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HOMECOMING 2017

School pride on display throughout week's activities

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

In celebration of Homecoming 2017, several organizations from East Carolina University participated in events throughout the week to show their school spirit, while creating a sense of community.

Homecoming began Monday afternoon with a banner competition, where organizations teamed up to create different banners focused on this year's homecoming theme, "Pirates Around the World in 7 Days," according to ECU's website. The event was held at noon in the Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard.

Many organizations paired up with another group to make their banner. This year's top three

banners included a banner made by Alpha Omicron Pi and Delta Chi, one by Chi Omega and Pi Kappa Alpha and one by ECU Ambassadors and Sigma Nu, according to ECU Homecoming's Twitter page.



ECU's Student Government Association Secretary Jessie Jefferys said Homecoming is something students should want to be a part of to show pride for their school and the different organizations at ECU.

"I think Homecoming is really important

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Homecoming weekend events to parade, rally ECU spirit

Julie Estep
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As Homecoming week begins to wrap up, students and alumni of East Carolina University will have the chance to participate in more events as the weekend comes.

Homecoming festivities continue tonight with the ECU Homecoming skit competition, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Minges Coliseum, according to ECU's website. At the event, each organization has the opportunity to create a skit. Each skit is based around this year's homecoming theme, "Pirates Around the World in 7 Days."



Michelle Kellett

"We have 16 different performances and there are all kinds of organizations participating," said Michelle Kellett, a member of the Homecoming committee. "They'll all be doing different performances that are based

around the theme.

She said organizations can pair up and work together for the week in conjunction with the canned food drive, skit night and banner competition.

Kellett said the committee encourages students come out to the rest of the events going on this week where they will have a chance to win prizes at skit night and during the parade.

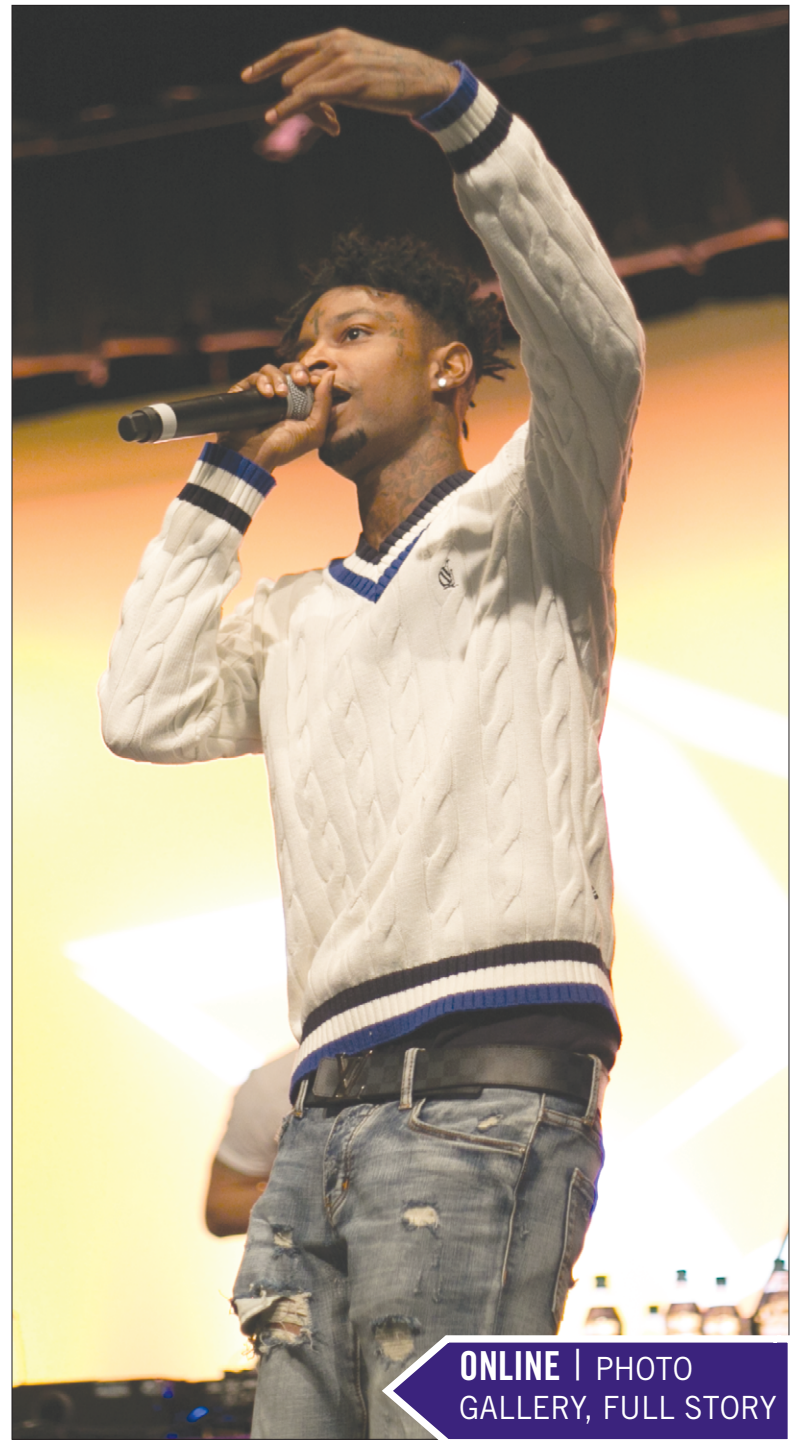
Tomorrow, people will have the chance to attend the Homecoming Pep Rally from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Freeboot Friday, in anticipation for Saturday's football game.

Another Homecoming event this weekend is the ECU Alumni Awards Ceremony and Dinner, which will be tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m. at the Greenville Convention Center, according to ECU's website.

Heath Bowman, the president of the Alumni

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21 Savage takes ECU



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Rapper 21 Savage performs at East Carolina University in Wright Auditorium. He took the stage an hour late at approximately 8 p.m. last night performing for a little more than 20 minutes, kicking off Homecoming festivities for the week.

'Paint it Purple' set for Saturday

Aaron Jackson
TEC STAFF

During East Carolina University's football weekly press conference with head coach Scottie Montgomery, he challenged the fans to support the team for the Homecoming game against Brigham Young University this Saturday.

"I am asking everybody this homecoming weekend to come out and support the Pirates. Come out and support the university. Come out and serve our colors, purple and gold," Montgomery said.

The Pirates (1-6, 1-4 AAC) come into the homecoming weekend game after a demoralizing 63-21 loss to the University of Central Florida on national television last Saturday.

BYU has lost the same amount of games as ECU and mirrors a similar record at 1-6, 0-0 AAC. The Cougars' lone win of the season came in the first week of play



Inside linebacker Aaron Ramseur (51) overlooks a team tackle during the Temple game.

in a 20-6 victory against Portland State University at home.

