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Students board the East Carolina University Transit bus, which goes to the 33 East apartment complex in the City of Greenville.

SGA prepares for successful fall semester

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University Student Government Association (SGA) executive cabinet looks to increase transparency between the association and the student body as the fall 2021 semester approaches and Pirates make their return to campus.

SGA President Chandler Ward said one of the biggest challenges SGA has faced in the past was communication to students on the ongoing efforts of SGA. He said there was a big divide between the association and the ECU student community.



"One of the biggest things (SGA) is trying to work on is unifying the two groups (SGA and students)," Ward said. "We believe it all starts with marketing and that is going to be Savannah (Slade) and I's biggest platform."

Ward said he needed to create transparency between SGA and the students to make sure students stayed informed about the efforts of the association. He said SGA hopes to be able to help other student organizations market themselves as well.

Students should not have to seek out information in regards to the SGA, Ward said, because the organization should provide the information to the students. He said he wanted to give students access to everything SGA has done and will do in the future.

"I feel like there is a divide between the governing body and the everyday student," Ward said. "I want to make sure that if there are any big decisions made, students will be the first to hear of the freshman and sophomores especially."

Ward said the challenge he's faced as SGA president has been the lack of students on or around campus due to the pandemic. He said he believes the university will return to normal in the fall.

Students may struggle trying to make up for the year they missed due to COVID-19, Ward said. He said this is an opportunity to help students because the bar is set very high for SGA and student experiences this next semester.

"The SGA's biggest challenge for the next year is meeting these expectations set for this new year," Ward said. "We (the SGA) don't want to just meet this expectation, we want to exceed it because the SGA owes it to the students."

As of date of publication, SGA Vice President Savannah Slade has returned comments on her plans for the fall semester.

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ECU session to conclude Summer courses near end, academic term approaches

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Students, as well as the faculty of East Carolina University, hope for a safe and successful fall 2021 semester despite the COVID-19 pandemic with the second session summer classes set to end on July 28.

The first summer session offered to the ECU community started May 16, and the second session started on June 23. Students were able to take 11-week courses or register for the 8-week summer sessions.

Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students Lynn Roeder said a number of ECU students were able to take summer 2021 courses either face-to-face or online.



"Students have taken full advantage of summer classes. We've (ECU) been excited for this past

summer, and we're excited that we're going to come back in the fall," Roeder said. "Students are all coming back in the fall (of 2021) as well as the faculty and staff."

ECU students, Roeder said, have remained diligent in their school work throughout the summer. She said she hopes students remain safe and healthy with the pandemic while also being persistent in the schoolwork in the fall.

Roeder said students who have taken courses this summer of 2021 are "ahead of the game" despite COVID-19, as they were able to obtain school credits outside of the academic year.

"This summer was a real benefit, because there were some classes in person, so that allowed the students to get somewhat acclimated again," Roeder said. "I know students go to summer school to either get ahead, you know, they don't want to take an 18-hour semester, or maybe they want to make up for things that they didn't do so well, you know, grade replacement. I

know students took full advantage of it (summer classes).

Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of ECU Undergraduate Admissions Stephanie Whaley said the summer of 2021 has been positive despite the setbacks from COVID-19. She said the number of transfer students for both the 2020 and 2021 summer sessions have been the same, however, she is not aware of the enrollment numbers for both summer sessions.

Whaley said all universities across the state of North Carolina have not only seen a decrease in enrollment numbers this past summer but also throughout the past year due to the pandemic. Enrollment numbers across the state for the fall of 2021 have been steady, but Whaley said she is not worried since all universities in North Carolina are in the same boat and on the same page.

"I absolutely had high hopes for the summer, and I absolutely have

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Natural Sciences Museum set to open

Kyle Arnoe
TEC STAFF

A Time for Science will open the Greenville Museum of Natural Sciences located at 729 Dickinson Avenue on Sept. 18 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and expo with over 50 tables with hands-on exhibits.

