protesting these horrible acts of violence by those who swore to serve and protect us?

One of the biggest issues that the movement is trying to bring awareness to would be the two forms of justice that exist within the American legal system. When a black or brown individual commits a crime small or serious such as murder, that individual more times than not will serve their time. However, when someone who is not of color does the same crime, they

get administrative leave, paid leave or sometimes they walk free. You can't have two different types of justice when justice itself is supposed to be blind.

Until everyone in our society is able to sit down and actively reflect on the past and foundation of our country, particularly those individuals who were/are not affected by it, the issue of racism will always be here. It may not look the way it once did, but it is still alive and well. When we all can finally come together and acknowledge it, that will be the day that we as a nation can come together and heal.

So the next time you see a black or brown person, or any person of color, please see us for who we are, hug us, hold our hands, pray with us or just listen to our stories. We have endured the worst and ugliest parts of American history for so long and it makes us so tired.

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — A dreamy assignment raises your positive cash flow. Get creative and imaginative with practical details. You're discovering hidden opportunities. Make an important connection.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Take on more responsibility to advance progress with a professional dream job. Gather support for the project. Follow a hunch. You can outsmart the competition.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Despite demand for your attention, prioritize health. You're developing a new perspective. Guard time for fitness routines, good food and rest. Get support when needed.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — Check your personal course, and then it's full speed ahead. A dream appears within view. Listen to intuition as well as support from trusted advisors.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — What would you love to learn? Consider classes and conferences. Study new territory to advance an educational dream. Explore new cultures, flavors and ideas.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — A romantic dream comes into focus. Enjoy the company of someone sweet. Get into your favorite activities and flavors. Have fun with people you love.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 7 — Make time for private ritual and meditation to process recent transitions and changes. Conclude arrangements and complete projects before beginning the next phase.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Review numbers with joint ventures. Discover hidden benefits. You and another are bonded by a shared dream. Share ideas and possibilities with your partner.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Imagine home renovation projects realized. Choose supplies and materials carefully. Nurture your garden and household with extra care and special treats. Pamper your family.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 9 — Support your dream team. A shared objective tempts. Go for distance rather than speed. You can get farther together. Provide encouragement and resources. Celebrate results.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — Creative collaboration sparkles with inspiration and insight. Contribute to realize a shared dream. It could even get romantic. Express passion, ideas and gratitude.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — This story is practically writing itself. Articulate the possibilities. A dreamy opportunity presents itself. Reach out to your network for partnership, support and resources.

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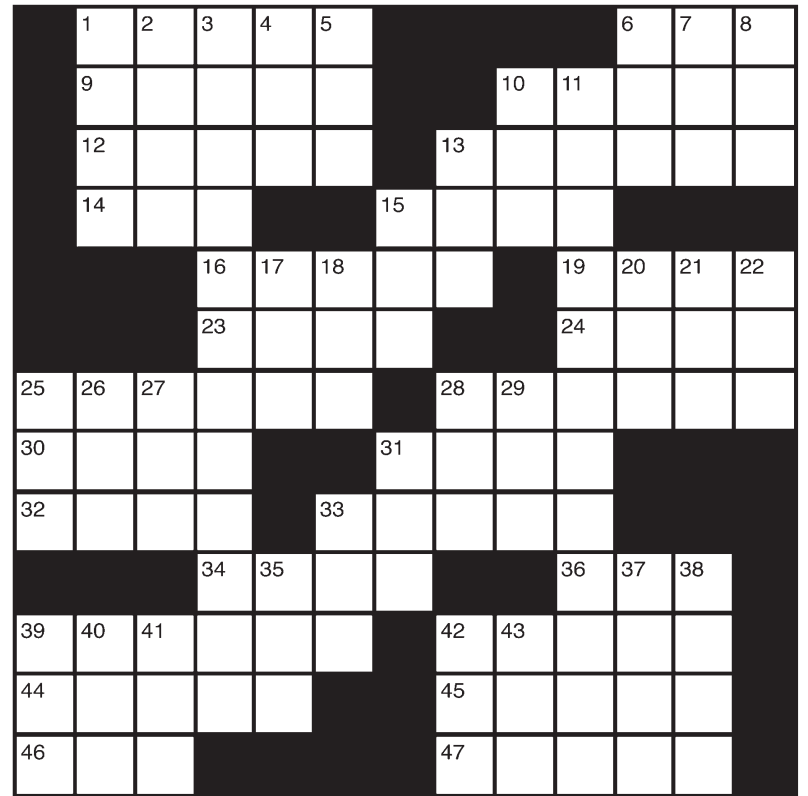