"Offensively, they are more of a power team with much bigger backs," Montgomery said. "For instance, a 250-pound back versus a 175-pound back that

we have faced, so it is a different challenge."

One question with the Pirates offense that remains right now is who will be starting at quarterback.

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Jeff Compher addresses ECU prior to game

Staff Report
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University Athletic Director Jeff Compher released a statement to ECU yesterday evening, addressing the upcoming homecoming weekend as it affects the Pirates' football team, which is set to take the field Saturday at 7 p.m.

"As we look forward to welcoming back thousands of alumni for this exciting weekend, I would be remiss if I did not address the status of our football program," Compher said in his statement. "Frankly, we are



Jeff Compher

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ECU recreates game show 'The Price is Right'

East Carolina University will host the interactive program, 'The Price is Right: The True Cost of Living,' tomorrow in order to teach students about the cost of living while in college.

The event will take place in ECU's Student Recreation Center tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the SRC classroom.

"The True Cost of Living" will count as a wellness passport event. A game similar to the show 'Price is Right' will be set up through Kahoot. The questions will give students information, resources and statistics they can use.

ECU Career Services to host networking event during Homecoming Parade

The East Carolina University Career Services will provide students with a networking event during this weekend's Homecoming parade along 5th Street.

"Parade of Pirates - Homecoming 2017" is meant for ECU students, faculty, staff and alumni. The event will be held at the Career Services house on 5th Street between 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The event will be catered by Waffle House and Enterprise, who will also advertise different employment opportunities.

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this year," Jefferys, who is the SGA's representative on ECU's homecoming committee, said. "We haven't had as much student support for the football games, and I think just recognizing the different student organizations and that football is a very big part of homecoming."

Jefferys said SGA funds all of Homecoming, and this year, the organization made more of an effort to get involved and get other students involved, instead of just providing financial support for the week-long event.

"I've been working, helping them get volunteers from SGA, making sure that we are actually a part of it not just throwing money at the event," Jefferys said.

Students also got to celebrate Homecoming later on Monday at the annual Cannon Ball event. At the gathering, students enjoyed food, music and free T-shirts, according to ECU's website.

Due to the rain, the event was moved from ECU's Mall to the MSC, according to ECU Homecoming's twitter page. The event took place from 4 to 7 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth Jacobs, a member of ECU's Alpha Delta Pi, said Homecoming is crucial because it allows the alumni to get to feel like they are a part of ECU's



Students volunteer at the canned food drive. Organizations dropped off donations to Greenville's local food bank. THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

community again.

"It allows everyone who has already graduated to come back and see that everyone who is a part of their organization still loves and enjoys it," Jacobs said.

This is the second year Jacobs has participated with her sorority in Homecoming, and this year, she is the co-chair for her sorority's homecoming committee.

"I think people think you have to be an alumni or part of an organization, but (Homecoming) it's for everybody," Jacobs said. "We want everybody to enjoy it."

Jacobs said Homecoming gives

the university and the city an opportunity to see Greek Life in a new light.

"We really want to show that all of Greek life is out to help the community," she said. "We really get a bad reputation sometimes."

Homecoming continued yesterday with the canned food drive, where all the organizations participating in Homecoming dropped off donations to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina in Greenville, according to ECU's website. The food drive was from noon to 4 p.m.

The organization that donated

the most canned food items will be announced towards the end of the week, as well as the official placing of the top three banners from the banner competition.

There will be a number of other events this week for homecoming leading up to the football game and the announcement of the year's homecoming king and queen. These events include the skit competition, the National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show, the Parade of Pirates and the Alumni Awards Ceremony and Dinner.

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Association, said in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian that Homecoming is a good way to keep alumni involved in university events.

"The homecoming tradition was originated as a way to bring alumni back to their alma mater, and we know that this weekend holds a very special place in the

hearts of our alumni," Bowman said. "Many of our alumni don't get a chance to return to Greenville as often as they would like, and Homecoming is a time when many travel far and wide to come back home."

The Greek life National Pan-Hellenic Council will host a Step Show in Wright Auditorium tomorrow night as well at 7 p.m. Nine organizations will participate in the event, and artist J-Alta, an ECU alumnus is set to perform.

The Homecoming parade, hosted by ECU Career Services, will be Saturday morning at 9 a.m. The parade will go through Greenville along 5th Street, beginning at Hilltop Street and ending at Reade Street, according to the ECU Homecoming website.

Jade Mason, who is participating in the Homecoming parade through her sorority Delta Zeta, said her sorority has been working on its float for the Homecoming

parade for a long time now.

"People have put a lot of work into it and we're excited to show everyone," Mason said. "It'd be really amazing if everyone came out and supported it."

The Homecoming festivities will come to a close Saturday evening at the ECU football game, where the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced during half-time.

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not where any of us wanted or hoped to be. However, I can assure you, we have not quit."

Compher went on to say the ECU community supports the football team and how he is "extremely grateful for the encouragement of the community."

Compher hinted that while some fans might be unhappy with the football performance this season, they should support the team.

"We ask Pirate Nation to fight with us, not against us. We are stronger when we stand together and support each other," Compher said.

According to Compher, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium still leads the American Athletic Conference in average attendance on the

"We ask Pirate Nation to fight with us, not against us."

-Jeff Compher

season. He is hopeful that fans continue to come out to the games, despite the way the team has performed so far this season, beginning with the home contest against Brigham Young University on Saturday night at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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OUR VIEW

Homecoming is a time for Greenville unity

The bond between the city of Greenville and East Carolina University has been a long standing partnership through the decades. Greenville has served as the home to Pirate Nation just as ECU has brought well-deserved attention to the city and the rest of eastern North Carolina.

As ECU enters its Homecoming week, it's important to remember that this week of school pride should be embraced not only on school grounds, but well beyond into the Greenville community.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the university's Homecoming week is another opportunity for ECU to celebrate its pride as thousands of people come to Greenville.

ECU's Homecoming allows alumni to celebrate their university alongside the same students working hard to earn their degree. With thousands of visitors coming to the city, it allows both small and large businesses to open their doors and show the same hospitality to guests as Greenville gives to ECU. Restaurants, hotels and businesses throughout the city have the opportunity to revel in the excitement of Homecoming while making sales to improve Greenville's economy.

Homecoming also serves as an opportunity for students or community members to volunteer around the city. The same partnership between Greenville and ECU gives students the chance to give back to the community that supports the university.

While our football team may be going through a disappointing season, Pirate football is still a time honored tradition and a staple of Homecoming. Whether students, alumni or the community take time to support ECU football or not, it's still important they celebrate all the other exciting endeavours ECU and Greenville during Homecoming.