Director of the Greenville and Contentnea Creek branches of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences (NCMNS) Emily Jarvis said the Greenville location will open with a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a day of activities until 4 p.m.



The museum will open and will be filled with experts on the various exhibits. Outside of the museum, Jarvis said, there will be tables from science centers, including science departments from East Carolina University, each with hands-on activities pertinent to those disciplines. Jarvis said 12 ECU departments including anthropology, engineering, chemistry and biology will be present.

"It is cool, and the last time we had an event similar to this, without the grand opening piece, we had over 3,000 people show up, so we're expecting it to be pretty big," Jarvis said.

The Greenville Museum of Natural Sciences is the product of a partnership between the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and A Time for Science, Jarvis said. A Time for Science is a non-profit organization started in 2009. A Time for Sciences operates at the Contentnea Creek location



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The Museum of Natural Sciences at 729 Dickinson Ave. in Greenville, North Carolina, is set to open to the public in mid-September.

in Grifton, North Carolina, where it saw 28,000 children for science based learning a year.

Jarvis said four years ago the NCMNS put out a request for proposal, A Time for Science applied and won. The two entities then entered a partnership which culminated in the creation of the Greenville Branch of the NCMNS. This is the first private/public partnership NCMNS has entered into, and Jarvis said this partnership gave A Time for Science access to resources they would not have had otherwise.

"We really thought it would be a great opportunity for

sustainability, and continuing what we do, which is serving the community, providing science education for people of all ages," Jarvis said. "This partnership with the museum (NCMNS) has been great because we have gained access to all sorts of resources in regards to exhibits, exhibit designers, programs, all of that."

A Time for Science funds the museum, and that they still rely on community support to fund their operations. Jarvis said

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PeeDee Trivia Night to test ECU's knowledge

Today, the East Carolina University Alumni Association will host "Where is PeeDee Trivia Night" from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. via a virtual format. As the topic of the trivia night is "Where On Campus is PeeDee," the ECU community will find ECU's mascot on campus along with answering questions centered around movies and television. The university can register for this event on the ECU Events Calendar website for \$5. The trivia night is capped at 25 people.

Postdocs Monthly Meeting to be held for university

Friday, the East Carolina University departments of Research as well as Economic Development and Engagement alongside the Office of Postdoctoral (Postdoc) Affairs will host the "ECU Postdocs Monthly Meeting" at noon via Microsoft Teams. Throughout the meeting, participants will get the chance to hear and discuss Postdoc Association Council updates and relevant Postdocs topics. Those who engage will also have a chance to connect with other participants and share suggestions or ideas for Postdocs events. Individuals can register for this event through the ECU Events Calendar website.

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high hopes and feel positive about the fall semester," Whaley said. "It's been a challenging recruitment cycle especially since we were almost 100% virtual for over a year, so that was new for us (ECU), but I'm really pleased with where we are going into fall. I'm very optimistic."

Although some ECU students were on campus in-person over the summer of 2021, Whaley said most students will have a more on-campus experience in the fall semester. She said the ECU community will continue to follow all COVID-19 regulations issued by the state of North Carolina as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Stephanie Whaley**

"I'm just excited to see the community back together and welcoming our new students," Whaley said. "I think things are going to be as good as can be expected under the unusual circumstances that we've had over the past year."

Brian Wolstenholme, junior business marketing major, said he has taken the Experimental Leadership: Teams in Action 11-week course throughout both summer sessions of 2021. He said he enjoyed the class, as leadership is an important skill to know and understand fully in order to go into the business and marketing professional field.

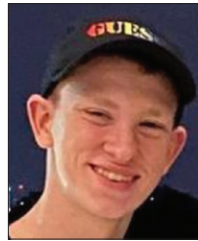
Wolstenholme said summer courses at ECU are beneficial for students as they are able to obtain extra credits for their degree in a short time frame. He said he will be able to graduate from ECU earlier than four years because of the summer classes he has decided to take.

"I think students at ECU will really benefit from taking summer classes. Taking these summer classes eases some of the stress throughout the actual school year," Wolstenholme said. "I mean, I might get to graduate early, so that's always a plus."