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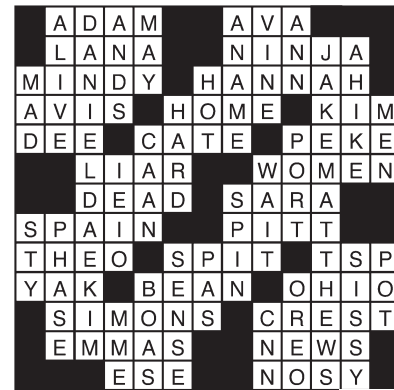
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  - 10 Baio or Caan
  - 12 "Everybody \_\_\_ Raymond"
  - 13 Actor Nick and his family
  - 14 Prefix for cycle or angle
  - 15 Actress Delany
  - 16 "The \_\_\_"; Fran Drescher series
  - 19 Folk singer and actor Burl Ives
  - 23 Region
  - 24 "\_\_\_ Window"; James Stewart film
  - 25 "A \_\_\_ Man"; Patrick Wilson series
  - 28 Sitcom for Ted Danson
  - 30 "Don't have \_\_, man!" Bart Simpson's line
  - 31 Harmon \_\_\_; role on "JAG"
  - 32 "Que Sera, \_\_\_"
  - 33 "The \_\_\_ Purple"; movie for Oprah Winfrey
  - 34 "U \_\_\_"; Sean Penn/Jennifer Lopez film
  - 36 "Fresh \_\_\_ the Boat"
  - 39 One of the Seven Dwarfs
  - 42 \_\_\_ Mandel
- DOWN**
- 44 Actress Kelly Rowland
  - 45 Em and Bee
  - 46 Take advantage of
  - 47 Dianne of "Life in Pieces"
  - 1 Sweet creamy drink
  - 2 Pianist Stravinsky
  - 3 Role on "Chicago P.D."
  - 4 180 degrees from WSW
  - 5 Wall and Easy: abbr.
  - 6 Portable bed
  - 7 Sault \_\_. Marie
  - 8 "\_\_\_ Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
  - 10 "Sanford and \_\_\_"
  - 11 Role on "The Good Doctor"
  - 13 Anti's vote
  - 15 FBI crime lab evidence
  - 17 "Who Do You Think You \_\_\_?"
  - 18 "\_\_\_ and Stacey"
  - 20 1960s pop singer Bobby Darin
  - 21 Hearing organ
  - 22 Yrbk. section
  - 25 Helium or hydrogen
  - 26 "\_\_\_ Age: Continental Drift"; animated film sequel
  - 27 "Grounded \_\_\_ Life"
  - 28 Coolidge or Ripken
  - 29 "The Sopranos" network
  - 31 Howard or Ely
  - 33 "Boys Don't \_\_\_"; Hilary Swank movie
  - 35 "\_\_\_ Lazy River"; Hoagy Carmichael song
  - 37 \_\_\_ of rage; temper tantrums
  - 38 Suffix for song or gab
  - 39 Univ. in Dallas
  - 40 "NCIS: \_\_\_ Angeles"
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## Women's soccer prepares for fall

### Pirate Coach Hamilton confident as 2020 season approaches

**Brendan Cavazos**  
TEC STAFF

This offseason has been a difficult one due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but East Carolina University's women's soccer head coach Jason Hamilton is confident his team will be prepared going into the 2020-2021 season.

"There's going to be a lot of people who use the pandemic as an excuse for why they had a bad year, and we don't want to be one of those teams," Hamilton said. "Rather than allow it to be an excuse, be ready for when the time comes."

Similar to other fall sports, preparation for this season has looked a little different. The pandemic has caused teams to meet virtually



**Jason Hamilton**

rather than hold practices, which could affect teams differently. The women's soccer team has not met together since before the university's spring break, requiring the players to stay in shape and prepare while at home, according to Hamilton.

Since many gyms have been closed down for the past few months, Hamilton said he emphasizes creativity among his players while they prepare. He said the team was sent home with a summer packet every offseason to help mentally prepare for the season. Along with these packets, virtual meetings are held and focused on watching film, where players will be able to study to face their opponents this season.

"We just want to focus on getting better tactically, which is probably the area we can affect the most virtually," Hamilton said.

An uncertain start date for the season

caused confusion for many teams, but Hamilton has kept his team ready for when the action will begin.

"Up until very recently, we weren't sure if there was going to be a season that started later or a season that might happen in the second semester," Hamilton said. "We just said let's continue to prepare as if everything is going to be normal and be ready. That way there is no excuse."

The Pirates finished with an overall record of 5-10-3 in the 2019 season and finished 2-5-2 against conference foes. The 2019 schedule for the Pirates pitted them against a large number of in-state foes with victories at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Asheville and at UNC Charlotte, but suffering losses against North Carolina State University and at UNC Greensboro.