IFC must combat bigotry



Adedayo Adeniyi
GUEST COLUMNIST

We are at a very crucial moment in time. A time that is testing our human values. A time that is testing our fortitude. Our society, our campus is at a crossroads and we must choose which path we will

take. A path of hate and bigotry or the path of love and compassion. The most important vehicle on this path is unity.

We, as Pirates, must unite against hate, prejudice and bigotry. We need to unequivocally show that they do not belong in Pirate Nation. That we are a campus of love, compassion and acceptance. That we are indeed a welcoming community. Many things need to be done to show this.

First and foremost, we need to stop putting the onus of fighting hate and bigotry on the multicultural organizations on campus. Too many times organizations such as the Black Student Union, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and ECU's Student Association of Latino & Spanish Affairs (S.A.L.S.A) are looked upon to have a course of

action in response to racial issues.

There is an understanding of the importance of multicultural organizations showing solidarity in the face of bigotry, but there needs to be more support from non-multicultural organizations. Organizations such as the most powerful and most influential orgs on our campus: Interfraternity Council (IFC) and ECU's Panhellenic Council. Their influence on our campus is evident through their recruitment periods. As influential as they are, they sit idle too many times when it comes to social issues.

The issues on our campus do not only pertain to IFC and Panhellenic. They are community issues. Campus issues. Societal issues. No one is saying that both organizations hold all the solutions, or that all the problems come from them. But for us to start moving forward as a nation, we must all start working together.

When it comes to campuses, multicultural organizations and non-multicultural organizations must start working as a united front. This, however, doesn't discount the efforts made by other multicultural organizations to work with non-multicultural organizations. Past and present, many leaders of

different multicultural organizations have tried in vain to work with non-multicultural organizations. Excuses are usually aplenty.

If we are to be America's next great national university, we must do it united. We can be the national model for love, compassion and unity. We are at a crucial time in human history where we all must decide what path we want to take. We need to stop ignoring the issues in our society and face them head on. We must stop turning a blind eye to these issues. We all need to lose the attitude and mindset of apathy. Change comes from everyone. The pressure is on us to change not only our campus, but our nation. We must not underestimate the power we have as college students today.

Each one of us has what it takes to change things. Do not ever doubt your impact. It took an asteroid six miles across to change the course of natural life on Earth forever. Think about it, six miles is all it took to impact a world 4,000 miles across. Just imagine the impact we can make. Every little thing matters. Therefore, unity is important. The more unified we are, the greater our impact.

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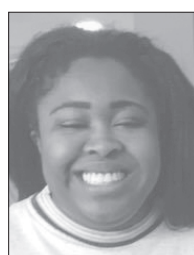
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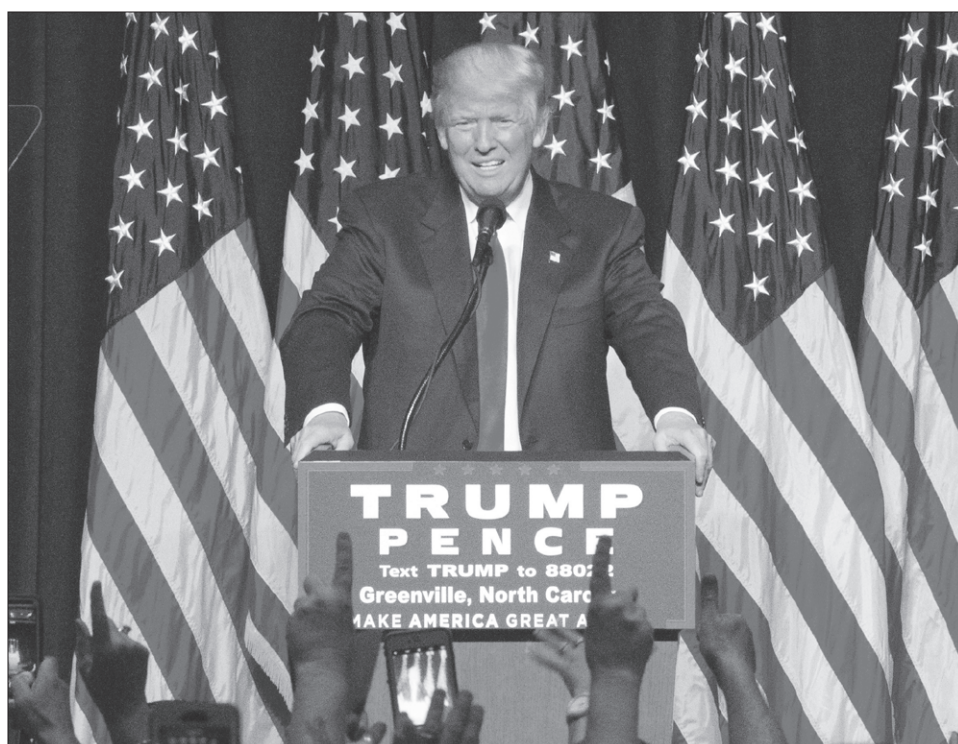
Bless The Press

As a person of color at a predominately white institution, a young woman only 19-years-old and a daughter to not one, but two Nigerian immigrants, I take the utmost pride in my role as a student journalist.

There are not many like me in the realm of student media. But with my personal background and experience as a young reporter, I embrace free speech and free press to a degree that many people my age do not comprehend. That in itself is one of the vast luxuries of our First Amendment. Some can neglect it, while others may embrace it. No matter the amount of concern, it still remains a right that belongs to every American citizen.

Free speech is the foundation of an open and liberal democracy. It allows for the general public to formulate their own reactions to the news as it happens, not as the government says it happens. It is the job and responsibility of the media to report based on facts and to hold leaders accountable. With technology giving anyone a platform to spread their form of news, everyone with internet access can be and is a journalist. The truth as we know it can be distorted in a matter of seconds.

From Nov. 9 of last year and beyond, Donald Trump has declared a war of loathing against the media, or in his terms, "the enemy of the American people." Now, as a wave of alternative facts and "fake news" washes over us, journalism and the principle of free press is more crucial than ever. Our current president is even taking aim at our First Amendment by looking into revoking the licenses of broadcast news channels and opening up libel laws so that he could be able to sue news organizations for writing "false and negative" articles



President Donald Trump at his pre-election rally in Greenville, North Carolina on Sept. 6, 2016.

about him. This is our real world, our new normal and the unfortunate reality that we now live in.

The age of free press as we know it is under siege. To know that our President, the same one that embraces his get-out-of-Twitter-jail free card at 3 a.m. for the sole purpose of ranting. The same one that tweets and speaks with no restraint or limits about anyone and everyone. The same one that promoted triggering rhetoric throughout his campaign, leaving many African-Americans, Hispanics, Muslims, women, LGBTQ+ and disabled people scathed in his warpath of words.