Some students might not want to take summer courses at ECU since they are enrolled in classes throughout the spring and the fall semesters, Wolstenholme said. Summer is when students are able to get a break from school, he said, but despite no break and the stress, taking classes in the summer at the university helps in the long run.

Wolstenholme said he has benefited from taking his summer 11-week leadership course as he has learned a lot more information about leadership in the business and marketing industry. Leadership is key when trying to market industries and businesses in the career field, according to Wolstenholme. Other majors, he said, will also benefit from summer ECU academic courses.

"Summer classes in general may be stressful, but, you know, all the information you will learn is so beneficial. There's less students in the classes, more interactions with the professors and other teaching instructors, so overall, taking classes in the summer is helpful," Wolstenholme said. "I've benefited so much and learned so much, and I know other students have also."

**Brian Wolstenholme**

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the museum is important for Greenville, North Carolina, because she feels that every thriving city has a museum of natural sciences. People interested in supporting A Time for Science can do so on their website, along with looking at programs and events.

Jarvis said she wants to keep the specifics of the exhibits a surprise, but people can expect a health-related exhibit, an astronomy lab, the science of pirates and more among the museum's exhibits.

"A big portion of it will be covering the science of pirates, because we are in Greenville, there's heavy pirate culture here, so we thought it would be cool to pull some science into that," Jarvis said. "We are covering groundwater, sea level rise, weather, and then we do have an area specific for the younger learners, it's called the discovery forest."

Javan Sutton, head of exhibits for the NCMNS, said he leads the design teams for all of the NCMNS locations. Sutton said for the Greenville location, the team chose a direction that would reflect the community around it, with some exhibits that are health-focused, some that focus water, and others about pirates to create a connection with ECU.

Sutton said the exhibit's staff at NCMNS has helped develop and research the exhibits, with a team of developers to research and write, graphic designers, and 3D modelers, and construction fabricators that create the exhibits. Sutton said this is the second branch museum the NCMNS has opened, the first was the Museum of Natural Sciences Whiteville, which opened in 2014.

"You know, we're going to open with these exhibits, but this is not the final product, the museum, we like to think of, as a living museum, so things change over time," Sutton said. "And one of the pieces we're moving is the photography exhibit, which will be part of a rotating gallery, and so within that space in the museum we're going to be constantly changing out those exhibits."

Allison Danell, dean of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and a member of the Board of Directors for A Time for Science, said she supports the partnership between NCMNS and A Time for Science.

**Allison Danell**

Dannell said she, as a parent, is excited to have a museum of natural sciences in Greenville, as in the past she had to take her child to Raleigh, North Carolina. Danell said that the wide variety of exhibits at the museum will offer new ways for ECU's science departments to affect and educate the community. She said ECU departments and groups like the Water Resources Center, along with the departments of engineering, geological sciences, biology, chemist and others will attend the grand opening on Sept. 18.

"The museum will offer more opportunities for our faculty and students at ECU to interact with the community and share their insights into so many issues important to citizens of Eastern NC," Danell said in an email statement. "Like access to clean water, the importance of biodiversity, and the development of innovative technology."

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OUR VIEW

BOT offers insight for ECU students

East Carolina University's Board of Trustees (BOT) returned to its in-person meetings on July 22 after a transition to virtual sessions for a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to its return to in-person meetings, the BOT appointed new members to its board and within ECU administration.

The BOT reports to the University of North Carolina System Board of Governors on matters which pertain to ECU. The board also works alongside Chancellor Philip Rogers in an effort to help assist him in the management of the institution. The meetings held by BOT are open to the public unless denoted as a closed session. Throughout the duration of the board's virtual sessions, patrons could join in via live stream to view the meetings and its agendas.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the return to in-person BOT meetings will benefit the ECU community, specifically ECU students as the board plays a role in the decisions made for students and the university.