ECU was slated to host UNC Wilmington, but the match was cancelled.

In the 2020 season, the Pirates will play a number of in-state opponents. ECU will travel to High Point University early in the season on Aug. 20, at Duke University Sep. 3, at UNC Wilmington Sep. 6 and at Campbell University Sep. 10. In one of the Pirates' last five scheduled matches of the 2020 season, ECU will host UNC Greensboro about halfway through conference play.

Hamilton and his Pirates squad will return to action on Aug. 13 when they host the Longwood University Lancers under the lights at ECU's Johnson Stadium. The match with the Lancers will be one of two exhibition matches of the season with the second coming as another home match against Old Dominion University on Aug. 15.

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ECU junior Cashlin Copley dribbling the ball between defenders during the 2019 season.

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just kind of taking it all in," Bursleson said. "I've had a couple of conversations with people in the organization just introducing ourselves and hopefully we can get some things taken care of in the next week or so. I'm going to stay ready like it's the off-season and keep working out and keep doing what I've been doing. As far as the baseball aspect of it, I don't think anybody has any idea what's about to happen."

As for joining an organization that has taken such a liking to Pirate ballplayers, Bursleson said a couple of former Pirates made sure to get in touch with him after the news broke.

"They both reached out to me last night, I'll probably have more conversations with them just about what to expect and different things like that. They said the organization's awesome and I'm looking forward to playing with those guys sometime," Bursleson said.

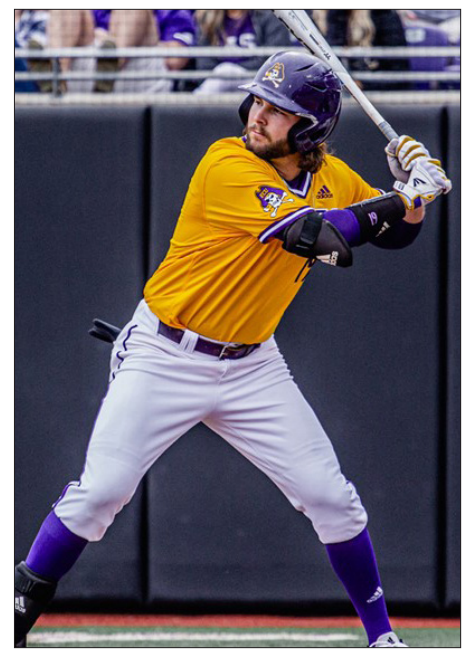
Starting for the Pirates in all 17 games of the 2020 season, Bursleson managed a .375 batting average over 64 at-bats, hit three home runs and delivered 12 RBI's. On the mound, the lefty sported a 4.24 ERA over a team-leading 23.1 innings pitched. Bursleson recorded a record of 2-1 for the Pirates in his junior campaign.

The Cardinals drafted Bursleson as an outfielder and he said he would prefer to hit, but also mentioned that he's open to playing wherever the team asks him to.

"Kind of taking the same mindset as I had at ECU, wherever coach Godwin puts me I'm going to play and I'm going to give them 100% of my effort," Bursleson said. "That's what I'm going to do whenever we can start playing again with the Cardinals."

Bursleson's three year career at ECU remains a decorated one as this season **Alec Bursleson** alone, he was named a CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-American as well as a Collegiate Baseball First-Team All-American.

In 2019, Bursleson was a third-team CoSIDA Academic All-American. The 2020 honor makes Bursleson the third Pirate baseball player to earn consecutive honors alongside current head coach Cliff Godwin and Sam Narron. ECU baseball associate head coach



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Bursleson awaits the pitch during a 2020 contest.

and recruiting coordinator Jeff Palumbo said Bursleson is one of the most well-rounded players he's ever recruited or coached.

"You talk about your goals in the recruiting process and we start with three things," Palumbo said. "A, it starts with good people. B, it starts with committing to your academics and doing as

well as you can to get a great degree from East Carolina and the third is to help us win championships."

While Bursleson won't return to the mound, the plate or wherever Godwin

wants to put him on the diamond, he does plan to return to Clark-LeClair Stadium.

"I've grown relationships with all of my teammates and all of the coaching staff and all of the fans," Bursleson said. "I have a lot more than just a player-fan relationship with some of the people and it's not the easiest thing to walk away from, but it's not like I'll never be back."

Bursleson makes 12 Pirates taken in the MLB draft since 2017 in what has become something of a fraternity and a brotherhood just on shared experiences alone.

"Just to be able to experience college baseball with those guys was unbelievable. It was something I'll never forget, I'll always be a Pirate, I'll always bleed purple and gold," Bursleson said.

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