To know that the leader of the free world has no recognition or respect for the freedom of press should not just stand as alarming to journalists, but to every citizen that inhabits each and every one of our 50 states. A man who tweets every miscellaneous thought that crosses his mind refuses to acknowledge the

Amendment that gives him the right to do so. I cannot express or simplify how troubling that is to me. But, as I may reiterate, this is our real world.

Only in America can there be sketch comedy dedicated to ridiculing the president and his administration on a weekly basis. Only in America, can people from every tribe, tongue and nation assemble to protest in the streets and stand against the legislation of the Commander-in-Chief. Only in America, can a young woman with skin as black as mine, openly critique the man sitting in the highest seat of the land. Free of censorship. Free of restraint. With solely the flow of free speech captivating me as I write this piece. If only our president could take as much pride in that as I do.

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Pirate Night
Kickback Jacks
5 p.m.

October Wine Tasting
Dickenson Avenue
Public House
5:30 p.m.

Zumba in the Park
Town Common
6 p.m.

Sustainability Film & Discussion Series
Willis Building
6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Homecoming Pep Rally
Freeboot Friday
5 p.m.

Chirba Chirba Food Truck
Pitt Street Brewing Company
5 p.m.

Y'all Eat Yet?
Trollingwood
5 p.m.

Sip, Savor, and Create
Emerge Gallery
6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Homecoming Parade
5th Street
9 a.m.

West Greenville POP UP 2017
NC CIVIL
9 a.m.

Jessica Hudson and Friends live
Pitt Street Brewing Company
8 p.m.

5th Below: Gender Bent
Crave
8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Sam's 5K Road Race
Town Common
12 p.m.

Sunday Brunch
Village Point Market
9 a.m.



Individuals dance in Stilllife Nightclub. Stilllife reopened on Sept. 30. Once renovation is complete, a variety of new sections will be offered for different ages.

Stilllife continues renovation

Madison Lawson
TEC STAFF

With the heavy bass of a song blaring from inside the newly painted brick walls, Stilllife Nightclub had students lined up outside the door last Friday night eager to let loose. Construction zone by day and raging party by night, the club is well on its way to completing its added 8,000 square feet, four zoned entertainment complex by Halloween weekend or the weekend after.



Travis Hixon

Since the opening of the ground floor two weeks ago on Sept. 30, co-owner Travis Hixon said the club, located at 511 Cotanche St., has been busy and well missed by the community.

"Opening night was very successful," Hixon said. "We pushed very hard and had many sleepless nights to get this place open. The renovation was supposed to start in May but we didn't break ground until the first of July, so it pushed us back about two months. We got calls from people saying they missed us and wanted to know when we'd be back open; it was funny and it made us feel good."

Hixon said it's been a dream of Sharif Hatoum's, the club's other owner, to build a rooftop patio since the start of the business back in 2006. Originally from Toronto, Hatoum wanted to bring a big

city feel to a small city such as Greenville.

"I hear all the time that this kind of club doesn't belong in Greenville and that's where people mess up," Hixon said. "People have gotten accustomed to low quality products and this is what Greenville deserves; we want to continue to provide great services and great memories to our customers. We'll do whatever we can."

Stilllife, a high-energy nightclub on the ground floor which is known for its bright blue fish bowl drinks, was completely gutted and redone over the summer. With textured walls, new VIP booths and a bar, customers can enjoy the same service in a brand new party space. The clubs hours remain the same: open Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Adjacent to the club is another party area called Tiki, an outdoor island bar decorated with string lights, wood detailing and exudes caribbean vibes. Next week, Tiki will offer new frozen drinks filled with rum and redbull, described by Hixon as fun with a splash of energy.

"Stilllife is by far my favorite bar," said AJ Sawyer, customer and junior construction management major. "Before the renovations, it felt compact, but now I can do backflips with all the open space there is. I actually went to Stilllife this past weekend. My favorite drink is the fishbowl and I had about six of them, so you could say it was a pretty good night."

Sky, a soon to be finished sports

patio, is the first space occupying the rooftop addition. The open and airy patio will be filled with high top tables and multiple flat screen televisions. On draft, customers will find domestic and craft beers as well as local brews.

"I like the idea of the rooftop because sometimes I just like to sit and talk to someone over a drink," Sawyer said.

The Loft, which is also still under renovation and located next to Sky, is more of a lounge space with plenty of seating and fire tables, Hixon said. This cozy setting will offer live performances such as bands and comedy shows. To accompany the performances, customers will get to choose from a list of crafted cocktails and wine.

"Every section will have their own signature drinks," Hixon said. "We want to constantly be improving and reinvesting back into the business because we want to give our customers the best experience possible. This is a major renovation, but we take so much pride and have so much passion; when customers saw the club part their jaws dropped, we hope it's the same for the rooftop too."

With the club now offering four separate zones and four different atmospheres for customers to enjoy, Hixon hopes to continue to draw in the college crowd as well as an older demographic.

"While the ground floor is 18 plus, Sky will be 21 plus and The Loft will be 25 plus on Friday and Saturday nights," Hixon said.

"When I graduated from ECU, there wasn't really much to do for young professionals in Greenville. You don't want to relive your college years but you still want to have fun, and that's why we're adding the rooftop patio; we're trying to bridge that gap and offer entertainment for everyone."

The cost to get into Stilllife is \$10 for individuals under 21 and \$5 for individuals over 21. There will be no additional charge to get into Sky or The Loft for those of age.

Employee and junior interior merchandising major, Mandy Vignali, said she has seen the hard work Hixon and the entire staff have put into the renovations, adding she's thrilled to see the finished product.

"The renovations are amazing," Vignali said. "I'm so glad they decided to take advantage of all the possibilities and create a place where not only college students can go, but a place that's entertaining and desirable for any age. The age requirements and added hours of operations are going to hit nontypical targets and that's exactly what we want."

The Stilllife brand and nightclub hope to take what they have established in Greenville and bring it to its sister location in Raleigh, which is now under one management. Hixon added the club is excited to announce a third location coming to Chapel Hill in 2018.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Recent horror film brings laughs



Angel De Jesus
TEC STAFF

"Happy Death Day", directed by Christopher B. Landon, is a nice callback to the fun 80s-esque horror films, while still hitting the mark when it comes to actual scares.

The plot of this film is pretty simple. A young, posh sorority girl named Tree Gelbman wakes up, looking forward to her birthday. Her day goes by with her seeing friends and doing daily activities, ending when she gets murdered by a masked slasher. Then she wakes up as if it were a bad dream and lives her birthday only to be murdered again. Tree realizes she is living the same day over and over again, so she decides to find her killer, and she uncover the mystery. Rinse and repeat, that is the story of "Happy Death Day".