ECU students can benefit from the opportunity to attend BOT meetings in-person, as they can better understand who serves them, put faces to names and feel present of ongoing affairs by the board for ECU. Students cannot comment or voice their opinions during the BOT meetings, however they are able to voice any concerns they may have about BOT agenda items to ECU administration.

Student Government Association President Chandler Ward will take part in BOT meetings and has been vocal during his tenure that the ECU's student body is accurately represented at every meeting. Although Ward will represent the student body, students should still take the time to attend the meetings to get first hand experience of what is being discussed about the campus they reside in.

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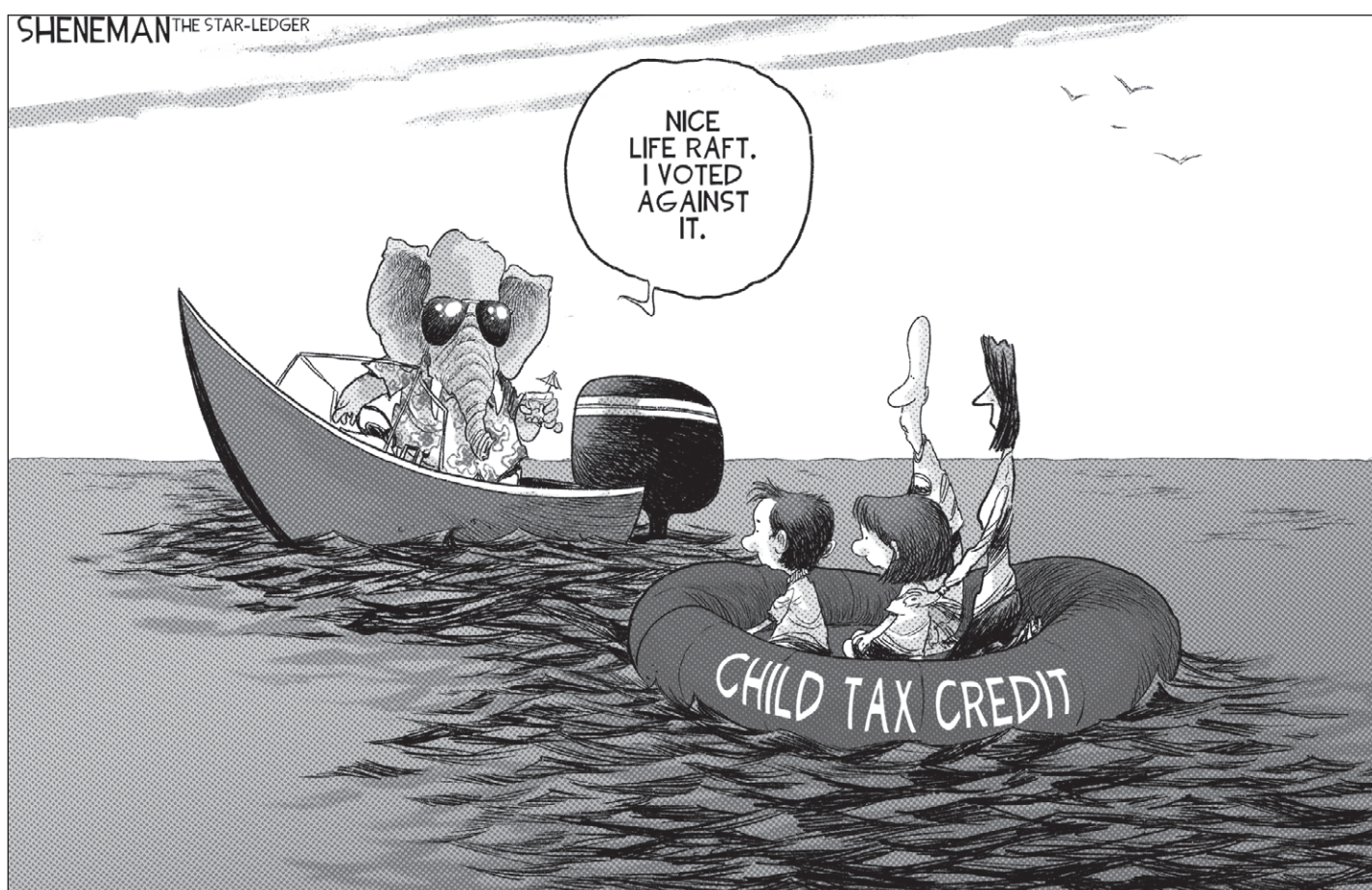
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Local outdoors offers charm