This film knows what it is: a light-hearted film that has elements from other genres, that makes it appealing to a mass audience. It's a movie made for the mainstream,

which is not a bad thing. This film is honestly really enjoyable thanks to the character acting, which is admittedly cheesy but still can be appreciated for how fun it is to watch. The character of Tree represents how most college-aged individuals would react to living the same day. She freaks out at first, tries to explain herself without seeming crazy and then just sort of has fun with it, such as when she walks out on campus in the nude. Moments like this are at the heart of the film.

"Happy Death Day" is also really nicely shot, which is very strange for a movie like this, where atmosphere does not seem to be the focus. The scenes where her killer attacks her in various ways throughout the day are sometimes funny, but mostly tense. One day, she avoids being killed in one way, only for her to die in a completely different way. Guessing how Tree will die in scenes is honestly a fun kind of "game" for the audience to play while watching.

Issues with this film are not hard to spot, but one cannot really judge the film on them because they are not important.



Jessica Rothe, as Tree Gelbman, acts in horror film "Happy Death Day."

One could say this film just borrows ideas and elements from other films and just mashes them together. The acting and characters are cheesy. This "horror" film feels like too much of a comedy. Why doesn't she just pull off the mask of the killer earlier on? All of these are issues this film has, but it is so self aware of what it is, that one cannot really fault it for that.

One thing that really stood out was how the character of Tree is a pretty awful person at first but living the same day over and over again makes her a better person. This felt forced and it would have been preferred if she just stayed mostly the same way

throughout the film. Character development is important, but not when it is so forced, especially in such a short film.

Overall, if you are a huge horror fan, "Happy Death Day" is disappointing. But if audiences can turn off their minds for a bit and just enjoy a cheesy film, then this is definitely that. It has funny moments, characters and is surprisingly well made. Just don't expect too much out of it.

RATING:



3 out of 5

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5th Street Players mingle with audience members after a performance. Its show "5th Below: Gender Bent" will be held at Crave. COURTESY OF FACEBOOK.COM

5th Below: Gender Bent Show to take stage Saturday

Amanda Shea
TEC STAFF

Greenville's 5th Street Players are bringing a little slice of Broadway to Crave on Saturday with its annual cabaret-style show.

The show consists of a group of performers that will portray roles they wouldn't otherwise be able to. "5th Below: Gender Bent" will take songs from a variety of shows and switch the character's genders to give the audience a fresh look at Broadway.

Tickets for "5th Below: Gender Bent" are \$5 at the door. The show starts at 8 p.m., but Crave will also hold a fundraiser for the 5th Street Players all day on Saturday. Since the organization is student funded, a percentage of Crave's sales that day will go toward the 5th Street Players.



Jane Simmons

senior musical theatre and professional acting major at East Carolina University, is the producing artistic director for "5th Below: Gender Bent".

"We do this about once a semester. It (5th Below) was actually started about last year in the fall semester," Simmons said. "There is an event up in New York, called 54 Below, where they do these concerts and they're very similar to what we do here and we figured we could bring that here and give everyone an opportunity to perform songs that

they just want to sing."

Though the Crave stage won't be quite as big as Broadway, the performers share the same spirit.

"It's very different, in the sense that we get to choose these songs that we get to perform. It's very personal for the performers because these are just songs that they want to sing," Simmons said. "These are all songs chosen by the performer and not everyone is going to get up there and say 'I chose this song because it means so much to me' but everyone feels that way. It's very cool to see how all of these different characters can come together in this kind of setting."

Morgan Goodman, junior musical theatre and professional acting major, is the associate producing artistic director. She said the performance will be somewhat of a cabaret style show.

"You sit at the table and you can get up and down when you want. You can go to the bar to have a drink; it's really casual," Goodman said. "Like if you're not singing, you sit in the audience with your friends and watch."

Caitlyn Leach, a senior musical theatre major and performer, said the audience can expect to be entertained.

"It might surprise them (the audience) that there are a good amount of songs that are very funny," Leach said. "Even if you know some of the pieces you've never heard them like this. There is so much freedom in doing a gender bent show. It's so great to have this opportunity to perform songs that we will most likely never perform on the main stage."

Simmons said 5th Below events don't normally have themes, and the concept was cultivated from Goodman's idea.



Morgan Goodman

"It was actually Morgan's idea... We ended up playing around with a few ideas and came up with Gender Bent. It gives people an opportunity to sing songs in a role they would never be cast in otherwise," Simmons said. "No matter if it's your solo, or the background singers, the whole thing is gender bent."

Compared to the regular shows at 5th Street Players, "5th Below: Gender Bent" has a more free-flowing atmosphere.

"It's very laidback," Goodman said. "54 below is such a big thing in New York and it's such a cool environment and such a cool setting to perform in, so it's also a really great opportunity to be able to perform in a space where your audience is kind of talking, or maybe moving in the middle of your song, instead of on a stage in front of six hundred people that you can't actually see."

Because of the casual atmosphere, Simmons and Goodman encourage people to come and go as they please.

"If you have a party you want to be at, but you want to come for the first 30 minutes... you are not required to stay," Goodman said. "It's really fun; it's really short. It's about an hour and a half and that's with introductions and everything."

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Band to bring 'Good Nature' to Crossbones

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TEC STAFF

A Charlotte native band, Of Good Nature, will bring its California-style reggae sound to Greenville tomorrow night when it takes the stage at Crossbones Tavern at 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and can be brought at Crossbones Tavern.

The group, which features five members, is excited to return to Greenville for the fourth time this homecoming weekend. Cameron Brown, frontman and guitarist, said the band plans on "throwing the f*ck down."

Brown and Joey Vachon, percussionist, started the band in 2011 and have since gained a major following from their hometown of Charlotte, North Carolina and growing popularity along the East Coast.



Cameron Brown

"We've always had good support from our hometown but recently the growth has been pretty insane," Brown said. "I grew up going to these venues so it's surreal to see these rooms pack out for us."

The group recently performed at a five-day cruise festival, Sail Across The Sun Cruise. The band will attend the festival for a second time in March of 2018. Of Good Nature will share the stage with groups such as Gym Class Heroes, Magic! and Easy Star All Stars.

"They always have so much energy and great stage presence, you can tell they are passionate and love the music they play," said Of Good Nature fan Sarah Martinez.

The guys are also scheduled to perform on stages such as the Charleston Pour House and House of Blues in Myrtle Beach later this year.

"I have seen them in Asheville, North Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, Long Creek, South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina and Clemson, South Carolina," said Katie Shelby, the self-proclaimed number one fan of Of Good Nature. "I love them; I never get tired of listening to them or seeing them live."

When picking a band name, the guys said they tossed around many names until, "Of Good Nature," came up. With almost 10,000 likes on Facebook and more than 20,000 views on its Youtube videos, the band created a positive brand that matches its music tone.

Back in June, the band's single "Sit Around" featuring Zach Fowler, debuted on iTunes Top 50 Reggae Singles Chart. The feel-good single shows off an explosion of sounds from the trombone.

"People seem to really dig "Sit Around". It's quickly become a popular stream on our Spotify station," Brown said. "We featured Zach from Sun-Dried Vibes, which was a good addition. We've really settled into the live version and it's now one of our favorites to perform."

Of Good Nature recently hit milestone marks. Currently, the band is working with a mystery producer on its next album. The producer has worked with artists such as Grammy winner Beck, Foster the People, Ben Harper and The Movement.

"We can't say who's producing our new stuff but he's done some famously awesome work," Brown said. "The new stuff will be the best to come."

The band has also stepped up by hopping on a booking roster at Empire Agency in Los Angeles. While still remaining an Indie band, the group will have more opportunities to explore new stages across the U.S.

"Come party with us this Friday at Crossbones," Brown said. "It will be lit."

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'Birth' gives women chance to share stories

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Because the traditional labor and delivery process has changed in the last few decades, East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine will host a staged reading of the play "Birth" tonight at 7 p.m. in Brody Auditorium for individuals to share their stories.

After having her first child in 1999, writer and women's empowerment leader Karen Brody met an alarming number of low-risk mothers having babies with a high level of interventions. According to the website for "Birth," Brody was determined to use her skills as a writer to let mothers voices tell the story of birth today in response to what she noticed.



Stephanie George

"Birth" consists of interviews about childbirth in America. The play is free and open to the public, bringing together the Greenville community and ECU to celebrate women and birth, according to "Birth" producer Stephanie George.



Women in "Birth" perform. East Carolina University's rendition of "Birth" will take the stage in Brody Auditorium tonight. COURTESY OF BIRTHPLAY.ORG

Directed by Dr. Melissa Schwartz Beck and produced by George, "Birth" aims to recognize and empower women to give birth while also advocating for women's health care, George said.

"After the birth of my first child, I realized that I wanted a different experience for future births," George said. "I saw the play in Atlanta when I was pregnant with my second child and it had a profound effect

on my outlook on birth. After delivering my last three children without pain medication and limited interventions, I have felt empowered, which has translated to other areas of my life. I am more confident as a woman and as a mother."

More American women are dying of pregnancy-related complications than any other developed country, according to a NPR report, which also adds the U.S. is the only developed

country with this rising statistic.

Dr. Beck, who's been co-coordinator of Medical Readers Theater with Dr. Todd Savitt at Brody School of Medicine, has also had 21 years of experience as a childbirth educator and a Registered Nurse certified in inpatient obstetrics, where she said she's had plenty of experience coaching expectant mothers through the delivery process.

Half of the cast of "Birth" is made up of faculty, staff and students from ECU College of Nursing.

"When you're working or in school full-time it can be difficult to memorize long scripts and make every rehearsal," Beck said. "Choosing to do a staged reading opened the door to more who want to participate as we had several optional practice days, with no guilt if you couldn't make it."

Local organizations will have tables at the birth fair prior to the event and ECU faculty and students will present research related to women's health, pregnancy, childbirth and infant health, making the research accessible to the community.

"Several of our performers have thanked me for casting them and giving them the opportunity to combine their love of theater, birth and/or nursing," Beck said. "One person would tell you they were "roped into it," but on the down low that person wanted one of the biggest parts and you can feel their inner happy, excited to be there, extroverted self radiate when they perform. That puts the biggest smile on my face."

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Adapt to a surprise. Embrace healthy lifestyle practices with this New Moon. Nurture yourself before caring for others. New energy floods your work, health and vitality.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- A hidden truth gets revealed. A romantic relationship transforms. This New Moon in Libra sparks a family, fun and passion phase. It's all for love.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Manage unexpected changes. A new domestic phase arises with this New Moon in Libra. Wrap your love around home and family. Create something wonderful together.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Surprising circumstances erupt. Adapt communications to a new story. Miracles and breakthroughs arise in conversation under this New Moon. Share gratitude and appreciation.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Unplanned expenses could disrupt plans. Break through old limitations and barriers in your relationship with money under this New Moon. Create new levels of prosperity.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Change your perspective. A new personal phase dawns with this New Moon in your sign. Take charge. Grow and develop your talents, capacities and skills.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 5 -- Transitions can occur suddenly. Insights, breakthroughs and revelations sparkle under this Libra New Moon. Discover the past newly. Begin a philosophical, spiritual and mindful phase.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Expect group changes. Begin a new phase in friendship, social networks and community with this New Moon. Take a group endeavor to a new level.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Professional priorities shift. Complete projects and begin a new career phase with this New Moon in Virgo. Responsibilities and routines change. Prepare your next endeavor.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Your destination could change. Adapt to new priorities and interests. Shift your route for education, travels and exploration under this New Moon. Study with a master.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Reconsider financial plans. Disrupt the status quo. A lucrative phase dawns under this New Moon. Get creative to grow your family's nest egg. Launch a profitable initiative together.

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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From left: Lael Ceriani (22), Natalie Montini (7), Shelby Martin (2) and Brandee Markwith (10) celebrate after scoring a point in a match this season.

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ECU Volleyball is here



Chase Carroll
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University athletics has been under heavy scrutiny by fans all across Pirate Nation in recent weeks. With all of the controversy surrounding ECU's Athletic Director Jeff Compher, the "Fire Compher! Go Pirates!"

sign, volleyball looks to give the Pirate fan base hope during the football team's recent struggles to win.

Coming off a disappointing season in 2016, the football program has seemingly taken an entire step back in 2017 and the men's basketball program has widely been viewed as mediocre by ECU fans for years. Even the baseball program, which entered last season ranked third in the NCAA baseball preseason rankings, did not live up to the high expectations.

A fresh, exciting season from ECU volleyball should give some hope to ECU sports fans everywhere. The Pirates have a core of both seniors, as well as young freshmen and sophomores that shows this success likely won't end anytime soon.

Seniors Lael Ceriani, Alex Jessett,

Natalie Montini, Ashton Mares and Megan Williams have taken their experience on the court and translated it to success within the younger players.

Ceriani leads the team in kills with 251 so far this season, followed by freshman right side Bri Wood with 219, an incredible number thus far in the season for a player with such little experience. Along with Wood, the Pirates have plenty of young talent that should keep the Pirates a factor for years to come.

The Pirates are led defensively by sophomore libero Brandee Markwith, who set the all-time ECU record for digs in a game with 40 against Gardner-Webb University on Sept. 8. ECU also has key contributions from other young starters such as freshman setter Shelby Martin, who is currently fifth in the American Athletic Conference in total assists with 663 on the season, as well as sophomore middle hitter Toya Osuegbu, who is eighth in the AAC in blocks per set at 1.04. With so many contributions coming from players so early on in their careers, ECU is set to be an exciting team to watch for the foreseeable future.