Community members should appreciate Tar River Greenway



Ryan Winter
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One of the hidden gems of Greenville, North Carolina, is its Tar River Greenway: a stretch of walkway parallel to the Tar River. If you have never seen it, you're missing out. Along the trail are shady pavilions, river lookouts, historical landmarks and even a dog park. In the morning, it is especially beautiful to watch the sunlight sink throughout the trees and reflect off the river. And good news, it is due for an expansion.

The current South Tar River Greenway begins at the Town Common and snakes east through neighborhoods set on the Tar River, eventually linking with Green Mill-Run Greenway – both trails providing an alternative to driving through foot traffic and biking. Further construction for the South Tar Greenway began in May 2021 with Phase 3, a pathway extension pushing west along the riverfront, from North Green Street to Moye Boulevard.

I think that expansion to our Greenways is a great opportunity for Greenville. Walkable cities allow for residents to get out and experience the place they live. I personally enjoy taking the walk from Jarvis Street to the Town Common. The sidewalks of the Grid, intertwined with the Greenway, encourage residents to walk downtown and to become involved in their community. Instead of getting in a car and driving somewhere, it feels relaxing to take a stroll to a local restaurant and chow down. A city really comes alive



The Tar River Greenway begins at the Town Common and goes through nearby neighborhoods in the area. COURTESY OF RYAN WINTER

when you see people on the streets.

There are some negative side effects that could come with the new addition of the Greenway. An increase in pathways means an increase in maintenance, meaning the job for the organizations who clean and take care of our Greenway, would become more difficult. Like any trail, it is important to throw away your trash in the proper receptacles and remember to respect the wildlife around you.

Another thing to remember when you walk the trail is safety. It is better to walk with a friend or in a group, as well as keeping to the trails when the sun is out. Every time that I have walked the trail, it has been in the morning with plenty of foot traffic. I felt safe and secure and had no issues whatsoever. However, it is important to always be aware of your surroundings. One of my biggest recom-

mendations is to bring bug spray. It can be terrifying in the summer being chased by a swarm of horseflies.

What this expansion means for us is greater access to the riverfront and a larger reach of what is walkable in Greenville. The luxury of being able to experience nature isn't something that you can find living in downtown Raleigh, North Carolina. The Tar River is an amenity that a good portion of Greenville gets to enjoy. Eastern North Carolina has a charm to it that you can only appreciate if you seek out its scenery. I think that this expansion to the Tar River Greenway gives people just that: an outlook to enjoy Greenville.

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Digital footprint can impact reputation

“ With regular civilians, what we post over the internet can make or break possible connections with future employers if they were to see the problematic content that one has posted. ”

-Giana Williams



Giana Williams
TEC COLUMNIST

Most people have heard of the term digital footprint at least once in their life. If you are unaware of a digital footprint, it is a phrase that refers to the tracing of your digital activities over the internet or digital devices. A digital footprint is a critical topic that is often spoken to mostly young people considering they're the age group that spends the most time on the internet. But that does not mean digital footprint doesn't affect the people of the older generation.

A person's digital footprint is capable of being both active and passive. An active digital footprint includes social media posts, emails or other internet content with your name attached to it. A passive digital footprint is information that is unintentionally left behind such as websites that install cookies to your device and use your location or your activity on your social media accounts.

We are often told that we should be careful with what is said on the internet, and that statement is very much true. Especially with the rise of cancel culture, many people's, especially celebrity figures, controversial past over the internet is resurfacing which causes them to face many consequences by not only society, but also in their career.