While many didn't give head coach Julie Torbett's team much of a chance this

season, her team has stayed focused on its goals of rising up the ranks in the AAC. It's exciting to see the passion this year's team has played with.

The entire team, whether on the court or on the bench, jumps and dances in excitement on every big kill or block, showing just how unselfish this year's team really is. The dynamic of this team has changed and ECU volleyball games are as exciting as ever.

While ECU is understandably frustrated with the state of the athletic department, it's time to acknowledge the success of ECU volleyball. With ECU (14-6, 6-2 AAC) coming off a 2016 season where it went 10-0 outside of the AAC, and 15-15 total for its first season at .500 in 10 years, ECU has taken yet another step forward, having success in the AAC. The Pirates only have two losses in-conference this season (out of eight tries) and have lost just six matches during the entire season.

ECU defeated USF on the road for the first time since 2004 and defeated Temple for the first time ever in the program's history. The program is on the rise, and it's time for the Greenville community to take notice.

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TEC 'sports

The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this weekend's football game

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Record: 6-1
Closest Score: 2
Who wins? BYU 38-27
Why? The Pirates' football organization will not win another game as long as

Chancellor Cecil Staton keeps Athletic Director Jeff Compher employed. Somehow, shockingly, East Carolina University is playing a team with the same amount of wins as themselves. Brigham Young University is winless away this season and have not won since a week one matchup against a currently winless Portland State team. That being said, they have rotated four quarterbacks in recent weeks and will pose a problem for the ECU defense if they have to adjust on the fly. With ECU players continuing to laugh on the sidelines during losses and poor performances, they'll have their best chance this weekend in another embarrassing loss.

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Record: 7-0
Closest Score: 2
Who wins? ECU 34-25
Why? The Pirates will finally live up to all the hype and talk that has been

heard this week about securing a win. Though defeating BYU's stout defense will not be easy, expect ECU to hold strong and win on its Homecoming Saturday. The Cougars offense has only produced enough points to win one game, while the Pirates have only stepped up on defense to win one game as well. ECU's defense will be the highlight of the game.

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Record: 5-2
Closest Score: 2
Who wins? ECU 24-13
Why? The BYU football team is as weak as it has ever been in its 95-year history. Even

though Tanner Mangum is back for his senior year as quarterback, the team doesn't have the skill players needed to compete in the Football Bowl Subdivision. The Pirates won't be chasing an explosive offense on Saturday, which will give them a chance to win a low scoring game at home. If ECU can't defend Bagwell Field on Saturday, then it will probably find themselves winless at home this season.

National Ranking for Cross Country

Robert Romero
TEC STAFF

For the first time in program history, the men's cross country team earned its first ever United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Southeast Regional ranking, placing in at No. 14 for this week.

If East Carolina University's men's cross country team finishing second at the Pirate Invitational and senior runner Bakri Abushouk finishing first overall in the men's 8k race wasn't enough, ECU will be happy to check the updated regional rankings that were

finalized late Tuesday morning.

The Pirates came up just one point short from finishing in first place this past weekend during the Pirate Invitational. Duke University scored 49 points, edging out ECU for the final point of the race, giving the Pirates one place back in the race, good enough to reach 50 points on the day.

Bakri Abushouk won the individual 8k event with a time of 24:00 while his sophomore brother, Dean Abushouk, finished with a time of 24:34, good enough for third place overall. Junior Nick Ciaccia finished with a time of

24:42 to come in seventh place, helping three Pirates finish in the top seven. However, Duke had 10 Blue Devils finish in the top 19, which ultimately was the deciding factor of the meet.

The women's cross country team also had a lot to be happy about after its performance at the Pirate Invitational. ECU also finished second place in the 6k behind the College of Charleston. Junior Grace Sullivan won the individual 6k event with a time of 20:37 while sophomore Mikayla Stoudt finished in eighth overall with a time of 22:13.

If winning the individual

6k race wasn't good enough for Sullivan, she was also named American Athletic Conference Female Athlete-of-the-Week with her finish over the weekend being a major deciding factor. Sullivan is the first cross country athlete to be named AAC Player-of-the-Week since Zack Montijo was awarded the honor back on Sept. 16, 2008, according to a press release.

The Pirates will lace up their spikes again on Oct. 28 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the AAC Cross Country Championships.

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Soccer searching for playoff berth

Robert Romero
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After East Carolina University's soccer team captured its first American Athletic Conference win Sunday afternoon, head coach Rob Donnenwirth made it clear it is now a do-or-die situation for the remaining three games if the Pirates are to clinch a tournament spot.

ECU (6-7-2 1-5 AAC) will play the first of three remaining regular season road games in Dallas, Texas to take on Southern Methodist University (6-6-3, 1-4-1 AAC) tonight at 7 p.m. The Pirates enter tonight's game tied for last place with the University of Houston in the AAC standings, with each having three points a piece.

"There is no secret what we have to do now," Donnenwirth

said. "We have to win the next two games, and maybe the third, in order to have a chance to get in. More than likely we are going to have to win all three, but it is what it is, one down, three to go."

The teams that qualify for the AAC tournament are the top six ranked teams in the conference standings due to the points it receives for beating other conference opponents. The tournament is set up where the No. 6 seed will play the No. 3 seed and the No. 4 seed will play the No. 5 seed in the quarterfinals, because the No. 1 seed and No. 2 seed clinch a bye and will automatically be admitted into the semifinals, for the remainder of the tournament the lower seeds will play the higher seeds. The tournament will be played in the hometown of the No. 1 seed, which has not yet been determined.

In order for the Pirates to punch their ticket to the AAC tournament, they will have to leapfrog Tulsa University, SMU and Temple University. The Owls currently hold the sixth and final

playoff spot with seven points, while the Mustangs currently rank just one point above ECU in the standings with four, making tonight's matchup a must win if the Pirates want to jump ahead of them in the standings.

Senior stars, defender Jenna Geist and goalkeeper Michelle Newhouse, are going to have to set the tone for the Pirates like they have all season. In ECU's win against Tulsa, Geist recorded her team-leading fourth assist, while Newhouse posted her fifth shutout of the season. According to Geist, the Pirates will have to be aggressive on the offensive end against the bigger Mustang players.

"SMU has some very big players, so we probably need to keep the ball more and try to move around them instead of competing in the air," Geist said. "We need to be aggressive and go at them to get shots off and work hard at that in order to get the win."

SMU is coming off a season where it finished 13-7-1 and lost in the AAC championship

game versus the University of Connecticut. Although they have not been able to replicate the success of last season, the tournament experience from last year will be a huge advantage for SMU as they know the style of play it will take to clinch a berth.