With regular civilians, what we post over

the internet can make or break possible connections with future employers if they were to see the problematic content that one has posted. Let us be honest, would you want to hire someone who publicly states racist or homophobic remarks over the internet? How about hiring someone who is publically vocal about their hatred toward their job and their coworkers? Both of which are not something you would want reflecting your place of employment.

One way to figure out your current digital footprint is just a basic Google search of your first and last name. In regards to my digital footprint, if you were to search my name, you may see my Instagram page (which is private), my Facebook page and a muckrack page where all of the articles I have written for *The East Carolinian* are shown. However, no images of me can be found since the majority of my social media accounts are very private.

Even if I were to be public with my social media, I am extremely conscious when it comes to the content I post. Although I don't usually post on my socials, I do share memes occasionally because I always enjoy

a good laugh and I know other people do too. However, one thing you will never catch me doing is talking about my place of employment unless it's to promote content or sharing good news I have achieved within my workplace.

Although your social media profiles may be private to your full capability, there are always possible loopholes in your content being discovered by other people with the usage of screenshots or screen recordings. It is not illegal to screenshot social media content, however, how you use the screenshot could be illegal due to copyright depending if the content is licensed or not.

Bottom line is, we all have to be careful with what we post on the internet. It is not worth getting in trouble because you choose to post content that should not have been posted in the first place. There are much better mechanisms if you want to release your frustrations on something, and the internet should not be one of them.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — You're especially clever and confident over three weeks, with Mercury in your sign. Follow your own drumbeat. Articulate, develop and share creative personal projects.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Expand your investigation. Educational opportunities arise over three weeks, with Mercury in Leo. Travel beckons, but take care. Long-distance communication opens new doors.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Strengthen home communications. The next three weeks, with Mercury in Leo, are especially good for family meetings and discussions. Enjoy creative domestic projects.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Share with your partner. Complete or abandon old projects, with Mercury in Leo. Clean messes. Fill a diary with dreams and visions. Articulate plans.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Tally shared resources. Profitable collaborations arise in conversation, with Mercury in Leo. Grow financial strength for a common venture. Make a persuasive case.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — Networking benefits your career. With Mercury in Leo, it's easier to learn, express and share your message. Communications channels are wide open. Reconnect.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Nurture your health and work. Communication deepens teamwork, with Mercury in Leo. Invent new possibilities with friends and allies. Connect and collaborate for common gain.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — Partnership is key. It's easier to communicate and delegate, with Mercury in Leo for three weeks. Learn from experts. Generate new possibilities together.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 9 — Expand territory. Over three weeks, with Mercury in Leo, communications can get profitable. Negotiations come naturally. Wheel and deal. Craft win-win scenarios that increase sales.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — Brainstorm lucrative projects and ventures with professional mentors. A rise in status is possible through communication over three weeks, with Mercury in Leo.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — You're coming into your own. With Mercury in Leo, you're especially clever and creative around work, health and fitness. Research and learn new tricks.