As the soccer season draws near to the end of the season, it will also soon be the end for the seniors that will put on a Pirate's uniform for their final three games if they don't make the tournament. Newhouse describes the feeling as unfamiliar, but also emphasizes how important it is for her and the rest of the seniors to finish their career by leaving it all out on the field.

"For me and Geist, we had an extra year so it's really different to suddenly realize these are our last three games if we don't come out the way we are suppose to," Newhouse said. "It's definitely do or die, so we got to give 100 percent for these last three games."

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Swim and Dive renews rivalry at ODU

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Coming off of a home sweep for both the men's and women's swim and dive team over the weekend against Campbell University, Gardner-Webb University and The College of William & Mary, East Carolina University will face off against its second rival of the season when it competes at Old Dominion University.

"Being on the road, it will be a different challenge," head coach Matthew Jabs said. "But if we can come with same energy, focus and drive that we showed at home, I feel pretty good that we will have a good showing when we get up there this Saturday."

The women's team has defeated the Monarchs every time the two have competed in the past six years (6-0), whereas the men have gone 4-2 in that span, dropping the meets in 2012 and 2014. In 2014, the meet came down to the last relay, in which the Pirates dropped, resulting in an overall 149.5 - 144.5 loss.

Last year, when the Pirates took on the Monarchs, they were at home and won 29 of the 33 total events that day.

"Going in with confidence and knowing



A backstroke swimmer enters the water for the start of her race in the East Carolina home meet.

what we are capable of can help us do very well," now-senior Julie Lajoie said. "We have to be determined and know that we put in the hard work because we are all capable of doing great things as a team."

Lajoie had an impressive outing last year when she won the 1,000-yard freestyle, the 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard individual medley event while junior Logan Graumann won the 100-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle. Former diver Ashley

Sams and now-senior Alicia Roueche led the way for the Pirates in the diving events as Sams won the one meter and Roueche won the three meter. The women's team won 15 of its 16 events, outscoring the Monarchs 171-117 and only did not place first in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The men's team won 14 of its 16 events, outscoring the Monarchs 175-113. The Pirates won their first eight events before losing in the 50-yard freestyle by .04 seconds.

Current senior Boleck DePawlikowski won the 100 and 200-yard backstroke events, while fellow swimmer John Myhre took first place in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle events. Myhre also helped ECU come in first place in the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Now-junior Matt Mullen won both the one meter and three meter diving events with now-senior Taylor Berkey finishing in second at the time as a junior. Santos, Myhre, Blaz Demsar and Maxime Cadiat registered a team best time of 3:05.19 in the 400-yard medley relay against ODU.

"I think we need to handle our races one step at a time," swimmer Gustavo Santos said. "If we can do that, it won't give us much pressure at all this weekend."

It would seem that being on the road would bring more pressure to the Pirates to do well and come out victorious again based off of what they did last year, but instead, the team is not at all pressured by the upcoming meet, according to Jabs and swimmers.

Meet time is scheduled for 1 p.m. in Norfolk, Virginia, as the Lady Pirates are looking for their fourth win on the season and the men looking for their third.

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In the last game against UCF, Montgomery made the decision to pull Thomas Sirk from the game after he threw two interceptions. The fans got to see Gardner Minshew again, who was able to throw a touchdown, but Montgomery hinted that we may not see either against BYU, mentioning third-string quarterback freshman Reid Herring.

"I felt like when we put Gardner (Minshew) in, I wanted to get him some quick passes and get the ball out of his hands quickly, but I also wanted to give him some reps because I think that he deserved reps," Montgomery said. "If they had started to heat us up some more I probably would have gotten Reid some reps in there. At some point we would like to get Reid some reps, but right now it was about getting Gardner better and understanding that he



Reid Herring

needed some reps." The Cougars have lost to a few teams on primetime just like the Pirates. BYU has been embarrassed against teams such as Louisiana State University, Wisconsin University, and the University of Utah all in the eyes of national viewers, just like ECU. BYU has lost all of its games by an average of 25 points, giving ECU's wishy-washy offense a chance to score points.

"Speaking of BYU, you look at what they're going through and they have been hit with a ton of injuries on offense and defense. It's a team that traditionally has great depth," Montgomery said.

The defense for the Pirates should get a break from a high powered offense, taking on a Cougar offense that has thrown 13 interceptions this season. In the past six games,

BYU has rotated four different quarterbacks into its lineup, so there is no telling what the defense will see.

"BYU has had the same kind of schedule East Carolina has, so they are just as dangerous and somebody's going breakout sooner than later and I hope it's us," defensive coordinator Mike Prunty said. "They've been playing some good football teams like we have, so I think it will be a really competitive game."

Offensively, the football team has progressed in almost every position on the field. Freshman running back Darius Pinnix has stepped up in his role by receiving the most carries last game and is slated to be the starter on national television for the second straight week.

Montgomery also praised wide receiver Davon Grayson as he has excelled this season in providing a steady offensive production. Along with being named a Biletnikoff Award nominee, he amassed the 1,500-yardsreceiving mark in his career at

ECU, in the last game (1,512).

"Grayson is pouring every part of his soul into every game and practice," Montgomery said. "We have got to get everybody competing at his level."

With the Homecoming game set to take place Saturday at 7 p.m., Montgomery said he wants Bagwell Field at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium to be jumping for this weekend's game. Montgomery said he and the team are excited to come back and have a chance to get a win. Though the Cougars are nearly identical in standings, Montgomery believes securing a AAC conference win against BYU on the "Paint it Purple" day, could push the team in the right direction.

"I think this will give us a good boost," Montgomery said. "We are working as hard as we possibly can, I want people to be there so they can see it when it starts to turn."

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King and Queen Voting
via Pirate Port

October 12
Cannon Ball
4:00pm-7:00pm
ECU Mall Area
(rain date: October 16)

October 16
Banner Competition
12:00pm
MSC Brickyard
(MSC Great Rooms - rain location)

October 18
Canned Food Drive
12:00pm-4:00pm
Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina
co-sponsored by *Campus Kitchen at ECU Greenville*.FoodBankCENC.org

Homecoming Concert
presented by *Student Activities Board*
7:00pm
Wright Auditorium
ecu.edu/sab

October 19
Skit Competition
7:30pm
Minges Coliseum

October 20
Pep Rally
5:00pm-8:00pm
at Freeboot Friday
uptowngreenville.com/play/freeboot-friday

NPHC Step Show
7:00pm
Wright Auditorium
ecu.edu/greeklife/nphc

October 21
Homecoming Parade
9:00am
Along 5th Street
(beginning at Hilltop St.; ending at Reade St.)

ECU vs. BYU Football Game
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
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