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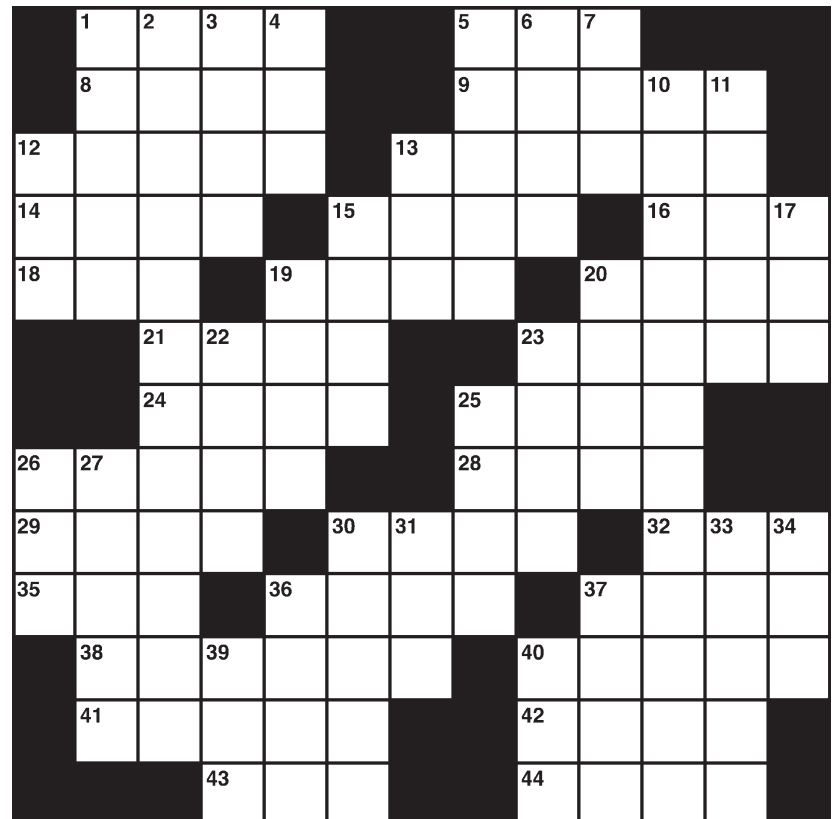
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ECU basketball receives additions for 2021

Stephen Babich
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University Pirates basketball team will have a new look this season with the addition of six commitments as the rebuilding process begins to take place.

The six commitments include senior power forward Alanzo Frink who last played for the University of South Carolina, senior forward Vance Jackson who last played for the University of Arkansas Razorback and senior shooting guard Wynston Tabbs who played for the Boston College Eagles. Prep school signees include freshman forward Marlon Lestin from Halton Prep, freshman power forward Jaquan Scott from TLAP Sports Academy and freshman guard Javon Small, who are both from Chandler Preparatory Academy.

In a press release on July 14, head coach Joe Dooley said that these new additions will help make the team more athletic overall.

"With this group we've gotten longer, more athletic and have multiple guys that can shoot the ball," Dooley said. "I think we'll be able to score in different ways which makes it more fun for everybody."

Frink, a 6-foot-8-inch, 265 pounds

forward, played for the South Carolina Gamecocks for the past three seasons. He played in 57 games with the Gamecocks and averaged 4.1 points, 2.9 rebounds and played 12.2 minutes per game. As a sophomore in 2019-20, Frink played in 30 games with 12 starts on the year, averaged 5.3 points for the season, 3.7 rebounds and 0.7 blocks in 14.3 minutes per game.

Jackson, a forward who stands at 6 feet and 9 inches and 230 pounds, has recorded 1,000 points and had over 500 rebounds throughout his collegiate career at the University of Connecticut, University of New Mexico and the University of Arkansas. As a freshman at UConn, Jackson was named to the American All-Freshman Team, leading the American Athletic Conference in 3-point percentage during conference play.

The forward transferred to New Mexico in 2019 the following season and spent two years with Lobos, averaging 12.2 points per game and shot 33.6% (107-for-318) outside the 3-point arc. Jackson owns a career scoring average of 9.2 points per game and has made 35.4% of his career 3-point attempts.

Tabbs is a shooting guard who is 6 feet 2 inches and 195 pounds. He spent the previous three seasons at Boston College but only played in 27 games due to injuries and COVID-19 protocols. He averaged 13.9 points as a freshman before an injury

cost him the final 14 games of the 2018-19 season along with the 2019-20 campaign.

Tabbs returned for the 2020-21 season and averaged 13.3 points in 12 games played, which included a 24-point performance against Minnesota and a 23-point outburst versus St. John's. He shot nearly 40% (.394, 27-for-68) from 3-point range during the season.



Wynston Tabbs

Lestin, is a 6-foot-9-inches, 200 pounds forward, began his prep career as a tenth grader at Trinity Prep International in Las Vegas before attending Redemption Christian Academy in Troy, New York. He played at Halton Prep in Oakville, Ontario this past season.

Scott is a 6 foot 8 inches, 200 pounds forward and played at TLAP Sports Academy in 2020-21 after spending the previous two seasons at Universal Academy in Irving, Texas. Scott also spent a year at Mansfield Timberview High School in his hometown of Arlington, Texas.

Small is a 6 foot 2 inch, 185 pounds guard who can play either the point or shooting guard position. He attended Compass Prep this past season and averaged 10.4 points, 2.6 rebounds, 3.4 assists

and 1.7 steals per game and helped lead the Dragons to a 30-2 record. Small played for Franklin Central High School in his hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana, before enrolling at Compass Prep. He was first-team all-conference selection as a junior at Franklin Central.

The addition of these six new players will offset the loss of six Pirates to the transfer portal in 2021.

One of the players in the transfer portal is former Pirate and junior forward Jayden Gardner who is now with the University of Virginia Cavaliers. Gardner proved to be the biggest factor for ECU's team as he averaged 18.3 points a game in the 2020-21 season with the Pirates. Gardner also went 47.5% shooting from the field with 8.3 rebounds a game and 1.3 assists a game, according to ECU Pirates.com. He recorded these statistics while playing 438 less minutes than he did last season.

In November 2020, Gardner was named to the Erving Award watch list. The award is given to the best collegiate small forward in the nation. Despite being on the watch list, Gardner did not finish in the final five nominees for the award.

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Volleyball earns award

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East Carolina University volleyball team experienced a different 2021-22 schedule due to COVID-19, but still finished the season with an academic award for maintaining high grade-point averages (GPA).

The team ended its season with a collective team GPA of 3.52. With this GPA, the team earned the United States Marine Corps/American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award, which was announced on July 19. This season's GPA marked the highest team GPA in the volleyball program's history at ECU.

In the 2020-21 season, the Pirates had a limited schedule of 12 games compared to the normal 30 plus. Their season began Feb. 5 against the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University where ECU won 3-1. The final game of the season was against A&T on March 26 where the Pirates came out with a 2-3 loss. After all 12 games, the final season record was 4-8.

"We played like 12 matches which is what you would normally play in just a pre-season," head coach Adler Augustin said. "It was really tough to gauge the strength of the team because once we started figuring out the type of players we had and what we needed to do, the season was pretty much over."

The program has only achieved this award one other time in 2012. The USMC/AVCA Award began in 1992 for teams that kept up a year-long GPA of 3.30 on a 4.0 scale. If the school operates on a 5.0 scale the team must achieve a 4.10.

Out of the players from the 2020-21 team, nine of them achieved a GPA of 3.50 or higher and 11 had 3.0 or better. With

those ranks, 11 players total earned a spot on the American Athletic Conference Academic Team.

"Last season was challenging for us, much like every other team in the country. I thought the players did a really good job of staying healthy and COVID-19 free," Augustin said. "I'm super, super proud of the players because they put in the work in the classroom."

Augustin said he hopes to maintain the academic scores throughout the next season to be able to receive this award again. The 2021-22 season's schedule is set and should be released within the next week, according to Augustin. The team is set to play Liberty University in Virginia as its first official match to kick off the season however the date has yet to be released.

Not only will this upcoming season be some players' first normal season, but this will also be Augustin's as well since he began at the head coach position in 2020. The team has also added 11 new players to the roster this offseason. Junior transfer student Kianie Cummings from Florida Southwestern State is one athlete that will join this season.

"It really seems like this year is gonna be the real full season and we have a lot of new players," Augustin said. "There will be a lot of new faces on the sideline and on the court and it should be interesting to see how some of the veterans play with the newcomers and how that turns out."

The other ten additions to the team are all freshmen. Defensive specialists Tia Shum, Anaiah Jones and Alex Singleton. Setters Payton Evenstad and Kenzie Beckham. Middle blockers, Kianie Cummings, Amelia Davis and Aaliyah Griffin. Outside hitters, Izzy Marinelli and Merritt Woodson. Sophia Kruczko will also join as a right-side player.

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